LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

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“For this, it is imperative that we increase the amount and quality of basic science and clinical research emanating from our department,” he says. With Baur's experience, he is a sure bet to accomplish many of these goals, which is why he is being welcomed “home” with open arms. “Dr. Baur is a superb surgeon and a dedicated educator who has made significant contributions to dental and medical literature,” says Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, Dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “His broad range of experience and proven administrative ability will take the program to even greater levels.”

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GRADUATION DINNER
JUNE 2007

Dr. Lucas Beatty and Dr. Marc Zechel

Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Goldberg with Dr. and Mrs. Dale Baur enjoying dinner

Recent graduates, Dr. Lucas Beatty and Dr. Marc Zechel with Program Director, Dr. Faisal Quereshy

BE THERE!

Spend some quality time with old friends, mentors, and colleagues at this year’s American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii.

A special reception for alumni and friends will be hosted by your alma mater.

Date: Tuesday, October 9th

Time: 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa
2005 Kalua Road – Honolulu, Hawaii

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PROFILE OF DR. DALE A. BAUR

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WELCOME RESIDENTS

Welcome to our first-year oral surgery residents


Dhaliwal was born in Surrey, British Columbia. He received his Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology with Honors thesis in biomechanics from Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C. He is graduated from the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry in Portland.

Jannuzzi was born in Salt Lake City and claims Boise, ID as his hometown. His undergraduate degree (in zoology) was earned at Brigham Young University in Provo, UT. He is a 2007 graduate of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

RESIDENCY DIRECTOR’S CORNER

GREETINGS FELLOW ALUMNI! I would like to extend a warm thanks to our volunteer faculty for their support and commitment to our residency program. The 5-year integrated M.D. residency program is only one of two in the country, and the longest running M.D. degree and OMS certificate. Our program is in high demand as applications have increased. This could only be accomplished by the hard work of our faculty, staff, and residents.

RESEARCH PROGRESS


Quereshy, F.A., Elias, H. Seasonal Variation in Mechanisms and Severity of Pediatric Cranioaxillofacial Trauma. (In progress)


Quereshy, F.A., Leung, S. Cone Beam CT Volumetric Analysis of Alveolar Cleft Defects in Assessing Quantity of Bone Harvest from the Anterior Iliac Crest. (In progress)

Quereshy, F.A., Dhalwal, H. Review of soft tissue fillers for facial augmentation in oral and maxillofacial surgery. (In progress)


Savell, T. The Use of Cone-Beam Computerized Tomography (CBCT) in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. (In progress)

2007 NEW RESIDENTS

I would like to formally welcome and introduce our two new residents, Hardeep S. Dhalwal, D.M.D., and Jeremy Januzzi, D.M.D. ’07. Hardeep is the younger sibling of current chief resident, Sukhdeep S. Dhalwal D.D.S., M.D. We look forward to the involvement of Hardeep and Jeremy over the next 5 years.

This past year, the department had 95 applications for two residency positions. Our interview process involved two interview sessions each 1 ½ days in length with involvement of volunteer part-time faculty. A special thanks to all those who participated and made this process a success.

POST-RESIDENCY UPDATE:

Brijesh Patel, D.D.S. ’05, currently practicing full-scope OMS in Tucson, AZ, has successfully completed part I of the ABOMS board certification examination. Congratulations to Brijesh and his wife, Soni.

Marc Zechel, D.D.S. ’07 has recently joined the teaching staff at the VA Medical Center in Cleveland and volunteer faculty at Case School of Dental Medicine (OMS department). He is also enjoying private practice with Dr. Marion Wazney in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Lucas Beatty, D.D.S. ’07 is in Tucson, AZ, after joining a private practice offering full scope oral and maxillofacial surgical care.

Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. ’97, currently the president of the Medina Dental Society, was recently awarded the “Award of Excellence: Rising Star Award” by the Ohio Dental Association in September 2007. He has also been invited as an examiner of the American Board of Cosmetic Surgery and is the current committee chairman of the Young Surgeons Task Force for the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.

WISDOM CLUB UPDATE

We have had a great response in supporting our “Wisdom Club” initiative, targeted to our younger graduates. Members of this Club commit $4,500 over a 3-year period, which is used to support resident needs, such as equipment, research, and other professional and developmental opportunities.

Recent members include Drs. Lucas Beatty, Brad Buma, John Dudek and Truitt Savell. If you have any questions, or would like to support our efforts, please call: (877) 468-1436.