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Dear alumni and friends:

As we near the conclusion of our 125th anniversary year, I think you will agree that it was a worthy celebration. Through the excellent exhibition at CWRU's Dittrick Museum of Medical History that made our school's own narrative tangible, and the historic coming together of our past deans to share their insights, we emerged with a better understanding of dental medicine's evolution and our noteworthy part in that progress.

Let me take this moment to thank the museum, under the leadership of Dr. James Edmonson, as well as Provost William "Bud" Baeslack and my fellow deans for their valuable contributions. (You can read more about the Dean's Legacy of Leadership on page 38.) Most importantly, I acknowledge the alumni who came from near and far to mark this milestone year that will hereafter be deemed a turning point, as I explain below.

On October 10, 2017 the groundbreaking for our new dental clinic on the Cleveland Clinic campus was held. The photograph that we share here is far more than the usual memorialization of a ceremony—it presciently reveals our future. Here, together in purpose and aspiration, I was privileged to join Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, CWRU President Barbara R. Snyder, and Cleveland Clinic President & CEO Toby Cosgrove, MD (also present was his now successor Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD).

I cannot overstate the significance of this collaboration and the presence of these individuals at this event. That our new clinic is located on the campus of an internationally acclaimed healthcare system, is deemed an increasingly vital resource for our city, and is viewed as a dynamic asset of the major university of which it is a part is, by all measures, newsworthy. Few dental schools across the country can claim this prominence and advantage.

This is, however, more than geography. For 125 years our school has made enormous contributions to dental medicine and we are now positioned to provide this expertise in the larger context of total healthcare—and the challenge is ours to meet. We must now create the culture that includes dentistry as an equal partner of the healthcare team. With the paradigm in medicine clearly shifting to a focus on prevention and education—long the operative mode of oral health—it is our time to step up.

As our go-forward strategy is shaped from this position of strength, I will be addressing the many opportunities that our new Health Education Campus and dental clinic will present. The time is now for the School of Dental Medicine to take a bigger role and we will do so with the confidence that 125 years of accomplishments have made possible.

In closing, I offer my personal congratulations to those who received this year's well-deserved Alumni Association Awards: Dr. Thomas Dundon, Dr. Murray Stein, and Dr. Alex Mellion. It is a reminder that our true strength is always our people: our alumni, faculty, staff, and of course, our students.

View the live feed from our new Health Education Campus—
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Give Kids A Smile Day



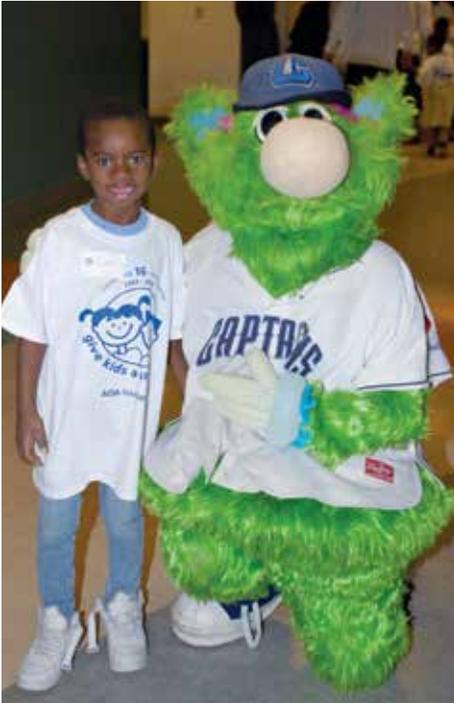
Our goal with Give Kids a Smile Day is to raise awareness of how important it is for children to develop good oral habits at an early age to ensure a lifetime of healthy smiles. Despite the fact that it's almost entirely preventable, tooth decay is the most common chronic disease in children. On February 2, the school hosted hundreds of students—many of whom were having their first visit with a dental professional. Our students along with faculty, staff and members of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society (many of whom are our alumni) provide dental exams, cleanings, x-rays, and dental sealants. They also educate the children on good dental health habits. This is a great way for the school to give back to the community. Alumni Daniel Gindi '01 and Amberlee Taylor '08, '09, '12 are the coordinators of this event. There were visits from the Tooth Fairy (employee Grace Vibbert) and various sports team mascots along with a magician to entertain and generate excitement and joy in the children we serve. The young children leave realizing there's no need to fear a visit to the dentist. ■



FOREST CITY DENTAL SOCIETY



Forest City Dental Society held their 2017 Fall Clinic on campus this past October. The group held continuing education courses and presented their annual awards.



Lucia Johnson '04 (center), President of Forest City Dental Society (FCDS), with the Forest City Dental Society and National Dental Association Foundation Scholarship Recipients resident Allyson McClendon and DMD student Michael Brooks.

NEW UNIVERSITY PROVOST NAMED

Case Western Reserve University's next provost and executive vice president will be Ben Vinson, III, an accomplished historian of Latin America now serving as dean of George Washington University's Columbian College of Arts & Sciences. "Ben Vinson, III will bring an exemplary record of leadership, scholarship and far-sighted vision to his role as our next chief academic officer," President Barbara R. Snyder said. "His intellect, energy and powerful commitment to the mission of higher education make him well-suited to help our university realize even more of its extraordinary potential." ■





Professionals Day

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT IN DENTAL RESEARCH

Prior to dental school, our students spend most of their time learning about what others have done. But at the School of Dental Medicine, we encourage our pre-doctoral and graduate students to conduct new research that adds to the world's knowledge in valuable ways. Professionals Day allows them to showcase their research. The ripple effect of their research is far-reaching. It prepares pre-doctoral and graduate students to pursue research professionally, teaches invaluable skills like persistence, critical thinking and creative problem-solving, and inspires interdisciplinary projects.

The Keynote speaker at this year's Professionals Day was Dr. Ioannis P. Georgakopoulos, Professor at the University of Bari "Aldo Moro", Medical School, Italy. His topic—*Innovative regenerative approaches to Implant Dentistry*—was both interesting and stimulating. ■



Resource Fair for Military Personnel and Veterans

Dental Students from CWRU and OSU Collaborate to Provide Care



Students from CWRU and OSU provided oral health care to veterans in need.

In October, students from the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine and The Ohio State University College of Dentistry came together in a first-time collaboration to provide oral healthcare to military personnel and their families at a Military Resource Fair in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

"I was extremely grateful for the partnership between the students and dentists of both schools," notes State of Ohio Representative Marlene Anielski (R-Walton Hills) who organized the event with the Chagrin Valley Chamber of Commerce and Cuyahoga County Public Library. "On behalf of all veterans, I would like to thank the dentists for providing resources and sharing oral health knowledge."

Under the direction of Dr. Kristin Williams '89 and Dr. Suparna Mahalaha '01 from CWRU and Dr. Canise Bean from OSU, ten students from each school saw patients at the Chagrin Falls Middle School where mobile equipment had been set up. CWRU's Geriatric Mobile Van provided two exam chairs. Each patient was given a dental and oral cancer screening, oral hygiene instruction, and when needed, a referral for further treatment at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine dental clinic.

"For some time, we have wanted to collaborate with Case Western Reserve University's School of Dental Medicine on an outreach project," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, dean of the OSU College of Dentistry. "We are so pleased and proud that our first partnership was for the worthwhile cause of providing dental screenings to veterans who have served our country."

In addition to dental screenings, attendees were able to meet with agency representatives to help them with insurance options, employment opportunities, nutrition information, and many other services available to military and veteran families.

"The students worked well together as a team and delivered quality care, patience, and understanding to these most deserving patients," offered Dr. Kenneth Chance, dean of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.



Dr. Canise Bean, Rep. Marlene Anielski, Dr. Suparna Mahalaha and Dr. Kristin Williams

"Our combined presence at the event was successful and extremely well received by the organizers, attendees and veterans alike." ■

Portions of this article were previously reported in ODA Today.

New CWRU & MetroHealth System **Affiliation Expands Opportunities** for Dental Students and Oral Health **Services for Patients**

A new affiliation between Case Western Reserve University and The MetroHealth System aligns the School of Dental Medicine with Cleveland's public hospital system to provide a range of oral health services to the Greater Cleveland community. Additionally, expanded clinical and research opportunities will be available for dental students and residents.

"Case Western Reserve and The MetroHealth System share common goals and commitments to the highest standards of performance in education, research, and patient care," said Dean Kenneth Chance.

Under the new affiliation agreement, all CWRU dental students will have the opportunity to train at MetroHealth's Department of Dentistry. Supervised by MetroHealth personnel, dental students and residents will provide patient care from general dentistry and oral surgery to pediatric dentistry. A CWRU associate dean will be appointed to manage all programming and a chair to be recruited for MetroHealth's Department of Dentistry will also serve as the division chief for the School of Dental Medicine.

"MetroHealth is an academic health system that is committed to serving our community," explains Bernard Boulanger, MD, executive vice president and chief clinical officer of MetroHealth. "This new affiliation with the School of Dental Medicine enables us to work together on a shared mission." ■



"The affiliation presents another opportunity for our graduate students and residents to expand their clinical experience. The relationship will also help the Greater Cleveland community, so it's a win-win. MetroHealth has a wealth of patients who could really benefit from our services."

— Dale Baur, DDS '80 Professor and Chair
Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery



Greater Cleveland Dental Society President Dan Gindi '01 addressing students

Future Dentists of Ohio Inaugural Event Introduces Students to Organized Dentistry

Ronald Occhionero, DDS '61, Associate Dean for Administration, who is a past president of the Ohio Dental Association, remains a prominent advocate for organized dentistry. In keeping with his belief that organized dentistry is more important than ever, he is working with the Greater Cleveland Dental Society (GCDS) to introduce CWRU students to the organization.

"When Dr. Dan Gindi '01, the President of GCDS, approached me about ideas for a worthwhile project, I immediately thought that we should focus on encouraging students to participate, beginning with third-year students. Moreover, I thought we should do something fun," explains Dr. Occhionero.

To that end, 62 of the 75 third-year students were joined by several local dentists including Drs. Christopher Connell (past president of ODA), Stephan Parker '86, '89, Thomas Kelly '89, and April Yanda '89 at a December event spearheaded by Drs. Gindi and Occhionero at the Trattoria in Little Italy. Students not only learned about the GCDS Mentorship Program and the importance (and benefits) of organized dentistry, it was an ideal networking opportunity—particularly for those students who are looking to remain in the area to practice.

"We need to encourage students to be involved in organized dentistry—as future leaders they need to be conversant in their profession," adds Dr. Occhionero. "This is also a great way to get students together with seasoned practitioners as they start to think about associating, buying or establishing their own private practices."

Because of its success and the enthusiasm of the students, the ADA has stepped up to fund a future event. ■



The Complexity of Orofacial Pain

Q & A with Andres Pinto, DMD, MPH, MSCE, MBA, FDS, RSC Ed



Dr. Pinto is a professor and chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences.

Since his arrival at the School of Dental Medicine in 2013 to establish the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences, Dr. Andres Pinto and his team have made important strides in addressing the many challenges of orofacial pain. A leading advocate for a multidisciplinary approach to what are often complex cases, following are some of Dr. Pinto's insights on the topic and his recent research.

Q: Given the various types of orofacial pain, what is your current focus?

A: While some pain originates in the face muscles and joints, such as that caused by temporomandibular joint disorders, other pain can be deemed non-specific. Pain can also begin in the soft tissue—burning mouth syndrome, for example, which is one of my primary research interests. There is also tooth-related pain, and how to measure the significance of a change in pain scores. This topic has received much attention in temporomandibular disorders, and less in the acute dental pain scenario.

Q: You came to CWRU from the University of Pennsylvania where the Penn Facial Pain Scale (PFPS) was developed as one standard tool for diagnosing and measuring pain. You are developing a new questionnaire that focuses on acute dental symptoms. Why is this needed?

A: Well, we need to have standard measures to compare the efficacy of interventions. This is why we need specific outcome tools. We currently work with basic numbers like “are you 50% better?” which is too broad of a measure. Some people may feel better at 20% relief and we are missing them. The PFPS was created on a chronic trigeminal neuralgia pain model which may not be appropriate for the measurement of acute dental pain. The tool we developed has questions that are more pertinent to the mouth function, and we are now analyzing it with subjects who are recruited from the emergency clinical service at the dental school. We need to understand what is relevant to patients to be able to compare treatment options. Right now, we use changes in pain intensity (numbers on a scale, like 0-10), which on its own is a rather simplistic way of looking at the issue and missing the patient's perception of what is clinically relevant.

Q: You indicate that managing expectations is critical when working with patients with facial pain. What do patients feel is important?

A: We found that there was a clinically important difference in expectations for dental pain outcomes and we had to be able to measure that. Overall, patients were satisfied when they were returned to a level of functioning well enough for daily activities—chewing, eating, talking, whistling, and smiling, for example. Function was, for some, more important than the actual change in pain intensity.

Q: In addition to pain measurement, you are exploring the high comorbidity of craniofacial pain and sleep-breathing disorders such as obstructive sleep apnea. What is the significance of this?

A: Dentists have an increasing role in the screening, and adjuvant treatment of sleep disorders—40% of patients with facial pain have such conditions. While half of those with sleep apnea do not prefer to use a C-PAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) machine, when given a dentist-created mouthpiece to keep the jaw forward, we have seen up to a 70% compliance rate.

Q: Facial pain is associated with a variety of medical conditions and you are a strong advocate for a multidisciplinary approach. How does dentistry fit in?

A: I absolutely view dentists as the quarterbacks on the orofacial pain team. When seeing patients with such pain, we must look at other medical and psychological disorders that may complicate a diagnosis or be concomitant, and we are often not the first medical professional to see these patients. We do refer patients back and forth to other specialties such as neurology, physical



Dr. Pinto works closely with patients to determine the type of mouth pain they are experiencing in what are often complex cases. His research is shedding new light on orofacial pain and how it does not always fit into other existing pain models.

therapy, sleep medicine, psychiatry, or pain management. We are beginning to understand how important this collaboration is to establish the optimal treatment plan for a patient.

Q: What do you see as the future of pain treatment and management?

A: With the growing trend for a multidisciplinary approach, we will compare treatments from different disciplines and find the best-integrated course. No patient is the same as the last one, even with a similar diagnosis. The future of orofacial pain management, in my view, is the same as in medicine—think of cancer treatment, for example—in which each patient will have a personalized therapy based on genetic analysis.

Q: You are very optimistic about the new Health Education Campus and how this will directly affect your work. What do you envision?

A: Dentistry lives among many healthcare fields that include medicine and nursing. Bringing all professions together will

make a difference in patient outcomes. I am confident that the value of dental medicine to the healthcare system will be evident and cost-effective. Because we are a relatively small school, we are both nimble and adaptive, and this is a great plus. The HEC will be an opportunity to impact education and practice, not only for my work but for our profession. ■

An important aspect of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences is its mission to provide excellent patient care with a commitment to research that will lead to new advances in patient healing, pain management, relief for sleep breathing disorders, and improved quality of life. To support these exciting research efforts, please contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean of Development & Alumni Relations at 216.368.3923 or Paul.Wolansky@case.edu.

\$3.6 Million NIH Grant to Improve Access to Dental Care for Low-Income Children

Dr. Suchitra Nelson Leads the Interdisciplinary Research Team



*Suchitra Nelson, PhD, Assistant Dean, Clinical and Translational
Research Professor, Department of Community Dentistry*

“Dental care remains one of children’s most prevalent unmet health needs. We are working diligently to change that.”

With the goal of closing the gap between children who receive dental care and those who do not, researchers from CWRU have been awarded a three-year \$3.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Under the leadership of Dr. Suchitra Nelson, faculty from the dental, medical, and nursing schools agree that discussing dental health should be a routine part of wellness visits in physicians’ offices.

The team’s strategy is to visit the offices of primary care physicians across Northeast Ohio to encourage them to refer patients to dentists. Research clearly shows that the more children care about dental health while they are young, the more they will care as adults. Working in primary care offices in Cleveland, Ashtabula, Medina, and Elyria, they anticipate monitoring the dental health of approximately 1,024 children between the ages of three and six.

“We are teaching pediatricians and nurse practitioners to serve as messengers,” explains Dr. Nelson. “We are hoping that providers share with parents the importance of baby teeth, treating dental issues as they would any medical problem.”

However, access to dental care remains an issue according to Dr. Nelson. While dental care is available for Medicaid-enrolled children, few dentists accept Medicaid for a number of reasons. Chief among them is that parents cancel or never show up for appointments, often because they cannot miss work. Part of the solution is to provide a list of Medicaid-approved dentists in the areas where patients live, because transportation is also an issue for many who live below the poverty line.

“Dental care remains one of children’s most prevalent unmet health needs,” adds Dr. Nelson. “We are working diligently to change that.” ■

Dr. Nabil Bissada Named Associate Dean for Global Relations



*Nabil F. Bissada, DDS, MSD
Professor, Department of Periodontics*

After more than four decades of leading the Department of Periodontics, Dr. Nabil Bissada is stepping down as chair—and up to a new challenge. Named the Associate Dean for Global Relations, it is an appointment that reflects Dr. Bissada's passionate personal commitment to the growing importance of international engagement in higher education. He still holds the position of director of the advanced program of periodontics.

Dr. Bissada played a pivotal role in catalyzing the dental school's partnership with Future University in Cairo. As a native of the city, he returned regularly for lectures and other professional activities, making Future University representatives aware of CWRU's innovative dental curriculum. After more than a year of discussions, a formal collaboration was launched in March 2016.

Later that same month, an agreement was made with Qassim University in Saudi Arabia to help train its junior faculty. Dr. Bissada was on hand for both of the Middle East signing ceremonies, along with Dean Kenneth Chance and CWRU's Vice Provost for International Affairs David Fleshler.

Dr. Bissada brings a distinguished history in research and education to this new role. He has authored or co-authored more than 175 journal articles and received multiple honors for his leadership in periodontics education. Highly regarded by students and colleagues alike, he was recognized by fellow dental alum and friend, Dr. Orestes Zanni, who left \$3.25 million to the dental school's periodontics efforts. Dr. Zanni was still teaching Boston University dental students at the time of his death in 2013. The periodontics area of the new Health Education Campus will be named for him.

In keeping with CWRU's robust *Plan for Internationalization*, one of the University's stated global initiatives is "to support faculty and staff in order to develop new and strengthen existing international relationships while providing support for expanding international understanding and engagement."

Dr. Nabil Bissada is well-positioned to lead the dental school in these important efforts. ■

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WHY WE VOLUNTEER

Joong Hee Hahn, DDS, MSD '90, '92 and Hui-Jin Lee, DDS, MSD '92, '95

Dr. Joong Hee Hahn and his wife Dr. Hui-Jin Lee are stalwart supporters of the School of Dental Medicine. Not only generous donors, they are both volunteer faculty members who teach once a week, all year round—Dr. Hahn in the Department of Endodontics and Dr. Lee in the Department of Periodontics. They have been volunteering since they graduated.



Both Drs. Hahn and Lee were born in South Korea and educated in the United States where their families have long been citizens. They met at CWRU after Dr. Hahn started dental school and Dr. Lee was still an undergraduate. Although neither originally set out to make dentistry a career, they acknowledge that enrolling in the dental school proved to be exactly the right path for each of them.

Dr. Hahn's decision to specialize in endodontics was largely influenced by his mentor, Jefferson J. Jones, DMD, who was the longtime chairman of the Department of Endodontics. Dr. Jones was such an important person in his life (he calls him his "second dad"), that Dr. Hahn gives of both his time and resources to be an example to others who have benefited from the school and faculty, just as he did.

"My wife and I are committed to give back to the institution that made us what we are today, and that includes teaching," explains Dr. Hahn. "The residents and students know that the instruction we offer to them is gold, because it is what we do day in and day out."

Just as Dr. Jones inspired Dr. Hahn, so did Nabil Bissada, DDS, MSD, long-serving chair of the Department of Periodontics (and now Associate Dean for Global Relations), influence Dr. Lee. In fact, they are pleased to be his neighbor in Moreland Hills because they are also dear friends.

"While volunteering is never a requirement, for us it is a must," adds Dr. Hahn. "We must invest in the system that gave us our careers and we do hope that others see us as an example."

On the subject of current students, Dr. Hahn observes that academically, the caliber is getting better and better and they are well-versed didactically. However, he believes there is room for improvement clinically with hand skills, making the importance of volunteer faculty even more critical.

"It has always been important to me to be a role model for women—especially minority women—for achievement in the field of dental medicine," offers Dr. Lee. "Teaching gives me an excellent opportunity to serve this goal."

Since 1992, Drs. Hahn and Lee have worked together at their practice, Southwest Endodontics and Periodontics in Broadview Heights. Their daughter Jenna is a freshman at Emory University where she is majoring in pre-health anthropology. ■

A Salute to Our Volunteer Faculty

The School of Dental Medicine recognizes the importance of our volunteer faculty members for the knowledge and expertise they provide across all departments and specialties. With our focus on a quality educational experience for our students and residents, the participation of volunteer faculty is critical in meeting this goal in every clinic and classroom. Perhaps the most significant influence on a student's path to success is the opportunity to watch and work with dentists who are among the best.

We recognize the dedication of each of the following individuals and offer our sincerest thanks.

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Mohammad R. Razavi, DDS, MSD '05
Michael R. Sabat, DDS, MS '66
Gerald S. Samson, DDS
Sharon R. Schmahl, DDS, MSD '96
Richard Sherwood, PhD



Scott W. Simpson, PhD
 Christopher J. Spoonhower, DDS, MSD, '01, '04
 Chi-Min Teng, DDS, MS
 Apostolos I. Tsolakis, DDS, MSD, PhD '81
 Ashima Valiathan, DDS, MS
 Wei Wang, DDS
 Dennis M. Ward, DDS, MSD '81, '83
 Ryan Wenger, DDS, MSD '98
 Terrence L. Wenger, DDS '67
 John C. White, DDS, MSD
 Gary R. Wolf, DDS, MSD
 Jianyong Wu, DDS, MSD, PhD
 Rongning Wu, DDS, MSD '12, '14
 Sofia Xofylli, DDS, MSD '17
 Tian-Min Xu, DDS, PhD

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Kari A. Cunningham, DMD '10, '12
 James L. Kozik, DDS '84, '86
 John E. Nathan, DDS
 Yasser Armanazi, DDS '02
 Jed M. Best, DDS, MS '79
 Renee Commarato, DDS, MS '89
 Frederick J. Gehrke, DDS '91
 John H. Gerstenmaier, Jr., DDS '75
 Daniel M. Gindi, DMD '01
 Leonor C. Hernandez, DDS
 Jeffrey J. Orchen, DDS
 Rebecca L. Robbins, DDS '07
 David L. Rothman, DDS
 Amberlee Taylor, DMD '08, '09, '10

PERIODONTICS

Peter Amin, BDS, MSD '17
 Bana Anbari, DDS, MSD
 Rebecca B. Davis, DDS, MSD '02
 Kerry A. Demescus, DMD, MSD '81
 Constantin F. Farah, DDS, MSD '86, '88
 Anthony J. Ficara, DDS, MS
 Lawrence S. Frankel, DMD, MSD '77, '81
 Jeffrey Gross, DDS, FAGD '75
 Roger N. Hess, PhD
 Nishant Joshi, DMD, MSD '06, '09
 Roger S. Karp, DDS, MSD '79, '82
 Charlene B. Krejci, DDS, MSD
 Hui-Jin Lee, DDS, MSD '95
 Sang Y. Lee, DDS
 Neal C. Murphy, DDS, MS '76
 Imad Nouneh, DDS, MSD
 Fredrick A. Rosenberg, DDS '68
 Jonathan Harold Ross, DDS '06
 Stuart B. Sears, DDS, MSD '68
 Wilcko M. Thomas, DDS

Dental Lectures in Virtual Reality Enhance Learning Experience



*Renato Roperto, DDS, MSc, PhD
 Associate Professor,
 Department of
 Comprehensive Care*

As a dentist also trained as a computer technician, Dr. Renato Roperto creates enhanced 360-degree video versions of his lectures so students can experience them with virtual reality (VR) headsets any time they want. His adaptation of the “flipped classroom” concept allows class time to be used for students to work together on projects, discuss what they learned during the VR lectures, or ask questions.

“The goal is to unlock a new, enhanced learning experience,” adds Dr. Roperto, a Brazil native who has taught at the dental school since 2013.

Visuals and video clips are embedded in the VR lectures to add depth and texture to class topics, such as offering a 3D view of the nerves inside a tooth. While some students already own advanced VR headsets (Oculus Rift, for example), inexpensive models, such as the Google Cardboard, can be used with smartphones to create the 360-degree effect of being in the classroom.

“While nothing can truly compare to physically being in class,” said Nick Slezak, a fourth-year dental student, “VR allowed me to feel like I was in the front row again.”

Dr. Roperto created videos during the school’s computer-aided design/manufacturing (CAD/CAM) course about new technologies that, for instance, can rapidly expedite crown creation.

Students studying for the course’s final exam found the videos especially helpful—particularly if they missed the initial presentation, said Alicia Irizarry, another fourth-year student. Although wearing the headset took a little getting used to, Irizarry said the potential to use VR to simulate working on a patient was exciting.

“Seeing a 360-degree view of a root canal, and seeing the blood, nerves, and decay, or simulating a surgery, could help tremendously once we come to work on real patients,” comments Irizarry.

In the meantime, Dr. Roperto is researching ways to extend the VR approach to teach courses on topics such as dental anatomy, envisioning how students can go “inside” teeth and gums. With the expectation that in a few years almost everyone will have access to either VR or augmented reality (AR), he predicts that this technology will play a big role in the future of training dentists. ■

A version of this article originally appeared in CWRU’s “The Daily.”

Dr. Kristin Victoroff Tapped for Prestigious ELAM Program

Established in 1995, the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program is an intensive one-year fellowship of leadership training for senior women faculty aimed at expanding the national pool of qualified women candidates for leadership in academic medicine, dentistry, and public health. Kristin Victoroff, DDS, PhD, an associate professor in the Department of Community Dentistry who served for eight years as the associate dean for education, is one of 54 current participants accepted through the program's highly competitive selection process.

The effectiveness of ELAM's distinctive approach to leadership preparation is broadly recognized within the academic health

community. With more than 1,000 graduates that serve in leadership positions at 245 U.S. and Canadian academic health centers, the Drexel University-based program is deemed the "stamp of approval" for future leaders. This year's class has five members from dental schools including the University of Washington, University of California San Francisco, Oregon Health & Science University, and University of Illinois at Chicago, in addition to CWRU.

"I have participated in other worthwhile leadership programs, but ELAM is amazing—by far the best that I have experienced. It is a privilege to participate in it," notes Dr. Victoroff. ■

Faculty and Staff Service Milestones

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine expresses appreciation for the service of our talented faculty and staff. Those with five or more years of service as of December 2017 are recognized at five year service milestones below.

We can never say thank you enough to the faculty and staff who work hard every day for the school. You have my heartfelt thanks for a job well done. Day after day, you continue to go the extra mile which is a benefit to our students.

—Kenneth Chance, Dean

45 years

B. Douglas Amberman – Faculty
Nabil Bissada – Faculty
Celestine Fomby – Staff

35 Years

Margaret Samp – Staff

25 Years

Russell Wang – Faculty

20 Years

Steven Fox – Faculty
Palma Freydingler – Faculty
Connie Watkins – Staff

15 Years

Carolyn Calhoun – Staff
Marna Negrelli – Staff
Sherry Norman – Staff
Jennifer Oldham – Staff
Benjamin Schechter – Faculty
Brian Sherman – Staff
Cheryl Silas – Staff
Michel Venot – Faculty
David Weidenthal – Faculty

10 Years

Dale Baur – Faculty
Richard Gustaferro – Faculty
Robert Heckel – Faculty
Sorin Teich – Faculty

5 Years

Natarajan Bhaskaran – Staff
Andre Paes Batista da Silva – Faculty
Andrew Deak – Faculty
Bruce Latimer – Faculty
Pushpa Pandiyan – Faculty
Keith Schneider – Faculty
M. Louay Taifour – Faculty
Ibrahim Tulunoglu – Faculty
Michael Zabell – Faculty

FACULTY NEWS BRIEFS



Anita Aminoshariae, DMD, MS, associate professor and director of pre-doctoral endodontics, is a member of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA). She has

been elected to serve on the Scientific Information Subcommittee and the Evidence-Based Dentistry Subcommittee. In addition to contributing to *the ADA Practical Guide to Clinical Decision Making Using Evidence*, she has been selected to serve as a reviewer of the antibiotics chapter in the *ADA Dental Therapeutics* publication.

Dr. Aminoshariae has also been asked to coauthor a chapter in the *Principles and Practice of Endodontics* (6th edition), the most commonly used endodontic textbook in the pre-doctoral curriculum. This will be a new chapter in this text, titled "Systemic Health Considerations in the Endodontic Patient and Geriatric Endodontics."

She has also successfully reviewed 198 manuscripts for the *Journal of Endodontics* (JOE), more than any other reviewer serving on the JOE Scientific Advisory Board.



Milda Chmieliauskaite, DMD, MPH is an assistant professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences. In addition to

participating in the CWRU Mentor Fellows Program hosted by the Office of Faculty Development, she is one of five tenure track faculty across the University selected for

the 2017-18 Glennan Fellowship to work on enhancing teaching effectiveness through course development. Her project will explore how to use innovation and design to integrate basic and clinical science components in the teaching of oral medicine to DMD students.



Also receiving a Glennan Fellowship is **Ali Zakir Syed, BDS, MS**, assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, and director of the school's Admitting

Clinic, who will continue his work to develop a digital radiologic module on assessment of caries and periodontal disease.



Catherine Demko, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Community Dentistry, has been named Lead Evaluator for a \$1 million five-year

KeyBank Foundation grant on Inter-professional Education in Community Settings that runs from July 2017-June 2022.



Meg Ferretti, DMD '11, '13, assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Medicine, is launching a pilot program to follow the Healthy Smiles Sealant

Program into ten schools in the Cleveland

Metropolitan School District to provide follow-up restorative care. Also, Oral Health America has awarded a three-year grant for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.



Ge Jin, PhD, associate professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, presented "Exosomes from HIV-Infected T-Cells Promote Cancer Progression" at the

16th International Conference on Malignancies in HIV/AIDS in August that was organized by the National Cancer Institute. The presentation resulted in new collaborations with University of California San Francisco and the University of North Carolina.

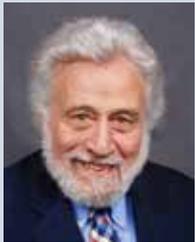


Thomas Montagnese, DDS, MS, associate professor in Department of Endodontics, made two presentations at the 18th International Dental Congress

sponsored by the Egyptian Dental Association in Cairo this past November. This was Dr. Montagnese's fourth time making scientific presentations in Egypt, having previously spoken at the 2nd Mansoura International Dental Congress (2016), the 3rd Future University of Egypt International Dental Conference (2016), and 2nd Annual Egyptian Dental Syndicate International Congress (2015).

His topics included: The Use of the Operating Microscope in Endodontic/Dental

Practice; The Diagnosis, Prognosis, and Treatment of Cracked/Fractured Teeth; Digital Radiography: Advantages and Uses in Dental Practice; and Minimal and Moderate Sedation Techniques for Patient Management in Dental Practice.



Ronald Occhionero, DDS '61 received the American Dental Association Award of Excellence during the Ohio Dental Association's Leadership Institute in

March. The award was in recognition of his work with the initiation and development of the expanded function concept and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) for the dentists, auxiliaries and patients of the State of Ohio.



Andre Paes Batista da Silva, DDS, MSc, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics, received the Nevin's Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship Award and

the 2017 Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics from the American Academy of Periodontology.



J. Martin Palomo, DDS, MSD, professor and residency director in the Department of Orthodontics, is part of a national Sleep Apnea and Orthodontics Task Force that is creating

protocols and guidelines for orthodontists treating sleep apnea patients.

In addition, Dr. Palomo organized the 29th annual Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program (GORP)—the first time it has been held in Cleveland and hosted by CWRU. Started in 1989, GORP now attracts more than 500 residents from the United States and Canada with the goal of creating an environment to foster professional growth and interpersonal relationships among colleagues and representatives of the orthodontic industry. The August event was a great success and included an evening at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum.



Andres Pinto, DMD, MPH, MSCE, MBA, FDS, RSC Ed, professor and chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Science,

was granted Fellowship in the International College of Dentists, given in recognition of exceptional contributions to the profession of dentistry and the local community. Dr. Pinto was one of a select group of 11 oral health professionals honored from District 7 (Indiana and Ohio). The fellowship has been awarded to only 6% of U.S. dentists.

Dr. Pinto has also been nominated by the American Academy of Oral Medicine to serve as Vice President of the Academy for the 2018-2019 year. He is currently serving as Secretary of the Executive Committee (2017) and was the former Assistant Secretary (2015-2017) and Chair of the Scientific Meeting Committee (2010-2015).



Aaron Weinberg, DMD, PhD, professor and chair in the Department of Biological Sciences, received funding from the Coulter Foundation and the Ohio Third

Frontier Technology Validation and Start-Up Fund to conduct a validation study in 100 subjects at University Hospitals of Cleveland (Department of Otolaryngology) to validate the point-of-care device in determining oral cancer from non-cancer in suspicious lesions within 15 minutes. The first prototype of the device is the result of a collaboration with Dr. Umut Gurkan in the CWRU Department of Biomedical Engineering.



Ivan Stojanov, DMD, assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, has been awarded grants from the H.E.A.R.T.S. Foundation and the Chalmers Lyons

Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The grants will fund the investigation of the mutational profile of keratocystic odontogenic tumors (odontogenic keratocysts) to see which, if any, genetic alterations may be present and potentially targeted in novel therapeutic approaches.

Philip C. Aftoora, Director of Student Services, Retires after Decades of Launching Careers

For more than four decades, Philip Aftoora has been an integral factor in the success of thousands of students—most remarkably, he remembers many of them. During his tenure at the dental school, he estimates that he worked with more than 3,000 students who now make up a majority of the school's alumni.

Whether a student was experiencing personal or academic problems—or needed career advice—Phil was available and prepared to help them. While steadfastly caring and firm, his approach was always “teach them how to fish.” If a student had academic challenges, Phil's role became a triage function. Often, personal matters simply required a skilled listener with compassion, the very definition of Phil Aftoora.

On the matter of career development, Phil is the most passionate. He is quick to point out that the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine is first-rate at producing excellent dentists—and it must also prepare students for a successful career upon graduation. Helping students to understand the business side

of their profession remains his personal mission.

Over the span of his tenure, Phil assisted many students with placements. He coordinated an optional course that offers advice from both legal and accounting professionals with regard to establishing a practice that is now deemed essential. Phil has not only taught, but given one-on-one advice in negotiating contracts (he still gets many calls from former students to this end).

“Dentistry is a profession where most students will eventually aspire to own their



Phil Aftoora with wife, Kathy Kolesar-Aftoora

own practice,” points out Phil. “The school must be available to them as they step out to find their success in the world of medicine and business combined.”

Well-positioned to observe the generational differences and attitudes of students, Phil notes that each generation responds differently to the challenges of the day. He allows that today's students are better informed and very smart, as well as technologically adept. However, he adds that they must also be taught that their patients will judge them on whether or not they are ethical, personable, and friendly.

“I hope that my lasting contribution to this fine school has been to reinforce a mindset that focuses on our students and teaching them that their success is dependent on many factors,” explains Phil. ■

“For his dedication to the many students he has guided and helped, we are most grateful to Phil Aftoora. I know many students who credit Phil with making an enormous difference in their careers and in their lives.”

—Dean Kenneth Chance

The Philip C. Aftoora Student Support and Assistance Endowment Fund has been created to aid students who experience critical needs including personal emergencies, national academic travel, and special program opportunities. To make a donation to the Fund, please contact Samuel B. Smith, Director of Development at 216.368.3481 or sam-smith@case.edu.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Recipient of the David B. Scott Scholarship: Gideon Arnett '20

Although he applied to only a handful of select dental schools, second-year student Gideon Arnett admits that being offered the David B. Scott Scholarship was a large factor in his decision to come to CWRU. The Oregon native who grew up in Vancouver, Washington, earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Brigham Young University-Idaho in 2016.

"I will be the first dentist in my family, but I was inspired by my own experience to choose this path," notes Gideon. "After having braces in middle school, my self-esteem improved drastically and I knew then that dentistry was for me."

The David B. Scott Scholarship is awarded based on undergraduate achievement, but requires a 3.5 dental school average for annual renewal—a challenge that has been well met by Gideon. His wife of four years, Breegan, is also a student. A talented saxophonist, she is working on her master's degree in music performance at Cleveland State University.

When they are not busy with their studies and school, the Arnetts find time for cooking and board games—of which they have quite the collection. True to their Northwest roots, they also enjoy camping and all things outdoors.

"We plan to return to Vancouver when I graduate where I hope to join a local dentist in general practice," allows Gideon. But for now, they are taking advantage of all Cleveland has to offer. ■



About the David B. Scott Scholarship

Dr. David Bytovetzski Scott (1919-2012) received his undergraduate degree at Brown University in 1939, a DDS from the University of Maryland in 1943, and an MS from the University of Rochester in 1944. After serving as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Public Health Service from 1944-1965 in the National Institute of Dental Research (NIDR) from which he retired as Chief, Laboratory of Histology and Pathology, he continued his exemplary career as the Thomas J. Hill Distinguished Professor of Physical Biology at the School of Dentistry at CWRU.

In 1969, Dr. Scott was appointed Dean of the CWRU School of Dentistry, serving until his retirement in 1975. In 1976, he returned to active duty with the Public Health Service as a Rear Admiral and Assistant Surgeon General to become the Director of the NIDR until he retired in 1981.

Dr. Scott's career had a profound impact on dental health across the world. He served as principal investigator for studies of dental structure and pathology, and was an examiner for the NIDR study of water fluoridation which established that it was highly effective in reducing dental caries. Dr. Scott pioneered the use of electron microscopy to study mineralized tissues, and became one of the nation's few recognized authorities on dental forensics.



CLASS OF 2021



Hundreds of family members, friends, and future colleagues gathered last August to honor the members of the School of Dental Medicine Class of 2021 during the School's annual White Coat Ceremony. The faculty cloak the students in their first white coat as a symbol of the trust being bestowed upon them. The traditional donning of the signature white garment marks the official entrance into dental school.

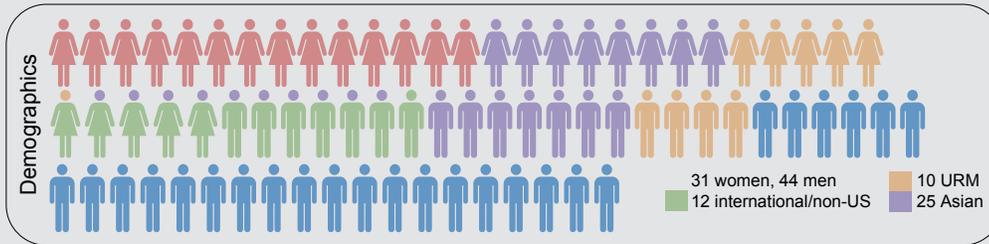
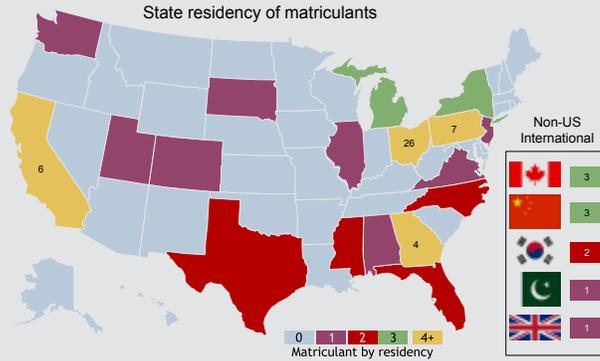


Class of 2021 Demographics

11515
AADSAS 2017

2517
CWRU applications

75
enrolled students



Metrics by Midrange	Value	Average	Median	Value
Age	22.2	24.2 average, 23.3 median		26.0
Overall GPA	3.39	3.57 average, 3.65 median		3.76
Science GPA	3.28	3.51 average, 3.54 median		3.73
DAT AA	19	20.3 average		21
DAT PAT	19	20.5 average		21

52 undergraduate institutions represented

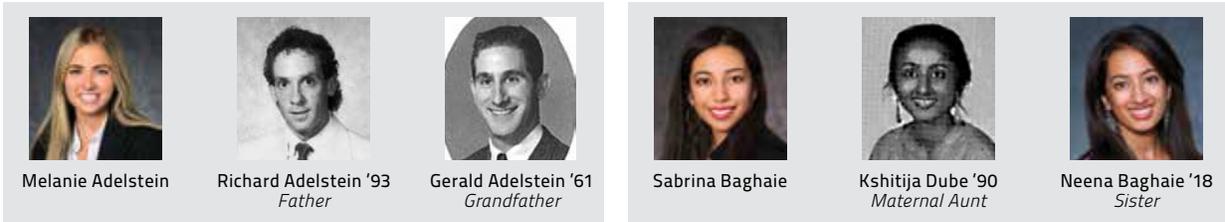
9 graduate degrees earned

32 students who have family members who are training or work in dentistry.



Legacy Students Class of 2021

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 2021 shared with us.



Delta Dental Foundation Scholarships and Student Leadership Awards

The Delta Dental Foundation awards scholarships and Student Leadership Awards to students who demonstrate excellent academic and leadership skills, and who exhibit a passion for dentistry.



Each year, eight dental students from each dental school in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana are awarded a scholarship. Following are CWRU's current scholarship recipients:

CLASS OF 2018

Luke Hearty
Alicia Irizarry

CLASS OF 2020

Britni Gray
Sarah Easton

CLASS OF 2019

Michael Brooks
Monica Torres

CLASS OF 2021

Thomas Rodriguez
Thao Nguyen



Student Leadership Award

Sarah Jawhari, DMD '17, is the recipient of the Delta Dental Foundation's Student Leadership Award, given to one graduating student from each class. Chosen by a committee of faculty for this prestigious award, she exhibited the leadership skills, community involvement, outstanding service, and scholarship that it requires.



Community Commitment Award

Eli William, DMD '17, is the recipient of the Foundation's Community Commitment Award that is given to a graduating dentist who agrees to practice in an underserved area for a minimum of one year. He is working in a family practice in Belmont County, Ohio, located two hours from the border of West Virginia, a region with few dentists. Although the commitment is for one year, the Canada-born Dr. William finds it very rewarding and is hoping to stay permanently.

"We gratefully acknowledge Delta Dental for the generosity it extends to our students. For many students, scholarships are essential to making dental school possible. When you look at this list of talented students who are serving—or will soon serve—their communities, we are reminded of the importance of scholarships not only to the students, but for the greater good. Congratulations to our students, and sincere thanks to Delta Dental."

—Dean Kenneth Chance

OHIO DENTAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP



The Ohio Dental Association (ODA) Foundation has awarded more than \$1 million in grants and scholarships since 1995. Through grants and scholarships, the ODA Foundation helps decrease the cost of dental education for future dentists and increases access to dental care by supporting community oral health programs in Ohio. The Foundation board awarded \$11,000 to our students:

Darryl Dever Advocacy Scholarship: Britni Skoda '18

In honor of Dr. Patrick Metro: Alicia Irizarry '18

In honor of Dr. Ronald Occhionero: Luke Hearty '18

EFDA Scholarship: Chrissy Mosley



Helping Women Smile as They Age:

Student Highlights the Social Value of Dental Research



Ms. Gupta developed an interest in periodontal research while completing her master's degrees in both public health and public policy. As a dental student, her research proposal aimed to investigate periodontal health in women as they age.

"As a woman, the quality of life associated with a healthy smile touched a chord in me," notes Ms. Gupta.

With funding from the dental school to conduct her clinical research, Ms. Gupta's work identified social determinants of periodontal health and disease. In order to look more closely at her target demographic, she recruited and engaged women in her investigation—and ultimately delivered important findings to help them maintain a healthy smile throughout their lifetime.

When you do something special, people notice. And when dental research has a social value, something special is born into a caregiving place intended to serve the public interest. Third-year dental student Nameeta Gupta began her dental research project "Social Determinants of Health and Periodontitis" under the mentorship of Leena Palomo, DDS, MSD '00, '04, associate professor and director of the DMD program in the Department of Periodontics.

"Nameeta's work has received much deserved recognition and earned awards from many different thought centers—I am so proud that she channeled her passion for women's health into such a widely recognized endeavor," adds Dr. Palomo. "Her work is a prime example of how special dental care and service to the public are hallmarks of our school."

The research garnered recognition from the American Association of Dental Research, the American Dental Association Award sponsored by Dentsply, and the American Association of Women Dentists Research Award sponsored by Colgate. In addition to her research production, Nameeta Gupta serves Case Western Reserve University as a teaching assistant and volunteers at Circle Health Services (formerly the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland). ■



Street of Dreams

The Street of Dreams program is a collaboration between Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) and the Greater Cleveland Dental Society (GCDS) where students have the opportunity to tour several dental offices and speak to dentists about various practice models. During the tour, our students were able to talk with Drs. Dale Kates, Sylvia Malmacher Kramer '82, Ashok Rohra (Ortho '17), Roger Hess, Jason Strem, Jay Resnick, Evan Tetelman, and Erika Loeffel.

Student takes top spot in essay contest



Erinn Enany, a third-year dental student, believes dentists should always try to deliver simple but meaningful messages when communicating with patients. Her essay, "Small Smiles: What You Need to Know About Baby Teeth," lays out in plain language what baby teeth are used for, when to expect to see teeth start to come in and how to take care of them

when they arrive. It includes recommendations such as brush two times a day with a fluoride toothpaste to prevent cavities; clean between teeth daily once you see two teeth that touch; and make regular visits to your children's dentist.

Ms. Enany won the third annual ADA Health Literacy Essay Contest, sponsored by the ADA Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention.

SHELLY FEIWELL: EFDA Program Thrives Under Her Direction

When Ronald L. Occhionero, DDS, Professor of Dentistry and Associate Dean for Administration, started the Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Program at CWRU in the early 1970s, the motivation was simple. There was a nationwide acknowledgement that the delivery of dental care needed to be expanded to serve more people. To this end, EFDAs were trained in restorative dentistry (amalgam and composite fillings), bringing a new level of efficiency and capacity to dental practices.



*Shelly Feiwell, BS, CDA,
EFDA '92*

Fast forward more than 40 years and the challenge to provide dental care to ever more patients still remains—and the value of EFDAs in meeting the need is well-proven. Over the past four decades the dental school's program has grown from training 20 to 40 students each year, while earning a reputation for producing outstanding graduates.

There is clear agreement on the key to the success of the EFDA Program: the leadership of its director, Shelly Feiwell. In dentistry for more than 38 years, she was a certified dental assistant before graduating from the EFDA Program in 1992. For the next seven years, Shelly was an EFDA for several Cleveland dentists, including Leo Pullella, DDS '85 and Ronald Beech, DDS '84. Grateful for a satisfying career—and knowing that teaching was the way she wanted to give back—Shelly returned to CWRU in 1999 to lead the EFDA Program where she is also the Co-Director of the Dental Auxiliary Management Course and Coordinator of Auxiliary Programs.

"My grandfather was a dentist and I worked as his dental assistant during high school," explains Shelly when asked about the source of her passion for dentistry. "When I discovered that the EFDA directorship was available, I knew it was my opportunity to make a difference in helping others achieve their professional goals."

Under Shelly Feiwell's leadership, the EFDA Program has thrived. Not only has the class size doubled (there are more than 2,000 graduates to date), the program draws students from as far as Toledo, Columbus, and Youngstown—a testament to its reputation, quality, and rigor. The program also has the advantage of a selective application process that allows it to choose from the top certified dental assistants and registered dental hygienists. Applicants are required to have two years of experience in general dentistry, but most have more.

Through continuing education, the EFDA Program keeps pace with the improvements in both materials and techniques that move dentistry forward. Today's EFDA students (like all dental students) also have the advantage of technology to assist them in the learning process, including CWRU's on-line learning



management system, Canvas. When the dental school transitioned from teaching pre-clinical skills via “teeth on a stick” to a more life-like manikin system (now the norm in dental education), the EFDA program was further enhanced.

A dedicated teacher, Shelly is currently pursuing a master’s degree in education at Cleveland State University with a focus on adult learning and development. With an educator’s eye, she takes great pride in seeing the transformation that students experience as they apply what they learn in class to the placement of restorations with their own hands. She is also quick to share the program’s success with instructors Karin Hein, CDA, EFDA; April Lonsbury, CDA, EFDA; and Jodi Carmichael, EFDA.

In addition to her director role, Shelly is past president of the Ohio Dental Expanded Function Association, a member of the American Dental Education Association, EFDA representative to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association, and a consultant-examiner for the Commission on Dental Testing in Ohio. When reflecting on her long tenure in dentistry and chosen career path, Shelly acknowledges Dr. Occhionero, EFDA Program Chair, whom she credits with having the foresight to see the need, create the program, and guide it to its important place in dental medicine.

Shelly also shares the words of Denzel Washington when asked what inspires her career: “When you get it, reach back, pull someone else up. Each one, teach one. Don’t just aspire to make a living, aspire to make a difference.” ■

TEAMWORK ADVOCATES:

Mother and Son Share an Appreciation for Each Other’s Role



Upon graduating from dental assisting school in 1984, Dorothy Paulovich, EFDA '06, started working for James Macy, DDS '72, becoming a certified dental assistant in 1985. In 1989, she began a decade as a stay-at-home mother to her three sons while occasionally filling in at various dental offices. Dorothy returned to Macy Family Dentistry in 1999 (when Dr. Macy’s daughter, Jacqueline Macy Cerar, DDS, joined the Mentor, Ohio practice) and graduated from CWRU’s EFDA program in 2006.

After more than 23 years in her field, Dorothy now shares the CWRU School of Dental Medicine as a common bond with her son Steve Paulovich, MS, MBA '17, who is a first-year dental student. Steve received his undergraduate degree in biology from The Ohio State University and then came to CWRU for a dual-degree master’s in business and physiology. A very proud mother knew that the dental school was a perfect choice and next step for her son.

“I hope that my experience has an impact on Steve by giving him an understanding of what an important role EFDA’s have in a dental practice and on the health of patients. Maybe in three years, he will ask his mom for advice,” Dorothy adds with a smile.

Steve confirms that his mother’s career influenced not only his decision to go into dentistry, but how he will practice. Early on, he saw the importance of the entire staff in a dental office, particularly the assistants, and appreciates the work that they do.

“During our pre-clinical labs I always see the EFDA students in the adjacent room and I think there is an incredible opportunity to connect the DMD students with the EFDA students to collaborate in order to learn to better appreciate each other in our upcoming careers,” Steve notes. “I found this appreciation through the work my mom does and I hope it’s something that can be found by every student in the future.” ■

Class of '92 Celebrates 25th with Noteworthy Generosity



The “Centennial Class” of 1992 was graduating just as the school of dental medicine was marking its 100th year. As a class, it was not only one of the most united—they did many things together—they also had a well-earned reputation for being the most fun. Although dental schools across the country were experiencing financial challenges at the time of their arrival, the class as a group was always supportive. In that same spirit, the class recently pledged \$97,000 for student scholarships in celebration of its 25th anniversary and the school’s 125th anniversary.

“Our class made a great impact while we were in school and with this gift we want to make a great impact on future generations,” notes class representative Mario Pavicic, DDS.

Congratulations and sincere thanks to members of the Class of 1992 who contributed.

WHY WE *give*

Brent Paulus, DDS, MSD '11 and Ashley Paulus, DDS '10

*A*fter meeting at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry, Brent Paulus and Ashley Beroske Paulus came to CWRU for their respective residencies—she in pediatric dentistry and he in orthodontics. After practicing in Colorado (they love to ski), they returned to their native Ohio in 2012 to be closer to family.

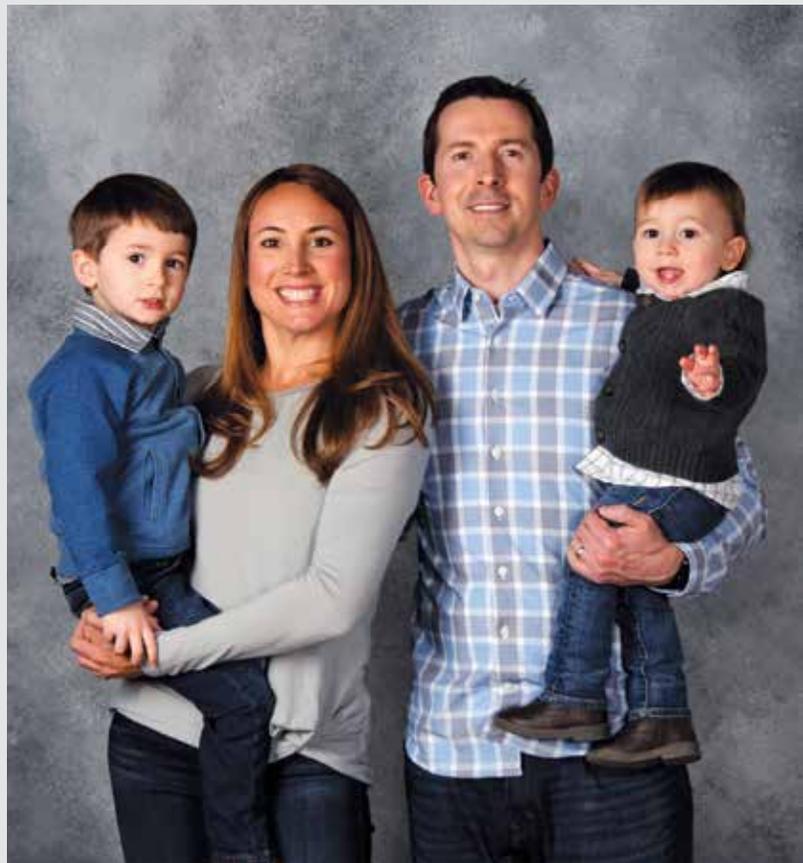
Now established in greater Toledo, their practices are thriving and they are busy parents to two young sons.

Brent happily follows in the footsteps of both his father, William Paulus, DDS, MS '76, and his brother, Michael Paulus, DDS, MSD '05, who practice together at Paulus Orthodontics in Alliance, Ohio where Brent grew up. Coming from a family of orthodontists, Brent always knew that dentistry was his calling.

"I remember being in the third grade and wondering why I had to go to so many other classes when I knew I was going to go to dental school," he notes with good humor.

His practice, Kay & Paulus Orthodontics, has offices in Perrysburg, Maumee, and Sylvania, where they share a building with Ashley's practice group, Sylvania Pediatric Dental Care. Raised in Sylvania, Ashley (a patient of the practice in her youth) has privileges at the Toledo Hospital and St. Vincent Mercy Medical Center.

Together, Brent and Ashley have generously supported The Partnership for Excellence in Orthodontic Education that provides funding to orthodontic residents to allow them to participate in the annual session of the American Association of Orthodontists, attend the Moyers Symposium, take part in the Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program, and helps with the American Board of Orthodontists Part One exam costs. This tradition of alumni-supported funding for these meaningful professional experiences not only enhances the CWRU educational experience for students, but strengthens the profession.



"Ashley and I are both in amazing professions because of CWRU and we are grateful for that," explains Brent. "In addition to my father and brother, Dr. Mark Hans is my mentor and greatly influenced my career. When I asked him how we could give back, he suggested that we support this endeavor—and so we have."

With a history of generosity, gratitude is extended to the Paulus family—Dr. Brent Paulus and Dr. Ashley Paulus, together with Dr. William Paulus and Dr. Michael Paulus. Their gifts have created a legacy that will help CWRU educate tomorrow's leaders. ■

If you are interested in supporting the Department of Orthodontics and would like more information about *The Partnership for Excellence in Orthodontic Education*, please contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations, at 216.368.3923 or paul.wolansky@case.edu.

Edward Loftspring, DDS, MS '77

After graduating from the CWRU dental school in 1977, Cincinnati native Dr. Edward Loftspring completed a one year residency then happily returned to his hometown to set up his general dentistry practice. The downtown practice he bought in 1978 had been established in 1890—remarkably, he was only the third proprietor. Over the 39-year duration of his practice, the city's urban core had its ups and downs (not unlike many Midwestern cities), but then enjoyed a much admired revitalization that continues today. Dr. Loftspring sold the practice last fall upon his retirement from dentistry.

"In the late 1970s, people were leaving downtown Cincinnati, but I viewed it as an opportunity," he notes. "There were corporate headquarters nearby, such as Procter & Gamble, Kroger's, government offices, a variety of businesses whose employees and their families become patients—it was also convenient to the surrounding suburbs in Cincinnati, Eastern Indiana and Northern Kentucky."

When reflecting on his time at the dental school, Dr. Loftspring offers that Dean Thomas DeMarco was an important influence. Recalling the dean as both tough and fair, he credits him with imparting wise advice about the business side of a private practice, as well as ensuring that the students received the best possible academic and clinical training.

"I absolutely heeded Dr. DeMarco's advice to hire good people and treat them well," explains Dr. Loftspring. The result was a very loyal staff over the years, including his business manager who was with the practice for more than 30 years.

A generous supporter of the school, Dr. Loftspring and his wife Ina established the **Edward E. and Ina Z. Loftspring Scholarship Endowment Fund** to assist students in meeting the high cost of today's dental education. Recently, he agreed to serve on the Alumni Board as another way of giving back. His robust interest in healthcare reform is another reason that he stays connected to both the school and his profession.

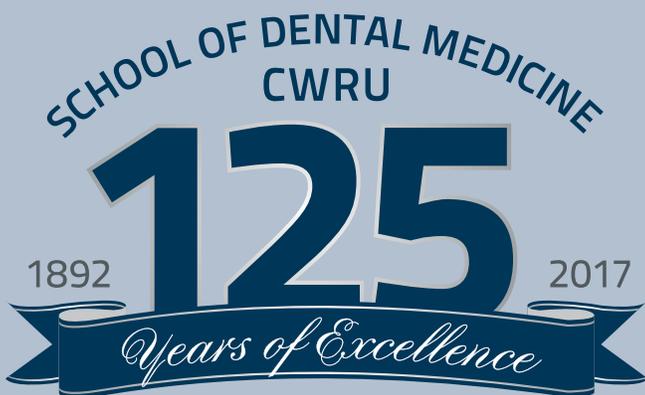
Soon to celebrate their 40th anniversary, the Loftsprings (who met in high school) continue to live in Hyde Park, a picturesque "cityburbs" five miles from downtown. They intend to spend more time at Pelee Island (largest of the Lake Erie Islands) which has long been their preferred vacation spot, as well as travel to other destinations. In a new venture, Dr. Loftspring is one of four partners preparing to launch a single malt whiskey, distilled across the river in Kentucky, this fall. The Loftsprings are the parents of two adult children, daughter, Blair, who does leasing and marketing for a major corporation in Chicago, and son, Drew, a professional musician.

"I got a great education at CWRU," said Dr. Loftspring. "I am pleased that I am able to give back to the school and profession that served me so well." ■

To establish a scholarship in your name to assist with student tuition costs, please contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations, at 216.368.3923 or paul.wolansky@case.edu.



A Celebration **125 Years** in the Making...



The School of Dental Medicine celebrated 125 years of excellence in October 2017 with alumni, faculty, students, staff, and friends during Case Western Reserve University's homecoming festivities. A jam-packed weekend provided continuing education for dental alumni, honored the School of Dental Medicine's storied past and bright future with a special Deans' Forum, and concluded with a night of celebration at the House of Blues in downtown Cleveland.



Dr. Michael Roizen



Cindy Novotny



Dr. Story Musgrave

Throughout the homecoming festivities, special forums were held for attendees to address a number of topics. Dr. Michael Roizen of the Cleveland Clinic provided research-backed advice and information on maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Later that day, Cindy Novotny, a renowned speaker in the area of organizational leadership, discussed how attendees can improve customer service practices that will elevate their practices. On Saturday morning, the weekend's educational activities concluded with Dr. Story Musgrave, who has an incredible career story as a medical doctor, chemist, mathematician, biophysicist, physiologist, computer scientist, and astronaut. Dr. Musgrave spent the morning using his unique experiences to illustrate the importance of vigilance and attention to detail in our every-day practices.

Saturday's luncheon featured a very special conversation with several individuals who have shaped the School of Dental Medicine's rich past and important future. Personal accounts from the school's deans gave attendees a glimpse of some of the School of Dental Medicine's biggest successes and challenges, and Dean Chance addressed the years to come. Read all about this special event on page 38.

To conclude the weekend, the entire School of Dental Medicine community joined in a massive celebration. The School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association Board of Directors presented three awards at the outset of the evening. Dr. Murray Stein was honored with the Special Recognition Award for his many years of service to the School of Dental Medicine and the field of dentistry. Dr. Alex Mellion, a 2011 graduate, was presented with the Outstanding New Dentist Award for his contributions to the community and to the dental profession. And finally, Dr. Thomas E. Dundon from the class of 1986 was honored as this year's Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, which is the highest award bestowed upon a graduate of our school. Following the awards, Dr. Mario Pavicic presented a check

for \$97,000 on behalf of his class of 1992 to endow a special scholarship fund.

After the program concluded, the celebration kicked off with The Blue Moons (featuring alumnus Dr. Neil Brofman '80) playing golden oldies for a packed house of dental alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends. Following their set, the dance floor stayed packed as DJ Robert Johnson, the Line Dance King of Cleveland, played hit after hit.

Homecoming was a huge success for the School of Dental Medicine. From the insightful education to the celebration of our past and future, the weekend was a testament to our school's longstanding tradition of excellence. Enjoy the pictorial story to follow. ■



Dr. David Johnsen speaking via video during the Dean's Legacy of Leadership event.

We celebrate our past as we look forward to **OUR BEST YEARS**



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LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP

A Conversation with the Deans of the School of Dental Medicine



On October 7, Dean Kenneth Chance was joined by six of his predecessors to celebrate 125 years of service to the dental school. Moderated by CWRU Provost W.A. “Bud” Baeslack III, the forum offered both highlights and challenges of the dental profession and the school across the decades. The enthusiastic audience of alumni who had returned for the homecoming weekend and 125th Anniversary Celebration enjoyed time with the deans after the presentation.

The conversation was frank and informative. Following are excerpts from each dean’s remarks.

Thomas J. De Marco, DMD, PhD

1976 – 1984



During my tenure it was the ‘era of discontent’ for the profession of dentistry. It was a time of too many dentists—in fact, we stopped accepting federal capitation funding because it meant taking on more students. Even though I was only 34 years old, the youngest dean in the country at that time, I knew that I had to get people thinking better about being a dentist and things did improve. I learned that being a dean requires both humor and patience and I hope I am remembered for both.

Murray Stein, DDS, MSc

Acting Dean 1986 – 1987



Although it was a time of financial stress at the school which required layoffs and a hiring freeze—we able to go through the full accreditation process in a timely fashion with only a few recommendations. We did have to increase tuition and clinic fees in light of the budget. I am grateful that I was able to bring a sense of calm and civility to the school, even though it was a time of great concern. At this time, I was also establishing the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at University Hospitals and serving as a mentor to Jerry Goldberg,

Geza T. Terezhalmay, DDS, MA '71

1989 – 1992



The oversaturation of the marketplace with dentists continued and young people were discouraged about the profession—the rumor mill persisted about the closing of dental schools. With falling application numbers, we took drastic steps to balance the budget which began with a review of the curriculum and an inventory of each department. Although it was a controversial decision, we closed the department of oral biology and balanced the budget. I hope that I am remembered for a willingness to make decisions and take responsibility, as well as having a strong relationship with the faculty so that they could commit to our future. It is because of those faculty that we are here today.

David C. Johnsen, DDS

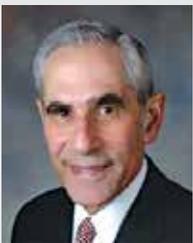
Interim Dean 1993



The ten years before my tenure was the most difficult stretch in dental education—but during the 1980s, while other schools closed, CWRU pulled together. The school was an intellectual leader and had a culture known for character and shaping students, as well as having a remarkable connection to the greater community. I am most proud of the people we had—I learned to get great people and rely on them. I would like to be remembered for the accomplishments of the school and for the respect that the University has for the School of Dental Medicine.

Lawrence I. Goldblatt, DDS, MSD

1994 – 1996



I was the beneficiary of the leadership that preceded me. While there were many challenges, we had dedicated faculty, extraordinary volunteers, loyal alumni, and a noted preceptor program, all of which were great assets. Perhaps the greatest asset was the closeness of the faculty, staff, and students—it was like a big family. I tried to establish the best possible environment knowing that if faculty and staff are comfortable, secure, and valued, they will make a school great. In addition, I knew that department chairs were key because they serve as coach, mentor, and guides to the faculty. Deciding to leave one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life was the hardest decision I have ever made. I got more than I gave.

Jerold S. Goldberg, DDS '70

1996 – 2014



At the start of my tenure, the challenges were many: we had accreditation issues, there was little research, we had rented out needed space for income, and the faculty did not want me. So we created a strategic plan and stuck to it. From that plan emerged many things of which I am proud. We changed our name to the School of Dental Medicine to reflect our role in the overall health of patients; we touched all continents to recruit a highly credentialed faculty; we created a nationally recognized curriculum; our graduate departments grew in size and reputation; the Healthy Smiles Program became a signature effort; and we created a business plan that would somewhat insulate us from outside pressures and allow us to grow and reinvest in ourselves. The fundraising success for the Health Education Campus and that of Dr. Chance for the Dental Clinic show the generosity of many here. Finally, our core philosophy for Inter-Professional Education is set to drive what takes place in those new buildings.

Kenneth Chance, DDS '79

2014 – present



While my story is yet to be told and I stand on the shoulders of my predecessors, it is a pivotal time for dental medicine. The school is in a strong financial position—we were the first to reach our capital campaign goal—and the Health Education Campus will be a “magnum opus” that will allow us to create a global powerhouse that will help us make the link between oral health and patient wellness. We must continue to earn respect and parity for dental medicine among the medical professions. Diversity remains a challenge, but in 2016, women were the majority of the graduating class and our 14% minority rate is above the national average. Our international programs, renewed affiliation with MetroHealth, and community outreach continue to be strong, but I am most proud of our people (students, faculty, staff) and our outstanding patient delivery.

“The School of Dental Medicine is one of the gems of this University. The new Health Education Campus will change how we do all education.”

– Provost W.A. “Bud” Baeslack III

Dear fellow alums:

What a great year it has been—the festivities to honor our 125th anniversary and the groundbreaking for the new Dental Clinic on the Cleveland Clinic campus combined to create new momentum. How very satisfying and exciting it is to look to the future of our school through the lens of our proud history. For those who were able to attend, I hope you enjoyed the special homecoming weekend as much as I did. One thing is certain—we know how to celebrate! Hearty thanks to the Alumni Board members who helped to plan and execute this important milestone event.

With the planned 2019 opening of both the new clinic and Health Education Campus, there has never been a better time to get involved. The support of our alums has been nothing short of extraordinary—that the dental school exceeded its fundraising goal ahead of schedule for these turning-point capital projects

speaks volumes about the dedication and pride of so many. Following the progress of these two projects is very exciting for all.

I welcome those who are new to the Alumni Board this year: Veronica Glogowski, Lawrence Kalke, and Edward Loftspring. Your willingness to serve is appreciated and I am eager to hear your ideas and to work together.

As always, commencement is a special time and I very much look forward to it. Not only do students join us as well-prepared professionals who are among the best trained dentists, they become newly-minted alums who bring a fresh perspective to our alumni work. I urge each and every new graduate to become involved immediately—the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine is now a reflection of you and your career—and it is for us to support it and ensure its stature as one of the most admired dental schools in the country. The next generation is now depending on you.

Let us hear from you. As our 125th celebratory year comes to a close, we start the next chapter that will take us, soon enough, to new facilities and into a new era. Join us.

Best wishes to you all,

Donald P. Lewis, Jr., DDS '76, '80
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MESSAGE from the alumni association president



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University President Barbara R. Snyder congratulates award recipients Colonel Thomas Dundon, DMD '86, Murray Stein, DDS, MSc, and Alex Mellion, DMD '11





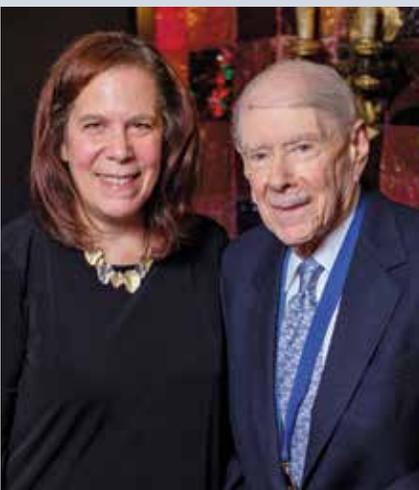
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS AWARD **Colonel Thomas Dundon, DMD '86**

Dr. Thomas Dundon is a U.S. Army Colonel, Chief of Dental Services at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center, 25-year Army Reserve Officer, Commander of the 912th Dental Company, and, for the last 15 years, a clinical instructor at CWRU. He was nominated by Stephen Atkins, DDS '86 who notes that Dr. Dundon's selfless service to our country, his fellow soldiers, veterans, and students makes him worthy of this award.



OUTSTANDING NEW DENTIST **Alex Mellion, DMD '11**

From the very beginning of his dental school journey, Dr. Alex Mellion was highly engaged and active in volunteer work and student advocacy. Growing up in a family of dental professionals, he was inspired by his father, Joseph Mellion, DDS '78, who always showed a passion for his career and organized dentistry. Today, Alex practices with his father and brother, Zachary Mellion, DMD '04. Together, Mellion Orthodontics serves patients in both Fairlawn and Medina, Ohio.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD **Murray Stein, DDS, MSc**

During his fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Murray Stein found a mentor in oral pathologist Dr. Paul Boyle who would not only inspire his long career in dentistry, but introduce him to CWRU when he became dean of the dental school. Here, Dr. Stein's noteworthy tenure (1958-1989) included contributions that would not only create a pre-eminent oral and maxillofacial surgery program, but ensure that it would endure.



The Army shaped Dr. Dundon's remarkable career by teaching him important leadership skills while providing opportunities to provide healthcare in the Middle East,

Central America, Western Europe, and Northern Alaska on various military deployments and humanitarian missions. While serving in Iraq, his unit built dental

clinics and provided dental care to thousands of uniformed service members, civilians, coalition forces, and contractors in five different locations from Baghdad to Mosul.

For his service, Dr. Dundon was awarded the U.S. Army Bronze Star Medal and Meritorious Service Medal, a medal denoting service in the combat zone of Iraq. He also received the Greater Cleveland Red Cross Hero Award in 2016 not only for his military accomplishments, but for leading numerous dental teams on

humanitarian missions to impoverished areas throughout the world. The award honors individuals who have shown extraordinary courage, compassion, and humanity by saving or improving the lives of others.

Ever dedicated, Dr. Dundon is currently working to better integrate CAD-CAM dentistry at the VA. He is also focused on improving access to dental care for veterans and the synchronization of care for those on active duty. ■



Dr. Mellion's involvement in organized dentistry began as president of the CWRU Chapter of the American Student Dental Association. He was also an active

member of the Student Alumni Board and the Leadership Development Committee. Currently, he serves on committees of the Akron Dental Society and Ohio Dental Association where he is chair of the

Subcouncil on New Dentists, and is a member of the Cleveland Society of Orthodontics, Ohio Dental Political Action Committee, and board of the St. Louis University Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation.

"Organized dentistry is important to me because it gives us a combined voice to impact our profession and better serve our patients," he notes.

Now in his fourth year as a volunteer assistant clinical professor in orthodontics at the dental school, Dr. Mellion

appreciates the opportunity to be involved in academics and to be able to give back. It also allows him to keep current with new techniques and technology. He and his wife Emily Mellion, DDS, who completed her pediatric dental residency at CWRU in 2015, welcomed their first child last fall.

Nominated by Kari Cunningham, DMD, '10, '12, she notes that "Dr. Mellion practices servant leadership and is a great representation of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine." ■



When Dr. Stein arrived in Cleveland, the Department of Surgery at University Hospitals did not offer oral and maxillofacial services. After working diligently to have them included

as a division in the Department of Surgery, he established the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Resident Program with University Hospitals and the graduate program at the dental school. The program was able to succeed in great part because of Dr. Stein's ability to create and maintain excellent

working relationships with both the medical and administrative staffs at the hospital.

"At the end of my 17-year tenure as director of the division at UH, the scope of services provided was considerably expanded and the foundation for the service was firmly established. From this base greater expansion and growth occurred under the direction of subsequent directors, Dr. Jerold Goldberg and then Dr. Dale Baur and Dr. Faisal Quereshy," notes Dr. Stein.

The program is now one of the most sought after training programs in its field.

In addition to his academic role as department chair, associate dean, and interim dean, together with his role at University Hospitals, Dr. Stein identifies his volunteer work as another career highlight. Serving numerous health-related organizations, his long service to the American Cancer Society included the presidency of the Ohio Division and membership on the National Board for 21 years.

In nominating Dr. Stein, Donald P. Lewis Jr., DDS '76, '80, noted that it was not only for his extraordinary list of accomplishments, but for being such an honorable and admirable person who so positively impacted the careers of many. ■



1957



1962



1967



1977



1982

REUNION CLASSES 2017

1957

First Row: Travis Smith, Edward Kaufman, Robert Harter

Second Row: Robert Heckel, Sanford Aaronson, Mario DiGeronimo, Constantine Aronis

1962

Richard DePaul with Dean Ken Chance

1967

First Row: Norman Nagel, Leonard Goldstein, Charles Spitz, Michael Sherman, Jeffrey Lasner, Pete Siudara, Leslie Greenberg

Second Row: Doug Amberman, Peter Klager, Stanley Koss, Richard Ballas, Richard Miller, Angelo Daprano, Edward Wall, John Wolfe, Terrence Wenger

Third Row: Viktoras Stankus, David Cross, James Skiffy, Ronald Erkis, Michael Feinstein, Robert Vogel, Joseph Vedda, James Angelos

1972

James Macy, Emil Poporad, Cynthia Kamin, Leonard Gammel, Chester "Chip" Bizga

1977

First Row: Dan Constable, Jeffrey Tufarolo, Robert Di Bauda, Anthony LoPresti, Leonard Klein, Raymond Virost, Lawrence Frankel, Paul Mungo

Second Row: David Lattanzi, Francis Curd, John Rigby, Daniel Reichert, Francis Bertolini, Terrence Flinn

1982

First Row: Brad Knapp, Jane Dodson, Sylvia Kramer, Philip DePasquale, Rosemary Duffy

Second Row: Denis Schreiber, Arthur Schechtman, David Parcels, Stanislav Pechan, David Newmarker

1987

First Row: Lidija Filipovska, Eydie Bakos, Mark Iati, Soraya Steinhilber, Diane DePaul, David Koski, John Weidenfeller, Veronica Glogowski, Jean Iannadrea

Second Row: Gary Golovan, Michael Carman, David Phillips, Dennis Jensen, Christopher Fielding, Daniel Koplów, Gary Coloian, Paul Hornyak, J. Jeffrey Arnold, Joseph Jez, Robert Gentile, Jeffrey Bailey, Randall Viola

Third Row: Edward Shellard, Andrew Slodov, Don Castellarin, Joseph Vilardo, David Kessler, Patrick Hughes, Thomas Beach, Andrew Steinhilber, Todd Bailey

1992

First Row: Hui-Jin Lee, Maher Khandji, Tom Thomas, Susan Souffront Santiago, Bob Esser, Malcolm Taylor, Kathleen Balthasar

Second Row: Ernesto Garofalo, Mark Braydich, Frank Bojic, Allen Keith, Mario Pavicic, Roberto Santiago, Dan Prasatthong-Osoth

1997

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2002

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2007

James Thompson, Daniel Whitmarsh, Rachel Bogle, John Bogle, Michael Pecha



class notes

1953

Walter Yankovich lives in Akron, OH. He has two daughters: Renee, who lives in Sarasota, FL and works as a Hygienist and Rhonda, who lives in Kent with her four children and has practiced dentistry for 27 years. Walter notes that his dental education enabled him to do things he truly wished for. He believes his decision to be a dentist was a wise one and he does not regret a single day.



Ralph Matuska misses dentistry a lot. He practiced for 40 years, 20 years in Cleveland, and 20 in Missoula, MT. He is extremely grateful to still be able to enjoy skiing, and playing golf.
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Paul Sydon and wife, Jean, have two sons, five daughters, 13 grandchildren, and one great-grandson. Paul is retired from both the Navy and the dental profession. He enjoyed his practice while he was active. He retired as captain D.C. USN after 20 years in 1973. He practiced for 27 years in Jackson, OH where he worked with many underprivileged patients and retired in 2000. Paul swims regularly and since the age of 78 has recorded 2,000 miles.

Carl Yoder and his wife Sue have two children. His firstborn, Marceia, is currently undergoing treatment after several surgeries including lung transplants. He has asked for prayers on her behalf. His son Kevin joined his practice, Yoder Dental & Associates, where he continues to practice with four School of Dental Medicine graduates and two graduates from The Ohio State College of Dentistry. He mentions that his dental education exceeded all other pre or post academic experiences. His education

prepared him well for a two year residency experience in Puerto Rico, for three years in Guatemala, one year in Mexico, and for serving clients in Ohio.
EMAIL: Cyoder889@gmail.com

1958

Lester Taylor is currently enjoying retirement and spending his free time golfing and hiking. He is extremely grateful for his dental education at Case Western Reserve University.

Ronald Morrow and his wife, Joyce, are still very active, participating in bible study and their small group. Ronald enjoys playing golf, swimming and going to the gym each week. He also is a volunteer at his local hospice and local Christian Dental Clinic. His family is widely scattered and he appreciates the time he is afforded with them. He truly enjoyed being a dentist as it allowed and provided him with a wonderful life.
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1959



Louis Pocharski and his wife Nancy received a plaque acknowledging their support of the new Health Education Campus for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

1963

Mark Lewis lives in Bountiful, UT with his wife, Marlena. The two have been married for 58 years. He is now retired, but practiced dentistry for 40 years. He and his wife have five children, 15 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Frank Spino lives in Venice, FL with his wife, Arline. The pair has two children, Thomas and Susan. Frank recently retired from Senior Friendship Centers in Sarasota, FL where he has spent the last 17 years as a volunteer. His education provided him with the opportunity to make a good living; it influenced his three daughters to obtain bachelor's degrees and his son to obtain a DDS degree.
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1967

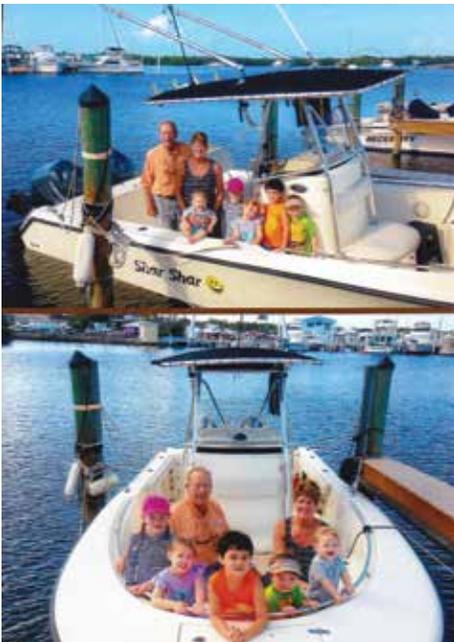


James Angelos is still practicing dentistry full-time in Pasadena, CA. He and his wife, Sophia, are very active in their church, city civic programs and supporting and attending their grandchildren's sports programs. They have three children: Nicolette, and her husband, Jay, have four boys, Billy and Jimmy, who are both attending the University of Michigan, Joey who is in high school and Jack who is in junior high. Their second oldest daughter, Jennie, and her husband, Chris, have a son Luke, and identical triplets, Nancy, Madison and Sophia. Both families live about 1.5 miles away from him and Sophia. Their son, Nick, lives and works in San Francisco.

1968

Robert Campbell lives in Glen Allen, VA with his wife Mary Ann. He was an Emeritus Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Anesthesiology for Virginia Commonwealth University from 1977 to 2004. He continues to work part time at Virginia Dental and Anesthesia Associates. He and his wife have four adult children and 8 grandchildren. For Robert, Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine was the basis of a continuing education, resulting in 30 years in full time academics.

Chuck Marek and wife Peg live in Longwood, FL. He retired in 2014 and moved to the Orlando area to be closer to his son, daughter, and grandson. His education afforded him the ability to be independent, live well, and retire comfortably.



David Ryerson retired and sold his practice in 2015 at the age of 73. He and his wife Sharon, spend time rotating between homes in Ohio, Michigan, Florida Keys, and Colorado. He enjoys fishing, hunting, and teaching his five grandchildren the same. Dentistry has given him an independent professional trade to achieve a great lifestyle for his family and friends. It has been a rewarding working life and that means a great retirement.
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Paul Gallo and wife, Anita, live in Darien, CT. Their son, Aaron, is an English teacher and has a son and a daughter, Wes and Mia. Their daughter, Amy, is an Organ Transplant Surgeon. She has two sons, Tank and Dewey, and a daughter, Laura, who is a family therapist. Laura has one daughter, Hannah. He thanks Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine for everything.

Edward Marshall, Sr. lives in West End, NC with his wife, Mary Jo. They have five children.

Eugene Steeb and wife, Gerry, live in Walnut Creek, CA. They have three sons and six grandchildren. His oldest son is an alumnus of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine (**Eugene Jr. '85**). He enjoys golfing, traveling, biking, and reading. Eugene says that dental school gave him a good foundation for a successful and rewarding dental practice.

Stuart Sears and wife, Roberta, have been married for 47 years. They have one son who is an attorney and presently a Commander in the Navy Reserve JAG Corps. He and his wife live near with Stuart's grandchildren who are 6, 4, and 1 years old. He retired in 2008 from private periodontal practice he had with former students of the SODM. He still visits his fabulous staff there. He has also been teaching Periodontics part-time since 1972 and teaches dental hygiene at a community college. He keeps busy with auto and house maintenance, enjoys watching movies, theater performances, sports, gardening, reading, historical novels, and attending lectures. He is grateful to be in good health.

1972



Chip Bizga lives and has had a General Family Dentistry in Parma, OH for the past 45 years. He has practiced with his son, Timothy, for the last 11 years. He has six successful children and 10 grandchildren. Chip really enjoys practicing generational dentistry. He also enjoys golfing in season 4-5 times per week. Dentistry gave him a dream career that allowed the opportunity to have a degree of wealth, a position of respect, and the time necessary to be a great father and family man.



Emil Poporad has been married to his wife Kathy for 45 years. They have two daughters and five grandchildren. He is currently practicing Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery with Case Western Reserve University graduate, **Ashley Gibbs Zerweck '10**. He had a wonderful education for a secure future in a great profession.
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1973

Thomas Van Dyke and wife, Barbara, live in Roxbury, MA. He is currently Vice President of the Forsyth Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts and Professor of Oral Medicine, Infections, and Immunity, as part of the faculty of Medicine at Harvard University. He and his wife have two sons, Charles, and William. His son Charles lives in California with his wife, Meredith, and

son, Everett, and works in Commodities for Chevron. Tom's other son, William, lives in New York City and is currently the Music Director for the musical, *Kinky Boots*. Tom said that his education at CWRU gave him the foundation for his career in dental education and research. In addition, the personal mentoring and guidance he received was the underpinning of his career.
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Lawrence Oswick retired from dental practice as of January 2018. He and his wife, Barbara, live in Chagrin Falls, OH and have children and two grandsons that live in Los Angeles, Denver, and Manhattan, respectively. Lawrence practically lives at the golf course, and spends winter in Sarasota and Vail—traveling is one of his extensive passions. He mentions that he did not realize until he was well into the dental profession just how good

his education was and how well prepared he was to grow professionally.
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Norman Garn lives in Fort Lauderdale, FL with his wife, Nancy. He practiced Orthodontics in Chicago for 34 years, but is now retired. Norman volunteers in a dental clinic for underprivileged children in the Miami area. He enjoys swimming, bike riding, walking, but not all at the same time. He also enjoys traveling with his wife and dog, Henry the Pug, in the summer to avoid the hurricanes.
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Don Keehn and wife, Charla, lives in North Royalton, OH. His wife, Charla, is an avid crafter, reader, and collector of books. Their daughter is a professional photographer and lives in St. Peter, FL. Their son lives nearby in North Royalton. Don's hobbies

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American Academy of Periodontics alumni reception – September 2017

include listening to music and going to city music concerts. He looks forward to attending this year's Rock and Rock Hall of Fame induction. His education allowed him to have a rewarding career helping others and work with some very talented people, often seeing them work their way up to further their careers.

William Langston and wife, Toby, reside in Santa Ana, CA. They have three children: Melanie, Andrea, and David. Andrea and her husband, Adam, have one child, Zosia. William maintains his dental practice 4 days a week. He obtained a Silver Medal in a National Duathlon in 2017. He enjoys playing clarinet and the saxophone in his three bands, his loving wife and family. EMAIL: wefloss@mac.com

Ronald Silver is retired and living in Mountainside, NJ with his wife, Gina, who he has been married to for 25 years. They have two children. Currently, he spends his time auditing classes, playing golf, and being very social—enjoying his life. His education has provided him, with a wonderful life filled with meaning, caring, and wonderful associates.

1977

Gerald "Jerry" Knieram and wife, Debbie, live in Toledo, OH. After 40 years of practicing, he retired in January of this year. He is selling his practice to his son, **Kevin '09**. His wife and he plan on traveling around the United States and spending time with friends and grandchildren, Ben (5) and Kate (3). His present activities are biking, golf, bowling, and coaching a special needs children baseball team. EMAIL: drk16802bex.net

Raymond Virost and his wife, Barb, have three children: Ben, Carland, and Maria. Maria is married to a nice man named Blake. Raymond and Barb are excited to be grandparents for the first time. Ray is now practicing part-time and Barb is now his assistant at the office. All of their children are paving their own way in the world. YEAH! His dental education has afforded him the opportunity to help people and enjoy life. It took a lot of time to obtain his degree but it was well worth it. EMAIL rpv17@hotmail.com

1978

Irene Costras-Vasikakis and fiancé, Jeb, live in Strongsville, OH. She enjoys working 2½ days a week in her dental office. She spends her remaining time visiting her daughter, Callie, who is a practicing endodontist in New York where she lives with her three sons, and visiting her daughter, Maria, and two grandchildren in Boston. Irene says that her education has become a legacy that turned into a family affair. EMAIL: drirene@driredentist.com

Alan Goldberg lives in Metuchen, NJ and has been happily married to his wife, Diane, for 42 years. He is still a practicing, full-time dentist. He has three adult children: Alysa, a patent attorney; Brian, a partner at WPA in Los Angeles, which is a talent agency specializing in television and film; and Jason, a television producer for E Network. Alan has one grandson and a granddaughter who will be born very soon. He refers to his education from the School of Dental Medicine as "the gift that keeps on giving." EMAIL: abg@aol.com



Ronald Freeman retired two years ago to North Carolina with wife, Cindy. Ron was awarded Lifetime Achievement Award for setting up two local low

income dental clinics. He has three sons, one of whom is a professor at UNLV, and a daughter in Pinehurst, NC. His wife recently retired after 34 years of teaching nursing. Ron says that his education allowed him to do a lot of fun things such as travel, and raise a family. It provided him with a much more universal outlook on dentistry than other dental schools, especially in being progressive.

1980

Robert Kestenbaum recently sold his dental practice after 35 years, and now works one day a week there. He is a board member of

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University events in Naples, FL – January 2018

the Academy for Sports Dentistry. He also makes mouth guards for the U.S National Taekwondo Team and other individual Olympic and Para-Olympic athletes. His company, *VIP Mouth Guards*, also makes mouth guards for professional MMA fighters and the UFC. Robert is the proud grandfather of two year old grandson, Landon.



1982

Sylvia Malcmacher Kramer loves being a dentist and has enjoyed an academic and clinical career. Becoming a Locum Tenens has allowed her to have a very flexible schedule. Sylvia and husband, Roger, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Together they have four adult children, and three grandchildren. Her hobbies include crafting, magic, and professional calligraphy. She lives a life of gratitude and thankfulness and feels lucky that she found the perfect profession of dentistry.
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1983

Thomas Marxen and wife, Victoria, live in Sammamish, WA. He is currently publishing a clinical case titled "All on 4" or "To Go Natural on 4". He has three sons: Chad, Lance, and Troy, and a daughter Gina. He also has a Lab named Mocha. His wife practices medicine as a Geriatric Internist. He realizes what a fantastic education he received at an excellent private dental school. As a result of attending CWRU School of Dental Medicine, he was able to complete more cases and gain valuable experiences to further his career.

1988

J. Scott Bernardy lives in Auburn, ME. His son graduated college and started an

Environmental Reclamation Company, and his daughter is pursuing her doctorate in Physical Therapy. Scott will be working on his 7th dental humanitarian mission and bringing along some wonderful people.
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Terry Hunt and his wife, Kelly, live in Rocky River, OH with their four children. He currently serves on the Alumni Board of Directors for the CWRU dental school.

Paul Jackanich, Jr. lives with his wife Jodi in Poland, OH. He loves outdoor sports and activities such as hunting, skiing, boating, sailing, trap shooting, and his hobbies include woodworking, wine making, and gardening. Paul says that while he was a student, his education felt like it was overwhelming, but that it was a great experience in his life. The growth as a person cannot be overstated from higher education.

Judith Montemurro remains in private dental practice as well as providing care for her local county hospital. She and her husband, Michael, have two children: Matthew, who is 20 years old and a junior at the University of South Carolina; and Ashley, a junior in high school. Judith said that her education from the school "allowed me to have a private practice, be a mom, and do what I love! I wouldn't change it! Thank you!"
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1981

Madge Potts-Williams was inducted into the American College of Dentists in October 2017

Ken Palladina lives in Mayfield Heights, OH with his wife, Paige. He enjoys traveling, golfing, and fishing in his spare time.

1992

Kate Raymond and partner, Michelle, live in Akron, OH. She has a new General Dentistry Practice that focuses on IV sedation for anxious patients. Her education means that as a mentor she can spend the rest of her career teaching young associates and paying it forward.

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American Dental Association events – October 2017



Tom Thomas and **Mario Pavicic's** dental practice was named to the top 100 fastest growing businesses in Cleveland, awarded by the CWRU Weatherhead School of Management.

1993



Rick Adelstein and his wife, Rachel, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Melanie, currently is a first year at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine and their son, Jake, is in his second year at The Ohio State University where he is studying computer science engineering. Rick looks back at his time at the school and notes that the confidence and skills he has are because of the excellent education he received during dental school.

1998

Joshua Damesek and his wife, Elizabeth, have five children, Sammy (16), Will (15), Caroline (13), Katherine (8), and Anne Carter (6). He practices with his wife who is also a dentist. He enjoys coaching basketball, playing golf, visiting his lake house, backpacking, camping, and restoring his 1966

Ford F-100 truck. He cannot think of a better career than dentistry and feels rewarded to go to work each day loving his job.

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Michael Dryden continues his dental practice in Eugene, OR, specializing in Endodontics. He has been married to his wife, Trisha, for 27 years and together they have a set of twins, Adrianna and Andrew. He is active in church and enjoys spending time with family and friends. He and his family enjoy activities such as skiing, hiking, traveling, and scuba diving. Michael's education at CWRU has proven to be a notch above most schools. This was evident in his residency at UCLA in Endodontics. He feels that his time at CWRU prepared him very well for his residency and gave great background knowledge for his career.

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Nivine El-Refai is currently the President of the Medina County Dental Society and is a Volunteer Clinical Assistant Professor for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Department of Endodontics. Her daughter will be finishing school for Chemical Engineering in May 2018. Nivine has enjoyed doing more volunteer work in her community and as a volunteer lecturer in Egypt.

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2003

Angela Southwell opened her own private practice in 2017 called the Acacia Dental Group in Hendersonville, TN. She still works part-time at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. Her oldest son is in college and her youngest son is in high school. She and her husband, Clyde, will be celebrating 24 years of marriage this year!

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Erwin Chan and wife, Valeda, are tiredly and happily raising two rambunctious boys who are three and one years old. Erwin enjoys his private practice and wishes he has more time to travel to exotic places for continuing education courses. He is seeking suggestions on how to do this with children. His education at CWRU has allowed him to live a balanced life with a little work, experience a lot of family time and enjoy

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Yankee Dental Congress – January 2018

many fond memories of friends at Case Western Reserve University. He mentions he loves how alumni always make time to support each other in various endeavors.

2008

Sheena Allen owns a group specialty practice in downtown Dallas, TX. She and her husband, Eric, have been married for 10 years and have a two-year-old son, Lucas. After dental school, Sheena attended a three-year prosthodontic program and now practices as a Board Certified Prosthodontists. Of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, Sheena says, "I would not be in the career I'm in today, had it not been for the foundation



I established at Case Western. I will forever be grateful for such a solid start.”
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Viktoria Cox and husband, Tony, live in Munster, IN. They are licensed foster parents with the intent of adopting. They have enjoyed traveling and road trips as well as hunting down vintage vinyl and dental medical antiques. Torie’s education has meant opportunities for her to do good, give back, and work as much or as little as she would like. It has given her the ability to be her own boss, provide tailored care, and make an impact on someone’s life and in the community.
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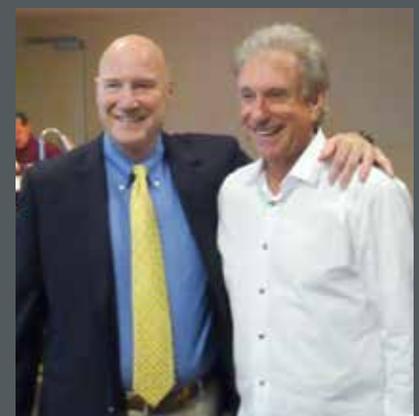


Erin Ambrose Knierim purchased the pediatric dental office of a fellow Case Western Reserve University graduate in Toledo, OH. She lives in Sylvania with her husband, **Kevin '09**, and children, Ben and Kate along with dog, Chief. Her education at Case Western Reserve University taught her what she needed to know to go out in the world and become successful and most importantly happy. She met so many life-long friends and has the career she always hoped for.
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Michael Sivik and wife, Sarah, live in Chagrin Falls, OH with their three kids. He enjoys playing golf, traveling, and hanging with his family. His dental education is everything to him and he would not change it if he had to.
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Gabriela Tataru Wilson relocated to Las Vegas, NV in the summer of 2017. She is able to enjoy her two children full-time as she is currently not in practice. They enjoy hiking in Red Rock Canyon and getting to know their new city. Her dental education

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American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons alumni reception – October 2017

has been empowering to her and has given her the opportunity to make a difference.

2011

Michael Kroll of Lawton, OK received the American Dental Association’s inaugural 10 Under 10 award which recognizes 10 new dentists who demonstrate excellence in their work, community and inspiring others. He is a federal dentist in the U.S. Army and currently serves as a deputy consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General for Comprehensive Dentists. He also serves as the assistant director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. Part of his job is to teach and mentor dentists in training.
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IN MEMORIAM



Sol Altman, DDS '62 passed away on August 10, 2017 at the age of 88. He was a well-respected and successful dentist and owned his own practice in Rowland Heights,

California for over four decades. He is survived by his wife and best friend of 62 years, Olga, children: Lynn, Joel, Paul, and his cherished grandchildren: Justin, Derek, Samantha, Lauren, Dillon, and Jarad.



Russell S. Anderson, DDS '69 passed away on June 17, 2017 in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 75 years old.

Richard S. Behrman, DDS '84 passed away in October 2017 at the age of 61. He was the beloved husband of Lynne (nee Horwitz); loving father of Neal Behrman and Shelby Lake.



Edward Bobak, DDS '54 passed away on July 16, 2017 at the age of 93. He proudly served as a corporal in the Philippines in the United States Armed Forces in World War II. He

practiced as a dentist in Slavic Village for over 30 years. He enjoyed pinochle, golf, and Cleveland sports. He is survived by his children: David, Diane, and James; grandchildren: Laura, Daniel, Katherine, Steven, Joseph, Anthony, and Jayne M; and great-grandchildren: Logan and Andrea.

Howard G. Braun, DDS '45 passed away on November 23, 2017 in Ohio.

Richard E. Bruner, DDS '87 passed away May 10, 2016 at the age of 56. He was the loving father of Jennifer Sherman, Nicholas and Rebecca Bruner.



Bradley N. Buma, DDS, MD '01 passed away peacefully November 9, 2017, at his home. Brad graduated with dental and medical degrees, specializing in oral and

maxillofacial surgery, while he was serving in the United States Army Reserve. He had served as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon

until his honorable discharge in 2011. Brad will be greatly missed by his beloved wife, Sarah; their daughters, Ashton and Maren; sons, Evan and Cameron; sister, Angie Wood; a large extended family, colleagues, his beloved church-family and dear friends.



Michael E. Bushey, DDS '73 passed away unexpectedly yet peacefully on February 14, 2018 at the age of 69. Following graduation in 1973, he did a

general practice residency at North Side Hospital followed by a three year residence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Metro-General Hospital in Cleveland. Michael worked with his son, **Andrew Bushey, DMD, MD '08**, at Bushey Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Boardman. Michael enjoyed all sports and was an avid and accomplished golfer. His greatest joy in life was his grandchildren, who referred to him as "PeePaw". He spent all of his free time helping them with sports, planning trips and spoiling them with toys. He was a loyal and devoted family man and his absence will forever leave a hole in our hearts. Michael leaves his wife, Martha Bushey; his daughter, Jennifer; his sons, Michael and Andrew; seven grandchildren, Brooks, Chase, Jack, Grace, Andrew, Luke and Ella; sister Karen; and brother David.



Richard Diamond, DDS '76 died December 8, 2017 in Casper, WY. After completing his dental degree, he went on to serve in the US Army Dental Corps for over 20 years. He was dedicated

to serving his country, and in recent years volunteered with Disabled American Veterans in Casper. During his military career, Rick was commissioned as a Lt. Col. He was awarded the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Vietnam Service Medal. Richard (Rick) had a love of the outdoors, especially hiking in the Rockies. He loved to read, particularly history, and would regale his friends and family with his latest discoveries. Rick is survived by his wife, Vickie, son, Matthew, and sister Elizabeth (Dennis). He also leaves three grandchildren: Benjamin, Molly and Jake, and an extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Paul Ferris, DDS '52 passed away in Willoughby, OH on January 12, 2018 at the age of 93. He was a United States Army World War II Veteran, an avid golfer, animal lover, and world traveler who enjoyed life to the fullest. He leaves behind his children Elizabeth, Elaine, and Emily; and grandchildren, William, Jeffrey, Andrew, Holly, Adam and Audrey.



Loren Frumker, DDS '85 died on August 8, 2017. At the time of his death, Loren had been practicing periodontics and implant dentistry in Northeast Ohio since 1987. He was the beloved husband of husband of Marcy (nee Meckler) and the loving father of Emily and Lindsay.

Sanjeev Goel, DDS '91 passed on July 14, 2017. He started his dental education at Lucknow Dental School in India. He lived and worked as a dentist in New Delhi, India and in Saudi Arabia before moving to Cleveland, Ohio in 1989. Sanjeev furthered his education at Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine and then moved to Dayton, OH in 1990 where he settled down. He was very passionate about his family, work and pastimes, including travel, golf and tennis. He will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.



Donald Hale, DDS '64 passed away on Sunday, December 3, 2017 in Mansfield, OH. Following his education at the School of Dental Medicine, Don served his country as a dentist

in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1966, before opening his family practice in Shelby; he retired from dentistry in 2008.



Brent D. Hansen, DDS '65 passed away peacefully on December 22, 2015 at the age of 77 due to complications from brain surgery. Upon graduation, he moved to

Florida and eventually back home to Spanish Fork. He was active in the Utah Dental Association, serving as Treasurer, Secretary, President Elect and President. He had many church callings. He served in Scouts, and as President of the



Sunday School, Young Men, and Elders Quorum, High Priest Group Leader, High Councilmen, and as a Bishop's Counselor. He also served as President of the Chamber of Commerce and Mayor of Spanish Fork.

He was well known for his free dentistry to missionaries, family members, friends, students, or anyone in need. He loved spending time at his cabin in Hobble Creek, numerous trips to Disneyland and Disney World, returning to his beloved Hawaii, watching and bragging about his grandchildren as they perform in school programs, sporting events, or anything in which they were involved. He is survived by his spouse, Kathleen, his children Brent, Natalie, Cynthia, Loreen, and Alece Nelson; his 12 grandchildren and four great grandchildren; his sister Lorraine Olsen, and twin brother, **Kent '65**.

Joseph Horkey, DMD '72 passed away on March 25, 2016. He practiced dentistry in Ohio until 1981, when he then moved to Palm Beach County, FL. Joe is survived by Susan, his beloved wife of 27 years, and their two children: Joseph William and Jacqueline Christine. He is also survived by Jolann Kay and Jennifer Lee, his two daughters from a previous marriage and two granddaughters, Shelby and Jalyn.



Mansureh "Shirin" Iravani-Bartch, DDS '97 passed away August 14, 2017 at the age of 50. During the course of her career, she specialized in Oral

and Maxillofacial Surgery, practicing for more than 20 years. She loved to help people and that fueled much of her desire to be a doctor. Shirin was a great listener and loved her three dogs dearly. She is survived by her parents, Dr. Abdhollah and Zohreh Iravani, her husband, Lindsay Bartch, his children, Cameron and Mitchell, and a host of other relatives.

Robert "Bob" Kemper, DDS '77 passed away on February 3, 2012. He was the beloved husband of 61 years to Ann B. Schultheis Kemper; devoted father of R. Scott Kemper, D.D.S. and the late Mark G. Kemper; dear grandfather of Elizabeth, Doug, Pete and Greg Kemper; and great grandfather of Nicholas, Michael, Gabe, Addison, Lia and Jude; dear brother of Patricia A. Hart and the late Herman A. Kemper Jr. and Donald H. Kemper Sr. Bob

was past president of the White Oak, Monfort Heights and Oak Hills Kiwanis, Children's Hospital Volunteer and was an airport ambassador at the Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky International Airport.



Edward L. Koosed, DDS '46 died August 12, 2017 at age 95. Ed practiced dentistry in Barberton, Ohio for 44 years. He spent many years as a

volunteer dentist in the Akron and Barberton schools and served as a volunteer dentist on American Indian reservations throughout the country. He also served on numerous community boards. His son, Jonathan, preceded him in death in June of 2017. He will be dearly missed by his wife, Barbara; his children, Joel, Diane, and Marla; stepchildren, Todd Hunter and Judi Snyder; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Barry K. Levine, DDS '74 passed away on Saturday, November 12, 2016. He was the cherished son of Morton and Jean Levin. For 42 years, he was the beloved husband of Robin M. (Adams) Levin; loving father of David J. and Jamie A.; adored grandfather of Dylan Irving Levin and Isaac Samuel Orkin; dear brother of Barbara Hartrich and Joyce Suchsland.



William M. Lyon, DDS '86, passed away March 18, 2017. He is survived by his children, Kathy and James, ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



William E. Mack, Jr., DDS '87 passed away peacefully on February 3, 2011 in Hospice House in Poland, OH, after a brief illness. He was 62 years

old. He practiced dentistry in Brookfield for 22 years. William was a veteran; he served with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany for two years. Bill, as he was affectionately known by his family and friends, was a loving husband, father, proud grandfather, son, brother, uncle and nephew. He will be sadly missed by all who loved him.



Thomas G. "Doc" McCune, DDS '61 passed away at the age of 82 on Friday, December 22, 2017. He was a member of

Delta Sigma Delta and was an adjunct clinical professor at Case Western Reserve University Dental School. He served in the United States Navy Dental Corps and for fifteen years with the Navy Reserve. Doc had a thriving dental practice for over 50 years and was a member of the Ohio Dental Association, the American Dental Association, and served as President to the Greater Cleveland Dental Society. He was a founding member of the North Royalton Lions Club and served as District Governor of District 13C, Lions Club International. In his free time, he was an avid golfer and enjoyed all Cleveland professional sports teams and was even a proud Browns season ticket holder since 1965. Doc is survived by companion, Jeanne Colbert; beloved children, T. Scott, Lorraine, Lesley, and Tammi; their mother, Elaine; brother, Richard; cherished grandchildren, Megan, Jolene, Cory, Gwynevere, Brent, Zoe, Elena and Lily; and great-grandchildren, Dylan, Natalie, Lola, Jace, Keegan, Trenton and Bryce.

Norman Miller, DDS, '53 passed away on April 17, 2016 in Orlando, Florida.



Katsu Morimitsu, DDS '55 passed away on January 27, 2018 at the age of 92. He enlisted with the United States Army and was called to active duty in 1944, where he served

with the 82nd Airborne Division as a paratrooper in Austria. Enabled by the GI Bill, he subsequently enrolled in Bowling Green State University and additionally earned a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree with a specialization in Orthodontics from Case Western Reserve University. He was always seeking new hobbies, and was an avid bowler, skier and poker player.



Paul "Charlie" Moyer, DDS '53 passed away June 8, 2017. Charlie enlisted in the Navy and fought valiantly on board the USS Stanley. He was a member of "the Little Beaver Squadron"

Desron 23. Charlie practiced his dentistry actively in Mayfield Heights, Ohio. He is survived by his children, Susan and Kit;

many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.



Henry F. Neumann, DDS '74 passed away August 17, 2017. After his time at CWRU, Henry returned to New Jersey where he served as an instructor at Farleigh Dickinson University

Dental School. In 1975 he entered private practice and eventually had offices in Landing, Succasunna, Boonton, and Parsippany. He was a karaoke enthusiast and his versions of *Margaritaville*, *My Way*, and *Piano Man* were legendary. He was known in watering holes across Northern New Jersey as 'Doc' and was the life of the party wherever he went. Henry is survived by Young, his wife and best friend of 18 years; four children (three with his first wife Susan): John, Dana, Douglas, and Lisa. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Lily, Caitlin, Mia, Alexander, Christopher, and Dean.

Philip Pileggi, DDS '52 passed away on February 5th, 2018 at 94 years old. Before completing his education, he served in the United States Army and fought in WWII during which he was in the Battle of the Bulge. Upon completion of his education, he started his residence training at Westchester Medical Center, where he met his wife Emma. Together they had had four children: Patricia, Philip, Peter and James. He practiced dentistry in Ossining for almost 40 years. He was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather, a devout Catholic and had a passion for automobiles.



Daniel Q. Price, DDS '51 passed away on January 23, 2018 in Sandy, UT. He was 98 years old and was in amazing health until shortly before his death.

He was President of the Utah Dental Association and delegate of the American Dental Association. Dan loved anything with a ball, including softball, bowling, golf, and volleyball. He worked hard and played hard. He was active in local civic matters, serving in Lions Club, Boy Scouts of America, Chamber of Commerce, and youth baseball. He was active in his ward, serving in numerous callings, and served two missions with Clara in the Family History Mission.

Dan loved life and people—especially Clara, his wife of 79 years, and his family. He will be missed by his children: Dana, Kathlyn, Quentin, and Camila; 19 grandchildren; and 54 great grandchildren.



Thomas J. Raffa, DDS '56 died unexpectedly on Thursday, September 28, 2017 at the Cleveland Clinic. He was an active and vital member of several organizations. He was

a life member of the American Dental Association. He was an excellent skier and golfer and was runner-up in the club championship and awarded the member-guest trophy for several years at Ashtabula and Madison Country Clubs. Tom is survived by his loving wife, Louise Morrison; his beloved children, Thomas Morrison "Tim", Robert and Alec; precious grandchildren, Alec James "A.J.", and Alivia Marie, and several nieces and nephews.

James Ranger, DDS '56 died at Beaufort Memorial Hospital on January 26, 2018 at the age of 90. Jim began his career in the United States Navy V-5 pilot aviation program at the end of WWII. After the war, he attended Case Western Reserve Dental School and graduated in 1956, opening a dental practice in Freehold, NJ. In 1971, he decided to escape the cold and moved to Fripp Island, where he opened a new practice. After leaving private practice, Jim returned to the Navy as a contract dentist on Parris Island until full retirement in 2006. He loved telling stories to anyone who would lend him an ear.



John M. Ream Jr., DDS '56 died April 3, 2017 in Tallmadge, OH. He attended Yale University and Akron University where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. After receiving

his DDS, he served as a dentist in the United States Armed Forces. He continued his dental practice in Akron until his retirement in 1995. He is survived by his brother, Roger F. Ream, DDS; niece, Margaret; nephew, Martin; brother-in-law, Martin Larson; many cousins; and his travel companion and friend of 52 years, Darwin L. Steele.



Edward Rogers DDS, '47 died September 2017 at the age of 93. After completing the accelerated track at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, he served as a dental officer in the

United States Navy, stationed on-board the USS Palough. He then practiced dentistry in Cleveland for 58 years—first in the Osborn Building and later in the Hanna Building. He received the Lifetime Achievement Award for having practiced dentistry for over 50 years. He taught Anesthesia and Oral Surgery for 10 years at Case Western. He is survived by his children Kathryn and Mary Sue; grandchildren, Michael and Scott; wonderful great-grandson, Michael (who called him "Grandpa Eddy"); step great-grandchildren, Maria and Victoria; and 26 cherished nieces and nephews.

Howard S. Rosen, DDS '55 died on May 1, 2017 at age 86 in Olympia Fields, IL. He retired from dentistry after practicing for 50 years. Howard was devoted to his family, his patients, his friends, and to Chicago's Sports Teams and the Arts. He was the beloved husband of Evelyn (nee Fink) and loving father of Judith, Susan, and Barbara; and adored grandfather of Ellery, Amanda and Matthew.



Ronald S. Rosenblatt, DDS '69 passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 2, 2018 after an almost three-year battle with lung cancer at the age 72.

After dental school, Ron joined the Navy which led him to San Diego where he opened his dental practice in University City. He is survived by his wife, Rev EJ McDuffe; grandchildren Elyse, Ella, Paige and Pierce; and nephew, Matt. Ron found satisfaction volunteering his dental experience for those in need, traveling and playing golf.



Thomas E. Roth, DDS, MSD '80, '82 died suddenly at home in Alpine, CA on December 18, 2017. Following his time at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, he served as a

Captain in the United States Air Force for three years in Spangdahlem, Germany. He was married to Karen Lynn Roth (Greene) for 44 years. Tom ran an orthodontics



practice in Pierre, SD for 30 years, and he enjoyed spending time with his family, golf, skiing, drumming, scuba diving, concerts, racquetball, baseball, football, and basketball. He was a member of the Community Bible Church in Pierre, SD and Shadow Mountain Church in El Cajon, CA. He was also a member of the Church of the San Diego Padres and Chargers.



Arthur Sokoloff, DDS '49 passed away on October 2, 2017. He proudly served in the United States Army during WWII. In 1951, Arthur moved to Miami and began his dental practice

that lasted more than 50 years. Arthur was active in many professional societies and civic affairs. He loved the arts, music, and was an excellent pianist. He lectured for more than twenty years at medical societies, philosophical and mental health seminars, art societies, and numerous other organizations. He authored three books, one of them a best seller that unraveled complicated eastern-religion ideas into a western mentality. Arthur is survived by his six children: Terry, Marsha, Daniel, Gary, Gordon, and Diane. Arthur leaves behind nine grandchildren: Gina, Erik, Jeremy, Cody, Jody, Aaron, Gabe, Arielle and Darren; and five great-grandchildren: Remy, Lyle, Anna, Theoria, and Oly.



Robert E. Stilgenbauer, DDS '74 died peacefully at the age of 73 on January 4, 2018 after a ten year battle with advanced prostate cancer. In addition to serving in the United States

Navy, he practiced dentistry in Lorain for 30 years, and was a past president of the Lorain County Dental Society. He was an active member of First Congregational Church of Lorain. His many interests included: gardening; music; woodworking; basket weaving; and blacksmithing. He helped design the blacksmith shop at the Amherst Historical Society, where there is a self-portrait forged into one of the metal struts. He enjoyed mentoring Boy Scouts for their metalworking badge at their Jamborees. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Jane; daughter Sarah; sister, Cheryl; nieces and nephews; and mother-in-law, Dorothy Daniels.

Sanford B. Stone, DDS '42 passed away on January 18, 2018 at the age of 97. He loved his family and doted on his four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. He is also survived by daughter Joanne Stone Wyman, PhD, his son Gary H. Stone, daughter-in-law Rosalie, and his brother Dr. Leon Stone '46.

Marvin Susskind, DDS '55 passed away on October 29, 2017 in Florida.



Mark Webman, DDS, FAAPD, FICD '76, an accomplished traveler, BBQ connoisseur, fisherman and pediatric dentist died on Monday, October 23, 2017, while vacationing in

Marrakech, Morocco. He was married to his high school sweetheart, Bonnie, for 48 years. He was a pillar of the Miami community for over 50 years in business and in life. He was formerly the Chief of the Dental department at Miami Children's Hospital, past president of the South Dade Dental Society, as well as past president of the Florida Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. He was currently on the faculty of the Pediatric Residency Program at Miami Children's Hospital. He was a Diplomat of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, a member of the International College of Dentistry, State of Florida Agency for Health Care Administration Expert Witness for Pediatric Dentistry as well as attending of the year many times at Miami Children's hospital. He was a researcher, writer, debater, scholar, and always the student. He is survived by his wife and best friend, Bonnie; his children, Dara and Emily; grandchildren: Andi, Jonah, Peyton, Kade and Bex; and a brother, Jeff.



Robert White, DDS '51 died on October 20, 2017 at the age of 91. He joined the United States Army Infantry, 86th Division in 1943. The 86th was assigned to General Patton's 3rd Army in

Germany, relieving the battle worn troops following the Battle of the Bulge. Subsequent to the return of General Douglas MacArthur to the Philippines, he served the remainder of WWII in Manila, and was discharged in 1946. Bob finished his

undergraduate degree in two years at Wooster College. He then completed four years of dental school at Western Reserve University while also working his story-filled job as a Cleveland, Ohio taxi driver. He furthered his education in orthodontics at Ohio State University. He practiced dentistry and orthodontics in Warren, Ohio until 1958 when he moved his practice to Stowe, Vermont. He is survived by Patti, his loving wife of 35 years; two sons, Daniel and Jeffrey; and grandson, Charlie. He is also survived by Patti's daughters, Maureen and Susan.



David A. Wiedie, DDS '81 passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the age of 62. He had many passions over the years such as running marathons with

friends and golfing all over the country with his father. He was a trained Stephen Covey facilitator and in 2016 he hiked the Grand Canyon top-to bottom-to top with his wife and close friends. His most recent passion was local/seasonal food. David spent hours in his backyard garden, volunteered at Countryside Conservancy's farmer's market and his license plate reads, "FRM2TBL." Dave is being cremated and his ashes are to be spread in his garden.



John K. Yamamoto, Jr., DDS '70 passed away on January 5th, 2018, in Scripps-Mercy Hospital at the age of 78. After graduation, he returned to Chula Vista to begin his

practice, which he did for the next 44 years—earning the nickname "Dr. Painless." John was a renaissance man – he was an admired husband, father and grandfather, a successful dentist, a talented artist, a gifted musician, a world renowned martial artist who held a Black Belt in not one but two separate martial arts, a professional rock climber, an avid fly fisherman and kayaker. He coached Little League Baseball, held board positions in dance companies, he studied ballet and performed in dance concerts, he played the guitar, the ukulele, the oboe, and much more. John is survived, by his wife of 53 years, Amy; his children, Lisa and David; and three grandchildren.

2018 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

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Please submit the following documents by ~~Friday, May 18, 2018~~ **extended to Wednesday, May 30, 2018**

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
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MAY

May 18, 2018

Anaheim Reception
Hilton Anaheim, 777 W Convention Way
Santa Monica Room
Anaheim, CA
6:00 - 7:30pm
California Dental Association South
Annual Convention

May 20, 2018

Class of 2018 Diploma Ceremony and Reception
Cleveland Museum of Art
1150 East Boulevard, Cleveland, OH
11:15am
Reception immediately following ceremony
Kelvin Smith Library
11055 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH

May 26, 2018

Honolulu Reception
Hilton Hawaiian Village, Room: Kahlil 2
2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI
5:30 - 7:00pm
American Academy of Pediatric
Dentistry Annual Session

JUNE

June 15-16, 2018

Department of Pediatric Dentistry Continuing Education Weekend
Intercontinental Hotel Cleveland
Bank of America Amphitheater
9801 Carnegie Avenue
Cleveland, OH
Fri: 7:30am - 4:00pm
Sat: 7:30am - 4:00pm

June 16, 2018

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Continuing Education Course and Graduation Dinner
Executive Caterers at Landerhaven
6111 Landerhaven Drive
Mayfield Heights, OH
CE Course ~ 3:00 - 6:00pm
Reception/Dinner ~ 6:00pm

June 22, 2018

Kissimmee Reception
Gaylord Palms Resort
6000 W Osceola Parkway
St. George 114, Kissimmee, FL
5:30 - 7:30pm
Florida Dental Association Annual
Convention

JULY

July 13, 2018

Orlando Reception
Rosen Centre Hotel
9840 International Drive, Orlando, FL
6:00 - 8:00pm
National Dental Association Annual
Convention

July 30, 2018

Class of 2022 White Coat Ceremony and Reception
Ceremony
Amasa Stone Chapel, 10940 Euclid Avenue
2:00pm
Reception
Tinkham Veale University Center
Ballroom, Second Floor
11038 Bellflower Road, Cleveland, OH
3:30 - 5:00pm

SEPTEMBER

September 7, 2018

San Francisco Reception
Marriott Marquis
780 Mission Street
San Francisco, CA
5:30 - 7:00 pm
California Dental Association North
Annual Convention

September 14, 2018

Columbus Reception
Hyatt Regency Columbus, Fairfield Room
350 N. High Street, Columbus, OH
5:00 - 7:00pm
Ohio Dental Association Annual Session

September 21, 2018

International Speakers Bureau Continuing Education Course
Hotel Novotel Toronto Mississauga
Room: Paris B
3670 Hurontario Street
Mississauga, Canada
8:30am - 4:00pm

OCTOBER

October 11, 2018

Chicago Reception
Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL
5:30 - 7:30pm
American Association of Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Session

October 11-14, 2018

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend with events held on campus and at the Hilton Cleveland Downtown

October 14, 2018

Celebration of Philanthropy Jazz Brunch
Cleveland, OH
By invitation to those who have made a donation of \$500 or more in FY18

October 29, 2018

Vancouver Reception
Fairmont Waterfront
900 Canada Place
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
6:30 - 8:00pm
American Academy of Periodontology
Annual Meeting

FEBRUARY

February 1, 2019

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

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