A Note from the Dean
Kenneth B. Chance, DDS ‘79

I extend greetings to the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

It is with great pleasure that I report on the progress of the Health Education Campus (HEC) and our new dental clinic—both remain on schedule to open in summer 2019. Together, Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic recently announced that the HEC will be named the Shelia and Eric Samson Pavilion in honor of the couple’s generous donation to the project. The 485,000 square-foot Samson Pavilion is part of the 11-acre campus between Euclid and Chester Avenues, with our new dental clinic located on the north side of Chester Avenue.

As our plans and the future of the School of Dental Medicine become a tangible reality, I thank those who have already supported this endeavor. Each department is to be commended for the contributions and efforts made as we prepare together to move into one of the most technologically advanced learning environments in the country—it is, indeed, a state-of-the-future facility.

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From the Chairman

It is a very exciting time for our department as we anticipate and plan for the opening of the new CWRU dental clinic next year on the Cleveland Clinic campus—with its two state-of-the-art operating rooms, we aspire to become fully accredited as an ambulatory surgery center to enhance both our patient service and the educational experience for our students. I offer my sincere thanks to our alumni and all those with professional ties to the department who have generously given both resources and time to make this possible.

As we prepare for our next chapter, the department has been busy and productive. As you will read in the Residency Program section, congratulations are in order for our new June grads, Drs. Max Beushausen and Nik Levintov, and for our graduates who were recently board certified: Drs. Ashley Manlove, Sumit Nijhawan, and Dani Schwartz. I also add my personal welcome to new residents Drs. Josh Coffey, Nima Ehsan, and Alex Nizza.

I am pleased to announce that our Residency Director, Faisal A. Quereshy, MD, DDS, FACS ’97, has been promoted to full professor. In addition, he has been appointed to the Ohio State Dental Board by Governor John Kasich for a four-year term. As an accomplished specialist, Faisal brings an important viewpoint to the critical policy, licensure, and safety issues that the Board addresses. Join me in extending hearty congratulations to him for both accomplishments.

In this edition, we profile one of our distinguished faculty members, clinical associate professor Dr. Robert Heckel, who brings a depth of knowledge and experience to our team. I am grateful for his service,
FROM THE DIRECTOR

Another exciting year has quickly passed—it is always the combined effort of the faculty and staff that allows our program to reach new heights. I would like to personally thank Dr. Dale Baur for giving me the opportunity to guide our residents and to help shape the future of our specialty. Our residency program continues to be widely recognized as a premier program, largely due to his leadership.

Furthermore, special thanks to our faculty: Drs. Robert Heckel, Don Lewis, and Keith Schneider, who are joined by Dr. Michael Horan from Cleveland Clinic; Drs. Allan Martinez, Juan Troconis, and Justin Clemow from MetroHealth Medical Center; and Dr. Jon Bradrick from the VA Medical Center. We continue to engage with our corporate partners that support our training initiatives, including workshops, lunch and learn seminars, and travel opportunities for expanded training. I am grateful for the ability to be surrounded by a core group of faculty and allied support that allows our program to be successful.

This past year, we had the continued advantage of selecting the highest quality applicants to the only 5-year MD program in the country. With the most recent modifications of our residency program starting in August of the acceptance year, allowing our postgraduate year one (PGY 1) residents to prepare for USMLE Step 1, we had a 100% passing rate for the third year in a row. Congratulations to our newest resident members.

I join Dr. Baur in congratulating recent graduates Drs. Beushausen and Levintov for a stellar year—I am proud of the contributions and training that they received over the last five years. Also of note, the graduation presentation by Dr. Norman Betts (University of Michigan), this year’s Kaman Speaker for the continuing education session, was well attended and appreciated by all.

Let us hear from you—email me with your latest news and stay in touch.

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NEW RESIDENTS

Josh Coffey, from St. Louis, Missouri, is married and has two daughters, ages 4 and 1. He went to Brigham Young University for his undergraduate studies and went to dental school at Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health. In his free time, he enjoys playing sports (mostly basketball), watching movies, and discovering cool and unique restaurants to frequent. He thinks that Cleveland (so far) is a “sweet city” and is looking forward to exploring it while here. (Mitchell’s Ice Cream for life! #campfiresmores). Josh plans to return to St. Louis and go into private practice.

Nima Ehsan is originally from Iran, but spent his teens in Vancouver, Canada. At 17 his family moved back to Iran where he finished high school and completed his dental education in 2006; he returned to Canada to complete a two-year program to be licensed to practice in the U.S. and Canada. After attending the School of Dentistry at Loma Linda University, he did a one-year General Practice Residency at Stony Brook University, and then went into practice. In 2017-18 he was given a non-categorical internship in the CWRU OMFS program, and then was accepted into the residency program (for which he is grateful and excited). His plan is to stay in the academic field.

Alex Nizza grew up in Vermilion, Ohio, and attended The Ohio State University for his undergraduate education, earning a bachelor's degree in chemistry. He returned to Cleveland to attend CWRU where he earned his DMD. An avid Cleveland sports fan, he is looking forward to attending the Browns’ Super Bowl parade in the future, and likes returning to visit his hometown, especially in the summer months to enjoy Lake Erie. Alex hopes to remain in the Cleveland area to practice following his residency training.
GRADUATION 2018

ABOVE: From left to right: Drs. Nikolay Levintov, Justin Nguyen, Christopher Bulcher, Brady Burton, Alexandra Radu, Paul Shivers, Dale A. Baur, Norman Betts (Guest Speaker), Andrei Marechek, Alaina Pineiro, Maximillian Beushausen, Petra Oliviera, and Faisal Quereshy.

RIGHT: Recent graduates Dr. Maximillian Beushausen and Dr. Nikolay Levintov with Dr. Quereshy.

Nik will be continuing Fellowship training in facial cosmetic surgery at the Advanced Facial Surgery Center in Barnabus, NJ, while Max will begin as an associate in a private practice in Canton, Ohio.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS (AAOMS) ANNUAL MEETING 2017

The department was well represented at the annual meeting last fall:

- **Dr. Faisal Quereshy** moderated two sessions: 
  *Cosmetic Facial Surgery Cadaver—Hands-On Cadaver Workshop* and *The ABC’s of Contemporary Rhinoplasty for the OMS.*

- **Resident (PGY 5) Dr. Alexandra Radu** and faculty member **Dr. Michael Horan** presented *Implant Success Rate in Head and Neck Pathology Patients Reconstructed with a Free Flap Graft.*

- Serving the Resident Organization of AAOMS (ROAAOMS) were **Dr. D. Cameron Reece** (PGY 4), Council Member and **Dr. Dexter Mattox** (PGY 3), District IV Representative.
Employee Spotlight
Andrea Lisaula Named OMFS Department Assistant

It is not unusual for patients to stop by Andrea Lisaula’s office to thank her for providing support during their treatment. She met many of them during the year she was the secretary at the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic reception desk before being selected to be Department Assistant. With a caring and friendly manner—combined with efficiency—Andrea continues to offer assurance to many patients that is well appreciated.

After graduating from the Cleveland Institute of Dental-Medical Assistants in 2011, Andrea worked as a dental assistant for a general dentist for five years before joining CWRU in 2017. Noting that dentistry is her passion, she is quick to label herself as a people person—and feels fortunate that the combination is ideal for her position.

Responsible for assisting five current residents, Andrea also schedules appointments for department chair Dr. Dale Baur and residency director Dr. Faisal Quereshy. Like all department assistants, she handles faculty matters and deals with committees, including the Faculty Academic Status Committee.

“My previous employer always told me that in this business you are to walk with expectations—and I walked right into my highest expectations with this job,” explains Andrea.

Faculty Profile
Robert D. Heckel, DMD, Clinical Associate Professor

After completing his undergraduate studies at The Ohio State University, Robert Heckel earned his dental degree at CWRU. Upon graduation from dental school, he served for four years in the U.S. Navy, attached to the submarine force Atlantic Fleet. Dr. Heckel then attended the graduate School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, followed by an internship at Grady Memorial Hospital and Emory University in Atlanta. His OMFS residency was at Charity Hospital of Louisiana and Louisiana State University in New Orleans. Dr. Heckel also did a complete medical anesthesiology residency at University Hospitals of Cleveland.

For the next four decades, Dr. Heckel was in private practice in the Warren-Youngstown, Ohio area, where he served three terms as the chairman of the Department of Surgery (that included all medical specialties) at St. Joseph Hospital, as well as three terms as the president of the medical staff. In addition, he served on the board of trustees for the Humility of Mary Corporation that operated St. Joseph and two other hospitals (now known as Mercy Health).

Always active in his specialty, Dr. Heckel served as president of the Great Lakes Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. For seven years, he was an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and was a site visitor for program accreditation for the Council on Dental Education (CODA).

In 2005, Dr. Heckel joined the faculty at the request of Dean Jerry Goldberg, and current department chair, Dr. Dale Baur, is grateful for the depth of experience he continues to bring to the program. Dr. Heckel is at CWRU from June through November and spends the remaining months at his Ft. Meyers, Florida home.

“I do this for a simple reason—because I like it,” notes Dr. Heckel. “I hope the residents get as much out of it as I do.”
Research + Publications


TEXTBOOK CHAPTERS


Chairman’s Corner continued

knowing how greatly our students benefit from his contributions. Also profiled is our departmental assistant, **Andrea Lisaula**, who stepped up after ably serving at our reception desk to take on the challenge.

There is still time to register for the AAOMS Annual Meeting in Chicago this October. In celebration of the 100th meeting, there will be a special spotlight on how oral and maxillofacial surgery has evolved into a diverse and exciting specialty. Do join me for a CWRU reception on Thursday, October 11 at the Hilton. I hope to see you there.

And finally, my thanks to all who have contributed to this department over the past year and helped us to maintain our rank as one of the most admired in the country.

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WISDOM CLUB

There continues to be a great response to the Wisdom Club initiative. Established to encourage our new graduates to support the department, club members commit $4,500 (the approximate cost of a wisdom tooth surgery) over a three-year period to help provide equipment, research, and other professional opportunities for future residents.

All graduates are welcome to join—we thank you in advance for your generosity.

If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 877-468-1436 or dentalalumni@case.edu.
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American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting

October 8 – 13, 2018

Join Dr. Dale Baur for the CWRU Dental Medicine Chicago Reception
October 11, 2018 from 5:30-7:30pm
Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Avenue
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