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University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System Now Is Formalized

To marshal the University of Illinois' substantial health-care forces into a unified presence, University leaders have integrated its health institutions into the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, an umbrella that encompasses the University's health care facilities and the Colleges of Dentistry, Medicine, Applied Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Public Health, and Nursing, as well as the Jane Addams College of Social Work.

"No other institution in the Midwest has the benefit of these seven health sciences resources, which are now working together in a way they never have before," said Dr. Joe G.N. "Skip" Garcia, Vice President for Health Affairs.

The heart of the new health system is Chicago with a service area of millions of people, of whom 35% are Hispanic and 35% are African-American. Dr. Garcia believes that the medical campus' home on the Near

West Side is a key advantage.

"We are in an ideal position to connect with the people we take care of, leverage the research capabilities and the intellectual firepower that the



Resident Dr. Nisha Maniar and assistant Sierra Fields provide care to a patient in the College's Department of Periodontics. "We are the foremost training site for health professionals for the entire state," said Dr. Joe G.N. "Skip" Garcia, Vice President for Health Affairs.

University has, and be an incubator for programs that help hospitals and health systems around the country better care for underserved and genetically diverse populations," Dr. Garcia said.

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Battling health disparities is an overarching theme of the University's mission, said Dr. Garcia. "We truly want to make a difference in Chicago — and beyond," he said. "This is an issue that truly affects everyone. It affects our healthcare costs. And it affects our culture because we have these growing populations that are unable to receive the basics of stable health. It impacts the ability of people in our community to be productive, to be with their kids, to live and interact on a daily basis with people who have advantages. It's a dividing, divisive factor in urban life."

"As the State's flagship health center, we have an obligation to improving the health and the well-being of all citizens, regardless of their socio-economic status," Dr. Garcia said. "Racial and ethnic minorities can be disproportionately affected by the current care delivery system. We are here for all of these people and believe we can make a difference in improving the quality and reducing the cost of healthcare for all of Illinoisans."

Dr. Garcia noted the strengths of the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System.

"We are the foremost training site for health professionals (across all disciplines – physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, therapists etc.) for the entire State," he said. "Our transplant programs consistently rate highest in both case complexity and outcome (survival) statistics. Our oral health providers take care of more children than almost all other dentists statewide. We have the only dedicated center for adults with Sickle Cell disease in the Midwest."

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One of Dr. Garcia's goals is to increase collaborations at the University.

"The Deans of the University of Illinois at Chicago Health Sciences Colleges are unanimous in their support for the 'power of one,' he said. "Collectively, we realize that our ability to improve community health, make a difference in the lives of each individual patient, and deliver innovation throughout the entire healthcare system, will be accomplished only by working together."

Dr. Garcia noted that the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a three-year \$1 billion funding announcement for demonstration projects that improve patient care and reduce the cost associated with the federal Medicare, Medicaid, and Children's Health Insurance Programs. "The CMS Innovation Challenge provided an opportunity for an extraordinary level of cross-college collaboration to develop four proposals that we believe will improve the outcomes and efficiency of our healthcare enterprise," Dr. Garcia concluded.

For more information, see www.cms.gov.



The photo "Genetic Diversity" by Dr. Sylvia Pavlova won the 2012 Impressions Photo Contest.

Impressions Photo Contest Winners Named

Winners of the College's sixth "Impressions" photography contest were revealed at the College's Holiday Party Dec. 14.

Third place winner, for the photo "Triad," is **Dr. Daniel Claman**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dentistry.

Second place winner, for the photo "The Road Less Traveled," is student **Carolyn Cronin**.

The 2012 first place winner, for the photo "Genetic Diversity," is **Dr. Sylvia Pavlova**, Research Assistant Professor, Oral Biology.

Supported by the College's Diversity Advisory Committee, the theme of the contest is "Diversity." Photos must somehow indicate diversity and have been personally shot by the contestant. Diversity is broadly defined, so photos do not have to include people, but can depict anything that can be defined as diverse.

The members of the judging committee for the sixth

Impressions contest were **William S. Bike**, Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs Communications, College of Dentistry; **Jessica Canlas**, Assistant Director,



SPOOKY ZOO-During Halloween, UIC College of Dentistry students and Crest/Oral B handed out toothbrushes and toothpaste at Lincoln Park Zoo, dubbed "Spooky Zoo" for Halloween. Among participants were students **Ashu Bansal**, **Laura Douglas**, **Monica Kalinowski**, **Katie Serrano**, **Stefanie Djordevic**, **Farah Sharir**, **Maria Karras**, and **Somayeh Jahedi**, and **Rosemary Aguilar**, Customer Service Representative at the College.

Communications, UIC College of Pharmacy, and Co-Chair, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Asian Americans; and **Anne Nordhaus-Bike**, a professional photographer and artist and President, ANB Communications.

"The College would like to thank everyone who participated," Bike said. "The judging committee had a tough choice. There are a lot of good photographers at the College, and their work shows a commitment to portraying and celebrating diversity."

College Up to Fourth in Research Dollars

The UIC College of Dentistry has moved up to rank fourth among 62 dental schools in annual research funding from the National Institutes of Health in 2011 (the most recently released figures, and the last year for which figures are available). The College was awarded nearly \$15 million by the NIH in competitive research grants.

Student Mark Manos Earns ADA/Dentsply Award

D-2 student **Mark Manos** won an award at Dentsply International's 53rd Annual American Dental Association (ADA)/Dentsply Student Clinician Research Award Program and Reception late in 2012. The awards program took place in San Francisco during the 2012 ADA Annual Session. Approximately 70 student clinicians participated

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in this year's program, representing research conducted across 36 countries.

"At Clinic and Research Day at UIC, I won the Dentsply Award for Clinical and Behavioral Sciences, so the ADA and Dentsply flew me to San Francisco for the ADA annual meeting to compete against a single representative chosen from each dental school in the country in presenting our research projects," Manos explained. "In total, 56 American students attended the program, representing their respective institutions.

"I ended up winning the Second Place Award in the Clinical Research/Public Health Category of the Program," Manos said. "I think this is the first time someone representing UIC has placed in this award. I was very honored to be able to represent UIC at this function."

Manos's research project was "Oral Mucosal Healing: Surgical Implications Regarding Corticosteroid Administration in Dentistry."

The Student Clinician Research Program (Student Clinician American Dental Association or SCADA) began during the centennial of the ADA in New York City in 1959, as a joint venture between Dentsply and the American Dental Association. **Dr. Harold Hillenbrand**,

then Executive Director of the ADA, and **Henry M. Thornton**, then President of Dentsply International, initiated the first program in New York City to promote student research and participation in organized dentistry.

Today, over 5,000 students participate in this program annually, including students from 36 countries. Students present the results of their clinical, basic science or public health research.

Three awards are presented in each category for first, second, and third place. The scientific presentations are divided into two categories:

Basic Science Research and Clinical Science/Public Health Research. First place recipients in both categories receive \$750 each and a travel price to present their



The six SCADA winners were (left to right) Thomas Bailey, Peter Yamamura, Sara Hinds, Alexandra Forest, Marc Manos of the UIC College of Dentistry, and Moataz Elkasrawy.

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research at the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Second place winners receive \$750 and third place winners are given \$500.

Dr. Linda Niessen, Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer for Dentsply International, congratulated the participating 55 pre-doctoral dental student clinicians from the U.S. dental schools and the winning students from throughout the world. "This year's student clinicians enthusiastically demonstrated their knowledge and excitement for dental research," she said. "Their research spanned a wide array of topics with important clinical outcomes for patients. These students have much to contribute to the profession of dentistry and I look forward to seeing how their careers unfold and the leadership paths they take."

Dr. Lee Jameson Named President of ACP

Dr. Lee Jameson, Clinical Professor, Restorative Dentistry, was named President of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) at its recent annual session in Baltimore, MD.

Founded in 1970, the American College of

Prosthodontists is an educational and scientific organization created to represent the needs and interests of prosthodontists within organized dentistry, and to the public, by increasing awareness and interest in the field. The ACP's goal is to be the global resource for all aspects of the specialty.

"My

primary goals, as President of the American College of Prosthodontists, will be to implement our 2013 -2018 Preferred Future and Strategic Plan that will connect the role of the prosthodontist within the complete spectrum



Dr. Lee Jameson was named President of the ACP.

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of oral healthcare, further the specialty of prosthodontics and serve the ACP membership,” Dr. Jameson said. “I am fortunate to be President of the American College of Prosthodontists and as well as serving on the faculty of the Restorative Department at the UIC College of Dentistry.”

Dr. Christopher Engeland Receives NIH Grant

By Lucia Gonzalez

Dr. Christopher Engeland, Assistant Professor, Periodontics, has recently received as a principal investigator a \$1,250,000 research grant (R01) through the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for a study being done in collaboration with Penn State University and the Albert Einstein Medical College in the Bronx, New York—the main site where the study takes place.

The data collected will enable the research team to look at the effects stress has on cognitive decline over time.



Dr. Christopher Engeland (center) recently received as a principal investigator a \$1.15 million research grant. He is shown with Drs. Natasha Yashar (left) and Bahareh Zyaei.

The study has 320 male and female subjects who are between the ages of 25 and 65, and who are economically and racially diverse. It will first look at the daily stress levels of an individual for two weeks. In a similar manner, stress levels will be reassessed every six months for four years. The data will be collected in real time by using smart phones; subjects will be asked how much stress they are undergoing at particular moments, and there will be cognitive tests on the phone. One goal is to see what the impact on cognitive functioning will be for someone with a stressful day versus someone with a stressful week, and to assess the cumulative effects of stress across years.

In addition, Dr. Engeland plans on studying how stress affects cognition with inflammation as a potential mediator. Blood samples will be shipped to UIC and tested for baseline inflammation and inflammatory responses. Saliva samples, attained four times a day for a week, also will be tested as a measure of physiological stress.

The team at Albert Einstein is led by **Dr. Richard Lipton** and the team at Penn State is led by **Drs. Jennifer Graham** and **Martin Sliwinski**. Only Dr. Engeland is part of the study at UIC. “I am very excited about this study because of its depth,” said Dr. Engeland, “as well as the breadth of information it will give to us.”

The information regarding stress, inflammation, and cognitive health will assist in the College’s blood and tissue regeneration research, Dr. Engeland said.

Dr. Luisa DiPietro appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for UIC

By Lucia Gonzalez

Dr. Luisa DiPietro, Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs at the College of Dentistry, recently has been appointed Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for UIC. Her new responsibilities will encompass about ten percent of her time, she said.

Dr. DiPietro will assist Vice Chancellor for Research **Dr. Mitra Dutta** with post-doctoral fellows. The goal is to establish an office for post-doctoral fellows from every college at UIC, to help them be more effective in their endeavors and aid the faculty who train and mentor them.

“I am confident that despite this added responsibility, I will be able to maintain all my roles at the UIC College of Dentistry,” Dr. DiPietro concluded. “This new responsibility meshes well with my current role as Director of the NIH T32 Training Program that is based within the College of Dentistry.”



Dr. Luisa DiPietro, new Associate Vice Chancellor for Research for UIC.

Faculty from Chinese Sister School Visit College

By Lucia Gonzalez

Dean Ling Junqi, **Vice Deans Cheng Bin** and **Huang Hongzhang** (Vice President of the Chinese Stomatology Association) and several other officials from the Guanghua School of Stomatology at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guangzhou, China, visited the UIC College of Dentistry.

The two schools had signed a cooperation agreement in April 2012.

Dean Bruce Graham had not previously had the opportunity to visit with the representatives of Guanghua, and was a gracious host for their visit. The group met in the Dean's conference room with other College officials and discussed three major issues: dental education, dental clinics, and research. Dean Graham gave an update on the curriculum for dental students and the International Dentist Degree Program at UIC. Dean Ling followed with her report on the Chinese dental education system. The discussion centered on the differences in the two systems, those of China and the United States.

Following Dean Ling's presentation, Professor Huang, Director of Dental Students Programs, gave a comprehensive report on the activities and programs four dental students from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry participated in at Guanghua while on rotation last spring. The students were **Cheon Joo "CJ" Yoon, Tayyabba Athar, Amanda Henry, and Stefan Bergeron**. Professor Huang's presentation clearly showed that the students were well taken care of by Guanghua faculty and administration during the students' time in China. A question-and-answer session followed Professor Huang's presentation.

The visit culminated at a luncheon hosted by Dean Graham in a restaurant in Chinatown.

As a next step in the two schools' collaboration, Dean Ling plans to send several Guanghua dental students

to UIC for a visit by 2014. "We have, over the years, co-mentored PhD candidates and collaborated with researchers from Guanghua," said **Dr. Christine Wu**, Professor, Pediatric Dentistry, who was part of the team that created the collaboration between the two schools. "We look forward to hosting a visit by dental students from Guanghua School of Stomatology in the near future."

Clinic and Research Day Set for March 7

Get the latest dental knowledge at the 26th annual Clinic and Research Day, set for Thursday, March 7, at the College, which will take on the appearance of a national dental meeting all day.



Students and fellows will present posters highlighting their current research at Clinic and Research Day.



FUNCTIONAL FOOD PRESENTATION—Dr. Christine Wu, Professor, Pediatric Dentistry, was invited by the Indiana Section of the American Association for Dental Research recently to give a presentation, "Functional Foods: From Sciences to Oral Health." On the right in the photo is Dr. Dominick Zero, Associate Dean for Research and Director of the Indiana Oral Health Research Institute, Indiana University School of Dentistry. On the left is Dr. Richard Gregory, Professor and Director of Student Research and Dental Science PhD Programs. As a member of the PhD Thesis Committee for Indiana PhD candidate Huang Ruijie, Dr. Wu also attended Ruijie's PhD qualifying exam. Ruijie's research is on the effect of nicotine on S mutans biofilm and caries.

The event will run from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and focus on student research presentations, Critically Appraised Topic competitions based on actual cases, and an internationally known keynote speaker.

"Our students and fellows will present 100-plus posters highlighting their current research," said **Dr. Phillip T. Marucha**, Associate Dean for Research at the UIC College of Dentistry. "They cover a wide range of topics in the basic, behavioral, clinical, and applied sciences. Predoctoral, postgraduate, and graduate students; postdoctoral fellows; and their faculty mentors will be competing for awards in a number of categories."

Keynote speaker will be **Dr. James E. Melvin**, Clinical Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Melvin focuses his research on the molecular identity of the transport proteins that regulate fluid secretion, and his topic is "Oral Health Clinical Research: Current and Future Directions."

The College's new Center for Clinical Research will be open for the first time at Clinic and Research Day.

Also featured will be "CaseCAT" (Critically Appraised Topic) competitions, featuring actual cases that exemplify aspects of dentistry combined with critically appraised topics that summarize individual research.

"There will be dental products and services vendors'

exhibits and events planned just for fun, too,” Dr. Marucha continued. “Dentists, students, other medical personnel, and those interested in research and vendors’ exhibits are welcome.”

Events will wrap up with presentations of awards in a variety of categories.

For information, visit the website <http://go.uic.edu/CRDay> or contact **Katherine Long** at longka@uic.edu or (312) 996-3465.

Continuing Education credit will be awarded at no cost for attending a selected number of poster presentations and the keynote presentation. For additional information about CE or about the Clinic and Research Day event, contact Long.

Dr. Caswell Evans Speaks to PAEA on Importance of Oral Health

Dr. Caswell A. Evans, Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences, was one of the main speakers at the Physician Assistant Education Association (PAEA) Annual Forum in Seattle in November. Dr. Evans spoke at the pre-conference session, which specifically challenged the PA profession to join the fight for oral health.

Physician Assistants are healthcare professionals licensed by states to practice medicine as part of a team with the supervision of a physician or dentist. Physician Assistant educators from across the country and Australia attended the forum.

Dr. Evans and other speakers spoke to PA educators about why oral health is a key disparities issue and about how PAs are uniquely positioned to help eradicate dental disease.



Dr. Caswell A. Evans consults on possible decay found in an oral screening.

“Oral health plays an important role in overall health,” Dr. Evans said. “I was pleased to help provide an opportunity for faculty leadership to learn how to promote oral health as an integral part of primary medical care.”

The session focused on integrating oral health into primary care. It “provided participants with invaluable knowledge of how to recognize and prevent oral health disease among patients, and serves as a key example of interprofessional collaboration,” said **Jonathan Bowser** of the University of Colorado’s Physician Assistant Program. “Participants left with the knowledge that oral health is a critical part of overall health, and how to incorporate it into their curriculum.”

Onsite demonstrations during the session included an oral exam presentation and fluoride varnish application explanations. Participants immediately applied skills learned at the forum with children from an Educare Early Learning Center in Seattle. Oral screenings and fluoride varnish applications were provided to 63 children.

The workshop was part of the National Interprofessional Initiative on Oral Health, a consortium of funders and health professionals working to eradicate dental disease and to engage primary care clinicians to be alert to patients’ oral health needs. The activities of the initiative are made possible as a result of funding from the DentaQuest Foundation, the Washington Dental Service Foundation, and the Connecticut Health Foundation. For information, see www.niioh.org. For information about PAEA, call (617) 933-5274.

Students Travel to Iowa to Learn about Water Fluoridation Benefits

By Lucia Gonzalez

The University of Iowa invited six UIC predoctoral dental students to its Dental Public Health (DPH) regional conference with the theme of “Community Water Fluoridation” in the fall of 2012. The goal was to invite students and faculty from other colleges in order to share the DPH emphasis and learning at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and throughout the Midwest.

The six UIC students who attended were **Mir Whajuddin Khan, Isaac Qureshi, Erin Cho, Laura Douglas, Amrita Ganguly, and Someyeh Jahedi**. The itinerary included a pre-session that focused on predoctoral dental students, followed by a reception, keynote speaker, and dinner. The next day included more conference speakers.

Dr. Caswell Evans, Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences, called the University of Iowa College of Dentistry visit “a wonderful opportunity for all students interested in knowing more about dental public health, meeting other similarly interested students, meeting dental public health faculty from around the Midwest region, and learning more about the cornerstone of dental caries prevention— community water fluoridation.”

Qureshi, a D-4, said he did learn more about the DPH field and about the benefits of water fluoridation. “Every dollar the government spends on water fluoridation saves \$36 in dental expenses for patients,” Qureshi explained.

Something Qureshi found surprising is that even though fluoride offers many benefits, there are many

people who are against water fluoridation. Called “anti-flouridists,” these individuals and groups are trying to pass bills in various state legislatures that would ban fluoride, and they create websites that link certain adverse medical conditions with fluoride.

“It is important to educate patients and defend fluoride, because it is in the patient’s best interest,” Qureshi said.

HPV and Cancer Book Published

HPV and Cancer recently was published by Springer, an international publisher of science, medical, and technology books and journals. Edited by **Dr. James A. Radosevich**, Professor, Center for Molecular Biology of Oral Diseases, the book also features several chapters written by other College of Dentistry and UIC faculty.

The book covers all aspects of the Human Papilloma Virus as it relates to human cancers.

“While written by professionals, it is designed to be understandable by those who are not in the field —yet it has the technical details that professionals want,” Dr. Radosevich explained.

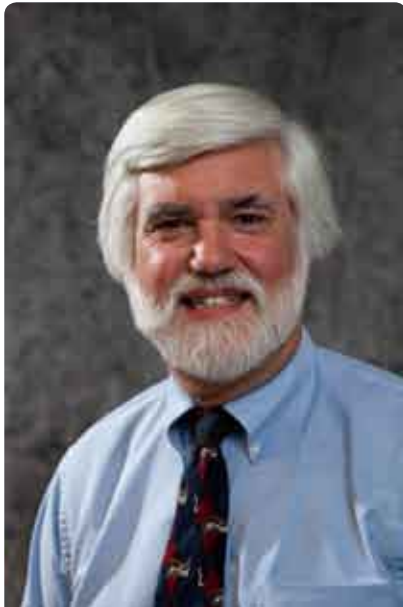
The book starts out with the history of HPV and progresses into the molecular biology of the virus and current understanding of the structure and functions of the proteins and genes it encodes.

“We then look at the dynamic trends of this infectious agent in the human population, how it interacts with human cells, and the role it plays with other organisms to produce both benign and malignant tumors,” Dr. Radosevich said.

Lastly, there is a discussion about a new vaccine for HPV and about hope for changing trends of this virus and the associated cancers it produces.

The genesis of the book came when Dr. Radosevich attended a medical meeting and met **Meliana Ruiz**, a senior publishing editor for Springer. “She said she was looking for authors and an editor, and editing a book was a goal of mine,” Dr. Radosevich said. “When she told me the topic, I said, ‘You know what? That’s something I can do.’”

Dr. Radosevich began by mapping out the topics. “I wanted the book to cover the subject matter in such a way that even those not familiar with it could feel that the



Dr. James Radosevich has edited his first book, “HPV and Cancer.”

book connected all the dots,” he said. “Once I figured out what I wanted in the book, I first looked at UIC to see who had expertise and just knocked on their doors.”

Contributing to the book were College of Dentistry faculty **Drs. Sara C. Gordon**, Associate Professor, Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences (OMDS); **Linda Kaste**, Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry; **Joel L. Schwartz**, Professor, OMDS; **Herve Y. Sroussi**, Associate Professor, OMDS; and **Benjamin J. Vesper**, Visiting Research Assistant Professor, OMDS. Former College of Dentistry faculty **Drs. Joel B. Epstein** and **Dena J. Fischer** also wrote a chapter. Other UIC contributors were **Drs. Robert J. Cabay**, Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology, and **Jiaping Xue**, Research Specialist, Department of Pediatrics.

“I’ve written a lot of grants and 130 peer-reviewed articles, but organizing chapters from different writers really was a challenge—editing what has been written by a diverse group of people to make the copy flow,” Dr. Radosevich said. “I also had to learn the publisher’s way of doing things. You get fewer proofs than with a journal article, and you have to work with PDFs.”

Dr. Radosevich hopes that not only medical professionals will read *HPV and Cancer*, but policymakers as well. “HPV is a growing epidemic that is below the radar of just about everybody,” he said. “So I want policy makers to pick this up and understand that this is a potential epidemic and they need to act.

“The book is for anybody interested in the subject matter, because it contains information down to the gene level and up to future societal implications,” he concluded.

HPV and Cancer’s ISBN numbers are 978-94-007-5436-2 for the print version and 978-94-007-5437-9 as an eBook. It is available on Springer.com and Amazon.com, and from other booksellers.

Annual Dental Charity Ball Set

The 2013 student-run Annual Dental Charity Ball will be held the evening of Saturday, April 6, 8 to 11 p.m., at the InterContinental Chicago Hotel, 505 N. Michigan Ave.



Students present a check to Department of Pediatric Dentistry Head Dr. Indru Punwani after a previous year’s Dental Charity Ball.

"In conjunction with the College's Centennial celebration, this event is open to all UIC College of Dentistry students, residents, and faculty, as well as all Chicago dental school alumni," said **Arash Hosseini**, Chair of the Dental Charity Ball Formal Committee.

There will be music, dancing, drinks and hors d'ouvres, and a silent auction.

"This student-run formal event is held every year with the goal of raising money for various dental related charities," Hosseini said. "Our mission is to use proceeds from this event to benefit underserved communities, especially children, by providing dental care."

Prices are \$70 for students, \$80 for residents, \$90 for faculty, and \$100 for alumni presale, and \$110 for everyone at the door.

Donations also also will be accepted.

"The Dental Student Council looks forward to seeing you during this elegant and fun-filled evening at a truly beautiful hotel," Hosseini said.

Tickets can be purchased, and more information can be obtained, online at www.dentalcharityball.org, or e-mail dentalcharityball@gmail.com.

Reunion Returns to Carlisle

UIC College of Dentistry and Loyola University Chicago alumni will gather at the 2013 UIC College of Dentistry Centennial Reunion at Carlisle Banquets, 435 E. Butterfield Road in Lombard, IL, Friday, April 26. The Carlisle was the site of successful and popular Reunions in 2010 and 2011.



Smiles will abound for alumni at Reunion 2013.

All UIC and Loyola alumni are invited. Tickets will be \$95 if purchased before Friday, March 29, and \$115 afterwards. A reception will be held at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Alumni, spouses, friends, and faculty all will enjoy Reunion 2013. It will feature special recognition for members of DDS classes and specialty programs whose graduation years ended in a "3" or "8." (All are invited, but to hold costs down, only members of class years ending

in those numbers will receive a formal invitation.)

Special awards will be presented to **Dr. Richard P. Perry**, '68, Distinguished Dental Alumnus; **Dr. Christopher S. Wenckus**, '71, Endodontics '74, Dr. E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award; **Dr. Richard S. Holba**, '73, Dr. F. William Towner Organized Dentistry Award; **Dr. Charles F. DiFranco**, Loyola '81, Loyola Periodontics '83, Dr. Raffaele Suriano Award; **Dr. Eliot Becker**, '63, University of Illinois Alumni Loyalty Award; and **Dr. Susan A. Rowan**, '84, Dr. Irwin B. Robinson President's Leadership Award.

Table seating will be by class year. Color photographs will be taken of all classes and may be purchased at the event.

In recent years, more faculty, young alumni, and Loyola alumni have attended in increasing numbers. There will be tables for Loyola alumni, so UIC College of Dentistry alumni are urged to invite their Loyola colleagues.

Classes whose graduation years ended in a "3" or "8" should look for an invitation in the mail with more details.

Anyone from any year interested in more information can obtain it from the College's website at <http://dentistry.uic.edu/>.

For additional information, contact **Ana Lisa Ogbac** at the College's Office of Advancement at (312) 996-0485 or aogbac1@uic.edu.

Dr. Mackler Touts Howard Hughes Fellows Program



Dr. Harrison Mackler.

Dr. Harrison Mackler, a first-year resident in Periodontics, was the subject of an article in the Dec. 13, 2012, edition of the American Association for Dental Research's *Science Advocate*. Dr. Mackler was part of the 2009-10 Howard Hughes Medical Institute Medical Research Fellows Program—one of only 70 students in the U.S. and the only dental student to be so honored that year.

Dr. Mackler was a Harvard University DMD student at the time. The Fellowship allowed him to conduct research at the Forsyth Institute in Boston.

"My overall research goals were to develop immune-modulating treatments for oral inflammatory disorders," he said. "Specifically, I tested how extracellular adenosine, an anti-inflammatory molecule produced by cells such as regulatory T lymphocytes, affects periodontal bone loss and bacteria-induced inflammatory responses. Using *in vitro* and mouse models of aggressive periodontitis, we found that adenosine inhibits all signs of disease before they start. Instead of rebuilding bone, we inhibited its

destruction in the first place.”

The fellowship offers students \$40,000, including funds directed towards travel to scientific meetings, enrichment activities and health insurance. For more information, go to <http://www.hhmi.org/grants/individuals/medical-fellows>.

Goldie's Place Welcomes Alum as First Clinic Dentist

By Alex Ramey

Special from Goldie's Place Newsletter

After 15 years of restoring smiles and confidence Goldie's Place, a support center for people who are homeless, with a dental clinic run by UIC College of Dentistry students, has achieved its dream of hiring its first staff dentist.

Thanks to the Smiles Campaign (a Goldie's Place fundraising campaign) and a Michael Reese Health Trust grant, Goldie's hired **Dr. Brian Homann**, '12.

Goldie's place caught Dr. Homann's eye during his first week of dental school in 2008.

"I was the person in charge of the front desk and got to experience how the clinic worked, how it flowed, and I was able to gain experience managing patients," Dr. Homann said. "Every year I grew into a different position and eventually became the Student Clinic Director."

Dr. Homann observed the success that Goldie's was having and realized the potential for growth beyond the organization by using the student-run clinic there as a model. He wrote a step-by-step "how-to" manual, published through a donation from Henry Schein.

The manual inspired other dental schools, including the University of Michigan and Indiana University, to create their own programs.

"Goldie's Place provides a unique and fun population to work with, and you can see how our work makes a huge difference in people's lives every day," Dr. Homann said.

He works at two other clinics part-time as well.

UIC College of Dentistry students and faculty have been participating in various running events, including the Chicago Marathon and the Marine Corps Marathon, and holding bake sales to raise funds for Goldie's

Student **Salvador Cardenas** has been a driving force behind the bake sales, and **Dr. Alison Doubleday**,

Assistant Professor, Oral Biology, initiated and led Goldie's Place participation in the running events.

Goldie's place is located at 5705 N. Lincoln Ave.

New running teams are being formed. For more information, contact Dr. Doubleday at adouble@uic.edu.

UI Health Offers Mini-Rounds

UI Health Mini-Rounds allow University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System personnel to stay up to date with exciting new research, clinical services information, and quality improvements. They are presented in the Hospital Conference Room 1135 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on certain days, and free coffee, soda, cookies, fruit, and snacks are offered.

Interested in presenting a Mini-Round? Contact **William S. Bike**, Director of Advancement and Alumni Affairs Communications, billbike@uic.edu, with your name and possible topic and he will forward your information to UI Health for consideration.

Centennial Events Set

A variety of events to be held in conjunction with the College's Centennial celebration are scheduled for the rest of the year.

- **College of Dentistry**

Reception in conjunction with Chicago Dental Society Meeting, Chicago, Friday, Feb. 22, 6 to 8 p.m., Hotel Intercontinental, 505 N. Michigan Ave.

- **Challenge of the Deans**,

UIC Flames-Wright State men's basketball game, Tuesday, Feb. 26, 7 p.m., UIC Forum. The half-time free-throw competition will feature College Assistant Dean **Mark J. Valentino** and a dental student. For tickets, contact **Ana Lisa Ogbac** by visiting her in Room 404EA, calling (312) 996-0485, or e-mailing aogbac1@uic.edu.

- **Clinic and Research Day**. See article above, page 7.

- **Dental Student Council Spring Formal**, See article above, page 9.

- **Reunion**. See article above, page 10.

- **Spirit of Peoria Riverboat Tour**, Saturday, June 15, 7 p.m., 100 Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602.

- **The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry at 100: A Legacy in Oral Biology**,

Saturday, June 16, through Wednesday, June 20, Chicago. The conference will celebrate the 100-year UIC College of Dentistry Oral Biology and Orthodontics legacy. With topics ranging from craniofacial evolution and development, functional morphology, mineralized tissue biology, epigenetics, and tissue regeneration, the conference will embrace cutting edge Oral Biology science and pay homage to the scholarship that propelled the College to the forefront of dental research. Interspersed between scientific presentations and posters will be historical memoirs about the great minds that shaped the discipline.



Dr. Brian Homann (center), in his student days receiving an award at the 2011 Honors Day from Dr. Ron Milnarik (left) and Dean Bruce Graham.

- **Continuing Education at Sea.** Thursday, July 4, through Thursday, July 11. Seven-day Alaskan cruise aboard Silversea. Seward, Alaska to Vancouver, Canada. **Dr. Rand F. Harlow**, '92, Prosthodontics '97, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, will present his course, *Implant Dentistry: Past, Present, and Future*, for six hours of CE credit. Co-sponsored by DENTSPLY. Contact **Moe Yanes** for reservations at m_yanes@comcast.net or (312) 806-1064. A Centennial Signature Event.

- **Golf Outing**, Wednesday, Sept. 11, 1 p.m., Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, 12294 Archer Ave., Lemont, IL 60439.

- **Celebrating a Proud Past and Book Launch**, 2 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 15, UIC College of Dentistry. A Centennial Signature Event.

- **Alumni Reception** during the Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session, Friday, Sept. 20, 4:30 p.m., Bloomington, IL.

- **Tailgate Party** for UIC College of Dentistry at University of Illinois Fighting Illini Football Game, Fighting Illini vs. Wisconsin Badgers, Champaign, IL. Saturday, Oct. 19. (Date of game subject to change.) Charter bus available from UIC College of Dentistry.

- **Centennial Celebration and Black-tie Gala**, Saturday, Nov. 16, 6 p.m., Grand Ballroom, Navy Pier, 600 E. Grand Ave., Chicago, IL 60611. A Centennial Signature Event.

To learn more or to participate, see <http://dentistry.uic.edu/centennial>, e-mail dentalum@uic.edu, follow on

Facebook at www.facebook.com/UICDentCentennial, or call (312) 996-0485.

People Accomplishments

Department of Restorative Dentistry faculty **Drs. Lee Jameson**, Clinical Professor; **Kent Knoernschild**, Professor; **Alyson Koslow**, Clinical Assistant Professor; **Judy Yuan**, Assistant Professor; and alumna **Dr. Samantha Chou**, Prosthodontics '08, were featured in an American College of Prosthodontics video *I Am A Prosthodontist*. See <http://www.gotoapro.org/videos/acp-doctors-montage/#>.

Dr. Fred Margolis, a faculty member in Pediatric Dentistry, wrote an article about how laser dentistry can revolutionize a dentist's practice in the Nov. 2012 *Dental Products Report*.

Dr. Indru Punwani, Interim Head, Pediatric Dentistry, was granted Professor Emeritus status by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees. He recently was appointed the inaugural President of the Pediatric Oral Health group of the International Association of Dental Research. He was quoted in *Hinsdale Magazine* on Nov. 27, 2012, about children seeing a dentist by their first birthday.

Dr. Goth Siu, Resident, Restorative Dentistry, was named the winner of the 2012 Granger-Pruden Award by the Northeast Gnathological Society. The award includes \$2,500 given to support research in prosthodontics and related materials science. He will receive the award in New York City in May. He also was awarded an American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Grant, given to promote meaningful research in esthetic dentistry.

A Proud Past, A Brilliant Future

2013 DENTISTRY Calendar of Events

February 26, 2013
Challenge of the Deans
7:00 p.m.
UIC Forum
Chicago, IL

March 7, 2013
Clinic and Research Day
7:30 a.m.
UIC College of Dentistry
801 S. Paulina St.
Chicago, IL

April 6, 2013
Annual Dental Charity Ball
8:00 p.m.
Hotel InterContinental
505 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL

April 26, 2013
Reunion Dinner
6:30 p.m.
The Carlisle Banquets
435 E. Butterfield Rd.
Lombard, IL 60148

June 15, 2013
Spirit of Peoria Riverboat Tour
7:00 p.m.
100 Water St.
Peoria, IL 61602

June 16–20, 2013
The UIC College of Dentistry at 100: A Legacy in Oral Biology
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July 4–11, 2013
Continuing Education at Sea
Speaker: Dr. Rand F. Harlow presenting *Implant Dentistry: Past, Present and Future*. Seven-day Alaskan cruise aboard Silversea. Seward, Alaska to Vancouver, Canada. Contact Moe Yanes at (312) 806-1064 to book now.

August 14, 2013
College Picnic
For College faculty, staff, and students.
Details to come.

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Golf Outing and Dinner
1:00 p.m.
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
12294 Archer Avenue
Lemont, IL 60439

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2:00 p.m.
UIC College of Dentistry
801 S. Paulina St.
Chicago, IL

September 20, 2013
Reception during the ISDS Annual Session
4:30 p.m.
Bloomington, IL

October 19, 2013*
UIUC Tailgate and Football Game
Charter Bus from UIC College of Dentistry
Urbana, IL
(*Date of game subject to change.)

November 16, 2013
Centennial Celebration Black-tie Gala
6:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom, Navy Pier
600 E. Grand Ave.
Chicago, IL

Gold denotes Centennial Signature Event



Deaths

The Rev. A.I. Dunlap, father of **Dr. Michael Dunlap**, Clinical Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, passed away in December 2012. Condolences may be sent to Dr. Dunlap at drdunlap@uic.edu.

Jose Marquez, husband of **Lucia Marquez**, recently retired Admitting Officer, Dental Clinics, passed away on Dec. 1, 2012.

Family

Dr. Christopher Wenckus, Head, Endodontics, noted that his daughter, **Dalia Wenckus, MD**, a Fellow in Maternal Fetal Medicine for high-risk pregnancies at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health System, performed a delivery of quintuplets in November. ABC-TV Channel 7 covered the story on Nov. 19. His other daughter, **Patricia Sedel**, and her husband, **Josh**, had a baby boy, **Harrison Brandt Seidel**, at the U of I Hospital on Sept. 11.

Classifieds

Calendar

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Miscellaneous

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Important College contacts: For consumable supplies, e-mail 8884710006@archwireless.net. For dental instrument issues, contact Robin Waner at rwaner@uic.edu, (312) 996-6411, second and third floor and third floor sterilization. For dental equipment problems, e-mail 8772484837@archwireless.net; enter room and unit number with description of problem and write the issue on the maintenance log. To reach housekeeping,

call (312) 996-7468. For the Information Technologies (IT) help desk, call (312) 413-4731 or (312) 413-3182. (FN)

Wound Healing Seminars are held once per month at 12:30 p.m. on selected Thursdays. Call (312) 355-2662 for more information. (FN)

Positions/Practices/Space Available

A "Positions/Practices Available" page is on the College's website at <http://dentistry.uic.edu/depts/studentAffairs/position.cfm>. Check it out for listings of jobs that are available, and for notices of practices that are for sale. For adding or subtracting listings from this website, contact William S. Bike at billbike@uic.edu.

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Associate dentist position available. Evanston, IL. Great opportunity for member of the Class of 2013. Contact Dr. Frank Karkazis at (847) 491-0660 or flkdds@flkarkazisdds.com. (FA 1/28/13)

Space Share opportunity in south Arlington Heights, IL. Current doctor works only part-time due to family. Built out in new building ten years ago. (847) 361-8748 or SunshineDental@att.net. (FN 12/18/12)

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Associate to partner to owner opportunity. Rockford, IL. Fee for service general family practice emphasizing prosthetics and cosmetic dentistry. Contact Roger C. Schmidt, DDS/Pamela A. Schmidt, DDS at betsy@schmidtdds.com. (FA 1/24/13)

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Calendar

February

12: Retirement Luncheon, (date pending), Student Center West, Thompson Rooms, 2nd floor, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Fortier at rfortier@uic.edu or (312) 413-2960.

22: Alumni Reception during the Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting. 6 to 8 p.m., Hotel Intercontinental, 505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611.

26: Challenge of the Deans. UIC Flames-Green Bay men's basketball game will feature half-time free-throw competition among Deans and students of various UIC colleges. Assistant Dean Mark J. Valentino and a student to represent College. 7 p.m., UIC Pavilion, 525 S. Racine Ave. Contact Ana Lisa Ogbac by visiting her in Room 404EA, calling (312) 996-0485, or e-mailing aogbac1@uic.edu.

March

7: Clinic and Research Day, UIC College of Dentistry, all day. Continuing Education credit available. Keynote speaker; oral and poster presentations; dental product and service exhibits; competitions; networking; and food. Contact Katherine Long at (312) 996-3465 or longka@uic.edu.

10: Maha Shivarti, Hindu holiday.

25 to 27 Passover/Pesach, Jewish observance.

27: Holi, Hindu holiday.

31: Easter Sunday.

April

5: Interprofessional Immersion Day for D-3 students. More than 800 health professionals from more than ten professions on the UIC campus will meet to facilitate improved Interprofessional awareness and care of patients. The day will include patient simulations, small group learning activities, and an opportunity to meet with colleagues across the health sciences. For information call (312) 996-7515.

6: Retirement Planning Conference, Student Center East, Illinois and Dearborn Rooms, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, contact Rebecca Fortier at rfortier@uic.edu or (312) 413-2960.

6: Annual Dental Charity Ball, 8 p.m., Hotel InterContinental, 505 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL, www.dentalcharityball.org.

13: Coronal Polishing and Pit/Fissure Sealants Clinical Certification Course for Dental Assistants. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., UIC College of Dentistry. Fee: \$315 for Illinois State Dental Society member dentist staff, \$500 for ISDS non-member dentist staff. Call (800) 475-4737 or www.isds.org.

26: Reunion, UIC College of Dentistry, Loyola University Chicago School of Dentistry, and Northwestern Dental School alumni. Years ending in "3" and "8" highlighted. Alumni awards presented. Carlisle Banquets, 435 E. Butterfield Road, Lombard, IL, 60148. See www.dentistry.uic.edu/centennial, e-mail dentalum@uic.edu, or call (312) 996-0485.

May

8: Senior Luncheon. 12:30 p.m., Student Center West, 828 S. Wolcott St., Thomson Rooms. (312) 996-0485.

11: Commencement. UIC Forum, Halsted Street at Roosevelt Road, 10 a.m. Reception to follow.

12: Mother's Day.

27: Memorial Day. Holiday from school and work.

June

15: Spirit of Peoria Riverboat Tour, 7 p.m., 100 Water Street, Peoria, IL 61602. See www.dentistry.uic.edu/centennial, e-mail dentalum@uic.edu, or call (312) 996-0485.

16: Father's Day.

16 to 20: The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry at 100: A Legacy in Oral Biology, Chicago, (312) 413-9683.

July

4: Independence Day.

4 through 11: Continuing Education at Sea. Seven-day Alaskan cruise aboard Silversea. Seward, Alaska to Vancouver, Canada. A Centennial Signature Event. See www.dentistry.uic.edu/centennial, e-mail dentalum@uic.edu, or call (312) 996-0485.

August

14: College Picnic for faculty, staff, and students.

September

2: Labor Day, College closed.

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The College of Dentistry Choir entertained by singing holiday tunes.



Master of Ceremonies Dr. Tom Diekwisch and Mirria Evans ran the prize drawing. Showik Ponnusamy, D-1, was one of the winners.



Smiles were the order of the day at the Holiday Party.

Holiday Party 2012

The College held its Holiday Party in Student Center West for the first time, and a good time was had by all at the Dec. 14 event.

The Holiday Party was put on by the Diversity Committee's Events Subcommittee, consisting of Rosemary Aguilar, Virginia Buglio, Colleen Glascott, Rochelle Harris, and Khatia Noorullah, assisted by Mirria Evans and Jacqueline Kalan.



Student Ashley Ginsberg sang a solo.



William S. Bike and Dr. Diekwisch presented student Carolyn Cronin with a plaque for placing in the Impressions photo contest.



Haerin Kil, Kelvin Jung, Erin Cho, and Eric Moy performed music in the classical genre.



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