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A Time to Celebrate

Dear alumni and friends:

As the inaugural dean of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine at the Health Education Campus of Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic, I am delighted to extend greetings. Today, we celebrate a historic accomplishment. Our iconic new school and dental clinic (see pages 4-11 for details and photos) not only opened on time and under budget, but immediately set the standard for healthcare education in the twenty-first century.

The Samson Pavilion, expressly designed to facilitate interprofessional education, is already garnering renown for being one of the first of its kind. Here, under one roof, the schools of dental medicine, medicine, and nursing (as well as Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine) come together to distinguish Case Western Reserve University as a leader in cross-disciplinary education for the next generation of dentists, physicians, and nurses.

On the north side of Chester Avenue, our new stand-alone dental clinic is poised to be a critical driver of our success—its location and functionality are transformational for both patient and educational experiences. The School of Dental Medicine has long been CWRU's strongest link to the community and we intend to maximize our new face to better serve the surrounding neighborhoods and beyond. In an environment that is both appealing and technologically advanced, patients can expect a level of care that is comparable to a private practice, while faculty, residents, and students enjoy a richer learning experience.

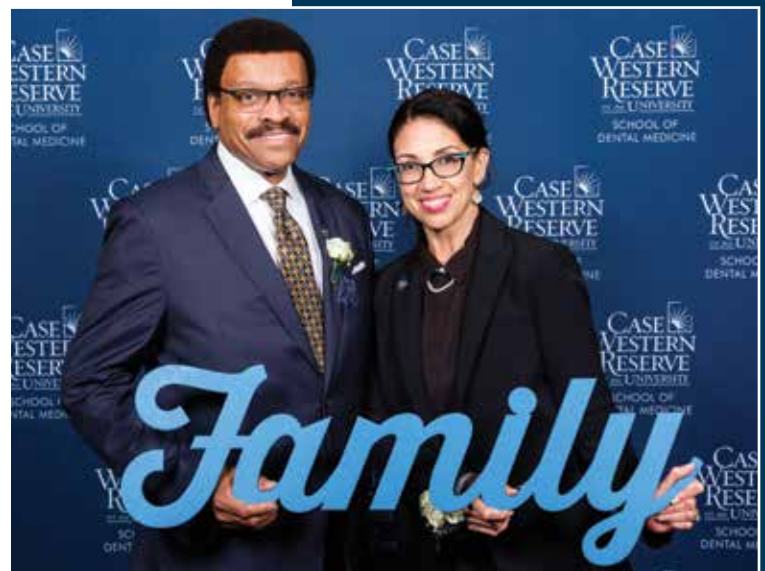
This project—the Health Education Campus—remains a priority for CWRU and Cleveland Clinic. It began with a bold vision that moved deftly into collaborative planning, producing results that exceed expectations. Through shared fundraising, significant investments have been made by both institutions, with philanthropic support from many individuals. To all of the dental school alumni and friends who generously donated, I offer my sincere gratitude—what a remarkable show of pride and confidence in our future. If you have yet to join us, many giving opportunities remain and I extend a personal invitation for you to see firsthand what we have accomplished.

It is, indeed, a time for celebration knowing that we are better positioned than ever to fulfill our charge to improve the overall health of people by providing the best in dental education, oral healthcare, research, and service to our community. As an equal partner with our peers in medicine and nursing, we will work together to address the complexities of human health with our patients always at the center of our combined efforts.

The challenge is ours to meet as we move forward in an extraordinary new home that reflects the importance of our profession and its contribution to human well-being worldwide.



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Dr. Ken and Mrs. Keli Chance

A Historic Turning Point: The New Health Education Campus Is the Future of Healthcare



Six years after agreeing to collaborate on a new medical education center, Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic have opened the Health Education Campus—launching a new era of health education. Here, students from the CWRU schools of dental medicine, medicine, nursing, and social work, as well as from Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, will come together to learn how to function as members of an interdisciplinary team. This approach, designed to deliver optimal patient care, is most certainly the future of healthcare.

The Health Education Campus is composed of two buildings located between East 93rd and East 100th Streets: the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion and the Dental Clinic. The Samson Pavilion faces Euclid Avenue and extends north to Chester Avenue; the Dental Clinic sits directly across the street, on the north side of Chester. In addition, the newly installed Newton Avenue Park adjacent to the Dental Clinic provides recreational greenspace that is a welcoming link to the surrounding Hough and Fairfax neighborhoods. The Samson Pavilion and Dental Clinic were dedicated on April 9 and April 30, respectively.



Dental Clinic

Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion



The Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion

“The dedication of the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion demonstrates the extraordinary value that the spirit of philanthropy brings to new generations of students. The Health Education Campus will have a major impact on advancing medical education and patient care. Its unique curricula and design will inspire health care professionals to be members of interdisciplinary teams and promote lifelong learning.”

—Tom Mihaljevic, MD, Cleveland Clinic Chief Executive Officer and President



Dental school classroom

- The 477,000-square-foot building is now the academic home to 2,200 students from CWRU’s dental, nursing, and medical schools, as well as students from Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine (that trains physician researchers). Students from CWRU’s Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences will come to the Samson Pavilion for shared coursework.



Cosgrove Courtyard

- Designed by London architects Foster + Partners, the most striking element is the central 80-foot high, 27,000-square-foot Cosgrove Courtyard (large enough to hold a football field).



Conference center auditorium

- The first floor includes a conference center featuring a 7,000-square-foot auditorium and 4,800-square-foot lecture hall where students from all programs will gather for interprofessional lessons. Also on the first floor is the Stefanski Family Center for Community Health Education where student-based programs that serve the community are located.



Student commons

- The design expressly encourages interaction, surrounded on all sides by each floor's open walkways and a wide staircase at every corner. It also features shared space for students from all programs to study and relax.



State-of-the-future technology



- The extensive state-of-the-future technology features include: two distinct digital anatomy programs, one using mixed reality, and the other virtual; simulation programs for flight nursing and ultrasound training; visualization tables that allow students to see anatomic structures in precise detail and explore clinical cases with classmates; and large LED wireless touch screens that allow students to interact with high-resolution images and easily participate in video-conferences from around the world.
- The 'Innovation Lab' will offer the latest equipment in partnership with technology companies to attract students from all disciplines—this will be a work in progress.

The Dental Clinic



Patient reception area



Patient waiting room

- The three-story, 132,000-square-foot clinic, designed by Ronald Reed and Philip LiBassi, principals of DLR Group | Westlake Reed Leskosky, provides a spacious state-of-the-art environment in which to treat patients. The design firm Kahler Slater—well-known for its expertise in creating active learning environments and incorporating technology—worked with every department to ensure that each specialty clinic maximizes both the student and patient experience.
- The building's rectangular shape allows for a 36,000-square-foot addition, with basement space available for conversion.
- It enjoys frontage on the well-traveled Chester Avenue that provides clear sight lines for increased visibility for those driving or walking. There are 120 patient parking spaces, as well as a curbside drop-off option.

- Patients will be met in the central waiting room on the first or second floor and escorted to a specialty clinic for treatment. For the first time, there are two ambulatory surgical centers and post-surgery ambulatory recovery rooms for patients who require them in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic.

“Famicos is proud to partner with Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve to bring this beautiful Newton Avenue Park to Hough. These types of projects ensure that residents see themselves reflected in the continued evolution of the community, but most importantly, the park will be a place for neighbors, young and old, to have new experiences.”

—John Anoliefo, Executive Director,
Famicos Foundation



Newton Avenue Park



Oral surgery suite

Specialty clinics located in the Dental Clinic:

- Advanced Endodontic Clinic
- Bill and Chloe Cornell Pediatric Dentistry Clinic
- Craniofacial Orthodontic Clinic
- Delta Dental Advanced Education in General Dentistry Clinic
- DMD Comprehensive Care Clinic
- Faculty Practice Clinic
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Clinic
- Oreste D. Zanni, DDS Periodontics Clinic
- Orthodontic Clinic
- Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine Service

▪ The adjacent Newton Avenue Park (located next to the historic Newton Apartments at 1871 East 97th Street) includes playground equipment, a walking trail, and abundant greenspace. Created as part of the commitment to the community, the University and Cleveland Clinic were joined by the Famicos Foundation, a local nonprofit community organization, in the endeavor.

▪ While the dental school serves more than 19,000 patients annually (11,000 of them Cleveland residents), the new clinic’s much improved accessibility is intended to attract a substantial number of new patients, particularly those who live in proximity to it. In its commitment to reduce disparities in oral health care for the underserved, the dental school estimates that it provides more than \$5 million in free dental care annually, and expects this to increase in the new location.

- The Dental Clinic’s technology includes 3-D printers and scanners that will provide same-day prosthesis (crowns, for example); a state-of-the-art centralized sterilization function, unmatched by any other dental school (provided by STERIS Corporation); and the most recent EPED Inc. computerized dental simulator that provides a highly interactive dental clinical training system that uses 3-D virtual technology to simulate actual clinical procedures.

Noteworthy Philanthropy for the \$515 Million Project

Case Western Reserve University and Cleveland Clinic have shared fundraising equally throughout the project, and alumni and supporters have responded with exceptional generosity. To date, the two institutions have raised \$275 million of the \$515 million cost of the Health Education Campus—\$62 million of which is for the Dental Clinic—and active joint fundraising will continue.

Fundraising began in 2012 when the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and Cleveland Foundation each made \$10 million lead gifts for what was originally a CWRU medical education building project. After CWRU and Cleveland Clinic announced their partnership, the foundations agreed to move their commitments to the new project.

CWRU's schools of dental medicine, medicine, and nursing were each made responsible for raising a portion of the project's total. The dental school exceeded its goal of \$53 million by raising \$81.8 million, and doing it ahead of schedule, thanks in great part to the generosity of many alumni and friends. Included in this giving were major gifts from Dr. and Mrs. William Cornell and the estate of Dr. Orestes Zanni in support of the pediatric and periodontics specialty clinics, respectively; in addition, the AEGD Clinic was named to honor Delta Dental's longtime partnership with the school (see page 16). The Dental Clinic also received significant support from STERIS Corporation and Medical Mutual.

The centerpiece of the project, the Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion, is named in honor of an exceptional gift made by the couple. To date, other major gifts include a donation from the outgoing chair

of Cleveland Clinic's Board of Directors, Robert E. Rich Jr. and his wife, Mindy Rich, for the Delos M. Cosgrove Courtyard in honor of the Clinic's past CEO and president. The Pavilion's conference center is part of an \$8 million commitment to the campus from the Jack, Joseph, and Morton Mandel Foundation. The Stefanski Family Center for Community Health Education was made possible by a \$5 million commitment from the Third Federal Foundation and the Marc A. and Rhonda L. Stefanski Foundation.

"Our alumni, friends, and supporters should be enormously proud of the fact that the School of Dental Medicine exceeded expectations in fundraising for our new home—it is a resounding vote of confidence in the future of our school and profession. It is now time for us to come together and maximize this momentous opportunity."

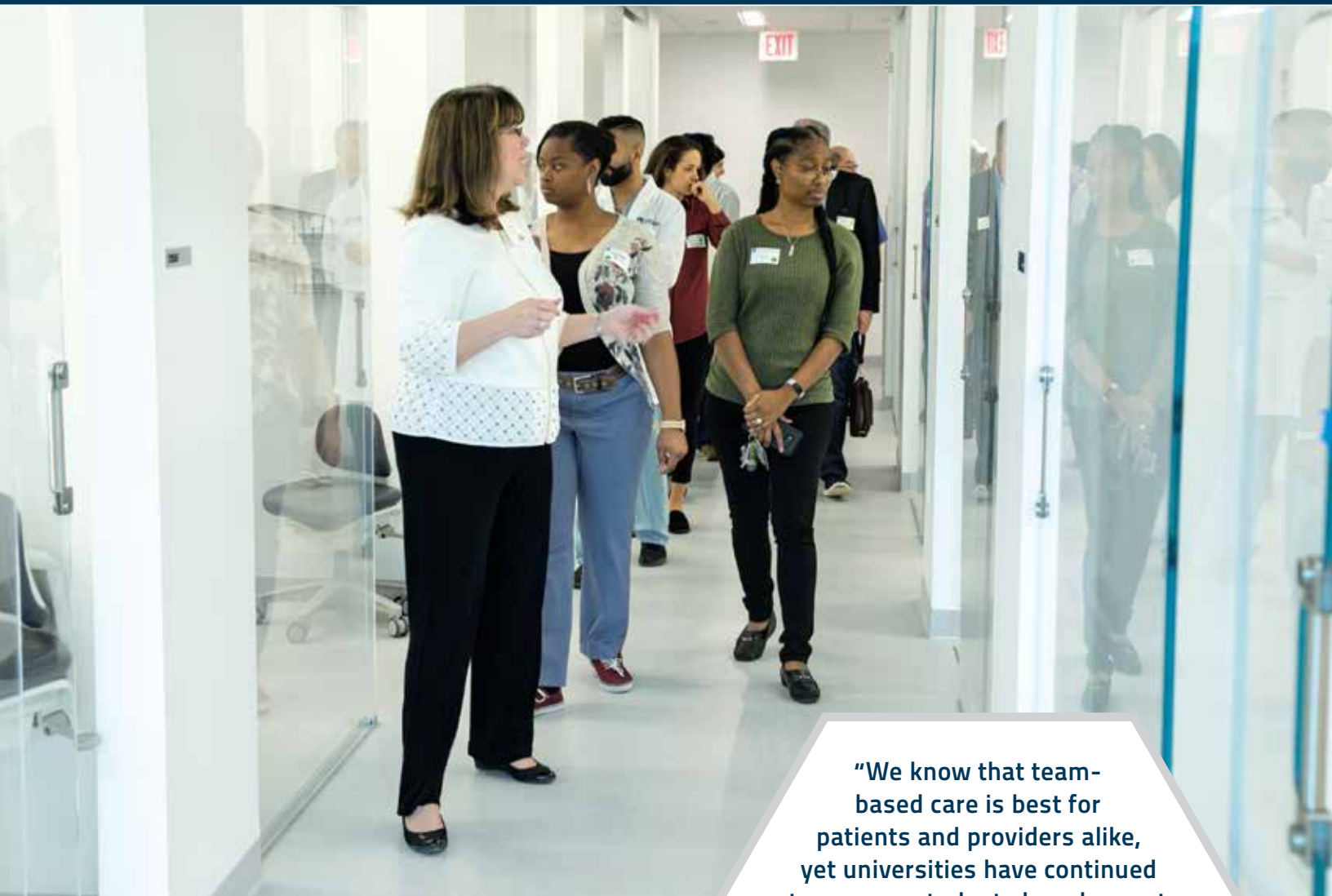
—Dean Kenneth B. Chance, DDS '79,
School of Dental Medicine



Delta Dental Foundation's Kimberly Garland and Dr. Holli Seabury with Dean Kenneth Chance and Paul Wolansky



Walter Rosebrough, Cary Majors, Rosemary Niewolak and Patrick Down of STERIS Corporation with Dean Kenneth Chance



Dental school staff touring the Dental Clinic

The Importance of Team-Based Healthcare

The Health Education Center is on the cutting edge of the prevailing trend in medical education to allow future dentists, physicians, nurses, and social workers to communicate across disciplines to deliver better patient outcomes. While interprofessional learning is not a new concept, the bold step of creating a facility intentionally designed to integrate students from all disciplines is a significant distinction that gives the CWRU and Cleveland Clinic partnership pacesetter status.

In recent years, the two institutions have collaborated to develop shared courses in which students from all of the health programs learn the fundamentals of team-based care while also practicing skills together in simulated settings and at actual clinical sites. Those efforts will expand significantly in the Samson Pavilion with an ongoing national search for an academic leader for interprofessional programs.

“We know that team-based care is best for patients and providers alike, yet universities have continued to prepare students largely apart from one another. Thanks to the extraordinary support of the Samsons, our original donors from the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and Cleveland Foundation, and so many others, students now will learn together in a truly inspiring structure.”

—Barbara R. Snyder, President,
Case Western Reserve University

Learning to work together results in increased mutual respect and trust, as well as a better understanding of professional roles and responsibilities. It also gives students the ability to share knowledge and skills, and, ultimately, to work well together in clinical settings. As oral health is increasingly recognized as integral to overall well-being, it is an ideal moment for dental medicine to take a more prominent role in a changing health care system that requires innovative and efficient concepts of patient care. ■

39th Annual Professionals Day

RECOGNIZES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Award recipients Alexandre Faddoul, Scott Park, Alyzah Quereshy, Daniela Diaz Gonzalez, Qian Wang, Alisha Jimenez-Thompson, Cecilia Margraff

Held every March, Professionals Day provides an opportunity for our dental students to showcase their research through both oral and poster presentations, as well as to network with faculty, alumni, and industry representatives. Chaired by Dr. Ronald Occhionero with assistance from Gladys Ina, participating students were selected and mentored by Dr. Catherine Demko, and the awardees were selected by the judging committee chaired by Dr. Ibrahim Tulunoglu.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Paul Krebsbach, dean of the UCLA School of Dentistry since 2016 and professor of periodontics, who spoke on "Pluripotent Stem Cells: Opening a New Avenue for Skeletal Regeneration."

Undergraduate Awards

- SCADA (Student Clinician's Program of the American Dental Association) Award for Table Clinic Presentations sponsored by Densply Sirona to **Alyzah Quereshy '21**



Dr. Paul Krebsbach and Dean Kenneth Chance

- presented by Tom Zungalia, Dentsply. The recipient will represent CWRU at the annual session of the American Dental Association (March 2020).
- Guenther M. Hans Award for Presentation from Platform to **Alexandre Faddoul '21** presented by Dr. Gerald Goldberg.

- OKU Award (student research award) to **Scott Park '21** presented by Dr. Jay Joseph.
- Vibeke K. Nygaard Award (for academic and technical excellence in dental anatomy and masticatory dynamics) to **Daniela Diaz Gonzalez '21** presented by Dr. Tania Markarian.
- Greater Cleveland Dental Society-Basic, Clinical, or Community Science Presentation Award to **Alisha Jimenez-Thompson '22** presented by Dr. April Yanda.

Graduate Awards

- Dr. Nabil Bissada Graduate Student Award presented by Dr. Bissada:
 - First Award to **Qian Wang '19** Endodontics
 - Second Award to **Cecilia Margraff '19** AEGD

Hearty congratulations are extended to all award winners. ■

A Severe Craniofacial Deformity Challenged a Young Patient

“Miracle Jaw Surgery” Gave Her a New Life

A visit to ‘Andrea’s Miracle Jaw Surgery’ page on Facebook—created by the patient herself—reveals the best testament to the exceptional outcome of her eight years of treatment and three surgeries directed by Faisal A. Quereshy, MD, DDS, FACS, professor and residency program director in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, in collaboration with the Department of Orthodontics, chaired by Dr. Mark Hans.

Born with nemaline rod myopathy, a congenital, hereditary neuromuscular disorder with wide-ranging severity, 21-year old Andrea Patrick has used a wheelchair, feeding tube, and ventilator for most of her life. Abnormal craniofacial development made her unable to use her jaw muscles to close her mouth, precluding her from eating on her own and speaking clearly.

When Andrea’s parents, Nadine and Andrew Patrick, first brought their then 14-year old daughter to see Dr. Quereshy, he knew this would be the most challenging case of his 25-year career. Lacking normal muscle development, Andrea’s jaw grew downward and backward—her tongue could never touch the roof of her mouth and she could not bite.



Dr. Quereshy with Patient Andrea Patrick and 3D Models

In October of 2012, Andrea underwent a surgically assisted rapid palatal expansion of her upper jaw, the extraction of two teeth, and placement of orthodontic anchorage fixation plates and screws. The next surgery, in January of 2014, was an osteotomy to remove five millimeters of posterior maxillary bone and the extraction of additional teeth. After years of braces and procedures, on February 7, 2018, Andrea underwent a nine-hour bilateral inverted “L” osteotomy with custom fabricated reconstruction plates for the mandible.

“In this operation, I was able to achieve a 20-millimeter mandibular advancement—a huge amount,” notes Dr. Quereshy. “The average for such surgeries is 10-millimeters.”

Using 3D printing and planning to prepare for the surgery and visualize the outcome, two clear models of Andrea’s skull based on CT scans were used. Although the operation followed the same protocol that Dr. Quereshy uses on his regular patients, this case was so severe that they had to think outside of the box to reposition her jaw. Taking the models into the operating room allowed the team to be very precise.

“Because Andrea’s jaws were so constricted, her teeth grew almost in the center of her mouth,” explained Dr. Manish Valiathan, Program Director, Fellowship in Craniofacial Orthodontics, who did the orthodontic work to address the significant crowding and align her teeth before the surgery.

Today, Andrea is back at school with her hallmark enthusiasm and a new set of aspirations that include singing in the choir. Physical therapy is helping her learn how to swallow—while she still has an eating tube, she can now eat mashed potatoes—and speech therapy is improving her ability to speak and be understood.

“While we regularly do challenging jaw surgeries, cases like this one that involve an underlying medical condition are extraordinary,” adds Dr. Quereshy who is scheduled to speak at the summer meeting



The 3D model shows the patient’s progress from an open mouth to closed bite



Andrea heads into surgery with Dr. Quereshy and former resident Dr. Nikolay Levintov



After her surgery and the removal of her braces, Andrea can close her mouth and offer a smile

of the Foundation for Building Strength for Nemaline Myopathy about the benefits that oral surgery and orthodontics can offer patients like Andrea.

Perhaps Andrea’s November 5, 2018 post on Facebook says it best: “The final step of my journey happened today. I got my braces off! My smile looks super amazing!

Can’t wait to see what my future holds for me with my new jaw!” ■

The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) featured Andrea’s story – including interviews with her, her family and doctors – in the July/August 2018 issue of its member magazine, AAOMS Today.

New Pediatric Dental Clinic Will Be Named in Honor of **Bill and Chloe Cornell**



Included in the milestone opening of the new Dental Clinic is the naming of the Bill and Chloe Cornell Pediatric Dental Clinic acknowledging the couple's enduring 45-year tradition of generous giving.

"The Cornell's generosity has already made a difference to our students and faculty, but just as importantly, it will now touch the lives of the many patients who will be seen in the Cornell Clinic each and every day," said Dean Kenneth Chance. "Our appreciation is profound."

When asked about his motivation for being a longtime supporter of the School of Dental Medicine, and most recently for providing the lead gift for the new pediatric clinic, R. William Cornell Jr., DDS '60, says simply: "I am a pediatric dentist and every aspect of the discipline is important to me."

Dr. Cornell (*the 2010 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year*) is also quick to add that he and his wife, Chloe Cornell, are grateful that they have the ability to make institution-changing gifts. As a couple, they are not only the dental school's most generous donors to date, but were among the first to make a leadership-level



pacesetting donation to the *Forward Thinking Campaign*. In keeping with their thoughtful philanthropy, they made a second major gift in 2018 as the campaign was coming to completion. In addition to their support for the clinic, they previously made a commitment to endow the first named chair at the School of Dental Medicine—*The Dr. and Mrs. R. William Cornell, Jr. Endowed Professor of Pediatric Dentistry*.

“The major investment that Bill and Chloe have made in our new clinic comes at a very exciting time in pediatric dentistry, as translational research and innovative technologies are making it increasingly possible to move from a restorative to preventative focus—and they are helping us achieve this,” notes department chair Dr. Gerald Ferretti.

It is this trend toward prevention that Dr. Cornell finds most promising as he considers the progress made during the course of his career. Dedicated, in equal measure, to both the practice and teaching of pediatric dentistry, he maintained his private practice while also serving the dental school in various capacities, from volunteer instructor to co-chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. In 1976 Dr. Cornell joined the faculty of the Northwestern University Dental School where he was a professor and division chair until the school’s closing in 2001. The Cornells then retired to Naples, Florida (summers are spent in Chautauqua, New York), where he was called, once again, to teaching.

Today, Dr. Cornell volunteers as an adjunct professor in the post-graduate clinic at the Naples Children & Education Foundation (NCEF) Pediatric Dental Center at the University of Florida, where he continues to educate and train the next generation of pediatric dentists.

“I can’t wait to see the new CWRU Dental Clinic in action. Today’s students are so enthusiastic—I find it best to simply assure them that they are on the right track,” adds Dr. Cornell, reflecting the wisdom and encouragement that is inherent in all he does. ■

Two Named Clinics Join the Cornell Pediatric Clinic

THE ORESTE ZANNI PERIODONTAL CLINIC

The late Oreste “Russ” Zanni, DDS ’73, was aptly described by his fellow alumnus, Dr. Nabil Bissada (past chair of the Department of Periodontics and now Associate Dean for Global Relations and Director of Advanced Periodontics), as an excellent practitioner, a passionate educator, and a loyal friend. After returning to his home state of Massachusetts post-graduation, Dr. Zanni maintained close ties with his colleagues at the School of Dental Medicine which he credited for providing a powerful foundation for his flourishing career that spanned treatment, research, and teaching.

Following his death in 2013, CWRU learned that Dr. Zanni had dedicated \$3.2 million from his estate to the Department of Periodontics at the School of Dental Medicine, a transformative gift by any measure. In appreciation of this generosity, the periodontal clinic will be named in his memory.

“I am honored—we are all honored—to be entrusted to carry out Russ’s professional legacy and expand on our shared research interests that focused on the link between periodontal disease and other medical conditions,” notes Dr. Bissada. “His contributions will be long remembered.”

Inquiries regarding opportunities for naming rights of specialty clinics and endowed professorships are welcomed. Please contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations at paul.wolansky@case.edu or 216-368-3923 for more information.

DELTA DENTAL AEGD CLINIC

The naming of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Clinic will honor the partnership that the School of Dental Medicine and the Delta Dental Foundation have enjoyed since 2001. Established in 1980, the Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Delta Dental operations in Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and North Carolina; its goals are to support education and research for the advancement of dental science and to promote the oral health of the public through education and service activities, particularly for those with special needs.

Through its generosity, Delta Dental has supported student scholarships, leadership awards, and financial assistance for community dentistry initiatives and pre-clinical education. In October 2018, it granted CWRU \$1 million, its largest single award to the dental school, for the purchase of needed equipment and instrumentation.

“We are grateful to Delta Dental for its generous support over the past two decades. Because the AEGD Clinic is a valuable resource for the greater community, naming it for Delta Dental is in keeping with the spirit of its important work,” comments Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations. ■

\$4.2 Million Grant Awarded for Study of Tooth Decay in Older Adults



“We want to reduce oral health disparities by determining the most effective, efficient, and patient-centered treatments—delivered in a community-based or clinical setting.”

With the goal of developing a standard of care for older adults, Suchitra Nelson, PhD, and her team have been awarded a \$4.2 million grant from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). PCORI supports research projects that aim to eliminate disparities that affect numerous populations, an area of prime importance to the school’s Department of Community Dentistry where Dr. Nelson is a professor and assistant dean for clinical and translational research.

Tooth decay often goes untreated in older adults because of worries about the cost, lack of transportation for appointments, and other medical concerns, according to Dr. Nelson. She and her research team have worked since 2012 to address oral issues for older adults, particularly low-income residents and minorities, who tend to have higher rates of untreated tooth decay.

The goal is to use what they learn to adopt a more effective standard for treating senior citizens with cavities. To that end, the team will examine and compare two treatments: a simple medical treatment of topical silver fluoride and a less-complicated dental filling that does not require a drill.

“We want to reduce oral health disparities by determining the most effective, efficient, and patient-centered treatments—delivered in a community-based or clinical setting,” explains Dr. Nelson.

PCORI selected the study through a highly competitive review process in which patients, clinicians, and other stakeholders joined clinical scientists to evaluate the proposals. According to PCORI Executive Director Joe Selby, the study was chosen for funding because of its potential to fill an important gap in our health knowledge and to give people information to help them weigh the effectiveness of their care options. ■

Anthony J. Tomaro, DDS Resident Award Endowment Fund

As the first director of the General Practice Residency at Saint Luke's Hospital, Anthony J. Tomaro, DDS '36, mentored countless dental residents. To honor his service and memory, the Saint Luke's Surgical Foundation made a generous gift of \$65,000 to establish an endowment fund at the dental school that will provide an award in Dr. Tomaro's name to a graduating DMD student who has committed to a General Practice Residency (GPR) or an Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program. The first Anthony J. Tomaro DDS Resident Award will be given next year.

The Saint Luke's Surgical Foundation is led by President William F. Lavigna, DDS '75, and trustees Paul J. Priesand, DDS '75 and James W. Hovanec, DDS '79. Together, they encourage anyone who was touched by Dr. Tomaro (including those he taught as the director of the Oral Surgery Program at MetroHealth) to consider making their own contribution to this endowment fund in his memory.

"Dr. Tomaro made a significant impact in the growth of many graduates—he allowed us to be so much more professionally than we would have been otherwise," notes Dr. Lavigna. "We encourage anyone who benefited from a General Practice Residency or AEGD program to contribute to this fund as a way to honor those who guided us in our educational and professional development." ■

Leaving a Legacy Through Planned Giving Gary M. Helman, DMD '66, FAGD, Creates Scholarship Fund

In his youth, Dr. Gary Helman wanted to be a pilot. In his retirement, he is a volunteer firefighter in the town of Syosset (on the North Shore of Long Island)—he became an EMT in 2017 at the age of 75, making him the second oldest person ever to serve in this capacity.

In the years in between, Dr. Helman enjoyed 29 years of success as a dentist in New York City, was a member of the Army Reserves for more than four decades, thrived as an enterprising businessman, and became a Diamond Life Master in the American Contract Bridge League—he is now a professional player and continues to direct and teach.

After graduating from Allegheny College (where he learned how to play bridge) and dental school, and completing an internship at Brooklyn's Jewish Chronic Disease Hospital, Dr. Helman was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Army Reserves where he would serve more than 41 years in the Dental Corps and rise to the rank of colonel. In addition to two years of active duty in the Korean DMZ, he participated in many medical readiness missions throughout South and Central America where they would often see 700 patients a week. In 2001, he was sent to Kosovo and between 2002 and 2006 did several tours of duty in Kuwait, Iraq, and Afghanistan for which he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal.

In addition to establishing a thriving dental practice in New York City—with 10 offices and 30 dentists at its peak—Dr. Helman also worked for the city's Department of Health to provide dental services through school-based programs. Always grateful for his profession as a dentist, and inspired by a visit to campus



Dr. Helman received the Chief's Award from the Syosset Fire Department for his outstanding service in 2017 that included saving a life. In 2018, he participated in more than 1,500 emergency calls.

a few years ago, he recently made a \$1 million commitment to establish the *Dr. Gary M. Helman Scholarship Fund*.

"Bequests that create scholarships are important not only because they affirm an investment in our mission by our alumni, but because they help to support our students in perpetuity," notes Dean Kenneth Chance. "Dr. Helman's thoughtful and generous gift will serve both our school and profession for generations to come."

"I am simply grateful that I am able to support the institutions that made a difference in my life so that they can continue to do their important work," adds Dr. Helman.

For more information about planned giving through your estate or establishing a scholarship fund, contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations, at 216-368-3923 or paul.wolansky@case.edu. ■

Craniofacial Orthodontics Fellowship **Receives Generous Funding** from Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation

A gift from the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation will support the nation's first named and accredited craniofacial fellowship at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. The *Mt. Sinai-Dr. Edward Reiter Fellowship Program* was modeled after the successful *Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation Scholars Program* at the CWRU School of Medicine.



Manish Valiathan, DDS, MSD

Craniofacial abnormalities and anomalies—previously known as cleft lip and palate—are a group of deformities in the growth of the head and facial bones. Present at birth and varied, these issues range from mild to severe. The school's Craniofacial Orthodontic Clinic, serving 400 children patients annually in Northeast Ohio, significantly advances care of these anomalies through its fellowship program which was the first of its kind nationally to be accredited by the American Dental Association (ADA).

Dr. Manish Valiathan, an associate professor at the dental school and the founding program director, said the goal is to better train caregivers and improve patient outcomes. The fellowship, supported by a \$150,000 gift and now named for Dr. Reiter, who pioneered what would become the craniofacial program at Cleveland's Mt. Sinai Hospital (that closed in 2000), will benefit one of the school's two fellows annually for three years.

"In addition to honoring the legacy of Dr. Edward Reiter," Valiathan said, "this recognizes the leadership of the Mt. Sinai Health Care Foundation and elevates the status of our dental school as a leader in craniofacial care and education. Reiter Fellows will become leaders and members of local, national, and global craniofacial teams and advance the field of care, leading to better treatment outcomes for patients and additional opportunities for research."



Rany Bous, BDS

The dental school's inaugural Reiter Fellow is Rany Bous, who will receive a stipend, tuition, and other support. After earning his dental degree from Cairo University in Egypt in 2011, Bous, "captivated by the social and psychological aspects of creating beautiful smiles and faces," began his pursuit of an orthodontic residency at Case Western Reserve University.

"I'm proud and excited to have been accepted to this fellowship," he said. "I'm looking forward to working toward better outcomes for all my patients, both clinically and through understanding the barriers to psycho-social development in patients with facial differences." ■

Hyun-Duck Nah & Robert Cederquist Craniofacial Fellowship Endowment Fund

Hyun-Duck Nah, DMD, MSD (Ortho '84), PhD, and her husband and former faculty member Dr. Robert Cederquist, made a \$50,000 pledge to establish the *Hyun-Duck Nah & Robert Cederquist Craniofacial Endowment Fund*. The fund will provide perpetual support for the School of Dental Medicine's Craniofacial, Surgical and Special Care Orthodontic Fellowship Program.

Dr. Nah is a craniofacial orthodontist in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, where she also serves as the Director of the Craniofacial Research Laboratory. She has faculty appointments at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. In addition to previously serving as a CWRU faculty member, Dr. Cederquist is the former director of the Division of Orthodontics at Columbia University. Drs. Nah and Cederquist have a private orthodontic practice with two suburban Philadelphia offices.

"External validation is an important benchmark in a young program's growth. We are grateful to Drs. Hyun-Duck Nah & Robert Cederquist, both highly regarded academic and craniofacial orthodontists themselves, for appreciating our efforts with this generous gift," said Dr. Valiathan. ■

Norman and Nancy Garn Community Dentistry Endowment Fund

Norman W. Garn, DDS '73, MS '75 and Nancy Garn, MLS '70 met at CWRU where he began as an undergraduate at Adelbert College and she earned her master's degree in library science. After Dr. Garn completed dental school, the couple moved to Chicago where he received his orthodontic training at the Northwestern University Dental School and where they remained for the duration of their careers.

For more than three decades, Dr. Garn was a practicing orthodontist in the Near North Side of Chicago; he also served as a faculty member at Northwestern from 1975 until its closing in 2000. Mrs. Garn enjoyed a successful career as an Executive Vice President at Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine & Science, a national leader in interprofessional medical and healthcare education and research. In retirement, they enjoy beachfront living at their home in Fort Lauderdale, Florida (with their pug, Henry).

Together, the Garns have made a generous pledge of \$25,000, with an additional \$75,000 estate gift, to establish the *Norman and Nancy Garn Community Dentistry Endowment Fund* to support the work that is done in the most underserved areas of Cleveland to help reduce disparities in oral healthcare. Dr. Garn notes that he is proud to give back to the school that provided the foundation for his professional life.



Dr. Norman and Mrs. Nancy Garn

"I think that those of us fortunate enough to be successful should try to give back to the community—I was raised in Cleveland and understand the great benefits that the dental school's community programs provide," notes Dr. Garn.

The Garn's gift will not only help to ensure the future of the *Healthy Smiles Program* and the school's other important outreach endeavors, but allow students to gain a firsthand understanding of the challenges facing the communities they will serve. ■

Developments

Developments is a new periodic feature that will highlight philanthropic support to the School of Dental Medicine from alumni, friends, corporations, and other constituents.

- Lisa A. Alvetro, DDS, MSD '93 has made an additional commitment of \$50,000 to the *Lisa Ann Alvetro DDS, MSD Endowment Fund* which supports the Department of Orthodontics. Dr. Alvetro created her fund in 2006.
- Two anonymous donors made separate commitments of \$50,000 each to support the Department of Orthodontics. This gift will support professional development opportunities for orthodontic residents.
- Bien-Air USA, Inc. has created the *David Mosimann Bien-Air Scholarship Fund*, which will support DMD students, with a gift of \$25,000.
- Carestream Dental has donated both a CS 8100 and a CS 9300 for the new Dental Clinic imaging center.
- Luigi Di Battista, DDS, MSD '91, '94 made two separate gifts totaling \$25,000. Half of his gift will support the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center, and half of his gift will be used to establish the *Canadian Alumni Student Support Fund*.

The Edward O. Graff Memorial Scholarship Fund

Inspired by the life and career of Edward O. Graff, DDS '33, a scholarship fund for students with an interest in prosthodontics has been established in his name with a \$200,000 gift by an anonymous donor. Dr. Graff was not only a dedicated practitioner, he was an admired teacher.

"It was important to the donor, whose life was greatly influenced by Dr. Graff, that his memory be celebrated with this scholarship to help students complete their education. We thank this selfless donor for a contribution that will help our students in perpetuity," notes Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations.

Upon graduation from the dental school in 1933, Dr. Graff opened his office in Cleveland Heights where he remained until retiring from his general dentistry practice in 1984. During his career he also served as a visiting dentist at St. Vincent Charity Hospital and Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. In 1954 he was appointed an assistant clinical professor of prosthodontics and was given emeritus status as an associate professor in 1984 in appreciation for his distinguished academic service.

Active in organized dentistry, Dr. Graff served on the board of the Cleveland Dental Society and was a member of the Ohio Dental Association and American Dental Association.

In 1949 he was tapped for membership in Omicron Kappa Upsilon and was elected a fellow of the International College of Dentists in 1966. He served as the supreme president of Xi Psi Phi from 1967-1969, while also serving as the president of CWRU School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association.

"We both fondly remember Dr. Graff from our student days for his kindness. He not only had a great way with patients, but treated everyone with the same respect—in this way he was an important role model for his students," said Andrew R. Bekeny, DDS '65, MS '70 and Ilze A. Bekeny, DDS '65.

The Edward O. Graff Memorial Scholarship Fund will stand in grateful tribute to the many contributions made by Dr. Graff to the profession of dentistry and to the School of Dental Medicine.

To establish or contribute to a scholarship fund, contact Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations, at 216-368-3923 or paul.wolansky@case.edu. ■



Dr. Edward O. Graff

- Nikolaos E. Evangelinakis, DDS, MSD '10 and Eleftheria (Karamitsou) Evangelinakis, DDS, MSD '11 made a challenge gift of \$8,000 to begin the Orthodontics Greek Alumni Endowed Fund. Other Orthodontics alumni in Greece are being asked to contribute matching funds for the next five (5) years.
- Kuniyuki Miyashita, DDS, PhD has created the *Kuniyuki Miyashita Endowed Fund* with a commitment of \$50,000. His fund will support the Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center, where he serves on the advisory board.
- The Ohio Dental Association Foundation provided a gift of \$15,000 to support the new Dental Clinic on the Health Education Campus.
- Nick S. Palmer, DDS, '75, MS '78 made the lead gift of \$10,000 to establish the *Bolton Brush Growth Study Center Endowed Fund*. The Bolton-Brush Growth Study Center research collection, held by the School, comprises the world's most extensive source of longitudinal human growth data.
- Fredrick A. Rosenberg, DDS '68 made a gift of \$15,000 to the *Dental Medicine Class of 1968 Endowed Fund* in honor of his 50th Class Reunion.
- Robert F. Wied, DDS '69, FAGD created the *Robert F. Wied Fund for Professional Development* through a \$40,000 estate commitment in his will. The Wied Fund will support dental student professional development, including participation in table clinics at local/national meetings. ■

FACULTY NEWS BRIEFS



Kenneth Chance, DDS '79, dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, was elected vice president of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) at its March annual meeting. He will serve on the OKU Supreme Chapter's board of directors in succession as vice president, president-elect, and president, and is the first African American to hold this position. CWRU's Upsilon Chapter was established in 1929 and

is one of 69 dental school chapters in the United States and Canada.



Sena Narendran, BDS, DDPH, MSc, is heading up a team from the Department of Community Dentistry where he is an associate professor, to collaborate with colleagues in Public Health Dentistry at Manipal College of Dental Sciences in Mangalore, India. Starting with an exchange of graduate students in dental public health at both institutions, the goal is to expand student knowledge regarding the healthcare

systems and dental education in other countries, in order to develop a global perspective and gain intercultural competencies.



Students and faculty (front row) at Future University (l to r): Dr. Mostafa Abo Shahba, Dr. Mennatalla Mohy, Dr. Ashraf Hussein, Dr. Jack Love, Dr. Nivine Ragy, and Dr. Sherine Nossai

In November, **Charles Jackson "Jack" Love, DDS '58**, an associate professor of prosthodontics in the Department of Comprehensive Care, was a guest lecturer at Future University in Cairo. **Dr. Nabil Bissada**, Associate Dean for Global Relations, who works closely with Future University in his native Egypt, made the arrangements.

Dr. Love's week-long presentations—"Various Treatment Modalities for Various Problems"—were taken from actual clinical cases of restorative work done by his CWRU students, as well as from his private practice. He covered not only the successful treatments, but the failures associated with treatment planning and execution. Included were fixed crown and bridge cases, implant supported crowns and bridgework, and conventional and implant supported removable dentures. Because there is always a psychological aspect to personal treatments (such as those done in dentistry), Dr. Love included patient stories and insights along with the technical portions of his lessons.

"There is first-class dentistry around the world, and Future University is an example of this," notes Dr. Love who previously lectured there, as well as in China and Viet Nam. "While other countries emulate American schools and often have outstanding facilities, we have much to learn from each other."



Mohsin Ali, BDS, MSc, PhD, Fellow Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, is an associate professor in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry. He joined CWRU in August 2017 and became a fulltime faculty member in August 2018. Dr. Ali graduated from the de'Montmorency College of Dentistry, Pakistan and completed MSc and PhD in prosthodontics at the University of London. Since the completion of his training

in maxillofacial prosthodontics at the University of Chicago in 1994, he has followed a career in academic dentistry and was on faculty at the University of London, Punjab University and BDZ University in Pakistan, University of Texas at Houston, and King Saud University, Saudi Arabia.



In January, **Dr. Anita Aminoshariae** was interviewed by Cleveland's ABC affiliate WEWS-TV to discuss a public health issue that is relevant to the dental profession: the opioid crisis. With the deadly epidemic particularly acute in Northeast Ohio, she is intent on making the public aware that there is an alternative to powerful painkillers.

According to Dr. Aminoshariae, the dental profession has known for more than two decades that over-the-counter medications like ibuprofen and Tylenol, when combined, provide the same relief as an opioid. However, dentists continue to prescribe opioids because the public requests them, wrongly thinking that they are the only way to alleviate pain. Fortunately,

there are signs of progress—the American Dental Association reports that dentists wrote almost half a million fewer opioid prescriptions over a five-year span, from 18.5 million in 2012 to 18.1 million in 2017.

“There is more that we can do,” notes Dr. Aminoshariae. “We must raise awareness of the options within our profession and with the general public.”



Leena Palomo, DDS '00, MSD '04, associate professor in the Department of Periodontics and director of the DMD Periodontics Program, moderated the

Joint Pre- and Post-Graduate Educators Workshop “New Classification Guidelines” at the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Annual Meeting in Vancouver last November. The AAP and European Federation of Periodontology recently completed a collaboration that resulted in the comprehensive update to the disease and conditions classifications established in 1999. Dr. Palomo also gave an invited talk at New York University’s Linhart International Continuing Education Center entitled “Safe Care in the Age of New Periodontal Classification and Risk Assessment” targeted at Latin American clinicians, a reflection of CWRU’s international reputation.



Dr. Nabil Bissada, associate dean for Global Relations and director of Advanced Periodontics, contributed to the new classification guidelines as a

member of the international workgroup that authored the report *Periodontal Manifestations of Systemic Diseases and Developmental and Acquired Conditions*. Dr. Bissada is president-elect of the Midwest Society of Periodontology.



Bernard Tandler has been named the Top Science Educator by the International Organization of Top Professionals in the USA for 2018-19. *Marquis*

Who’s Who has given Dr. Tandler an award in recognition of Lifetime Achievement in Biology (2019). Dr. Tandler was inducted into the Top 100 Registry Inc., an organization with a limited membership of 100 individuals who are considered to be at the top of their respective professions (2019).



Andres Pinto has been asked to be a reviewer for the orofacial pain section of the US Surgeon General’s Oral Health updated report.

This document will be released in mid-2020.



Michael Landers is collaborating with the medical school to develop holographic imagery of head and neck anatomy at the CWRU Interactive

Commons. He is working on an Academic Sprint Seed Grant - *A Quantitative Approach To Interpersonal Communications* - at the Interactive Commons with other members of the CWRU faculty community. This project is evaluating the inter-activity of teams using PBL cases created with holographic/hololens imagery.



Andre Paes Da Silva is a Council Person and Chair of the Graduate Student Forum of the Midwest Society of Periodontology. ■

Tina Fomby Retires After 45 Years of Service

February 1, 2019 was a banner day for Celestine “Tina” Fomby: it was her birthday and her final day of work at the School of Dental Medicine after 45 years of service.



When Tina started working for the School of Dental Medicine on December 5, 1972, Dr. Ron Occhionero has just embarked on establishing what would become the school’s Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) Program. She assisted him in his efforts, and in 1982 completed the program herself. Tina then joined the Department of Pediatric Dentistry under Dr. David Johnson who added office manager to her duties.

Understanding the value of being a familiar face to both patients and students, Tina always made sure she was visible from the front desk. She measured her tenure by the changing generations and affectionately recalled her own surprise when she realized that she was helping students who were the children of her first undergraduate class—or parents of patients who were now bringing in their grandchildren for treatment.

“Tina was an integral part of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry for many decades—a touchstone for patients, faculty, students, and staff alike. She brought her best to our department every day and we will miss her,” notes department chair Dr. Gerald Ferretti. ■

STUDENT PROFILE:

Ellis Fund Recipient Yanet Dominguez '20

When she was 19 years old, Yanet Cejas Dominguez came to the United States from Cuba with her parents and grandparents. She had long been an art school student and an accomplished flutist, but she knew that while her love of music would always be a passion, it would not be her career. With an interest in dentistry, Yanet immediately focused on learning English, attending Miami Dade College where she earned an associate degree. In 2016, she graduated from Florida International University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology—on her last day of class, she departed for CWRU.

Although she was set to attend a dental school closer to Miami and her family, Yanet ultimately thought that the CWRU School of Dental Medicine “felt more like home.” She also had the strong impression that it was a supportive school that was willing to help her succeed—a sentiment reinforced by Brian Sherman, interim director of admissions, and faculty member Dr. Kristin Williams. She credits their encouragement with helping her to make the right decision.

“In addition to the supportive faculty and staff, I am appreciative of receiving a scholarship from the Ellis Fund which provides needed assistance for my tuition expenses—I strive to be worthy of it,” explains Yanet.

The Howard E. Ellis DDS Financial Aid Fund was established by Dr. Howard E. Ellis and gifted as part of his estate in 1993 upon his death. Yanet also receives tuition assistance from the Annual Fund (a portion of which is designated for scholarships).

When not studying or in the clinic (where Dr. Fady Faddoul points out with good humor that she always has the cleanest cube), Yanet is grateful that she has made good friends at school and enjoys spending time with them. Upon graduation, she intends to go into general dentistry and is open to all opportunities. ■



Yanet Cejas Dominguez

Students Earn Awards at the National Oral Health Conference

Two students won awards at the National Oral Health Conference (NOHC) in Memphis this April. *The Pre-Doctoral Dental Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Dentistry* is sponsored by the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. Alisha Jimenez-Thompson, first-year dental and a dual degree (DMD-MPH) student, won first place, and Jodie Smith, a second-year student, received an honorable mention.

The title of Alisha's poster presentation was "Assimilation of Dental Case Management into Medical Case Management for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA)." Jodie presented her work on the "Effects of Racial and Socioeconomic

Infra-Structure on Health Professional Shortage Area Rankings." Both the students are mentored by Dr. Sena Narendran, an associate professor in the Department of Community Dentistry; he also directs the residency program in dental public health, as well as the dual degree program (DMD-MPH) in dental medicine and public health.

Alisha's work was the capstone project towards her MPH degree; she will be continuing her work this summer by conducting a survey of opinion leaders among people living with HIV/AIDS and will then investigate the perceived barriers to dental care for this group. In addition to presenting the work at CWRU's Research



Alisha Jimenez-Thompson and Jodie Smith

ShowCase, she will be presenting it at the annual Ohio Public Health Association Meeting. Jodie will be presenting her work at the International Association for Dental Research meeting in Vancouver later this summer. ■

Dental Students Serving the Community

CWRU dental students are encouraged to become involved in the community by providing dental and other outreach services through partnership programs with local organizations. For many students, this experience is the most gratifying and enjoyable time of their training.

Through the Student National Dental Association (SNDA), students volunteered at two **Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland** locations where they provided the children with oral hygiene education. Utilizing Play-Doh dental kits, they demonstrated the benefits of daily preventative care, including proper brushing and flossing. The students used the opportunity to impress on the children how important oral health is to their well-being—and how poor oral hygiene can lead to problems that are both painful and expensive to treat. Before taking home an oral hygiene goodie bag, the children were able to try on white coats and masks, which made them look and feel like young dentists, perhaps planting some seeds for future medical professionals!

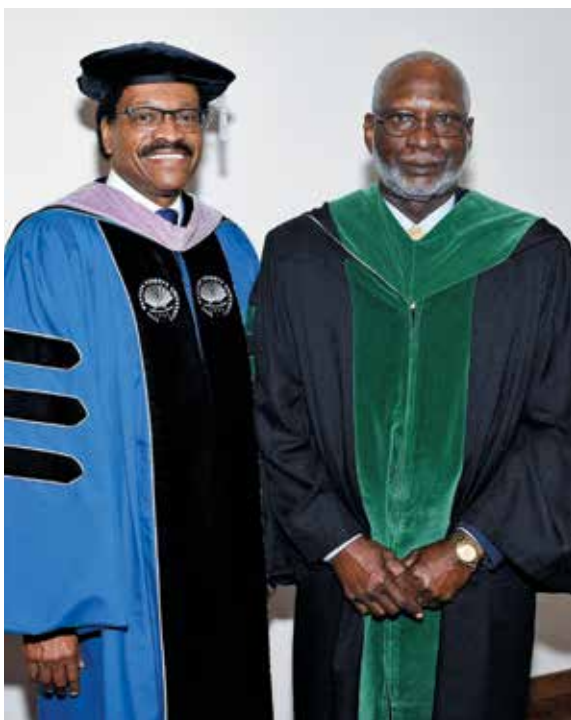
SNDA members also volunteered at the **Norma Herr Women's Center** operated by

the **YWCA of Greater Cleveland**. The shelter's mission is to empower women to receive the services to which they are entitled and which they often require in order to overcome their experiences of homelessness, trauma, physical abuse and substance abuse, and re-establish self-sufficiency and independence in our community. During the holiday season, the dental students donated and prepared a delicious lunch for the women at the Center who appreciated having a home-cooked holiday meal as much as the students enjoyed preparing it.

"Our students have a desire to serve the community and I am proud of the members of the SNDA for going above and beyond the school's service programs and seeking ways to help the community of which we are a part," says Dean Kenneth Chance. ■



Dental students engage children to teach them about dental hygiene.



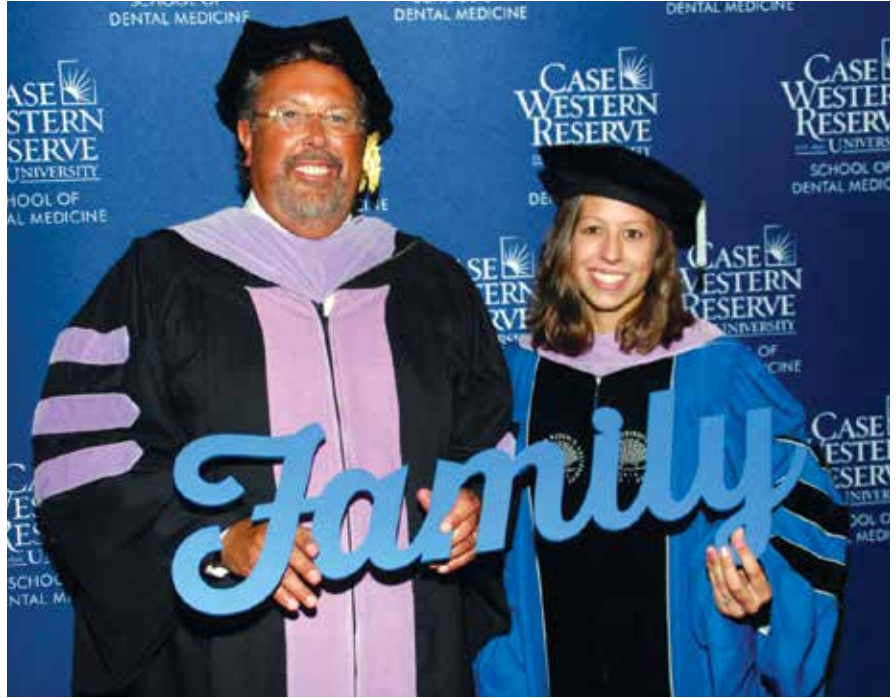
Dean Kenneth Chance with commencement speaker, Dr. David Satcher

Dr. David Satcher Addresses New Alumni

As the Class of 2019 gathered for the last time on campus there was much celebration. Commencement is an important and memorable occasion for graduates and their families. Family and friends joined in celebrating the Class of 2019. Faculty and staff worked hard to ensure the class was well prepared to step into their future as dental health professionals.

After welcoming remarks by Dean Kenneth Chance, former Surgeon General David Satcher, MD, PhD, gave the keynote address and reminded our graduates of the importance of a minute in their personal and professional lives. His theme came from the poem *I have only just a minute* by Dr. Benjamin E. Mays. He advised the class that the tragedy of life is often not in our failure, but rather in our complacency; not in our doing too much, but rather in our doing too little; not in our living above our ability, but rather in our living below our capacities. We must make each minute count. He stressed the importance of dental medicine to overall health and well-being.

We are proud to welcome the Class of 2019 into the Alumni Association.



The Annual Castellerin Open

Sunday, August 25

11:45am
Lunch and Sign In
1:00pm
Shotgun Start
6:00pm
Dinner and Awards

The Tanglewood Club
8745 Tanglewood Trail
Chagrin Falls, OH

Students \$70;
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Graduates with members of Forest City Dental Society and school administration



Director of Student Services, Marcos Rivera (center), with students



Students Justin McCray '21 and Nego Roberts '21 with Kenneth Chance, Dean

Honoring multicultural students

The Diversity Graduation Celebration acknowledges the value and uniqueness of underrepresented student experiences and serves to commemorate and highlight the accomplishments of individuals within their familial and cultural context. It brings together our diverse student body to celebrate and honor our multicultural students graduating from the DMD program or one of the residency programs. The reception was held in April with congratulatory remarks provided by Kenneth Chance, Dean; Dr. Kristin Williams, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Sara Fields, Director of Alumni Relations. This reception is held in collaboration with Forest City Dental Society, who performed the Rites of Passage Ceremony with the graduates. ■

Recent EFDA Graduate Finds Inspiration in a Parent and a Colleague

After serving as a dental assistant for eight years, Amanda Valcanoff, EFDA '19 was ready for the next step in her career. The decision to join the School of Dental Medicine's EFDA Program was an easy one—she was inspired by her mother, Julie Csaerhati, EFDA '00, who has long enjoyed a satisfying career at Martin Dental Care, the private practice of Christopher Martin, DDS '79, Carol Martin, DDS '79, and Laura Martin, DMD '16 in Kent, Ohio.

Another motivating source for Amanda was her co-worker at Your Smile Team in Chagrin Falls. Karin Hein, EFDA '75, a member of CWRU's inaugural EFDA class, is a natural mentor who has been an instructor in the EFDA Program at the dental school since 2002. At the start of her career, Ms. Hein worked for Dr. Ronald Occhionero, now associate dean of administration, at both his faculty and private practices. It was his trailblazing vision that led to the creation of the EFDA Program—the first of its kind in the United States.

"I am very fortunate to have both my mother and Karin as role models—they



Karin Hein, EFDA '75 and Amanda Valcanoff, EFDA '19

continue to provide the impetus for me to become more proficient. Being an EFDA is appealing because it allows me to be more creative and have a new level of interaction with our patients," explains Ms. Valcanoff.

Given her long tenure, Ms. Hein has seen firsthand how the role of EFDAs has evolved. In addition to the educational and testing requirements, practitioners who pass the exam are now registered with the Ohio State Dental Board. Most importantly, she notes that EFDAs are increasingly becoming a more integral part of patient care.

"Giving patients a beautiful smile is truly its own reward," adds Ms. Hein when asked about the best aspect of the EFDA profession.

Brandon Crane, DMD '13, who replaced Lawrence Oswick, DDS '73 in leading the practice, noted that he truly appreciates having both Amanda and Karin as restorative teammates since starting there in January. ■

For more information about the EFDA Program, contact Director Shelly H. Feiwell, CDA, EFDA at 216-368-3252 or shelly.feiwell@case.edu.

Congratulations on completing the EFDA program

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Taylor Miller
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Sarah Newbold
Christina Poulos
Aqib Shafi
Brittany Smith
Keslie Sterpka
Keisha Sykes
Kortnee Taylor

FRIDAY GROUP

Karen Bise
Ashley Boyd
Shannon Cruz
Jamey Dalrymple
Maria Dinobile
Angela Ducu
Georgina Ghobrial
Luci Griego
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Elaina Rotuno
Nicole Saula
Rebekah Shafer
Amanda Valcanoff
Audrey Wyatt



Friday EFDA Class



Speakers Dean Kenneth Chance '79, Krissy Maresh Shuster, EFDA '09, Mario Pavicic '92



EFDA Program Team — Shelly Feiwell, Karin Hein, April Lonsbury and Jodi Griffin Carmichael



Wednesday EFDA Class

Dear fellow alumni:

With our unsurpassed 125th anniversary celebration now a fond memory, and the opening of the new Health Education Campus a reality, I complete my four years as president at an extraordinary time in our school's history. It has been a privilege and one of the most satisfying endeavors I have undertaken during my career. I extend my gratitude to all of you for the opportunity—your collective support of our school and profession inspired my leadership at every turn.

At the top of my acknowledgement list are the two staff members who are the heart and engine of the Alumni Association: Sara Fields, Director of Alumni Relations, and

Tiana Ellington, Coordinator of Alumni and Donor Relations. As a team, they are dedicated and organized—they make it all happen with a generous spirit and a great deal of hard work. That we have come to enjoy a special friendship is, quite simply, a bonus that I take with me.

To all of the board members, I extend my heartfelt thanks for working alongside me and embracing (and offering) new ideas to successfully reconnect our alumni to the school.

Certainly there were challenges, but I think you will agree that we made good progress. The equity that alumni involvement brings to our reputation cannot be underestimated and your willingness to serve is appreciated.

And to Dean Kenneth Chance, thank you for the support you provided to both the board and me. We took on our respective roles around the same time and it has been a four-year journey that I have enjoyed immensely.

As one door closes, another opens. Just as we move from celebrating the richness of our 125-year history to the next chapter in our new home, so I pass the baton to my successor, Dr. Scott Alperin '74. You are in very good hands, indeed—I extend to him my best wishes and full support for the next round of accomplishments.

In closing I would like to say that I could not be more proud to have served in this capacity and to be an alum of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine—it is who I am. Each of you has my personal invitation to visit our new facilities—there could not be a better time to take an active role in our future.

Donald P. Lewis, Jr. DDS '76, '80
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"With sincere thanks to Don Lewis for his outstanding service, I am eager to get started and maximize the momentum that the opening of our new buildings offers. Let me add my own invitation to every alumni to visit and join us—I look forward to working with you."

Scott L. Alperin, DDS '74
Alumni Association President-Elect
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MESSAGE from the alumni association president



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Shelly Feiwell

Alumni Spotlight shines on two prominent alumni

The past academic year heralded the inaugural presentation of the Alumni Spotlight series — an opportunity for current DMD students to interact with and learn from the school's most successful and passionate alumni.



Tim Benich with Dean Kenneth Chance



Ace Goerig on a hard hat tour of the Samson Pavilion

The series featured presentations from Timothy (Tim) Benich, DDS '73 from Atlanta, Georgia and Albert (Ace) Goerig, DDS '71, M.S. from Olympia, Washington. Both Drs. Benich and Goerig have been long-time advocates for the School of Dental Medicine as volunteers, donors, and reunion participants.

"Alumni Spotlight resulted from current students expressing their interest in learning about additional successful practice management techniques from alumni in the 'real world,'" says Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations.

"Dr. Benich and Dr. Goerig are both successful in their communities and are both passionate supporters of the school. They are great role models in every way for our students." ■



Members of Delta Sigma Delta, an International Dental Fraternity, at the Samson Pavilion

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

Blue Block Party

7-9PM

Toby's Plaza

11471 Euclid Avenue (Corner of Mayfield Road and Euclid Avenue)

Cost: Free

Join the campus community for an amazing and lively street festival to kick off Homecoming and Reunion Weekend! Wearing your creative blue attire suggested!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

Tour the Gallery: Guided Tour of the Cleveland Museum of Art

10-11AM

Cleveland Museum of Art

11150 East Boulevard | Cleveland, OH

Cost: Free

Enjoy a special focus on the museum's new exhibition, Color and Comfort: Swedish Modern Design – an exploratory introduction to the bold, colorful patterning that defines the national nostalgia for Swedish cultural heritage and has been used to define a broader modern Scandinavian style.

Please be advised that we are unable to provide early admittance or waiting accommodations prior to the tour. Please arrive a few minutes before 10am because the doors do not open until 10am.

Homecoming Luncheon

11:30AM-1:30PM

Tinkham Veale University Center

11038 Bellflower Road (on campus)

Cost: \$30 Per Person; \$20 Per Person for G.O.L.D. (Graduates Of the Last Decade) and Guests; Free for the Class of 1969 and Earlier

Join the entire Case Western Reserve University community as President Barbara R. Snyder shares the State of the University. Director of Alumni Relations, Sara Fields, will receive the University Newton D. Baker Distinguished Service Award 2019.

CWRU School of Dental Medicine Think Forum Presentation

2-4PM

Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion

9501 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland, OH

Cost: Free

Earn two hours of dental continuing education credits. Speaker: Ted Croll, DDS

Dental Reunion Class Dinners and Class Photos

6-9PM

InterContinental Cleveland

Reception – Six Continents, Foyer

Dinner – Individual Rooms by Class Year

9801 Carnegie Avenue | Cleveland, OH

For Class Years Ending in 4 and 9

Cost: \$65 Per Person and Guests; \$20 for G.O.L.D. (Graduates Of the Last Decade) and Guests; Free for the Class of 1969/Earlier and Guests

Afterglow

9-11PM

Table 45 Lounge and Bar

InterContinental Hotel

9801 Carnegie Avenue | Cleveland, OH

After your class dinner, alumni and friends of the School of Dental Medicine are invited to Table 45 Lounge and Bar at the InterContinental Hotel to continue the conversation and enjoy "on your own" cocktails in this lively environment with a trendy setting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12

Meet the Deans – Health Sciences Breakfast and Samson Pavilion Tour

9AM

Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion

9501 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland, OH

Breakfast: \$10 Per Person; Free for the Class of 1969/Earlier and for G.O.L.D.

(Graduates Of the Last Decade) and Guests

Join Dean Kenneth Chance, the health sciences deans, and your classmates to start the day with a light breakfast, while hearing the latest news from your alma mater followed by a tour of the newly opened Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion.

CWRU Takes the Rock Hall

10AM-12PM

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

1100 E. 9th Street

Cost: \$18

Shuttle Pick Up:

9:30AM

InterContinental Cleveland

9801 Carnegie Avenue

If not taking the shuttle, arrive at the Rock Hall entrance by 9:50am to receive your ticket

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour through the decades of pop, soul and rock and roll!

HOME COMING & REUNION CELEBRATION

students • alumni • parents & families

OCT. 10-12, 2019

Around the World Dean's Lunch and Dental Clinic Tour

12:30-2:30PM

School of Dental Medicine Clinic

9601 Chester Avenue | Cleveland, OH

Cost: \$15 Per Person

Get an up close look at the new Dental Clinic while enjoying a progressive lunch.

An Evening with the School of Dental Medicine

6-11PM

Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion

9501 Euclid Avenue | Cleveland, OH

Band, DJ, Food, Beverages

Cost: \$25 Per Person for Alumni, Faculty and Guests; \$10 Per Person for G.O.L.D. (Graduates Of the Last Decade), Students and Staff and Guests

Celebrate this year's award recipients during the reception!



Distinguished Alumnus
Francis M. Curd,
DMD '77



Distinguished Alumnus
James E. Melvin,
DDS, PhD '78



Outstanding New Dentist
Maemie M. Chan,
DMD '09



Special Recognition Award
Sara Y. Fields
Director of Alumni Relations

class notes

1954

Robert Crowe and his wife, Charlotte, moved to a retirement home and are loving it. Lots of nice people and no snow!

Allan H. Robbins retired 15 years ago and his daughter, Dr. Cheryl Stern, took over his practice. He lives at Menorah Park in Beachwood, Ohio.

1959

Richard G. Kinkelaar and his wife Rosemary have been together for 60 years. They have four children, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. While they no longer travel, they enjoy one day at a time, reminiscing about all the good times with family, friends, and the dental school. rgkinkelaar@aol.com

Harry Melnick is retired and living in Deerfield, IL with his wife, Hope. hmelnick67@sbcglobal.net

1964

Bill Bart left private practice to do dental work around the country. He worked for the U.S. Army at Fort Bragg for three-plus years, a year at a Native Indian clinic in coastal Oregon, and six months at a hospital clinic in Barrow, Alaska. He is home now with his wife, Buff, and family

after working three and half years with a Choctaw Indian clinic in southeast Oklahoma.

bartetal@hotmail.com



Richard Benveniste is still having fun in the professional world! His practice has been in the San Fernando Valley for 52 years. His

past Chairmanships include: American Cancer Society, Board of Examiners Nursing Home Administrators, and California Society of Periodontists. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from CWRU and Distinguished Service Citation from the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs. He is a member of the San Fernando Valley Dental Society, California Dental Association, American Dental Association, and American Academy of Periodontology, to name a few. For the past 30 years, he has presented continuing education courses to

general practitioners and specialists on oral diagnosis, oral medicine, oral pathology, and the latest treatment modalities including periodontal disease therapy, laser therapy, and TMJ therapy. He says that "our school is the greatest!"

yourgums@gmail.com

Manuel Frankel sold his practice in July 2013. He does pro bono and fill-in dentistry work to stay active in the profession. Currently he is enjoying golf, even though he says he was a much better handball player! He and his wife, Paula, have been married 41 years. They love to travel to places they love and to new places to explore. They have three sons. Grant, an investment banker who lives in Manhattan with his two sons; Jared, an attorney who lives in Florida and has two daughters; and Craig who is also an investment banker, lives in California. Manuel says that it's hard to believe that it will be 55 years since we all graduated! mannyfran@aol.com

Edward Jacob and his wife, Nancy, will be celebrating their 58th wedding anniversary this July. They live in Duluth, Georgia close to their children and five of their seven grandchildren. Their vacation days are spent in California with their other two grandchildren. They like to golf and exercise to keep healthy. eanjacob@yahoo.com

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Donald D. Mackay keeps busy at his winter home in Florida as a volunteer clinician in Naples and does a lot of golfing, biking, and swimming. He and his wife, Wendy, have 13 grandchildren, all in Ohio. Their first great-grandchild was born in 2018. He is also busy with HOA boards and the Boy Scouts.
mackaydd@gmail.com

Dan Mahoney retired from dentistry in 2002 and from teaching in the Toledo public schools in 2018. He and his wife, Judy, have 11 grandchildren.
Sadie2634@aol.com

Giedra Matas works full time with her daughter, **Daina Matas '91**. They have the honor of being the first mother-daughter team to graduate from the dental school! She and Daina also have the distinction to be the first mother-daughter members elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon. Giedra is a fellow of the International College of Dentists and FDI. Her son, Richard, is a successful attorney. She and her husband, Stefan CIT '54,'57, love to sail and garden in the summer months. Giedra says that dentistry has brought great joy and meaning to her life for these past 55 years.
atas5132@aol.com

Jack McIver and his wife, Dorinne, are looking forward to a trip to Finland and a Viking cruise to Russia in August. He was saddened by the death of his good friend **Jim McQuilkin '64**—they played football together while completing their undergraduate degrees at CWRU.
jmciver@oh.rr.com



Norman Mittleman has been retired for the last 20-plus years. He enjoys scuba diving, range shooting, off-riding in his Jeep Wrangler, and fishing from his first-ever boat that he bought on his

79th birthday. He and wife, Janet, like to explore the countryside in their motorhome. Their grown children all live in San Diego.
stormNn1@aol.com

Allan Sheridan is an assistant professor with the Loma Linda University grad department

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American Association of Endodontists - April 2019

in the orthodontic academic clinic. He serves as a special consultant to the Dental Board of California and has worked with the attorney general's office providing trial testimony and consultation. He has a hundred-ton master license with the United States Coast Guard. Allan likes to fish, ski, and garden.
Captainal_92865@yahoo.com

1969

Doug Brown is a board member of his church and the village swim and tennis clubs. He and his wife, Teresa, have seven grandchildren.
dougbrownsoonerswim@gmail.com

Van Doolittle retired 16 years ago and enjoys every minute of retirement! He lives on a lake and spends time fishing, boating, and just enjoying the water. He has a woodworking shop and spends time helping his neighbors and doing volunteer projects. He and his wife, Susan, winter on the coast of Georgia. He has two children and four grandchildren.
vandoolittle1@hotmail.com

Gregg Farwick has been fully retired for five years. He spends his free time golfing, traveling, managing properties, and the Rotary Club. And he and his wife Dulcie are also trying to keep up with their eight grandchildren!
farwick1@aol.com

Steven Hutcherson is winding down his office activities and will continue working only a few more years. He is a big time fantasy football participant!
shutch833@gmail.com

Stuart Katz works just a few days a week now. He is involved with the Cleveland Dental Society and committees at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. His greatest joy is time spent with his six- and seven-year-old grandchildren. He and his wife, Pamela, are traveling and enjoying life.
sbk@stuartkatzdds.com

Jim Kohner and his wife, Carole, recently moved to Denver, Colorado to be near their son.
jameskohnerdds@gmail.com

James Mungo and his wife, Janet, have been married for 51 years. They have two married children and six grandchildren. He is retired from dentistry after 43 years of practice, but remains busy doing construction for Habitat for Humanity, in Akron and Florida. He serves on the Citizen's Board and volunteers at Hale Farm & Village. He took up guitar three years ago and has fun cooking, playing golf, fishing, and playing duplicate bridge. He maintains close relationships with his "old" friends from CWRU!
jfmungo@icloud.com



William "Fast Willie" Rackus retired in 2015 and hasn't thought about teeth since then! He enjoys "chillin" with his four grown daughters who all live nearby along with his three grandsons, who he says are much cuter than anyone else's grandchildren.

Timothy Richards retired in September 2011. He and his wife, Dale, have three sons, seven grandchildren, and a labradoodle. He stays active playing golf 2-3 days a week, exercising, walking, and bike riding. Several times a week, he does hygienist exams, reads X-rays, and diagnoses patients in different dental offices. He volunteers at the local grade school helping students become more efficient readers.
timarich44@gmail.com

John Roush retired from general dentistry in January 2008 after practicing for 38 years. He is a lifetime member of the Michigan and American Dental Associations. He enjoys reading the Bible, fishing, camping, and traveling to National Parks in the United States and Canada. He is a member and attends classes sponsored by the Hope Academy of Senior Professionals. He and his wife, Cathy, have two grown daughters who both live in Colorado. He is very thankful for the blessings and opportunities provided to him in the family of organized dentistry.
john david roush@sbcglobal.net

Kenneth Stasun enjoys orthodontics! He is blessed with having 42-plus years practicing in the San Francisco Bay area and hopes to have many more years ahead of him. Kenneth takes pleasure in flying his Bonanza A-36 in the Sierra Nevada Mountains where he and his wife, Katie, have a vacation home. He has his airframe and power plant mechanics license and does most of his own aircraft maintenance. His exercise regimen includes walking his Beagle, bike riding and doing yard work. He and Katie have a one-year-old grandson, Austin.
bracesbystasun@comcast.net

1970



Bob Weinstein and wife, Zvia, travel the world and Bob restores and races his classic 1950s Corvettes. Now retired, he loves hanging out with Jax at the beach of Santa Monica, CA.
rirvw@yahoo.com

1974

Hymie Akst retired and spends the winter months with his wife, Barbara, in Florida. He plays golf, exercises, reads, plays bridge, and bikes in his retirement. Has had great opportunities to travel the globe. He says life doesn't get much better than this and doesn't miss dental practice, only the wonderful people he treated.
hakst@aol.com

Scott Alperin started working part time this year. He and his wife, Leslie have three children and four grandchildren. He has fun cycling, skiing, and flying his airplanes.
scott@alperindds.com

John Anderson retired from practice in 2007. He owns and operates a small vineyard and winery. He and his wife, Laural have nine grandchildren and are active in their local church.
john@sthilairevineyard.com

Eric Gordon lives in Parma, Ohio and is active in his pediatric dental practice and has three grown children. He is a collector of classic sports cars and motorcycles.
doc_egor@att.net

Harris Levine is an assistant clinical professor in the Department of Endodontics at Case Western Reserve University.
HBLDDS@roadrunner.com



Stuart Levine and his wife, **Dena Babin Levine DDS '77**, just celebrated 40 years in their general dental practice. They enjoy visiting their three children in Los Angeles,

Illinois, and Maryland. He is still running half marathons, but no more Boston Marathons! Their next big trip is to Italy. They plan on practicing just a few more years and send their regards to all!
oreothecat@msn.com

Edward Meckler is retired and splits his time living in Cleveland and Florida. His interests include golf and photography. He and his wife, Debbi, like to travel and have visited all the continents except Antarctica. He maintains some connections to dentistry and serves on the board of the American Dental Association Business Enterprise. He is on the visiting committee of the Case School of Dental Medicine and a delegate to the Ohio Dental Association.
meckler@dcpartners.com

Dennis Schirripa is still enjoying his practice but with a much easier schedule. He is still looking for that special associate so he can do more fishing and less work! He has been blessed with good health and lots of family.
djschirripa@aol.com

Elliot Siegel and his wife, Kathy, have three daughters, two granddaughters, and a yellow Labrador. He has volunteered all over the world in places of need as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon for the past 20 years. For the past three years, he has been volunteering on the Mercy Ship in West Africa. He looks forward to his reunion in October.

Steve Yamokoski is the co-director of the Dental Residency Program at Summa Health Dental Center and works part time in private practice in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. He has two daughters, one son and a step-daughter and eight grandchildren.
yamo91@aol.com

1978



Darrick (Rick) Antell was recently honored as the Alumni of the Year for his more than 40 years of outstanding service by his high school, University School (Shaker Heights, OH). He was also quoted in the May 2019 issue of *Esquire* magazine in an article entitled *Taking Shape*.
aplatsurg@aol.com

Jeffrey Weil is retired and has a farm in Bainbridge, Ohio that he works at during the spring, summer, and fall. His wife, Connie, still maintains her psychotherapy practice in the Cleveland area. They are fortunate to spend the winter months in south Florida in the wonderful, warm weather. Their son Gabriel is a lawyer in Washington, DC. Their other son, Zachary, is a neuroscientist on faculty at Ohio State along with his wife, Kate, who is also a neuroscientist. They have two children, Daniel (8) and Julie (5). Jeffrey says that having grandchildren is the best and they are a source of overwhelming joy.
drjweil@gmail.com

1979

Jed Best is an associate clinical professor at CWRU, Columbia, and NYU. He is a reviewer of the *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry*, an official spokesperson of the AAPD, and a fellow of the AAPD, International College of Dentistry and the American College of Dentistry. Jed has published several books on photography. His wife, Wendy, is retired from the law profession and his daughter is a teacher.
jedbest@me.com

Joseph Briggie is actively practicing dentistry in Coral Gables, Florida, and his wife, Cathy, is still flying for Delta Air Lines. Two of his three children are married and he and Cathy are awaiting grandkids. He is looking forward to the reunion!

Tom Broderick has been practicing orthodontics since 1984 in Savannah, Georgia. Tom is a retired Captain of the Navy Dental Corp after serving 20 years in the Reserve. He is the past president of the Georgia Dental Association, Georgia Academy of Dental Practices, and Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation. He is currently a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the American College of Dentistry, and the International College of Dentistry. For the past 12 years he has been a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates. He and his wife, Linda, have four grown children and ten grandchildren.
thomas.broderick@comcast.net



Bradford Carl with his golfing buddy Clint Eastwood – and Brad's wearing his CWRU School of Dental Medicine polo shirt. He is an avid golfer but also enjoys skiing, boating and fishing.
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Robert Fornalczyk practices in Butler, Pennsylvania where his wife, Heidi, is the office manager. He stays active skiing, flying, and long range rifle and pistol shooting. Their daughter graduated from CWRU School of Law in 2016 and their son graduated as an electrical engineer from the University of Cincinnati.
drbobdentist@gmail.com

Michael French practices full time in Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife, Valerie, spend a lot of time at Lake Cumberland, Kentucky. His daughter, who has one child, is an attorney in Charlotte and his son is a dentist in Cincinnati.
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Chicago MidWinter Meeting -
February 2019



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Hinman Dental Meeting - March 2019

William Hoekstra and his wife, Maria, celebrated their 40th anniversary in May of this year! Maria is a full time dentist who practices in Holland, Michigan, while Bill practices three-quarters of the time in a large group practice of eight oral surgeons in four offices. Their son Chris lives in London and is a PhD candidate; son Marcus is a Fulbright Scholar in Madrid, Spain; and daughter Liz, an engineer, and her husband Jonathan, a professor of music at Ithaca College, have a son. Bill's hobbies include technology, photography, skiing, music, boating, and being an IT volunteer.
billhoekstra@gmail.com

Keith Hoover is still practicing dentistry full time in Hudson, Ohio with no current plans to retire on most days! He plays guitar and sings in the Praise Band at his church. One of his passions is golf and he got to check off a bucket list item by playing at Pebble Beach where he shot a 77 and birdied the last hole in front of 100 cheering spectators! He and his wife Kathleen did their Beatles pilgrimage last year to Liverpool and London. This year they are looking forward to trips to Holland and Croatia.
fourkhs@aol.com

Bradley Hylan works with his wife, Susan, CWRU '77 at their office in Cleveland. Their daughter Lauren moved back to Cleveland to help run the office and their daughter **Jessica Hylan-Cohen, DMD '09** is an orthodontist in Chicago.
bradhylan@gmail.com

Tarambakufa Mukurazhizha works fulltime in his pediatric practice in Greensboro, North Carolina.
muzhizha@yahoo.com



John Shaw and his wife, Nancy, live in Holden, Massachusetts surrounded by their three daughters, son, and four grandchildren. John retired last summer after a wonderful

39-year career in general practice. He was thrilled to continue his dental legacy by passing his practice to his daughter, Christina Shaw, DMD where he fills in at the office when needed. John and Nancy traveled to Rome and Europe last fall and spend their summer living the "lake life" in Rhode Island.
jdsdds15@gmail.com

Ron Shumaker sold his practice and retired in 2015 and his wife, Julie, retired in 2017. They live in San Diego where their daughter, Larissa, is a special education teacher and their son, Ben, is a police officer. They have two grandsons who happily occupy a lot of their time. Lots of travel and remodeling their home takes up the rest of their time. Ron notes that their lives are wonderful and that they are blessed.
rjblshu1@juno.com

Adel Tawadros is in private pediatric dental practice in Springdale, Ohio. He and his wife, Susan, have three children; their youngest is just finishing college and their middle child is in her first year at CWRU School of Dental Medicine.
atawadros@cinci.rr.com

Dane Widner retired and sold his practice in August 2008. He and his wife, Cindy, have three daughters and eight grandchildren. Coaching hockey, traveling, and being active in his church keep him busy.
dwidner@bright.net

Vincent Williams has twins, Julia who is a sophomore at UC and Nick who is at NKU. He has three step children, and four grandchildren. He and his wife, Andrea, enjoy cruising.
vvincentwilliamsdds@gmail.com

1983

Thomas Marxen recently co-authored, with his son Troy Marxen, an article entitled *Decision Making in Multidisciplinary Restorative Treatment in The Journal of Multidisciplinary Care, Decisions in Dentistry*. The report highlighted a case restoring form and function to a 34-year-old woman who presented with dental erosion, a postural tongue habit, altered tooth positions and supragingival caries. He practices in Woodinville, Washington.

1984

Craig Colas is continuing in his special needs dental practice in a New York state clinic where he has worked for 31 years. He is still serving in the U.S. Army Reserves IMA Dental Corps. He and wife Nancy have four sons – all married – and are excited about their four grandchildren.

Jodi Funk, who retired in February 2019, recently built a new Craftsman home with a shop on ten acres in wheat country in Eastern Washington State. She and her husband Greg have five children and four grandchildren who live all across the U.S., but consider their new home as their "base." She enjoys gardening, arts and crafts, and traveling.
jodi@mileybrands.com



Betty Haberkamp is currently working at Cleveland Clinic as their hospital dentist and Program Director for the GPR. She is active on committees with the GCDS and ODA. She loves the Cleveland food scene! She and her husband Thomas have two

grown children and one grandchild. She and Tom are preparing for their first hiking adventure in Spain.
doctooth@mac.com

Alan Krantz and his wife, Adria have been traveling and enjoy being active. Adria is very involved with a competitive dragon boat team in Jacksonville. Alan has been kickboxing and always finds something new in dentistry to keep up his interests. Their son Jason is an acupuncturist in Philadelphia; Shelby graduated in May in Environmental Law; and Caroline has been working for AmeriCorps for the last ten months.
drkrantz@krantzdentalcare.com

Fran Miller still works four days a week in Canton, Ohio. She has twin five-year-old granddaughters and a special needs adult son that keep her very busy. She is also on her local county school board trying to affect some much needed changes. Fran still likes to run and ski, but at a much slower pace!



BJ Showman is still working and loving it. Her concentration is smile makeovers. She stays active with family and friends and by swimming and practicing yoga. A Reiki Master, she focuses on massage and relaxation techniques.
drbjshowman@visn.net

1989

Bertha Alarcon sold her dental practice and is an associate professor and coordinator of diversity and inclusion at Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine. She is traveling and enjoying life with fellow alumna, **Sara Nazco '90**.
boalarcon@gmail.com

Shelly Boss was inducted to the Hawaii ADA – International College of Dentists in October 2018. Her daughter graduated in May 2019 after eight years in the audiology program at Akron University and graduate programs at OSU. Shelly has fun traveling: Mexico, Bermuda, Hawaii, Jamaica and San Francisco, earning Continuing Education Credits at most of her destinations.
drshellyboss@att.net

John Damiano has been married to his lovely wife Kathy for thirty-two years. Kathy was in her ninth month with their son Robert at his dental graduation. Today, Robert has his PhD and MS in mechanical engineering and a BS in applied physics. Their second son, Matthew, lives in NYC and is pursuing a career in media. Their daughter, Joanna, has her BA and MA in elementary and special education and is an elementary school teacher.
john@jtdamiano.com

Frank Fioritto is practicing in Geneva, Ohio with Dr. James Fortney. He has been married to Michelle for 28 years and they have three children, Makala, Frankie, and Natalie who all attend The Ohio State University.



Scott Fleming lives and works in Alpharetta, Georgia where he has practiced since 1994. He spends most of his free time involved in outdoor activities. Neither of his two sons, Zach and Max are interested in pursuing a dental career – and he is fine with that!
safddsga@yahoo.com

Fabiel Lugo Gutierrez is married to Magda and has a private practice in Ponce, Puerto Rico near their home. They have two children, Adriane and Fabiel, Jr.
dentfab@aim.com



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Anna Hubler has a great family practice in Glendale, California. She and her husband, Kevin, have been married for 25 years. She finds it hard to believe that it's been 30 years since graduation! She loved Cleveland and CWRU and thinks of her classmates often. alhublerdds@gmail.com



Kevin Maltz and his wife, Abbey, have two sons, Dan (27) and Jesse (25) and live in West Hartford, Connecticut. akmaltz@comcast.net



Albert Natelli, Jr. is President of the Connecticut State Dental Association. He is a two-time member of the Southington, CT town council, former president

of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the local parks board. albert.natelli@sbcglobal.net

1993

Rick Adelstein and his wife, Rachel, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Their daughter, Melanie, just finished her first year at CWRU School of Dental Medicine. Their son, Jake, just finished his second year at Ohio State studying computer science engineering. Rick tells us that "I would never be where I am today, had I not attended CWRU. The confidence and skills I have are because of the excellent education I received during dental school." rpadelstein@sbcglobal.net

1994

Kent Burnett is active with the state dental association. He and his wife Suzanne have a 20-year old son. office@kentburnettds.com



Nadeem Koussa has two private family dental practices which he established shortly after graduation. His wife, Deebeey, is the office manager of his practices. Even though he is active in both offices, he says that he has never worked a day in his life because he loves what he does! His eldest daughter is a nursing student and his middle daughter is following in dad's footsteps and pursuing a career in dentistry. Nadeem's youngest daughter is a biology major who will be applying to medical school next year. He is proud to be a graduate of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine! njk@att.net

David Palo is a board certified oral & maxillofacial surgeon who owns his own practice. He is an oral surgery mentor for the Pennsylvania Dental Association, an active volunteer oral surgeon for the Missions of Mercy, and a professional journal reviewer for the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*. He and his wife, Sharon, love spending time with their two daughters and son along with many outdoor activities such as boating, fishing, and traveling. teampalodsba@aol.com

Kenneth Rawlinson lives in Rhode Island and is a semi-pro poker player. smilebuilders@cox.net



Angela K. Velk served four years in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, and then she and her husband **Eric Velk '96** settled in Murrieta,

California where they have been in private practice together for 18 years. Their daughter, Mackenzie, is a biology major at UC Santa Barbara who will be applying to dental schools this summer. Their son, Brayden, is a first year student at UCLA majoring in political science and is contemplating a career in law. Angela and Eric love to go boating, skiing, and traveling with their children, but will enjoy a special trip alone to Italy to celebrate their upcoming 25th wedding anniversary! eavelk@yahoo.com

Ron Wolf completed 20 years of endodontic practice in October 2018. He and his wife, Karen, will have a high school student this fall and have triplets in the fifth grade. rwolf@summit-endo.com

1999



Joshua Wyte has been busy since he left active duty in 2004. He bought a private practice in Loveland, CO, got married and joined the Air National Guard. A

year later he had his daughter, Mia. Two years after that he sold his Loveland, CO practice and bought a practice in Denver, CO. Two years after that he bought a building and moved his practice into the building. Five years ago he had his son, Jonah. Joshua stays active - skiing, mountain biking, playing with cars and driving on the race track. He broke his shoulder this past October while mountain biking and had to miss the ski season. He is still in the Air National Guard and is the Chief of Dental Services for the unit.

2000



Brad Jarvis and wife Lori are the parents of four children. He enjoys spending time

with his family, playing games, and running. He has a goal to complete a marathon in each of the fifty states. He has completed forty states and is currently training for his next race.

Bijan Pourjamasb is a full-time practitioner in Irvine, California and likes playing tennis, especially with his sons. Bijan also likes to ski during the winter months. He misses his endo family!
drbijan@bpmicroendo.com

2004

Valentina Dobre is the owner of Dentalcraft Periodontics in Cleveland.
valentina817@gmail.com

Kevin Speer and his wife, Stacie, love to golf, travel, and spend family time with their three children, Zach, Andy, and Izzie.
drspeer@ogdental.com

2009



Douglas Means owns a private general dentistry practice in Lorain, Ohio. He and his wife, Amanda, have two boys, Aidan and Brice, who are eight and eleven years old. Spending

time with his family, biking, flying, and practicing dentistry are his favorite things!
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Jeff Van Kirk lives with his two sons, Nate and Dusty (and two cats), in Salem, Oregon. He worked at the Cleveland VA Medical Center after graduation and now has his own general dentistry private practice. A roller coaster enthusiast and outdoorsman, he downhill skis, whitewater kayaks, camps, hikes, and mountain bikes. He expresses his love for music by playing the drums, guitar, and piano.
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2014

Jeffrey Berlin [Ped Dent '16] is practicing pediatrics fulltime at Akron Children's Hospital. He lives in Beachwood, Ohio with his wife Ellie and three children, Suri (7), Mayer (5), and Zohar (2). He is unable to attend reunion this year, but sends his warm wishes to all!
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Riley Clark loves spending time outdoors riding his Razor with his family in the mountains. He has three daughters, 9, 6 and 2 who are full of energy and life. He just opened his implant-only practice and gives dental lectures around the country.
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Sarah Reittinger completed her GPR at Rochester General Hospital after graduation. She then worked part time at Fenway Community Health Center in Boston treating patients and teaching residents. Since 2015,



Alumni speakers at the April 2019 Association of Innovative Dentistry Inaugural Meeting - **Kari Cunningham (Ped Dent '12)** and **Marcus Johnson (Endo '11)**.

she has been practicing dentistry fulltime in private practice on the South Shore of Massachusetts. She loves living in Boston and traveling around the Northeast. Sarah is an avid skier and has skied Patagonia, Argentina, and the Austrian Alps.
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2016



Katharine Powers has joined the Schmah Orthodontic Group, established in 1995 by her mother, **Sharon Schmahl [Ortho '96]**, who has

consistently been named by *Cleveland Magazine* as one of the "Top Dentists in Northeast Ohio." Katharine recently completed her residency training in orthodontics at CWRU.

Endodontics

Three Endodontics graduates, **Carol Ghattas '15**, **Mina Rizk '16** and **Martina Gerges '17**, were pinned at the April 2019 American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting in Montreal as Board Certified Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics. Less than 25% of Endodontists are certified.

CWRU ON THE ROAD



American Association of Orthodontists - May 2019



Kent Acomb '57, July 11, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is survived by his wife, Jeanine, and their three children.



Juzer Chinwalla '92, '95, August 17, 2018 in Burr Ridge, IL. He is survived by his children.



Kent Cutforth '74, January 17, 2019 in Ammon, Idaho. He is survived by his wife, Dixie Lee, and four children.

Peter Dodson '77, February 20, 2019 at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Sebring, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Luanna, and three children.

Herbert Feingold '66, January 28, 2019 in Cleveland Heights, Ohio. He is survived by four adult children.

Manuel Freeman '61, November 17, 2017 in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Bella, and their three children.



Alan Steven Gutter '76, January 25, 2019 in Miami Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Harriet.



Patrick Haggerty '63, March 14, 2019 in Canfield, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Melissa, and three children.



Chance Haider '02, December 26, 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife, Rita Florez, and his three children.



Edwin Hatch '55, March 26, 2019 in Atlanta, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, M. Louise, and three children.



Harry Hom '64, May 13, 2019 in Los Angeles, CA. He is survived by Wanda, his wife of 57 years, four sons, and three grandchildren.

Danny Sawyer, DDS, PhD
August 24, 1945 - February 5, 2019

Danny Ray Sawyer, professor emeritus and former chair of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology at the School of Dental Medicine, passed away on February 5, 2019 in Wake Forest, North Carolina at the age of 73.

After graduating from Alderson-Broaddus College (West Virginia) in 1968, he attended the Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry (now Virginia Commonwealth University) where he earned his degree in 1973, his doctorate in general and experimental pathology in 1977, and completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial pathology.

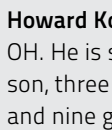
Following completion of his formal education, Dr. Sawyer conducted field research on the general oral health conditions of ancient civilizations in Chile and Peru. In 1977, commissioned as a medical-dental missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, the Sawyers lived in Lagos, Nigeria for five years where he taught pathology and ran a surgical biopsy service at the College of Medicine and University Hospital, University of Lagos. Subsequently, Dr. Sawyer served as research professor at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

Returning to the United States, Dr. Sawyer had dual appointments at Loyola University's Stritch School of Medicine and School of Dentistry (which closed in 1993). In addition, he ran an oral and maxillofacial pathology biopsy service as a faculty member of that medical school. He then held dual appointments at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and School of Dental Medicine where he served as professor and chair of Oral Diagnosis and Radiology.

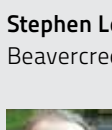
Danny is survived by his wife, Kathleen Modak Sawyer, three children, four grandchildren, and a sister.



Terrence Hunt '88, April 4, 2019 in Westlake, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Kelly, and their four children.



Howard Koch '51, October 21, 2018 in Lima, OH. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, one son, three daughters, eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.



Stephen Lee '72, May 21, 2017 in Beavercreek, Ohio.



Capt. Daniel Marsalek '56, September 17, 2018 in Lakewood, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Jan Alice, and their two sons.



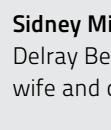
James McQuilkin '64, November 23, 2018 in Hanoverton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Jean, and their five children.



Ralph Meluch '68, January 25, 2019 in Fairview Park, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen, and six children.



Ronald Michaels '61, January 15, 2019 in Avon Lake, Ohio. Surviving are his wife, Patricia, and five children.



Sidney Minkoff '42, February 4, 2013 in Delray Beach, Florida. He is survived by his wife and children.



Howard Minor '52,
June 25, 2017 in Port
Orchard, Washington.
He is survived by his
wife, Virginia, and
their children.



Louis Parker '48,
February 18, 2018 in
Riverside, California.
He is survived by his
wife, Caroline, and
four children.



Allen Platt '84,
January 8, 2019 in
West Bloomfield,
Michigan. He is
survived by his
spouse, Dr. Jessica Gaul, and two
children.

James Radu '69, November 27,
2015 in Maumee, Ohio.



Frederick Rubin '65,
February 9, 2019 in
Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma. He is
survived by his wife,
Chrystal, and three sons.



**Robert Sacherman
'54**, January 30, 2015
in Youngstown, Ohio.
He is survived by his
wife, Carol, and their
three children.



Julian Schack '43,
November 14, 2016
in White Plains, New
York. He is survived
by his wife, Dorothy,
and three children.

Robert Trattner '45, May 23, 2019
in Baltimore, MD.

Charles Whitmer '69, March 1,
2016 in Syracuse, New York. He is
survived by his wife, Lynn, and
their two children.

Robert Wied '69, December 25,
2018 in Stateline, NV.

Robert Wright '68, January 19, 2019
in Macon, GA. He is survived by his
wife, Anne, and their three children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

September 6, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine San Francisco
Reception
W San Francisco
181 3rd Street
San Francisco, CA
5:00-7:00pm

American Dental Association Annual
Session: September 4-8, 2019

September 19, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine Boston Reception
Westin Boston Waterfront
425 Summer Street
Boston, MA
6:00-8:00pm

American Association of Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Session:
September 16-21, 2019

September 27, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine International
Speakers Bureau
Hotel Novotel Toronto Mississauga
Grand East Ballroom
3670 Hurontario Street
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
8:30am-4:00pm
Continuing Education credit provided

OCTOBER

October 4, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine Columbus Reception
Hilton Columbus Downtown (*New Location*)
401 North High Street
Columbus, OH
5:00-7:00pm

Ohio Dental Association Annual Session:
October 3-6, 2019

October 10-12, 2019
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend
Events held at the InterContinental Hotel,
Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion and new
Dental Clinic.

October 11-12, 2019
Department of Pediatric Dentistry Alumni
Symposium
Sheila and Eric Samson Pavilion
9501 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, OH

NOVEMBER

November 3, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine Chicago Reception
Hilton Chicago
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL
7:00-8:30pm

American Academy of Periodontology
Annual Meeting: November 2-5, 2019

DECEMBER

December 2, 2019
CWRU Dental Medicine New York Reception
estiatorio Milos
20 Hudson Yards, 6th Floor
New York, NY
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Greater New York Dental Meeting:
November 29-December 4, 2019

JANUARY

January 30, 2020
CWRU Naples Event
Royal Poinciana Golf Club
1600 Solana Road
Naples, FL
4:30pm

MARCH

March 6-7, 2020
Continuing Education Weekend
Kalahari Resorts and Conventions
7000 Kalahari Drive
Sandusky, OH

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