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Chairs Message: The UNC Pediatric Dentistry Legacy of Leadership



The 2017 AAPD Annual Session marked 20 consecutive years that I have attended this meeting. Twenty years ago at the 1997 AAPD Annual Session **Jasper Lewis (1973)** of Greenville became the president. With this appointment, Jasper joined fellow alumni **Ted Oldenburg (1962)** and **Bill Vann (1976)**, former chair of the department Roy

Lindahl and the school's first dean, John Brauer, as academy president. Dr. Brauer was the Academy's first president in 1947. Twenty years ago, Scotland announced that they had successfully cloned a sheep, Dolly. Steve Jobs returned to run a struggling Apple Computers, the movie "Titanic" was just released, Tiger Woods at 21 years old became the youngest golfer to win the Masters, and Madeleine Albright become the first female Secretary of State in United States history. UNC graduated the class of 1997: **Scott Cashion (1997)**, **Lenise Clifton (1997)**, and **Rob Moran (1997)**. Since then, we have graduated 61 residents, and so many have gone on to carry forward the UNC's legacy of leadership. Twenty years ago, I moved to Chapel Hill and read my first Department of Pediatric Dentistry Newsletter. In it, **Jasper Lewis** wrote a guest editorial titled: Profile of a Leader. He stated "*True leaders are servants of others.*

They realize the importance and significance of the vision and mission and are capable of communicating this to others. Leaders communicate in words, deeds, mannerisms and ethics." Great words to live by. I believe the greatest legacy a leader can leave is having developed other leaders. Twenty years ago, **Tegwyn (Hughes) Brickhouse (2002)**, **LaRee Johnson (1999)**, and **Jessica Lee (2002)** were still residents. **Dorothy Pang (1991)** was a recent graduates. All four ladies are now serving as AAPD and ABPD leaders. My how time flies! Many of us are very fortunate to have graduated from this very special place. I feel blessed every day for not only the education, but friends that UNC has given me. Through those 20 years I have been fortunate to connect with many of you; our family, friends and alumni. I can't wait to see what the next 20 years has to offer! It was great seeing so many of you during the AAPD Annual Session in Washington, D.C. The UNC Alumni and Friends reception always has a tremendous turn out.



Please mark your calendars for 2018 reception in Hawaii!

"EFFECTIVE CHILD MANAGEMENT (AND PARENT MANAGEMENT, TOO)"

Dr. John Rosemond

OCTOBER 6, 2017

William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
Chapel Hill, NC
6 hours of CE credit

Development Activities:

Stipend enhancement for our residents is our current top priority for fundraising and our efforts recently got a helping hand from **Gina Spangler (1996)**, **Gail Rohlfing (1996)** and **Kate Donovan Lambert (DDS 2005)**, all of Winston-Salem. The Spangler, Rohlfing, and Lambert Office Fund will be our *first* to commemorate the name of a pediatric dental office. When fully funded at \$100,000 the Fund will be a University-Named fellowship, the full endowment of which will support residents' stipend enhancements.



Left to right: **Gail Rohlfing, Gina Spangler and Kate Donovan.**

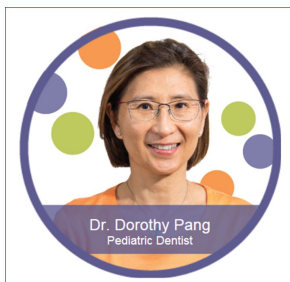
Congratulations to first-year residents **Anne Baker (2019)**, **Ivy Brisbin (2019)** and **Erin Tilton (2019)**, who served as the 2016-17 James B. Congleton Fellows. For more than 15 years, the Congleton Fellowships has supported residents in leadership training. This year, the Congleton Fellowship supported their participation in AAPD advocacy/leadership. Mentors for the trainees were **Kimon Divaris (2011)** and **Jessica Lee (2002)** of Chapel Hill. They provided leadership for the trainees' attendance at the Board of Trustees meeting and the Council and Committee Meetings.



Left to right: **Anne Baker, Ivy Brisbin, Jim Congleton and Erin Tilton**

The Chen Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series

Stephanie Chen Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series 2017



Bill Wagoner returned to UNC to provide our spring Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry lecture on April 21, 2017. He presented a seminar titled: ***“25 things that have changed the way I practice and I would have a hard time without.”*** Bill is in private practice in Las Vegas, Nevada and lectures extensively on a variety of topics related to pediatric dentistry. He spent the afternoon with residents and a panel of outstanding private practitioners who discussed practice management issues and solutions.

Our next Stephanie Chen Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture will be on Friday, November, 17 2017 from 8-10 a.m. at the School of Dentistry and will feature **Dorothy Pang (1999)**. Dorothy practices in a large pediatric dentistry/orthodontics group in San Francisco, Calif. and teaches part-time at the University of California San Francisco. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry as well as an ABPD examiner and director. She has participated in UNC Pediatric Dentistry continuing education in the past and will be coming to impart her pediatric dentistry wisdom. Come join us and share in the exchange of ideas and great pediatric dentistry fellowship.

Continuing Education

April 7, 2017, brought us another outstanding course titled "Caries Management in Children: From A (AAPD Recommendations) to Z (Zirconium Crowns)." Our featured guest speaker was Dr. Kevin Donly (University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio) and he was joined on the program by our own Dr. Tim Wright. More than 225 course attendees gave a rousing "thumbs up" for the speakers and the program content and stayed late to ask questions of the speakers.

Future Continuing Education Courses

Fall 2017

"Effective Child Management (and Parent Management, Too): An Update"

Friday, October 6, 2017

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Registration to begin at 8:30 a.m.

William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center-Chapel Hill, NC

Featured Speaker: John Rosemond, MS

(community psychology)

Nationally syndicated columnist and author.

Director, The Center for Affirmative Parenting,
Gastonia, NC

Mr. Rosemond has worked with families, children, and parents since 1971 in the field of family psychology. He earned his master's degree in psychology from Western Illinois. In 1999, his alma mater conferred upon him their Distinguished Alumni Award. Upon accepting the honor, he gave the commencement address. From 1980-1990, Mr. Rosemond was in full-time practice as a family psychologist. Presently, his time is devoted to speaking and writing. John's weekly column, "Living with Children," is dedicated to child management and parenting issues and is syndicated in approximately 250 newspapers nationwide. He has written 11 best-selling parenting books. **And, yes, you will have an opportunity to purchase some of his books and have them signed!** He is one of America's busiest and most popular child psychology speakers. Mr. Rosemond is known for his sound advice, humor, and his easy, relaxed, and engaging style. In the past few years, he has appeared on numerous national television programs including "20/20," "Good Morning America," "The View," "The Today Show," CNN, and "DBS Later Today," as well as numerous print interviews. John is always quick to remind folks that his real qualifications are that he has been married to his wife for more than 40 years, is the father of two successful adults, and the grandfather of seven well-behaved grandchildren!

This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

Tuition: \$285 dentist*

\$150 staff members*

* A generous continental breakfast including pastries, fresh fruit and juice, yogurt, coffee and tea will be available at registration, a fabulous buffet lunch and two breaks with snacks and beverages are included, plus free parking.

FALL IS ALWAYS BEAUTIFUL SO REGISTER EARLY AS THE COURSE HAS BEEN IN MUCH DEMAND AND WE ANTICIPATE A LARGE CROWD. ALMOST 300 ATTENDED THE LAST TIME WE HAD MR. ROSEMOND WITH US. ALSO, THIS IS A FOOTBALL WEEKEND IN CHAPEL HILL. THE TAR HEELS WILL BE PLAYING NOTRE DAME THE FOLLOWING DAY. SO, IF YOU WILL NEED THEM, MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY!

For registration call (919) 537-3400, or go to the UNC School of Dentistry's CE website at www.dentistry.unc.edu/cde/courses.

Registration by mail:

Attention: Registration

UNC Continuing Dental Education

Campus Box #7450

Chapel Hill, NC 27599-7450

Spring 2018

"New Approaches and Materials to Manage the Pulp of Immature Permanent Teeth"

Dr. Kenneth Hargreaves will be our featured speaker for the spring 2018 CE course in Chapel Hill. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Endodontics*, contributor to 33 endodontic and pain control reference books and published more than 170 articles in the professional refereed literature. In addition, he has currently research grants that exceed \$5 million dollars. Ken will be bringing us the most current endodontic techniques and procedures for treating the primary and young/immature dental pulp.

April 13, 2018

9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

William and Ida Friday Continuing Education Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Speaker: Kenneth M. Hargreaves, DDS, PhD, MS

Professor and Chair, Department of Endodontics

Professor, Department of Physiology

(Graduate School)

Professor, Department of Surgery,

Medical School

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Bryan and Renea Cobb Fellowship Fund Meets 100K Goal for a University-Named Fellowship in Pediatric Dentistry

Several years ago, even while contributing to several ongoing fellowship initiatives in the department, **Bryan (1979)** and **Renea Cobb** of Greensboro began a personal fund in the Dental Foundation of North Carolina with the goal of establishing a university-named fund (minimum \$100,000) to honor the Cobb name and legacy. We're pleased to announce and that their goal was recently achieved!

The Cobbs stipulated that the fund's endowment proceeds be used as a pediatric dentistry stipend enhancement to recognize excellence in academic, patient care, or research. Bryan noted, "Renea and I wanted to take this step for two reasons. Number one is that having been involved with increasing department funding for many years and having seen great progress in this endeavor, it was obvious that we were missing our mark. We needed to be funding graduate students as our top priority. Number two, we wanted to show leadership that would encourage others to follow with their own fellowship funds. Our goal would be that each graduate student would be awarded a fellowship equal in amount to their tuition. We think this is entirely possible."

The 2016-17 recipient of the Cobb Fellowship was **Beau Meyer (2017)**. Beau is a native of Ottawa, Ohio, who finished number one in his dental class at The Ohio State University. He has performed at an exceptional level in all aspects of our residency program here at UNC-CH. He recently completed his MPH program early, receiving his degree in December 2016. He completed the residency program on June 30 and accepted a position to join our faculty on July 1, 2017.

Chair Jessica Lee noted, "The department is honored to be the recipient of this endowment initiative and we were thrilled to see the Cobb Fellowship Fund reach its goal early!" This fund is another of the important endowment building-blocks that will help us privatize our graduate program operations. Bryan and Renea are long-time generous supporters and we are grateful to them for sharing our vision for our future."

Heads-up alumni and friends: Paul Gardner, Sarah Huppert and John Bonvechio from the school's Office of Advancement would be happy to talk with you if you're interested in setting up an endowed fellowship fund as an individual or through your practice.



Welcome New Faculty Member Beau Meyer

We are delighted to announce that **Beau Meyer**, a 2017 graduate of our residency program, has accepted a full-time faculty appointment in our Department of Pediatric Dentistry here at UNC-Chapel Hill. Beau will be involved with teaching in the predoctoral clinic, research with **Kimon Divaris (2011)**, patient care through the Dental Faculty Practice and the UNC Hospitals, and the Durham County Health Department.

It is great to know that Beau will continue his presence in our Tar Heel family but now also as a member of the faculty.

PRIVATE PRACTICE ROUNDTABLE

The Private Practice Roundtable, which is held every other year, convened again this past April. It was the culmination of **Mike Ignelzi's (1992)** course, Contemporary Practice Management. This year the Roundtable participants included pediatric dentistry private practitioners and business owners from far and near. The department thanks those dedicated individuals for their participation. All our residents as well as many faculty members participated and enjoyed the fruitful discussion.



The Roundtable Private Practitioners:

Tom Bouwen (2007), Holland, Mich.
Billy Chambers (1979), Asheville, N.C.
Sindhura Citineni (DDS 2010), Durham, N.C.
Kerry Dove (2012), Concord, N.C.
Oshmi Dutta, San Antonio, Tex.
Bill Waggoner, Las Vegas, Nev.

Roundtable Private Practitioners, Mike Ignelzi and residents.

"The goal of the Roundtable is to expose graduate students to a variety of perspectives. The private practitioners who participated this year were a diverse group, but they shared the goal to help the students navigate the next few years of their lives."

Mike Ignelzi



Tim Wright, Jessica Lee (2002), LaRee Johnson (1999) and James Gerdts attended the October 2016 AAPD and Royal College of Surgeons "*Small Beginnings, Big Outcomes*" joint meeting held in Dublin, Ireland.

Tim and Jessica were speakers.

Congratulations to new Diplomates!

This past year a number of pediatric dentists who either practice in North Carolina or have North Carolina connections, have been recognized as new diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Those acknowledged and presented their diplomate's pin in May at the 2017 Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry included Clark Morris, **Alexandra Boudreau (2015)**, **Kevin Ricker (2015)** and Allen Porter. Congratulations to all of these colleagues! Job well done!!

In addition, congratulations are due to **Lindsay Statile (DDS 2010)**. Lindsay was a recipient of a 2016 *Richard C. Pugh Achievement Award*. This award acknowledges the candidates that scored in the top three percent of the May 2016 Qualifying Exam of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

News from the NCAPD

In the fall of 2016, the NCAPD leadership launched an aggressive campaign to advocate for increased dental Medicaid reimbursement rates in the state. Joined by Dental Medicaid Director Mark Casey, in October 2016 **Bryan Cobb** (NCAPD Medicaid liaison), **Frank Courts** (NC-PAG member and board member), and **Bill Vann** (NCAPD secretary-treasurer) met with DMA Director Dave Richard and his leadership team. This meeting followed a series of communications and calls involving NCAPD President **Mike Roberts** and other NCAPD leaders wherein a list of concerns relative to eroding Medicaid dental reimbursement rates was developed. We were pleased with Director Richard's response to our concerns, and at the same time, he pledged to have his leadership team begin an analysis of the problems based on the data we offered.

Following the meeting with Director Richard and his team, the North Carolina Dental Society (NCDS) appointed a joint NCDS-NCAPD Task Force, co-chaired by **Ron Venzie** (immediate past president, NCDS) and **Mike Roberts** (president, NCAPD) to investigate the impact of the current Medicaid dental reimbursement rates on access to care. They generated a detailed and comprehensive report based on contemporaneous data as well as a strategy for moving forward with advocacy for dental fee increases. After the Task Force Report was developed, Ron presented it to the NCDS Board of Directors. They approved the content and recommended strategy.

In April NCDS President Billy Williams orchestrated a conference call with the NCDS Executive Board, NCDS Executive Director, Alec Parker, and NCAPD President Mike Roberts. A productive follow-up

meeting was held on March 10, 2017, with DMA Director Richard and his leadership team. Attending were Alec Parker, Frank Courts, Vince Allison (Old North State Dental Society), Mark Casey, dental program director, and Mike Roberts. Another meeting was held with the new state Secretary of Health and Human Services, Dr. Mandy Cohen, on June 23.

Although the post-November election political atmosphere may not seem to bode well for the kind of support for which we advocate, there is no doubt that we have sensitized our state Medicaid leaders to the need for additional resources for the dental program. In summary, we've had a frantic eight months of activity in advocacy for increased Medicaid dental fees. Stay tuned!

Please mark your calendars: the 2017 NCAPD Annual Meeting will be held on **Saturday, October 7, 2017** in Chapel Hill at the Courtyard Marriott on Raleigh Road (Highway 54), immediately adjacent to the Friday Center. As is our tradition, the annual business meeting will commence with an early morning breakfast at 7:15 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 7:30 a.m.

As announced in several email communiqués, following this year's business meeting, the NCAPD will sponsor a formal CE offering in opioid training that will meet the NCSBDE's new requirement for such training. The title of the course is "Dental Pain Pharmacotherapy: Considerations in Today's Healthcare Landscape." The course will commence immediately following the annual business meeting and run 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Kimberly Saunders from the UNC School of Pharmacy. This CE Course will be free for all NCAPD members as a membership benefit.



Please visit NCAPD
website at
www.ncapd.net

Update on New Residents

Our program is very excited to welcome the pediatric dentistry class of 2020. Our three incoming residents **Amanda Allen**, **Jennifer Crisp** and **Morgan Hess** have come to us by different paths but we know that they will be outstanding additions to our program.



Born in Wilmington, Delaware, **Amanda Allen** received her Bachelor of Arts in biology from Wake Forest University in 2001. She earned her DDS from UNC School of Dentistry in 2008 followed by the completion of the AEGD program at the Fayetteville VA in 2009. Since that time Amanda has been in private practice. Amanda has a long history of community service including working as a dentist in a Federally Qualified Health Center.



Jennifer Crisp was born in Raleigh, N.C. and has remained local throughout her advanced education. Jennifer earned her Bachelor of Science in biology in 2009 from UNC Chapel Hill and her Master of Science in Biology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. After earning her DDS from UNC School of Dentistry in 2015, she completed the GPR program at UNC Hospitals in 2016. Jennifer has been in private practice for the past year.



Morgan Hess is a native of Mason City, Iowa. In 2013 she received her Bachelor of Science from the University of Iowa after which she began her dental training, also at the University of Iowa, earning her DDS in 2017. While in school, Morgan established a strong record of academic achievement and participation in community outreach, receiving the Dean's Student Leadership Award and participation in the Iowa Mission of Mercy.

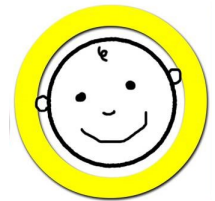
Delta Dental Supports the Baby Oral Health Program



Mike Roberts, Rocio Quinonez and Dean Scott De Rossi

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry is grateful to have received a small grant to support the Baby Oral Health Program (BOHP). BOHP's mission is to improve health trajectories for every child by engaging providers to delivered comprehensive and essential preventive oral health services in early childhood. BOHP continues to be UNC's educational platform for early childhood oral health and we are thankful for the support.

Visit our website: www.babyoralhealthprogram.org



Resident's Corner

As another academic year comes to a close, we say our goodbyes to the third-years, and we welcome the new incoming residents. The annual "Fare-welcome" outing is a celebration everyone looks forward to, and this year was no exception. As we look to the year ahead, the residents agree on one thing for sure: we are in the greatest profession on earth. Our patients keep us laughing, whether it's PPD exam week, or a hectic call week. What job could be more fun?! Here are our most memorable patient moments and quotes from the past year:

Molly: "What's your name?"

Patient: "Dijon"

Patient's mom: "His name's not Dijon. He just really likes mustard."

Bhavna, with her patient who had breathed nitrous for a few minutes and reached his arms straight out in front of him: "What are you trying to do?"

Patient: "The Martians are coming!"

Anne: "My emergency extraction requested the soundtrack to the movie *Trolls*, and proceeded to sing 'Can't Stop the Feeling!' for the entirety of the appointment! I never thought a child would sing through an injection, and through an extraction, but she did, and I'll never forget that afternoon."

Ivy (after pulling food from between his teeth): "What did you have for lunch?"

Patient: "Meatballs"

Ivy: "Mmm, I bet those were yummy"

Patient: "Yea, maybe when you come over, mommy can make meatballs for you!"

Beau: "When my patient completed operative treatment, she asked me to sign her cast, which was completely blank, and she was getting it off later that week. It melted my heart."



Pictured above: Incoming and outgoing, residents' with Peter Green, honorary Grad Pedo radiologist, standing in for upcoming third year, **Lauren Green**, in Cherokee with **Dr. McIver (1970)** and DDS students.

Erin's 10 year-old male patient, after operative treatment: "I have 24 dollars. Can I give you 2 dollars for your excellent work today?"

Jami recounts a routine, ortho arch-wire check:

Patient's 3 year-old sister: "Doctor! Is my brother going to be okay?"

Jami: "I don't know, what do you think?"

Patient's sister: "I think he needs some medicine."

Jami: "Good idea. What kind of medicine?"

Patient's sister: "Red medicine."

She then proceeds to go out of the operatory and tell all the assistants that I'm actively hurting her brother, and there is an emergency fairy magic show that she has to go to.

Gentry's 4 year-old patient, yells to her sister across the bay: "Don't worry, they don't do shots here!"

Lauren's patient, who was getting ready to take bitewings and sees the picture of dentiform teeth modeling proper x-ray technique: "Are you going to have to take my teeth out to take these?"

Lauren: "Of course not."

Patient: "Oh. Well my grandma takes her teeth out every night, but she says it doesn't hurt."

Department Research Activities

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has a long history of conducting impactful research in a wide range of fields aimed to improve children's oral health. Faculty, residents, PhD and Master of Science students and other collaborators, including dental students, are currently involved in clinical, educational, molecular, behavioral, public health and health policy research, in a substantially interdisciplinary context.

Our second-year residents, **Anne Baker**, **Ivy Brisbin** and **Erin Tilton**, have started delving into their research projects and presented overviews of their evolving research protocols at a school-wide event in April. Anne is under-taking a "comparison of buffered one percent vs. unbuffered two percent lidocaine in children" and her mentor is **Ray White**. Ivy is examining parental factors affecting acceptance of SDF, and her mentor is **Tim Wright**. Erin is working with **Martha Ann Keels (1990)** on an investigation of the interface between nutrition and ECC.

Our third-year residents, **Gentry Byrd**, **Lauren Green** and **Molly Tesch**, have all made great progress in their research projects, and have twice presented their research protocols and updates at school-wide and department events.

All our senior residents **Jami Ballantine**, **Beau Meyer** and **Bhavna Pahel**, completed their research requirements and successfully defended or presented their graduate research project work.

Congratulations to **Beau Meyer** for being one of the eight GSRA winners who gave oral presentations at the annual AAPD session in Washington, D.C. and competed for the prestigious McDonald Award! **Bhavna Pahel** presented her research findings at the same meeting and the "My Kid's Dentist" poster competition. Of note, **Jami Ballantine** was a GSRA winner last year.

Recent presentations at the 95th general session of the International Association for Dental Research

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry was well represented at the 46th AADR (American Association for Dental Research) annual meeting in San Francisco, Calif., in March 2017. **Bhavna Pahel** presented data from her research project with **Bill Vann (1976)**.

Tar Heels hanging out at the opening event of the 2017 AAPD Welcome Reception

LaRee said:
"Once a Heel,
always one!"

Represents a span of more than 20 years of UNC graduates and a future graduate.



Left to right: **Laree Johnson (1999)**, **Anne Baker (2019)**, **Lina Cardenas-Dentchev (2002)**, **Gail Rohlfing (1996)**, **Scott Cashion (1997)**, **Lenise Clifton (1997)** and **Chuck Mauney (2000)**.

Department Says Goodbye to the Class of 2017

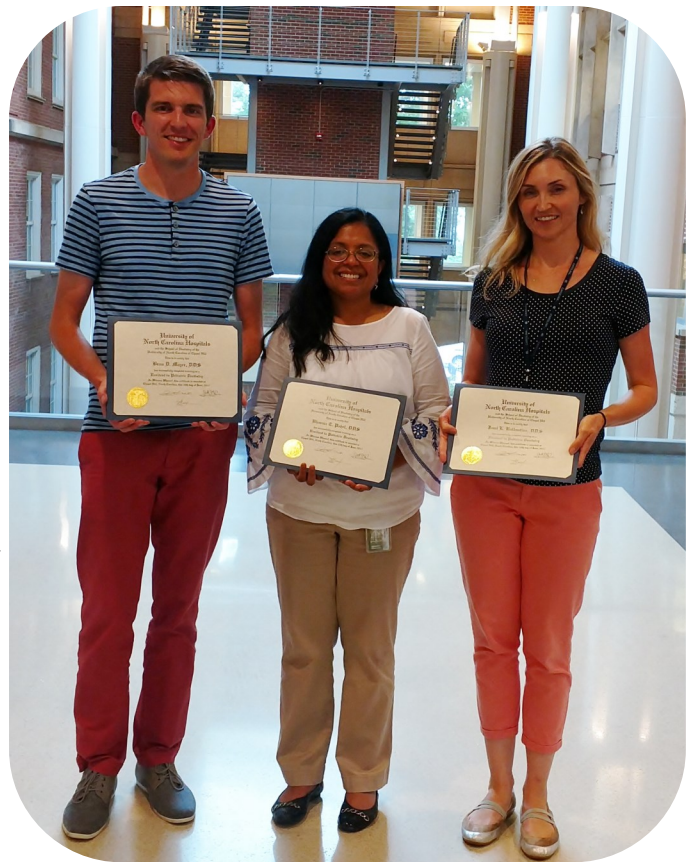
Jami Ballantine (2017) is a graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She is a native of California and has spent much of her life on the west coast and obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah. Jami completed her Master of Science degree under the direction of **Kimon Divaris (2011)**. Jami, her husband and two young boys have moved to Utah and are looking to establish a practice there.

Beau Meyer (2017) is a graduate of The Ohio State University School of Dentistry. He is a native of Ohio and received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Miami University of Ohio. While at OSU he was active with the Ethiopia One Health Task Force whose goal was to partner with Ethiopian universities to improve global health and strengthen an interdisciplinary approach to health care. Beau completed his Master of Public Health degree along with his certificate in Pediatric Dentistry. Beau joined the UNC Pediatric Dentistry faculty on July 1, 2017.

Bhavna Pahel (2017) is a native of India, but has been in Chapel Hill for the last 10 years. She received her PhD and Master of Public Health degrees at UNC Gillings School of Public Health in 2008 and 2003, respectively. She is already an accomplished health services research investigator contributor in a variety of teaching settings including masters and predoctoral level courses. She completed her research project under the direction of **Bill Vann (1976)**. She is living in Chapel Hill and practicing in Fayetteville, N.C.

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017!

We will miss you!



Left to right: **Beau Meyer, Bhavna Pahel and Jami Ballantine.**

Alumni in Singapore Celebrate the 2017 Tar Heels National Championship!



*“Good
News
Travels
Fast”*

Chien Sim (2013) and her husband Varian

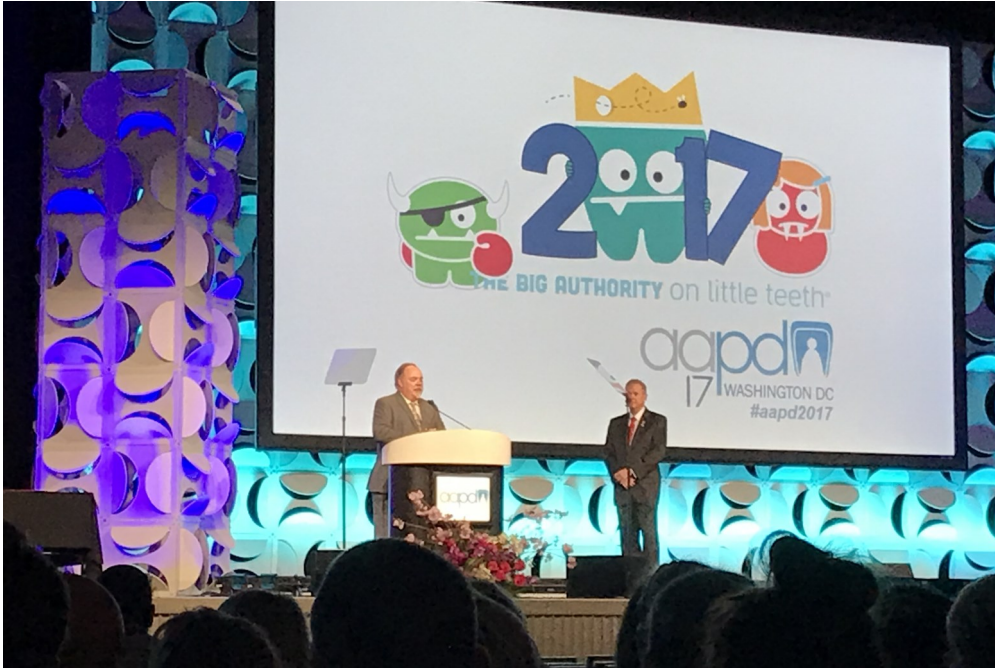


Shijia Hu (2015) and **Bien Lai (2011)**

Alumni and Friends in Washington, D.C. at the 2017 AAPD Annual

Alumni and Friends again played key roles in the success of the recent 70th Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held in Washington, D.C. over the Memorial Day Weekend. The program was filled with old friends and many familiar faces. UNC alumni and friends filled the scientific offerings this year! In addition to the Scientific Program, many friends and alumni were working hard behind the scenes to support the business and policy development of the AAPD through its councils, committees and centers!

Special kudos to **Tim Wright**, who was honored twice at the recent American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry meeting. He first received the Manuel M. Album Award, which honors a person who has made the greatest contribution to the oral health of children with special needs. Since joining UNC, Wright has maintained an active practice that includes providing care to children with special medical and dental health care issues. The award was established in 1997 and is named for Manuel M. Album, who devoted his career to caring for children with complex medical concerns. Tim also won the Paul P. Taylor Award, which is presented to the author of the best published paper in pediatric dentistry for the year. Wright's award-winning paper was entitled "Sealants for preventing and arresting pit-and-fissure occlusal caries in primary and permanent molars" and was published in *Pediatric Dentistry*!



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UPDATES FROM OUR ALUMNI

Matt Goslee (2007), of West Hartford, Conn., said: I think about UNC and our time there almost every day. I miss seeing you all and we are definitely overdue for a visit to our "other home" in Chapel Hill. Things are going really well here in central Conn. I'm loving pediatric dentistry and also do orthodontics and Invisalign in my practice. I've am also enjoying being a business owner and getting involved with different projects with schools and the community. Julie and I have two kids--Zach is 10 and Josie is 7. They keep us very busy with lots of activities and sports. I have helped coach baseball, soccer and bas-ketball for a few years now. Zach loves baseball and swimming the most and is hoping to play for the Red Sox of course. Josie loves dancing and soccer, and is constantly doing cool arts and crafts projects. Julie likes her work at Hartford Hospital Institute of Living as a child psychiatrist with a therapeutic school, and she wears

many hats there as well. When we get some family vacation time we like to visit my parents in Falmouth, Mass., and Julie's family in Orlando. We love hiking and biking in both Bar Harbor, Maine and Franconia, N.H.

We are also lucky to have a reservoir with trails and a ton of wildlife right in our backyard here in West Hartford, Conn., between black bears, fox, deer, coyotes, and bald eagles it's like a park here. In other news, I recently got certified to sail larger sailboats 45'-65' in a catamaran course through Blue Water Sailing School.

I'm looking forward to tak-ing my family on a 'bareboat' charter either in New Eng-land or the Caribbean in the future if we can find time with our busy work and school schedules. I'm in shock now writing this as it's been 10 years since graduating the awesome UNC pediatric dentistry program!! We are hoping to get back to Chapel Hill soon!! Hope you all are doing well

Ron Hsu (2005) said: Life is good in Vancouver, Wash. After more than 10 years of working with a large DSO dental group, I opened the doors of Storybook Dental in January 2017. In May, I completed my term as secretary of Clark County Dental Society and began my service as vice-president. I successfully completed my 10-year recertification with the ABPD this past March, and will be starting my third-year of service on the AAPD Council of Continuing Education, as well as my 11th year on the editorial board. **Jessica Lee (2002)** and I recently recorded the second episode of the AAPD Podcast Program, *Pedo Teeth Talk*, regarding pulp regeneration after traumatic avulsion.

My wife, Misty, and I are busy raising our five children as well as tending to our new dental practice, and we are so grateful for the wonderful education UNC Pediatric Dentistry had endowed us with.

We are proud to announce that **Jim Congleton (1977)** was the recipient of the **2017 Community Fabric Award Winner for Individual Leadership**. The Community Fabric Awards showcase individual, business, and educational excellence in leadership as demonstrated by outstanding initiative, impact of service and inspiration of others. The Community Fabric Awards recognize, reward and encourage activities that have a significant impact in meeting the needs of the local communities of New Bern, N.C. Jim is well known and well liked for his work with children as well as his selfless contributions to the arts and charitable organizations in the city. He has embraced his patients, their families and the city. He is a man who always seems to have a smile and who has fun with his life, such as when he was asked to pose for a portrait for this story. He enlisted several children he was treating, dressed them in dental smocks and masks, climbed into the dental chair and played the stereotypical role of the frightened patient. "You do it because you love the community," he said. "I never look for any recognition. These are just things I wanted to do." So, it is not surprising that Congleton said he was caught off guard when he was announced as the 2017 Community Fabric Award winner for Individual Leadership. Congratulations Jim!



(Continuing Education continued from page 3)

Professor, Department of Pharmacology
(Graduate School)

University of Texas Health Center-San Antonio

Tuition: \$295 dentist*

\$150 staff members*

* As always, our usual generous continental breakfast at registration, a fabulous buffet lunch and two breaks with snacks and beverages, plus free parking are in-cluded.

This course provides 6 hours of CE credit

News from Alumni and Friends

Congratulations to Brett and Jenna Alvey (2016)! They welcomed baby girl Caroline Lynne on March, 27, 2017. She weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. Caroline joins big brother Aaron and big sister Abigail.

Please join us in congratulating **Rolando Prado (1972)** who has sold his Wilson Pediatric Dental Practice and retired. Happy Days! Rolando's new address is 647 Rockbank Loop in Wendell, NC 25591. Reach him at raprado44@gmail.com

Martha Ann Keels (1990) of Durham has been named to serve as member of the Physician's Advisory Group (PAF) of the NC Medicaid Program. She replaces **Frank Courts (1977)** of Rocky Mount, N.C., who recently completed a term and rotated off the PAG.

LaRee Johnson (1999) and James Gerdtts have relocated from Wake Forest, N.C. to downtown Raleigh to establish a closer proximity to their kids' schools. LaRee now has a reverse commute to her office in Wake Forest. LaRee and James are steadily progressing toward their ambitious goal of 50 marathons in all 50 states TOGETHER over a 10-year time-span. Most recently they completed Arkansas and since January 1, they've also completed New Jersey and Mississippi. Mississippi had to be rescheduled until April after the famous MS Blues Marathon was canceled in early January secondary to snow and ice—oh my! They have now completed 37 states and are approaching 60 marathons and ultramarathons each. Please pass the ibuprophen!

Scott Cashion (1997) has been elected as vice president of the Medicaid/Medicare/Chip Services Dental Association (MSDA). Scott has previously served as president, North Carolina Dental Society.

To learn more about MSDA, go to: www.medicaidental.org.

Sona J. Isharani (DDS 2002) started her pediatric dental practice in 2013; with her husband **Steven L. Hatcher (DDS 2002)** in Greensboro, N.C. As their



daughter, Sophie, 4.5 years grows, so does Sona's dental practice. Both the adult and pediatric practices were in need of more space

and as a result, the adult office recently merged with **Mark E. Hyman (DDS 1980)**.

The buildings for adults and children are separate but remain on the same campus. This keeps families happy and able to easily coordinate appointments. Sona is enjoying her own space and growing into it!

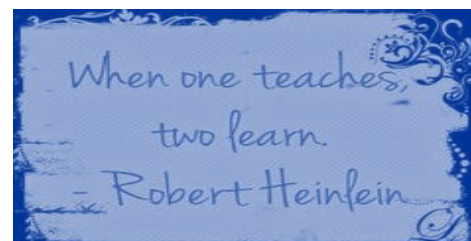
Rebecca Glover Andrews (DDS 2012) of Greensboro, N.C. is the winner of the 2017 Frank Farrington Service and Leadership Award presented by the Southeastern Society of Pediatric Dentistry. She will use the grant money to show the documentary called



"Autistic like Me" at the Triad Stage in Greensboro. The screening will be shown twice, with the first on October 13 where 40 providers (pediatric neurologist, pediatricians, pediatric dentists, occupational therapists, etc.) and their spouses will attend. The evening will include a

reception hour, a viewing of the featured documentary, and a panel discussion to follow. About her endeavor, Rebecca notes "More than anything, I want to form better collaboration between providers of autistic children the parents of these children deserve this." On the morning of October 14, the families of autistic children will have an opportunity to also see the documentary.

Rebecca completed her residency in pediatric dentistry at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh in 2014 and is an associate with **Michael Ignelzi (1992)** at Lake Jeanette Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry in Greensboro. She said: "I am very grateful and honored to receive the award and grant money." I really believe the best and the most important part of our job is to be advocates.



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Welcome New Faculty Member: Jeannie Ginnis



It is a pleasure to announce that **Jeannie Ginnis** has joined our Department of Pediatric Dentistry faculty. Jeannie received her DDS from the University of Athens in 1984. In 1986, she was awarded a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from Columbia University (New York).

Her primary efforts will be in research with **Kimon Divaris (2011)** but she will also teach in the predoctoral and graduate clinics and attend at the Durham County Health Department Dental Clinic. Welcome Jeannie!

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