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# Our alumni continue to make us proud

Greetings from Montana, where this summer our family will mark its first full-time year in Helena since we made the move from Washington. I miss seeing so many of my fellow and sister alums, but I have to admit that we are enjoying the slower pace of life.

I want to start off by saying that I love hearing about all the wonderful things our people are doing. Last fall, I was especially excited to hear about the great turnout by UW dental alums and other



members of the dental community for the big Remote Area Medical (RAM) clinic at KeyArena. These dedicated volunteer dentists and support staff served thousands of patients over four days in October, and it was clear how great the need was in the Seattle area. More than a few of these patients hadn't visited a dentist in 10-plus years.

I take a lot of pride in the fact that the dental clinic was led by two of our alumni, Dr. Jeff Parrish ('79) and Dr.

Mike Karr ('80). As co-directors, they recruited dozens of dental volunteers and coordinated the clinic after it began. I cannot imagine how hectic it must have been for them, but their hard work paid off in a spectacular way.

It should not surprise anyone that Dr. Parrish and Dr. Karr stepped up to serve as they did. For many years, the two of them have been active dental humanitarians, undertaking numerous missions to Haiti and other places where the need is truly desperate.

And they are far from alone among our alumni. If you recall, last year's spring issue of our *Dental Alumni News* featured a cover story on Dr. Sherwin Shinn ('74), who received the ADA's 2013 Humanitarian of the Year Award, and others who have traveled abroad to deliver oral health care. I still recall Dr. Mark Paxton ('80, GPR '81) talking about operating in 115-degree conditions and dealing with bugs, the lack of bathrooms, stomach problems and other challenges. It is people like these who exemplify the highest ideals of our profession, and it says something about our School that so many

of them come from our alumni ranks.

That is one reason I was thrilled when our alumni board chose Dr. Parrish to receive our Dental Alumni Association's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award at the upcoming Dean's Club Dinner on April 25. It's a great way to recognize this kind of outstanding service to the community. I have known Dr. Parrish since my first year of dental school (15 years ago!), and I have always been impressed with his commitment to dental service and dental advocacy. Dr. Parrish has been one of my dental role models and inspired me to get involved in the dental community.

I should also mention that Dr. Sam Anderson ('51), who has been a stalwart of our Alumni Association for so many years, will be honored with the Dean's Club 2015 Lifetime Member Award for his decades of outstanding support and service to our School. So I hope you will be sure to make your reservations for the dinner right away. And do not forget that it will be at the Chihuly Garden and Glass museum, so the setting will be absolutely incredible!

Alumni like Dr. Parrish and Dr. Anderson have compiled amazing records of service. Maybe we cannot all match their efforts, but we can all certainly take a meaningful step by supporting our Alumni Association. Our dues support \$60,000 in scholarships, along with great events and programs like the Mentor Program (with WSDA), the annual White Coat Ceremony, Practice Opportunities and more.

So I hope that if you have not already renewed, you will not hesitate to send in your dues. One thing that sets us apart is the high level of alumni participation in the Association – the highest of any school at the University of Washington. Our School is going through an unprecedented transformation under Dean Joel Berg, so now, more than ever, we need your active participation and support. We are going exciting places, and you definitely do not want to miss the ride!

JESSICA SWOBODA ('04, PERIO '07)  
*UW Dental Alumni Association President*

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## Dental Alumni Association



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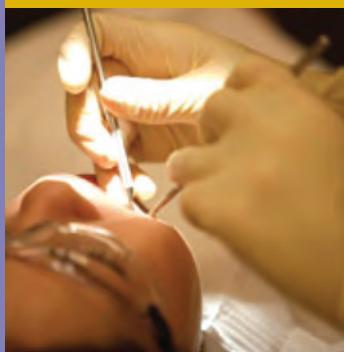
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# We're on a thrilling threshold

For the last couple of years, we've been engaged in the most exciting challenge I can ever recall: reinventing our curriculum and clinical training to produce a true dentist of the future.

For the first year or more, it was mostly a matter of analyzing and planning. But in the last few months, things have really begun falling into place. Now we're on the threshold: Our



new clerkship system of third-year pre-doctoral clinical rotations will begin this summer, as will our new curriculum. And our new fourth-year practice model, which will try to mimic the real world of private practice that you know so well, will then launch over the next year.

We've already made plans to set the foundation for this transition.

Our rising third-years will attend a brief "boot camp" in June to prepare for the new clerkship system. It's going to be a big change from the old system – our third-years will have a much more focused, immersive clinical experience in all the core competencies of general dentistry.

One of the great things about our new curriculum is that it will integrate the classroom and the clinic more closely than ever before. Not only will our students be taught in a more cohesive, logical way, but they'll be covering important material – such as practice management – right from the first year, rather than trying to scramble through it in a few weeks near the end of fourth year.

For both our clerkships and our fourth-year practice model, we'll need to funnel more patients into comprehensive care, and do it more efficiently. That's why we created a new Dental Admissions Clinic last fall.

Under Dr. John Sorensen, our new Associate Dean for Clinics (see Page 11), the clinic has been in beta-testing mode to fine-tune new-patient intake. We'll be relying on this clinic to streamline the process, with patients receiving their initial screening and clinic assignment during the first visit.

As of this spring, the Basic Assessment exam will no longer be required for patients to be admitted to comprehensive care. But this extremely valuable competency will still be taught in our Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning Clerkship, as well as the Oral Medicine Clerkship.

I owe a huge debt of gratitude to our leaders such as Dr. Sorensen, Dr. Wendy Mouradian, Dr. John Evans, Dr. Rebecca Slayton and Dr. John Wataha, along with the many other faculty and staff who worked so hard on the task forces that laid the groundwork for this transformation.

I also want to acknowledge the faculty and staff who have supported these changes with a positive attitude and many, many helpful ideas. Change – meaningful change – is never easy. But we're on the cusp of something very big at our School, and I believe the disruptions and demands we've faced along the way will be well worth it.

One thing I love about our alumni is your very tangible pride in our School. Starting with this next academic year, I hope that you'll see the changes taking place and wear that "W" more proudly than ever.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Berg". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "J" and "B".

JOEL H. BERG, DDS, MS  
*Dean*



# WSDA/Dental Alumni Mentor Program

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## School has big impact at free Seattle clinic

Dean Joel Berg of our School of Dentistry stood in the middle of the KeyArena floor, wearing scrubs and a wry grin.

“I just triaged a guy who said he’d gotten out of jail after five years yesterday, and the first thing he needed to do was see a dentist,” Dean Berg said.

Dr. Berg joined a sizeable contingent of Dentistry alumni, faculty and students who helped deliver free dental care to more than 3,400 Puget Sound residents during a massive four-day clinic at the arena Oct. 23-26. More than 1,400 volunteers from the dental community teamed up to furnish an estimated \$2 million worth of care, with hundreds more providing medical care and vision services elsewhere at the arena.

The clinic was conducted by Remote Area Medical (RAM), a Tennessee-based humanitarian group that has staged similar clinics elsewhere in the United States and abroad. It was hosted by Seattle Center, KeyArena’s parent organization. Dozens of professional and community organizations,

*(At top) More than 3,400 patients received free dental care at the four-day clinic.*



Dean Joel Berg

including the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) and Seattle-King County Dental Society, joined the effort.

Two Dentistry alumni, Dr. Jeffrey Parrish ('79) and Dr. Michael Karr ('80), were dental clinic volunteer co-directors and started rounding up general dentists and dental specialists the preceding February. Both are veterans of numerous dental humanitarian missions.

Taking a rare breather during the



Dental co-directors Dr. Michael Karr ('80, left) and Dr. Jeffrey Parrish ('79) take a rare breather.

Friday clinic, Dr. Karr marveled at the operation's efficiency as he surveyed the black tarp-covered arena floor, humming with activity among 62 dental chairs lined up in long rows. A mobile van off the floor held several more chairs where dentists performed root canals, while X-rays were taken in another area off the main floor. After patients completed their treatment, they received information on sources of free or reduced-cost dental care in King County.

"The organization has been absolutely phenomenal," Dr. Karr said. As it has done elsewhere, RAM provided all the infrastructure and supplies, including dental chairs, instruments, X-ray services and sterilization. The clinic even featured teams of emotional-



Dr. Richard Crinzi ('72), president-elect of our Dental Alumni Association

support service dogs to reassure jittery patients.

Dr. Parrish and Dr. Karr recruited and briefed the dental volunteers, then worked as trouble-shooters during the clinic.

"We couldn't have done this without RAM," Dr. Karr said. "We knew there would be lots of things to do, but it's going really smoothly."

He also thanked Julia Colson, Se-



Dr. Brittany Dean ('12)

attle Center's project director, who worked with RAM to organize the clinic. "This wouldn't have been pulled off without her," he said.

Patients, who started lining up at 3:30 a.m. each day for spots at the clinic, expressed their appreciation. Some talked of having gone as long as 15 years without seeing a dentist, often because of the cost.

"I loved it – it was so nice," said Jennifer Miner, 30, of Bothell, who needed multiple fillings and repairs on a couple of broken teeth. She'd seen a dentist four months before for an extraction, but that had exhausted her resources for treatment.

"This is a really good system," she said.

Another patient, a 26-year-old Kent homemaker, agreed.

"This is just a very helpful place," she said.

"Unfortunately, the dental safety net is set up to provide care when oral health is at its worst," Dr. Parrish said before the event. "Instead of sustainable funding for preventive and routine care,

the dental safety net regularly provides treatment when dental problems become emergent." The WSDA has long pushed to expand routine treatment in programs such as Medicaid, which is known as Apple Health in Washington.

But few complaints were heard on the KeyArena floor during the clinic.

"This is amazing – very well organized," Dean Berg said during his clinic stint. Starting about 7:15 that morning, he'd already screened about 30 patients by 9:30 and sent them on for treatment. He eventually screened more than 50 patients during his shift.

Said Kirkland oral surgeon Dr. Richard Crinzi ('72), president-elect of our Dental Alumni Association, during his volunteer shift: "The patients have been fine, and they're very receptive." Many dentists brought their own office staff to work as dental hygienists and assistants.

According to Dr. Karr, patients weren't the only ones who got a big lift from the clinic.

"You talk to the dentists after they're done, and they're just pumped," he said. ■

*Volunteer Sharon Thompson escorts Darby, an emotional support dog.*



# Three named to key posts in School's leadership

Dean Joel Berg has announced three key leadership appointments at our School of Dentistry:

- **Dr. John Sorensen** of the School's Department of Restorative Dentistry faculty was named Associate Dean for Clinics, effective Jan. 1, with responsibility for overseeing the School's clinical operations.

- **Dr. Daniel Chan** was named chair of the School's Clerkship Committee and director of the Operative Dentistry clerkship, effective last December. Starting this summer, the School is changing its clinical training system to clerkships, a series of intensive rotations in all the core competencies of dentistry. Dr. Chan, who had been Associate Dean for Clinical Services since 2008, relinquished that position on Jan. 1 to focus on his clerkship duties.

- **Robert Wanezek**, formerly Revenue Cycle Director, became Assistant Dean for Clinical Services, effective Jan. 1. Working with Dr. Sorensen, he will direct the centralization of administration for the School's multiple clinics. He will also oversee a new Program Administration group, which will develop and implement process improvement and training, clinical performance data and reporting, clinic policies and facilities improvement.

"These are important changes for us as we continue our efforts to improve our patients' experience and remake our curriculum and clinical training to produce a true dentist of the future," Dean Berg said. "To a great extent, these new titles simply reflect the work

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— Dean Joel Berg



Dr. John Sorensen

these outstanding members of our faculty and administration are already doing."

Dr. Sorensen was president and founder of the Pacific Dental Institute in Oregon before joining the UW in October 2013. He has held appointments at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)

and the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and was founder and director of the Dental Clinical Research Center at OHSU. At the UW, he has directed the School's Clinical Operations Task Force, which evaluated every aspect of the School's clinical services. He now directs a new admissions clinic, which is expected to double the capacity to process new patients by March 1, and is essential to the

success of the clerkship rotations. He holds a PhD in dental materials from the Royal Dental College of Copenhagen University and a DMD from Tufts University.

Dr. Chan, who came to the UW in 2008 from the Medical College of Georgia, holds the Washington Dental Service Endowed Chair in Dentistry at the UW. He is president of the national Academy of Operative Dentistry. In 2013, he was part of a research team that received a patent for antibacterial applications of titanium-based material, which holds wide dental and medical potential for preventing infection without the use of antibiotics. Dr. Chan received both a DMD from the University of the Philippines and a DDS from the University of Iowa. He has also had postgraduate training at the UW, the University of Iowa and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Wanezek came to the UW in March 2013 from Amazon, where he was a senior manager overseeing the external distribution program in North America. In his new position, he will work closely with Dr. Sorensen and direct the building of operational infrastructure to support the clerkships and general practice clinics. He has already



Robert Wanezek

overseen significant changes to improve the School of Dentistry's financial operations and administrative efficiency. He has also held positions with Microsoft and Washington Mutual. He received a BS in business administration from Washington State University. ■



Dr. Daniel Chan

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## *Drs. Anderson, Parrish to be feted*

Two alumni and long-time stalwarts of the Washington state dental community will be honored at this year's Dean's Club dinner on April 25 in the spectacular setting of Chihuly Garden and Glass at Seattle Center.

### *Dr. H. Sam Anderson ('51)*



Dr. Anderson will receive our Dean's Club 2015 Honorary Lifetime Member Award. A member of our School's second graduating class, he will be recognized for a stellar, decades-long record of service to the School that includes both teaching and financial support.

Dr. Anderson, who received our Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1985, was the second president of our Dental Alumni Association and has served as his class's representative on the Association's board for more than 60 years.

He has also compiled an equally long and illustrious record of service as a teacher, joining our School's faculty in 1953 and teaching in both Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry and taking an active part in study clubs.

Dr. Carrie York ('91) had the unique experience of having Dr. Anderson as a teacher and later serving alongside him as a clinical instructor. "He is a wonderful man – kind, warm, caring, great with students and patients," she said.

Her classmate, Dr. Elizabeth Bell, recalled Dr. Anderson as a kind and compassionate teacher who could instruct students without making them feel inadequate in front of their patients.

After serving in the Pacific in the Navy during World War II and going on to dental school, Dr. Anderson practiced in Seattle's Ballard neighborhood for 43 years. His involvement in organized dentistry includes the presidency of the Washington chapter of the Academy of General Dentistry, which he also served as regional vice president and national delegate.

He is a charter member of the Dean's Club, which has played a critical and continuing role in helping the School, especially in an era of declining state support. He was also instrumental in helping launch the Class of 1951 endowed scholarship, which was the first alumni class scholarship created for our students.

### *Dr. Jeffrey L. Parrish ('79)*



Dr. Parrish will receive our Dental Alumni Association's 2015 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Now retired from practice in Kirkland, Wash., he has left a lasting mark over many years as one of the Northwest's leading dental humanitarians. Not only has he conducted dozens of his own missions to Haiti and other areas of desperate need

(at least once working by flashlight), but he has also tirelessly recruited colleagues and students to humanitarian outreach.

"Visiting and living with people who have so little reminds me to quit complaining and recognize how blessed I am," he told the *Dental Alumni News* last year.

Rather than take it easy in retirement, he has continued and even stepped up his efforts. Last fall, he served as dental co-director of the four-day Remote Area Medical clinic in Seattle, a massive outreach that served more than 3,400 Puget Sound residents (See Page 9). The months of work by him and co-director Dr. Michael Karr ('80) before the event to recruit dozens of volunteer dentists resulted in one of the most successful public-health events in recent memory.

"I'm thrilled that our Alumni Association has chosen Jeff for this very well-deserved honor," said Dean Joel Berg. "His humanitarian work represents the finest ideals of dentistry, and all of us in the profession should draw inspiration from it."

Dr. Parrish has also long taken an active and prominent role in organized dentistry, including serving as Washington State Dental Association president and on the Seattle-King County Dental Society executive council. He has been highly visible in dental issue advocacy, and enjoys wide recognition for his lively and provocative columns in the *WSDA News* magazine.

#### **COME EARLY!**

The Dean's Club Dinner will be preceded by a reception at 5:45, and guests are also urged to allow time to enjoy the Chihuly artworks. For more information or reservations, call 206-685-9350.



# Drs. McCoy, Flake win Rothwell Awards

Dr. Richard B. McCoy ('61) of the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program and Dr. Natasha R. Flake (Endo '07) of the Department of Endodontics received Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teaching Awards at a faculty retreat in December.

Dr. McCoy, a member of the RIDE faculty in Spokane, received the 2014 Rothwell Lifetime Achievement Award, while Dr. Flake received the 2014 Rothwell Distinguished Teaching Award.

Dr. Mark Drangsholt ('84), Chair of the Department of Oral Medicine and of the award selection committee, presented the awards, which have been given since 2001. He was joined by Rebecca Rothwell, niece of the awards' namesake, the late Dr. Bruce R. Rothwell (1948-2000), onetime chair of the School's Department of Restorative Dentistry and a pioneering figure in forensic dentistry.

Dr. McCoy, a former Chair of Restorative Dentistry at the UW and recipient of other teaching awards, also received the UW Dental Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2004. A member of our faculty since

1992, he has been a cornerstone of the RIDE program since its inception in 2008.

"Dick McCoy has been one of our most highly regarded faculty members – by students and colleagues alike – for more than 20 years," said Dean Joel Berg. "And with his stature in the Washington dental community, having him on the RIDE faculty gave the program tremendous credibility right from the start."

RIDE students have said this about him: "We have been directly influenced by Dr. McCoy through his selfless service when he volunteered to jump-start the program in Spokane. ... He would prepare personalized handouts, sit down and discuss our strengths and weaknesses individually, and was always encouraging."

Accepting his award, Dr. McCoy said: "This award means a terrific amount to me. I love teaching and encouraging students, and I plan to continue as long as I have a useable memory."

Since completing her MS in endodontics at the UW in 2007 after earn-

ing her DDS and a PHD in neuroscience at the University of Maryland, Dr. Flake has built a reputation as one of our School's most outstanding young faculty members and researchers. In 2010, she received the Junior Faculty Award given by the American Dental Education Association, its Council of



*Dr. Natasha Flake receives the Bruce R. Rothwell Distinguished Teacher Award from Dr. Mark Drangsholt.*

Students, Residents and Fellows, and the Colgate Palmolive Co.

Comments supporting her selection for the Rothwell Award included this: "Dr. Flake has the unique ability to effectively unify scientific literature and clinical practice into an educational experience that is logical and clear."

Said Dr. Drangsholt, noting her seven current research projects and busy teaching schedule in both graduate and predoctoral clinics: "She is truly a clinician-scientist."

Dr. Flake thanked her department chair, Dr. Jim Johnson, along with other faculty, as well as her family, including her husband, Larry Flake, and also expressed her gratitude for the support of the endodontics community at large.

"I'm proud to carry on that tradition of great teaching [at the UW]," she said. ■



*Dr. Richard McCoy (center) receives the Bruce R. Rothwell Lifetime Distinguished Teacher Award from Dr. Mark Drangsholt and Rebecca Rothwell.*

# Dr. Thomas Dodson receives Gies specialty educator award

Dr. Thomas Dodson, Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has received a William J. Gies Foundation Award for distinguished achievement as a specialty dental educator. The award was presented by Dr. Eric Geist, president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), during the association's annual meeting in September in Honolulu.

**“Dr. Dodson’s commitment to academic OMS has been the hallmark of his 25-year career.”**

— Dr. Eric Geist

In his presentation, Dr. Geist said, “Dr. Dodson’s commitment to academic OMS has been the hallmark of his 25-year career.” He noted Dr. Dodson’s work as associate editor of the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* and as principal investigator for an AAOMS-supported study assessing outcomes on office-based anesthesia and third-molar extractions. In addition, he noted, Dr. Dodson was co-author of AAOMS white papers on bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw, and a designated specialty spokesperson on the topic of third-molar management.

“It is a privilege to be able to do what I do every day, but to be recognized by my colleagues in this way is a singular honor,” Dr. Dodson said.

“This award confirms what many of us already knew: Tom Dodson is an outstanding national leader in dentistry,” Dean Joel Berg said. “He brings tremendous vision, energy and dedication



Dr. Thomas Dodson (left) receives his Gies Award from Dr. Eric Geist, president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

to his work every day, and we’re so very fortunate to have him here at the UW.”

Dr. Dodson came to the UW in September 2013 from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he was Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Attending Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon. He was also Director of the Center for Applied Clinical Investigation in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

In the past year, he has launched plans to re-establish the MD/certificate Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency program at the UW and begun hosting a well-received “Grand Rounds” lecture series for oral and maxillofacial surgeons, other dentists and students, and physicians. He has also augmented faculty at his department’s satellite clinic at Harborview Medical Center as part of his goal to expand clinical, research and educational opportunities there. ■

## Dr. Dexter Barnes leads ICD

Dr. Dexter “Deck” Barnes (’69) of Seattle was elected President of the International College of Dentists (ICD)-USA Section at the group’s annual meeting in October in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Barnes, who was inducted as an ICD Fellow in 1993, has also served the organization as Vice Regent, Deputy Regent and Regent of District 11. Established in 1928, the ICD is the world’s oldest and largest international honor society for dentists. It has more than 12,000 members in 122 countries.

Fellowship in the College is granted by invitation only. Induction recognizes a dentist’s “outstanding professional achievement, meritorious service and dedication to the continued progress of dentistry for the benefit of humankind.”

Dr. Barnes has also been president of the Washington State Dental Association and the Washington Oral Health

Foundation. He is also a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the American College of Dentists.

In 1998, he received our School’s Distinguished Alumnus award. For more than 30 years, he has also directed speaker selection for the annual Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship, the School’s signature continuing-education event. ■



Dr. Dexter Barnes receives his medallion of office from Dr. Curtis Johnson, outgoing International College of Dentists president.

# Football brunch draws festive crowd

The weather gods weren't exactly cooperative, and neither were the Arizona State University Sun Devils, but that didn't stop our alumni from having a great time at our annual football brunch on Oct. 25.

On a cold, wet and windy evening – gusts of 61 mph were reported on the 520 floating bridge – the Huskies battled both the elements and a rash of injuries. They played stout defense against the No. 14-ranked Sun Devils and actually tied the game 10-10 with just 7:14 left in the fourth quarter. But Arizona State pushed across a touchdown with three minutes left, and then scored another one when they intercepted a last-minute UW desperation heave, making the final score 24-10.

Before the game, Dean Joel Berg welcomed brunch-goers, who enjoyed a special treat: a few words from Brendan Lopez, a former deep snapper for the Huskies and now a mem-

ber of our Class of 2016.

Co-sponsors of the event were Is-saquah Dental Lab, Pacific Continental Bank and Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency.



*Brendan Lopez, Class of 2016 and a former Husky football player*



*Dr. Jeremy Chaison ('06)*



*Dean Joel Berg welcomes alums, families and friends.*



*Dr. Gerald Smith ('83) and family*



*Dr. Tom Conlon ('69) and Sharon Conlon*



Dr. Richard Nash ('76)



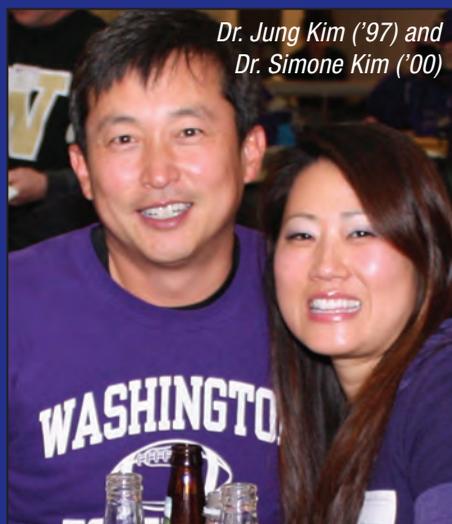
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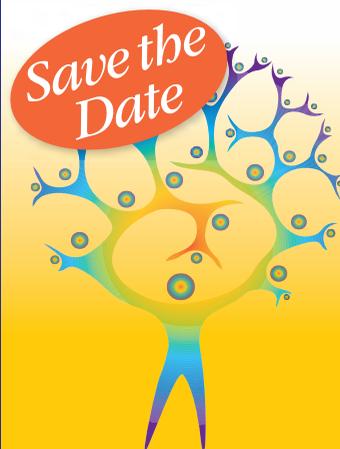
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Dr. Ray Maxwell ('90)  
and Dr. Brent Jones ('90)



Dr. Jung Kim ('97) and  
Dr. Simone Kim ('00)



# PARTNERS *in* DIVERSITY 2015 *Dinner*

*Saturday May 16, 2015 Conibear Shell House*  
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# It's a gorgeous day for golf at Chambers Bay

About 100 alums, along with several dozen dentists from the Pierce County Dental Society, enjoyed a magnificent day of golf under cloudless skies near Tacoma on Sept. 5 during our Dental Alumni Association's annual golf tournament.

As in the past two years, the tournament took place at the beautiful Chambers Bay course overlooking Puget Sound. With Chambers Bay slated to host the 2015 U.S. Open, the venue added an extra measure of excitement for alums, who filled up the field almost immediately. This year's tournament also had a unique touch: Dean Joel Berg caddied for one of the first foursomes.

The team of Drs. Jay Deiglmeier ('93), Mike Kern ('93), Tom Herrick ('93) and George Bourekis ('93) took first place. Runner-up honors went to Drs. Tom Hohl ('74), Robert Tracy ('77), Tim Drumhiller ('77) and Richard Schrader ('77), while third place went to Drs. Jung Kim ('97), Kevin Lee ('96), Jason Koh ('96), and Johann Yi ('98).

Major sponsors of the tournament were Issaquah Dental Lab, Pacific Continental Bank and Regal Financial Bank.



*Dr. Tim Quinn ('78) and Dr. Jim Ribary ('75)*



*Dr. Bob Allen ('66) and Dr. Jon Kvinsland ('66)*



*Dr. Tom Kane ('94), Dr. Denny Miya ('71), Dr. Al Munk ('75) and Dr. Bob McCulloch ('73)*



*Dr. Jason Koh ('96), Dr. Kevin Lee ('96), Dr. Johann Yi ('98) and Dr. Jung Kim ('97)*





*Dr. Jim Gagliardi ('78), Dr. Joe Gossler ('78) and Dr. Dave Crouch ('78)*



*Dr. Mike Meiers ('77)*



*Dr. Minou Karbaksch (Perio '00)*



*Dr. Jason West, Dr. Sam Hinz and Dr. Eric Kvinsland ('04)*



*Dr. Andy Vorono, Dr. Jeff Camm, Dr. Corbin Eylander ('78) and Dr. Brad McPhee ('81)*



*Dr. Will Chung ('05)*





# UW DENTAL ALUMNI FUN IN THE FALL!

Join your classmates for two exciting events — perfect opportunities to gather a team for the golf tournament or to gather a group for the football brunch and game against California.

## UW DENTAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday, Sept. 11, 2015

Tee time: 12 noon  
Chambers Bay Golf Course  
6320 Grandview Drive West  
University Place, Wash.

Four-person scramble format, shotgun start  
\$149 per person (four people per team)  
Cost includes greens fees and prizes

**Co-sponsored by Pierce County Dental Society**

*All are welcome to participate!*

## UW DENTAL ALUMNI FOOTBALL BRUNCH & GAME

Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015

**UW Huskies vs. University of California Golden Bears**

**Game and brunch:** \$85 per person

**Brunch only:** \$30 per person

**Parking pass:** \$25 per car

**Brunch:** I Wing Rotunda, UW Health Sciences Center;  
time TBD

**Game:** Husky Stadium; time TBD

*Brunch and game times and prices subject to change*

**For more information  
on either event or to  
register, please call  
the UW Dental Alumni  
Association at  
206-543-7297**



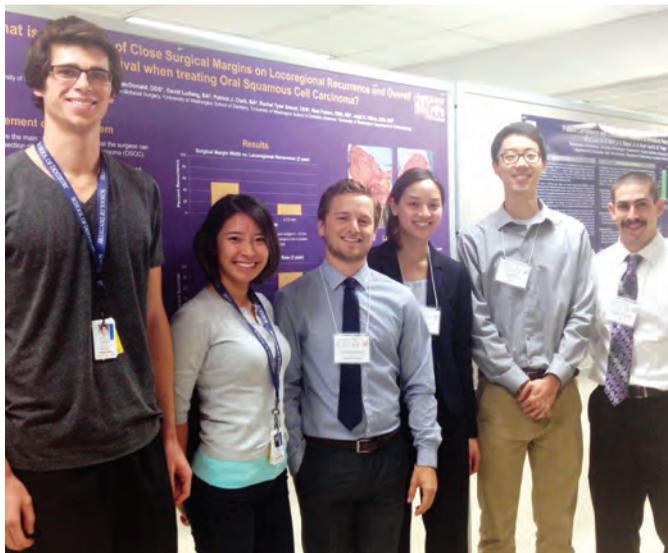
# David Shin, Dr. Emily Chu win Research Day honors

Second-year student David Shin and oral biology graduate student Dr. Emily Chu won top honors in poster competitions during the School of Dentistry's annual Research Day on Sept. 19 at the UW Health Sciences Center.

Shin won the pre-doctoral student competition and was named to receive the 2014 American Dental Association (ADA) Student Clinician Award. David Ludwig, president of the Class of 2015, earned second place in the pre-doctoral competition, while first-year student Alex Stanton won third place.

Shin's project, "Condylar Bone Loss After Repeated Botox Injections in Rabbit Masseur," was co-authored by Dr. Kathy Rafferty, and he was mentored by Dr. Sue Herring of the Departments of Orthodontics and Oral Health Sciences. He will represent our School at the National Student Research Competition at the November 2015 ADA meetings in Washington, D.C. Shin also received a \$200 prize from the UW chapter of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honorary society, which co-sponsored the competitions along with the Seattle Section of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR).

Dr. Chu, of the Department of Oral Health Sciences, won the first-ever graduate student/trainee research competition, which was organized by AADR's Seattle Section.



Research Day pre-doctoral poster competition finalists were (from left) Alex Stanton, Isabella Weng, David Ludwig, Moniqu Luu, David Shin and Adam Szajman.

Her project, "Investigating Contributions of the CLP Protein, IRF6, in Orofacial Ectodermal Polarity Using a Tooth Model," was co-authored by M.R. LaCourse and B.L. Foster, and she was mentored by our former Dean, Dr. Martha Somerman of the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research, and Dr. Timothy Cox of the



Dr. Emily Chu

UW Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Chu, who received her DDS from the UW in 2012, won a \$100 prize from the AADR Seattle Section.

Dr. Gregory Wilson, Associate Professor of Biology at the UW, presented the day's keynote speech, "An Odontologist's Delight: A View of Mammalian Evolution." School of Dentistry faculty also gave oral presentations:

- Dr. Daniel Chan, Professor of Restorative Dentistry and Associate Dean for Clinical Services, discussed his research on dental hard tissue.
- Dr. Avina Paranjpe, Assistant Professor of

Endodontics, discussed research on dental pulp.

- Dr. Tracy Popowics, Associate Professor of Oral Health Sciences, discussed research on periodontal ligament fibroblasts. ■

## Make-over for Dean Hickey



Thanks to a gift from Patty Doyle (left, Dental Hygiene '65), the bust in D wing of Dr. Maurice J. Hickey, our third Dean, will be cleaned, placed on a new stand and given a new plaque. Doyle shares fond memories of Dean Hickey, who served from 1956 to 1973, with Dr. Martha Fales, our former Chair of Dental Hygiene.

# Mentor reception: Another great night at the museum

Seattle's professional dental community, including many of our alums, turned out in strength at the UW's Burke Museum on Nov. 20 for the annual WSDA-Dental Alumni Mentor Program reception.

Working together for two decades, the Washington State Dental Association and our School match up students with

WSDA member dentists who provide a helpful sounding board and real-world advice for students throughout their pre-doctoral training.

The program welcomes volunteer dentists. Contact Laura Rohlman at [laura@wsda.org](mailto:laura@wsda.org) or Randy Newquist at [randyn@uw.edu](mailto:randyn@uw.edu) for more information.



*Dr. Jason Bourne ('01)*



*Dean Joel Berg and Dr. Doug Walsh ('78), former WSDA President*



*Dr. Rhonda Savage ('89)*



*Dr. Greg Ogata ('92), President of the Washington State Dental Association*



*Dr. Rod Wentworth ('81), former WSDA President, and Thomas Backus, Class of 2018*



Dr. Ron Dahl ('83)



Dr. Randy Thompson ('73) and Rebecca Liu, Class of 2017



Mariam Tariri and Diana Kim, both Class of 2017, and Dr. Barry Feder



Dr. Jeff Hamilton ('76)



Dr. Donald LePere and Lynda Phan, Class of 2018



Jonathan Everett, Class of 2015



Dr. Darrel Dreke ('80) and Stephanie Kim, Class of 2017

# New Hungate Awards honor members of affiliate faculty

School of Dentistry affiliate faculty members and alumni Dr. David Steiner ('70, Endo '74) and Dr. Philip Anderson ('72) were honored for their educational contributions as they received the inaugural Hungate Awards for Teaching Excellence during a faculty retreat in December.

Affiliate members, serving essentially as volunteers with minuscule compensation, have been an indispensable part of our School's faculty for decades, with more than 600 serving during the current academic year. However, this marked the first time their work has been formally honored.

The awards are dedicated to the memory of Dr. William P. "Mitch" Hungate ('78), an affiliate faculty mem-

Affiliate members have been an indispensable part of our School's faculty for decades.

doctoral and post-doctoral students.

Dr. Jim Johnson, his department chair, wrote in support of his nomination: "In the clinic, Dr. Steiner imparts his knowledge from his 40 years of clinical experience in private practice to endodontic graduate students and pre-doctoral



Dr. David Steiner (center) receives the Hungate Lifetime Award for Teaching Excellence from Dr. Charles Bolender and Marilyn Hungate.

ber for 33 years and an avid outdoorsman and triathlete who died in an avalanche in the Cascades in 2013. They were created with the aid of donations by friends, family and colleagues.

The 2014 Hungate Lifetime Award for Teaching Excellence went to Dr. Steiner, a Tacoma endodontist who has served with the Department of Endodontics since 1974, teaching both pre-

students. He is a superb role model for students, and shows how to be an ethical practitioner each time he teaches. ... He is an outstanding teacher who challenges students to be the best."

Thanking Dr. Johnson and other faculty, along with his wife, Patty, Dr. Steiner said he was "humbled when I thought of the hundreds of dedicated affiliates who came before me who didn't have the opportunity to win

this award."

Dr. Anderson, a Seattle general dentist for 30 years until retiring in 2005, received the 2014 Hungate Award for Teaching Excellence. He has served on the Department of Restorative Dentistry faculty since 2007 and also on the School's Admissions Committee.

Supporting his nomination, Dr. Susan Coldwell, of Student Life and Admissions, wrote: "Dr. Anderson provides both our current students and our future students with tremendous support and guidance. He is incredibly giving of his time and energy to the School of Dentistry, and to our efforts in the communities that lack access to dental care. Dr. Anderson has enthusiasm, positive energy, and a keen ability to communicate his values. All these characteristics make him an excellent teacher, role model and colleague."



Dr. Philip Anderson (center) receives the Hungate Award for Teaching Excellence from Dr. Charles Bolender and Marilyn Hungate.

Receiving his award, Dr. Anderson said: "I believe very strongly that everyone at some point in their life should give something back to society. I feel very fortunate to be part of a profession that has a great deal of need [for this kind of service]."

The awards were presented by Dr. Charles Bolender, former Chair of the Department of Prosthodontics and head of the award selection committee, with the assistance of Marilyn Hungate, Dr. Hungate's widow. ■

# Mobile geriatric clinics keep a legacy of caring alive

When Dr. Asuman Kiyak of our faculty, who was director of the UW's Institute on Aging, passed away in May 2011, the outlook for her mobile geriatric dental outreach was shaky. Even before her death, the institute had closed for lack of funding, and it was hard to imagine how UW's off-site geriatric dental clinics could survive without Dr. Kiyak's remarkable determination.

But colleagues stepped up when it counted. One of Dr. Kiyak's dental assistants, Denise Choo, kept the mobile outreach going in the months after Dr. Kiyak's death. Then in 2012, after Dr. Michael Martin (Oral Med '94) of Oral Medicine took over our School's geriatric dentistry curriculum, he asked Dr. Susanne Kölare Jeffrey of Oral Health Sciences and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to take over the outreach.

"We've come a long way from two years ago," Dr. Jeffrey said recently. Today, UW geriatric clinics are entrenched at two Seattle-area sites: the Foss Home and Village care facility in North Seattle and the Center for Healthy Living in Lynnwood, which targets low-income elderly who don't have Medicaid or private insurance.

Dr. Jeffrey had high praise for Senior Services of Snohomish County, which funds the clinic operations through contractual grants whose flexibility she greatly appreciates. In addition to delivering services, she's been able to give patients free preventive-care products buy and buy badly needed equipment, including three new dental chairs, a quieter air compressor and upgrades for mobile carts.

"It's great to work with Senior Services," she said. "If I need someone to check on a patient after a tooth extraction, they can go home and Senior Services will take care of that. Senior Services also makes reminder calls to patients before appointments, so there are very few no-shows or cancellations. Snohomish County has made oral



*Dr. Susanne Kölare Jeffrey checks on fourth-year student Jonathan Everett as he treats a patient at the Center for Healthy Living in Lynnwood, Wash.*

health a priority."

Fourth-year students treat patients at the clinics as part of Dr. Jeffrey's Extramural Rotation in Geriatric Dentistry course, while first- and second-years also come in to assist. The array of treatment includes new-patient exams, radiographs, restorative procedures ("You see a lot of root caries," Dr. Jeffrey said), saliva tests, denture relines, minor prosthodontic repairs, extractions, pulpectomies, cleanings, scalings and root planings, and some endodontic work.

"You have to do creative work-arounds," Dr. Jeffrey said. "If you need a bridge for Nos. 5-7 but there's no way to pay for it, instead you do a composite

crown on No. 7. It's enough to let the patient get by."

The clinic also pre-medicates patients. Some require it because of dangerously high blood pressure, and the clinic also sees former members of the military with post-traumatic stress disorder, generally from the Vietnam era.

Dentures are the biggest priority for the elder community, she says. While the clinic now repairs old dentures, Dr. Jeffrey and Senior Services are trying to find community resources to fund new ones.

"The need is tremendous," she said.

The elder population is rapidly expanding; now about 13 percent of the state's total, it's expected to reach 20 percent in a decade or so. It's a group that faces multiple oral health challenges, Dr. Jeffrey said: As seniors lose dexterity, they can't brush as effectively. They're more susceptible to pneumonia, and gram-negative bacteria can flourish in the biofilm, so good oral health habits are even more important.

For the moment, Dr. Jeffrey is a one-woman show, buying and transporting all the supplies in addition to supervising students. But she hopes to expand clinical services, perhaps adding Saturday sessions to do more cleanings. She's also talking with the dental hygiene program at Shoreline Community College about helping with recall exams and cleanings, which would free her and her fourth-years to do more restorative work.

She boils it down to a simple proposition.

"Where you have vulnerable elderly," she said, "you need to be where they are." ■

## YOU CAN HELP!

Dr. Jeffrey welcomes volunteer dentists in her outreach. Contact her at [sjeffrey@uw.edu](mailto:sjeffrey@uw.edu).

# Students join WSDA dentists for Dental Action Day in Olympia

More than 100 UW dental students joined approximately 150 Washington State Dental Association member dentists on Feb. 20 to meet with Washington state legislators during Dental Action Day in Olympia.

“It was a great experience,” said fourth-year student Jonathan Everett, who was one of the lead student organizers for the event, along with classmate Halee Hyatt and third-year student Mahfuzur Rahman.

“All the legislators that I met with were very supportive of increasing funding to the RIDE program,” Everett said. The planned expansion of the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education program from eight slots a year to 30 slots was one of our School’s top points of discussion with lawmakers.

Other priority issues included raising adult dental Medicaid reimbursement rates to improve access to care for at-risk populations, and support-

ing general funding for the UW.

“I got a very positive response to RIDE,” said Dean Joel Berg, who led the School’s contingent. “It’s already had such good success, and for a relatively small investment.”

In his discussions with lawmakers about RIDE, Dean Berg also referred to another access-to-care initiative: Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD). “Twenty years ago, Washington state was one of the worst, and now, with ABCD, we’re No. 1 in access to dental care for kids,” he said. That comparison resonated strongly with legislators, he said.

“It was a very successful day,” said the Dean, whose meetings included members of the House capital budget committee. “At some levels, I thought it was even more successful than last year. Students who’d been there last year were more comfortable and took a more active part in their meetings.

The continuity is important.”

Many students told the Dean how much they’d learned about the value of educating lawmakers, he said.

As he did last year, Dean Berg canceled classes for the day, so students could attend without worrying about makeup work. The Dean also noted that WSDA structured this year’s event to have smaller groups meeting with legislators, so students could disperse more widely and talk with more people. ■

## WSDA-UW effort recognized

A collaboration by our School and the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) to broaden participation in an outreach to state legislators has earned WSDA a Golden Apple award from the American Dental Association (ADA).

The ADA bestowed the award, which recognizes dental society volunteers and staff for outstanding activities and excellence in leadership, for Dental Action Day. The annual event, which is led by WSDA, brings WSDA member dentists and dental students to Olympia to meet legislators and discuss issues concerning organized dentistry and academic dentistry.

Last year’s event drew nearly 200 students, the largest UW turnout ever, thanks largely to Dean Joel Berg’s decision to suspend classes for the day. He said he wanted students to appreciate how much impact their voices could carry in the public arena and to share a sense of solidarity with the larger dental community.

“Traveling from meeting to meeting with the dentists provides great insight to what the profession of dentistry looks like in practice, and they are always interested in hearing about our dental school experience and in sharing their knowledge and clinical stories with us, the students,” said student Todd Billington (Class of ’15) after the event.

WSDA: CRAIG MITCHELLDYER



Pre-doctoral students gather outside the Capitol on Dental Action Day.

## Improve our skulls of dentistry!

Dr. Sue Herring of Oral Health Sciences continues to request donations of human skulls for instructional use at our School of Dentistry.

Dr. Herring, who also teaches in Orthodontics, uses the skulls as one of several instructors in a School of Medicine pre-doctoral course on medical and dental anatomy. She also uses them in her School of Dentistry postgraduate course on head and neck anatomy.

Since our last issue, Dr. Tom White ('68) and Dr. David Crouch ('78) have donated skulls. We thank them and our other donors.



The School's collection of skulls is aging, and skulls have grown prohibitively expensive in a time of shrinking budgets, Dr. Herring said. She noted that decades ago, dental students often bought skulls, and those would be prime candidates for donation if they're no longer in use. She also said that the newly donated skulls are almost always in better condition than the rest of the collection.

The skulls must be actual human specimens – not plastic – and in reasonably good condition, with no major parts missing or broken, she said.

Skulls may be sent directly to Dr. Herring at the School of Dentistry's Department of Orthodontics, 1959 N.E. Pacific St., Box 357446, Seattle, WA 98195. If a tax deduction is desired, donors should state their valuation of the skull in an e-mail or in writing. (Dr. Herring's e-mail is [herring@u.washington.edu](mailto:herring@u.washington.edu).) The School can then provide an official acknowledgement of the donation.



## Dr. Peter K. Moy delivers Worthington Lecture

Dr. Peter K. Moy discussed "Implant Dentistry Today: The Role of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon" as he delivered the 2014 Philip Worthington Lecture on Oct. 1 at the School of Dentistry. This year marked the incorporation of the lecture into the new "Grand Rounds" series initiated by Dr. Thomas Dodson, Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Here, Dr. Dodson (far left) and Dr. Worthington (second from left) join Dr. Moy (center), the Nobel Biocare Endowed Chair in Surgical Implant Dentistry and Professor of Clinical Dentistry at the UCLA School of Dentistry. Also on hand for the lecture were OMS faculty members Dr. Jasjit Dillon and Dr. O. Ross Beirne. ■



## Hawaiian hospitality for Dean Berg

School of Dentistry alumni gathered to meet Dean Joel Berg at two receptions in Hawaii in mid-February. One was in Honolulu on Oahu, the other in Lahaina on Maui. Above: Dr. David Lum ('07) and his uncle, Dr. William Lum ('91) join the Dean. Below (from left) are Dr. Ryan Dung ('93), Dr. Russell Tom ('83), Dr. Neil Furuya (Perio '89), and Dr. Mark Kitamura ('83).



# SPECIAL IN EVERY WAY

*For four decades, our DECOD program has been a leader in special-care dentistry – in training, patient care and research*

In 1974, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation awarded four-year grants to 11 U.S. schools to establish training programs in special-care dentistry. The schools took different approaches; most focused on pediatric care.

But as the grants expired, so did the impetus for the most of the programs. However, one program not only survived but clearly emerged as a leader. It grew in scope, gaining a national reputation for research. It trained dental practitioners from its home state, the country and the world – Canada, Mexico, Australia, Japan, Iceland, Europe, South America. It trained dental students and provided special-needs care to thousands of adults and some children. The patients were often extremely challenging, and this program was often their only dental resource.

It was at the University of Washington. And today it is known as Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities – DECOD.

#### **'FORCES OF NATURE'**

Many dedicated people labored to make DECOD succeed, but Dr. Michael Martin ('71, GPR '72) of our Department of Oral Medicine, the program's director from 1994 to 1999, boils it down: "Doris Stiefel and Ed Truelove – they're forces of nature."

By all accounts, Dr. Stiefel ('54), our School's first woman graduate, and Dr. Truelove, Chair of Oral Medicine for 38 years until 2010, were pivotal figures, even as others played important parts.

At first, DECOD – then known as Dental Education in Care of the Disabled – was overseen by a faculty board of directors chaired by Dr. Thompson Lewis of Pediatric Dentistry. He relinquished the chair after a few months to Norma Wells (Dental Hygiene '58), who recently retired from the Department of Oral Health Sciences. She continually ensured that DECOD had the full support of the School's dental hygiene program, says Dr. Stiefel – a key part of its success.

Social worker Julia Hale served as DECOD's first program coordinator. "She was relatively radical in her teaching methods – for example, requiring every dental student for a short period to be confined to a wheelchair – but she was an idealistic champion for the rights and needs of the physically and mentally disabled and disadvantaged," says Professor Emeritus Samuel Dworkin of Oral Medicine.

In DECOD's second year, Hale left to pursue a Ph.D. Dr. Dworkin, who was then Associate Dean, hired Dr. Stiefel from Oral Biology, where she'd been working as a researcher, to take over.

"Doris had a real concern about and desire to help patients with special needs, so that was an ideal match," Dr. Truelove says. "My role was to help, guide, be supportive, give advice when needed – and sometimes beat on tabletops."

"Dr. Truelove was really a visionary," says dental hygienist Mae Chin, who served in DECOD from 1984 until retiring in 2013.

"We had to get support from around

**"I can't tell you  
how happy I am  
[with DECOD].  
The staff just  
has very kind,  
compassionate,  
careful qualities."**

– DECOD patient's mother

the school and from people with special needs,” Dr. Stiefel recalls. “You really had to build up awareness in the community. It was a challenge – but also an opportunity.”

Early on, DECOD sought to integrate special-care dentistry into mainstream clinical care, but this was difficult. Pre-doctoral students trying to meet their restorative and other requirements could be reluctant providers, Dr. Stiefel says.

But Dr. Truelove, she says, came up with an effective approach with “vertical teams” of first-, second-, third- and fourth-year students who met weekly with faculty advisers. And as Dr. Truelove and Dr. Stiefel searched for new support, the program reached a turning point in 1979 when they obtained funding from the federal Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) for postgraduate training.

The five-year grant let DECOD bring dentists, hygienists and

“We can manage things like heart disease and hypertension. Why wouldn’t we do that with special-needs dental patients?”

—Dr. Edmond Truelove, former  
Chair of Oral Medicine

and we trained them to become more involved.” After the initial grant, the RSA awarded three more for advanced training.

Dr. Stiefel and Dr. Truelove directed production of 18 train-

assistants from all over the world to study special-care dentistry for anywhere from a week to several months. U.S. trainees received stipends for long-term participation; those from other countries paid their own way. One of the first trainees was UW dental alumna Dr. Karen Sakuma ('79).

“The training program was wonderful,” she says. “It really expanded our abilities.”

Practicing dentists, dental hygienists and even dental assistants were key targets, Dr. Stiefel says. “There was obviously a need for a graduate training program – a demand from select dentists and dental hygienists, including dental educators, around the country. We encouraged the dental team to attend. Many of them had family members with special needs,



A snapshot of DECOD in the '80s: (front row, from left) Lynn Frandsen (Dental Hygiene '84), who eventually became DECOD's director of education; Dr. Michael Martin ('71, GPR '72) of Oral Medicine, who later became DECOD director; Patty Doyle (Dental Hygiene '65), who lectured and helped produce instructional modules; Dr. Doris Stiefel ('54), DECOD director; and dental hygienist Mae Chin, one of DECOD's key providers. Behind Chin is Dr. Richard Jurevic, a DECOD fellowship trainee.

ing modules for dental providers, which were widely shared with other dental schools and dental hygiene programs and laid the basis for a series of educational videos. And the program conducted significant research on gingivitis and other issues of particular concern for patients with special needs, such as the oral health status of persons in specific disability groups, including those with mental illness, spinal cord injury, developmental and other conditions.

While DECOD was building its professional outreach, its leaders also focused on the larger community to boost the program. Dr. Stiefel, who also served as president of the Academy of Dentistry for the Handicapped (which later became the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities and eventually merged into the Special Care Dentistry Association), would go anywhere and talk with anyone to gather support.

“We had an advisory group from the community, and started a newsletter to spread awareness in our school and the rest of the community. We held good-will holiday parties for people at the school and in the community,” Dr. Stiefel says.

In 1984, these efforts paid off when state Rep. Jim McDermott, now a congressman, secured \$175,000 in state funding. Even through subsequent budget crunches, DECOD has received a per-patient state enhancement. That’s made a big difference in sustaining the program.

“Doris was never afraid to knock on doors,” Dr. Martin says. “She recruited people from UW Rehabilitation Medicine, and we relied on them for some time in teaching correct methods of wheelchair transfers. She got the University District Rotary Club to donate a van and mobile equipment for home-bound and institutional visits.” The Grottoes of North America and other local foundations also contributed to patient care.

“This is a program that survived on its own tenaciousness,” Dr. Truelove says.

Other UW Health Sciences faculty – Medicine, Pharmacy, Nursing, Social Work – taught in DECOD. Some of the most effective instructors were those

“You really had to build up awareness in the community. It was a challenge – but also an opportunity.”

— Dr. Doris Stiefel,  
DECOD director 1975-94

with spinal cord injury, hearing and vision impairment or cerebral palsy, who spoke about their own conditions.

#### BLAZING TRAILS

At the outset, DECOD was charting new territory. Dr. Art Nowak of the University of Iowa would publish seminal work on special-care dentistry, but had not done so when DECOD started.

“That’s why DECOD was so exciting,” says Dr. Martin, who went through the training program himself before joining the UW from the University of Kentucky. “We were creating this specialty as we went along.”

Patients with special needs present unique and even intimidating challenges, Dr. Truelove says. Communication disorders or behavioral issues can make it hard for the patient to convey feedback or other information. Movement disorders may require protective stabilization.

To calm patients, DECOD preferred to use behavioral supports as much as possible, with the help of expertise from faculty such as Mae Chin and the late Dr. Richard Rolla (’61, Pedro ’71), director of the dental clinic at the UW Child Development and Mental Retardation Center (now the Center for Human Development and Disability).

Sedation is another issue, as providers must weigh the risks of using general anesthesia to do restorative work or even simple

cleaning on a medically compromised patient. Sometimes pre-treatment sedation is also needed for fearful patients.

Some patients can’t brush their own teeth, and caregivers don’t always do it consistently or correctly. There are higher risks of tooth damage from conditions such as bruxism (grinding). Secondary movement disorders can also lead to grinding and wear.

Patients with special needs can also present mucosal problems, along with higher risks of cancer, chronic infections and viral infections. Breathing and swallowing may be impaired, and there’s a bigger chance of pneumonia.

Considering all this, DECOD chose a course of careful, comprehensive outpatient maintenance



Dr. Edmond Truelove and Dr. Doris Stiefel, shown at Dr. Stiefel’s retirement celebration in 1994, were instrumental in helping DECOD become a leader in its field.

*At the front desk, Juana Rashid, who has been with DECOD for more than 20 years, gives patients and caregivers a familiar and comforting presence.*



*DECOD providers have been adept at improvising.*

rather than infrequent and massive treatment in the operating room. The approach has won over hundreds of pa-

tients and caregivers.

“I can’t tell you how happy I am [with DECOD],” says one Seattle-area caregiver whose adult daughter has been in the program for 20 years. “The staff just has very kind, compassionate, careful qualities. They’ll ask if being quiet or being chatty helps – it’s a lot of sensitivity to the individual.”

DECOD providers such as Mae Chin would sing to patients, or she’d mimic their vocal sounds. “It would make them stop and look at you, and they’d smile,” she says.

“I had one patient say, ‘I don’t want to do this. I hate dentists.’

## DECOD seeks dentists

DECOD seeks volunteer dentists to treat patients and supervise students in its clinic at our School. Experience in special-care dentistry is desired, but DECOD will furnish additional training. For details, please contact Dr. Kimberly Espinoza at [kmespino@uw.edu](mailto:kmespino@uw.edu).

I told her, ‘Betty, we’re on the same page.’”

Providers went to group care homes or private homes, or treated patients in their cars or vans when they couldn’t – or wouldn’t – get out. No dental chair? No suction? DECOD could always find a work-around.

“What DECOD chose to do is manage people,” Dr. Truelove says. “We can manage things like heart disease

# School welcomes PROVAIL patients

In October, our School began welcoming about 300 special-needs patients from an off-site clinic at PROVAIL, a leading Seattle provider of supported services for people with special needs. The move to shift their care inside the School arose from discussions between Dean Joel Berg and PROVAIL CEO Mike Hatzenbeler after the School suspended its outreach to the clinic in 2013.

Student scheduling and related issues had prompted the suspension at the clinic, founded by Dr. Johnny Johnson (’55), one of our foremost advocates for special-needs dentistry. For more than 20 years at the clinic, pre-doctoral students had assisted volunteer local dentists.

“It would have been ideal to serve these patients in a familiar setting at PROVAIL, but that was not possible,” Dean Berg said.

However, at the Dean’s urging, our fourth-year students agreed to act not only as providers for these patients at the School, but also as champions and advocates.

“Our students will closely monitor the PROVAIL patients’ dental health, answer questions from patients or caregivers, and help the patients navigate our School’s clinics,” Dean Berg said. Dr. Kimberly Espinoza, director of our DECOD program, is overseeing the transition.

Some patients are expected to be mainstreamed into comprehensive care in our pre-doctoral clinics. Some are to be directed into DECOD, while others may be sent to a graduate specialty clinic.

“I’d like to thank Class President David Ludwig and his fellow fourth-year students for stepping up and enthusiastically supporting this plan,” Dean Berg said. “I’d also like to thank Mike Hatzenbeler and PROVAIL’s dedicated volunteers and staff for their tremendous patience and cooperation. I’m very pleased that we’ll continue a relationship that has benefited a vulnerable patient population for more than 20 years.”

and hypertension. Why wouldn't we do that with special-needs dental patients?"

**A TURNING POINT**

When Dean Joel Berg took charge of the School in 2014, DECOD had reached a crossroads. Although its operations had moved to a larger, fully renovated space in the old Pediatric Dental Clinic, patient visit numbers had been declining from their peak of about 4,500 per year. A number of factors were at work: The program was short of providers, contracts with clients at remote sites had declined and some affiliations with other professional programs, such as local dental hygiene training, had drifted away.

But Dean Berg quickly established his commitment to DECOD. He asked Dr. Nowak, his teacher at Iowa and mentor afterward, to do a comprehensive evaluation of the program and make recommendations.

In 2014, Dean Berg hired Dr. Kimberly Espinoza of the University of New Mexico, who had directed one of that state's primary special-care dental clinics, to be DECOD's new director. Dr. Espinoza also currently serves as Chair of the Special Care Dentistry Association's Council of Dentistry for People with Disabilities.

At the same time, as our School was revamping its curriculum, special-care dentistry was about to be embedded more fully than ever, with Dr. Espinoza leading the way.

Starting this fall, Dr. Espinoza plans to integrate material from the International Association for Disability and Oral Health on treating patients with special needs and other vulnerable populations into the pre-doctoral curriculum. First-years will have an early clinical immersion in special-care dentistry. Second-year students will learn about public health and communication relating to patients with disabilities, geriatric patients and other vulnerable populations. In third year, the new Oral Medicine clerkship rotation will include special-care dentistry, both didactic and clinical, and students will also do more patient assessment, treatment planning, and determination of behavioral support needs. And the new fourth-year practice model will feature a more advanced clinical experience, with more direct treatment and continuous assessment of

**“The training program was wonderful. It really expanded our abilities.”**

—Dr. Karen Sakuma ('79),  
DECOD educational fellow



*Nothing made a dental appointment less stressful than a kiss from a friend.*

patients with special needs.

On the graduate level, Dr. Espinoza is already seeking candidates for a new second-year GPR special-care dentistry residency for the 2015-16 academic year; it will be one of only a handful of such residencies in the country. She'd also like first-year GPR students to do a DECOD rotation.

In addition, she seeks to re-establish DECOD's connection with Puget Sound-area dental hygiene programs, and revive the training fellowship for practicing dentists. And she's received a boost from the Washington State Dental Association, which donated funds to allow DECOD to take lateral oblique radiographs for patients who can't handle a regular Panorax or intraoral radiographs.

“DECOD is all about access – helping patients be able to handle care in a dentist's office and have dental appointments any time they're needed,” she says.

As she notes, DECOD continues to serve as a major provider of quality oral health care for Washingtonians with special needs, who often have no other alternative in their communities. Even among dentists who have some training and are willing to treat patients with dis-

abilities, few can manage patients with truly severe problems.

Patients with special needs also often lack financial means, and the many who rely on Medicaid – more than 90 percent of DECOD patients – may have difficulty finding a community dentist.

“That's where DECOD meets the urgent need,” Dr. Espinoza says.

Dean Berg says he'd like to see DECOD do even more advocacy and significantly expand its off-site outreach. And with

sufficient resources, Dr. Truelove says, DECOD could do an even better job with preventive services. “There are still more ways to reduce the risk and burden of disease in the special-needs population,” he says.

Dean Berg leaves little doubt about where he stands.

“This is one of the great legacy programs of our School, and it still remains unique in dental education,” he says. “Here's the bottom line: We are absolutely committed to special-care dentistry. And we are absolutely committed to DECOD.” ■



Dr. Kimberly Espinoza

# faculty updates



**Norma Wells** (Dental Hygiene '58), Associate Professor of Oral Health Sciences, retired at the end of December and received emeritus standing. Through the UW Oral Health Collaborative she founded in 1995, Wells worked with community institutions to bring dental screenings and education to thousands of Washingtonians. The beneficiaries of her work included the homeless, migrant families, recent immigrants and Native American children on tribal lands. In addition, she played a key role in the launch of our Dental Education in Care of Persons with Disabilities program in 1974 as chair of DECOD's faculty advisory council. Her work was acknowledged in 2013 with UW Health Sciences' Community Volunteer Recognition Award.



**Dr. Yen-Wei Chen** (Grad Pros '08), Assistant Professor of Restorative Dentistry, was named the first recipient of the Mark R. Grace Endowed Faculty Fellowship in Restorative Dentistry, which was established to support faculty in teaching pre-doctoral students the use of CAD/CAM technologies in the treatment of oral diseases. The endowment was created by Dr. Kristine Grace ('96, OMS '00) in honor of her spouse, who is also an alumnus ('94) and member of our Dental Alumni Association board.



**Marilynn Rothen** (Dental Hygiene '76, Oral Bio '11), Clinical Assistant Professor in Oral Health Sciences, was elected president of the Washington State Dental Hygienists Association for 2015. Rothen is Clinic Manager for the Regional Clinical Dental Research Center and Research Implementation Manager for the UW School of Medicine's Institute of Translational Science, and, as a registered dental hygienist, is also on staff at the Dental Fears Research Clinic.



**Dr. Greg Huang** (Ortho '89), Chair of Orthodontics, received the 2014 Award of Merit from the Pacific Coast Society for Orthodontics (PCSO). The award, established in 1987, honors an orthodontist or paraprofessional who has significantly contributed to the profession of orthodontics over a number of years. Dr. David Turpin (Ortho '66), in remarks about award in the PCSO newsletter, cited Dr. Huang's "broad understanding of

evidence-based practice," as well as studies he initiated that utilized the School of Dentistry's Northwest Practice-Based Research Collaborative in Evidence-Based Dentistry.

In addition, Dr. Huang will be leading a study for the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network in the latter part of 2015. The project entails recruiting 250 orthodontic practitioners from across the nation who are interested in conducting research in their own offices.



**Dr. Edmond Truelove**, Professor of Oral Medicine, received the Oral Cancer Foundation's Service Award during "An Evening to Conquer Oral Cancer" in Seattle in October. Dr. Truelove was honored for his long-time advocacy of oral cancer screenings and his efforts to educate other providers on the proper methodology for conducting them.



**Dr. Peter Milgrom**, Director of the Northwest Center to Reduce Oral Health Disparities, is leading a collaboration with Advantage Dental Services of Oregon to improve the dental health of low-income mothers and children in Oregon. The project will target 82,000 rural children and mothers enrolled in the Oregon Health Plan with a program designed to widen access to care and reduce delays in getting dental treatment. Funding is being provided by Advantage and by a three-year, \$488,434 evaluation grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation of Princeton, N.J.



**Dr. Douglas Dixon** (Perio '01), Director of Graduate Periodontics, was recognized by the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) at its annual meeting in September with its Service Award for his work as Vice Chair of the Task Force to Update the AAP's Glossary of Terms.



**Carol Wiesenbach** retired as Administrator for the Office of Academic Affairs for our School at the end of September after 37 years at the UW. She started in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine in 1977, then came to the School of Dentistry as Administrator for the Department of Dental Public Health Sciences, a position she held for another 13 years. In 2003, she joined the Office of Academic Affairs. ■

# The History Project

## Remembering our School, our people, our times

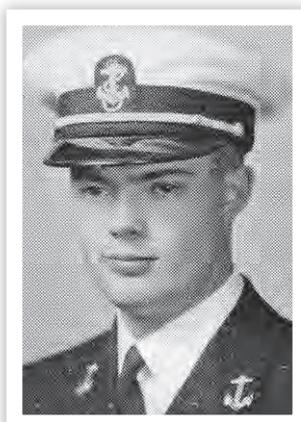
**Editor's note:** In our last issue, we launched the History Project to capture the memories of our alumni and selected senior or emeritus faculty members. Excerpts from these reminiscences will continue to appear in the Dental Alumni News. To see the full versions, please go online to [www.dental.washington.edu](http://www.dental.washington.edu) and look for the "Class Connections/History Project" link on the "Alumni & Friends" pull-down menu. We'd love to hear about your memories! Please email [ss55@uw.edu](mailto:ss55@uw.edu) with "History Project" in the subject line.

### Dr. Donald Raleigh, Class of 1950

*Dr. Donald Raleigh, a member of our first graduating class, entered dental school after his discharge from the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1946. Serving on the battleship USS Maryland, he survived the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941 and went on to fight the Pacific campaign of World War II. He viewed the surrender on the USS Missouri through a fire-control rangefinder on the deck of the USS Wilkes-Barre CL103. Today he remains active as class representative on the board of our Dental Alumni Association. Here he shares his recollections about returning to civilian life and attending the School of Dentistry.*

**Deciding on dentistry:** One of my shipmates was Lt. Frank Gray, a dental corpsman who was a great proponent of dentistry as a profession. He explained how dentistry required exceptional hand-eye coordination as well as academic achievement.

Most dentists own their office and are their own boss. After five years of active duty, I was tired of taking orders and being told what I was going to do and where. My wife and I wished to have a family and live a normal life. I had read about



*During Navy training*

the plans for a new medical and dental school at the University of Washington, so I went to see the admissions officer – Dr. Boa Thomas, an ex-Navy dentist. I was still in my uniform and we had instant rapport. He outlined the academic requirements required for entrance to the School of Dentistry. Since my undergraduate degree was in business administration, I needed organic chemistry, qualitative and quantitative analysis and zoology. Fortunately, I was able to fulfill the requirements in three quarters before the start of the School of Dentistry in the fall of 1946. My instructor in zoology was Dr. Dixy Lee Ray, the future governor of Washington and chair of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. She gave me an A grade.

**Dental school:** Our first dental quarters were in the fourth floor attic of Bagley Hall and consisted of 50 lab benches fitted with gas, air and electrical connections. We were issued all the instruments that were required for this introduction to the science and art of dentistry. The GI Bill paid for our instruments and supplies as well as four years of school tuition. This government program paid for itself seven times over in income taxes from the college graduates. All but two of the members of the first class were GIs and one of the two was Bill McGovern,



*The fourth-year dental student*

the starting center for the UW football team. He had the distinction to be flown to the out-of-state games because he had to attend the Friday dental classes. The rest of the team took the train. Another was Percy Hansen, an Army Ranger in the Philippines, who had killed more enemy soldiers than there were men in our class. We were survivors and did not talk much about our war experiences.

Dean Ernest Jones addressed the first class and told us what a fine group of dentists we were and that he expected every one of us to receive our DDS. Forty-four members of that entering class did graduate, and all passed the Washington State Board on the first try. Dr. Jones was very supportive of his students and strove for

a harmonious relationship with the faculty. He was able to recruit outstandingly talented professors as well as highly qualified individuals from the local dental community. Seattle was very fortunate in having an active group of study clubs, which resulted in the delivery to the public of superior dentistry. Dr. Robert Hampson was the father of Bob Hampson, a student of the first class. Dr. Hampson was an outstanding dentist and volunteered many days to the School at considerable cost to himself. Another was Dr. Ozzie Anderson, who specialized in crown and bridge. He did beautiful porcelain crowns and inlays and guided many students into fine dentistry.

The third- and fourth-year students produced much better dentistry than that found in the mouths of most private patients because of the oversight of each step by an instructor. It started with the examination and treatment plan for each patient. For an amalgam or gold foil, the cavity preparation was approved and finally the condensation and finishing. In the case of an inlay, this step-by-step approval by an instructor included the impression, wax pattern and casting. Each part of the procedure had to be perfect. Our cavity preparations were done with belt-driven, slow-speed handpieces using steel and carbide burs, diamonds and hand instruments. For gold foil, we used hand condensing instruments and a small pneumatic condenser. If a student can become proficient in gold foil restorations, he or she will become a better overall dentist.

The state board was the next challenge. I felt confident that I could pass with no problem. The UW School of Dentistry had provided the latest in curriculum and the newest and best physical plant in



At home today

the country. The mock board went very well. I remember Dean Jones looking at my two-surface amalgam preparation and I said, “Dr. Jones, do you think that this will get past the board?” And he put his hand on my shoulder and said, “Son, that will get past anywhere in the world.”

All 44 graduates passed the board on the first try. That is outstanding, for it is a tough examination and so many things can go wrong to cause a candidate to fail. The requirements were a three-unit bridge, a two-surface inlay, a two-surface amalgam, a Class Three gold foil and a prophylaxis – all in three days.

I graduated number two in the class standing and was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the dental hon-

orary fraternity.

**Life off campus:** A lot of the dental students were married, and many of them lived in the student housing in Union Bay Village. I was fortunate in finding a small house in the backyard of Prof. Thomas Herman’s home just north of campus. It was in sorry shape, having been built on cedar blocks which over time had rotted. I spent a week leveling and supporting the structure on cement blocks. His kitchen and bathroom had to be rebuilt, the floors covered with linoleum and carpet. I painted inside and out to make this a comfortable home for four years. At first, refrigeration was by an old-fashioned icebox, but as production of household appliances got under way, I was able to get a Sears Coldspot refrigerator and an electric water heater.

My wife and I married in 1944 during my tour of duty in the construction of a new light cruiser in the Philadelphia Navy Yard. We elected to start a family during the war since there was a possibility that I might not be coming back. That changed so that by the end of dental school we had a boy of 3 and a girl of 1, with another on the way. Alison was an anthropology major with a degree from the University of California. She substituted as secretary for Dr. Erna Gunther in the Burke Museum on campus. She was a very intelligent young lady with a Phi Beta Kappa key to prove it. Our children must have inherited some of her smarts, for between them they have 10 years of postgraduate education and are all doing well. Alison died of colon cancer in 1991.

*(Dr. Raleigh took a new bride, Alda, in 1992, and they live in Edmonds, Wash. Dr. Raleigh’s son, William, earned his DDS from the UW in 1973. – Editor) ■*

### New entry on the Web: Dr. Gerald Harrington

Dr. Gerald Harrington (Endo ’69), our 2014 Distinguished Alumnus, has written about Dr. John Ingle’s creation of a benchmark endodontics textbook. Read this and other History Project entries at <http://depts.washington.edu/sodalum/the-history-project/>



## DR. MIKE BUEHLER

### *The man with a helping handpiece*

For a fellow who doesn't believe in handouts, Dr. Mike Buehler ('74) gives away plenty of valuable things. You can start with the time and energy he devotes to patients of limited means at Yakima's Union Gospel Mission (UGM) dental clinic.

"This is what I think God has called me to do," says this hearty, cheerful dentist, who's been volunteering his services for UGM for more than 30 years and retired from 40 years of private practice in Yakima in 2011. Now, at age 67, he spends about 100 days a year chairside at the UGM clinic, which he directs with the aid of a resident, a hygienist, three dental assistants, a front-desk person and about 25 area volunteer dentists. The clinic has changed locations though the years, and a gleaming new four-chair facility opened at the mission in February 2013.

"This is bigger than we envisioned," he says. "Demand has been huge." Starting with 38 walk-ins the very first day of the new clinic, he and his colleagues now treat more than 1,500 patients a year. Patients can't have any insurance, and must be at no more than 200 percent of the federal poverty level. Nor does the clinic treat Medicaid patients.

"I'm not into entitlements," he says. He takes no federal or state funding "so we can hold people accountable." Instead, he has set basic fees at rock-bottom levels – \$192 for a posterior endo – and uses a sliding scale for patients. Nobody

who meets his guidelines gets turned away; those who can't afford to pay the dentist can work it off by volunteering at a local non-profit – the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the animal shelter, the mission itself.

Dr. Buehler does ask patients to cover hard costs like lab fees. Even then, however, they get a 50 percent discount. (It used to be 75 percent, but he had to address an operating deficit.)

"I get so tired of handouts," he says. "You degrade people by doing that; you take away their humanity." A longtime member of the local Habitat for Humanity board, he likes the organization's motto: Give people a hand up, not a handout. Beyond that, he believes that patients are more responsible about their own care when they've invested some kind of equity in their treatment.

Dr. Buehler gratefully acknowledges the donors who helped fund the clinic's construction. Major supporters included the Washington Dental Service Foundation, Murdock Trust of Portland and the local Washington State Dental Association component. He also gets a break on prices from dental suppliers such as Burkhart and from local dental labs. But in the end, it's Dr. Buehler's hard work that makes it all come together.

"UGM is one more example of his generosity and concern," says fellow alumnus Dr. Jeff Parrish ('79). "Without his tireless efforts, [the new clinic] would have never happened."

"He has really been the driving force to establish this clinic and bring it up to standard," says Rick Phillips, UGM's executive director. "He brought in a level of professionalism that any dentist here in the [Yakima] Valley would be happy to work with. ... When people come to the mission, they're getting the very best of care. He's one of the most highly regarded dentists in the Valley."

Dr. Buehler's influence is also felt far beyond the Yakima Valley. For years, he's been an active dental humanitarian, logging about 40 trips just to Haiti, where he maintains a two-chair clinic in Terre Blanche. This year, he's already traveled to Haiti in January and Kenya in February, and plans another trip to Haiti in June. "I like the continuity of the Haiti missions in Terre Blanche," he says. "I get to see the same patients and monitor the state of their restorations." Last fall, he also came to Seattle to volunteer in the big Remote Area Medical free clinic at Key Arena.

He and his wife, Merilee, were married during his first year of dental school and have two sons, an adopted daughter from Korea and two granddaughters. They're building a house in Hawaii, but he's not nearly ready to say goodbye to the mission clinic.

"As long as God gives me steady hands and clear eyesight," he says, "I'll enjoy doing it." ■

**DR. JEFFREY RUBENSTEIN**  
*Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service*

**A unique category of care**

**D**entists often make quite an impact on their patients' lives, but Dr. Jeffrey Rubenstein may be in a league of his own.

"I don't suppose you'll ever get the medal you deserve," one patient wrote to him, "but I meant it when I said you're one of my heroes!"

Wrote yet another patient: "You are a wonderfully kind person and skillful craftsman."

Since 1989, Dr. Rubenstein has directed our School's Maxillofacial Prosthetic Service, designing, fabricating and placing prostheses inside and outside the oral cavity. Patients come to him with prosthetic needs that may result from congenital anomalies, trauma, cancer or its subsequent therapy, or other conditions. All of them require what Dr. Rubenstein has given to an estimated 10,000-plus patients: a rare set of skills and a high degree of empathy.

"My mantra, my goal, is to make people whole again," he says. "These patients are in a category of care need that stands alone."

The unique challenges each patient poses never fail to fascinate him. "It's not just the mechanics of doing this, but thinking through where you're starting out and where you're ending up. It's a constant game of chess," he says. The chess board may also be moving; many patients have deteriorating bone structure, and it can be difficult to anchor a prosthesis.

When Dr. Rubenstein came to the UW from the Department of Implant Dentistry at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, the advent of osseointegration in North America was opening new vistas. Today, with computerized fabrication, all kinds of intriguing possibilities are taking shape.

At this writing, Dr. Rubenstein was working with Dr. Thomas Dodson, our Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS), and Dr. Neal Futran, Chair of UW Medicine's Department of Otolaryngology, to plan an immediate reconstruction and rehabilitation, a procedure new to the UW and not yet scheduled. The patient's original surgery 12 years ago required removal of most of the upper jaw, leaving virtually no palate and only one tooth.

Here's how it would go: After the patient is scanned, the

team makes a prognostic template of where the new teeth will be positioned. Then they work with computer specialists to plan the positioning of the support structures. Implants would first be placed in the patient's fibula and osseointegration would develop for about three months. Then the fibula would be harvested and segmented with fabricated cutting guides to create the contours of the neo-maxilla on which the virtually planned interim prosthesis would be placed. That complex would then be transferred and secured to the remnants of the patient's maxillary anatomy with plates and screws. The whole treatment would take only 10-12 hours, instead of the conventional 12-18 months.

Patients come from all over our region and even from outside the United States to see Dr. Rubenstein, a past president of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Patients whose conditions have robbed them of functional speech exert a special grip on him. "If you can't talk, you're not part of the world," he says. "Moreover, if you can't eat a normal meal, the psychosocial debilitation is far more compromising than the nutritional challenges."

One of his most important relationships is with our renowned Professor Emeritus Philip Worthington of OMS, whom he heard lecture at a conference on implants in Bethesda, Md., in the late '80s.

"It was almost like kismet," Dr. Rubenstein says. "I said to myself, 'I've got to work with this guy.' He is one of the most wonderful people I've met, both personally and professionally." The two of them wound up working and lecturing together for nearly 20 years, and they still have lunch together every Wednesday.

"We're so fortunate to have Jeff Rubenstein here at our School, and it's not just because of his consummate skills," Dean Joel Berg says. "He's incredibly devoted to his patients and his craft, and he makes a huge difference in people's lives."

After 25 years at the UW, Dr. Rubenstein has no plans to slow down. "I'd need a 12-step program to stop what I'm doing," he says. "This is what I live and breathe, day in and day out." ■



*"My mantra, my goal, is to make people whole again."*

# volunteer honor roll

Since its founding in 1946, the UW School of Dentistry has benefited significantly from the generosity of countless individuals who have helped ensure that the School remains an institution of distinction. Through supporting students, inspiring faculty, developing innovative programs, and improving the School's facilities, the leaders listed in the Volunteer Honor Roll have demonstrated a commitment to excellence in the study and practice of dentistry, and in oral health research.

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## Dr. Kirby Skavdahl's gift will aid perio training

**D**r. Kirby Skavdahl ('79) knows just when the light bulb really went on for him during his professional education.

"Dentistry made a lot more sense to me after I went through periodontics training," says Dr. Skavdahl, who has practiced periodontics in Kennewick in Washington's Tri-Cities area since 1982. "I liked the underlying concepts of periodontics, such as medicine, pharmacology and systemic disease, and I was also intrigued by the surgical procedures."

Having found the key that helped him unlock the full scope of dentistry, he now wants to share it with today's students: He's making a \$250,000 planned gift to our School of Dentistry to support periodontics training in the pre-doctoral program.

"It seems that somewhere it would be really good to emphasize that something's going on under the gum tissue," Dr. Skavdahl says. In fact, he feels so strongly about the value of periodontics training that he'd even like to see dental schools adopt a mandatory post-doctoral periodontics residency.

"Maybe I'm way off base, but I think the periodontics interface with dentistry is very important," he says. "I think you'd have a dentist with a phenomenal understanding [of his or her work]."

After earning his DDS, Dr. Skavdahl went to Medical College of Virginia (MCV), where he obtained his periodontics certification in 1982. He chose MCV for Perio largely because both the department chairman, Dr. Kent Palcanis (Perio '73), and the graduate program director, Dr. Howard Dorfman (Perio '73), were recent graduates of the UW program.

He remains grateful to UW alums Dr. Ken Lee (Perio '79) and Dr. Michael Spektor (Perio '79) for letting him "pester them with too many questions," and to Dr. Wally Kegel (Perio '77) for letting him visit his office and observe periodontics in the private sector.

"It seems that students coming out of the UW have a better understanding of periodontal concepts than other

dentists," he says.

Dr. Skavdahl also readily acknowledges the UW's continuing influence on his professional development. In particular, he cites continuing-education lectures by Dr. David Mathews of our Periodontics faculty, along with his renowned lecture partners in interdisciplinary dentistry, Dr. Frank Spear and the late Dr. Vincent Kokich Sr. As it happens, Dr. Skavdahl was a dental classmate of Dr. Spear's and is a Spear study club leader.

He's also active in his community as a church deacon and helps advise and regularly volunteers at the faith-based Grace Clinic, which opened in a church basement about 10 years ago. His wife, Connie Sue, whom he met as an undergraduate at Washington State University and married in 1977, was instrumental in setting up a licensed pharmacy for Grace Clinic, where she continues to volunteer. They have three children: a daughter who's a nurse in Seattle, a son who's training as a general surgeon in Portland, Maine, and a younger son who's learning the general contracting trade in the Tri-Cities. They also have a grandson, 8, and two granddaughters, both 2.

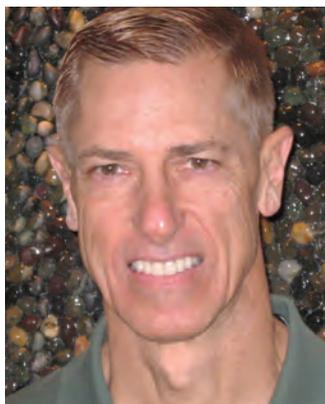
He's an avid flier, piloting his twin-engine Cessna 340 to the family's retreat in Sun Valley, Idaho, or to dental meetings. "I use the airplane to feed my passion," he says.

He's fond of skiing and golf as well, and enjoys fly fishing with his UW '79 classmate Richard Gadd and salmon fishing in Alaska with his 92-year-old father.

Dr. Skavdahl plans to practice for about another five years before retiring. Down the road, he hopes his gift will help our UW pre-doctoral students benefit from the kind of insights his own periodontics training gave him.

"I often say, 'It's not what we see, but what we don't see that often surprises us,'" he says, and also cites a similar saying by Dr. Spear: "You don't see what you don't know."

"I hope my gift helps others see and know the importance of the periodontium, and know what can be done to achieve long-term health in a damaged periodontium," he says. ■



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*A sampling of current studies at the School of Dentistry (some abstracts may be condensed)*

## **Agreement of Treatment Recommendations Using Digital vs. Plaster Study Casts**

**PI: Dr. Greg Huang**

We propose to conduct a study in which orthodontists are asked to treatment-plan cases using digital or plaster models, along with the usual records (digital pan, digital cephalometric radiographs, and digital photos). Our orthodontists will plan 20 cases (half with digital models, half with plaster models), wait 3-4 months, then plan the same set of cases again. The second time, we will modify the presentation of the study casts using a predetermined scheme, to assess the impact that digital or plaster models may have on their treatment plans.

We plan to gather information about various parameters related to the treatment plans, such as the overall approach (e.g., surgery/non-surgery, extraction/non-extraction), as well as to ask about whether the patient would be a good candidate for Invisalign treatment (Figure 2). We also will measure the amount of time that the orthodontists spend treatment planning each case, to determine if one mode of study cast presentation is associated with longer treatment planning times.

## **Dental Homes for Medicaid-Enrolled Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Iowa I-Smile Program**

**PI: Dr. Donald Chi**

Previous work shows that Medicaid-enrolled children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) encounter significant barriers to dental care. Inadequate dental care use results in high levels of unmet dental need and poor oral health. To address these problems, states have developed special oral health initiatives to increase use of dental care services by Medicaid-enrolled children. One such program, in Iowa, is I-Smile. Implemented in 2007, its purpose is to increase dental utilization rates and to ensure that Medicaid-enrolled children have a dental home. Preliminary data suggest that I-Smile has improved overall dental utilization rates. However, no studies to date have evaluated whether such initiatives improve dental utilization rates for Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs. We have no data on whether children with ASDs are equally as likely as other children in Medicaid to have a dental home. In addition, the factors related to having a dental home and the dental outcomes associated with dental homes for children with ASDs have never been studied. These knowledge gaps are critical barriers to the development of strategies to ensure that Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs have an equal opportunity to benefit from good oral health that comes from utilizing dental care.

In this secondary data analysis, we will use data from the Iowa Medicaid Program as well as data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Iowa Dentist Tracking System to (1) determine if there are dental home disparities for newly Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs in I-Smile; (2) identify the child-

level, family-level, and geographic factors associated with having a dental home for Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs; and (3) assess dental use and costs related to dental homes for Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs.

The data generated from this R40 grant will help identify strategies to improve I-Smile and ensure that Medicaid-enrolled children with ASDs have an opportunity to benefit from good oral health. While the study focuses on data from Iowa, the methods we use and our findings are generalizable to other states like Washington, North Carolina, Montana, and South Dakota with similar dental initiatives that seek to improve dental care use for Medicaid-enrolled children. Our study addresses the Combating Autism Act Initiative Activities 1 and 2 (increase awareness and reduce barriers to screening and diagnosis) and Healthy People 2020 Objectives 1 and 2 (reduce dental caries experience and untreated dental decay in children).

## **Contribution of Oral Bacteria to Healthy Homeostasis**

**PI: Dr. Richard Darveau**

The contribution of oral commensal bacteria to oral health is not fully understood. In contrast, intestinal commensal bacteria have been shown to contribute to intestinal protection mechanisms through interactions with the host's innate and adaptive immune systems. The oral and intestinal environments are similar in that they both carry a heavy microbial burden and are located next to host tissues which need to remain sterile to be fully functioning and healthy. Specifically, the periodontium is highly vascularized, providing a means by which bacteria or their components can enter the bloodstream and potentially contribute to systemic disease. Accordingly, studies have demonstrated that periodontal tissue in both humans and rodents contain an unusual constant heavy flow of neutrophils from the highly vascularized periodontal tissue to the gingival crevice, where they serve as a major host protection mechanism. However, little is known how periodontal tissue orchestrates this constant inflammatory surveillance mechanism. In this proposal, our overall hypothesis is that "oral commensal bacteria contribute to innate defense homeostasis by the selective expression of neutrophil chemokine receptor CXCR2 ligands." This hypothesis will be examined by studies defining chemokine ligand expression in germ free and conventionally reared mice, determining the contribution of select oral bacteria to chemokine ligand expression, and elucidating host activation mechanisms with the use of select knockout mice. These studies will lay a foundation for understanding this key periodontal host protection mechanism, which can then be used to develop novel intervention and preventative therapies.

*For details on any study at the School of Dentistry, contact Dr. Linda LeResche, Associate Dean of Research, at [leresche@dental.washington.edu](mailto:leresche@dental.washington.edu), or Mary Beth Cunningham at [mec@u.washington.edu](mailto:mec@u.washington.edu), or the principal investigator.*

## class notes

### ■ CLASS OF 1959

**Dr. Desmond Neff**, Edmonds, Wash.: My wife and I enjoyed our 55th class reunion on Oct. 7. It was great to see some of our classmates.

### ■ CLASS OF 1964

**Dr. George Gundersen**, Tumwater, Wash.: Enjoyed getting together with classmates at our 50-year reunion. Publishing my first book of poetry, *The Truth in Knowing*.

### ■ CLASS OF 1966

**Dr. Sherman Cloward**, Provo, Utah: I think about my University of Washington dental experiences periodically – mostly I think about my classmates and what you are all doing now. I wonder if any of you are still practicing ... I suspect no more than a very few are. It would be nice to know what everyone is doing with their time now. I constantly appreciate what the dental experience at the UW did for me. If anyone who knows me reads this, it would be fun to make an exchange and get an update on what has happened and is happening in your life.

### ■ CLASS OF 1970

**Dr. Robert L. Sherman**, Jacksonville, N.C.: I am still at it. My wife says I can retire when I come up with a hobby!

### ■ CLASS OF 1972

**Dr. Russell Timms**, Longview, Wash.: Retired from private practice, accepted position at Fort Lewis (JBLM) in June 2011. Currently work Wednesday-Thursday as a government employee doing strictly restorative dentistry. Hit the big 70 last year. Thirty-eight-year-old son finally decided what he wanted to be when he grows up and is now enrolled in chiropractic school. When he finishes in three years it will be time for me to hang up my handpiece.

### ■ CLASS OF 1973

**Dr. John Linvog**, Seattle: Still enjoying retirement; I highly recommend it! And looking forward to my return to Cambodia to do volunteer work in clinics there.

### ■ CLASS OF 1975

**Dr. Jeffrey Abolofia**, Burien, Wash.: Marking my 40th year teaching in the freshman waxing class. I still love it, but wow, that went by fast!

### ■ CLASS OF 1976

**Dr. Richard Nash**, Burlington, Wash.: Still in active practice. During the winter and spring quarters I enjoy working with classmates Dick Tucker and John Sechena teaching the Tucker elective inlay course to



**Dr. Desmond Neff**



**Dr. Gary Heyamoto**



**Dr. Patricia Rothwell**



**Dr. Patrick Taylor**

members of the third and fourth year. Skiing is still my sport. I'm almost finished with my "Top 30" ski areas bucket list. Twenty-eight down and two to go.

### ■ CLASS OF 1979

**Dr. George Naden**, Seattle: Went skiing with my father, Dr. Tom Naden (Class of 1960) last winter—he is 86 and still playing tennis and skiing. Climbed a mountain in Olympic National Park with my sons this summer. Rowed a 60-year average 8 at the Head of the Charles regatta last fall. Still doing dentistry in West Seattle.

### ■ CLASS OF 1980

**Dr. Gary Heyamoto**, Woodinville, Wash.: I completed my seventh year as AGD's Region II Trustee, hired on as defensive statistician for the NCAA National Championship Stat Squad, continue as the Rose Bowl defensive statistician, finished my 32nd year on the Seahawks stat crew, still am the CDE Chair for Washington AGD, but best of all, added a son-in-law. My daughter Taryn was married in October. Welcome, Taylor!

### ■ CLASS OF 1982

**Dr. Karen Sorenson**, Kearney, Neb.: With the help of a big-hearted pediatric dentist who provides me with a place to work, I continue to provide a no-fee children's dental clinic to needy kids here in central Nebraska. My husband, Dick, has cut back on his own work schedule; we recently sold our Nebraska home and plan to return to Gig Harbor next summer. We'll commute a bit. Our oldest daughter is a second-year dental student in Denver. We're excited to watch her slip on her white coat. (We never had white coats – just those sock things that showed they'd been slept in. A lot.)

### ■ CLASS OF 1984

**Dr. Patricia Rothwell**, Seattle: My daughter, Alexandra, married Tim Kelly this summer. My son, Barrett, walked her down the aisle.

### ■ CLASS OF 1988 (ENDO)

**Dr. Patrick Taylor**, Bellevue, Wash.: (From the editor) Dr. Taylor has been nominated for a second term as treasurer of the American Association of Endodontists. Last year, he also concluded a term as president of the Seattle-King County Dental Society and was inducted into the UW chapter of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honorary society as a faculty member.

### ■ CLASS OF 1990

**Dr. Robin Reinke**, Las Vegas: I have been on faculty at UNLV School of Dental Medicine for two years

## reunions

now. I have been lecturing, teaching in clinic and doing research. Enjoying the sunny weather and the lifestyle Las Vegas offers. I miss the green of the Pacific Northwest but not the rain!

### ■ CLASS OF 1996 (OMS)

**Dr. Christopher McGrath**, Geelong, Victoria, Australia: (From the editor) Dr. McGrath was recently featured in the *Geelong Advertiser*, which ran an article about his participation in a cover band called Time Is Not on Our Side. The three-piece band, in which Dr. McGrath plays bass, covers hits by artists such as the Beatles, the Bee Gees, the Rolling Stones, Cat Stevens and the Monkees. "Not in my wildest dreams did I think I'd be the singer in a band," Dr. McGrath told the newspaper.



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### ■ CLASS OF 2001

**Dr. Michelle Caldier**, Port Orchard, Wash.: (From the editor) Dr. Caldier, a Republican, was elected to the Washington state House of Representatives in November, beating four-term Democratic incumbent Larry Seaquist for the 26th District seat.

### ■ CLASS OF 2004

**Dr. Richard Jurevic**, Morgantown, W. Va., was recently appointed Associate Dean of Research at West Virginia University. He is currently the WVU CTSI Clinical Research Interim Chair.

### ■ CLASS OF 2009

**Dr. Peter Gauger**, Tacoma, Wash.: I've just purchased Mark Carlson's (Class of 1981) oral surgery practice. Mark and I are practicing together as Tacoma Oral Surgery & Implants. Jenny and I now have two little ones: Heidi (3) and Sam (4 months). We are living in North Tacoma. Come visit!

### ■ CLASS OF 2010

**Dr. David Dean**, Mill Creek, Wash.: I began as an assistant professor in the Department of Oral Medicine at the UW School of Dentistry and Seattle Cancer Care Alliance.



### ■ CLASS OF 1994

The Class of 1994 held its 20th reunion on Sept. 12, 2014. We met at Ruth's Chris Steakhouse in downtown Seattle on Friday evening and then enjoyed a brunch and went to the Husky football game on Saturday.

### ■ CLASS OF 2011

**Dr. Danielle Stimson**, Cut Bank, Mont.: Dr. Stimson is now Dr. Danielle Kennedy. A group of classmates from 2011 and 2010 traveled to Montana to celebrate her wedding to Jeremiah Kennedy. Dr. Kennedy is working back home on the Blackfoot reservation at Blackfoot Indian Health Services.



**Dr. Michelle Caldier**

### ■ CLASS OF 2013

**Dr. Devin Dickinson**, Everett, Wash.: As of Sept. 1, Devin owns his own practice in Arlington, Wash.



**Dr. Danielle Stimson Kennedy (third from left) at her wedding with (from left) Drs. Cynthia Silver Tyler ('11), Brandon Tyler ('11), Sam Maltby ('11), Maureen Craig ('11), Jana Seaman Bressler ('11), Jason Bressler ('10) and Rolanda Ward ('11).**

# in memoriam

As always, we are saddened to note the passing of classmates, colleagues and friends. To read a fuller accounting of their life stories, please go online to our School of Dentistry Alumni page at <http://dental.washington.edu/alumni-friends/> and click on "In Memoriam" under "Alumni & Friends" on the right side.



**DR. ALTON M.G. NELSON**  
**CLASS OF 1950**

Dr. Alton Marvin Grande Nelson passed away on July 4, 2014 in Kirkland, Wash. He was 90. He was a member of the School of Dentistry's first graduating class and practiced in Seattle's Mount Baker and Capitol Hill neighborhoods for many years.



**DR. WILLIAM W. EHRET**  
**CLASS OF 1955**

Dr. William Walter "Bill" Ehret died on Sept. 5, 2014 at Providence Centralia Hospital in Centralia, Wash. He was 85. After earning his DDS, Dr. Ehret served in the U.S. Army in France, traveled in Europe and then returned to become a family dentist in his hometown of Centralia for more than 50 years.

**DR. MONTA J. NIXON**  
**CLASS OF 1957**

Dr. Monta John Nixon died on Sept. 15, 2014 at his home in Kenmore, Wash. He was 81. He is survived by his wife, Frances. (No further details were available.)



**DR. ROBERT C. BEAULIEU**  
**CLASS OF 1959**

Dr. Robert Charles "Chuck" Beaulieu died on Jan. 26, 2015 at the age of 83. He practiced dentistry for almost 50 years in Seattle's Capitol Hill and Northgate neighborhoods and in Kingston, Wash.



**DR. WILLIAM G. RICHARDS JR.**  
**CLASS OF 1963**

Dr. William G. "Beeze" Richards Jr. passed away peacefully on Aug. 18, 2014. He was 78. He taught at the School of Dentistry for two years and had a dental practice for 31 years in Gig Harbor, Wash.



**DR. CHRISTIAN N. BRUHN**  
**CLASS OF 1965**

Dr. Christian N. Bruhn, affectionately known as "Chris" or "Bud," died on Oct. 11, 2014. He was 75. He opened his first dental practice in West Seattle and then practiced in Burien and Federal Way, Wash., for the next 39 years.

**DR. RONALD L. HOLM**  
**CLASS OF 1965**

Dr. Ronald L. Holm passed away on July 26, 2014. He practiced in Spokane, Wash. (No further details were available.)



**DR. HARVEY L. COLMAN**  
**CLASS OF 1967, FIXED PROSTHODONTICS**

Dr. Harvey L. Colman passed away on May 22, 2014, in Laguna Beach, Calif. He was 77. After receiving his MSD at the UW, he taught for 11 years at the University of Southern California, where he'd received his DDS. In 1978, he was appointed Professor of Fixed Prosthodontics and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, from which he retired in 1998.

**DR. MICHAEL A. NIEDER**  
**CLASS OF 1972**

Dr. Michael Alan Nieder passed away on Sept. 6, 2014. He was 67. He practiced dentistry on Washington's Whidbey Island for 23 years and then retired to run his family's real estate business and pursue various hobbies.



**DR. DOUGLAS O'CONNOR**  
**CLASS OF 1972**

Dr. Douglas "Doug" O'Connor died at home of natural causes on Oct. 21, 2014 at the age of 68. After serving as an Army dentist, he was a longtime Longview, Wash., dentist, school board member and dedicated community volunteer. Among his honors was his selection as the Washington State Dental Association's Citizen of the Year.



**DR. ROBERT E. JOHNSON**  
**ORAL SURGERY FACULTY**

Dr. Robert E. "Bob" Johnson passed away peacefully at his home on Dec. 4, 2014. He was 93. In 1949, Dr. Johnson became the first executive officer and head of the School of Dentistry's Department of Oral Surgery. He remained as associate professor and head of the department until going into private practice in 1956 in Seattle's Medical Dental Building. He practiced full time until 1986 and then part-time in his son's office – Dr. Robert E. Johnson Jr., Class of 1983 – and his son-in-law's office – Dr. J. Michael Hardy – until his 84th birthday.

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## SPOTLIGHT COURSE

### ■ FRIDAY, MARCH 27

#### **CE1464: Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship**

#### **Drugs and Dentistry: New Issues and Newer Solutions**

This course is designed for dentists, hygienists, dental assistants and office staff.

**DESCRIPTION:** The purpose of this course is to identify new drug-related problems encountered in dental practice and to outline practical management solutions. Extensive handouts will supplement discussion of intra-oral drug effects and treatment modifications involving medicated or allergic patients. Drug and supplement references including PDA and Blackberry programs will be compared and recommendations about clinical usefulness will be discussed. Controversial issues related to the new total joint prophylaxis guidelines, dietary supplement dangers and dental drug interactions will be presented. Throughout the program, primary emphasis will be placed on developing consistent strategies for treating medically complex dental patients. An extensive and very current handout will greatly enhance the chair-side value of this fast-paced, comprehensive and practical course.

**By attending this course and reviewing the handouts, you should be able to:**

- Recognize the specific dental treatment modifications necessary to prevent complications in patients with major cardiovascular or central nervous system disorders.
- Prescribe and explain antibiotic pre-medication based on new or updated guidelines.
- Modify dental treatment for patients on new chronic medications for diabetes, asthma, gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), and rheumatoid arthritis.
- Identify the chronic medications or dietary supplements likely to precipitate major interactions dental antibiotics, analgesics, local anesthetics, and oral or parenteral anesthesia agents.



**INSTRUCTOR:** Karen Baker, MSPharm, has been on the dental faculty at the University of Iowa for 34 years. She is a clinical pharmacist with a master's degree in clinical pharmacology and therapeutics and is focused on patient-specific dental drug therapy. She has given more than 900 programs nationally and internationally and is on the editorial board of the *Journal of the Academy of General Dentistry*. Her

dental education-based pharmacy and drug therapy consultation center is the only one in the United States. She has authored more than 50 articles and abstracts and lectures extensively in pre-doctoral and graduate-level courses at the University of Iowa.

**LOCATION:** Meany Hall, University of Washington, Seattle

**TIMES:** Registration and Continental Breakfast: 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Course: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**CREDITS:** 7

**TUITION:** Complimentary for no CDE credit (registration still required)

\$100 for CDE credit before March 25 (\$110 after)

Optional catered lunch: \$25 per person

**REGISTER:** Go online until March 25 at [www.uwcde.com](http://www.uwcde.com)

### ■ FRIDAY, APRIL 10

#### **CE1471: Update in Periodontics** **Faculty of the UW School of Dentistry** **Department of Periodontics**

Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington  
7 credits

### ■ SATURDAY, APRIL 11

#### **CE1472: Cone Beam CT for the General Practitioner**

Johan Aps, DDS, MSc, MSc, PhD  
Peggy Lee, BDS, MSD, PhD  
Health Sciences Center, University of Washington  
7 credits

### ■ FRIDAY, APRIL 24

#### **CE1475: Offensive Dentistry**

Brian B. Nový, DDS, FADI  
The Mountaineers Club, Seattle  
7 credits

### ■ FRIDAY, MAY 8

#### **CE1483: Systematic Approach to Treatment Planning: Maximizing Successful Outcomes**

John C. Kois, DMD, MSD  
This course is offered in partnership with the Seattle-King and Pierce County Dental Societies; register through Seattle-King County Dental Society  
Seattle Airport Marriott  
7 credits

### ■ FRIDAY, MAY 15

#### **Soft Tissue Grafting and Guided Bone Regeneration**

Farzin Ghannad, DDS, MS  
This course is presented in partnership with the University of British Columbia Office of Continuing Dental Education.  
Mount Baker Theatre, Bellingham, Wash.  
7 credits

### ■ MONDAY EVENING, MAY 18

#### **CE1486: Managing and Treating Pregnant Patients**

Bea Gandara, DDS, MSD  
Melissa Moore Sanchez, CIC  
Health Sciences Center, University of Washington  
2 credits

### ■ FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, MAY 29-30

#### **CE1482: Diode Laser Practice Refinement with Optional Second-Day Hands-On Clinical Simulation Workshop**

Janet Press, RDH  
Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington  
7 credits (lecture)  
10.5 credits (lecture plus workshop)

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### ■ **FRIDAY, MARCH 27**

Ernest M. Jones Memorial Lectureship  
Registration and continental breakfast:  
8 – 8:30 a.m.  
Course: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
*(with lunch break)*  
Meany Hall  
University of Washington

### ■ **THURSDAY, APRIL 16**

School of Dentistry Reception  
5 – 7 p.m.  
Doubletree City Center Hotel  
322 North Spokane Falls Court  
Spokane, Wash.

### ■ **SATURDAY, APRIL 25**

Dean's Club Annual Dinner  
6 – 10 p.m.  
Chihuly Garden and Glass  
305 Harrison St.  
Seattle

### ■ **SATURDAY, MAY 16**

Partners in Diversity Dinner  
6 – 10 p.m.  
Conibear Shell House  
University of Washington

### ■ **FRIDAY, SEPT. 11**

Dental Alumni Golf Tournament  
12 – 6 p.m.  
Chambers Bay Golf Course  
Tacoma, Wash.

### ■ **SATURDAY, SEPT. 26**

Dental Alumni Football Brunch  
Time TBD  
I Wing Rotunda,  
UW Health Sciences Center  
Game: UW vs. California  
Time TBD  
Husky Stadium

### ■ **SATURDAY, NOV. 7**

ADA School of Dentistry Reception  
5 – 7 p.m.  
Location TBD  
Washington, D.C.

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