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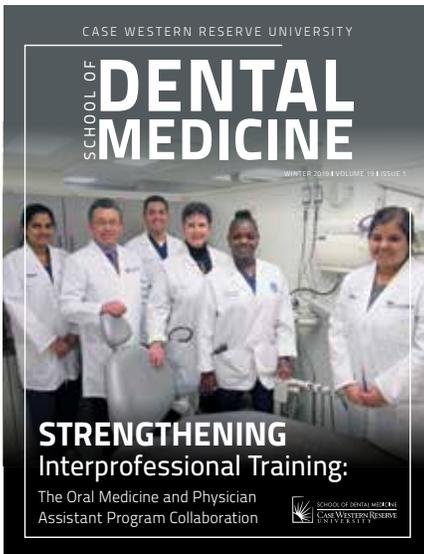
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A Call to Action

Let Us Maximize This Moment in Our School's History to Reach Greater Heights

Dear alumni and friends:

Our transition to the new Dental Clinic and the Shelia and Eric Samson Pavilion at the Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic is now just months away. After years of diligent focus on conceptualizing, planning, and fundraising, the vision will soon be a reality.

These facilities will bring extraordinary opportunities—here, our dental students will learn together with their peers from medicine and nursing how to improve patient outcomes through interprofessional care, most certainly the future of healthcare. With sophisticated technology, thoughtful floorplans, and a prime location that will bring dynamic visibility, it is now for us to maximize what we have all worked so hard to create.

I commend our faculty and staff for the effort they put forth every day to fulfill our mission of improving dental health worldwide through education, research, and patient care. To them, as well as to all our alumni, we now have the opportunity to be better yet—more than what we have been. Perhaps old ways will not be sufficient to meet present challenges; change will be inevitable. It will be a time that requires openness to all opinions and an optimistic mindset so that we go to our new location with a unified spirit.

It is my privilege to lead the most ambitious building project in the history of the School of Dental Medicine. To the generous donors who gave to this endeavor, and those who continue to support our mission and our success, I extend heartfelt thanks. You will read about some of these donors in this issue, including the Delta Dental Foundation, Angelo Daprano, DDS, MS '67, '71, and Charles Pfister, DMD, MS '81, '83—they make much possible.

In closing, hearty congratulations to those who received the well-earned 2018 awards presented by the Alumni Association: *Distinguished Alumnus Award*, Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS '76, '80; *Special Recognition Award*, Mrs. Dorothy Caplin; and *Outstanding New Dentist*, Michael A. Kroll, DMD '11. Well done.

The world is changing. Dental medicine is changing. Please have my best wishes for the new year as we move forward with strength and resolve into a future that is ours to shape.



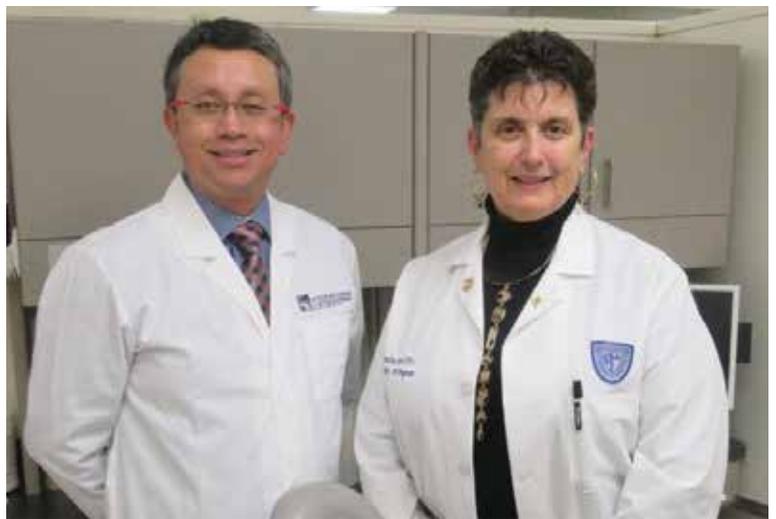
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Teaching the **Importance** of **Oral Health** in Primary Care

STUDENTS FROM THE PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM DO ROTATION AT DENTAL SCHOOL

Under the direction of Dr. Andres Pinto, chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences (OMMDS) and assistant dean of Graduate Studies, and Cynthia Lord, associate professor and program director of the Physician Assistant Program at the School of Medicine, a dental school rotation is now included in the PA's 27-month program. With the goal of strengthened interprofessional training, the **Oral Medicine and Physician Assistant Program Collaboration (OMPAC)** brings new insight to the importance of oral health to overall health.



Andres Pinto, DMD, MPH, MSCE, MBA, FDS RCSEd, FICD and Cynthia Lord, MHS, PA-C.

"This collaboration started as a pilot two years ago and is now a set part of the PA curriculum. It exposes our students to the unique skills that each field brings to the comprehensive care of patients," explains Dr. Pinto. "I usually spend about two hours introducing the scope of dental medicine and oral medicine to students. We highlight how this rotation complements what the PA students are learning during their other experiences. I often share with them my personal experience with PAs in clinical practice, which has been nothing short of fabulous."

With a distinguished career as a PA educator, Ms. Lord is a strong voice for both primary care and interprofessional training and treatment—particularly in matters of oral health which she deems a critical public health issue. She is on the Board of *Oral Health Ohio* and is an active member of the

National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health and a member of the national *PA Oral Health Advisory Group*. Noting that dental caries is the most prevalent chronic childhood affliction, and that the poor and elderly often receive inadequate oral healthcare, Ms. Lord is quick to point out that it is also a social justice issue.

"Medicine must take responsibility and include oral health as part of overall health with all our patients. We teach our students to apply the 2015 *Qualis* oral health delivery framework to the oral cavity and ask, look, decide, act, and document. This includes not only offering preventive interventions but also referral to dental medicine for treatment. Creating the bi-directional referral between medicine and dentistry is an essential relationship in improving patient care," notes Ms. Lord.

Both Dr. Pinto and Ms. Lord acknowledge that the practice of medicine has long "removed the head from the body" by not integrating "mental and dental" into patient well-being. The OMPAC addresses the matter by teaching that dental medicine should not be isolated or separate from the healthcare system.

"If we just look at costs and where there is low-hanging fruit—how hard is it to put the "O" in HEENOT (Head, Ears, Eyes, Nose, Oral, Throat) and look in the mouth?" questions Ms. Lord. "We are looking to partner with dental medicine to provide whole-person care and that starts with providing our students with the opportunity to learn with, about, and from each other." ■

A Generous Gift:

The Health Education Campus Is Named



Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve University have been given a very generous gift from Sheila and Eric Samson for the Health Education Campus (HEC), scheduled to open in summer 2019. In recognition of the significant donation, the campus' centerpiece 485,000-square-foot facility will be named the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion.

"When it opens next year, the Health Education Campus will transform medical education for the next generation of caregivers," said Tom Mihaljevic, MD, CEO and president of Cleveland Clinic. "We are exceedingly grateful to Eric and Sheila Samson for their vision and support of this project, which will provide our students with the most technologically advanced learning environment as we prepare them to become leading providers in exceptional patient care."

"The new Health Education Campus will bring in a new era of teaching," Mr. Samson said. "We have to look to the future, new technology and an updated way of imparting knowledge. The collaboration between Cleveland Clinic and Case Western

Reserve University will certainly make this campus the best teaching facility available to students."

"We are humbled by the Samsons' generous support and their recognition of the potential that this project has to help transform health care," said Case Western Reserve University President Barbara R. Snyder. "As students from multiple health professions learn together in one extraordinary space, they will be uniquely prepared to lead teams that provide coordinated treatments that result in better outcomes for patients."

The Samson Pavilion will feature a 27,000-square-foot central atrium that draws maximum light from a specially

engineered roof. Admissions and other academic learning environments will surround the central first-floor space. The building also will house an innovation laboratory, where students and faculty can develop and test new technologies, and pilot their use in health care education.

The HEC will include a separate dental clinic education building right across the street from the Samson Pavilion. This building will provide greater access to patients for their community clinic and education program.

Overall, the hospital and university expect 2,200 medical, dental, nursing and physician assistant students to be learning in the building simultaneously. ■

A \$1 Million Gift from the *Delta Dental Foundation* to Fund New Equipment

A recent \$1 million gift from the Delta Dental Foundation will help the School of Dental Medicine with an array of new equipment to better serve patients.

"This gift is a part of our long-standing partnership with the Delta Dental Foundation," said Dean Kenneth Chance. "We know that this is going to get lots of equipment into the hands of our students, who will make a big difference in our community."

Officials from the Delta Dental Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental operations in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana and North Carolina, presented the dental school with a check at a ceremony at the CWRU Dental Donor Appreciation Brunch in October. The Foundation, founded in 1980, is dedicated to improving the oral health of the public and to advancing dental science through education and research.

The dental school's innovative interdisciplinary approach allows students and faculty to care for patients together with colleagues from the university's other health-science schools—a method in which clinicians can more effectively serve their patients, noted Dean Chance.

"The School of Dental Medicine has a reputation for excellence and a strong commitment to patient care and community service," said Teri Battaglieri, executive director of the Delta Dental Foundation. "We are very proud to provide \$1 million to support the equipment and instrumentation needs of the school, which offers high-



Kimberly Garland, Delta Dental Foundation, presents gift to Dean Kenneth Chance during the annual Celebration of Philanthropy

quality care to patients and outstanding clinical educational opportunities for students."

The Delta Dental Foundation's gift represents the largest awarded to the dental school in a partnership that began in 2001, when the Delta Dental Foundation provided its first gift to support student scholarships. The Foundation supports annual student scholarships and student leadership awards

and provides financial assistance for community dentistry initiatives and pre-clinical education.

"For nearly 20 years, the Delta Dental Foundation has been a good friend to this university," adds Dean Chance. "During that time, they've helped us to provide outstanding care to the Northeast Ohio community and we are excited for the future evolution of our partnership." ■

Angelo Daprano, DDS, MS '67, '71 ESTABLISHES TWO FUNDS:

*The Tony & Louise Daprano Memorial Scholarship Fund and
The Angelo A. Daprano Partnership for Orthodontic Excellence*



Dr. Angelo Daprano's fascinating life journey has taken him from Cleveland, where his Italian immigrant parents settled—to San Francisco, where he owned both an orthodontic practice and chocolate shops (his restaurants would follow)—and finally, to Las Vegas, where he is enjoying retirement. The key to his success was found in

the advice that he offers to others: find out what you are good at and do it. He is also quick to allow that he has been, in his own words, extraordinarily lucky.

Throughout his youth, Dr. Daprano always had jobs that allowed him to pay his own parochial school tuition and remains proud to this day that he never needed money from his hardworking parents. With the desire to honor their memory, he donated \$300,000 to create the *Tony & Louise Daprano Memorial Scholarship Fund*. In addition, he established the \$100,000 *Angelo A. Daprano Partnership for Orthodontic Excellence* to provide professional development opportunities for residents. The \$400,000 total follows previous generous donations.

Dr. Daprano did not always plan on a dental career. After high school, he studied drafting until his dentist, John Kulick, DDS '58 (who taught at the dental school), suggested dentistry. For the next eight years, while working a railroad job, Dr. Daprano earned his undergraduate degree at Western Reserve University. In 1962, he joined the U.S. Army (during the Cuban Missile Crisis) which made dental school possible the following year on the G.I. Bill.

Upon graduation in 1967, Dr. Daprano worked at public health hospitals in New York City and Washington State, but returned to Cleveland to study orthodontics. Completing the orthodontic program in 1971, he was eager to return to the West Coast. Through a serendipitous network of CWRU graduates, including Weyland Lum, DDS '64 and Leonard Warren, DDS '67, he opened a practice in San Francisco with Michael Horii, DDS, MS '66, '72.

Through another CWRU connection, James Hom, DDS '65 (deceased) and his wife Sue Hom, Dr. Daprano would become a partner in the chocolate shop Confetti—then deemed by *Newsweek Magazine* the

“Dr. Daprano is a legendary alumnus of our program. Trained under the tutelage of Dr. Lysle Johnston, Dr. Daprano honored him with a generous gift to create the Lysle E. Johnston Jr. Lectureship and he has taken the lead again with these two new generous funds. He and I share a love for CWRU, orthodontics, Lysle, Las Vegas and Dim Sum.”

—Dr. Mark Hans '79, Chair, Department of Orthodontics

most beautiful chocolate shop in America. Two more would follow. With his lifelong interest in food, it was the beginning of a second career. Dr. Daprano began attending food shows around the world and started a chocolate importing company—its growth led him to leave the three-office orthodontic practice to Dr. Horii. When the Embarcadero Center suggested that Dr. Daprano open a restaurant downstairs from Confetti, it seemed a natural fit. Over time, there would be four restaurants, including one at Fisherman's Wharf.



Dr. Daprano, a world traveler, in Jerusalem

Now at home in Las Vegas, with time still spent in San Francisco, Dr. Daprano reflects on the remarkable path his life has taken: “I am grateful for the education and opportunities that I was given by CWRU—and for the many people I came to know during my dental career who helped me along the way. That I am able to honor my parents and help the next generation of dental students gives me great satisfaction,” he notes. ■

Trailblazer Project

SHOWCASES CONTRIBUTIONS OF ALUMNI AND FACULTY OF COLOR WITH PORTRAITS ACROSS CAMPUS



Jakki and Fred Nance, daughter and son-in-law of Dr. Jefferson Jones, with his portrait

A portraiture initiative aimed at showcasing the contributions of Case Western Reserve University alumni of color and women and diversifying the images that appear in campus common areas was initially unveiled October 2017. The inaugural event honored six distinguished alumni of color who have made history at Case Western Reserve University, in the community and beyond.

At the second annual Trailblazer Project Unveiling Ceremony, six distinguished Case Western Reserve University alumni of color and former faculty members who are “trailblazers” in their respective fields were honored at an unveiling ceremony of the 2018 Trailblazer Project portraits. **The late Jefferson J. Jones, DMD**—Ohio’s first African American endodontist and former chair of the CWRU Endodontics Department was honored with a portrait.

“My mentor, Dr. Jefferson Jones, is the first faculty member to be honored amongst distinguished alumni of color,” said Dean Kenneth Chance. “It was a proud moment when they unveiled Dr. Jones’ portrait. I was filled with so much emotion but mainly pride in the fact that he received this recognition and honor he so justly deserved.”

Portraits will be placed in the Kelvin Smith Library and may be placed in other locations in the future. ■

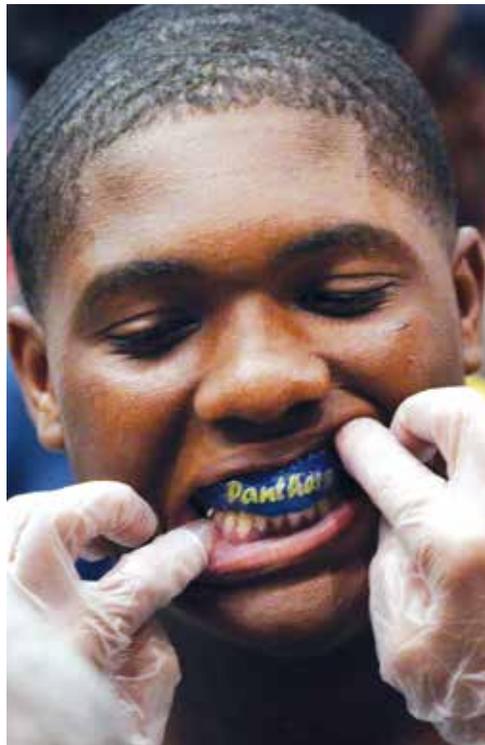


Dean Chance with Jakki Nance and Sylvia Jones, wife of the late Dr. Jones

Protecting Our Community's Athletes

Funded by grants from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and the American Dental Foundation, the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and Greater Cleveland Dental Society provide mouth guards to high school football players free of charge through the Safe Smiles program.

The goal of Safe Smiles is to create individual, custom-made mouth guards for high school football players as well as to educate and inspire these youth on the lifetime benefits of good oral health. Now in its fourth year, the program expanded out of the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. This year, the program included the Euclid High School football team. Local dentists and student volunteers make the program possible. Former student athlete and current dental student Garrett Patterson educated the students on career opportunities outside sports. He feels the Safe Smiles program is a great way to connect with athletes and educate them on what's important and what the standards are for protection in sports but to also look past that and get a proper education. Patterson tells the athletes, "Sports is going to open doors for you but it is up to you to take advantage of those opportunities placed in front of you." ■



Euclid senior, Ashawn Berry, tries on his custom mouth guard



Providing Services for **Women and Children**

The University Hospitals Rainbow Center for Women and Children, a new facility in Cleveland's Midtown neighborhood, is designed to provide community-centered care that addresses medical, social and environmental factors that influence health.

Kari Cunningham '10, '12 has been appointed as director of the dental clinic. The center will house a number of medical services in addition to the dental clinic. The dental clinic will offer preventative dental care for children and young women and will be staffed by CWRU School of Dental Medicine faculty and resident dentists. Dr. Cunningham stated that they will have a unique opportunity to follow women through their pregnancy and encourage the establishment of good oral health in the home and early dental care for their children. She believes that the multidisciplinary approach to health care for women and children will allow them to better treat the patients and the community, close to home in a new state-of-the-art facility in the Midtown Cleveland Area. Dr. Cunningham believes this is key to enhancing health outcomes overall.

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Antibiotics May Make Oral Infections Worse

The body's own microbes are effective in maintaining immune cells and killing certain oral infections, while antibiotics actually kill the "good" bacteria keeping infection and inflammation at bay, according to a dental school research team led by Dr. Pushpa Pandiyan.



Pushpa Pandiyan, PhD,
Assistant Professor of
Biological Sciences

Scientists have long known that overuse of antibiotics can do more harm than good. For example, overuse can cause antibiotic resistance. But research into this phenomenon in oral health was

uncharted territory, explained Dr. Pandiyan, who also pointed out the relevance of this work given the definite link between oral health and overall health.

The researchers examined "resident" bacteria, their fatty acids, and their effect on certain types of white blood cells that combat infections in the mouth. Specifically, they looked at the "short-term

maintenance" of regulatory T cells (Tregs) and Th-17 cells in fighting fungal infections, such as *Candida*, in a laboratory setting. They found that those natural defenses were very effective in reducing infection and unwanted inflammation—and antibiotics can prevent such natural defenses.

Dr. Pandiyan further explained that they set out to find out what happens when you do not have bacteria to fight a fungal infection. They found that antibiotics can kill short-chain fatty acids produced by the body's own good bacteria.

"We have good bacteria doing good work every day, why kill them? As is the case with many infections, if you leave them alone, they will leave on their own," notes Dr. Pandiyan. "Of course, antibiotics are still needed for life threatening infections. No question about that. Our bodies have many

natural defenses that we shouldn't meddle with—needless overuse of antibiotics is not helpful."

Dr. Pandiyan said the study could have broader implications on protective effects of "resident microbiota" in other types of infections. She is concurrently working on a National Institutes of Health research project examining HIV patients who have developed oral-health conditions as a result of weakened immune systems.

She was joined in the study by dental school research staff Natarajan Bhaskaran, Cheriese Quigley, and Elizabeth Schneider, and students Clarissa Paw and Shivani Butala.

Their work was recently published in *Frontiers in Microbiology* and *Dentistry Today*. ■

Dr. Ge Jin is Associate Professor of the Department of Biological Sciences. His lab published a key paper in *Nature Communications* 2018, explaining why HIV+ individuals on antiretroviral therapy are at risk for cancers, including oral cancer. He showed that exosomes released from HIV infected T cells promote cancer cell proliferation, migration and invasion and that an HIV RNA element within the exosomes is responsible for this.

The spring edition of *The Journal of Human Evolution* will be dedicated to the Manot Cave excavation. The School of Dental Medicine is one of three major participants in this project. **Dr. Bruce Latimer**, Visiting Professor in the Department of Orthodontics, leads this project for the School.

The Graduate Endodontics Program submitted eight research abstracts to be presented at the April 2019 American Association of Endodontists (AAE) conference, the largest endodontic meeting in the world. This will represent an unprecedented 20th year in a row that every endodontic resident in our program has presented a poster research presentation at the AAE meeting. Our endodontic program has consistently been one of the most highly awarded programs in the world at this AAE meeting.

Dental research shows that smoking weakens immune systems

As if lung cancer, emphysema and heart disease weren't enough, there's more bad news for cigarette smokers.

Researchers at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine found that smoking also weakens the ability for the dental pulp in teeth to fight illness and disease. In other words, smokers have fewer defense mechanisms on the inside of their teeth.

"That might explain why smokers have poorer endodontic outcomes and delayed healing than non-smokers," said Anita Aminoshariae '99, associate professor of endodontics and director of predoctoral endodontics. "Imagine TNF- α and hBD-2 are among the soldiers in a last line of defense fortifying a castle. Smoking kills these soldiers before they even have a chance at mounting a solid defense."

The results of the study were published in the *Journal of Endodontics* (PDF). Dr. Aminoshariae said that, previously, there was little research into the endodontic—the inside of teeth—effects of smoking. Smokers had worse outcomes than nonsmokers, with greater chances of developing gum disease and nearly two times more likely to require a root canal.

This new preliminary research set out to explain the possible contributing factors.

Thirty-two smokers and 37 nonsmokers with endodontic pulpitis—more commonly known as dental-tissue inflammation—were included in the study.

"We began with a look at the dental pulp of smokers compared with nonsmokers," she said. "We hypothesized that the natural defenses would be reduced in smokers; we didn't expect them to have them completely depleted."

One interesting find, Dr. Aminoshariae noted, was that for two patients who quit smoking, those defenses returned.

Joining Dr. Aminoshariae in the study were former endodontics residents Caroline Ghattas Ayoub, MSD '15 and Dr. Mohammed Bakkar, MSD '14; faculty members Tracey Bonfield, PhD, Catherine Demko, PhD, Thomas Montagnese, DDS and Andre K. Mickel, DDS, MSD '91, '94; and researcher Santosh Ghosh—all from the School of Dental Medicine. ■



USING EFDAS EFFECTIVELY: How to Add Value to a Practice



The EFDAs at Great Lakes Dental (left to right): Katie Collins, EFDA '09; Nikki Bjorksten, EFDA '19; Jodi Carmichael, EFDA '05; Katherine Friday, EFDA '19; Brittany Liplin, EFDA '14; Haley Starling, EFDA '18

With four staff members who are graduates of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine EFDA (Expanded Functions Dental Auxiliary) Program, and two assistants who are soon to graduate, a team of six CWRU EFDA graduates will be giving care under one roof. Dr. Ronald Beech acknowledges that they bring value-added service and enhanced enjoyment to the practice—he has refined the integration of their role into his Great Lakes Dental practice (Mentor, Ohio), not only to increase patient capacity and efficiency, but maintain the highest quality of care.

After establishing his solo practice in 1985, Dr. Beech waited a decade before adding EFDAs to his expanding team. His first EFDA hire was Shelly Feiwell, who now directs the CWRU program which has grown to 40 graduates a year.

“EFDAs receive a wonderful education at CWRU and then are integrated into the practice over a period of many months where they are monitored by a senior EFDA and evaluated by the doctor after every restoration. They learn a lot on the job,” explains Dr. Beech. “I find it important to have high expectations for them which means they must be given the time and guidance to develop.”

Dr. Beech views fair compensation as key to successfully employing and incorporating EFDAs. To make their employment affordable to the practice, they are compensated as an excellent assistant on an hourly basis. Then, for each procedure completed, they receive a bonus in what might be described as revenue sharing. The bonus system includes the following procedures: surface restorations, sealants, retainers, whitening trays, flippers, aesthetic anterior temporaries, custom implant impression posts, implant guide processing diagnostic wax ups, and porcelain crown design. After every restoration, they are evaluated and celebrated for aesthetics, occlusion, contacts, contour, and finish.

By having EFDAs keep day sheets that show every restoration, a weekly bonus is easily tallied. In general, the bonus is approximately 3% of the procedural value, so in most practices, the doctor is compensating the EFDA less than 10% of the income from the services performed. Further, this creates an incentive for the EFDA to make themselves available for as many procedures as possible, and to perform them well to continue to earn the opportunity.



Ron Beech, DDS '84

Dr. Beech believes the proper utilization of EFDAs is the key to a growing, viable, profitable practice. The goal in EFDA utilization should be delegation to competency in all areas of the practice to free up the dentist to do additional care. In his practice, this allows them to pull from hygiene for additional same-day care and to have the opportunity for extended exams to build value for future care.

A well-scheduled EFDA is blocked like doctor time—appropriate restorative time units are established and the placement is posted under the EFDA as a provider, allowing for an EFDA end-of-day report. In addition to paying his EFDAs a competitive salary, together with a procedural bonus, Dr. Beech finds that

investing in their EFDA training at CWRU (which he does for promising dental assistants) has added greatly to the longevity of his staff and proved to be a sound investment.

The bottom line speaks for itself: the use of EFDAs as a program of revenue sharing to compensate for advanced practice efficiency is a plus for the net income of a practice.

Dr. Beech points out that the properly trained EFDA is the doctor's responsibility—he discovered that respectful feedback that promotes expected results and clinical development is most effective. As the EFDA's development progresses, positively addressing their skills at treatment completion in front of the patient not only builds a mutually respectful team, but is a great feel good for the patient.

“My final recommendation is that in addition to hand skills, an EFDA must be able to communicate and manage a patient well,” adds Dr. Beech. “In my practice, a caring attitude is also expected.” ■

Community Dentistry's James Lalumandier Retires

Leaves Legacy of Signature Outreach Programs

James Lalumandier, DDS, MPH, tenured professor and chair of the Department of Community Dentistry, arrived at CWRU in 1996 and retired this December. In 2000, he started the Healthy Smiles Sealant Program in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District with a grant from the St. Luke's Foundation. Now in its 18th year, the district-wide program provides care to all second, third, sixth, and seventh grade children—each year more than 6,000 students are examined, sealed, and referred for additional care, if needed.



Recognized and award-winning both locally and nationally, a March 12, 2003 *New York Times* article acknowledged the program as a symbol of CWRU's engagement with the city, helping students both to understand the needs in poor communities and to help fill that need. It included the following quote: "It's a wonderful thing on all sides," said Dr. James Lalumandier, the chairman of community dentistry. "Students arrive at medical school and

dental school with a desire to help people, and if you get them into clinical work quickly, they don't lose that desire."

Another successful program started by Dr. Lalumandier is the Geriatric Program that services elderly patients in nursing homes, geriatric centers, and assisted living homes with the use of portable equipment. Through the Ohio Health Department he secured a van with two fully-equipped operatories to reach more elder patients.

As chair of Community Dentistry, Dr. Lalumandier is not only proud of the department's progress, but its balance of service, research, and teaching. He notes that it is fortunate to have not only excellent clinicians, but researchers and staff who support the mission of the department and school.

"My wife, Rose, and I will be splitting our time between Maine and Florida with stops in Ohio where we have made friends in both Cleveland and Columbus. Our vacations will include California and Texas where our daughters have settled. Life is good!" notes Dr. Lalumandier. ■

FACULTY NEWS BRIEFS



Dale Baur, DDS '80 has been appointed vice dean of the School of Dental Medicine by Dean Kenneth Chance. Dr. Baur, professor and chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, as well as Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial at University Hospitals. As vice dean, he will assist Dean Ken Chance in the management of the academic and clinical aspects of the school.



Hussein Assaf, DDS has been appointed director of Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program (AEGD). An associate professor, Dr. Assaf, who will continue to see patients in the CWRU faculty practice, succeeds Dr. Fady Faddoul who has been appointed chairman of the Department of Comprehensive Care.



Fady Faddoul, DDS, MSD '88, '92 has been named chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care. In addition to housing the clinical components of the school's DMD program, the department includes the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program (AEGD) which Professor Faddoul directed from 1992 until his chairmanship appointment. He will continue to serve as the Infection Control and Safety Officer for the school and direct both its implant program and faculty practice.



Andres Pinto, DMD, MHP, MSCE, MBA, FDS, RSC Ed, FICD chair and professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, has been named assistant dean of graduate studies. A tenured professor, Dr. Pinto brings outstanding clinical, research and teaching experience to this critically important role. He will continue his duties as department chair in addition to his new position.



Manish Valiathan, DDS, MSD '99 has been named assistant dean for Clinical Affairs. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the clinical operations and patient care at the school's pre- and post-doctoral clinics. An associate professor, Dr. Valiathan holds academic appointments in the Departments of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the dental school, as well as the Department of Plastic Surgery at the CWRU School of Medicine. He also serves as director of the Craniofacial, Surgical, and Special Care Orthodontics Fellowship.



Kristin Victoroff, DDS, PhD, Associate Professor, has been appointed as an accreditation site visitor by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Victoroff will serve as a site visitor for DDS/DMD programs.

Meet the New Director of Student Services



With more than 25 years of experience in helping students succeed in higher education, Marcos A. Rivera has been named director for student services at the School of Dental Medicine.

After earning both his undergraduate degree in liberal studies with a concentration in sociology (1991) and a master's degree in counseling (1993) from Bowling Green State University (BGSU), he remained at the university where he held a variety of leadership roles in academic, multicultural and student affairs.

Following his tenure at BGSU, Rivera served in various capacities at Purdue University and Baldwin Wallace University, providing direction to first-year experience initiatives, graduate assistantship placement and strategic efforts to increase degree completion. Prior to joining CWRU, he served as the assistant dean of counseling services at the Western Campus of Cuyahoga Community College, working with a team to provide academic, career and personal counseling, as well as accommodation services, to more than 10,000 students.

Given his depth of experience in all aspects of student affairs and services, Rivera's expanded role at the dental school will include advocacy for the full-range of student concerns, both inside and outside the classroom. He will work closely with various committees on the academic progress of individual students. As the liaison to the services available to all CWRU students, Rivera intends to make them as accessible as possible to dental students.

"In addition to academic advising and career guidance, I am here to provide personal counseling when needed," explained Rivera. "My role is also responsible for managing student activities, overseeing dental school organizations, and engaging students with external resources essential to their career goals."

Originally from San Francisco, Rivera grew up in Lorain, Ohio and currently lives in Strongsville, Ohio with his family. His wife, Carmen Castro-Rivera, is the director of Career Services at Baldwin Wallace University. They have three children, two in college and one in high school.

Awards from the Staff

Congratulations to the following who were selected for these honors by the staff at the School of Dental Medicine and recognized during the Dean's Staff Appreciation Luncheon held last summer.



The Dorothy Caplin Staff Excellence Award for going above and beyond her work duties and has creatively overseen the staff newsletter project:
Heather Ramsey,
Department Assistant for Academic Affairs



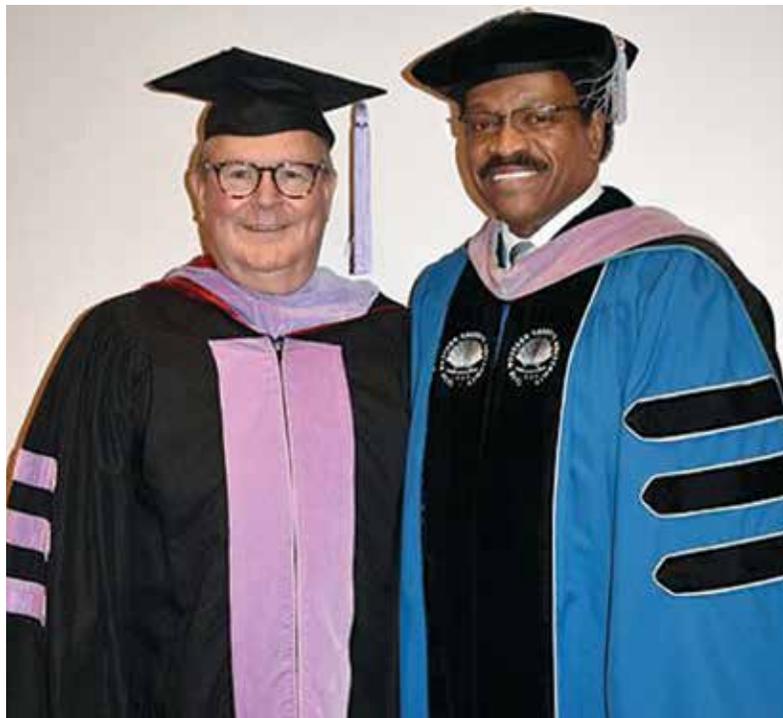
Faculty Collaboration Award for exhibiting a history of excellence and respect in their interactions with staff:
Dr. Manish Valiathan,
Director, Craniofacial, Surgical, and Special Care Orthodontics Fellowship and Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs



SMILE Award for having a winning attitude that enhances the quality of work life for colleagues and makes the school a better place to work:
Patrice Harris,
Office Coordinator, Advanced Education in General Dentistry



CLASS OF 2018



Dean Kenneth Chance with commencement speaker Dr. Joseph Crowley

Commencement is a day of ceremony and celebration. The School of Dental Medicine celebrated with family and friends as 73 new dentists joined our distinguished group of alumni. Former American Dental Association (ADA) President Joseph P. Crowley, DDS gave the keynote address and welcomed our graduates into the dental profession. Dean Ken Chance told the class they are "well prepared to lead and continue to pioneer as our communities' finest and most dedicated dentists."

DIVERSITY

Graduation Reception



Lucia Johnson '04, Kristin Williams '89, Joy Jordan, Imani Behrens '22, Chineze Enwonwu '10, Kari Cunningham '10



Students Michael Brooks '19, Garrett Patterson '19, Justin McCray '21, Avery Beard '19, Joshua Tillingier '19, Itamar Carter '19, Mauricio Anda '19



Dean Ken Chance and John Ball '85



Kristin Williams '89 and Dean Chance with graduate Noriel Garcia '18

DEPARTMENT OF ORTHODONTICS

Graduation Dinner



Graduates Rany Bous, Nicole Gange, Noha Orabi, Katharine Powers and Pramod Philip



Howard Kossoff (MS '75), Noha Orab with Mrs. B. Holly Broadbent and her grandson



Phelps award winner Valerie Martone with Gary Wolf '79

Street of *Dreams*

The Street of Dreams event gives students the opportunity to tour several dental offices in Northeast Ohio. The program is a collaboration between CWRU, the Ohio Dental Association and the Greater Cleveland Dental Society where students have the opportunity to gain insight into different practice models to help them think about their options post-graduation.

Last fall, the Street of Dreams event for third- and fourth-year dental students was held. Stuart Katz '69 served as tour guide. Scott Alperin '74, Marius Laniauskas '80, William Nemeth '81 and Ryan Wenger '98 (MSD) graciously opened their offices to our students. The tours ended with a networking reception at Bar Louie where the conversations continued and the students were joined by Kenneth Chance '79, Dean, and members of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. ■



Welcoming the Class of 2022



First Row: Julio Bermudez, Imani Behrens and Mina Abd Second Row: Robert Coon, Bethany Cook and Andrea Ciuró Soñé Third Row: Samuel Hawkins and Julia Higgins



Nicholas and Simon Tran with family and Dr. Occhionero



Sarra Qadri and family

It was a hot afternoon July 30, but spirits were high when the incoming class entered Amasa Stone Chapel. They were there to receive some words of wisdom from faculty leadership and — for the first time — don the white coats that are symbolic of their new careers in dentistry.

The White Coat Ceremony is an annual tradition marking the entrance of the class into the dental profession. The White Coat Ceremony is celebratory but weighty, an important milestone that signifies the beginning of their dental career. Proud family and friends joined in the celebration.



Steven Sivik and family



Jacob Bonola and family



Darby Isaacson with Dean Chance



Stephen Kelleher and family



April Yanda '89, President of Greater Cleveland Dental Society



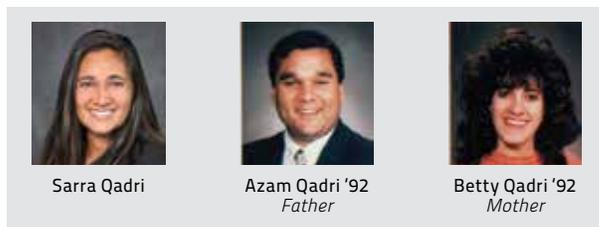
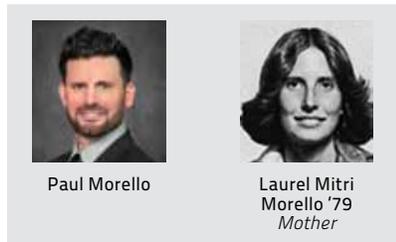
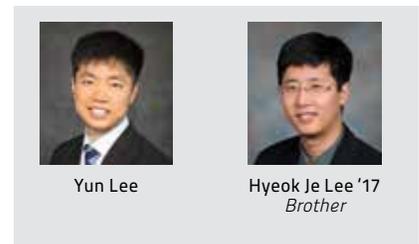
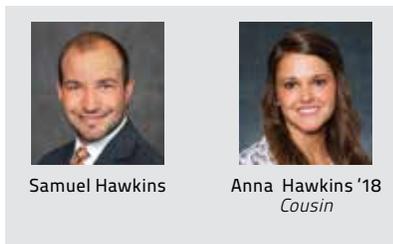
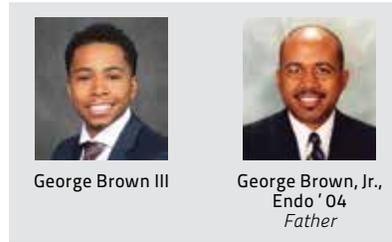
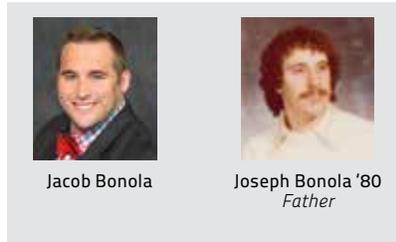
Abeha Usman and family



Blaine Griffiths and family

Legacy Students Class of 2022

We acknowledge the talented students who selected CWRU, the alma mater of parents or other family members, in a tradition that strengthens our institution by linking generations and providing a continuity of achievement. Here are family relations the Class of 2022 shared with us.



SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The School of Dental Medicine, with the support of the Alumni Association, awards a number of four-year partial tuition scholarships to entering students of outstanding achievement and potential, who are required to maintain a 3.0 average each semester. The current recipients of these important awards are:



Antonio Ganios, a fourth year student from North Canton, Ohio, is looking forward to working as an associate of a practice in the Northeast Ohio area. "The Alumni Scholarship has been important to

me in many ways. Initially it helped make CWRU dental school a viable option when selecting a program that fit my educational and financial needs. Since then, it has been a constant reminder to what a great and giving group of alumni I will have the honor of being part of in the future. I hope that one day I will be able to give back to future dental students and continue the great culture that this dental school has fostered."



Garrett Patterson, a fourth year student from Richmond, Virginia, aspires to join an established practice upon graduation to continue learning from an experienced dentist.

"I had some debt when arriving at school—for applications and travel for interviews, so the scholarship was immediately helpful—and it will allow me to pay off my loans more quickly. In addition, it enabled me to take mission trips that are important to me. This July, I went to my native Jamaica with the Student National Dental Association where we worked for an entire week—it was a very rewarding experience and I am most grateful for the opportunity." ■

"I encourage all alumni to consider a gift to the Alumni Association for these scholarships, because by demonstrating support for outstanding students, CWRU remains competitive to recruit not only the best students, but faculty. Today's students have significant challenges in affording dental school, but alumni and friends of this school have the ability to ensure that a quality education is a reality for them."

— Alumni Association President
Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS '76, '80

Now is the time to make a promise of financial support for deserving students who are worthy of a place at CWRU. By investing in their potential, you are investing not only in extraordinary students and the future of dentistry, but in the value of the CWRU dental degree. For more information about making a gift to the Alumni Scholarship program, contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations, at 216.368.3923 or paul.wolansky@case.edu.

DTA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP



Eric Shirley (right), presents Itamar Carter (center) the ceremonial check with Dean Kenneth Chance

Each year the Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation selects deserving, community-oriented dental students to receive a scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship program is to recognize dental students who have demonstrated academic excellence in dentistry and have an established commitment to community service. Itamar Carter, fourth year dental student, received this honor. Eric Shirley, Chief Commercial Officer at Midmark Corporation, presented the ceremonial check at the dental school.



Caitlin Wright with Melissa Drum, DDS, MS from The Ohio State University (right).

ODA Winning Streak Continues

Senior Caitlin Wright was selected for the pre-doctoral student research award at the 2018 Ohio Dental Association (ODA) annual meeting in Columbus, which is an excellent opportunity to showcase research by pre-doctoral dental students, residents, fellows, and dental auxiliaries. Titled “Radiographic Features of Down Syndrome: A Case Series,” Wright’s research discussed in depth various common radiographic features noted in Down syndrome.

“Presenting my poster was a wonderful experience—I thoroughly enjoyed meeting colleagues and speaking with them about my research. It was an honor to present the work I’ve completed with my mentor, Dr. Syed, and to have his support at the event,” said Wright.

This is the fourth year in a row the students mentored by Assistant Professor Ali Z. Syed, BDS, MHA, MS, Director of Radiology and Director of the Admitting Clinic, have won the awards at the ODA annual meeting.

Interprofessional Education: The Observations of Dental Student Richard McGuire



Interprofessional education (IPE) is a global effort designed to prepare future professionals for the new collaborative future of health care. In it, students not only learn the kinds of expertise their colleagues from other disciplines can offer, but also how to work together more effectively. In addition to the School of Dental Medicine, the CWRU participating schools are: the School of Medicine, Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of CWRU, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing, and the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Science.

Students come away from their interprofessional clinical experiences with a new perspective on health care. Set to open in summer 2019, the Health Education Campus—now the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion—will welcome dental, medical, nursing, and physician assistant students to a space **expressly designed to advance interprofessional education.**

The following was written by dental student Richard McGuire ’20 about his experience.

After completing ILEAP (an interprofessional experience program), new perspectives on comprehensive health care opened up to me that reached beyond the world of dentistry. Not only did I learn the connection and importance of dentistry within systemic health, but also the significance of integrating social worker and public health professionals into preventive health, decision-making, and delivering quality care to patients.

With my interest in preventive medicine, participating in ILEAP allowed me to gain more insight on how I can better promote the importance of oral health to those in other professions. For example, many of my ILEAP peers were surprised to learn that many systemic pathology is first seen in the oral cavity. Working closely with my team at Neighborhood Family Practice on Cleveland’s west side, we were all able to learn more about managing patients with diabetes from different perspectives. As a (future) dentist, I think I play an important role in bridging the gap between patients that visit their physician less frequently. Aside from the health aspects of treatment, I learned more about many of the socioeconomic factors that have an influence on health care.

I am very appreciative of Case’s commitment to interprofessional care and introduction into a new model of healthcare delivery. Not only was I able to gain many team skills, but also learn more about other professions and their roles within healthcare delivery. I hope that I can translate the knowledge and skillsets gained from this course into the remainder of my career at Case as well as a future practicing dentist. ■

For more information about the CWRU IPE program, visit <http://case.edu/ipe/>.

HONORING OUR Donors

Nearly 100 of the School of Dental Medicine's most philanthropic-minded individuals gathered for the Celebration of Philanthropy on October 14, 2018. The annual event honors those who have significantly impacted our school through their philanthropic efforts. This year a Jazz Brunch was held at The Hilton Downtown Cleveland complete with a Bloody Mary Bar and the jazz band Just About Music.

"This event is an incredible reminder of how great our alumni are and what happens when mission, vision, and giving come together. It is truly magnificent to see the impact that can be made when people give of their time, talent or treasure," said Dean Kenneth Chance.

The Celebration of Philanthropy honors our supporters and recognizes the significant impact their philanthropy has on our students and our school. ■



Mrs. Miller with Britni Gray '20 and Paul Bigg '19



Bradley Kmentt '87 with daughter, Ashleigh '22 and Imani Behrens '22



Guy Gismondi of Bien Air and Richard '66 and Carol Stroom



Jeffrey Snell and Jennifer Kale '89



Timothy and April '89 Yanda



Dean Ken Chance with Katherine Raymond '92 and Mario Pavicic '92

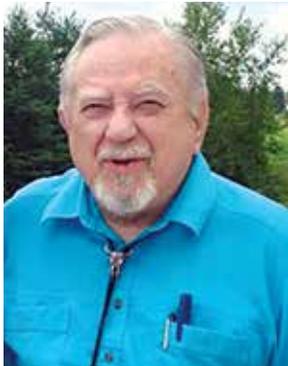
Charles Pfister, DMD, MS '81, '83 Establishes Fund for Student Research

In Memory of Dr. Donald H. Enlow



Charles Pfister, DMD, MS '81 '83

When Chuck Pfister was in dental school, Donald H. Enlow, PhD, was chair of the Department of Orthodontics, having joined the dental faculty in 1977 as the Thomas Hill Distinguished Professor of Physical Biology (he later served as acting dean). Already well-known for his expertise in comparative bone biology and paleontology, Dr. Enlow's seminal *Essentials of Facial Growth* (1975) on the growth and structure of bones and how they relate to human facial development and dentistry is still used today in orthodontic education.



Donald H. Enlow, Ph.D.

Almost four decades later, Dr. Pfister's admiration for Dr. Enlow and his contributions to orthodontics endures. It is in this spirit that he has generously donated \$100,000 to establish the *Pfister Family Fund in Memory of Donald Enlow* to honor his mentor who died in 2007. In keeping with Dr. Enlow's passion for the research that defined his work,

the focus of the fund is student research.

"Don was an important influence in my life, just as he was for many others. He truly enhanced the concepts of facial growth and development for which we are indebted to him," explains Dr. Pfister. "I think that iconic individuals who dedicated their lives to research and finding answers should not be forgotten."

According to Dr. Pfister, it was Dr. Enlow's belief that research was the key to the future of understanding the human cranial complex in order to better diagnose, treat, and correct areas that fell out of the norm. In order to properly study the bones of the human skull, their amplitude and direction of growth, along with their interrelated synergistic and competing effects on each other, a system had to be developed to quantify the data. Dr. Enlow's resulting Counterpart Analysis was a much more detailed format than other analyses of the day.

Another aspect of Dr. Enlow's legacy is the passion and drive he instilled in those who worked beside him: Dr. James McNamara of

"Dr. Pfister's generous donation that has resulted in the *Pfister Family Fund in Memory of Donald Enlow* is a reflection of the sacred relationship between mentor and mentee and a reminder of the immortality of that relationship. In that spirit, it will help to ensure that our current students are well prepared to do the research that is critical to our profession."

—Dr. Manish Valiathan, Director of the Craniofacial, Surgical, and Special Care Orthodontics Fellowship and Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs

the University of Michigan; Dr. Rolf "Buzz" Behrents '75, clinical director under Dr. Enlow who went on to categorize the Bolton Brush Growth Study and become editor of the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics*; and Dr. Mark Hans '79, '81 who currently chairs the Department of Orthodontics. Dr. Hans collaborated with Dr. Enlow to update the *Essentials of Facial Growth* (1996) and to add a concrete understanding of the importance of its concepts in clinical practice.

"Dr. Enlow would be stunned, but pleased, to see the research that he tirelessly pioneered is now being used to analyze and understand the CBCT 3-D images of the hard and soft tissues of the human cranial complex," adds Dr. Pfister who was an early adopter of the technology in his own practice. "The work being done on the effect of orthodontic treatment for adolescent obstructive sleep apnea will certainly be the next milestone."

Dr. Pfister, a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, has held many leadership positions in organized dentistry and is a Fellow of the Honorary International Academy of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Since 1984, he has been in private practice in his hometown of Medina, Ohio, where his wife Terri (a former teacher) is a member of the office staff. Together, they have two sons, Stephen and Trenton, a second year student at the dental school.

"As practicing dentists, we need to financially support those individuals who are in the trenches finding solutions to the current dental questions that allow us to better serve our patients," allows Dr. Pfister. ■

Dear fellow alums:

I begin this letter with profound gratitude for receiving the 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award—I am humbled by the honor. Most importantly, it is a reflection of my enormous pride in being a CWRU School of Dental Medicine alumnus which is why it is such a privilege to serve this Association.

I congratulate the other 2018 Alumni Award recipients: Mrs. Dorothy Caplin who received a Special Recognition Award and Michael A. Kroll, DMD '11 who was named Outstanding New Dentist. For me, the opportunity to stand with the legendary Dorothy Caplin was an honor in its own right. As an executive aide and secretary at the dental school since 1972, she not only served through eleven deanships, but enhanced the lives of many alumni. We collectively thank her for her service. To Dr. Mike Kroll, you exemplify the best of what the future holds for both our profession and our alumni ranks—thank you for the high bar.



MESSAGE from the alumni association president

It was great to see so many of you during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend—I think you will agree that the excitement is palpably growing for the summer opening of the new Dental Clinic and the Shelia and Eric Samson Pavilion at the Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic. As a unified hub that will bring together dental, medical, and nursing students, we will be at the forefront of teaching team-based care that is critical in

today's healthcare delivery—a significant point of pride for our school by any measure.

Given the tangible momentum for this new chapter in our school's history, there has never been a better time for alumni participation. I encourage each of you to consider how you might contribute—come back and give a lecture, provide financial support, or serve as a mentor—there are multiple options that can make a difference in your life and contribute to the good of the whole.

Mentoring is an important tool that we can all use to magnify the power of our personal influence for both the profession and our school. Whether working with a pre-dental student, current dental student, or new dentist, there is a benefit from teaching one another. Encourage a student to pursue dentistry, invite a new dentist to become involved in local organized dentistry, or give one-on-one advice—it is your opportunity to share your wisdom and experience. By giving future generations of dentists the skills they need to succeed, we protect the future of dentistry and extend the fine reputation of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

In closing, I invite all alumni to join us (we need you)—especially at this turning-point time—and I thank those who continue to support the efforts of the Alumni Association. Do not hesitate to contact me with questions or suggestions.

Best wishes to you all,
Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS '76, '80
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Alumni Profile

Restoring the Damaged Smiles of Domestic Abuse Victims: Dr. John D. Kling and His Team Are Changing Lives

After graduating in 1984 and completing his residency at Buffalo General Hospital the following year, Dr. John Kling returned to his hometown of Alexandria, Virginia, where he maintains a thriving general, cosmetic, and restorative dentistry practice.

Reflecting on his 35-year career, he is quick to note that his CWRU dental education prepared him well for his profession, but just as significantly, it provided two experiences that also taught him the importance of giving back.

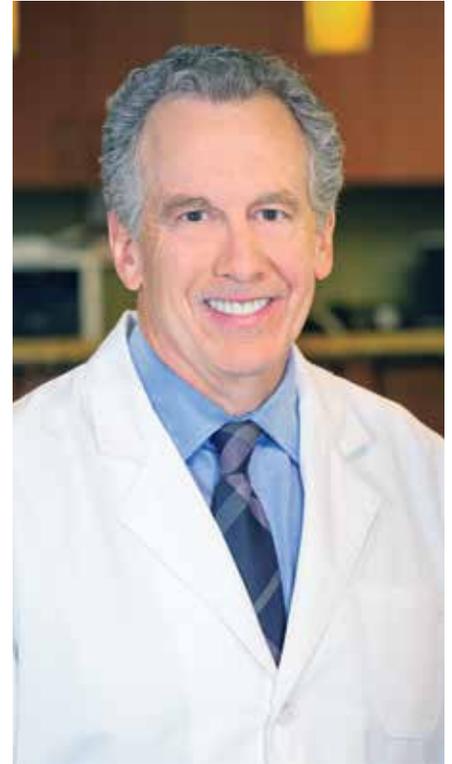
First, he was encouraged to be a student volunteer at the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland (now Circle Health Services). Dr. Kling always looked forward to his time at the clinic and recognized early on that helping patients who would otherwise go without care was a source of immense satisfaction for him. Secondly, he credits his senior year preceptor, John "Jack" McMahon, DDS '53, with not only being a fine clinical instructor, but one of the most important influences in his life. Dr. Kling remains grateful that before Dr. McMahon's death in 2014, he sent a letter thanking him for all of the talks they had together.

"Dr. McMahon had way of imparting wisdom to his students that really made difference—he helped me realize that giving back can give you as much satisfaction as anything you do in life and is truly the best measure of success," explains Dr. Kling.



In March, NO MORE (No More Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault) Week was proclaimed by the mayor of Alexandria, Virginia at the request of Dr. Kling, who is pictured here with his wife, Elizabeth Sullivan, and Dr. M. Annette Haggray (center), provost of Northern Virginia Community College where the kick-off event was held.

Early in his practice, Dr. Kling began volunteering at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic that calibrates patient fees according to ability to pay. In 2013, he earned accreditation from the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD)—an



John D. Kling, DDS '84

accomplishment shared by only 350 dental professionals nationwide. At this time, he became aware of the AACD Charitable Foundation's *Give Back a Smile* program that provides free restoration work to men and women who have suffered dental injuries due to domestic violence or sexual assault.

"I commend my whole staff for stepping up to take part in our *Give Back a Smile* work—they are also volunteers," notes Dr. Kling. "When a victim who has lost her front teeth to violence sees a newly created smile in the mirror and then tells us that she has gotten her life back, we know we are making a difference."

In closing, he shares a final dental school point of pride. Until 2013, Ronald Beech, DDS '84 was the only CWRU grad to be accredited by AACD—but in that year, Dr. Kling was joined by Rachelle Boudreau, DDS '96 and Dory Stutman, DDS '90 in achieving such status.

"We are all very proud of this accomplishment," he adds. "For me, it also provided another way to give back." ■

Alumni Profile

Dr. Meredith Bailey Named Volunteer Hero by Massachusetts Dental Society

Giving back to the community is a priority for Dr. Meredith Bailey. She credits the opportunities made available during dental school for introducing her to the rewards of service—a sentiment shared by many fellow CWRU alumni.

“One of my favorite and most satisfying opportunities was participating in the Healthy Smiles Sealant Program for underserved schoolchildren,” she notes. “Volunteering at the Free Medical Clinic was also a source of great satisfaction.”

True to her passion, Dr. Bailey is the assistant clinical director of dentistry at the Fenway Community Health Center in Boston, a Federally Qualified Health Center. Founded in 1971 (with one volunteer doctor) as part of the free clinic movement, Fenway Health now has a staff of 500 and a patient population of more than 32,000. Its Department of Dentistry offers a full range of general dental services.

Recently, Dr. Bailey was recognized as a William McKenna Volunteer Hero by the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) for her substantial contributions to organized dentistry. Nominated by her peers, she is actively involved in the MDS as chair of the Boston District Dental Society and as a member of the state-level Governance Task Force, which is focused on developing a relevant governance structure that will lead the Society into the next decade. In

“Meredith’s efforts, passion for organized dentistry, leadership skills, and selfless commitment of time are a true reflection of what makes her a William McKenna Volunteer Hero.”

addition to being an MDS vice presidential candidate, she serves as First District Representative on the ADA Council of Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs.

In the words of the person who nominated Dr. Bailey (an anonymous process): “Meredith has been an extremely motivated and positive force in helping the Boston District succeed in the past three years. Meredith’s efforts, passion for organized dentistry, leadership skills, and selfless commitment of time are a true reflection of what makes her a William McKenna Volunteer Hero.”

Dr. Bailey points out that her very first experience with organized dentistry was as a dental student when she was elected



Meredith Bailey, DMD '06; Pierre Fauchard Academy Fellow

class ASDA representative. In her continuing service to CWRU, she is currently serving her second term as a member of the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Board.

“While the dental profession is multifaceted, the core is helping people, and that was instilled in me through my education at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine,” she explains.

Congratulations, Dr. Bailey. ■

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ON THE ROAD



American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons alumni reception – October 2018

class notes

1953

James Yonally is actively involved with his church and retirement groups, and also enjoys golfing and biking. He and his wife, Dorie, have four children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
jamesyonally@gmail.com

1957



Sanford Aaronson retired from his practice in Santa Monica, CA after 40 years and is now devoted to his stained glass artistry. His prize-winning art has been featured in local shows and in

the American Association of Orthodontists magazine, *New Horizons*. One of Sanford's most beautiful creations, a stained glass window of a merry-go-round, is on display at the Western Reserve Historical Society Museum (Cleveland, OH) alongside the restored Euclid Beach Merry-Go-Round.
sdrayter@aol.com

1963

Leonard Weiss and his wife, Sandy, have four children and grandchildren and live in Beachwood, OH. Active with COCA and the Dental Accreditation Commission, he was appointed to the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. In his free time, Leonard and his family enjoy going on cruises and vacations.
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1971 (Ortho)

Thomas Giegerich, semi-retired from his orthodontic practice, lives in Margate City, NJ where he is a part of the South Jersey Regional Orchestra and a trustee of the Bay Atlantic Symphony. Thomas mentions that

dental school education "opened the door" to a rewarding life and that he has great memories of dental school, especially being elected to the National Honor Society.
tgiegerich@hotmail.com

1972

Gary Coatoam retired after a great career in periodontics and is enjoying life with wife Sharon, their five children and 14 grandchildren. He adds that he had the privilege of teaching at CWRU, The Ohio State University, University of Florida, and Nova S.C. University.
drcoatoam@gmail.com

1973

After 38 years, **David Becker** sold his Connecticut practice in 2013. He and his wife, Kerry, moved to Sarasota, FL where he is a clinical preceptor at LECOM School of Dental Medicine. He and Kerry have four children and both enjoy golf, playing up to four times a week.
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Timothy Hottel and his wife, Linda, live in Memphis, TN where he is the director of Statewide Oral Health Initiatives for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Tim and Linda have four children; two are college students and two have embarked on great careers.
thottel@uthsc.edu

1976 (Perio)

Celebrating 45 years of marriage, **Neal Murphy** and wife Florencia reside in Oaks, CA. Currently engaged in clinical studies in living STEM cell therapy for bone regeneration, Neal also lectures on accelerated orthodontic therapy and publishing protocols. He notes that he is grateful for his mentor Dr. Nabil Bissada.
nealmurphy@yahoo.com

1977

(Correction) In the last issue of the magazine, the name and email address for **Gerald Knierim** DrK1680@bex.net was printed incorrectly. We apologize for this error.

1978



Darrick (Rick) Antell and wife Elizabeth live in Greenwich, CT and have five children. Darrick practices plastic surgery in New York City and has no intention of retiring any time soon. He also enjoys playing squash and golf. The Antells participate in the wildlife conservation of big cats in Africa and India, where they have traveled numerous times. dea@antell-md.com

James Cuglewski and wife Patricia reside in Hinckley, OH, and have four children and grandchildren. James recently sold his dental

practice to a young dentist and now works for him part-time which allows more time for family activities that include concerts, Cleveland sports, and fun cooking lessons. cuglewski@frontier.com

Michael J. Mattheis retired in December 2012 after 30 years on the staff of Cleveland Clinic where he was head of the dentistry section of the Head and Neck Institute. After moving to Arizona in January 2013 with wife Michelle, they joined with eight others to open a co-op art gallery in Lake Havasu that now has 18 artists. mjmatheis442@yahoo.com

Terrance McGovern and wife Lynne Ellbeg currently live in Worcester, MA, and where they spend time with their three children Megan, Ryan, and Kyle along with their grandson Connor. Terrance currently works part-time, having sold his practice in July 2017. tm1402@aol.com

Anthony Schiavone and wife Phyllis live in Warren, OH and have two daughters. Christine and her husband both practice as pharmacists and live in Hudson, OH with their two children and Maribeth is a family nurse practitioner in gastroenterology at Allegheny Health Network in Pittsburgh, PA. apsdds1952@aol.com

CWRU ON THE ROAD



Greater New York Reception

Robert Timson and wife Caroline reside in Northport, NY, where they spend time with grandchildren. Now retired, they enjoy traveling between homes in New York and Cape Cod, as well as fishing and photography, while they prepare to move to North Carolina. Robert notes that his ten years at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine taught him abundance, especially how to treat students with acceptance and give supportive criticism. nevr2sat@gmail.com



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CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association

You'll find alumni news and photos from events.
Post a memory or ask us questions.



CWRU ON THE ROAD



American Association of Orthodontists Alumni Reception – May 2018

1983



Eric Lawrence and wife Sandra reside in Lyndhurst, OH, where he is in practice. He is also a clinical professor in the CWRU Orthodontic Department and a consultant to the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center in both orthodontics and TMJ treatment. His 'dental family' has grown to accommodate son, **Zachary Lawrence '18**, now an orthodontic resident—he is married to Laura German, daughter of **Dan German '85**. Eric's daughter Erin serves as his treatment coordinator and is an indispensable part of keeping the practice running smoothly. Daughter Monica attained her master's degree in archeology, and is now married and living in London.
smile-maker@att.net

Craig Shore and wife Sally live in Camarillo, CA and have two children. Their son Connor is currently working in Cleveland, and their daughter Alli was married in April 2017. Craig is recently semi-retired and is enjoying working less, while remaining busy with other activities.

Joan Witt and husband Ed live in Pittsburgh, PA. She currently works two days a week in a private practice and three days teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, Restorative Department. In addition, she loves Zumba and sewing fleece cat and dog beds for animal friends.
Joan@JZWittDDS.com

1987

Andrew Steinhilber is an OMS surgeon in Lakeville, NY; his wife Soraya is a pediatric dentist in the same city. Their son, Troy Steinhilber, DMD '18 graduated from CWRU and is in general practice in Chicago. Their daughter is currently working on a PhD in psychology in Boston. Andrew and Soraya have homes in Arizona where they plan on

retiring in the future. Andrew enjoys Harleys and golfing. He fondly recalls spending time with Ed Rorri and Stan Hirsch studying oral pathology, as well as with "Smoking Joe" Joe Occhino in biochemistry during dental school. al5blade@aol.com

1988

Cheryl Cushman and her husband are enjoying their years in retirement by spending time at their lakefront property at Currahee Club in Toccoa, GA. Their son, Mead, graduated from Woodward Academy in May 2017, and is now studying computer science at Georgia Southern University. drcheryl01@att.net

Mark Domin and wife Jackie have lived in Grand Rapids, MI for the past 22 years. He is currently in practice with four other partners at Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Associates of Western Michigan. Now empty nesters (except for their three dogs), Mark and Jackie enjoy traveling at every opportunity, especially when it involves wine and food! hangloos50@gmail.com

1992

Juzer Chinwalla and wife Vandena live in Burr Ridge, IL. They have two children in college, while their oldest graduated in May 2017 and is working for a consulting group. Juzer currently promotes his practice and teaches throughout the week. jchinwalla@chinwallaperiodontics.com

1993

Seema Dhingra has been practicing as an orthodontist for the past 22 years. She and her husband, Sonny, who is a realtor, have two sons.

Brian Gagliardi and wife Joanna reside in Anacortes, WA, where they recently moved their family to the beautiful San Juan Islands. Joanna is currently a nurse at their local hospital. Their son, Chase, is entering his second year of college. Daughter Paige graduated *summa cum laude* from college early and is pursuing a Fulbright grant and graduate school. cdhdmd@gmail.com

1994 (Perio)

Perry Westbrook and wife Polly Rivas reside in Redwood Shores, CA and have twin daughters, Chelsea and Brittney. Perry has an office limited to periodontics and implant surgery in Silicon Valley. Perry and his family enjoy kayaking, traveling, photography, and church. Perry recalls having great experiences in dental school, especially dental school parties and road trips to periodontal conventions with Pete, Biaggio, Tony, Ajay, and other friends. lieslm3@hotmail.com

1998

Martin Hritz is currently in the U.S. Army Reserve and just returned from deployment in Honduras. He and wife Dolly have five children; the oldest is a student at Baldwin Wallace University. Martin is a clinic supervisor at the dental clinic at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. In addition, he is a clinic instructor of Community Dentistry at CWRU. mhritzdmd@gmail.com



Sherry Waters and her husband currently live less than a mile away from Case Western Reserve University's campus, with their two children, Max and Marley. As a family, they enjoy skiing in the winter, boating in the summer, and traveling.

2003

Michelle Hrnchar and husband Paul live in Valley City, OH. Michelle is currently practicing part time as an associate. In her free time she enjoys the competitive sport of dog agility and dressage. In addition she and Paul enjoy traveling and visiting national parks. hrnchardds@yahoo.com



CWRU ON THE ROAD



American Association of Endodontics Alumni Reception – April 2018

2005 (Endo)

Kimberly Lindquist and husband John live in Hermantown, MN. Kimberly is the owner of Northern Endodontic Associates and is actively involved in organized dentistry as the previous president of the Minnesota Association of Endodontics. She recently finished a three-year term as the District VI director of American Association of Endodontics, and is currently active on AAE committees. Kimberly adds that she is very grateful that Dr. Andre Mickel gave a "non-traditional" student like herself a chance in the endodontic program.
northnendo@gmail.com

2006

Meredith Bailey has been recognized as a 2018 William McKenna Volunteer Hero by the Massachusetts Dental Society. Meredith also serves as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. See Alumni Profile on page 29.
meredithbailey6@gmail.com

2008

Ann Adornato-Jacobi and husband Philip enjoy living in Manlius, NY. They have three children: six-year-old Annabella, four-year-old Anthony, and newest member to the family, eleven-month-old Alexander.
adornatoperio@gmail.com

David Collette and wife Catherine, reside in Albuquerque, NM with their three children, where the family enjoys hiking and spending time visiting the lake. David gets together with fellow alumni and goes canyoneering a few times each year.
david.collette@gmail.com



Nate and Amberlee Taylor welcomed baby Joshua Nathaniel Taylor on January 10,

2019. He was 8lbs, 6oz and 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are **R. Malcolm Taylor '92** and **Donnalou Zambelli-McVay '76**.

CWRU ON THE ROAD



Dean's Meeting with Forest City Dental Society – June 2018

2010



Kari Cunningham recently opened the only pediatric dentistry office in Euclid, OH – Panther Pediatric Dentistry. In May 2018, she was installed as Secretary/Treasurer of

the Greater Cleveland Dental Society.
tuthdrkari@gmail.com

Stephanie Morgan was one of the young leaders recognized by ystark! (an initiative

to improve the community through the participation of young professionals) and *The Canton Repository* at their annual "Twenty under 40" event in June 2018. She was recognized for demonstrating dynamic leadership and social responsibility.

2011 (Perio)

Dima Lakkis resides in McClean, VA and has a solo practice in Alexandria. She and her husband, an orthodontist, enjoy practicing in the dental profession and living in Northern Virginia with their children.
dima.lakkis@gmail.com

2012



Theresa (Beham) Duggan and husband Austin are the proud parents of twin boys, Gavin Bradley and Carter Joseph Duggan, born December 29, 2017. She is a partner in a private practice in Toledo, OH with fellow alumnus, **Mark Ballrick '84**.

2012 (OMS)

Hardeep Dhaliwal and wife Amar have three children, two girls and one boy, who are 4, 6 and 8 years old. The family resides happily in Redmond, WA. In May of 2017, the couple opened a new practice, Adora Surgical Institute.

hdhaliwal2002@gmail.com

2013

Kate Cartwright and husband Matt live in Medina, OH with their two children, where Kate owns a general practice named South Court Dental. When not practicing, she enjoys time with her family.

Margaret Frankel and husband Jonathan, a facial plastic surgeon, live in Shaker Heights, OH. Her private dental practice is on the eastside of Cleveland is now five years old. Margaret is involved with philanthropic work for the Jewish Federations of North America. In her free time she enjoys ice skating and spending time with children Scarlett (4) and Edison (1.5).

margaret@richardsfrankeldentistry.com



Dan Graves and wife Kealy have four daughters between the ages of 1½ and 8 years. The family resides in Valentine, NE—Dan enjoys practicing in rural Nebraska and South Dakota

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American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Events – May 2018

where he owns seven dental clinics. In his free time, Dan enjoys traveling with his family, gardening, and woodworking.
dangravesdmd@gmail.com

Robert Greene is the owner of The Dentistry Place, a general private practice in Denver, CO. His wife, **Jean Felton '09, '11**, owns a pediatric dental practice in Denver. They have a son, Frank, who is two years old. In his free time, Robert enjoys skiing, hiking, and all outdoor activities that he deems the best part of living in Denver.
robagreene@yahoo.com

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REUNION CLASSES 2018

1958

Jack Love, Harry Geiger

1963

Leonard Weiss, Bernard Friedman, Nick Limbert

1968

First Row: Roger Spott, David Albert, Frederick Rosenberg, Donald Kne, Stuart Sears

Second Row: Robert Wright, Eugene Steeb, Valdis Berzins, Ralph Meluch, Paul Gallo, Wayne Towson

1973

First Row: Frank Pace, Lawrence Oswick, William Langstaff

Second Row: Raymond Mallinak, Timothy Benich, Thomas Van Dyke, D. Daniel Degesys

1978

First Row: Barry Paige, B. Christopher Space, William Garber, Terrance McGovern Jr.

Second Row: Michael Matheis, Jeffrey Eadie, Christina Dates-Carter, David Cameron, James Cuglewski

1983

Thomas Marxen, Philip Dixon, Lisa Petti, Joan Witt, Jane Wren, Gerald Gizzi

1988

First Row: Alexandra Ukmar, Claudia Minadeo-Fox, Judith Montemurro, Cheryl Cushman

Second Row: Terrance Hunt, Marc Purdy, Francesco DeCarlo, Paul Kantor III, Thomas Copulos, James Domin, Evan Buller, J. Scott Bernardy

1993

Gregory Beten, Veronica Ng, Seema Dhingra, Richard Adelstein

1998

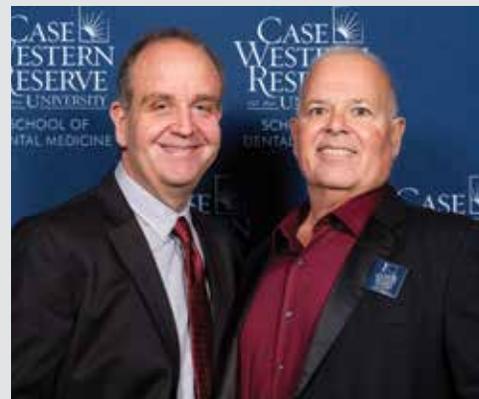
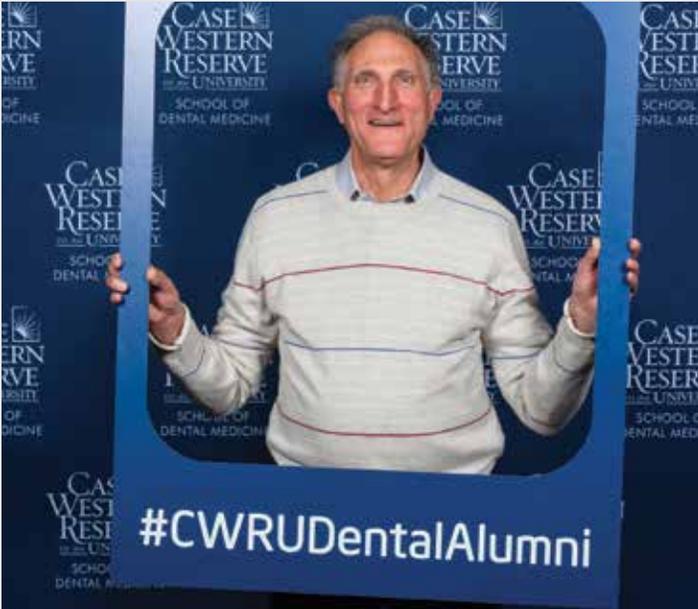
Harry Ho, Jeannette Morrison, Cassandra Coakley, Ravipan Smith-Norman, Amanda Jenney, Nivine El-Refai, Sherry Waters, Cheryl Brunelle, Suresh Goel

2008

Matthew Haddad, Erin Knierim, Michael Sivik, James Spriger



Homecoming Weekend





Alumni Association

2018 Alumni Awards

Congratulations are extended to the recipients of this year's Alumni Awards that were given during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in October.

ALUMNI BOARD SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Dorothy Caplin



Mrs. Dorothy Caplin served as the secretary and executive assistant to eleven deans (and interim deans) during her 42-year tenure at the School of Dental Medicine that began in 1972. For many dental students, Dorothy was the first person they met at the school when they arrived for an interview—Dean Kenneth B. Chance, DDS '79, fondly recalls that this was his experience. Four decades later, when he was appointed dean, Dorothy decided that the transition offered an ideal time to retire after ensuring Dean Chance was settled in.

Nominated by Donald Lewis '76, he credits Dorothy with being the glue and continuity to all of the school's constituents during some of the difficult times that the school faced. He further allows that he cannot think of another person who was more important to the school in this regard. ■



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS '76, '80, CFE

The contributions that Dr. Donald Lewis makes to his profession, school, and community are not only substantial, they are diverse and interesting—the very reason that Leonard P. Weiss, DDS '63 nominated him for the school's most prestigious award.

A Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Lewis is in private practice in his hometown of Cleveland, Ohio. Since 1976, he has been an associate professor at the dental school, and has served as the president of the Alumni Association since 2015.

In addition, Dr. Lewis is a prolific lecturer. His seminar "Be Prepared for the Unexpected: Management of Medical Emergencies in the OMS Office" remains in demand, as does the companion book *Advanced Protocols for the Medical Emergencies: An Action Plan for Office Response* which he co-authored for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS). He has also written the "Anesthesia Assistants Review Course" and its on-line version.

Dr. Lewis is the founding chair of the AAOMS Committee on Software Development and Computer Technology, which produced OMSVision®, the recommended practice management software. For his expertise and voluntary commitment to this significant project,



he received the first-ever *Special Citation Award* in 2007.

Perhaps Dr. Lewis is best known for being a highly respected expert on white-collar crime—he earned the designation Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) from the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners in 1996. Based in his personal experience, he lectures extensively on the subject of employee fraud and has written two books: *Employee Embezzlement and Fraud in the Dental Office: Scams, Schemes, and Broken Dreams* and *Your Roadmap to Financial Integrity in the Dental Practice: A Teamwork Approach to Fraud Protection and Security*. He is also the founder of Practice SafeGuard®, the only software for the detection of potential fraud in the dental profession.

Remarkably, Dr. Lewis finds time to referee local high school basketball and has been selected multiple times to officiate the Ohio High School Athletic Association State Tournament Semi Final Game. Recently, he was appointed Commissioner of the Chagrin Valley Conference (Ohio) that oversees all competitive sports.

"Don has truly been an outstanding ambassador for our school and deserves this important honor. Join me in congratulating him," adds Dr. Weiss. ■



OUTSTANDING NEW DENTIST AWARD

Michael Kroll, DMD, MS '11

Upon graduating from CWRU, Dr. Michael Kroll completed the U.S. Army's AEGD certificate program at Fort Hood (Texas) before receiving a master's in oral biology from the Uniformed Services University School of Health Science. He immediately gained board certification from the American Board of General Dentistry and fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry. After being stationed in Lawton, Oklahoma, he was named assistant director of the AEGD program and dental clinic.

"I had the privilege of instructing Dr. Kroll in prosthodontics at Fort Hood and he remains the most dedicated and promising student I have ever taught. He quickly learned digital dentistry and how it could be applied to soldiers to improve their quality of care," commends Sheena L. Allen, DMD '08, FACP, who nominated him.

Recently promoted to major, Dr. Kroll serves as a Deputy Consultant to the Army Surgeon General for General Dentistry. He was given the Army Corp Chief Award of Excellence, awarded to one officer in the Army Dental Corp for their contribution to Army Dentistry, as



well as the distinguished American Dental Association's "10 Under 10" Award for top dentists within 10 years of graduation from dental school.

"I lecture to his residents annually and am continually impressed by the level of care and compassion he displays while molding dentists straight out of dental school into competent and experienced Army officers," notes Alex T. Mellion, DMD '11, a classmate and co-nominator. "He was voted mentor of the year by his AEGD residents."

Dr. Kroll lectures nationally on the advances of digital dentistry and dental materials. He was one of four Army dentists selected to represent Army Dentistry to the Surgeon General and Congressional officials earlier this year. Both Dr. Kroll and his residents participated in the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy—his commitment to outreach helps bridge the relationships between the military and civilian populations.

"He serves his country with distinction," adds Dr. Mellion. ■



2019 AWARD NOMINATION FORM

Alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends of the School of Dental Medicine are invited to submit nominations for these awards, which are presented each fall during Homecoming and Reunion.

Only the information you provide will be reviewed and considered for your candidate. The Alumni Office is not responsible for requesting CVs or additional information for your nominee.

AWARD YOU ARE NOMINATING CANDIDATE FOR:
(Only select one)

- Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award
- Outstanding New Dentist Award
- Alumni Board Special Recognition Award

NOMINEE GRADUATING YEAR (IF APPLICABLE)

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HOME/CELL PHONE E-MAIL ADDRESS

NOMINATED BY GRADUATING YEAR (IF APPLICABLE)

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Please submit the following documents by **Friday, April 12, 2019**

1. Nomination Letter outlining achievements and why the candidate should be honored
2. Curriculum Vita of Nominee if appropriate
3. This completed Nomination Form noting proposed award

Return the completed form to:

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine
Alumni Association Board of Directors
10900 Euclid Avenue ~ Cleveland, OH 44106-4905
E-mail: dentalalumni@case.edu

IN MEMORIAM

John Arnow, DDS '68, age 79, September 11, 2017, in Queens, New York. He was born in Romania and lived a wonderful life. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends.

Jack Ayres, DDS '54, March 23, 2018 in Peoria, AZ.



James Ballrick, DDS, MS '69, age 75, October 21, 2018. He was a respected orthodontist for over 40 years in Rocky River and Westlake, OH. James will be greatly missed by wife, Alexis, sons, Dr. James Ballrick II and Dr. John Ballrick; and grandchildren Julia, Alexis, Katelyn and Allison.



Donald Beebe, DDS '51, June 27, 2018, in Mentor, OH. 'Doc' practiced dentistry for 45 years, after his honorable service in the United States Army. A proud member of the Masons, Shriners, and Scottish Rite organizations and was an avid pilot and a seasoned fisherman. Doc leaves behind his loving wife of 70 years, Beverly L., his children, Craig, Beth, Ford, Ross, and Todd, as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Jack D. Bowen, DDS '53, May 14, 2018. He practiced dentistry in Ogden, UT, and later at the Veterans Administration in Phoenix, AZ, Livermore, CA, and Boise, ID. Jack retired in 1980 but continued his practice of dentistry by being involved in Public Health Service, traveling to Alaska, Mississippi, and Boston. Jack will be greatly missed by his wife, Norma, his sons Scott, Kurt, and J. Brad, stepdaughters, and a large extended family.

Alan R. Breitbart, DDS '56, age 88, May 15, 2018 in Arizona.

Dale Burke, DDS '57, age 85, August 31, 2018 in Ventura, CA. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Judy, and his two sons, Stephen and Paul.



C. Roy Case, DDS '47, age 88, September 22, 2018. During WWII, he served in the Army A.S.T.P Program at Ohio University before attending dental school where he met and married his wife of 71 years, Marjorie. After two years of active duty in the Navy the family returned to Akron, where he retired after 40 years from his private dental practice. He will be missed by his children Charles, Robert, and Patricia, as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



Rulon P. Condie, DDS '73, June 4, 2018, in Springville, UT after a yearlong battle with cancer. Known for his missionary work and service, he passed down this dental practice to his son, Jared, to serve at a Scotland Ireland Mission for two years with his wife, Marylou, impacting the lives of single young adults. People will remember him by his patience, being a good listener and faithful friend filled with an infectious sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, his sister Jane Jones, his sister-in-law, Darlene Condie, and his eight children and 39 grandchildren.



Jack Daugherty, DDS '53, April 24, 2018 in Dayton, OH. He served in the United States Navy during WWII stationed in Guam and served with the Marine Corp. on Iwo Jima, where he received a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Jack continued his career in dentistry at The Ohio State University following graduation. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Judy, and his son, Gary.

Philip DePasquale, DDS '82, age 61, October 31, 2018. After graduation, he went to the University of Connecticut for his residency in orthodontics. He was a founding partner of Farmington Valley Orthodontics Associates in Avon and also founded Litchfield County Orthodontics Associates in Torrington and New Hartford. He had many professional accomplishments, including recognition as one of the top dentists by *Connecticut*

Magazine and *Hartford Magazine*. A researcher and lecturer on Fiber Reinforced Composites (FRC), He volunteered as a dentist in Mexico. In practice for 32 years, upon retirement he was a consultant for Ultimate Wireforms, Inc. Philip is survived by his wife of 28 years, Patty, two sons: James and John and a host of other family.



Robert W. Ferreira, DDS '58, April 17, 2018 in Naples, FL of pancreatic cancer. After practicing public health dentistry for indigent children in Florida, he established a general dentistry practice in Westwood, MA. Bob was a gym enthusiast, avid skier, long distance bicyclist, swimmer, and runner. He is survived by his wife, of 56 years, Theresa, and daughters Anne and Leigh, his son-in-law, and grandchildren.



Robert Fleming, DDS '79, July 21, 2018 in Carlsbad, CA. After practicing dentistry in San Diego for more than 20 years, he started and operated San Diego Practice Sales. He spent many years volunteering to provide dental services for the underprivileged children and adults of Mexico. Notably, he served as the lead dentist for the care of many hundreds of children with the Rotary-Smiles International Foundation Partnership programs in Northern Baja California. His two brothers, David and Thomas, and his former wife, Dale Isaacs, survive him.



John J. Gasper, DDS '62, age 81, April 26, 2018. John (known as "Skip") had a private practice in Painesville, OH for many years. In addition to his passion for photography and lapidary, he loved camping, hiking, and sports. He will always be remembered for the hundreds of handmade rosaries he crafted for the Catholic Church and its overseas missions. John is survived by his two sons, Mark and Michael, his daughter, Amber, and his two sisters, Margaret and Mary.



Roy Lee Heaton Jr., DDS '84, May 18, 2018 in Ravenna, OH. After graduation, he opened his own dental practice in Mantua, OH which would thrive for the next 30 years. A member of the Mantua Kiwanis Club, he supported his local community. A Cleveland sports team fan, he also enjoyed scuba diving, target shooting, and boating. Roy is survived by his son, Paul, his mother, Dena, and his brothers, Ed and Tim, along with his niece and nephews.



Bernard Isaacson, DDS '44, age 99, February 10, 2018 in Pittsford, NY. After dental school, he served in WW II and was then a dentist in private practice for 43 years in Rochester. He and his wife, Bernice, founded the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Rochester, and he was one of the few local dentists who served the disabled. Bernard actively served on the Board of Directors for Jewish Family Services for many years. He is survived and loved by his daughters, June, Kailes, and Karen, his three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and extended family and friends.



Norman A. Jones, DDS '52, age 92, April 1, 2018 in Sagamore Hills, OH. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, two children, Carol and Jeff, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by all who loved him.

Charles King, DDS '50, age 95, September 23, 2018 in Charleston, NC. During his life, Charles served as the Dean of the University of Detroit Dental School. He leaves behind his dedicated wife, Carolina Oliveros King.



Mark L. Lewis, DDS '63, July 8, 2018 in Utah. After serving in the U.S. Army for two years, he graduated from dental school, followed by a one-year

internship at the Florida State Prison. Mark and his wife, Marlana, moved to Bountiful, UT, where he practiced general dentistry for 36 years. He served for four years on the Advisory Council of the National Institute of Dental Research in Bethesda, MD, President of the Bountiful Kiwanis Club, and served

several Service Missions. He will be remembered for his great sense of humor, unwavering love of his wife, family trips, and traditions, and his love of BYU athletics. He is survived by his wife, Marlana, his children, Michelle, Maureen, and Mark, along with his 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Alan McDowell, DDS '55, June 4, 2018 in California.



Howard L. Moore, Jr., DDS, '50, May 25, 2018 in Sebring, OH. He was loved by his family and friends and will be missed dearly.



Elwood W. Naragon, DDS '52, age 92, June 6, 2018 in Medina, OH. He came to Medina in 1952 where he had a family dental practice for 38 years. Elwood was a member of the Medina County and National Dental Societies. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris.



Jerry Patriarca, DDS '65, November 3, 2018, Concord Township, OH. Jerry founded The Painesville Dental Group in 1969 with his partner, Dr.

Edward White, and also was a clinical instructor at the dental school for many years. Affectionately known as Dr. Pat by his patients and staff throughout his nearly 40 years of practice, he was active in organized dentistry and served as president of the Northeastern Ohio Dental Association and the Painesville Exchange Club. An avid hunter and fisherman, enjoyed the trips to Canada, his casinos, the cottages at the lake, and loved making homemade wine with his children and grandchildren.



John Ream Jr, DDS '56, April 3, 2017 in Tallmadge, OH. Upon graduation, John served as a dentist in the USAF and then practiced dentistry in Akron

until his retirement in 1995. He spent a lifetime enjoying music, theater, museums, lectures, travel, and his many friends. It was then in retirement that he began traveling in earnest, visiting over 35 countries around the world.

Wayne Robbins, DDS '51, age 97, November 2017 in Alabama.

Gabriel Russo, DMD '06, age 37, November 9, 2018 after a courageous battle with cancer. As an avid sports fan, he was a part of all sports from Canton to Cleveland and never passed up a ticket to a game. A devoted husband and father, he is survived by his wife, Katie, and two children.



David R. Ryerson, DMD '68, age 76, June 21, 2018 in Toledo, OH. Upon graduation, Dave entered the U.S. Navy and served in Vietnam as a dental officer, with the rank of Navy

Commander, Blue and Gold Officer. He continued to serve his country as a recruiter for the Naval Academy and as a Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve for 27 years. For 42 years, he served the Sylvania community with a very successful dental practice; he and his dental partner also operated a satellite dental office in Fayette, OH. Active in organized dentistry, he also enjoyed the outdoors and spending time with his family. Dave is survived by his wife, Sharon, children, Amy, Brent, and Craig, five grandchildren, and a brother.



William Schmidt, DDS '56, age 87, August 28, 2018. Upon graduation he served two years as a captain in the U.S. Air Force before settling in North

Royalton, OH where he practiced dentistry for more than 55 years. Bill was an avid trout fisherman who loved nature, vegetable gardening, and telling a good story about his youth. His humor and wisdom will be missed.



Robert Stilgenbauer, DDS '74, age 73, January 4, 2018 after a ten year battle with cancer. Following graduation, Robert served in the U.S. Navy and

then practiced dentistry in Lorain, OH for 30 years. He was a past president of the Lorain County Dental Society, in addition to being an active member of First Congregational Church. Robert had many interests, including blacksmithing; he helped design the blacksmith shop at the Amherst



IN MEMORIAM

Historical Society (where there is a self-portrait forged into one of the metal struts). He enjoyed mentoring Boy Scouts for their metalworking badge and he was always game to fabricate anything his wife or daughter could think up. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jane; daughter, Sarah; and sister, Cheryl.



Donald Young, Jr., DDS, MSD '81,

April 7, 2018, after a long battle with lung cancer. Donald graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1974 where he also taught while in private practice in Hermitage, TN. After completing his MSD program at CWRU, Don and his family returned to Nashville where he was in private practice until August 2011. He celebrated his retirement by doing things he enjoyed, including spending time with his family, traveling, and hiking. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Vicki Earle Young; sons, Matthew and Jonathan; his grandchildren and a great niece.



Mark Webman, DDS '76,

October 23, 2017. He was an accomplished traveler, BBQ connoisseur, fisherman and pediatric dentist. He died while vacationing in Marrakech, Morocco. He is the former Chief of the Dental Department at Miami Children's Hospital, the past president of the South Dade Dental Society, as well as past president of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Mark was also a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a member of the International College of Dentistry, and State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Expert Witness for Pediatric Dentistry. He was a researcher, writer, debater, scholar and always the student. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 48 years, Bonnie, his children Dara, Joshua and Emily, and his grandchildren Andi, Jonah, Peyton, Kade and Bex.



Vibeke K. Nygaard, former faculty member, age 96, June 19, 2018

in Springfield, VA. Born in Denmark, Vibeke graduated from the Royal College of Dentistry in Copenhagen in 1945. In 1946, she and her husband moved to the United States, settling in Shaker Heights, OH, where they lived for 44 years. She began her American professional career at CWRU as a researcher on dental enamel and would achieve many "firsts" at the dental school: she was the first woman course director and first woman director of student admissions and of student affairs. For many years, she served as an officer in Omicron Kappa Upsilon. After retiring as an associate professor of oral biology in 1999, she continued to volunteer for another decade. She loved working with the students—she was their teacher, mentor, and friend, and a proud witness to their accomplishments. Vibeke was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Oddvar F. Nygaard (professor of radiology at CWRU), who passed away in 2009. She is survived by her daughter Kristina (Mary) of Rehoboth Beach and Springfield; her son Torbjoern (Lisa) of Ridgewood, NJ; two grandsons, a great-granddaughter, and a niece.

JANUARY

January 23, 2019

Naples Development Event
 Royal Poinciana Golf Club
 1600 Solana Road
 Naples, FL
 4:30pm

FEBRUARY

February 1, 2019

Reception at the Yankee Dental Congress
 Westin Boston Waterfront
 425 Summer Street
 Stone Room
 Boston, MA
 5:30pm – 7:30pm

February 22, 2019

Reception at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting
 Hyatt Regency
 McCormick Place
 2223 S. MLK Jr. Blvd.
 Room: Grant Park A
 Chicago, IL
 4:30pm – 6:30pm

MARCH

March 4, 2019

Alumni Spotlight featuring Dr. Ace Goerig
 CWRU Dental School
 2124 Cornell Road
 Cleveland, OH
 12:00pm – 1:00pm

March 22, 2019

Reception at the Hinman Dental Meeting
 Omni Hotel Atlanta
 100 CNN Center NW
 Atlanta, GA
 5:00pm – 6:30pm

APRIL

April 11, 2019

Reception at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting
 Palais des congrès de Montréal
 1001 Place Jean-Paul-Riopelle
 Montréal, Quebec
 Canada
 6:00pm – 8:00pm

April 17, 2019

Diversity Graduation Reception
 Tinkham Veale University Center
 Ballroom A
 11038 Bellflower Road
 Cleveland, OH
 6:00pm – 8:00pm

April 25, 2019

CWRU Dental Medicine Utah Reception
 Brio Tuscan Grille
 80 Regent Street
 Salt Lake City, UT
 5:30 – 7:00pm

MAY

May 4, 2019

Reception at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session
 Rosa Mexicano
 Tomatillo Room
 800 West Olympic Blvd.
 Los Angeles, CA
 6:30pm – 8:30pm

May 10, 2019

Reception at the Ontario Dental Association Annual Spring Meeting
 InterContinental Hotel
 Toronto Centre
 225 Front Street West
 Toronto, Ontario, Canada

May 17, 2019

Reception at the California Dental Association South Annual Meeting
 Hilton Anaheim
 777 Convention Way
 Anaheim, CA
 6:00pm – 7:30pm

May 19, 2019

Class of 2019 Diploma Ceremony
 Cleveland Museum of Art
 1150 East Blvd.
 Cleveland, OH

Reception immediately following ceremony
 Kelvin Smith Library
 11055 Euclid Avenue
 Cleveland, OH

May 25, 2019

Reception at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
 Chicago, IL
 6:00pm – 8:00pm

JUNE

June 14, 2019

Dept. of OMFS CE Course and Graduation Dinner
 Shoreby Club
 40 Shoreby Drive
 Bratenahl, OH
 CE ~ 3:00pm – 6:00pm
 Dinner ~ 6:00pm – 9:00pm

JULY

July 19, 2019

Reception at the National Dental Association Annual Meeting
 Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel
 999 Ninth Street NW
 Washington, DC
 6:00pm – 8:00pm

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