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## on the cover

From “strength to strength” is an apt adage to describe the path of the School of Dental Medicine. As you read this issue of the magazine, we encourage you to consider the many pieces that come together to ensure our excellence. For every facet, our goal is not to simply meet the challenge, but to lead the way.

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## Alumni and Friends,

When I joined the School of Dental Medicine as Dean in July 2014, our initial focus was on collaboration. We wanted to ensure that the school was open to new opportunities for collaborative programs with like-minded, forward-thinking partners.

In addition, we then turned our attention to connectedness, meaning that we examined how we could improve our academic curriculum by better connecting our didactic and pre-clinical programs with our clinical programs, through technology and other means. Performing this necessary due diligence on our curriculum is an ongoing challenge, but we took connectedness even further by its application between our interests in Cleveland, nationally, and globally; between our students, faculty, and staff; and between our alumni.

The theme now turns to celebration – not only because we're proud of what we've accomplished, but also because we're proud to bear the mantle we have been given.

This November we have our accreditation, and we welcome the opportunity to show everyone that we are up to the challenge. This type of positive mindset is not just helpful but critical, and we want to use it as energy for the efforts we have before us.

We also are preparing to mark the 125th anniversary of the school in October 2017. The kickoff to the year-long celebration will be during this fall's Homecoming and Reunion - October 13-16, 2016.

In March, we signed two significant agreements: one with Future University in Egypt, and the other with Qassim University in Saudi Arabia. At Qassim University our obligation is to help build capacity for that region. This includes utilization of faculty in Saudi Arabia trained in post-graduate instruction by our school, and a 250-chair facility.

In Egypt, we're working with Future University to ensure that the curriculum is doing exactly what it is intended to do, and helping in evaluating teaching modalities that provide a level of quality from our school to their programs.

These international agreements were earned based upon our legacy in excellence.

The leadership of these institutions are interested in working with us not just because of what we are doing right now, but because of what we have been doing for many years. Our alumni, faculty, students, and staff have been so consistent in their level of excellence that we have attained a stature that makes others feel that our association with them would be additive to them – and we know they benefit us as well.

Other things we consistently celebrate are our faculty and alumni. Our faculty members and alumni are making great accomplishments all over the world. Our faculty lecture and have been appointed to editorial boards and numerous leadership positions within organized dentistry. They are the best in the business. And we all know that the enthusiasm and support of our alumni is unparalleled.

Finally, we celebrate our students, because they are the reason for everything we do.

The arrival of every new class is an exciting event, and that is particularly true of the class that joined us last year. The class of 2019 is among the most accomplished classes we have ever welcomed, based on overall grade point average, science grade point average, and Dental Admissions Test academic average. It is also among the most diverse: it is comprised of 40 women and 35 men, and includes five African-American and five Hispanic students.

At the other end of the spectrum, graduation is always a time for celebration, and this year we were honored to have the president of the American Dental Association, Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays, as our speaker at our commencement ceremony. She was excited about coming here and seeing firsthand what we're doing. This is another example of the infectious enthusiasm we are generating on campus that is stretching throughout the nation.

So it is a time for celebration at the School of Dental Medicine. But keep in mind celebrations are the reward for good work. And as the saying goes, the reward for good work is more work. Let's continue working hard, together, and good things will continue to keep happening and the legacy of the dental school will carry on for the next 125 years.



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# Give Kids A Smile Ohio kickoff provides free care to more than 350 children in need



Volunteer dentists from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and dental students from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine provided free dental care to children in need Feb. 5 at the Give Kids A Smile Ohio kickoff event.

This event was the official launch of the Ohio Dental Association's 14th annual Give Kids A Smile program. Through the Give Kids A Smile program, created by the American Dental Association, dentists and dental professionals statewide and nationally volunteer their time throughout the year to provide screenings, treatment and oral health education to children.

"Give Kids A Smile has two purposes—helping children get the dental care they so desperately need and raising awareness that

our children deserve a health care system that addresses their dental health," said ODA President Dr. Chris Connell. "Oral health is essential to good overall health. And we know that dental disease is linked to other systemic health issues, which is why it is critical that children have positive experiences with seeing a dentist early in life. And that is part of what Give Kids A Smile is all about: ensuring children and their parents understand the importance of good oral health and seeing a dentist twice a year."

At the event, dental students and volunteers from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society provided care to more than 350 elementary students from Alfred A. Benesch, Artemus Ward and Louis Agassiz elementary schools at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine and on the University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. Many of the children were pre-screened in their schools and received the preventive and restorative care they needed. More than \$90,000 in free dental care was provided through the kickoff event.



"The kickoff embodies institutional leadership from volunteer dentists with the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, who mentor dental students to recognize their responsibility to eradicate the crisis by providing critically needed screenings, treatment and oral health education to nearly 400 children," said Ohio Rep. John Barnes - D-Cleveland, who attended the event. "Denied access to dental care is one of the 'at risk' factors that contributes significantly to students not performing to their best in school. I'm honored to have participated in the Give Kids A Smile kickoff."

Over the last six years, volunteer dentists with the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and dental students from the CWRU School of Dental Medicine have joined together to provide more than \$550,000 in free dental care for more than 2,000 children in the Cleveland Metropolitan Schools.

"Dental problems can affect a person's health, interrupt a child's education, and impact a person's confidence in interacting with their peers," said Ohio Sen. Kenny Yuko - D-Richmond Heights, who attended the event. "Give Kids A Smile really gives kids a chance to lead healthy lives and build positive relationships. When you give a kid a smile, they'll give you one in return!"

#### Dignitaries who spoke at the event included:

- U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, MA
- William "Bud" Baeslack III, MS, PhD, provost and executive vice president of CWRU
- Chris Connell, DDS, president of the Ohio Dental Association
- Patricia DePompei, RN, MSN, president, University Hospitals Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital and MacDonald Women's Hospital
- Eric Gordon, MEd, CEO of Cleveland Metropolitan Schools
- Kenneth Chance, DDS, dean of CWRU School of Dental Medicine
- Alex Jones, RN, Ohio Department of Health director of nursing

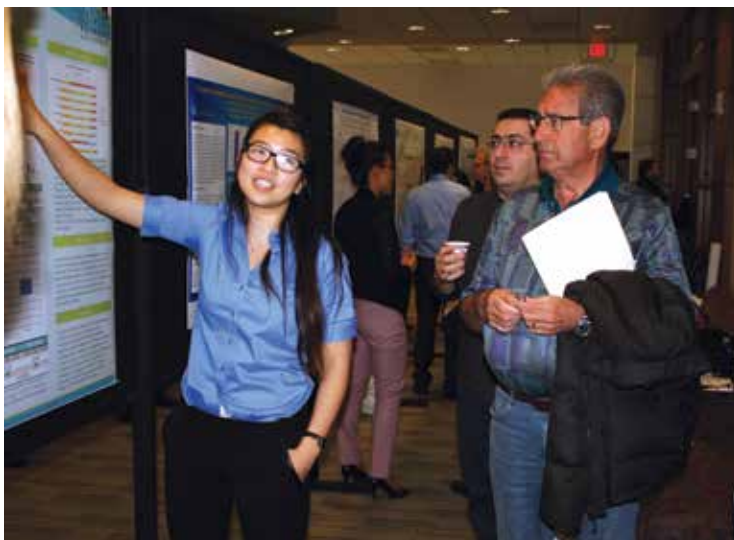
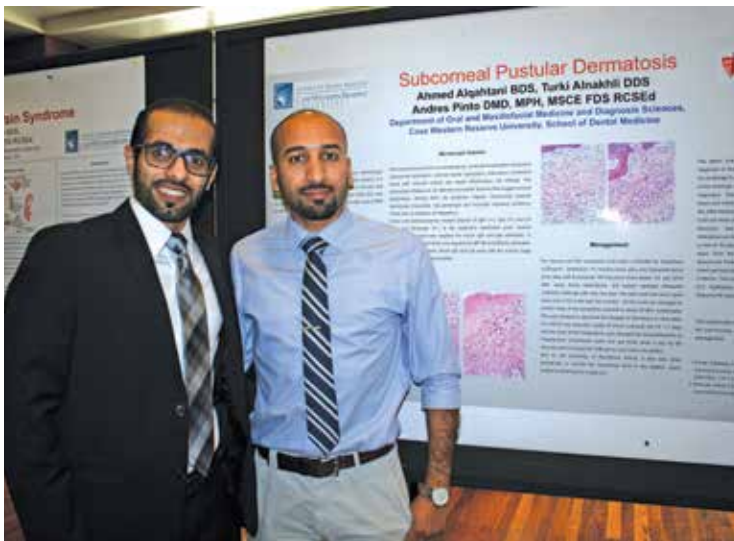
For 2016, an estimated 17,300 children are expected to be seen by more than 380 dentists at more than 75 Give Kids A Smile events across the state. The value of care provided is projected to be nearly \$800,000. ■

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# Highlights from Professional Day 2016

Each year, dental students at the School of Dental Medicine have an opportunity to present their own research and connect with faculty, alumni, and industry representatives. This annual event is a day dedicated to dental students' involvement in the many facets of their chosen professions. The 36th Annual Professionals Day was held on March 24.

Dedicated to student achievement in dentistry, the event featured presentations of research by DMD students, residents, and fellows along with a featured keynote address on Optimal Health through Dental-Medical Collaboration by Charles C. Whitney, MD. ■



## The 2016 winners were:

### First Honors

#### First Poster Award: SCADA Award for Table Clinic Presentations

**Jackie Cheng, Class of 2017**

*Student Hotspotting Initiative 2015-2016*

Mentor: Dr. Kristin Williams, Community Dentistry

#### First Podium Award: Guenther M. Hans Award for Presentations from Platform

**Alex Nizza, Class of 2016**

*"Keratocystic Odontogenic Tumor Treatment Outcomes: Case Review"*

Mentor: Dr. Dale Baur, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

### Second Award: OKU

**Mehveen Qureshi, Class of 2018**

*"Dental Caries and Social Disparities among Head Start Children in Northeast Ohio"*

Mentors: Drs. Meg Ferretti and Masahiro Heima, Pediatric Dentistry

### Second Honor Greater Cleveland Dental Society: Basic, Clinical, or Community Science Presentation Award

**Peter Markov, Class of 2016**

*"Incidence of Patients with Undiagnosed Diabetes and Their Perception of the Quality of Health Care"*

Mentor: Dr. Dale Baur, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

### Vibeke K. Nygaard Award

**Michael Davidson and Anna Hawkins**

### Dr. Nabil Bissada Graduate Student Award

First Award

**Navid Akbarzadeh – Endodontics, Class of 2017**

*"Effects of lipopolysaccharides application on dentin sialophosphoprotein expression of Immortalized Stem cells of human exfoliated deciduous teeth"*

Second Award

**Navid Khalighinejad – Endodontics, Class of 2018**

*"Immune response profile of activated macrophages following Lunasin treatment: Lunasin as a potential anti-resorptive material"*

# HOME COMING & REUNION CELEBRATION

students • alumni • parents & families

## HOMECOMING & REUNION OCTOBER 13-16, 2016

Dental School may seem like ages ago or it may feel like just yesterday that you were walking through the school on your way to class. Regardless of how you, and the world around you, has changed since graduation, your college experience is etched into your memory.

Your Alumni Association invites you to come home to CWRU for Homecoming/Reunion, which pays tribute to the unique CWRU experience. Join us, and alumni from the entire university, for a dynamic weekend to see what has changed, what new things the dental school has to offer, and to catch up with classmates and friends you may not have seen since the day you graduated. Homecoming/Reunion isn't just for reunion classes—all members of our alumni community are welcome to come back to campus. We hope that you will accept our invitation to return, reconnect and reminisce at Homecoming/Reunion, and that you will spread the word to your classmates and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.

### A NEW TRADITION BEGINS:

Celebrate your reunion as part of Homecoming. The Office of Development and Alumni Relations is more than happy to assist you in planning your reunion event to be held during the weekend. Here are just some of the things we can do for you:

- Provide you with class lists including addresses, phone numbers and email
- Help promote your reunion event by publishing information on our website
- Coordinate mailings and provide mailing materials
- Offer ideas for locations and in some cases assist in arrangements
- Take photographs at your event
- Coordinate having the Dean attend your event
- Assist in planning class gifts for reunion giving

Please contact Ms. Sara Fields at [sara.fields@case.edu](mailto:sara.fields@case.edu) or 216.368.3924 for assistance in planning your reunion



# Custom Mouth Guards Help Keep Teen Football Players Safer and Smiling

It wasn't a new helmet that made Treyvon Akins feel safer being tackled this past season as a high school quarterback in Cleveland. It was a new mouth guard as unique as his fingerprint.

Before the John Hay Hornets kicked off their 9-2 season last fall, team players came to Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine, where students, faculty and others made molds of their teeth as a first step to creating individualized mouth guards. The new effort—which also involves volunteer dentists from Northeast Ohio—is known as the Safe Smiles program.

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"Getting hit with a custom mouth guard, I felt more protected. It's like having an invisible shield in my mouth," said Akins, a senior who also played free safety and plans to play football at Ashland University. "My teammates and I were able to talk in the huddle and breathe better without taking our mouth guards out after every play."

While fitted mouth guards can cost about \$250 apiece from a private dentist, they were given to Hornets players for free as part of the Safe Smiles program, which is housed at the dental school and funded by grants from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, the American Dental Association Foundation and others.



John Hay High School Hornets players, from left, Timothy Rogers Jr., Milan Early, Treyvon Akins and Justin Ellis.

PHOTO: MICHAEL F. MCELROY

During the next two years, the program will finish outfitting all nine high school football teams in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District with custom mouth guards, with each team's colors and nickname emblazoned across the front.

"The custom mouth guards cushion blows and keep the teeth from coming together fast and hard, which can result in a concussion," said James Lalumandier, DDS, MPH, chair of the Department of Community Dentistry at the dental school and the university's coordinator for the program. "These are much safer than a one-size-fits-all mouth guard from a sporting goods store."

The players also received dental exams and referrals to the dental school clinic and area dentists for cavities and other oral health issues. Many had not been treated by a

dentist in years, or ever, said Rodney Decipeda, John Hay's football coach and a science teacher at the school.

"Having the boys seen by medical professionals was invaluable," Decipeda said. "It wouldn't have happened otherwise. Football is temporary, but they'll need their teeth for the rest of their lives."

Nobody is saying the mouth guard accounted for the big improvement, but we'd just like to point out that the team won nine of 11 games last fall—including the Senate City Championship—compared with four of 10 games the year before. ■

*This story and accompanying photo first appeared in the spring/summer 2016 issue of Case Western Reserve University's think magazine.*





*The delegation from Qassim University joined more than 20 CWRU faculty, administrators and staff for the formal signing on our campus.*

## Collaboration Agreements Inked with Two Middle Eastern Universities

In March, the school of dental medicine signed collaboration agreements with Qassim University in Saudi Arabia and Future University in Egypt. According to Dean Kenneth Chance, the Middle East was a strategic choice to build the school's international reputation and increase exposure abroad. Instrumental in making both connections was Dr. Nabil F. Bissada, the longstanding chair of the Department of Periodontics, who is a native of Egypt.

The six-year agreement with Qassim University will bring up to eight junior faculty to Cleveland for a one-year Fellowship in the Advanced Clinical Education Program while also serving as teaching aides. Those who complete the program are then eligible to apply for one of the coveted spots in the Postdoctoral Education Programs. When they return to Saudi Arabia, the faculty members will be much better prepared to serve both their students and patients.

On March 8, Dean Chance and Dr. Bissada were joined by David Fleshler, CWRU Vice Provost for International Affairs, in Cairo to sign the agreement with Future University. Over a period of five



*Dean Chance and David Fleshler meet with Future University representatives.*

years, dental school faculty will visit periodically to help the university improve its curriculum and meet its goal of raising the bar among its peer institutions.

"These partnerships not only allow us to extend our global reputation, but let our faculty and students to become familiar with how dentistry is practiced in different countries. It strengthens all of the participating schools," notes Dean Chance.

Adds Dr. Bissada: "They consider us one of the best dental schools in the United States and know this is an important opportunity." ■

# Establishing a **Provider-Observed Tool** to Assess Oral Hygiene Skills in **HIV-Positive Adults**

Periodontal disease is a common oral health problem for adults living with HIV. This is especially true for those who ever experienced severe immunosuppression because they are at greater risk for gingival recession (loss of tooth-supporting structure) and poor oral health outcomes according to Lance T. Vernon, DMD, MPH.



In his past 12 years of clinical research involving HIV-positive adults, Dr. Vernon has pioneered a holistic, prevention-focused approach to coaching individuals to address critical and modifiable risk factors for disease progression. His oral health coaching approach is informed by the *Information-Motivation-Behavioral Skills* (IMB) health theory model as well as Motivational Interviewing and

Integrative Health Coaching (Vernon and Howard, 2015). Central to this approach is to enhance and personalize oral hygiene skill, such as toothbrushing and flossing instruction.

“Currently, there is really not a reliable and valid measure of oral hygiene skills, and this is important to have in place to pursue future research in oral health coaching,” says Dr. Vernon, who recently received funding from the National Institutes of Health to develop such a measure that is directly-observed by the provider.

Optimal plaque control can help lower the risk for periodontal disease progression. When a provider uses this IMB-informed health coaching approach, people can become more curious and engaged, which can boost their self-efficacy and foster internal motivation to initiate and maintain oral health self-care behaviors.

After first establishing that this new measure is valid and reliable, then the long-term goal can be realized: applying the IMB Model to test the coaching approach using rigorous, evidence-based methodology.

“There needs to be a greater emphasis on prevention in dentistry—especially for at-risk groups,” adds Dr. Vernon. ■



# Bringing Virtual Reality to Dentistry: THE MICROSOFT HOLOLENS

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiologist Ali Syed, an assistant professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Services, is focused on how to leverage the most advanced technologies to improve the teaching of dental medicine. Together with anatomist and Associate Professor Michael Landers, they are currently exploring the potential of the Microsoft HoloLens and its amazing 3-D holograms.

"We must remember that today's students were born with computers and each generation has increasingly advanced technological capability. Our educational techniques must keep pace just to maintain their interest," observes Dr. Syed.

In 2013, after CWRU and Cleveland Clinic agreed to partner and build the Health Education Campus, Clinic CEO Dr. Delos "Toby" Cosgrove approached Microsoft about the HoloLens. Given the opportunity that the state-of-the-art campus will offer for incorporating pioneering technology, it is a collaboration that will reinvent how students are prepared to deliver healthcare.

The HoloLens takes images of the human body (or specific body parts) and creates holographic imagery that is not projected on a screen, but in the room—a virtual environment that allows for sensory immersion. Putting on a headset allows you to view the hologram, walk around it (and view it from every angle), and use hand gestures as you would a computer mouse to turn it or go deeper into the image. Multiple people can gather around the hologram for a group think.

"The potential is obviously enormous," notes Dr. Landers. "You can even add disease aspects to a hologram so that students can compare it to a healthy version."

Because available teaching time in anatomy and surgery is always a challenge, such virtual learning offers both efficacy and effectiveness. Under the direction of Dr. Mark Griswold at the CWRU School of Medicine, a team of radiologists and anatomists are working together with Microsoft engineers to put together images that will form the basis of "Anatomy Bootcamp" that will take students from human cadavers to the HoloLens—and will measure how it enhances learning.



*Holographic images depicting the vertical impaction and its approximation to inferior alveolar nerve a) top: Buccal view b) Lingual view.*

Both Dr. Landers and Dr. Syed are quick to make the point that for both general medicine and dental medicine, the HoloLens could be an outstanding tool not for only clinical and student education, but for explaining diagnoses and treatment options to patients. In other words, the dental school aspires to maximize this technology for teaching, as well as to prepare its students for incorporating it into the practice of dentistry.

So does this replace the time-honored study of human cadavers (that began in 300 B.C.)? The studies to date indicate that a judicious blend produces the best educational outcomes, but there is no denying that emerging technology is a game changer. So, what is next?

"Avatars," answers Dr. Landers in a word. Since 2001 when patient simulations put CWRU on the forefront of computerized dental training, the leap to full patient holograms that simulate key medical components may become the new standard. ■

# Dr. Suchitra Nelson Is a Community "2016 Health Care Hero"



## Decades of Dental Research Address Disparities in Underserved Patients

In February, Suchitra Nelson, PhD '92 (Epidemiology), Assistant Dean for Clinical and Translational Research and professor of Community Dentistry, was honored by *Crain's Cleveland Business* as a Health Care Hero. After 24 years of clinical dental research, there is no doubt that her efforts have had a profound impact on the collective understanding of the importance of good oral health to the overall health of children as they grow into adults—and the consequences for those who lack it.

Dr. Nelson credits her research team with further validating the need for low-income children to receive the same quality of dental care as their more fortunate peers in order to avoid gum disease, as well as chronic conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. The research has focused on ways to eliminate the disparities in underserved patients that include the elderly, in addition to economically deprived children.

"Dr. Nelson's efforts exemplify how the dental school fulfills its historic commitment to serve our community while contributing to the greater body of knowledge of dental medicine," notes Dean Kenneth B. Chance. "This award is really for the more than 20 funded research projects she has led during her time at CWRU."

If tooth decay is preventable, why is it the most common chronic disease in children?

It has taken more than a decade for Dr. Nelson to develop this area of research that has the potential for great public health impact. Because many low-income parents do not understand the importance of cavity-free baby teeth or the chronic nature of tooth decay, it is a challenge. The goal is to develop interventions to target parental knowledge, attitudes, and health practices that

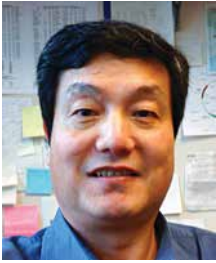
result in early prevention, diagnosis, and treatment that prevent further susceptibility to dental decay.

Currently, Dr. Nelson is developing and leading a study funded by a \$4.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Involving 90 Northeast Ohio pediatricians who will apply a fluoride varnish to the teeth of 3,700 children, the doctors will also deliver core oral health messages to the parent or guardians about the importance of baby teeth to healthy permanent teeth, and how untreated cavities can cause serious infections.

"We want to see if pediatricians can influence parental perception of the importance of the dental health and habits of their children," explains Dr. Nelson who also is leading a \$1.6 million study funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to find new ways to overcome misperceptions of caregivers of children with existing tooth decay who need professional care.

Ultimately, Dr. Nelson and her team hope to develop a model that others can use to help improve children's oral health nationwide. Hearty congratulations to Dr. Nelson for the well-earned Health Care Hero Award. ■

# Celebrating Faculty Excellence



**Ge Jin, PhD**, Assistant Professor for the Department of Biological Sciences, has received a 5-year grant from the National Institutes of Health and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research for \$1,981,250 for research pertaining to head and neck cancer. In addition to this funding, Dr. Jin's lab recently published a paper in *Oncotarget*, which discusses HPV-associated oral cancer and the innate immune response.



**Leena Palomo, DDS, MSD**, Associate Professor, Periodontics and Director, DMD Periodontics, has been named a Board Examiner by the American Board of Periodontology.



**Jay C. Resnick, DDS, FAGD**, Clinical Associate Professor of Comprehensive Care received the Ervin P. Mason Award for Distinguished Service from the Greater Cleveland Dental Society on May 13, 2016 during the inauguration of Dr. Faisal Quereshy '99 as the incoming dental society president. In addition to his work at the School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Resnick is in private practice with Stroom, Resnick, Tetelman and Young DDS Inc. Currently, he lectures on Biomimetic Dentistry and is the only Accredited Member of the Academy of Biomimetic Dentistry in Ohio.



**Kristin A. Williams, DDS, MPH**, has been named as the first Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for the School of Dental Medicine, and will also serve as Chair of the newly formed Diversity Committee. As part of her responsibilities, Dr. Williams will advocate on behalf of diverse students, staff, and faculty. In addition, Dr. Williams serves as an Assistant Professor, the Director to the school's Sealant Program, and the Chairman of the Admissions Committee. ■

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## Faculty and Staff Milestones

Celebrating service milestones in five-year increments through December 31, 2015

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.

— Dr. Kenneth Chance, Dean

### 30 years

Barbara Sciuilli – Student Services

### 25 Years

Fady Faddoul – AEGD

### 15 Years

Carol Samuels – OMMDS

Faisal Quereshy – Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Janet Draganic – Faculty Practice

Charles Jackson Love – Comprehensive Care

Thomas Dundon – Comprehensive Care

Monica Jackson – Comprehensive Care

### 10 Years

Gerald Ferretti – Pediatric Dentistry

Martin Chambers – Comprehensive Care

Alfredo Hernandez – Comprehensive Care

Laura Huffman – Academic Affairs

Santosh Ghosh – Biological Sciences

John Gerstenmaier – Pediatric Dentistry

Chandra Drews – Pediatric Dentistry

Robert Skillicorn – Periodontics

Jacqueline Roulette – Periodontics

Susanne Opsitnick – OMMDS

Cynthia McConaughy – Orthodontics

Stephanie Humphrey – Community Dentistry

Melody Long – Faculty Practice

Sena Narendran – Community Dentistry

Mary Beth Taylor – Comprehensive Care

### 5 Years

Jerry Kolosionek – Comprehensive Care

Wonik Lee – Community Dentistry

James Schneider – Comprehensive Care

Heather Ramsey – Academic Affairs

# The TEETH of the Defense

Garrett Patterson brought his talents to the School of Dental Medicine with help from the Virginia Lois Kennedy Endowment Fund.



Not many students at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine can say they have lined up against Jameis Winston and Johnny Manziel, but Garrett Patterson had the opportunity to do just that as a defensive back for the Duke Blue Devils. Following a 10-win regular season in 2013 (the most wins in one season in school history), Patterson and his Duke teammates faced off against some of the nation's best, including Winston's Florida State Seminoles and Manziel's Texas A&M Aggies.

Fortunately for the profession of dentistry, after earning his undergraduate degree in sociology at Duke, Patterson chose not to pursue a career on the gridiron, but rather one in a field that had interested him for years.



"During my sophomore year at Duke, a friend of mine introduced me to an orthodontist in my hometown of Richmond, Virginia," Patterson says. "I was on break from school, so I asked if I could shadow him. I liked what he did, I was intrigued by the field of dentistry, and I wanted to learn more about it."

When classes resumed and Patterson returned to Duke, he began shadowing other dentists and found that he really enjoyed the profession. He began adding classes such as biology and chemistry to his studies. The spring following his graduation from Duke, he knew what he wanted to do.

"Not only is dentistry itself a fascinating field, it also ties in to my sociology studies," Patterson says. "Sociology taught me how people interact, and when you're working with patients, that's a special kind of interaction because you're entering someone's personal space. Beyond that, I really enjoy the opportunity to interpret, analyze, and make an educated decision on someone's health."

Patterson, who has just completed his first year at the School of Dental Medicine, says the school has more than lived up to the hopes he had for it when he singled it out as one of the schools he would like to attend.

"Dental school is very difficult, and it takes a lot of hard work," he says. "But the support system here is awesome. They have ways to give you the help and get you the materials that you need. The atmosphere is great, and it has been a pleasure being surrounded by such a diverse and talented group of students and faculty."

This summer, Patterson is looking forward to participating in the Summer Medical Dental Education Program and paying back some of the help and encouragement that he has received.

"The opportunity to mentor people who are participating in this program is very cool because I was in their shoes not too long ago," he says. "Now I can share my experience and help provide them with a little guidance. I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to mentor others."

Patterson is also grateful for the scholarship support he is receiving from the Virginia Lois Kennedy Endowment Fund.

"The availability of financial assistance was one of the big deciding factors that helped me come to CWRU," he says. "And it's also a motivational aid for me in the sense that I must do well, because there are academic requirements to maintain any scholarship."

Looking ahead, Patterson hopes to someday achieve a degree of financial independence that would allow him to perform dentistry solely from the point of healing others.

"My roots come from Jamaica, and there's a need for health care services there," he notes. "Ultimately, being able to bring services to people who need them would be very rewarding."

Who knows? Maybe someday students will be able to attend the CWRU School of Dental Medicine with the help of a Garrett Patterson scholarship. ■

# Amendment to the State of Ohio's Dental Hygiene Practice Act

## RESEARCH BY CWRU DENTAL STUDENT

Troy Steinhilber is beginning his third year as a dental student enrolled in the dual degree program of Dental Medicine and Public Health at Case Western Reserve University, where he recently received his MPH degree. His undergraduate degree is from Bucknell University, where he was a student-athlete, majoring in Psychology. He became interested in Public Health and decided to earn his MPH degree in the spring of 2013, when interning at a local hospital in his home town of Rochester, N.Y. Troy developed a research project focusing on an amendment that passed in the Dental Hygiene Practice Act in Ohio, permitting dental hygienists to perform certain preventive procedures in public health settings, without the direct supervision of a dentist. He created, distributed, and analyzed a self-administered survey that was mailed to Ohio dentists. The results of this research showed that the majority of dentists were opposed to the new law. Dentists who were more accepting of the amendment were those who were familiar with the amendment and those who served patients with public insurance. He hopes that this study will serve as a baseline for future studies to evaluate the impact and effectiveness of the new amendment and to increase awareness of the access to dental care barriers in Ohio. Troy is class president and has organized numerous community activities to promote oral health of the underserved populations in Ohio. Both his parents, Andrew '87, '89 and Soraya '87, '89 Steinhilber, are alumni of the dental school. ■



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# Expanded Functions Dental





# Assistant Graduation



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- 1) Wednesday class
- 2) Friday class
- 3) Kasey Nowotka
- 4) Allison Post
- 5) Shawna Jurosek and aunt, Angela Frase, EFDA Alumna 1999
- 6) Olga Evtushenko
- 7) Kendra Twigg, Justine Neligan, Janel Strock and Oksana Melnik
- 8) Andrea Davis
- 9) Allison Trudel
- 10) Elizabeth Bailey-Haws and Susan Hart



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## APPLAUDING *the Class of 2016*

***The CWRU SODM graduating class of 2016 is the first majority-woman class in the school's history.***

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Xena Alakailly	Timothy Koehler
Lyndon L. Andrews	Kaitlyn Kolosionek
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Haviland J. Ayers	Nathaniel Kronenwetter
Christopher Bej	Kwang Min (Daniel) Lim
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Suh Hee Kim	Dani Xie
	You (Christine) Zhang

# *Congratulations Graduates*



On Sunday, May 15th, the School of Dental Medicine community celebrated with family, friends and our brand new dentists.

We woke Sunday morning to rain and yes, even snow (that's Cleveland weather). The sun came out as we assembled at the Cleveland Museum of Art for this year's diploma ceremony and we did not let the cold temperatures interfere with the warmth of our celebration. ADA President, Carol Gomez Summerhays, DDS, gave the keynote address and welcomed our graduates into the dental profession.

In offering advice to graduating dental students, Dr. Summerhays told the graduates that living a life that's extraordinary takes extraordinary effort. Extraordinary is a choice... to challenge yourself to the limits - to think beyond the possible. She said, "You've made us proud. More importantly, make yourself proud. Carpe Diem. Seize the day. Make your lives extraordinary."



## Awards to the DMD Class of 2016

### **Alpha Omega Scholarship Award**

*to the graduate attaining the highest academic standing for the four years of professional attainment*

Kwang Min Lim

### **Elected to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Honor Society**

*for scholastic attainment and professional potential*

Zachary David Christoff

James Coleman Cox

Shan Gong

Kwang Min Lim

Laura Christine Martin

Petra Assunta Sava Olivieri

Suliman Mohammed Salman

Jeannie Jin Wang

### **Award of the American College of Dentists, Ohio Division**

*to the graduate selected for scholastic attainment and the greatest potential for professional achievement*

James Coleman Cox

### **Callahan Prize**

*to the graduate who excelled in scholarship, clinical achievement, worthy extracurricular activities, and who shows promise of professional attainment*

Zachary David Christoff

### **Recognition Plaque of the International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award**

*to the graduate who demonstrated the most professional development during the four years of dental school*

Catherine Bom Kim

### **Recognition Plaque of the International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award**

*to the graduate who demonstrated significant leadership and exemplary character traits when participating in humanitarian service or projects*

Lyndon Lenox Andrews

### **Academy of General Dentistry Senior Dental Student Award**

*to the senior student displaying the highest potential and aptitude for the general practice of dentistry*

Kwang Min Lim

### **The Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**

*for excellence in operative dentistry at the undergraduate level*

Laura Christine Martin



**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry**  
*to the graduate who has demonstrated the most clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry during the year*  
 Mohammadreza Akhavan-Sharif

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**  
*for the senior student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in OAMP*  
 Suliman Mohammed Salman

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**  
*for exceptional interest and accomplishments in the field of dental radiology*  
 Petra Assunta Sava Olivieri

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**  
*to the senior student who is outstanding in the field of oral medicine*  
 Robert Anthony Caglia

**Annual Student Award of the American Academy of Periodontology**  
*in recognition of outstanding achievement in periodontics*  
 Kwang Min Lim

**Certificate of the American Association of Endodontists**  
*for outstanding interest and exceptional ability in the field of endodontics*  
 Jeannie Jin Wang

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
*for exemplary aptitude and achievement in the field of oral surgery*  
 Xena A. Ibraheem AlaKailly

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
*for outstanding achievements and performance related to the placement of dental implants*  
 Princess Christina Elhosary

**American Association of Orthodontists Award**  
*for exceptional interest in the field of orthodontics*  
 Katharine Cecily Powers

**The American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award**  
*in recognition of achievements in community dentistry and dental public health*  
 Anusuya Krishnan Bharadwaj

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Inc. Horace Wells Senior Student Award**  
*in recognition of proficiency in the field of anesthesia in dentistry*  
 Shan Gong

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*to the most outstanding senior in the field of dentistry for children*  
 Bambi Arlette-Mbiye Mpiana

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*presented in recognition of academic and clinical excellence*  
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 Tiffany Eunah Cho  
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 Haley Anna Hunt  
 Anthony John Kestranek  
 Timothy Joseph Koehler  
 Nathaniel Joseph Kronenwetter  
 Cindy Jennifer Wong  
 Winnie Wing Yee Wong

**The Eleanor Bushee AAWD Senior Woman Dental Award**  
*for recognition of a senior woman dental student who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and academic excellence*  
 Catherine Bom Kim

**The International Congress of Oral Implantologists**  
*in recognition of outstanding contribution to research and education in the field of oral implantology*  
 James Coleman Cox

**The Joseph D. Gage Award**  
*for the senior exemplifying the highest level of professional and humanitarian ideals in the field of general practice dentistry*  
 Fu-Ting Chang

**The Pierre Fauchard**  
*for leadership and dedication to the advancement of dental literature*  
 You Zhang

**The Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Student Scholarship Award**  
*to the individual who has demonstrated the greatest potential of developing into an outstanding leader in the dental profession*  
 Catherine Bom Kim

**The Quintessence Award**  
*for clinical achievement in periodontics*  
 Petra Assunta Sava Olivieri

**The Quintessence Award**  
*for clinical achievement in restorative dentistry*  
 Shan Gong

**The Quintessence Award**  
*for research achievement*  
 Evelyn Qi

**The Richard A. Collier Prize**  
*for the most outstanding business plan*  
 Haviland Joy Ayers  
 Jeffrey Robert Evanko

**The Robert Dean Feder Award**  
*for exceptional interest in community dentistry*  
 James Coleman Cox

**Sherwood/Hrutkay Award**  
*for excellence in the field of endodontics*  
 Mohammadreza Akhavan-Sharif

**Hanau Award, Given by Whip Mix Corporation**  
*to the graduate who has excelled in the study and clinical application of prosthodontics*  
 Jonathan R. Taylor

**American Equilibration Society Award**  
*for outstanding performance in the science of occlusion and temporomandibular joint function*  
 Suliman Mohammed Salman

**Delta Dental Community Commitment Award**  
*for a senior dental student that commits to working in a designated high-needs area for at least one year after graduation*  
 Lina T. Torres

# Why I Consistently *Give*

Your donations impact lives – the lives of our faculty, students and patients. By donating to the School of Dental Medicine, you enable us to provide an excellent education to our students and quality care to our patients. Dedication as a consistent annual donor is so appreciated. We asked a few donors to share why they believe it is important to support their alma mater through participation in the Annual Fund.

## *Kim L. Gardner, DDS, '81*

In 1981, shortly after graduation, Dr. Kim Gardner opened his general dentistry practice in Chardon, Ohio. Today, he is in the same building (which he now owns) and gratefully recalls the support of his in-laws and wife, Sue, who was his assistant and receptionist. When their first son was born in 1982, they simply put a crib in the office and focused on managing the practice.

Always active in the community, the practice grew by word of mouth. Devoting time to the United Way Info Line Volunteer Bureau and Geauga County Red Cross, Dr. Gardner eventually came to chair both organizations. With the arrival of a second son and two daughters, the Gardner family not only became quite involved in local sports activities, but both parents took leadership roles in the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts; Kim currently serves on the board of the Greater Western Reserve Council. Fast forward and all four children have graduated from college, married, and there are two grandsons (and counting).

One of the highlights of Dr. Gardner's career has been the privilege of being active in organized dentistry. He joined the Northeastern Ohio Dental Society shortly after starting his practice, served the Ohio Dental Association in many capacities—including president in 2013—and was on the delegation to the American Dental Association. Sue Gardner is currently president of the Alliance of the American Dental Association, the national organization of dental spouses. In addition, Dr. Gardner has been a member of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Board of Directors.

"Being involved in one's profession is one of the most important things that you can do. For me, it is the best way possible to ensure that the doctor-patient relationship remains foremost," shares Dr. Gardner.

The Gardners are very active in their church and both sing in the Good Tidings Benefit Choir that performs on behalf of the Geauga County Hunger Task Force. For leisure, Kim likes to think he plays golf, but admits that he does enjoy the walk! Did we mention the grandchildren?



When asked why he has been a lifelong supporter of the dental school's annual fund, Dr. Gardner mentions that a wise dean once told his class that it was important to support the school that made their good lives possible. He couldn't agree more.

"It is important to give back and not be selfish with our lives. We have been placed in a profession where service to the patient is our number one priority and our resources become a gift to others," he adds. ■

# Why I Consistently *Give*

## *Diana Kyrkos, DDS '87; Diplomate, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry*

Twenty-four years ago, Dr. Diana Kyrkos started her pediatric dental practice in Bay Village, Ohio. Today, with more than 6,500 patients and growing, Bay Pediatric Laser Dentistry is located in the heart of the business district of this cozy western Cleveland suburb bordering Lake Erie.

"My practice grew solely by word of mouth and I feel most fortunate to be a part of this community. I still get teary when one of my patients graduates and I love when they are back from

college and stop in to say hello. I've attended several patient weddings and I feel very honored to be invited," explains Dr. Kyrkos whose affection for both the town and her patients is clearly returned in full measure.

The philosophy that informs every aspect of her practice is a simple one: she treats each patient as if he or she were her own child. Dr. Kyrkos, who purchased her first laser nine years ago, deems it the best thing that has ever happened to pediatric dentistry because it allows procedures to be fast and painless. Quick to credit her team as the backbone of the practice, she describes them individually and collectively as "amazing."

What makes the practice even more admired is that Dr. Kyrkos and her assistants, hygienists, and front desk personnel share a desire to give back to the community. Not only a sponsor of the Bay Day 5-Mile Run on the Fourth of July, a preschool classroom at the Bay Arts Center is named "Sunny Smiles" in honor of the support provided. At Avon High School, sponsorship of the "Turkey Dash" in memory of the mother of three patients returns proceeds to Northeast Ohio families stricken by cancer.

When asked to reflect on her dental education, Dr. Kyrkos is grateful to CWRU for providing a solid foundation in both general dentistry and pediatrics. In hindsight, she knows that the affiliation and proximity of University Hospitals was priceless—she maintains close relationships with pediatricians and surgeons she met during her residency. She still rings up classmate Soroya Steinhilber to get her advice. Just as she is a loyal contributor to the school's annual fund, Dr. Kyrkos has also given of her time as a mentor to those who have completed the school's pediatric dentistry program, including Drs. Jeannie Felton, Milton Ntragatakis, and most recently, Eddie Ruguma.

A world traveler with husband John Davenport (who just completed his PhD in homeland security), Dr. Kyrkos is the proud mother of Alex DiMassa who will soon begin his own career at the dental school. And so the CWRU tradition of achievement and generosity continues. ■

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# Why I Consistently *Give*

## *Bernard Isaacson, DDS '44*

During Bernie Isaacson's second year of dental school, the U.S. Army came calling as World War II shifted its focus from Europe to Japan. For the Rochester, New York native, becoming a private first-class provided the added benefit of a tuition stipend for which he was grateful. In fact, he had delayed his entry into dental school in order to earn tuition money—working first at a radio station and then for the prestigious men's clothier Hickey Freeman.

"Being employed by Hickey Freeman had two benefits," remembers Dr. Isaacson. "When I graduated from dental school and became a first lieutenant, they custom tailored my uniform. Second, many of my fellow employees became my patients."

In 1944, the newly-minted dentist's first military post was Camp Atterbury (Indiana) where he was in charge of treating returning enlistees with war-acquired trench mouth. From there, Dr. Isaacson was sent to train at Carlisle Barracks (Pennsylvania) and then to Fort Sheridan (Illinois) where he served as a dentist for 18 months. After a transfer to Percy Jones General Hospital (Battle Creek, Michigan), he returned to Sheridan where he was honorably discharged as a captain in November 1946.

Returning to Rochester, Dr. Isaacson purchased the dental practice where he had been a patient. It was here, in his home city, that he was inspired to become a dentist. As a teenager during the Depression, he had a root canal at the Eastman Dental Dispensary established by Eastman Kodak founder George Eastman to provide free dental care to the city's children. The dentist so impressed him that Dr. Isaacson knew it was his future.

While fulfilling his chosen career, Dr. Isaacson retired in 1989 from private practice after 42 years. During that time, he also served organized dentistry as president of the Monroe County Dental Society, Seventh District Dental Society, and New York State Academy of Dental Practice Administration. For years, he volunteered at Rochester's Al Sigl Center for those with special needs, providing dental services to children with cerebral palsy and mental retardation.

The father of two daughters, his volunteerism was heartfelt. One daughter has cerebral palsy (she and her husband live in L.A.) and lectures around the country. The other is a registered nurse in

Massachusetts. At the age of 98, Dr. Isaacson continues his amazing path. Active at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the Rochester Institute of Technology, he takes full advantage of the classes offered, enjoying subjects ranging from Mozart to Irish literature to medical ethics.

"I was always thankful that I chose Case for dental school," notes one of the longest standing contributors to the annual fund. To that we simply say, thank you Dr. Isaacson. ■



One of the many privileges of serving as President of our Alumni Association is the opportunity to speak at graduation and welcome the newest members into our ranks. It is difficult to overstate how satisfying it was to look out at this group of talented and dedicated young people knowing that they are so well prepared to join our profession. As dental medicine is increasingly acknowledged as critical to overall human health, it is now the responsibility of these new grads to take the momentum of their chosen field and move it ever forward (they will).



### MESSAGE from the alumni association president

Following are just a few of the insights that I shared with them. First, that graduation day is actually a misnomer—it should be called *continuation* day as the first day of the rest of their professional lives. To make it CWRU-friendly, I told them:

**“C”** stands for continue. As alumni we need to continue to participate in making our dental school a success—we all want to remain proud of our education. In the years to come, every alum will be called upon to help out and we ask everyone to contribute in the way that is best for them.

**“W”** is for welcome. From our CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Board, we want you to know that we are all part of an extended family. Not only are you always welcome to engage (or re-engage) in the school, but we certainly welcome you home anytime.

**“R”** asks you to recognize and realize. We all recognize the amazing education that we received—it prepared us to thrive. We must also realize that, although there may have been some bumps in the road, this is an asset that can never be diminished. Let this gratefulness inform your thinking and it will always serve you well.

**“U”** requires you to understand that as we go forward in life, we have a responsibility to our profession. To that end, I encourage you to become involved in organized dentistry, to become leaders, and to help formulate new ways (each in your own fashion) to keep our profession great.

Remember, do good and you will do well. In the CWRU tradition, give much to your patients and to your community—it will return to you two-fold. And always strive to solve the problems of oral health while you are improving (and sometimes saving) human lives.

I will close by reminding all of our alumni, just as I told the Class of 2016, that we urge you to get involved—we are all members of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine family. Attend an alumni association function, help establish an alumni group in your area if one does not exist, support the dental school's fundraising goals, and recruit potential students by sharing your success.

Let us hear from you about your good news and your challenges (we are here to help). And so I say to all: Congratulations on Continuation Day 2016. Together we provide the shoulders on which others—our students and grads alike—can stand.

Best wishes to you all!

Donald P. Lewis Jr., DDS ('76, '80)

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## ALUMNI PROFILE

# A Mentor On and Off the Basketball Court

A shared love of basketball keeps Donald Lewis '80 and recent graduate, Katharine Powers '16 in the game. Both hold basketball officiating permits from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and the Northeast Ohio Basketball Officials Association of which Don is now president.

"Knowing that I was a college basketball player, Dr. Lewis encouraged me to start officiating when I entered dental school in 2012. Thanks to his guidance, I now officiate at both high school and college levels—in 2015, I became an NCAA Women's Basketball Official at the Division II and III levels," explains Katherine.

She not only credits Dr. Lewis with helping her to be a better official, but deems him a role model for managing to do it while in dental school, during residency, and as a professional with a practice. Clearly for both, it is a way to continue to be a part of their favorite sport. In addition, it offers a genuine connection to the Greater Cleveland community—their firsthand experience with area schools often results in a special bond with patients.

"I have been officiating since my undergrad days because I am passionate about it. Going up and down the court with these young athletes keeps me competitive—it is a great measure of how I am doing!" notes Dr. Lewis who currently serves as the president of the School of Dental Medicine's Alumni Association.

Becoming an official is not a simple stroll: it involves requisite classes, written tests, certification in CPR, and concussion training. After a mandatory two years with a Class Two License (junior varsity games only), a candidate must be observed and



Donald Lewis, DDS '76, '80 (left) and Katherine Powers, DMD '16, with fellow official Phil Garcia.

recommended for promotion to Class One. As in all things, reputation is key to being assigned to games.

"Dr. Lewis is very well known and respected as an official," notes Dr. Powers. "He has been tapped numerous times for the State Championships. Without him, I would not have this outstanding second career that balances what we do as dentists."

Dr. Powers has been accepted into the school's orthodontics program and Dr. Lewis maintains his private oral surgery practice in Cleveland. ■

## class notes

### 1950

**Howard Moore** lives in a retirement community in Sebring, OH. He has four children and eight grandchildren, and twin great-granddaughters. He retired from dental practice in 1988.

### 1951

**Harry Glatz** is extremely active in his community, participating in a pool league, and volunteering his time on a committee that aids the handicapped. He and his wife, Gloria, currently reside in Jamestown, NY. He says his dental education provided him a life that allowed him to help others and provide for his family.

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**Milton Hirsch** retired from practice in 1987. In retirement, he enjoys going to lectures and traveling to new places. He and his wife, Norma, live in San Diego, CA and are both in good health.

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**Donald Pirl** enjoys playing ping-pong. He says his dental education means everything to him because it provided him with a reasonable income to support himself and his family.



## 1955

**Ronald Bell** has retired from his dental practice after 60 years practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery. He and his wife, Diane, are enjoying life in Cleveland, OH.  
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**L. Gerald Winn** and his wife, Virginia, have been married for 63 years and they have four children: Mark, Bruce, Gary, and Gini Lee. "My dental education made me a leader in the U.S. Air Force and private practice for 44 years. I loved dentistry's versatility and the ability to help people medically and spiritually," he says.  
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## 1958



**Bob Tess Ferreira** with Dean Ken Chance at university event in Naples, Florida.

## 1960

**Howard Richmond** and his wife, Esther, have been married for 59 years and have three children and four grandchildren. Howard enjoys traveling, fishing, and hiking. He also volunteers at his local free clinic. "The education I received at CWRU was great. It prepared me for over 50 years of practice. I have great friends and have had a fine life," he says.  
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## 1961

**Howard Bloom** serves as a consultant for two dental companies. He says his dental education "opened many doors" for him during his lifetime.  
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**David Vandersall** retired from academia in 2007 and from private practice in periodontics in 2008. David says CWRU gave him a solid dental education opening the world of dentistry and gave him confidence as a general dentist during his three years in the United States Air Force.  
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## 1965

**Bill Frank** retired from dentistry in 1996. He and his wife, Celeste, enjoy traveling, boating, golf, and hunting in their free time. He says, "I feel very fortunate to have attended CWRU. As a profession, dentistry has provided me and my family a wonderful life style."

**Robert Longman** enjoys traveling, playing bridge and tennis, golfing, and gardening. "CWRU gave me a great dental education that allowed my family to have a useful, full life."  
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**Gerald Skinner** and his wife, Mary Anne, have two sons. After practicing dentistry for 39 years in Boynton Beach, FL, he and his wife now split their time between South Carolina and Colorado. He says he does "all the normal retirement activities," such as "golfing, hunting, traveling, and skiing." He adds, "My education at CWRU gave me the base knowledge to build a full life. Looking back it has been a great life."

## 1966



**Dennis Agin** is an active advocate for Blue Water navy veterans. He says his dental education "allowed him to make important decisions as a practicing dentist."  
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**James Fanno** and his wife, Maria, have two daughters and eight grandchildren. Dr. Fanno is "semi-retired," and spends his free time in Palm Beach, FL. He says he received an "excellent

dental education" that strongly emphasized "professionalism, ethics, and giving back."  
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**Arnold Goodliffe** is now retired from practice. He and his wife, Becky, have been married for 55 years and have five daughters; one is a dentist, and two are dental hygienists. "Case Western Reserve gave me a good foundation on which to build a very successful private practice. Many of my classmates have remained friends and for that I'm grateful," he says.  
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**Robert Tarkany** is enjoying his retirement and staying active by skiing and playing golf. He and his wife, Penny, have four grandchildren and travel extensively in their free time.

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**Reuben Tataryn** works full-time, having retired before deciding to come back to practice. He and his wife, Jean, have a son, Roderick, who is an endodontist. "My dental education means the world to me. Thank God for the CWRU dental school and its dedicated professors," he says.

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**Kenneth Tse** has been retired for 16 years; two of his sons have followed in his footsteps to become dentists. His daughter is a human rights attorney. He has five grandchildren. He and his wife, Joyce, travel around the world in their free time. He says he is very grateful to CWRU's dental school because it gave him the skill to provide dental service to the Chinese community in Los Angeles' Chinatown for over 35 years.

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**Edwin Tucker** teaches dental hygiene and works as a general dentist one day out of the week. He and his wife, Nancy, have six children and twelve grandchildren.

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## 1970

**John Yamamoto** is still practicing after 46 years. He enjoys climbing, bicycling, swimming, kayaking and martial arts, which he teaches at the University of California – San Diego. "Case Western Reserve has always been one of the finest events of my life," he says. "Those memories are so important to everything that I am."

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## 1971



**Barry Bloomfield** loves to travel, bike and golf in his free time. He and Sheila have been married for 47 years and they have a daughter, an endodontist, who lives in Italy. The pair also has five grandchildren. He says that his dental education gave him a great life and a daughter that traveled in his footsteps.

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**David Bull** retired and sold his practice two years ago. He served for 10 years as a clinical examiner for the California Dental Board. He now spends his free time exercising, traveling, and playing the piano.

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**Gerald Devlin** recently sold his practice and building; he is working for the new owner part-time. He enjoys playing tennis three times a week and ballroom dancing in his free time. He says his dental education was an extremely life-changing event.

**James Dilascio** recently sold his practice and professional building and is easing into retirement with his wife, Anmarie. He says his dental education was a great learning experience.

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**Dennis Stosak** has been retired for 10 years. He and his wife, Karen, have five children, eight grandchildren, and a great-grandson. He says his dental education gave him a great means to make a living for 30+ years, raise a family and enjoy life.

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## 1974



**Stuart Levine** and wife, **Dena Babin '77**, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last summer with their three children; Abigail, Rebecca, and Nathaniel and other family members. They have been practicing General Dentistry in Fall River, MA since 1978.

## 1975

**Greg Davenport** and his wife, Bev, have two daughters and one son: their oldest daughter is an oncology nurse, their son is an emergency medicine physician, and their youngest daughter is a speech pathologist. He enjoys water and snow skiing, dirt biking, and spending time outdoors with friends and family in their free time. He still practices dentistry and runs a fitness center. "Even though dental school seemed hard at the time, it was a pathway to a great, successful career," he says.

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**Alan Metzger** enjoys skiing in the winter and biking and golfing in the summer. He and his wife, Margie, have two daughters: Shana and Mallory.

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**Stephen Nechvatal** is an avid pilot and a Cleveland Indians fan. He enjoys fishing and traveling. "CWRU was excellent," he says. "I felt ready for practice after graduation and was prepared for my residency program in oral and maxillofacial surgery." He has two daughters who also graduated from the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, **Natalie '04** and **Leslie '10**.



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**David Williams** served as President of the North Suburban branch of the Chicago Dental Society. He was inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists at the ADA annual session last November.

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**Donald Yeager** and his wife, Carol, have been married for fifteen years and live in Spencerport, NY. Last year, the two rescued a dog, a wire fox terrier named Elsa. Donald says his dental school education at CWRU instilled a "standard of care" in him which has continued to this day and that the class of '75 has been a blessing to him.

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## 1976

**Daniel Camm** and his wife, Donna, are involved with their church and usually complete two mission trips per year to Asia and Africa. He sold the general dentistry part of his practice to his partner; he now only does dental implant surgeries and implant restorations for the practice. Of his time at CWRU, he says the education he received opened so many doors to him, both personally and professionally. "That education did not end 40 years ago when I graduated. It continues to this day," he says.

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**Thomas Castor** and his wife, Patricia, have been married for 40 years and have two children and two grandchildren. He has been retired from full-time dentistry since 2015. He says he received an excellent education from CWRU that made him well-equipped for a career in private practice in addition to the life-long friendships and many great memories he made.

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**Michael Healey** is a board certified pediatric dentist in Roswell, GA. He has a second home in Delray Beach, FL where he is able to enjoy various hobbies, including

boating, tennis, and auto racing. He says his dental education gave him a great foundation for his career.

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**Howard Messing** enjoys spending time with his family and golfing on a beautiful day. He and his wife, Sara, live in Medina, OH.

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**Anita Workman** is active in her church and enjoys traveling and spending time with her family. She says CWRU's School of Dental Medicine prepared her and her classmates to practice dentistry well and enabled her to make a good living and have lasting friendships as a bonus.

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## 1980

**Craig Callen** continues to practice dentistry full-time and most weekends. Last year, his oldest son graduated from Ohio University with an accounting degree and his oldest daughter is a nursing student at Ashland University. He has three other children still living at home who are all active in sports. "Having had several associates and partners over the years, I found that the quality of our education and experience at CWRU was second to none," he says.

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**Gary Olson** and his wife, Patricia, have celebrated their 39<sup>th</sup> anniversary and have two children: Erika and Jon. He currently works three days a week, and enjoys golfing, camping, and boating in his free time. "CWRU made my life what it is today (along with my hard work!)" he says of his education.

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**Cynthia Slack** sold her pediatric dental practice in Rochester, NY to accept her current position as Program Director of Pediatric Dentistry at the Geisinger Medical Center in Pennsylvania. She has three children: Celia, an attorney; William, a paramedic/firefighter; and Mariel, a model. "My dental education offered me the best preparation for my pediatric dentistry residency and career," she says.

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**Taisa Szeremeta-Browar** and her husband, Andrew, have one child. Andrew, who is also a dentist, has left practice to teach full-time. She says she

received an excellent education with wonderful faculty, good friends and a great senior movie that no one can find now.

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## 1981



**Bill Nemeth** with son Chris, new dental student, and Dean Chance.

**Joseph Finelli** and his wife, Colleen, have been happily married for 42 years and enjoy spending free time with their seven grandchildren and traveling. "Every day has been challenging and rewarding," Joseph says of his career as a dentist. "It's been a great ride!"

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**Virginia Plaisted** is semi-retired and teaches dental hygiene at a local community college. She enjoys hiking, scuba diving, and quilting in her spare time. She and her husband, Grant Randall, have three adult sons. "My dental school education gave me the foundation to build a happy life with much freedom. It also provided me the opportunity to give back to society by providing ample health care," she says.



**Thomas DiMassa** and his wife, Michelle, have three sons: Alex, a freshman at CWRU's School of Dental Medicine; Thomas, a senior at Marietta College; and Geoffrey, a sophomore at Ohio State University. The entire family enjoys playing golf. Thomas says his dental education was a great experience that gave him and his family the ability to live a great life.  
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**Stephen Ritz** and his wife, Devera, have one daughter, who will begin college this fall at the University of Kentucky. He says he intends to remain a working dentist for a little longer and that CWRU provided an environment for learning and a reputation that has made for a great career. "The friendships made at CWRU were made to last a lifetime," he says.  
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**David Wright** recently retired from dentistry. He plans to spend post-retirement with his wife, Dana, traveling, volunteering and spending time with family.  
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**Kim Gardner** and his wife, Sue, have been married for 39 years and have four children and two grandchildren, with a third one due in September 2016. He served as President of the Ohio Dental Association in 2013 and

is the current chair of the ODA Foundation. Sue is the President of the Alliance of the American Dental Association. He says his dental education has given him the ability to care for others and get involved in his profession.

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**Nelson Smith** sold his practice in January 2016 and will transition out of dentistry in July 2016. Once he is fully retired, he and his wife, Ann, will be splitting their time between Seattle, WA and Chapel Hill, NC to be closer to their children; they have a new granddaughter.

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## 1985

**Thomas Powers** made a career change since his last dental school reunion five years ago. He received his teaching license and a master's degree in secondary education. He is now the Head Coach of Xavier University's club football team.

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## 1986



**Nancy Arndt** enjoys volunteer work in her free time, helping to feed the homeless and working with the elderly. She loves the outdoors and animals. She and her husband,

Andrew Houghton, have one daughter, Jennifer, finishing her third year of medical school and a son Andrew, who is an electrical engineer getting married in September. Nancy says her dental education means everything to her life and livelihood. "I am blessed to care for all who come to my office as well as my wonderful team," she says.

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**John Kestranek** is semi-retired. He and his wife, Donna, have been married for ten years and have a son, Anthony, who graduated from the CWRU School of Dental Medicine in May. He has two grandchildren. "CWRU offered me the finest dental education possible. I will be forever thankful for learning the skills necessary to provide needed dental care to so many people," he says.

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**Laurie Brightman Gittess** is a practicing, full-time orthodontist. She and her husband, **Robert '93**, have two children; their son recently graduated from UCLA, where their daughter is also a sophomore. She says that her dental school education at CWRU was incredible and that it opened many doors for her in life and that it has given her and her family so many enriching experiences, both professionally and personally.

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**Thomas Dundon** is the Chief of Dental Service at the Cleveland VA Medical Center and Commander of 912<sup>th</sup> Dental U.S. Army Reserve. His wife, Linda, is the Director of Rehab Services at the Cleveland VA Medical Center. The two have three children: Tommy, Chris, and Ryan. "I love CWRU and the dental profession!" he says.

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**Judi Whitcomb** and her husband, Randy Viola, live in Bedford, NH with their two dogs. Judi enjoys spending her time traveling and says her dental education gave

her the knowledge and skills to become an integral part of the healthcare system while allowing her to improve her patients' lives every day.

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# CWRU ON THE ROAD



Attendees of our reception at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting reception.

## 1987

**Diana Kyrkos** currently runs her private practice out of Bay Village, OH. She and her husband, John Davenport, enjoy boating, skiing, tennis, and yoga in their spare time. Diana says her dental education provided for her family and allowed her to contribute to society doing something she loved.  
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## 1991

**Jerry Kolosionek** has three children and is a partner in the North American Dental Group. He is also a Preceptor at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.  
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## 1996



**Nawaf Masri** and his wife, Abeer, have been married for 12 years and have three children: Zayna, 11, Hamza, 9, and Malek, 6. He enjoys spending time with his children and watching them play sports. He moved to a new office two years ago and is considering teaching part-time.  
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**Philip Znidarsic** and his wife, Michelle, have two beautiful children: Allie, 11, and Claire, 4.  
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## 2001



**Tom Chandler** currently owns his own orthodontic practice in Prosper, TX. He and his wife, Jennifer, have been married for 10 years and have two sons, Vince, 5, and Max, 2. "CWRU was a wonderful experience, which I will always value. I received an excellent education and made lots of great friendships and experiences that I will cherish for a lifetime," he says.  
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**Suparna Argekar Mahalaha** and Hrishue have been married fifteen years and they have three children, ages 10, 6, and 5. She currently splits her time between the Care Alliance Center and the CWRU School of Dental Medicine's Geriatric Program.

## 2006

**Meredith Baily and Wael Youseff** received the Massachusetts Dental Society "Ten under 10: Highlighting Our Profession" award at the Yankee Dental Congress this past January. This award highlights the diversity of new dentists in Massachusetts and the significant contributions they make to the community and profession.



## IN MEMORIAM

### 2011



**James Ford** continues practicing at his private practice. He enjoys spending his spare time with family and friends, as well as fishing and hunting. Last November, he and his wife, Laura, welcomed a beautiful daughter, Kennedy Marie, into their family. He says that his dental education opened the door for a lifetime of professional personal achievements.  
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### 2015



**Meredith Garber Owen** recently celebrated her one year wedding anniversary. She is currently a lieutenant in the US Navy.

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**David A. Adams '56** passed away on April 17, 2016 at the age of 91. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Willoughby, a talented musician, a loyal friend and a WWII Veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps. He is survived by his three daughters, nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.



**Jack Beattie** of Winter Park passed away peacefully Sunday April 3, 2016. His passion for his career in orthodontics was marked by a legacy of service to his profession. Among his many elected and appointed positions, he served for many years as a Delegate to the American Dental Association and as a Delegate and Council Chairman for the American Association of Orthodontists. He received accolades and service awards from those organizations as well as from the Florida Association of Orthodontists and the Southern Association of Orthodontists. He is widely recognized for the passion that he brought to the pool as a competitive swimmer. At sixty-six years of age, he was part of a record setting relay swim across the English Channel. He is survived by Ernestine, his wife of 56 years, his children and grandchildren.

**Samuel F. Brisini '48** died March 14, 2012 in Ebensburg, PA at the age of 91. After graduating from CWRU, Dr. Brisini completed his post-graduate work in dental anesthesia at Ohio State University. He served as a dental officer in the Army Reserve during the Korean War and was honorably discharged from the Reserve in 1959.

**Richard J. Brysacz '62, MGMT '95** passed away on November 14, 2015 at the age of 80. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Audrey, their children and other relatives.

**Vincent C. Canepa '43** died on November 15, 2015 in Florida.



**John W. Corcoran '53** died on November 29, 2015 in Charleston, SC. A native of Dayton, OH, after graduating Wilbur Wright High School in 1942, Dr. Corcoran attended one year of pre-med at Miami University of Ohio before leaving to serve as a medic, corporal, and company clerk in the 20th Armored Division of the US Army for thirty months during WW II. After the war, John returned to Miami University and earned his degree in 1948. After graduating from CWRU, he set up private practice in Cleveland in 1955. In 1965, John became the Director of Dentistry for Handicapped Children at Case Western while continuing to supervise five City of Cleveland dental clinics that served indigent children. He became a full-time faculty member of Case Western Reserve in 1966 and was appointed chairman in 1967. In 1968, Dr. Corcoran became the chairman for the newly formed Dental School at the Medical University of South Carolina. He continued his studies at The Citadel, earning a M. Ed. in 1978, majoring in Clinical Counseling and Psychology. After his retirement in 1989, Dr. Corcoran enjoyed many hobbies including travel, making stained glass creations, playing Mahjong, and studying oral Chinese. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Frieda, two children, three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**Edward A. Coy '50** passed away on November 11, 2015 at the age of 91. An Akron native, Dr. Coy practiced dentistry in the area for forty-four years. At one time, he served as President of Akron Kiwanis, Akron Branch of the American Dental Society and on the American Dental Association Council of Dental Therapeutics. Dr. Coy received two Purple Hearts while serving with the 84th Division of the U.S. Army during World War II. He is survived by three children, one sister, and six grandchildren.

## IN MEMORIAM



**Donald L. Creager, Jr. '63** passed away on July 4, 2015 at age 77. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Mary Creager, six children, and four grandchildren. Dr. Creager

practiced dentistry for 43 years in Pueblo, CO, where he was born. He previously owned a discount food store and a mercantile, in addition to managing the computer systems of a Catholic school as a part of a self-taught second career in information technology. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and hunter.



**David J. Edwards '64** died on March 15, 2016. He practiced dentistry for over 50 years prior to retirement. His positive attitude, unending spirit, generosity and graciousness

touched everyone he met. A lifelong fisherman, he loved his wide circle of friends and spent as much time as possible outside on his pond or fishing at the Cape Cod Canal. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sons, James and Scott; and two grandsons.



**Joel N. Gillespie '47** died on January 4, 2016. Dr. Gillespie was born in Toole, Utah and later attended the University of Utah. He completed his post-graduate studies in

orthodontics at the University of California – Berkeley and set up his first practice in Salt Lake City, where he met his wife Barbara; they had four children. He retired in 1980 to serve three years as Mission President of the North Carolina Raleigh Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, directing 150 young missionaries. Dr. Gillespie was an avid reader and golfer. He is survived by three children, 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

**Edward A. Hill '74, '76** died on February 4, 2016 at the age of 64 in Concord, OH. Dr. Hill graduated from John Carroll University before receiving his dental degree from CWRU. He practiced dentistry in Willoughby and Chardon. He also held positions with

the Lake Co. General Health District and the Ohio Department of Corrections. He was a past president of the North East Ohio Dental Society, former chair of the Lake Hospital System Dental staff and a past president of the Chardon Kiwanis Club. He was an avid nature photographer and was active in photography clubs in the northeast Ohio area. He enjoyed outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking. Dr. Hill is survived by his wife Jean, his daughter, Jacqueline, his sister Carol and both of his parents.



**Jefferson Jones '80** passed away on March 11, 2016 at the age of 64 in San Diego, CA. Dr. Jones matriculated through Pittsburgh Public Schools, Penn State University and

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. He is survived by his sister, Mary H. Bradford (Tom), his brother, E. Carter Jones, niece Leah Bradford, nephews Brian Bradford (Tess), Emmett C. Jones III (Anita), Jason A. Jones, a host of relatives, friends and a dedicated dental office staff.



**Bernard "Don" Kenney '55** died April 27, 2016 at the age 88, He was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Columbia Hills Country Club. Don was a

resident of Parmadale as a child and later volunteered as a football and basketball coach. He was an amateur boxer and an avid golfer.

**Ralph W. Latham, Jr '43** died peacefully at home on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at the age of 95. He graduated from Middlebury College and Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and then he was inducted into the Navy Dental Corps, serving as Lieutenant in World War II and the Naval Reserve. He later practiced Dentistry in Roslyn, Long Island and was very active in the New York Dental Society until he retired to Charlottesville in 1981. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Margaret, their children and other family members.

**Richard A. Magovich '72** passed away May 30, 2016 at the age of 69. He was a resident of Lakewood, OH. He was a member of American Legion Post 91. He is survived by his wife, Shelia, five children and 10 grandchildren.



**W. Frederick Marshall '59** passed away on November 15, 2015 at the age of 81. Dr. Marshall graduated from John Carroll University before receiving his dental degree

from CWRU. He interned at St Luke's Hospital in Cleveland before returning to Mansfield, OH in 1960 to start his dental practice. In addition to his private practice, he served as the dentist for Richland County Children Services and provided service to Mansfield General Hospital, Peoples Hospital and Woodlawn Nursing Center. Dr. Marshall retired in 2002 after 42 years of practice in Mansfield. He was a member of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity, a career member and former officer of the Mansfield and Ohio Dental Societies and the American Dental Association and was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Delta Dental of Ohio from 1985 to 1995. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marilou, four children, and four grandchildren.



**Paul M. Morrison '55** died on January 30, 2016 in Flagler Beach, FL. Born in Tiffin, Ohio, Dr. Morrison graduated from Heidelberg College in 1951.

Following his graduation from CWRU School of Dental Medicine, he served in the U.S. Navy as a Lieutenant and was stationed at Main Navy Dental Clinic in Washington, D.C. He later practiced in Bethesda, MD. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carolyn, three children, and fourteen grandchildren.



**Philip D. O'Brien '54** passed away at the age of 88 in Mentor, OH on December 3, 2015. Dr. O'Brien received his undergraduate degree from John Carroll University. He later

taught at CWRU after graduating with his dental degree. His wife, Margaret, preceded him in death; he is survived by six children.



**Leo W. Pfeiffer '43** passed away October 14, 2011 at the age of 94. He was a Navy veteran of WWII, retired orthodontist and a long standing member of the Lilac City Toast Masters. Dr. Pfeiffer is survived by his daughter-in-law, Diane S. Pfeiffer, grandchildren, Benjamin (Emily) Pfeiffer and Emily Pfeiffer, and other relatives and friends.



**Robert M. Phelps '53** passed away on February 6, 2016 in Warner, NH at the age of 88. Dr. Phelps was born in Clifton Springs, NY. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and had

his own dental practice in Cleveland for over 40 years. He retired in 1992 and moved to Grantham, NH in 2013. He was an active member of the Church of the Western Reserve in Pepper Pike, OH and had previously served as Secretary of the Ohio Dental Association. He was also an accomplished woodworker. His wife, Eleanor, preceded him in death; he is survived by two children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.



**William Radefeld '52** passed on January 18, 2016 in Sarasota, Florida. A Cleveland native, Dr. Radefeld served in the U.S. Army in WW II; he received three Purple Hearts. Following

the war, Dr. Radefeld graduated from Baldwin-Wallace College and CWRU School of Dental Medicine. He opened his dental office in Parma, Ohio, where he practiced for 34 years until retiring to Sarasota, Florida. Dr. Radefeld is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two children, two stepchildren, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.



**Richard Randle '62** died February 21, 2016 at the age of 80. Dr. Randle attended the University of Utah before receiving his dental degree and master's degree in orthodontics

from CWRU. He served as President of the Utah Society of Orthodontists in 1974. He co-founded the Park City Rotary Club in 1980. When he retired from dentistry in 2001, Dr. Randle founded a War Veteran Speaker Series held monthly at the Salt Lake City library. He was a co-writer, host, and narrator of KUED'S award winning series, Utah's World War II Stories and Utah Vietnam stories. He received two Emmy Awards for his work on the series. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Kay, five children, and twenty grandchildren.



**Winston H. Richie '52** died on February 12, 2016 at the age of 90. He was born in Jersey City, NJ and grew up in the Cleveland area, where he practiced dentistry for three decades. Dr.

Richie served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He attended Adelbert College, where he was on the basketball team, later graduating from CWRU School of Dental Medicine. He was Shaker Heights' first African-American councilman and vice mayor, a realtor and a leader of innovative integration programs. Dr. Richie and his wife, Beatrice, co-founded the Ludlow Community Association; he also co-chaired the East Suburban Council for Open Communities, a non-profit, which participated in a public-private partnership aimed at promoting racial integration in Cleveland's suburbs. He was an avid traveler. His wife preceded him in death; he is survived by four children and seven grandchildren.



**Dennis R. Rinaldi '59** died on August 12, 2014 in Palm City, FL, at age 80. Born in Cleveland, after receiving his undergraduate and dental degrees from CWRU, he moved to Florida for

his post-graduate residency with his late wife, Carolyn. He practiced dentistry in Jensen Beach, FL for 35 years. He is survived by four children and five grandchildren.

**Lawrence B. Schmookler '45** passed away on September 2, 2013 at the age of 93 in West Palm Beach, FL. He is survived by two children, nine grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.



**Raymond M. Sugiyama '64** died at the age of 78 in Long Beach, CA. He served in the U.S. Army as a dental technician. After serving, he attended CWRU School of

Dental Medicine. Until recently, he taught orthodontics at Loma Linda University. Among Sugiyama's greatest contributions to orthodontics was developing a special set of braces, known as the Sugiyama Evidence-Based Asian Prescription, that is better suited to the tooth anatomy of people of Asian descent. He traveled the world, often at his own expense, teaching and lecturing on his research. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, sons, Darren and Brandon and grandson, Estevan.

**Daniel K. Sullivan '63** passed away May 28, 2016 at the age of 86. He was a US Army Veteran.



**John B. Taylor '56** died March 4, 2016 at the age of 89. He was an avid railroad enthusiast; he enjoyed his HO scale railroad and was talented in creating model homes and other

buildings for his layout. He also competed in the Falmouth Race until 2006. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; three children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert L. Yackee '57** passed away on April 26, 2014 in Monticello, GA. He had a long dental career in South Miami, FL.

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In October 2017, the School of Dental Medicine will celebrate its 125th anniversary. We are interested in hearing from you about how your lives have been impacted by the school over the years. We are looking for stories, anecdotes, letters, archival photos and artifacts that highlight your personal connection to the school.

You can share your story by emailing us at [Celebrate125SODM@case.edu](mailto:Celebrate125SODM@case.edu) or by calling 216-368-5758



**The celebration begins this fall on October 14th with the  
Dental School 125th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration  
5:30 PM – 11:00 PM  
Westin Cleveland Downtown | Orchid East, 6th Floor  
777 St. Clair Avenue NE | Cleveland, OH  
Cost: \$20**

The celebration continues ALL YEAR!

Events and activities will be taking place around the country and will culminate during Homecoming 2017 with a reception and concert at the House of Blues in Cleveland on October 7, 2017!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

**July 23, 2016**

Reception at the National Dental Association Convention  
Marriott Marquis  
265 Peachtree Center Avenue  
Atlanta, GA  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

### AUGUST

**August 5, 2016**

White Coat Ceremony  
Amasa Stone Chapel  
2:00pm – 3:00pm  
Followed by Reception in the Biomedical Research Building (on campus)  
3:30pm – 5:00pm

You do not have to attend a conference to attend its reception.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 216.368.5758, toll free 877.468.1436 or email [dentalalumni@case.edu](mailto:dentalalumni@case.edu)

### SEPTEMBER

**September 12, 2016**

Reception at the American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting  
Marriot Marquis San Diego Marina  
333 W Harbor Drive  
San Diego, CA  
6:30pm – 8:00pm

**September 16, 2016**

Reception at the Ohio Dental Association Annual Session  
Hyatt Regency  
350 North High Street  
Columbus, OH  
5:00pm – 7:00pm

**September 21, 2016**

Reception at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Session  
Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino  
3950 South Las Vegas Blvd  
Las Vegas, NV  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

### OCTOBER

**October 13-16, 2016**

Homecoming & Reunion Celebration  
Kick-off to year-long celebration of the 125th anniversary of the dental school.  
Events will be held around the university and in downtown Cleveland at the Westin Hotel.

Homecoming is for the entire dental school community — alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends. There will be class dinners on Saturday evening for those class years ending in 1 and 6 that are celebrating a reunion.

**October 21, 2016**

Reception at the American Dental Association Annual Session  
Hyatt Regency Denver  
650 15th Street  
Denver, CO  
6:45pm – 8:30pm

### JANUARY

**January 27, 2017**

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

## CWRU ON THE ROAD



*Left: Reception attendees at the Hinman Dental Meeting.*

*Bottom Left: Dean Kenneth Chance with alumni gathered at the Ontario Dental Association Annual Spring Meeting.*

*Bottom Right: Dr. Nabil Bissada with program residents during American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting.*





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