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Chair's Message: Training Leaders



This is the time of year where I summarize all the great achievements of our alumni and friends from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Annual Session! As many of you know the in person annual session this year was cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. We are entering what many call the “new

normal”, safely reopening our offices and getting back to taking care of children! So much has changed in the last few months but much is also the same. We are still a proud specialty that aspires to do great things. As I sat at the AAPD Board of Trustees meeting being inducted as President, I couldn’t help but look out at the familiar UNC faces on the Zoom call. It brought me to tears. Tears of joy to see Jasper Lewis, Bill Vann, LaRee Johnson and Scott Cashion present for this special moment. The tears were not for my achievement but that of the UNC Pediatric Dentistry program. Our focus has not only been training great pediatric dentists, but training leaders, advocates and change agents. Our

history has been richly filled with past and future presidents of the AAPD

(Roy Lindahl, Ted Oldenburg, Bill Vann, Jasper Lewis and Scott Cashion); past, current and future presidents of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (Roy Lindhal, Ted Oldenburg, Mike Roberts, LaRee Johnson and Dorothy Pang), Board of Trustees members and Chairs of numerous AAPD councils and committees (Scott Schwartz, Carrie Arquitt, Mike Ignelzi, Tom McIver, Martha Ann Keels, Ron Venezie, Tim Wright, Teg Brickhouse and more).

I believe the greatest legacy a leader can leave is having prepared others so even in these trying times we can think positively about the future. As I look at our current residents and recent graduates, I am very hopeful. I see in them the future of Pediatric Dentistry: the AAPD president, Chairs, advocates, investigators and teachers. It is our role to develop the next generation as widely and as deeply as possible. As pediatric dentists, we spend our days passing along our knowledge and training to others including children and families. We also need to plan for our future: the residents and the young pediatric dentists.

If you want to leave a legacy, invest in people. That is what matters in this world.



“Getting Past ‘No’, ‘Uh-oh’, and Helicopters” and “So Little Room, So Much to See”
Greg Psaltis, DDS

October 2, 2020

This course will be offered via Zoom

Six hours of CE credit.

See page 2 for more information and registration details!

Continuing Education

Unfortunately, our CE course, “A Review and Update of Contemporary Issues Associated with Pediatric Sedation, Local Anesthetics, Pain Control, and Management of Medical Emergencies in Pediatric Dentistry” planned for Friday, April 3, 2020 featuring Dr. Stanley Malamed had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We hope to reschedule this course in the future.

An upcoming course this fall that you will want to put on your calendar!

NOTE: This course will be offered by Zoom on Friday, October 2, 2020.

Friday, October 2, 2020
“Getting Past ‘No’, ‘Uh-oh’, and Helicopters” (Behavior Management in the Pediatric Dental Setting) and “So Little Room, So Much to See” (The Complete Pediatric Dental Examination)

Featured Speaker: Greg Psaltis, DDS
Olympia, WA

9:00 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Dr. Psaltis received his DDS and completed a residency in pediatric dentistry from the University of California-San Francisco. He is an acknowledge expert in patient behavior management in a pediatric dental setting. Dr. Psaltis is a frequent speaker at the American Dental Association Annual Session, the California Dental Association meeting, the Chicago MidWinter meeting, the Thomas Hinman Dental Meeting, the Yankee Dental Conference and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session. He is the recipient of the Gordon Christensen Speaker Recognition Award and has been the Featured Speaker at the Thomas Hinman Meeting, and the Keynote Speaker at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Session. Dr. Psaltis is in private practice of pediatric dentistry in Olympia, WA and the administrator and participant in two volunteer projects in Mexico providing comprehensive dental care to children in Cabo San Lucas and Zihuatanejo. He is a dynamic and engaging speaker that anyone who has ever heard him speak can attest! You will not want to miss this presentation.

This course provides 6 hours of CE credit.

Tuition: \$150 dentist \$80 staff members

NOTE: Registration will be through the UNC Adams School of Dentistry Continuing Education website. At this time, registration is only available online. Please see below:

**Register On-Line: www.dentistry.unc.edu/ce/cde
Questions? Call 919-537-3400 or email to CDE@dentistry.unc.edu**

For you who like to plan ahead, the Spring CE course is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021, at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. This promises to be an exciting course focused on what is new and innovative in the care of children.

“Restorative and Technological Advances in Pediatric Dentistry”

Featured speakers:

Ryan Cook, DDS, MS
UNC Adams School of Dentistry-Chapel Hill, NC

Taiseer Sulaiman, BDS, PhD
UNC Adams School of Dentistry--Chapel Hill, NC

J. Tim Wright, DDS, MS
UNC Adams School of Dentistry-Chapel Hill, NC



Remington, another service dog on UNC's campus, shows the right and wrong ways to wear your mask during a Pandemic!

Divaris Receives Two Major IADR awards

Kimon Divaris (2011) was announced as the 2020 recipient of the IADR Young Investigator Award by the International Association of Dental Research. The award, supported by P&G Professional Oral Health, Crest + Oral-B, is meant to stimulate basic oral health research. Kimon's research focuses on studying the etiology and determinants of dental disease in early childhood. He uses epidemiological and molecular methods to improve pediatric oral health and to reduce associated health disparities. Kimon is also interested in the study of genetic epidemiology, precision medicine and how they relate to oral health. The IADR bestows a number of Distinguished Scientist Awards but this is one of the highest honors given. As the award winner, Kimon will serve a two-year term on the IADR Board of Directors.



Kimon was also recognized for his excellence in research and received the IADR Centennial Emerging Leaders Award directed at young investigators who will lead the research field into the next century. This award is a new international recognition for individuals who have demonstrated scientific accomplishment in the field of dental, oral and craniofacial research and have shown outstanding promise for continuing service and leadership within the IADR and the scientific community. We are extremely proud of Kimon and his accomplishments and pleased that he has received this well-deserved international recognition for his outstanding contributions to science. We count ourselves fortunate to have him as one of our own.



What a finish!

It certainly wasn't what anyone expected, but our third year residents ended with a bang-face masks and all!



The Chen Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series

Stephanie Chen Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Lecture Series



Our spring 2020 Chen Excellence lecture was pre-empted by a worldwide pandemic. In some respects one might have predicted that it would take such an event to supersede our planned speaker **Antonio Braithwaite (2008)**. While we discussed doing the lecture virtually we felt Antonio's (Big Tone) larger than life presence really needed to be an in-person event. We will look forward to having "The Man" with us personally at a future Excellence lecture.

For the fall line-up, and we hope the date is not a harbinger of events to come, **John Christensen (1984)** is scheduled to enlighten us on Friday, November 13, 2020, from 8-10 AM. Most everyone has heard John before and know he is extremely

knowledgeable on a broad variety of topics and is an excellent speaker. He recently shared cases via a webinar presentation to the Durham-Orange Dental Society that was outstanding. We are planning this to be a live meeting at the Adams School of Dentistry but will send out further details as we get closer to the date to share knowledge and friendship at the Chen Excellence lecture in November. Hope to see you all there or joining us by Zoom.

J. Timothy Wright Fellowship Announced



In October 2019 at the UNC-NCAPD Reception, we celebrated the funding of the **Michael Roberts Fellowship Fund**, having reached over \$400,000 in donations and pledges. That evening it was announced that the Division of Pediatric and Public Health would be embarking on a new fellowship initiative to honor the legacy of **Tim Wright**, long-time division/department faculty member and past chair of the department. Like the Roberts Fellowship, the Wright Fellowship Fund will be an endowed fund and its proceeds will be limited to supporting residents' stipend enhancements. The Wright Fellowship Fund goal is \$400,000.

Led by Co-chairs **Angie Baechtold (1998)** of Asheville and **Rob Moran (1997)** of Cary, the Wright Fellowship Fund Steering Committee has been working behind the scenes for a while now and the Wright Fellowship Fund recently exceeded \$100,000 in donations and pledges, largely coming from Steering Committee members. **KUDOS** for their generosity and leadership! You will be hearing soon from the Wright Fellowship Fund - Steering Committee to ask for your help. Stay-tuned!

Congratulations to new ABPD Diplomates!

There were 349 new Diplomates recognized by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in 2019, and this was another excellent year for new Diplomates with North Carolina connections. The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in the annual pinning ceremony being cancelled by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry in May 2020. However, we want to recognize the accomplishments of our colleagues. The Diplomates who will be receiving their pins are: Amanda Begue (2016 UNC DDS-New Orleans, LA), **Meredith Byrd (2018-Raleigh)**, Lisa Candon (Charlotte), Brandy Edmonds (Charlotte), **Molly Frank (2018-Charlotte)**, **Lauren Green (2018-Matthews)**, Laura Sutton Johnson (Winston-Salem), Kelly Krekel (Charlotte), Kelly Lipp (2016 UNC DDS-Charlotte), Cecilia Liu (Bolivia), Tetyana McCain (2016 UNC DDS-Ashburn, VA), Zev Orentlikher (Pinehurst), Arpita Patel (Charlotte), Christopher Parker (2016 UNC DDS-Huntsville, AL) and Lindsay Ramsbottom (Leland).

Congratulations to all!



A Pandemic can't keep them from graduating! Our amazing 2020 grads celebrated with a virtual party on June 30, 2020.

College of Diplomates of the ABPD

The College of Diplomates of the ABPD will have a Tar Heel hue this coming year. The Vice President is **Martha Ann Keels (1990)** and the Southeastern Director is **Martha Hardaway (2005)**.

In addition, Dylan Hamilton moderated the College-sponsored Zoom CE lecture titled "Regeneration and Autotransplantation" given by Asgeir Sigurdsson on May 20, 2020.

Fall Soirée Gala to Recognize and Honor Legacy Donors

Assuming it is safe to hold congregate gatherings in October, the Division of Pediatric and Public Health will use the occasion of the Fall UNC-NCAPD Reception to honor those individuals who have remembered the division through wills, trusts, and life insurance policies. This gala will follow the fall continuing education offering at the Friday Center on October 2 at the Rizzo Center in Meadowmont. All division alumni, donors and NCAPD members are invited! Whether the Friday Center and the Rizzo Center will be open for events remain undetermined. STAY TUNED!

Legacy donations became a focus of Pediatric Dentistry in the early 2000s. Our long-time co-leaders of legacy giving are **Bryan Cobb (1979)** of Greensboro and **Jim Congleton (1977)** of New Bern. Currently the division has 14 members in the Adams School of Dentistry's **John W. Stamm Planned Giving Society**. Ten are living alumni and two are friends of the division. Gifts have been received from two planned gift donors who have passed away—one from William W. Demeritt, the first chair of Pediatric Dentistry at UNC, and the other from Mary J. Breeland. Ms. Breeland was a native of Greensboro who had a distinguished career in the US Foreign Service. She left a testamentary gift to support NC children's oral health through a fellowship for our pediatric dentistry residents.

Current legacy donors have amassed commitments of over \$5 million and our goal is to reach the \$7 million mark. We have chosen to celebrate the legacy program now because this past year has been one of meteoric growth—a year in which we have added over \$1.5 million in legacy gifts. We are hopeful all 12 living Legacy Circle Members will attend as honorees.

Under the favorable scenario of our being able to have a party, please join us to celebrate the occasion and honor those who have helped make it possible! Keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned for updates!

Lightning Strikes Twice!!

There is no argument that the two most important leadership positions in the specialty of pediatric dentistry are the president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and the president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry (ABPD). If one considers the scope of the 50 states, the Canadian provinces, and the lower Americas, it seems highly unlikely that these two officers would hail from the same region, much less the same state. However, for the year 2020-21, these two leaders live less than 30 miles apart and both are UNC-CH Pediatric Dentistry Graduate Program alumni; indeed, they overlapped in their training at UNC. **Jessica Lee (2002)** of Chapel Hill became the 72nd president of the AAPD in May and **LaRee Johnson (1999)** of Raleigh became the president of the ABPD at the same time. Both have served the chain of leadership of their respective organizations prior to their recent elections.



A native of Washington State, Jessica completed her dental training and MPH at Columbia University before coming to UNC for residency training at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry and a PhD at the Gillings School of Public Health. A native of Arkansas who completed her dental training at the University of Tennessee, LaRee completed her residency and a MS degree at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. Jessica is the Demeritt Distinguished Professor and chair of the Division of Pediatric and Public Health at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry. LaRee is in private practice in Raleigh and Wake Forest.

Jessica and LaRee follow in the footsteps of other Tar Heels who have served at the highest levels of the AAPD and ABPD. Past AAPD presidents include former Dean **John Brauer**, former department chairs **Roy Lindhal**, **Ted Oldenburg (1962)** and **(Bill Vann (1976))**—all of Chapel Hill—and **Jasper Lewis (1973)** of Greenville. Past chairs of the ABPD from Chapel Hill include **John Brauer**, **Ted Oldenburg (1962)** and **Mike Roberts**, Henson Distinguished Professor.

...and the beat goes on! At the same meeting in May, **Scott Cashion (1997)** of Greensboro was elected as Secretary-Treasurer of the AAPD and **Dorothy Pang (1991)** of San Francisco was elected to continue her leadership position as a Board Director of the ABPD. Congrats to all!

News from the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

I hope this update finds you all healthy and getting back to the “new normal” at your offices. So far 2020 has been a busy one for the NCAPD, full of unprecedented challenges. Mike Roberts has energetically stepped into the position of Secretary/Treasurer following in the footsteps of Bill Vann. Bill must have known there was a pandemic on the horizon and got out while he still could. But seriously, thank you, Bill, for your many years of service!

I have been working with Immediate Past-President **Frank Courts (1977)** and others on a number of projects this year:

1. We have continued to meet with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) with the hope of obtaining future increases in Medicaid fees and updating the benchmarks from which fees are determined. We are encouraged by the fee increases last year as well as the increase in fees for PPE during the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. We have been hard at work in collaboration with the North Carolina Dental Society (NCDS). **Frank Courts (1977)** is Chair of the Council on Prevention and Oral Health and I have been in charge of the School Based Programs Work Group. We have been coordinating with the NC State Board of Dental Examiners (NCSBDE) to adjust rules in the dental public health setting under specific contracts to increase access to care. An educational brochure and tool kit for dentists to implement the program locally has been created and will be rolled out in the near future. We will be actively recruiting dentists and pediatric dentists to participate in the program, so please consider helping out. Frank and I have been involved with the NCDS’s Teledentistry Work Group which is helping write the guidelines for the use of teledentistry in NC. Tim Wright is leading the silver diamine fluoride work group for the NCDS.
3. I have also enjoyed being a part of the NC State Board of Dental Examiners Sedation work group. We are continuing to modernize the current sedation guidelines.
4. Most recently, I have been on weekly conference calls with the NC Oral Health Section of DHHS and other dental specialists groups discussing re-opening strategies for dental offices throughout the state during COVID-19.

I look forward to providing a full report at the NCAPD Annual Meeting scheduled for October 3, 2020. There will again be an Opioid CE course that will be complimentary to all members following the Saturday business meeting. Keep supporting each other during these challenging times, take care and stay safe!

David Olson (DDS UNC 1999)
President, NCAPD



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website at
www.ncapd.net

Residents' Corner

What have you been doing for the last 3 months during the quarantine?

Deepti Karhade – “Starting a vegetable garden!”

Joshua Raisin – “Restoring wood furniture and shopping for dog accessories as I’ll be getting a dog in November!”

Miguel Simancas – “Cooking dishes from Colombia”

Meredith Davis – “Going on lots of walks with my co-residents and their puppies”

Lara Heimisdottir – “Going on walks, working on my knitting skills and Facetime-ing with my family and friends back home in Iceland”

Ana Dokova – “Taking care of my new red poodle puppy named Cervino”

Jennifer Crisp – “Enjoying more time with my baby girl, Olivia”

Morgan Hess – “Finishing up a virtual residency, organizing a move, planning a wedding, and trying to get the most out of my last few months living in NC!”

Amanda Allen – “Working on my skills as a juggler (homeschooling, remote learning, residency, running a household, cooking, baking, arts and crafts, and training our new puppy) while making memories with my kids.”



How do they make masks look so good?

Department Research Activities

Our first-year residents, **Deepti Karhade**, **Josh Raisin**, and **Miguel Simancas Pallares**, are off to a great start with their research projects. They have finished their first-year research methods courses while balancing their busy residency schedules. **Deepti** is working on “Applications of Machine Learning in Studies of Early Childhood Caries” with Kimon Divaris (chair), Tim Wright and Di Wu (assistant professor, Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences). **Josh** is investigating “The Dental Experience for Transgender and Gender Non-conforming Adolescents in North Carolina” with Martha Ann Keels (chair), Mike Roberts, Nina Jain (UNC Pediatric Endocrinology) and Deanna Adkins (Duke Pediatric Endocrinology). **Miguel** is working on the “Derivation and Description of Clinical Subtypes of Early Childhood Caries” with Jeannie Ginnis (chair), Kimon Divaris, Bill Vann, and Andrea Ferreira Zandona (professor and chair, Comprehensive Care, Tufts School of Dental Medicine).

Our second-year residents, **Meredith Davis**, **Ana Dokova**, **Lara Heimisdottir**, have been busy making progress in their own projects. **Meredith** is working on “Investigating Common Risk Factors in Caries and Overweight/Obesity in a Preschool-age Population in North Carolina” with Kimon Divaris (chair), Jeannie Ginnis and Di Wu. **Lara** is researching “Metabolomics Insights in Early Childhood Caries” with Kimon Divaris (chair), Tim Wright and Di Wu. **Ana** is working on “North Carolina Providers’ Perspectives on Autotransplantation for Replacement of Missing Teeth” with Jessica Lee (chair), Kimon Divaris, John Christensen and Glen Reside (associate professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery). **Poojan Shrestha** is enrolled in the dual Pediatric Dentistry/Epidemiology PhD track--he successfully completed the two-year core of his doctoral program coursework, as well as his methods qualifying examination. He will be examining the genomic basis of early childhood caries for the purposes of his doctoral dissertation and he will join the incoming class (2023) of pediatric dentistry residents to continue and complete the clinical part of his dual program.

Our third-year residents, **Amanda Allen**, **Jennifer Crisp**, and **Morgan Hess**, all successfully defended their Masters’ theses! Amanda completed her research project on the “Development and

Evaluation of an Educational Prototype to Promote Early Childhood Oral Health in Clinical Practice” with Rocio Quinonez (chair), Kelly Ryoo (associate professor, School of Education), Siggi Saemundsson and Tim Wright. **Jennifer** investigated the “Use of Select Non-Surgical Caries Management Techniques in Pediatric Patients Among North Carolina Dentists” with Tim Wright (chair), Kimon Divaris and Anne Sanders. **Morgan** completed her project with Siggi Saemundsson (chair), Rocio Quinonez and Bradley Staats (Professor of Operations, Kenan-Flagler School of Business) on “Building a Business Model to Implement Infant Oral Health in a General Dental Office.”

In February, our residents presented their research updates in the 36th UNC Adams School of Dentistry Research Day with great success. Congratulations to **Lara** for winning a Turner Award in the Master’s category. Additional congratulations to **Deepti Karhade** and **Miguel Simancas**, for being awarded two of the eight prestigious Graduate Student Research Awards (GSRA) during the 73rd annual session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry that was held in a virtual format this year. The GRSA winners compete via manuscript submissions and combined judging of oral presentations for the grand prize in graduate pediatric dental research, the Ralph E. McDonald Award. We are pleased to announce that **Deepti** was the 2020 McDonald Award winner! She joins a list of previous UNC Pediatric Dentistry McDonald Award winners including **Lara Heimisdottir (2019)**, **Stephanie Jackson (2010)**, **Raymond Tseng (2009)**, **Krissy Coffield (2004)**, **Lina Cardenas (2003)**, **Anne Wilson (1993)** and **Ioanna Iatridi (1991)**.



UPDATES FROM OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

News from **Patty Leelataweewud (1999)** in Thailand. I am working as a full-time faculty of Mahidol University (MU), Pediatric Dentistry, in Bangkok. It is expected to take almost 6 months to get the pandemic under control here with the maximum new cases of 188 a day in March and now down to less than 10 for the month of May and now remaining close to zero, making a total of 3,112 affected individuals with mortality rate of 1.9%.

Our experience started when airport passenger screening revealed the first case outside China arriving in Thailand in mid-January 2020. At first, the situation seemed to be under control until Thai citizens contracted the disease outside the country and returned to Thailand and became super spreaders causing infection clusters. A few days after the WHO officially announced COVID-19 a pandemic, the Thai government decided to impose a lockdown of the country. The school and regular dental services have been temporarily closed to cut the spread of the disease. Students, staff and faculties have isolated themselves while continuing to work from home. My clinical teaching of more than 200 dental students has been suspended until the present with home confinement ordered. Dental schools and practices have limited their services only to emergencies and urgent cases. To be able to continue care for our patients, relieve their anxiety and help screen, dentists around the country launched an online consultation service through a smartphone application. Shortly after the shutdown, MU quickly introduced online platforms for meetings and all of us swiftly adapted. Online activities started for committee meetings, postgraduate seminars, student assignments and developing home-based examinations to conclude the academic year. At this time, we are again starting online lectures and seminars but clinical practice has been delayed until July.

In the meantime, dental practices and dental schools are getting ready to resume clinical activities in the new normal. Attention has been paid to establishing case screening, social distancing, optimum air circulation, air purifier, extraoral aerosol evacuator and appropriate PPE. Most private dental practices reopened the first of June, when new cases of COVID-19 approached zero. The MU dental hospital needs longer time to reopen, with its almost 700 dental chairs in 15 clinics a lot needs to be modified.

Pediatric dentists have to adapt to the PPE, modify some treatment options, and behavior management. Our distraction technique with talking will be limited wearing the N95 mask. Pediatric patients might have to be screened by viral RT-PCR test prior to general anesthesia. While we are looking forward to the COVID-19 vaccine, provisional national clinical guidelines were introduced and ones for the future are being developed. Guidelines released from many organizations are also helpful and together we stand!

Congratulations to **George Vadiakas (1991)** of Athens, GR, the newly elected President of the Hellenic Society of Pediatric Dentistry 2020-21. A long-time fixture in HSPD leadership activities, George continues to maintain his private practice in Greece where he is a teacher and senior faculty member in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at his alma mater, the University of Athens. The University of Athens is also the alma mater for **Ioanna Iatriddi Roberson (1990)**, now deceased, as well as two current faculty members in our Division, **Kimon Divaris (2011)** and newest faculty member **Jeannie Ginnis**.

As previously reported, kudos to two alumni serving in roles of leadership for the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. **Martha Ann Keels (1990)** of Durham is President Elect of the College and **Martha Hardaway (2005)** of Boone is the Southeastern District Director (2020-22). Keep up the good work!

Check out below the NC Pedo group, David and Shelly Olsen, Tim Wright, Julie and Tony Molina, Gentry and Warren Byrd skiing at the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry meeting in Canyons Park City, Utah!



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MORE UPDATES FROM OUR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

Big hand of applause to **Kavita Mathu-Muju (2006)** of Vancouver who back in 2018 became an Associate Professor with tenure at the University of British Columbia. She is serving currently as a Section Editor for *Pediatric Dentistry*. Her daughter, Sunaya, turned 11 in March and her big day party came just in front of the COVID-19 shut-down in Vancouver—close call!

Current *Pediatric Dentistry* Editorial Board members with UNC affiliations include **Tegwyn Brickhouse (2002)** of Richmond, **Martha Ann Keels (1990)** of Durham, Lorne Koroluk of Chapel Hill,

Mike Roberts of Chapel Hill, **Anne Wilson (1992)** of Aurora, CO and Tim Wright of Chapel Hill

Our condolences to **Ed Miller (1973)** of Greensboro who lost his soul mate, Martha “Marty” Ann Gimple Miller, in January after a brave battle with acute myelogenous leukemia. You can reach Ed at 103 Tatum Place, Greensboro, NC 27455.

Our sympathies go also to long time and much beloved retired Adjunct Professor **Jack Menius** who lost his spouse of 62 years in April when Kay Elizabeth Menius passed away. Reach Jack at Glenaire Community, 3305 Glen Hope, Cary, NC 27511.

Faculty Transitions

Beau Meyer (2017), his wife Colleen and infant daughter, Amelia, have moved to Columbus, Ohio which is near their former home and closer to their families. Beau accepted a faculty position at Ohio State University College of Dentistry in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry. He will be teaching both pre-doctoral dental students and pediatric dentistry residents at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Beau will also be conducting research and assisting in the development of an optional MPH track for residents similar to the program that exists at UNC-CH.

Two faculty who came to us when Public Health was incorporated into the division were Darryn Weinstein and Lewis Lampiris. Darryn was an assistant professor and held a MPH in addition to being a pediatric dentist. Most recently he had worked with Lewis Lampiris managing the pre-doctoral DISC Program and establishing a Rural Health Elective. Darryn is returning to Chicago.

In addition, Lewis Lampiris, assistant professor, DISC program director and assistant dean of community engagement, retired from the UNC Adams School of Dentistry on June 30, 2020. Lew has been the director of the DISC program for the past number of years and was the developer of the Poverty Simulation experience as well as being a course director and teaching in numerous other courses. He is remaining in the Chapel Hill area and plans to join our adjunct faculty.

Give Kids a Smile 2020

On Friday, Feb. 7, 2020 volunteers at the UNC Adams School of Dentistry provided \$41,351 of free oral health care services to a record-breaking 200 children as a part of the school’s seventh annual Give Kids A Smile® event. Student coordinators from the DDS 2021 class were Caitlin Baker, Austin Harbison, Kayla Kopcznski and Justin Nunes. With the help of volunteer students, residents, faculty, staff and alumni, the children were able to receive dental screenings, dental exams, x-rays, fluoride treatment, sealants, fillings, crowns and extractions to all patients.

At the event, children and their families experienced an interactive health fair with representatives from the UNC-CH School of Medicine, School of Nursing, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, Gillings School of Global Public Health, and UNC-CH Athletics. Along the way, children filled out a “passport” after visiting each table and earned a sticker to see the Tooth Fairy. This year’s event exceeded the incredible reach and impact of previous years through in-kind care. The student coordinators and the many volunteers did a fabulous job and provided a wonderful service to the community.



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Welcome to the Class of 2023!

This year our program has two new incoming residents, **Selin Soyupak** and **Christopher Adams**. A third resident belonging to the Class of 2023 is **Poojan Shrestha**, who joined us in 2018 but has spent the past two years at the UNC Gillings School of Public Health working towards his PhD in Epidemiology. Each one of them is highly qualified and a welcome addition to our program.



Selin, a native of Turkey, earned her Bachelor of Science from Duke University and, during that time, was named to the Dean's list no less than three times. She earned her DMD degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and received several honor student awards and sought out experiences providing care to developmentally disabled patients.

Christopher is a native of Texas. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in biology and business administration from Southwestern University, magna cum laude. He earned his DDS degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center-San Antonio this spring. Christopher sought out pediatric dentistry experiences during his DDS years as well being active in research and has received awards for research presentations.



Poojan was born in Nepal, where he earned his dental degree and a Master of Science in international health and tropical medicine. He then spent time as a consultant for various institutions, including the Britain Nepal Medical Trust in Nepal, Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Nepal, University of New South Wales in Australia and Infectious Disease Data Observatory, University of Oxford in the UK. He has numerous publications behind him as well as scholarships and awards.

Update on Residents and Fellows

Current residents:

Third-Year Residents:

Meredith Davis – North Carolina
DDS–University of North Carolina

Anastassia Dokova – Canada
DDS–University of Michigan

Lara Holm Heimisdottir – Iceland
DDS–University of Iceland

Second-Year Residents:

Miguel Pallares-Simancas – Columbia.
DDS–University of Cartagena

Deepti Karhade – India
DMD–Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Joshua Raisin – Canada
DDS–University of Toronto

First-year Residents:

Christopher Adams – Texas
DDS–UT Health San Antonio

Poojan Shrestha – Nepal
DDS–B.P. Koirala Institute

Selin Soyupak – North Carolina
DMD–University of Pennsylvania School
of Dental Medicine

Once again, we say goodbye and good luck to our outgoing residents and welcome to our new residents. Our graduating residents are **Jennifer Crisp, Amanda Allen, and Morgan Hess.**



Where are Morgan and Ana?

Oh babies!

Our Pediatric Dentistry team is thrilled to welcome not one, not two, but three babies this year! Congratulations to these wonderful families- we are so happy for you!

Beautiful Tisha was born on February 24, 2020 to proud parents Poojan and Neha Shrestha!



Beau and Colleen Meyer welcomed sweet Amelia Ann Meyer to the Tar Heel family on April 5, 2020!



This little cutie is Camila Jacobo, born on May 23, 2020 to Jhoana and Santiago Canuto Tzintzun!

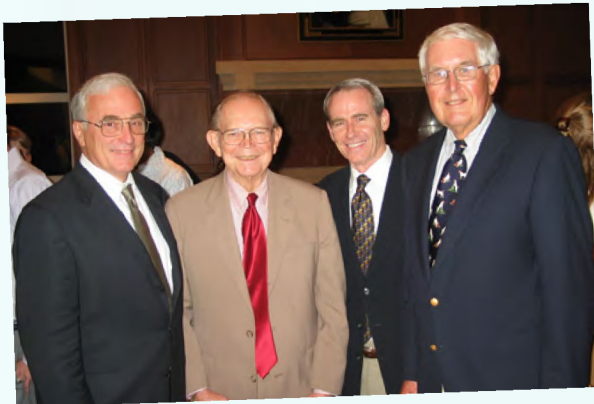


Pediatric Dentistry Throughout the Years

As clinical practice moved to reduced operations and classes shifted to virtual offerings, we missed out on several annual big in-person moments. As a result of these cancellations, we found ourselves lacking new photos from our Spring activities. Instead, thanks to **Tom McIver (1970)**, we have pulled together a few of our favorite Pediatric Dentistry memories. Enjoy this blast from the past!



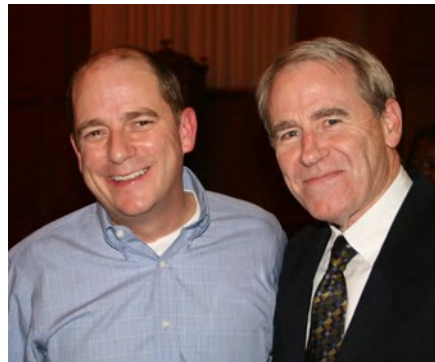
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More Pediatric Dentistry Memories



Generosity of Alumni and Friends

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