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# message from the dean

## Case Western Reserve University Launches \$1 Billion Fundraising Campaign

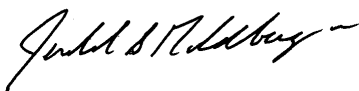
Dear Friends,

**O**n October 13, President Barbara R. Snyder announced the public launch of "Forward Thinking: The Campaign for Case Western Reserve University." The president shared news of the \$1 billion fundraising initiative with more than 3,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends as part of a campus-wide celebration. The national outreach that accompanies a campaign like this provides our school of dental medicine with a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our alumni for their input, support and investment in our future.

The university's 2008 strategic plan, Forward Thinking, has driven the development of campaign priorities. For the School of Dental Medicine, where our success is based on the quality of our faculty, students and physical environment, those goals include raising funds to endow chairs, to ensure we attract and retain world-class faculty, and provide student scholarships to attract the best and brightest students in our pre- and post-doctoral programs. The centerpiece of our portion of the campaign will be the expansion of our school. A new, state-of-the-art, multimillion dollar, two-story addition will be built on top of the existing clinics. Our current building, opened in 1969, can no longer provide the infrastructure necessary to carry us into the future. As well, this expansion will give us an impressive presence on Cornell Road. The first floor will be shelled in space to allow for clinical renovations to create a health care facility that will be interprofessional in nature and will define a broader primary care role for dentists. The second floor will house a portion of our research program, which has enjoyed explosive growth over the last decade. In the coming months we will select the architects and construction team and look forward to sharing the building design with you.

This is an incredibly exciting time to be associated with the school as we continue to discover the future of dental medicine. I hope all alumni will take this opportunity to not only support our annual fund, which provides crucial operating support, but also consider a special gift to support this campaign. Our success over the years has lead us to a position where our next steps will not be achieved by efficiency, or by running faster on the treadmill. Future success will require an infusion of resources from those who share our vision, to improve patient care through education, research, community service and an unwavering commitment to excellence.

The school's volunteer leadership, including the Visiting Committee, Alumni Board and Campaign Committee, are closely involved with the project. As well as thanking them for their service, I hope you will all play a part by investing in the future of dental medicine at Case Western Reserve University. With your help, I am confident that we will reach our current target of raising \$32 million to support these important initiatives.



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# the school of dental medicine today

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## Mother Nature's oral antibiotics research gets \$2.25 million help from NIH

BY SUSAN GRIFFITH

Research from Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine to study an isolated agent from common oral bacteria may hold the answer as to how human beta defensins (HBDs)—nature's way of keeping oral microbes from entering the body and wreaking havoc with our health—can be used to create new treatments to block bacteria from entering through the epithelial linings on and in the body.

Aaron Weinberg, D.M.D., Ph.D., professor and chair of the department of biological sciences at the dental school, will lead the research group on a five-year, \$2.25 million National Institutes of Health-funded project.

The new grant, Weinberg said, will continue the exploration of their discovery last year of an agent called *Fusobacterium nucleatum*-associated Beta-Defensin Inducer (FAD-I).

This agent triggers the expression and release of the HBD peptides from epithelial cells that make up the mucosal linings of the body, such as skin, the respiratory tract and the gastrointestinal and urogenital tracts.

Weinberg and his research group reported FAD-I's discovery in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* article, "*Fusobacterium nucleatum*-Associated Beta-Defensin Inducer (FAD-I)." The researchers described the identification, isolation and functions of FAD-I.

The new grant that continues FAD-I research has several foci: (1) isolating which strains of *F. nucleatum* bacteria have more potent FAD-I activity and why, (2) continued research to understand more about the biology and structure of FAD-I, and (3) using a mouse model to see how effective it is as a potential treatment.

In addition, the researchers are particularly interested in why FAD-I sets defensins to work without triggering inflammation, which can be a health risk if the inflammation is not abated by the normal defense system. In the mouth, it can cause gum disease and eventual tooth loss.

"It started with our observation that when the bacterium comes in contact with human epithelial cells, it promotes the induction of these HBD peptides," said Weinberg.



HBDs put up a defense when challenged by oral bacteria and block the invasion of the more than 700 species of bacteria in the mouth from entering the body. Oral bacteria have been linked to pre-term labor, fetal death, heart disease, diabetes and other health conditions.

The researcher and his team have studied the link between the mouth's bacteria and the induction of HBDs for more than a decade. In a step-by-step process they have unraveled the symbiotic relationship between this common oral bacterium and the peptides.

In the process of understanding HBDs and oral bacteria by focusing on *F. nucleatum*, they discovered FAD-I on the surface of the outer membrane of this bacterium. Even when the outer membrane portion containing FAD-I was separated from the main bacterium,

FAD-I continued to induce HBD action in vitro. In addition, when researchers genetically expressed FAD-I in other bacteria that didn't induce HBD expression and release from epithelial cells, the bacteria were then able to induce HBD expression and release, Weinberg explained.

So, the idea is to promote nature's own antibiotics in sites where they would come in contact with FAD-I, Weinberg said.

"The possibility exists that FAD-I can induce defensins in other parts of the body where they are found. Wouldn't it be neat if we could promote the expression of Mother Nature's own antibiotics in vulnerable sites by intentionally challenging the sites with FAD-I and thereby protecting the sites from microbial challenges?" ■

## Ohio Dental Association Foundation awards scholarships and grants to support dental education



*Jessica Liggett (EFDA), Alicia Jenkins (EFDA), Noor Almudallal ('14), Jessica Chrzanowski ('14), Julia Salmeron ('13), Kate Cartwright ('13)*  
*Not pictured: Kayla LaFollette (EFDA) and Bethany (Doroghazi) Craig ('12)*

The Ohio Dental Association Foundation (ODAF), largely supported by Ohio Dental Association member dentists, has awarded funds to support dental education to students and programs throughout Ohio.

In August, the ODAF awarded scholarships to CWRU dental students and EFDA's.

### This year's award recipients from CWRU are:

- Kate Cartwright of Brunswick. She is a 3rd-year dental student and received the Dr. Burton P. Siegel Scholarship in the amount of \$8,013. This is a one-time scholarship awarded in honor of Dr. Siegel to an Ohio dental student who excelled academically and had a strong history of volunteerism.
- Julia Salmeron of Lakewood, a 3rd-year dental student who received a \$6,000 scholarship.
- Bethany (Doroghazi) Craig of Cleveland Heights, a 4th-year dental student who received a \$5,000 scholarship.
- Jessica Chrzanowski of Brecksville, a 2nd-year dental student who received a \$4,000 scholarship.
- Noor Almudallal of Gates Mills, a 2nd-year dental student who received a \$3,000 scholarship.
- Kayla LaFollette, EFDA student, received a \$1,000 scholarship.
- Alicia Jenkins, EFDA student, received a \$500 scholarship.
- Jessica Liggett, EFDA student, received a \$500 scholarship.

To learn more about the ODA Foundation, contact the Foundation Director at (614) 486-2700. To learn more about public service programs, oral health issues and dentistry in Ohio, visit [www.oda.org](http://www.oda.org) — Ohio's resource of oral health information. ■



# CWRU Dental School Establishes Unique Craniofacial Fellowship

BY SUSAN GRIFFITH

Over the next year, two new fellows will begin clinical work and research in the first university-based and accredited program on congenital craniofacial anomalies at Case Western Reserve University and University Hospitals Case Medical Center.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) has provisionally approved the post-graduate Clinical Fellowship Program in Craniofacial, Surgical and Special Care Orthodontics, which will be housed in the dental school's Bolton Brush Growth Study Center.

The Department of Orthodontics is accommodating the new fellows by undertaking a \$250,000 renovation project within the department's home on the dental school's third floor. The facility also houses the 3D conebeam CT scan, used in recording craniofacial images that provide some of the most in-depth images of the facial structures.

Manish Valiathan, D.D.S., M.S.D. '99, associate professor of orthodontics, has worked to develop the program that will enable fellows to gain experience in working with some of the most complicated craniofacial anomalies that babies are born with and require complex, and often times long-term, rehabilitation.

Valiathan said many orthodontic graduates get minimal exposure to such cases.

The fellows, who are already trained orthodontists, will become part of a medical team that includes orthodontists, craniofacial

surgeons, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, laryngologists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, pediatric dentists, social workers, and others that provide health care from infancy to adulthood.

He also mentioned that some of these deformities cannot be corrected until the patient finishes growing. This means that children have to be under long-term rehabilitation that might require different treatments at different times in the child's life.

About 70 percent of the craniofacial anomalies affect the lip and palate (clefts), which impact how a child breathes, eats and makes sounds. The conditions involve surgery to correct the lip and/or palate. Other congenital deformities may present as syndromes such as Aperts, Crouzons, Goldenhar, Sticklers and others. In addition to deformities in the head shape that can impact sight, hearing or cognitive development, multiple other systems in the body can also be affected.

Two fellows will join the program over the coming years. Their arrivals will be staggered to make sure that a fellow will be present to provide care to these patients at all times. The patients' ages will range from newborns to age 21.

Those interested in this post-graduate fellowship, which provides eligible candidates a competitive living stipend each year, can apply through the Graduate Studies Office at the School of Dental Medicine. See <http://dental.case.edu/grad> for more information. ■

## New Director of Admissions Announced



Emil Chuck, Ph.D., has been appointed as Director of Admissions. He received a B.S. in Engineering from Duke University and a Ph.D. in Cell Biology from Case Western Reserve University. Before joining us, he was the health profession/prehealth advisor at George Mason University. He has been very active with the National Association for Advisors of the Health Profession on a variety of topics. He recently presented at the annual ADEA meeting.

Recruiting students are mission-critical activities. Dr. Chuck—along with the strong support of his team—is charged with recruiting an academically talented, dedicated, compassionate, and diverse group of students for our school.

Dr. Chuck said, "I am excited to join the School of Dental Medicine as we are adjusting to a number of changes happening in health professional admissions. From the introduction of new dental

schools in the near future to imminent changes in the educational expectations of future prehealth applicants driven by the new MCAT and other medical admissions trends, I'm excited to be part of an exciting time at the CWRU SODM as we are promoting our historic tradition as an outstanding place for clinical education and research.

I would like our department to attract the best applicants from all across the country (and the world) who are enthusiastic, engaged learners and advocates for oral health in our community. To this end, I have been implementing social media strategies to broaden our visibility to prospective applicants and their faculty mentors to make them aware of our mission-centric curriculum.

I would even be willing to coordinate visits with alumni interested in promoting CWRU SODM to their local high school or undergraduate students." ■

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# Getting the health care team together for changing times

Five hundred future dentists, physicians, nurses and social workers from Case Western Reserve University came together this fall to discuss a collaborative approach to a widespread and potentially life-threatening health issue—diabetes and obesity.

“Health care is moving toward a team-based, shared-decision model,” says Jerold Goldberg, dean of the School of Dental Medicine. “Students need to learn early on how to address problems together.”

Goldberg and Kristin Victoroff, associate dean for education, spearheaded a workshop for students from four of the university’s professional schools.

Faculty members from the different schools worked together to plan the event. Students learned about the roles of their peers in other areas of study and discussed different approaches that can benefit patient care.

Goldberg has long said that good oral health is integral to whole-body health.

What happens in the mouth has a big impact on human health—from diabetes to preterm labor.

The student event at CWRU began with dinner and remarks by the four schools’ deans. Attendees were primarily first-year students from dentistry, medicine and social work, with third-year bachelor of nursing and first-year master in nursing students also taking part.

Small group sessions later in the evening touched on perceptions of one another’s professions by reading a paper about diabetes from each profession. Students



then talked about how their varying professions would approach the issue of obesity and diabetes and how to bring these different approaches together in a comprehensive health plan. Each small group was led by a faculty member from one of the four professional schools.

“The power of the combined knowledge and skills of different professions working together will improve patient care,” Goldberg said.

An interprofessional approach already is an integral part of the dental school program. Its Family First program holistically treats family members from multiple generations for dental and related health issues. The program collaborates with faculty from the School of Medicine’s departments of nutrition and family medicine to examine a broad scope of conditions that might impact oral health.

The Family First program gives second-year students an active learning experience and

exposes them to patients under the guidance and mentoring of third- and fourth-year students, as well as faculty.

Family First follows first-year dental students’ experience in the community and with schools to examine the teeth of Cleveland-area children. Through the initiative, called Healthy Smiles Sealant Program, thousands of children have received exams, sealants and oral health education. Children with more extensive oral health needs are referred to a community dentist or the dental school clinic.

Third- and fourth-year students also work with their counterparts in other health-care fields when they perform their rotations at the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland.

“This workshop was just the beginning of interprofessional approach to health care for many of these students,” says Victoroff. “They’ll continue to build these skills throughout their careers.” ■

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a piece of white chalk, drawing a diagram on a dark chalkboard. The diagram consists of a large circle on the left and a series of lines on the right that form a stylized, upward-pointing arrow or a simplified human figure. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the hand and the chalk.

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Creating dental education, service, and facilities for 2020 and beyond



## CWRU's 'Forward Thinking' campaign

On October 13, President Barbara R. Snyder announced \$80 million in new commitments as part of the launch of "Forward Thinking: The Campaign for Case Western Reserve University." The president shared news of the \$1 billion fundraising initiative with more than 3,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends as part of a campus-wide celebration.

"Case Western Reserve is an outstanding national research university poised to become even more extraordinary," Snyder said. "Our alumni and friends recognize this institution's remarkable potential and have invested generously in the programs, projects and people required for us to realize it."

These gifts and others announced earlier enabled the university to raise more than \$660 million during the "quiet phase" of the campaign, which began about four years ago. The university plans to use the five-year public phase of the campaign to continue fundraising and increase alumni engagement.

"The national outreach that accompanies a campaign like this provides a wonderful opportunity to reach out to our alumni and learn what issues are uppermost on their minds," said Snyder, who visited more than two dozen alumni chapters during her first year in office. "I look forward to sharing the story of our growing momentum with our graduates, and hearing their ideas and suggestions."



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BY MARGARET MULLIGAN

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## Vision for the school

As an alumnus/alumna, you know that the CWRU School of Dental Medicine has long been a leader in private dental education and a major contributor to new knowledge. Your campaign support for the school will help us to continue to advance dental education, research, and patient care. Your contributions will also fund a new capital construction project that will create a state-of-the-art physical space that reflects and enhances the quality of the program.

According to **Dean Jerold Goldberg, D.D.S. '70**, “while we are planning to build a new building, it will not simply be a ‘nicer version’ of a 1960s building. This structure will take the dental school into the year 2020 and beyond.” The building will feature a two-story addition, giving the school a presence on Cornell Road. The first floor will be shelled-in space for additional growth in the clinics. The proposed second floor will be the research floor, which will house expanded research projects, particularly the school’s urban health initiatives.

“This building and growth represents a measured management of our expansion,” said Dean Goldberg. “We are not simply adding a floor; we are adding capacity in physical plant and adding to the breadth of our clinical teaching. We’re going bigger, but we are also going better.” To meet these objectives, the School of Dental Medicine’s campaign goal is \$32 million.

The building will physically represent the exciting changes that are happening. But it’s what will be going on inside that will be even more dynamic. “We are innovating, in areas such as curriculum, additional professorships, and program support for our departments and clinics,” said Dean Goldberg. And, in a move that is just as essential, these added resources will ensure the future by bringing in the best and brightest students, supporting them with more scholarships and a superior learning experience.

## A new space—a new frontier

The proposed construction project promises to create new space and enable the renovation of existing areas to better suit a leading dental education program, DMD pre-doctoral program and six specialty programs:

- Advanced Education in General Dentistry
- Endodontics
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Orthodontics
- Pediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics

Dedicated research areas, mixed-use space for classrooms and faculty offices will enhance, and in some cases expand, these programs’ clinical footprints and will again, attract the best students and faculty to the dental medicine school, while providing room for additional future growth.



## Education

The School of Dental Medicine takes a unique approach to dental education—integrating problem-based and service learning into its classrooms, labs, and clinical and community experiences. Its curriculum embraces an interdisciplinary approach to the education and training of dental professionals, who refine their skills through a combined 85,000 patient-visits per year in ambulatory clinics and hospital-based programs.

The result is a keen understanding of a patient's entire health profile—including the environmental, socioeconomic and genetic factors that could impact his or her risk levels and outcomes. This reflects an uncompromising commitment to providing care at the highest level. Scholarships, curricular and program funds, and capital project support are needed to continue to attract and retain tomorrow's oral health champions.

## Research

A growing body of research demonstrates the link between oral health and whole body well-being. The dental school's noteworthy clinical and research advancements have well positioned it as an epicenter of knowledge about the relationship between oral health and infectious diseases, AIDS, preterm birth, heart disease and stroke, health disparities, health delivery systems and more. These discoveries have helped advance frontiers of knowledge about the

prevention and treatment of diseases that extend well beyond the traditional boundaries of dental medicine. Research fellowships and additional state-of-the-art laboratory spaces are critical to fueling this acquisition of new knowledge.

## Community care and outreach

The School of Dental Medicine provides a critical access point for the surrounding community to access a range of health services. The school is bringing dental care—the top unmet health care need for children, the elderly and for those living in poverty—to those in Cleveland who need it most. The dental medicine school provides preventive care in every elementary school in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. The school also works with the Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland to provide free care to more than 10,000 patients every year. Program support and sponsorship are essential to keeping these students and faculty members out in the field, improving the health of their neighbors.

Dean Goldberg explained that “the school's commitment to the community is an essential aspect of the learning experience that we are increasingly emphasizing. Our clinics serve patients and they are a true community resource. In this down economy, our clinics have seen increasing numbers of patients. This enterprise not only directly serves a community in need, it brings a richer educational experience to the students.



"If dentistry wishes to ensure its place as a profession that is respected as a group of caring professionals," he added, "we must move aggressively but we must also move toward real service. The community service we provide in the clinics will ensure that this professional goal is met."

### **Consider making a gift to support your dental school today**

The dental school also has an important place and role to play in the mission of the wider university and during the quiet phase, has made considerable progress. Most noticeably, the dental school has recently received major commitments of \$1.5 million each, to fund the first two endowed chairs in the school's history: The Dr. and Mrs. R. William Cornell Jr. Endowed Professor of Pediatric Dentistry will be the first endowed chair in the 118-year history of the school. This was followed in October 2010 by the establishment of the Wotman Professorship for Public Health at the School of Dental Medicine. Also **Donald Goodman, D.D.S. '45** and Ruth Weber Goodman established an endowment fund of more than \$11 million, which will allow the school to enhance its role as a leader in dental education and research.

"Throughout the school's history, our alumni have given generously to meet the funding priorities of the school, be it operating support through the annual fund, to special gifts to benefit a department or program or to named endowments and scholarship funds," said **Simon Bisson, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations.**

These gifts have been, and will continue to be vital to the overall health of the school. To accomplish our campaign goals we must

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reach out to our alumni, friends and champions and ask them to consider investing in the school at higher levels than in the past. It is hoped that each alumnus and alumna will, on a personal level, consider what the CWRU School of Dental Medicine has meant to them or to their careers. Ask yourself the question, "Do I want to make a difference in the future of dental medicine at Case Western Reserve University?"

If the answer is yes, you may be surprised to learn about the various ways to make a commitment to the school. Commitments can be spread over time, can provide significant tax advantages and even provide income for you or your beneficiaries.

This is a tremendously exciting time for the School of Dental Medicine, but we cannot make this transformation alone. We need your help and investment to succeed. Consider how you can help secure the future for dental students of today and tomorrow. All you have to do is take three simple steps to make the future possible:

- Reflect—think beyond the possible
- Support—today's students and faculty depend on support from alumni like you
- Connect—see how your gift allows students to exceed their potential

To learn more about supporting campaign initiatives at the School of Dental Medicine, please contact Simon Bisson, Assistant Dean, Development and Alumni Relations at 216.368.3923 or [simon.bisson@case.edu](mailto:simon.bisson@case.edu) or visit the school's Forward Thinking page at <http://case.edu/forwardthinking>. ■



GRADUATE STUDIES

## Department offering two new residency fellowship programs in public health and special needs orthodontics

BY MARK HANS, D.D.S., M.S.D. '79, '81, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES



We are pleased to announce that two new residency and fellowship programs will soon be offered through the office of Graduate Studies:

- Residency in Dental Public Health
- Fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Needs Orthodontics

These two programs have been accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and have been granted "initial accreditation" status.

The School of Dental Medicine is committed to addressing disparities in oral health in the community. To that end, we congratulate **Sena Narendran, B.D.S., D.D.P.H.R.C.S., MSc.**, associate professor of community dentistry, who has been awarded two, five-year training grants totaling nearly \$2.6 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration. One of the grants will be used for pre-doctoral training programs, allocating \$1.281 million for the school's Family First Program and soon-to-be-established dual degree in Doctor of Dental Medicine and Masters of Public Health (DMD/MPH). This grant includes tuition and a pre-doctoral level stipend for eligible dual-degree trainees.

Family First program is a clinical experience for sophomore dental students and is a collaborative effort with the Departments of Family Medicine and Nutrition; and the

school is collaborating with CWRU School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics to implement the dual degree program (DMD/MPH).

The remaining grant money will be used to establish a post-doctoral dental public health residency program at the dental school. This program will offer tuition and a post-doctoral level stipend for the eligible trainees. The dental public health residency program will be implemented in July 2012 and interested candidates should contact Dr. Narendran at [sena.narendran@case.edu](mailto:sena.narendran@case.edu), or by phone: 216.368.1311.

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## A Department on the Move



*Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. '80,  
Department Chair*

Our department continues to garner interest from programs in other countries, with a constant stream of distinguished international visitors. Currently we are welcoming:

- Dr. Mohammed Shehab, from Cairo University, here for a 6-month fellowship.
- Dr. Yeliz Kilinc, visiting from Gazi University in Turkey, here for a 6-month research exchange program.

Congratulations to **Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D., D.D.S., F.A.C.S. '97**, who has been awarded tenure in the department and the dental school. He has attained the rank of associate professor. It is a well-deserved honor. This is the first tenured professorship in the department since 1997, when former oral surgery department chairman Michael D. Powers, D.D.S., M.S., was so chosen. Dr. Quereshy has been on the CWRU dental school faculty since 2000, and is the departmental residency program director. Dr. Quereshy is also an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS).

Our other faculty members also continue to garner recognition, both nationally and internationally. **Robert**

**D. Heckel, D.M.D. '57**, has been active as a site visitor for accreditation of residency programs for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dale A. Baur, D.D.S. '80, is also serving on the ABOMS examination committee and as a co-chair for Section 3, and serves as a site visitor for CODA.

Congratulations also to **Tyman Loveless, D.M.D.**, oral surgery resident, for being the winner of a Carestream Dental and Windent OMS (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) scholarship. The awards are given to "a new generation of outstanding oral and maxillofacial surgeons."

Dr. Baur spoke in Turkey this fall at the Turkish Society of Oral Surgery, on TMJ replacement. Dr. Quereshy traveled to Egypt in October to speak to colleagues there. As well, the department continues to be prolific in research and publication.

Finally, the department has completed an upgrade of the outpatient clinics, with a goal of occupying more space in the dental school after the school's modernization. Thank you to our donors for their support. ■



*Faisal A. Quereshy, M.D.,  
D.D.S., F.A.C.S., Director  
of Residency Program*

## PERIODONTICS

## Department continues to gain recognition



*Nabil F. Bissada, D.D.S.,  
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The "Watch Your Mouth" program, which the department produced in conjunction with the local PBS station (WVIZ-TV) gained a great deal of positive attention from local and national media.

The program's focus on gum health emphasized the importance of mouth health to overall health. The program featured **Aaron Weinberg, D.M.D., Ph.D.**, who explained, "Gum disease equals inflammation. And inflammation equals trouble for the rest of the body." The program has resulted in a significant increase in referrals to the clinic.

The department was also featured in the October 2011 issue of *Inside Dentistry*, where we explained research findings concerning the association between gum disease and prostatitis. Our findings indicate that periodontal health and disease have consequences for health in many other bodily systems. In our study, patients were divided into two groups: no to mild periodontitis, and moderate to severe periodontitis. The PSA levels in the men with moderate to severe periodontitis were higher, indicating that PSA might be a general inflammatory marker, possibly warning of systemic inflammation.

Our departmental training continues to be innovative. We have a number of new projects including training and education across functional lines through our change management groups. Collaboration with medical and surgical departments in the

University Hospitals and the Cleveland Clinic such disciplines as Rheumatology, Urology, Orthopedics, Obstetrics and Cardiology.

The department is also making strides in research, technology, and dissemination of findings through publications of new findings by our faculty and graduate students, in several medical, dental and periodontal Journals.

Four of our program's graduates have been named diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology. They are **David Z. Diamond, D.D.S., M.S.D. '09**, **Nishant Joshi, D.M.D. '06, M.S.D., '09**, **Bana Anbari, D.D.S., M.S.D., '04**, and **Naheed Mohamed, D.M.D., M.S.D. '10**.

There are three new residents in the department who are participating as first-year graduate students. **Braden Atkins '11**, **AbdelAzeem Hazem** and **Shahir Malek**. ■

# FACULTY NEWS



**Dr. Kristen Victoroff**, Associate Dean for Education and Associate Professor of Community Dentistry, was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 82nd Annual Convocation in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 10, 2011.

An honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community, the College presented Dr. Victoroff with a membership plaque, a gold lapel pin and a gold key symbolic of this Fellowship for conspicuous service rendered the art and science of Dentistry.

In the cap and gown ceremony, almost 300 dentists from the United States were inducted into the College at this year's ceremony witnessed by hundreds of members and guests. The College, with representative chapters in more than 80 countries, has over 11,000 members, including 6,500 in the United States. ■

The American College of Dentists (ACD) is the oldest national honorary organization for dentists. Its members have exemplified excellence through outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. In response to serious problems facing the profession, the American College of Dentists was founded August 20, 1920, by the then leaders of dentistry to elevate the standards of dentistry, to encourage graduate study, and to grant Fellowship to those who have done meritorious work. The American College of Dentists is nonprofit and apolitical, and has long been regarded as the "conscience of dentistry."

The College recently inducted 318 dentists at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, October 11th. **Dr. Sorin Teich**, Associate Professor, Director of Clinical Operations, was inducted into this group at that ceremony. ■



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## Reunions

To start planning your upcoming reunion, please contact Sara Fields, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations at (216) 368-3924 or [sara.fields@case.edu](mailto:sara.fields@case.edu). We will celebrate the classes ending in 2 and 7 at the 2012 Alumni Weekend and Reunion.



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

# Samuel C. Muslin, D.D.S. '77

CWRU DENTAL SCHOOL SET THE BAR THEN, CAN SET THE BAR NOW

### *In his own words...*

All my fellow graduates of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine should be appreciative of their training. The school, newly built during the seventies, set the bar for what a dental education should be. Now it is time to restore it to its greatness for the next generation of dental students. It is our legacy and the future dental students deserve to learn in a state-of-the-art facility by the best instructors in the world.

CWRU was my first choice in dental schools because of the incredible reputation that the school had earned in the California University textbooks back in the early 1970s. As a Californian, I had reservations about saying goodbye to the ocean to study in Cleveland, but the CWRU experience did not disappoint. I made lifelong friends with Clevelanders such as **Anthony LoPresti, D.D.S. '77**.

One upperclassman truly influenced my path. He was **Stephen Cooke, D.D.S. '75**, who had a unique approach in the dental clinic. He told me to go to the toughest-grading clinical instructors because "they will teach you something." The strategy was to learn from these demanding men even if that meant taking an occasional brutal critique of my work.

Following that advice, I completed all of the clinical requirements in just three years. With a sense of accomplishment, and to be



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honest, devoid of another idea at the time, I approached the dean of the school at that time, **Thomas Demarco, D.D.S.**, to request an early graduation. The conversation was brief. Dean Demarco seemed to take pleasure in telling me, in no uncertain terms, "NO!" However, in exchange for the outright denial, he offered me what he termed "action."

The very next day this action flooded my life. It included very tough cases like full mouth reconstructions, hospital periodontal surgeries, complex orthodontics, endodontics and a lot of restorative dentistry. It was overwhelming and technically challenging. The most valuable part of the Dean's action was that it taught strategic thinking. How was a wannabe doctor going to have the fortitude to rely on what he has been taught, while at the same time harvesting the bravery to trust his instincts?

The academic, technical, and problem-solving training at the CWRU dental school was nothing short of phenomenal. My education made transitioning into private practice a survivable feat. However, it was the foundation provided by the discipline of strategic thinking—discipline born in the teaching clinics—that has allowed me to take dentistry to the next level in my practice for the past 30 years.

Your continued support will foster the next generation of strategic dental innovators. ■

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## Donor Recognition Event

Dean Jerold Goldberg hosted the School of Dental Medicine's annual donor recognition event on Tuesday, June 21st. A dinner was held at The Country Club in Pepper Pike, Ohio. The guests included donors to the school and dental students who received scholarships.

Kenneth B. Chance, D.D.S. '79, Angelo A. Daprano, D.D.S. '67, '71 and Mrs. Edith Miller received special honors for their generous support of the dental school. We appreciate the support of our alumni and friends of the School of Dental Medicine. This event is an additional way to show our gratitude and to say thank you. ■

**1** Ron Occhionero '61, Joe '78 and Dianne Mellion, Jack Gerstenmaier '75

**2** Edith Miller with Dean Goldeberg '70

**3** Ken Chance '79 accepts award from Dean Goldberg '70

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**5** Angelo Daprano '67, '71



## Mixing all the right ingredients for her future practice

*What is that heavenly scent? Can't quite place the spice? Then you are probably in the kitchen of Nicole Apollon Chirouze, recipient of a scholarship from the Virginia Lois Kennedy Endowment Fund. Chirouze, a second-year student, describes herself as a "foodie" who has always loved to cook.*



She recently got interested in cooking French food "since my husband is French." She's also cooking up a tasty preamble to her dental career at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

Chirouze says she is immensely grateful for the scholarship, and that it has allowed her to avail herself of all the opportunities that the school offers. For example, she participated in a summer research program identifying the barriers that prevent HIV patients from seeking oral health care. She has also been able to serve as the periodontics club president. These experiences have enriched her learning at the school.

It has allowed her to continue to enjoy her outside (and inside) passions while she attends dental school. These activities are multifaceted. In addition to cooking, Chirouze enjoys hiking and making jewelry, as well as reading. But—no question about it, her main love is cooking. "I am a foodie," she says. "I love to cook. I collect recipes and cookbooks. I really like to work with spices, maybe because my father is

Haitian. I started off working through various spices and adding them by the cookbook, but now I experiment. I'm always looking for new spices to try. I love the spice stand at the [Cleveland] West Side Market."

Why did she decide to go to dental school? "I have always had an interest in being a healthcare provider," she says. "I like to work with people and I love to work with my hands." Originally from Maryland, Chirouze attended Princeton for her undergraduate education, where she received a degree in economics. She attended graduate school at Drexel University where she earned a Master in Public Health degree, focusing on health management and policy. She also bolstered her pre-dental school credentials with science course work from the University of Maryland (Baltimore).

Variety is the spice of life and that seems to be one important determinant of Chirouze's choice of dental schools. She chose CWRU because "as a student, you get to start working with patients from the get go. I also like the PBL [problem-based learning] structure. This method of learning really appealed to me, given my experience and previous education. I like the real-world cases. I know that component of my education will be advantageous to me when I graduate."

How does she envision her future practice? "I want to own my own small business," she says. "I want to know my patients well. I want to be a healthcare provider who participates in the community."

Sounds like a recipe for success. ■

Nicole Apollon Chirouze is the recipient of the Virginia Lois Kennedy Endowment Fund, one of the critical sources of support to the school. Gifts like these allow us to attract the best and brightest students and educate them for future careers in dentistry. If you'd like to do your part to support future professionals, please contact the development office at (216) 368-3480 or toll free at (877) 468-1436.



# 2011 Graduation

A standing room only crowd packed into the Church of the Covenant on May 15th for the graduation ceremony for the Class of 2011. Raymond Gist, ADA President, was the graduation speaker. Family, friends, faculty and staff watched as the students were presented with their diplomas.

Congratulations to the 82 students - 28 females and 54 males. Fifteen are Ohio residents.

The graduates' upcoming plans:

- 33 Private Practice
- 19 AEGD/GPR
- 1 Endodontics
- 16 Military\*
- 5 Pediatric Dentistry
- 1 Periodontics
- 1 Prosthodontics
- 2 Public Health
- 1 Oral Surgery
- 3 Orthodontics

\*Some students are enrolled in military postdoctoral programs so they are counted twice



*Alex Mellion receives an award from L. Don Shumaker, D.D.S.*







# Introducing the Class of 2015

The Class of 2015 has 75 members, comprising 44 men and 31 women. The class self-identified as having:

The average age of the class is 23.8 years with the youngest being 19 and the oldest 40.

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# Legacy Matters

*An important part of any university is the ongoing tradition of family members attending the institution. Today, the School of Dental Medicine is still committed to honoring our Legacy Families because we realize alumni can pay no greater compliment to their graduating institution then by sending family members to their alma mater.*



## STUDENT

Anthony Benza

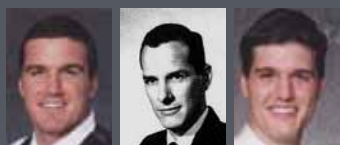
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Remember, "It's all in the family" at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine!

# message from the alumni association president

## Greetings fellow alumni,

This is truly an exciting time to be an alum of Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

I am thrilled and proud to follow Dr. Stuart Katz '69 as your next President of the Alumni Association Board of Directors. He had a very successful tenure during which we strengthened our board's composition by adding regional members from other parts of the country. We also added recent graduates, as well as diversity.

Our school continues to prosper under the visionary leadership of our Dean in all venues, including the two recent endowed Chairs in Pediatric Dentistry and Public Health. The REAL curriculum has proven to be the most successful innovation in dental education in recent years; and our research department is being nationally recognized for the pioneering efforts in oral disease. As alumni there is much of which to be proud and more to come.

Those of you who attended Alumni Weekend, particularly the classes ending in '01 and '06, had an opportunity to enjoy the excitement that surrounds seeing each other, renewing your commitment to the School and celebrating the awarding of the Distinguished Alumnus of the year, Tom VanDyke, D.D.S., Ph.D. '73. He certainly epitomizes the academic professional and joins a prestigious group of previous recipients. We are fortunate, also, to have Tom's input as a regional representative on our Board.

We welcomed another fantastic graduating class, 2011, on that same weekend, which increased the lifetime membership of our association with more youthful enthusiasm. These young doctors now become part of dentistry's future and are destined to be leaders in our profession because of their world-class experience at our School of Dental Medicine.

We initiated the 75 member Class of 2015 at the White Coat Ceremony on August 5. This was a most impressive group of individuals with the highest average GPA and entrance exams in the school's history. After being advised of the responsibilities that lay ahead of them during their next four years to graduate and become a professional by David Owsiany, J.D., Director of the Ohio Dental Association, they donned their white coats and took the oath to become "student doctors." Smiles were seen all around. This class of 15 is also diverse, with a male : female ratio of 44 : 31.

The opportunities to become an involved alumnus/alumna are numerous; and I challenge each of you to discover a way to make a difference in these exciting times that are ahead for our school and our profession. Your Board of Directors will make every effort to engage you during my service as your President so that you, too, can find a way to champion our mission.

Professionally yours,  
E. Karl Schneider, D.D.S. '71



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# Results of the 2011 Reunion Giving Challenge



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**2**  
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and Dennis Agin

**3**  
Class of 2001 with  
Professor Landers:  
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Michael Landers '76,  
Charles Pereversoff,  
Jordan Spencer and  
Pranav Patel.





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All gifts received between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 counted toward the class giving totals.

With the expense of dental education quickly rising above what we receive from tuition, and research costs far exceeding what we acquire from grants, the school depends on alumni and friends, like you to make up the difference. We appreciate your support.

The classes with the highest giving total are listed on the Reunion Giving Challenge Plaque hanging at the dental school. The class of 1986 had the highest giving total having donated \$63,604. They also had the largest number of classmates return for Reunion Weekend.

#### Kudos to the Class of 1986! ■



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*1956 Classmates:  
Edward Hahn,  
William and Carol  
Schmidt and William  
and Elaine Harlan*

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*1973 Classmates:  
Page Caufield,  
Brent Miller,  
Tom Van Dyke,  
Dan Degesys with  
Mary Bartkus,  
Barbara Van Dyke  
and Roma  
Jasinevicius '76.*

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*1986 Classmates:  
John Rohrabough,  
Roger Ota, Tom  
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Bernes, Jill and  
William Schmidt.*



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## 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award

# Thomas E. Van Dyke, D.D.S., Ph.D.

TOP RESEARCHER SAYS HE OWES A LOT TO CWRU

By Ken Wood

A military tour of duty in 1973 changed the course of periodontal research. Fresh out of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, Thomas E. Van Dyke, D.D.S., Ph.D. '73 was assigned to work at a U.S. Army dental clinic in West Germany. For Van Dyke, the experience at the Army's Bad Toelz Dispensary was a life-changing one.

"That was when I determined that I didn't want to go into the full-time private practice of dentistry, and that my focus would always be more on the research side," Van Dyke says. Having worked as a research tech during dental school, he was familiar with the culture of research. After discussions with his CWRU mentor, Morris Matt, D.D.S. '48, he decided that a combined dental specialty and Ph.D. program was the path to take.



*Meredith, Charles, Tom, Barbara, William and Derek*

Dental research has benefited from his decision. Van Dyke, currently Vice President for Clinical and Translational Research and Chair of the Department of Periodontology at The Forsyth Institute, is one of the nation's top researchers and is now conducting studies that could revolutionize the way dental professionals treat periodontitis and inflammation-induced bone destruction.

His exceptional research career and his contributions to CWRU have earned Van Dyke the dental school's 2011 Distinguished Alumnus Award. He was nominated by T. Roma Jasinevicius, D.D.S., M.Ed. '76, who met Van Dyke when she entered CWRU as a student in the 1970s and is now an associate professor in the dental school's Department of Comprehensive Care.

Jasinevicius says Van Dyke's accomplishments speak volumes. "Not only has Dr. Van Dyke supported the CWRU School of Dental Medicine throughout his career as a spokesperson, class leader and Alumni Board member, he is the quintessential example of a true professional, the type of dentist the school strives to develop: a clinician, researcher, teacher and humanitarian," she says. "His work on inflammation is critical to the link between oral and systemic disease."

Van Dyke grew up on Long Island, New York, at a time when he says "there was still space between the towns – it wasn't just one city running into another." At the suggestion of a guidance counselor at his parochial school, Van Dyke, who was interested in the sciences and medical care, enrolled at Western Reserve University, which soon merged with Case Institute of Technology to form CWRU.

After his stint in the Army, Van Dyke attended the State University of New York at Buffalo, where he received a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Periodontology in 1980 and a Ph.D. in oral



biology in 1982 and served as a clinical assistant professor of periodontology. He went on to chair the periodontology departments at Emory University's School of Postgraduate Dentistry in Atlanta and the Eastman Dental Center in Rochester, N.Y. Van Dyke then directed the Post Graduate Program in Periodontology and the Clinical Research Center at the Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine for 15 years before joining The Forsyth Institute in October 2010.

Van Dyke, who now lives in West Roxbury, Mass., says he has no regrets about choosing a career in research and teaching over private practice.

"For me, it is intellectually challenging – every day is different. Every day is a new discovery," he says.

Van Dyke says CWRU helped establish the foundation for all of his work.

"I owe a lot to CWRU – it really got my career going," he says.

It is also where he met his future wife, Barbara, on a blind date during Van Dyke's undergraduate sophomore year. Barbara, who went on to graduate from the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing in 1971, and Tom have been married 41 years and have two sons, Charles and William.

Van Dyke's laboratory focuses on basic research, clinical research and bridging the gap between the two through translational research. He says he is encouraged by his current studies of specialized lipid

mediators that reduce inflammation, protect from bone loss and actually stimulate tissue regeneration for those suffering from periodontitis and inflammation-induced bone destruction.

"It is very, very exciting," he says.

Jasinevicius says Van Dyke's cutting-edge research was one reason why his nomination for the Distinguished Alumnus Award received enthusiastic support. She says Leena Palomo, D.D.S., M.S.D., '00, '04, a fellow Alumni Board member and an Assistant Professor of Periodontics at CWRU, noted that Van Dyke's study of inflammatory mechanisms "identify agents which resolve inflammation in not only periodontitis but also in other diseases involving other chronic inflammation such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease" and that his work "continues to broaden the horizons of our profession."

Jasinevicius says she and Palomo joke that "in part because of Tom's work, we have improved our dietary intake of omega 3!"

Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. '70, dean of the School of Dental Medicine, has known Van Dyke since his days as a dental student.

"He is an outstanding person who is doing outstanding things," Goldberg said. "His work on inflammation has contributed in a major way to our knowledge, and its importance is demonstrated by invitations he receives from around the world to share the findings of his research. I am most impressed by his persistent and methodical approach over many years to advance our ability to care for patients."

Van Dyke hopes his current research results in treatment that has a lasting benefit to public health.

"Maybe," he says, "I can ride off into the sunset having cured something." ■



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# REMEMBER – RETURN – RECONNECT

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The School of Dental Medicine celebrated another reunion with the class years ending in 1 and 6 on May 13-15, 2011. We even celebrated with a member of the class of 1940 who represents the school's oldest class with living members. Over 300 alumni and friends returned for the festivities.

The weekend began with a welcome back reception hosted by Dean Jerold Goldberg '70. Alumni gathered at the Intercontinental Hotel and Conference Center and had the opportunity to catch up with classmates, faculty and staff. Class photos were taken during the reception. Later, the classes went to their class dinners and continued to reminisce. Relationships that began in school have continued over the decades.

Saturday morning started with two great courses, a financial seminar lead by Brandon Collier (LAW '97), practicing attorney and president of Collier, Sarner & Associates, Inc. and a continuing education course presented by our 2011 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Thomas Van Dyke, D.D.S., Ph.D. '73.

In the afternoon, alumni returned to campus to tour the dental school and reminisce about the professors, courses and fun they had while in school. Dean Goldberg and Jack Love '58 led the tours and talked about the many changes that have occurred over the years.



*Tom Van Dyke '73, Jerold Goldberg '70 with ADA President Raymond Gist.*

Spouses had the rare opportunity to view all the action of the InterContinental culinary team at a Chef's Table held at the hotel. They could ask questions as the chef prepared a delicious three-course lunch.

The afternoon brought alumni together in the relaxed atmosphere of the hospitality suite at the Intercontinental. There was the opportunity for alumni across various decades to share their dental school experiences. Lots of laughter could be heard coming from the hospitality suite.

The fun continued Saturday evening with a celebration honoring Tom Van Dyke as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. Dr. Raymond Gist, ADA President and this year's commencement speaker, attended the Gala Awards Dinner and congratulated Tom.

Kudos to the reunion class representatives that helped bring the classes together. The reward was easy to see in the happy faces and to hear the boisterous conversation. Many mentioned how they are looking forward to doing it again in another five years. ■



*Class of 1981 **Front Row:** Nelson Smith, Thomas Kaufholz, Gery Benza.  
**Back Row:** Joseph Finelli, Michael Zvosec, Robert Larson, Dale Barker, Stephen Ritz, William Nemeth, Gary Truxton, Richard Covolo*

# Class Photos

*Reunion Weekend – May 2011*

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**'40-'46** *Edward Ferreri '40, Jerold Goldberg '70,  
Herbert Adelstein '46*



**'51** *Howard Koch, Arthur Sheehan, Milton Hirsch, Thomas McMullen*



**'56** ***First Row:** Alan Breitbart, Cletus Oswald, Alfred Votypka,  
William Schmidt, Harold Rothermel  
**Second Row:** Edward Hahn, William Forth, Carl Montione,  
William Harlan, Daniel Sazima, Thomas Raffa*



**'61** ***First Row:** Bruce Motter, Ronald Occhionero, Howard Pressman,  
Robert Hale  
**Second Row:** Thomas McCune, Charles Wiedman, Merle Frankel,  
Howard Bloom, Stanley Brown, Manuel Freeman*





**'66** **First Row:** William Kent, William Nichols, Yede Baker-Dennis, Richard Stroom, Ronald Lipin, Dennis Agin  
**Second Row:** Neil Cantor, Edward Kurz, Robert Puruzzi, Anthony Iacobucci, Michael Sabat, Michael Morgan



**'71** **First Row:** Edward Durica, Albert "Ace" Goerig, Geza Terezhalmay, Karl Schneider, Bruce Abbott, William Evanko  
**Second Row:** Philip Imperi, Dennis Beeson, Donald Lennon, James Goodwill, Frederick Knoll, Larry Hill, Hugh Habas, John Blakemore



**'76** **First Row:** Augustine Chan, Michael Healey, Roma Jasinevicius, Thaddeus Mandato, Samuel Nesbit  
**Second Row:** Russell Poe, Bill Yergin, Michael Landers, Kent Caserta, Edward Ruch, Paul Bertin, Donald Lewis



**'81** **First Row:** Dale Barker, William Nemeth, Gery Benza, Richard Cavolo, Nelson Smith, Stephen Ritz  
**Second Row:** Joseph Finelli, Donald Ahern, Russell Cureton, David Wright, Kim Gardner, William Francis, Thomas Kaufholz  
**Third Row:** Andrew Babinec, Michael Zvosec, Gary Truxton, Joseph Allen, Robert Larson





**'86** ***First Row:** Lawrence Hale, Anthony Bastulli, Nancy Arndt, Flavia Sreshta, Laurie Gittess, Robert Buda*  
***Second Row:** Patti Berns, Linda Canepa, Denise Heyman-Hales, Stephen Atkins, Cynthia Mikula, William Schmidt, Robert Skiffey, Brian Smith*  
***Third Row:** Thomas Dundon, Roger Ota, Sally Baden, Anthony Salem, Frank Ditzig, Matthew Villaire, Thomas Schmidt, John Rohrabough*



**'91** *C. Aydin Cabi, Paul Vig, Thomas Voutsas, Donald Horn, Jerry Lambert, Erwin Su, Robert Caruso*



**'01** ***First Row:** Nhu Tran, Gretchen Bush-Palmer, Viviana Vagalau, Suparna Mahalaha, Rebecca Robbins-Coley*  
***Second Row:** Christopher Spoonhower, Nagesh Shrestha, Pranav Patel, Matt Pawlick, Theodore Pappas, Joe Wigfield, Jordan Spencer, Tom Chandler*  
***Third Row:** William Poole, Chad Wise, Charles Pereversoff, Philip Coniglio, Ajay Reddy*



**'96** ***First Row:** Christine Skordeles, Estela DeCastecker, Julia Tabachnik*  
***Second Row:** Craig Paszt, Jeffrey Sobecks, Bartt Colahan, John Carlozzi, Felix Gen, Eric Morrison*



**'06** *Milton Ntragatakis with Jennifer Wallace, Assistant Director of Development*

# class notes

## 1951

**Milton Hirsch** and his wife, Norma, are retired and living in San Diego. He is "enjoying fairly good health, golf a couple times per week, and keeping a busy schedule of lectures and activities with my wife."

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## 1956

**William Forth** and his wife, Marilyn, make their home in New York State. They also spend January, February, and March in Vail, Colorado, where they enjoy skiing.

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**Gene R. Hawk** (see sidebar story pg. 35)

**Thomas Raffa** still practices part-time in Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Louise.

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## 1960



**R. William Cornell** and wife visited with Dean Jerold Goldberg '70 in New York earlier this year.

## 1964

**Giedra Matas** sends greetings and would like to observe a couple of mother-daughter milestones that are related to the dental school. Giedra was the first female inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon upon her own graduation. When her daughter **Daina Matas (D.D.S. '91)** was inducted into the dental honor society, they were the first mother-daughter duo to achieve this distinction. The duo is also



*Kent '57 and Jeanine Acomb recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.*

the first mother-daughter pair to graduate from the School of Dental Medicine. They are both also members of the American Dental Association, the Ohio Dental Association, the Greater Cleveland Dental Society, and are associate members of the Chicago Dental Society.

## 1966

**Tony Iacobucci** says that retirement in Ohio now affords him time to exercise daily at a health club, sing in the choir and cantor at his church, play with his computers, and engage in gardening, and cooking in his wood-fired oven. It also allows him to spend time with his "girlfriend" aka wife, Jacqueline, "while I still remember why!" His best memory from school is when he was working on a patient "in the old clinic. A voice from behind says, 'Tony, give a hand.'"

**Mike Horii '66, '72** was working on a heavy patient. He bumped the chair lever, it dropped back, and he could not get the patient off of his lap."

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**Marshall Johnson** and his wife, Paula, are living in North Carolina, where he works in general dentistry at DentalWorks. He hopes that "all of you have enjoyed wonderful years in dentistry and in your personal lives." He also enjoys golfing.

**Jerome Kustin** just moved his Ohio-based practice and is now sharing space with **Leslie Greenberg '67**. Jerome and his wife, Gayle, live in Parma, Ohio.

**William Nichols** is in practice in Ohio with his daughter, Jennie.

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**Michael Sabat (MS '68)** continues to practice in two orthodontics locations in Ohio. He also continues to teach about the application and theory of the Damon technique. He recently was awarded the Phelps Instructor of the Year award.

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**Howard Sperber** and his wife, Donna, send greetings from Pepper Pike, Ohio, where he is retired and pursues his passions of family, Israel, and dogs. He volunteers his time with the Geauga County (OH) dog warden. He says that he remembers the "school lockdown to find [William] Shaw's articulator."

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## 1967

**Leslie Greenberg** (see 1966 note)

## 1971



*Karl '71 and Betty Francis at the alumni reception in Utah.*

**Richard Craybas** and his wife, Frances, live in New York State, where they enjoy golfing, skiing and yearly travel to Italy. Richard is involved with local and state dental committees. He also follows Syracuse and Penn State sports.

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**Jim Goodwill** still works three days per week in Delaware. He has this memory from school: "Our first day of class, we were welcomed by Dean Paul Boyle, who said to us, 'There are 94 of you in this class. I

expect in four years all 94 of you will still be here.' [Compare this to] my friends in other schools who were told, 'There are 160 of you in this class. Look to the left and to the right. In four years, one of you won't be here.' I made the right choice."

**Hugh Habas** and his wife, Sherry, live in New Jersey where he practices full-time. He also enjoys tennis, skiing and playing the piano. Also, he says three dental study clubs take up a great deal of his time.  
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**Philip Imperi** and his wife, Marcy, live in Ohio. He is an account manager for a tier-1 supplier to the appliance industry.  
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**Fred Knoll** is director of fixed prosthodontics at the University of Florida School of Dental Medicine, Hialeah branch.  
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**Jim DiLascio** says he is getting ready to retire from his full-time oral maxillofacial surgery practice in New Jersey. He and his wife, Annmarie, have two children, a new son-in-law, and hopefully, "grandchildren soon!"

## 1973

**Tom Daley** and his wife, Gail, live in Maryland, where he works four days per week and goes sailboat racing two to three days per week.

**Oreste Zanni** has been named clinical director, advanced specialty education program in periodontics at the Boston University School of Dental Medicine. He also serves a clinical assistant professor of postdoctoral periodontics at the school, in addition to his private practice and clinical appointments.

## 1975

**Rolf "Buzz" Behrents (MS '75)** received the Louis Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teacher and Research award during the 2011 annual meeting of the American Association of Orthodontics in Chicago. The

award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to orthodontic teaching and research. He is the executive director for advanced dental education at St. Louis University. In addition he continues to serve as a research associate at the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center at CWRU.

## 1976

**John Briggie** and his wife, Debbie, are working to keep the bills paid, he says. They live in Coral Gables, Florida. John remembers joining the Crown & Bridge study group, whose meetings were scheduled for Wednesdays after class. However, he says they tended to meet, "Friday PM at Minello's bar in Little Italy."

**Augustine Chan** sends greetings from Ontario, Canada, and "wish[es] you all good fortune, health and happiness!"  
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**Stuart Cotler** is a board-eligible candidate for the American Board of Orthodontics. In addition, he is a member of the American Dental Association, the American Association of Orthodontists, the World Federation of Orthodontists, and is a Fellow for the American Association of Orthodontic Research. He has a private practice in Mays Landing, New Jersey, where he lives with his wife, Naomi, and their three children. He also runs 10K races, reads, and delves into history in his spare time.

**Kenneth Schwartz** is living and working in upstate New York, and assures us that he still is healthy, has hair, and that life is great. He has "fond memories of Cleveland and Cleveland Heights."  
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**Bruce Zweig** sends greetings from California. He asks the question, "Remember when you guys thought Coors beer was the best?" His memorable dental school moment: "donuts, coffee, and a stenographer for 8 a.m. biostatistics lecture."  
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## 1977



**Francis Curd** recently joined LECOM School of Dental Medicine in Bradenton, FL as Assistant Dean of Clinical Education. He is currently a consultant to the Northeast Regional Board of Dental

Examiners and he helps to administer "The American Dental Licensing Examination in Dentistry" in 15 northeastern states and the District of Columbia. He is a member of the Board of Directors for The Diversity Foundation and a member of the Board of Directors of Health Legacy of Cleveland.  
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## 1980



**Rhea Haugseth (PEDO '80)** became president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in May 2011. She is committed to organized dentistry and enjoys working with children. She says, "I love

to see kids smile and I'm committed to giving them the best dental care available to make their smiles healthy and beautiful. That is why I stay so active in professional associations and continuing education. It takes a lot of work to keep up with the latest techniques but it's worth it when I see bright, healthy teeth smiling back at me after an exam."

## 1981

**Donald Ahern** has two busy practices in Maine. He enjoys spending time with his four children, as well as boating, skiing, tennis, golf, running, hiking, and biking. He also serves as an assistant scoutmaster and merit badge counselor of Boy Scouts.  
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**Joseph Allen** tells us he works six days per week in his practice in Atlanta, and stays booked three months in advance. "We do





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not advertise," he says. He also tells us that his brother went to work at age 16 "so I could go to dental school at age 22." Now Joseph helps to promote his brother's three martini bars, and says, "Y'all come down now, you hear?" He also remembers "heading up the shows of entertainment for the dental school with Dave Curtis, David Wright, Andrew Babinec, and Gordon Sokoloff. What a blast!" Also, he says, "going to Lake Erie with Bill Francis and producing a 'special' slide show presentation...the slides were shown during Dr. [Brian] Kastner's lecture... fortunately he was amused!"

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**Andrew Babinec III** is a movie buff, a Steelers fan, and a trustee of the local (Youngstown, OH) dental society. He remembers being in a unique dental school theatrical troupe "performing in front of the school...as the B\*\*\*\*\*t Boys."

**Steven Benenfeld** says that after 10 years in dental practice he decided to go to medical school. He is now also a Doctor of Osteopathy. He has completed a residency in anesthesiology and a pain medicine fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. After being "many places," Steven is now back home in Brooklyn, NY. He is single.

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**Russell Cureton**, his wife, Janice Ann, and their family are living in California. His memories from school include "playing euchre at lunch with Jerry Faist, Chris Auty, and Dave Ash. After playing for three years, Chris and David still owe Jerry and me \$10K!" He is also enjoying being a grandfather and singing in his church's praise team. Russell has also been enjoying scuba diving for the past three years.

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**Kerry Damascus (M.S.D. '81)** was a guest lecturer at CWRU School of Dental Medicine in April for the Periodontics Department. His lecture, titled *New Applications of Lasers for Periodontal*,



Department Chair, Nabil Bissada and Kerry Damascus

*Implant and Extra Oral Problems*, was well received by the faculty and residents.

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**Louis Malcmacher** is living and working in Bay Village, Ohio, where he has kept busy. He is president of the American Academy of Facial Esthetics, he is a general and cosmetic dentist, is a lecturer and author, and has been named one of the leaders in dental CE for the past 12 years. He and his wife, Chanie, have four children and eight grandchildren.

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**William Nemeth** and his wife, Meg, are living in Ohio, where he still works full-time in private practice as well as being an attending dentist at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. He enjoys boating, scuba diving, and skiing. One of his memories from school is "Dave Curtis's lectures with slides."



David Sikora and his wife, Janet

**David Sikora** and his wife, Janet, enjoy traveling to warm climates, so they can scuba dive. Dave loves photography and gardening and he also enjoys tennis and bicycling with his wife. They also enjoy the

local zoo near their home in Ohio. Three of their four children went into the healthcare field as well. One is a nurse anesthetist; one is a dermatologist, one is beginning a residency in dermatology, and the fourth is finishing an MBA program.

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**Nelson Smith** enjoys boating, fishing, jogging and traveling. He lives in Ohio with his wife, Ann, and their children. A favorite memory from school is "Dave Curtis's weekly pathology comedy routine."

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**Joseph Styger** is living with his wife in California, where he is working 4 to 5 days per week, and restoring British sports cars. He also enjoys hiking and skiing. Joseph and his wife have one daughter.

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Elaine and Jim Whitney with their three daughters.

**Jim Whitney** and his wife, **Elaine '84** have a busy dental practice in Georgia. Their oldest daughter is finishing her final year of dental school at the Medical College of Georgia. Their two younger twin daughters have finished college and are starting their own careers. Jim tells us that he continues to work on a medical/dental mission in Haiti, something he has done since 2001.

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**Mary Zelli** says she can't believe that 30 years has gone by so quickly! She is practicing orthodontics in a multispecialty group practice in Virginia. She enjoys reading, skiing, traveling, wake-boarding and wake surfing.

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**Michael Zvosec** and his wife, Dianne, are living in Ohio. They have three grown children.

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## 1982 and 1983



Phil Dixon '83, Joe '82 and Bonnie Mirci and Carolyn Dixon at the alumni reception in Utah.

## 1984



Tab Bingham '86, Dean Goldberg '70 and Craig Proctor '85 at the alumni reception in Utah.

**Elaine Fly Whitney** (see 1981 note)

## 1986

**Nancy Arndt** says that she "loved our four years together." She is in private practice in Ohio.

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**Anthony Bastulli** has this query, "25 years, are we that old!?" He remembers graduating in the rain and that the Dean "forgot to announce the School of Dentistry." He has been in a new facility for his endodontics practice for the past three years in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

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**Laurie Brightman Gittess** and her husband, **Robert '93**, are in practice in Florida, where



Dean Goldberg '70, Tom Kelly '89, Joe Mellion '78, Ron Lemmo '84 and Chairman of Periodontics Department Nabil Bissada at alumni reception during the Ohio Dental Association annual meeting.

Laurie has been practicing orthodontics for 16 years. She says she is still an avid runner, but is also busy being a figure skating mom for their daughter, and a swim mom for their son. Her message: "I hope everyone is living up to their dreams after 25 years in dentistry."

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**Andrew Dentino** says that the main activity he and his wife, Monica, indulge in these days is "tuition, tuition, tuition" for their seven children. Andrew practices in Milwaukee.

**Tom Dundon** sends greetings from Chardon, Ohio. He is in practice at the Cleveland VA Medical Center.

**Lawrence Hale** and his wife, Patricia, are working hard to "keep our kids in college." They live in Venice, Florida.

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**Edwin "Ed" Hawk** (see sidebar story pg. 35)

**John Rohrabaugh** says "50 is the new 35." He and his wife, Penni, have four sons and live in Ohio.

**Robert Skiffey** remembers doing an "overhead press [of] Scott Rose into the lake. He bought it!" He is in general practice in Akron, Ohio, where he lives with his wife, Dawn, and their children. He also enjoys karate, having achieved the level of a Second Degree Black Belt, as well as judo and coaching football.

**Norman Sorkin** wants to tell his classmates, "thank you for your friendship and support." He is a comprehensive care instructor to 3rd- and 4th-year dental students at NYU



## All in the Family

Three generations of graduates from the School of Dental Medicine practice under one roof in New Philadelphia, Ohio. The tradition continued when **Carrie Hawk, D.M.D. '11**, joined the practice started by her grandfather, **Gene R. Hawk, D.D.S '56**. Carrie's father, **Edwin "Ed" Hawk, D.D.S. '86**, joined the practice after he graduated from CWRU.

dental school. He also works one day per week at the Manhattan VA Medical Center. He remembers "having Dr. Atkins as my preceptor. He was a tremendous teacher and an outstanding person. It was only later that I realized just how much I learned from him."

**Matthew Villaire** says that "from the first day to the last, each day [of dental school] was memorable: funny, sad, stressful, enjoyable, and unforgettable. [The] best time of my life."



# class notes

1987



*Jean Iannodrea '87, Ed Shellard '87, Jay Joseph '84*

**Ed Shellard** is Chief Marketing Officer and Director of Business Development, Global Dental for Kodak Carestream Health in Atlanta, GA. He was happy to see some of his classmates who are Preceptors in the dental clinic while he was on a tour of the dental school.

1991

**Daina Matas** (see 1964 note)

1993

**Robert Gittess** (see 1986 note)

1994

**David Harmon** is serving as a part-time clinical assistant professor in the department of orthodontics at the University of Maryland. He is also the executive director of the Maryland State Society of Orthodontists. He also is in practice in Mitchellville, Maryland where his wife, Shonda, is the practice manager.

1995

**John Holman** was recently installed as the president of the Mississippi Dental Association. He is board certified in orthodontics and has been in private practice for 16 years in Tupelo.



*Christine Bavola '85, Jeffrey Spiegle '73, Dean Jerold Goldberg '70, Frank Petrakos '95, Andrew Babinec '81.*

**Frank Petrakos** hosted Dean Jerold Goldberg at a reception in Youngstown.

**Brad Richman** (see 2007 note)

1998 and 1999



*Marsha Pyle '84, David Case '98, Jerry Goldberg '70, Gita Thanik '99, and Janet Serrano at the alumni reception during the ADA Annual Session.*

*David has been running a successful practice in Portland, OR since 2005. davecase@comcast.net*

*Gita and her husband Sunil '99 are living in Oregon. Sunil is building his own practice and their son is already planning to be a dentist like his parents.*



*Bong Noh '98 with Dean Goldberg '70 at the alumni reception in Utah.*

2001

**Eric Ashley** says that the four years of dental school "seemed slow. But the 10 years after have flown by." His sharpest memory from school? "Theo on fire in the lab." He and his wife, Lori, have four children, Margaret, who is 3 years old and triplets: Garrett, Ethan, and Victoria who are 7 years old. He practices in New York State, where, he says, "4 kids and endo in the army keeps me busy. Luckily, I have a great wife."

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**Gretchen Bush** and her husband, Matthew Palmer, welcomed their first child on June 26th. Avery Sloane Palmer weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. Also Gretchen built a new office in March 2010. The family lives in Rochester, New York.

2004



*Christina and Richard Shulze '04 at the alumni reception in Utah.*



## 2007

**Dan Bowser** completed his residency training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland. He also "finally" married his sweetheart of eight years, Gwendolyn McDay. Dan is also enjoying private practice in Philadelphia with **Brad Richman (D.D.S. '95)**.



**Andrew Deak** completed his first Ironman triathlon in Sonoma County (California). He finished with a time of 11 hours, 49 minutes, and 56 seconds.

## 2011



**Elizabeth Brack** married Jesse Williams on October 1st in Indiana. Fellow 2011 classmates attending the wedding included: **Alexandra Schmidt Beckwith**,

**Rebecca Steves, Priyanka Patel, Dwetta Santos, James Ford, and Alex Mellion.**

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**Scott Fleming** and his wife, Kim, are living in Yakima, Washington, with their three children: Max who is 6; Grace who is 3; and Ava who is 1. Max loves to "run, wrestle and play"; Grace is "our princess, [she] loves dancing and singing," and Ava "is our perfect little baby."

**Carrie Hawk** (see sidebar story pg. 35)

**Zachary Lester** and his wife, Amy, are living in Gig Harbor, Washington, where he is in private practice.

## DON'T SEE YOUR NAME? FEELING LEFT OUT?

Take a moment to update us on what you are doing. Class notes form can be found at <http://dental.case.edu/alumni/resources.html> or email us at [dentalalumni@case.edu](mailto:dentalalumni@case.edu). Pictures are welcome.



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# In Memoriam

WE MOURN THE LOSS OF THESE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE ALUMNI AND FRIENDS  
AND EXTEND HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO THEIR LOVED ONES.

**Herman J. Bach, Jr. '53** of Massillon, OH passed away on October 8, 2011 at the age of 87. He was a veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Air Force. He was a dentist in Massillon for many years. He was a member of the Massillon Baptist Temple. He is survived by six children.

**Howard P. Barnes '40**, died on August 7, 2011, in Ohio. He was born on January 11, 1915, and was a resident of Cleveland.



**Howard S. Bubis '44**, died on May 5, 2011, in Ohio. He was married to the late Jane and was father to three. He is survived by his children, grandchildren and companion Faye Shorr.



**Kenneth R. Callahan '55**, died in May 2011, in Ohio. He was a beloved teacher, mentor and colleague at the School of Dental Medicine. He not only served Hollywood elite (before they became famous) such as Halle Berry, he served patients on the east and west side of Cleveland for many years. He was named the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in 2009. He is survived by five children and was preceded in death by Joan, his first wife, and Jeremy, his second wife.



**Ira S. Chapman '45**, died peacefully at the age of 90, surrounded by family, on June 22, 2011. After graduation, he went to active duty, Pacific Theater, on the USNS Hospital Ship Hope. Upon his return, he was at the Naval Air Station in Akron, as Chief of Dental Services until 1949. He was re-activated during the Korean Conflict aboard the same ship. Ira became a selective reserve officer in 1954. He was one of the founding officers of the new Naval Reserve Station in Akron in 1957.

He retired in 1968 as a Lieutenant Commander. He continued his career until retirement in private practice dentistry. He is survived by his wife, Annette; six sons and one daughter.



**Steven F. Chapman '85**, died on May 13, 2011, in Maine. He played baseball and football while an undergraduate student at CWRU. He had two dental practices, one in Dexter, and one in Skowhegan. He was a member of the Dexter Fire Department and Dexter Kiwanis. He was also an entrepreneur and an avid skier. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, his two daughters and his parents.



**James F. Claypool '50**, of Akron, OH, passed away Saturday, November 5, 2011 at the age of 85. He was a life-long resident of Akron where he practiced dentistry in Endodontics and Periodontics specialties for 47 years. He also taught graduate programs at The Ohio State University and served as president of the Akron Dental Society and the Ohio Dental Association. He was especially proud of his 56 year association with golf tournaments at Firestone Country Club. He was an accomplished golfer and student of the game. He enjoyed helping people and giving back to his profession. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, his daughter and son and Helen Conway, his dental assistant for over 40 years.



**Ronald S. Eleczko '67**, died at the age of 70 on October 10, 2011 in Detroit, MI. He was retired from dentistry and was a professor at the University of Detroit. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and held the rank of Major during his service in Vietnam. He was the beloved husband of 46 years to Merry Jo and had 4 children.

**Rexford "Rex" Hardin '53**, died June 20, 2011, in Florida, at age 85. He was born in Ohio and joined the Army Air Corps during World War II. After college and dental school he returned to the Air Force to serve during the Korean War. After his military service, he practiced in Toledo, Ohio and subsequently was named president of the Toledo Dental Society (1969) and president of the Ohio Dental Association (1977). He received numerous professional awards including the Pierre Fauchard Medal awarded for outstanding contribution to the art and science of dentistry. After a successful career in dentistry he founded IPI, an event photography company. He initiated the Lucas County Early Detection of Oral Cancer Program in 1964, the first program of its kind in the United States. He is survived by his wife, Betty, children, grandchildren, and extended family.

**Glenn R. Johnson '64** died June 16, 2011, at age 73. He had lived in Florida after retiring from active practice. Born in Elyria, Ohio, he practiced dentistry in his hometown after graduation from dental school. He volunteered for many years with Sea Grant, helping to build the largest freshwater fishing reef in Lake Erie. He was an avid fisherman his entire life. After retirement in 1999, he traveled around the U.S. in an RV for almost 10 years. He also completed more than 400 scuba dives in places as diverse as Australia, Indonesia, the Caribbean, and the Gulf of Mexico. He was proud of assisting in shark tagging in Key West and completing some technical cave dives. He is survived by family in Wisconsin and Ohio.

**William Johnson '54**, died on October 2, 2008, in Florida. He was 88 years old. He was a past officer of the Florida Postal History Society, serving as vice president as recently as 2005, and as president in 2007-2008.

**Edwin Juda '56**, died on January 12, 2007, in California.

**Saul A. Kammen '46**, died in March 2011, in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Lucille, his five children and other family members.

**Theodore M. Kanter '37**, died in 2007, survived by his wife, Nettie, and three children.

**Robert B. Keppler '55**, died August 18, 2011. He resided in West Hampton Beach, NY and Jupiter, FL. He is survived by his wife, Sally, and his two children and five grandchildren.

**George H. Kho '64**, died on January 8, 2011, in Ohio. He is survived by his wife Ann, two sons, a daughter-in-law and five grandchildren, plus other family. To further orthodontics practice, he initiated the Greenbriar Dental Study Group and the EICO Orthodontic Study Group.



**Joseph H. Liebert '44**, died on August 4, 2009, in Ohio. Born on July 7, 1917, in Friedrichshafen, Germany, he joined the U.S. Army after graduating from dental school. He served in military hospitals in Chicago and Canandaigua, N.Y. He returned to civilian life and private practice in Akron, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Edith three children, and one grandchild.

**Murray Nebel '43**, died on June 11, 2010, in Florida.

**Hugh D. Norton '51**, died on August 6, 2010, in Florida. He was 91. He served in the armed forces during World War II, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. He returned to civilian life, attended dental school, and then practiced in Florida for many years. At work, he was known for his singing and good humor, and his office was his stage.

**Stanley D. Oswiecinski '67**, died July 2011, in Ohio. He was 68. He is survived by his wife, Marcia, his son Alex, and his brother Daniel. He was a U.S. Army veteran.



**Jack B. Preston '43**, died on January 21, 2011, in Florida. He was born on September 22, 1919, in Cleveland, Ohio. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He practiced dentistry in the Orlando area and was a member of the Florida Dental Association. He was also a lifelong member of the Elks. He is survived by his son, daughter-in-law, two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Robert A. Price '51**, died on June 20, 2011, in Florida. He was 87.



**Richard D. Prochaska '52**, died on March 26, 2011, in Ohio. He was 87, and was preceded in death by his wife, Helen. He is survived by his two children, one grandchild, and other family members. In addition to his dental skills, he was a card-carrying member of the Screen Actors Guild, and he showcased his talents as a member of the Hudson Players.



**Richard C. Rice '51**, passed away on October 19, 2011 at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He taught dental anatomy at the CWRU dental school and worked as an Assistant Clinical Professor of periodontics. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lois, and four children.



**Richard W. Rogers '43**, died February 14, 2010 at the age of 90. During WWII, Richard served in the U.S. Public Health Service for the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Coast Guard. He practiced General Dentistry for 50 years in Warren, Ohio. He was active in organized dentistry. He was survived by his wife, Betty; two daughters and four sons.

**William B. Shreve, Jr. '53**, died on May 18, 2011, in Florida. He was 85. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and entered the U.S. Navy Dental Corps in 1953, where he served until he retired in 1976. He attained the rank of Captain. He joined the faculty of the University of Florida (Gainesville) College of Dentistry in 1976, where he served as Assistant Dean and Associate Dean. He retired as a Professor in 1987.



**Conrad J. Spilka '41**, died on June 16, 2011, in Ohio. He was 97. Father of three, grandfather of five, and great-grandfather of seven. Preceded in death by his wife Sally. Also survived by friend Ruth Sarka.

**Lada J. Turek '38** died December 2, 1996, just 23 days short of his 85th birthday. Unfortunately, we were not notified until September 2011.



**Edwin J. Whitman '50**, died July 2011, in Ohio. He was president of the Academy for Sports Dentistry from 1991-1992. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris "Bubbles" Whitman. He is survived by three children and other family.

**Laurence C. Wright '55**, died August 1, 2011, in New York state. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the Year by the School of Dental Medicine in 1989-1990. He went back to college when he was in his 50s, earning a bachelor's degree in religion from Daemen College in Amherst, New York, in 1984; then obtained a master's degree in ministry from the International Seminary in 1986; and finally a doctorate in church affairs from Trinity Seminary in 1989. He served as campus minister at Daemen College for 18 years, with a stint as the director of campus ministry from 1987 to 1991. He is survived by his wife, Joan, as well as his children David (DDS '81), James, Douglas (DDS, '83, MSD, '92), and Jonathan, plus 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.





# Alumni Association Event

The New Dentist Committee of the Alumni Association recently sponsored a Day at Halloweekends at Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio. Over 90 alumni and students met for lunch at the park and then spent the day on rides and attractions.

*Alumni Board Vice President Kari Cunningham '10 (second from left) is all smiles with her family at the park.*



*Alumni Board member Andy Skorobatchkyj '00 (second from right) with dental students.*



*Director of Admissions Emil Chuck (third from left) came out to talk with students.*



*Alumni Board members Amberlee '08 and Nate Taylor '08 (fourth and fifth from left) with family and friends including Lindsey Schilling '08, '11 (first on left).*



## Thank you for a great Alumni Weekend!

It all started on Thursday, October 13th with the announcement by President Barbara R. Snyder of the university's \$1 Billion Campaign. This preceded a concert by the Grammy Award-nominated Goo Goo Dolls. Dental school alumni, faculty, staff and students were on hand for the exciting concert.

Friday's All-Alumni Luncheon honored the grand classes (those who graduated in 1961 or prior) along with university award winners including Dr. Ted Castele (MED '57) who received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Friday afternoon, Aaron Weinberg, D.M.D., Ph.D., presented a continuing education seminar on new developments in oral cancer to an overflow crowd. Friday evening the dental school hosted an all alumni reception which allowed more mingling with alumni, faculty, staff and students.

Saturday morning started with the alumni breakfast, homecoming parade, tailgate and then we cheered the Spartan football team to victory over Hiram College.

There were so many events occurring all over campus and in the greater Cleveland area. Alumni from all the colleges and schools were on hand to share in the excitement of the weekend. Join us next year, October 4-7, for the 2012 Alumni Weekend and Reunion honoring classes ending in 2 and 7.

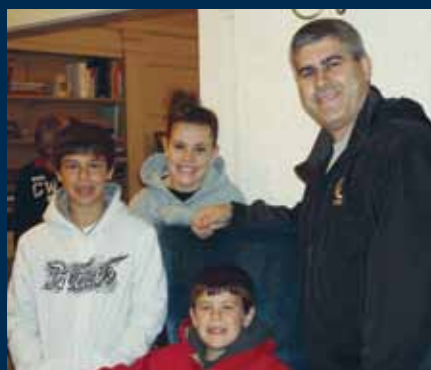
# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011



*Alumni Office staff with university mascots, Spartie and The Spartan.*



*Tania Markarian '97, Mario Pavicic '92, Jerold Goldberg '70, Mark Hans '79, '81, Tom Thomas '92, Lisa Lang, and Roma Jasinevicius '76 at the Blue Bash.*



*Mario Pavicic '92 with his children at the Alumni Breakfast.*



*Aaron Weinberg responding to questions during his presentation.*

# Nomination Form for 2012 Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award

To nominate an Alumnus for the award, complete this form (attach additional pages if necessary). Only the information you provide will be reviewed and considered for your candidate. The Alumni Office is not responsible for requesting additional information for your nominee.

Return the completed form to:

Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, Alumni Association,  
10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106

Fax: (216) 368-3204 or

Email: dentalalumni@case.edu

by February 15, 2012 to be considered for the award to be presented October 2012.

**Name of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduating Class** \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Professional Activity of Nominee** \_\_\_\_\_

(If nominee is involved in more than one professional position, indicate the time spent in each position as a percentage)

**Private Practice:** General \_\_\_\_\_ **Specialty** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of specialty)

**Teaching** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of school & position title)

**Federal or state service** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of organization & rank)

**Educational Background** (Name & location of school) (Degree/Certificate) (Major or specialty)

Dental \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Residency \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Professional Activity** (List previous practice, teaching or research activities and dates) \_\_\_\_\_

**Community Service** \_\_\_\_\_

**Involvement in Organized Dentistry** (Membership and leadership positions at local, state & national level) \_\_\_\_\_

**Service to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine** \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors & Awards** (State, national, specialty) \_\_\_\_\_

**Achievements Deserving Special Recognition** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell why this candidate should be honored as the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nominator's Name** (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_



# 2012 alumni events

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## january

### **January 12, 2012**

#### **Presidential Event**

Breakthrough Research in Vision and Movement

The Port Royal Club

2900 Gordon Drive

Naples, FL

Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served

5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

### **January 31, 2012**

#### **New Year's Happy Hour**

Kevin's Martini Bar at

Pickwick and Frolic Restaurant and Club

2035 East 4th Street

Cleveland, OH

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by the New Dentist Committee  
of the Alumni Association

Sponsored by The Dental Network Group

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## february

### **February 24, 2012**

#### **Reception at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting**

Hyatt Regency McCormick Place

Conference Center – Room CC10A

2233 South Martin L. King Drive

Chicago, IL

4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

## april

### **April 19, 2012**

#### **Reception at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Session**

Marriott Copley Place

Dartmouth Room

110 Huntington Avenue

Boston, MA

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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## may

### **May 5, 2012**

#### **Reception at the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session**

Hilton Hawaiian Village

2005 Kalia Road

Honolulu, Hawaii

2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **May 26, 2012**

#### **Reception at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session**

San Diego Marriott Gaslamp Quarter

660 K Street

San Diego, CA

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the Office  
of Development and Alumni Relations at (216) 368-3480,  
toll free (877) 468-1436 or email [dentalalumni@case.edu](mailto:dentalalumni@case.edu).

## Alumni Weekend & Reunion 2012 10.04 – 10.07

Celebrating reunion class years ending in 2 and 7

Events occurring on campus and at the Intercontinental Hotel and Conference Center. Interested  
in serving as a class representative? Contact Sara Fields in the Alumni Office at 216.368.3924 or  
[sara.fields@case.edu](mailto:sara.fields@case.edu)



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