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Since my last message, significant changes have taken place at our School. Our serious financial difficulties continue. Our School pays about $44.4 million in expenses and generates about $36.7 million in revenue. The University of Washington has tasked us with reducing our expenses in fiscal year 2018 by $2 million.

Our Dean’s Club Board President, Dr. Sid Gallegos, and I have been learning as much as we can about the situation. One thing we know is that the challenges we face are extremely complicated, and there are no simple solutions.

In October, the School’s Financial Executive Committee, which is led by the UW Provost, announced that two residencies would be eliminated and three others would have their admissions suspended. Many of us felt this action would have compromised our School’s reputation as a top-tier institution and major regional care provider.

The Provost responded to these concerns and rescinded the action to give our School more time to seek other options. But that time is limited, and the residencies’ status remains uncertain. Dr. Gallegos and I recently wrote to the UW Regents that we believe that sweeping moves such as this do not recognize the complexities of delivering quality dental education and patient care.

In the meantime, the School has been making many changes to put itself on the path to financial stability (see Page 10). Interim Dean Jim Johnson has been working with the UW administration and our School’s Faculty Council, Solutions Team, Curriculum Committee, and International DDS Committee to improve the financial picture. Dr. Gallegos and I believe he is on the right track.

Uncompensated care has also been a major factor in our growing debt. No one denies the role our School plays in the state’s safety net, but we cannot rely on programs such as our PSSP Medicaid supplement or on legislative support to correct our financial problems. In addition, our tuition is already high, forcing our students into even more significant debt. We must hold the line on tuition increases, which are not a viable financial solution.

It will take time and cultural changes within our School to establish a sound business model, and we are asking the UW Regents and Provost for sufficient time to do this. They and our alumni and larger dental community are proud of our School – not only as one of the world’s best dental schools, but as a major provider of oral health care to our community. More than 500 of us volunteer to help our School, and we have one of the highest participation rates as donors at the UW.

This is also why the Dental Alumni Class Challenge Campaign is so critical. Our campaign will directly benefit younger faculty – the non-tenured ones who play such a vital role in our School’s service and educational responsibilities. Working together, we can continue the tradition of excellence that is our School’s hallmark. Your support now is more important than ever! Please contribute and give back to the School that has given each of us so much.

Finally, I would like to note that our Assistant Dean for Advancement and External Affairs, Christina Vanosdoll, is retiring in April. Since coming to our School in 2004, she has helped raise more than $38 million and doubled our permanent endowment. We will certainly be in good hands, as Randy Newquist, our wonderful Director of Alumni Services, has been named Interim Assistant Dean to succeed her. On behalf of all our dental alumni, I want to congratulate Randy and thank Christina for her tireless dedication and her outstanding work, and let her know how much we will miss her.

As I close out my term, I would like to tell you that it has been an honor and privilege to serve as your president. I have appreciated everyone’s input, support and much-needed efforts as we work for the betterment of our School.

In good health,

Richard Crinzi (’72)
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A new job and big challenges

After serving as Chair of our Department of Endodontics for 14 years, I confess that I was more than a little surprised when I wound up in the Dean’s chair late last October (see Page 9). It was not a job that I had ever sought. But when I was asked to take on the challenge, my commitment – ingrained by a Navy career – is to serve.

Our School is dealing with a growing operational deficit and cumulative debt, and the situation demands urgent action. We do not have extensive leeway in addressing our challenges. We are obligated to move quickly and take immediate steps to reduce the operating deficit. We have been tasked with reducing expenses by $2 million in fiscal year 2018, which ends on June 30, with more reductions required in fiscal year 2019. For a sense of scale, the size of our budget is $36.7 million, and our overspending trends between about $7 and $10 million every year.

Some critical steps have already been taken to meet these targets, and still more will be taken this spring (see Page 10). Seven non-tenured faculty appointments will be eliminated by June 30, and 37 more faculty members on annual appointments have been notified that their renewal will be subject to the availability of funding. I remain hopeful that many of these faculty members will be retained, but that depends on how successful we are in bringing down the deficit. We have also reduced the number of associate deans, reduced faculty administrative supplements, and are also planning to reorganize our staff. These are not easy actions to take, and are especially painful because people’s careers and livelihoods are involved.

At the same time, I am heartened by the positive responses I have received inside and outside our School. When I became Interim Dean and met with faculty, staff, and students, I related a quote from the inspirational writer Charles Swindoll: “We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.”

Our situation is challenging, but I do not believe that it is impossible by any stretch of the imagination. The UW leadership and Board of Regents have made a strong commitment to our School. And we have another critical asset: you, our alumni. Your backing has always been a key part of our success, but that has never been truer than it is now.

A tough job lies ahead of us. But our School’s reputation is no accident. We will continue to have an excellent faculty and excellent students, and we will adapt our curriculum to our resources while striving to protect that quality.

I promise you my very best efforts on behalf of our School and to keep you informed as we continue this work. Thank you for your support in the past – and in the future as we tackle these challenges, together.

James D. Johnson, DDS, MS
Interim Dean

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Dr. James Johnson takes over after Dean Joel Berg resigns

Dr. James Johnson, who chaired the Department of Endodontics in the School of Dentistry since 2003, was named Interim Dean on Oct. 23, succeeding Dr. Joel Berg.

“Dr. Johnson has led his department with distinction, and we are truly fortunate that he has agreed to take on this leadership role in the School of Dentistry,” University of Washington Provost Gerald Baldasty said in a message to the school announcing the appointment.

Dr. Berg had served as Dean since August 2012 and had been reappointed just weeks before resigning. He cited his belief that the School would be best served by new leadership to address its continuing financial issues. (See Page 10 for an update on the financial situation.)

As Dean, Dr. Berg led a major revision of the School’s curriculum that won national recognition. The School also fared well in 2017 dental school rankings: third in the world in the research-focused Academic Ranking of World Universities by the Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, and 14th in a broader assessment by Britain’s Quacquarelli-Symonds World University Rankings.

Dean Johnson joined Provost Baldasty to meet with faculty, staff, and students on Oct. 25. In a subsequent email message to the School, Dean Johnson said: “We do not face an impossible situation, but it is one of extreme urgency and will require all of us to respond accordingly. … Our issues will not be resolved quickly. But I emphasize that addressing our financial challenges is an evolving process, and that I want and value your suggestions and advice as it proceeds.”

Before coming to the University of Washington, Dr. Johnson served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, where he retired with the rank of captain. He chaired the Endodontics Department and directed the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School, also chairing the Research Department. He also served as Specialty Leader for Endodontics in the Navy’s Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

Dr. Johnson attended the University of Colorado as an undergraduate and received his DDS degree from Northwestern University Dental School. He then served as a dental officer in the Air Force, and afterward practiced privately in Colorado before returning to Northwestern to earn a Certificate in Endodontics and an MS degree in 1985. He then returned to active duty in the Navy.

Dr. Johnson’s research and academic interests include surgical and nonsurgical endodontics, pulpal and periradicular biology and pathology, and instrumentation of the root canal system. He has published numerous scientific papers, and has lectured in the United States and Europe.

Dr. Natasha Flake, Associate Professor of Endodontics, was named Interim Chair of Endodontics to succeed Dr. Johnson.

Dr. Berg, a board-certified pediatric dentist, remains on our faculty as a professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. He also holds the Lloyd and Kay Chapman Chair for Oral Health.

In a final message to the School as Dean, he requested wide support for Dr. Johnson and said: “More than anything, I want to express my gratitude for the hard work and even passion so many of you have invested in making this one of the world’s finest dental schools.”
Dean appoints Leadership Council to help make needed changes

Interim Dean James Johnson has appointed an advisory Leadership Council to discuss implementation of the changes needed to shore up our School’s finances.

The council comprises the School’s core leadership team and adds staff and student representation so that every part of the School has a voice. Membership includes faculty (one of whom is a Faculty Council representative), clinical and administrative staff, and pre-doctoral and graduate students. It will serve as a forum to discuss issues affecting the School’s missions of education, research, service and patient care. The council, which will meet weekly, will also advise the Dean on governance related to these and other issues including diversity, professionalism, and recruitment and retention.

The council’s creation came shortly after the issuance of the Deloitte consultancy’s report on the School’s finances and its recommendation of changes needed to stem the series of annual operating deficits incurred in the last several years (see Page 11).

The School has already implemented cost-cutting steps during the last several months, with additional actions expected this spring and next fiscal year.

The School ended fiscal year 2017 last June 30 with a total debt of about $36 million. About 60 percent of that stemmed from operating losses at the Center for Pediatric Dentistry, the home of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at Seattle’s Magnuson State Park since 2010. The remainder of the cumulative debt was connected to other clinical and departmental deficits across the School.

Anticipating an FY 2018 operating deficit of $10 million to $16 million initially, which has been refined to a $6.7 to $7.7 million deficit, the University of Washington gave the School a mandate to trim at least $2 million in spending by the end of the fiscal year. Additional cuts are planned for FY 2019.

Recent actions to address the deficit have been difficult but necessary to secure the stability and excellence of the School. In December, seven of the 44 non-tenured faculty members who serve on annual appointments were informed that their positions would be eliminated at the end of fiscal year 2018 on June 30. The remaining 37 were told that their reappointment would be subject to the availability of funding for the 2018-19 academic year, with final determination expected this spring.

“I hope that most of these faculty members can be reappointed, but much depends on how successful we are in reducing our annual deficit this winter and spring,” Dean Johnson said in a message to the School.

In other cost-cutting measures, our School is reducing the number of associate deans from seven to four and paring back faculty administrative salary supplements. A staff reorganization that will produce additional cost reductions was also anticipated in the spring, pending discussions with the union representing classified staff.

Dean Johnson has also met with groups including the Faculty Council, the Solution Team, the Curriculum Committee, and the International DDS Committee to examine other ways to reduce expenses and increase revenues:

- Moving the Department of Pediatric Dentistry from Seattle’s Magnuson State Park back to the Health Sciences campus. After a suitable alternative did not materialize, plans to transfer curtailed operations are under way.
- Re-evaluating curriculum. Because our School’s new curriculum imposes heavy demands on faculty, changes are being considered to reflect faculty availability and workloads. One area of focus is the curriculum’s Foundations element, which

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– Interim Dean James Johnson
includes knowledge fundamental to the development of clinical skills.

• Faculty Practice Plan. In January, Dean Johnson dissolved the existing Faculty Practice Plan, which has incurred operating losses and had wide disparities in faculty compensation. He asked faculty members for a new plan that considers the different types of practice in various disciplines. He will seek input from Faculty Council, the Faculty Practice Plan board and others, as well. “We need to make this plan fair and equitable for all who participate in Faculty Practice,” he told the School.

• Expansion of International DDS program. This has been a successful program for the School, making it an attractive option for expansion. One constraint would be the need for added facilities in the D-1 Simulation Clinic, but School officials said that feasible options may be available.

• Dental Admissions Clinic. To boost efficiency and reduce costs, several changes were made on Feb. 1, including these:
  • Patients will be screened to determine whether they are suitable for student care, Advanced General Dentistry, and/or specialty programs or Faculty Practice. They will be classified in one of four categories ranging from simple to complex, allowing them to be directed to the most suitable clinic.
  • A fourth-year dental student will rotate in the clinic for shadowing, taking panoramic radiographic images, performing comprehensive oral examinations, and in some cases providing immediate dental treatment.

Major tuition increases in the last several years have been a key issue for students. However, Dean Johnson has said that these are not a viable solution to the School’s financial challenges. Citing the continuing rise in student debt, he has pledged to restrain future increases and adopt new initiatives designed to improve clinical and financial operations.

In January, the School of Dentistry commissioned a five-week study of the School’s finances by the internationally prominent consulting group Deloitte. The firm, whose expertise on academic health systems includes recent work with UW Medicine, was asked to suggest improvements to:

  • Organizational and financial reporting structures
  • Clinical staffing models and processes
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  • Current budgeting process
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Consultant’s report confirms road map for change

said that the School must look elsewhere for financial fixes.

The School also began receiving payments from the Professional Services Supplemental Payment (PSSP) program early this year. This federal program gives providers at health-care centers half the difference between Medicaid reimbursement rates and prevailing professional rates for any given procedure. Paid quarterly, it is expected to generate roughly an additional $2.5 million in revenue for the school in FY 2018. Since uncompensated care for a rapidly growing number of Medicaid patients has been a significant factor in the School’s deficit for the last several years, PSSP is expected to have a substantial impact.

However, School officials caution that PSSP alone will not resolve the deficit issue and emphasize the uncertainties surrounding Medicaid’s future. Ultimately, they say, the School must find ways to recruit more patients who pay out of pocket or have conventional dental insurance.

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Our School of Dentistry moved up one spot to No. 4 in the United States and retained its worldwide ranking of No. 14 in the 2018 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings assessment of dental schools.

The School trailed only the University of Michigan, Harvard University, and the University of North Carolina in the U.S. rankings, moving past New York University. In the global rankings, the University of Hong Kong dental school was deemed the world's best, followed by King's College London and the University of Michigan.

QS, a prominent British educational organization, bases its rankings on its global surveys of academics and employers, which it uses to determine a school's international reputation. QS also factors in research impact along with the “h-index,” a metric designed to gauge the productivity and citation impact of a scientist's or scholar’s publications.

“All of us at the School of Dentistry are gratified by our ranking in the 2018 QS report, especially our improvement to No. 4 in the United States,” said Interim Dean James Johnson. “The credit goes entirely to our outstanding faculty and staff, and to our researchers.”

This marked the third consecutive year that our School of Dentistry improved in the rankings. In 2016, the School ranked fifth in the United States and 15th in the world.

In 2014, the School began implementing a new curriculum that reflects changes in dental science and technology, new modes of dental practice, biomedical advances and more. In 2015, the School launched a series of third-year clinical clerkship rotations that give students a more focused exposure to the core skills of general dentistry and more repetitions of dental procedures.

The School has also instituted a fourth-year General Practice Clinic, which strives to duplicate the experience of private practice. It has also added a series of five-week service learning rotations at community clinics around Washington for fourth-year students, aiming to improve their proficiency.

Members of our School’s faculty are launching an interprofessional training program to improve access to dental care for children ranging in age from the first year of life through 5 years.

Early Childhood Oral Health Training, or EchoTrain, will provide pediatric dental training directly to UW dental students, who will receive it in addition to the current pre-doctoral curriculum. Others receiving training will be Shoreline Community College dental hygiene students, and students and trainees of the UW School of Medicine. Collaborative learning is also planned with faculty, students and trainees from not only UW Medicine but the UW’s Schools of Public Health and Pharmacy.

EchoTrain will also develop learning modules to be used elsewhere, along with instructional videos.

The program, which is funded by a $1.5 million, five-year grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is led by Dr. Amy Kim of Pediatric Dentistry.

“It really does take a village, and I feel that we’ve put a great team together,” Dr. Kim said. Her EchoTrain collaborators include Dr. Frank Roberts of Periodontics, who also directs the RIDE program; Dr. Travis Nelson of Pediatric Dentistry; Dr. Rachel Greene of Restorative Dentistry, who is also Regional Clinical Director of Service Learning Rotations; and Marilynn Rothen of Oral Health Sciences. Dr. Kim is principal investigator for the HRSA grant and the other faculty members are co-investigators.

EchoTrain partners include the Seattle nonprofit Arcora Foundation and Eastern Washington University.
The Washington State Dental Association named Dr. Nhi Pham ('99), a member of our affiliate faculty, its 2017 Citizen of the Year at the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference in Seattle last June.

Dr. Pham, who teaches a half-day a week in our Dental Urgent Care Clinic and practices in Mukilteo, was recognized for her exemplary record of community and humanitarian volunteering.

Now a wife and mother of three young daughters, she made a harrowing escape from Vietnam at the age of 2 with her family in 1975.

Through the challenges of resettling, economic difficulties, learning a new language and culture, and more, she persevered with a strong religious faith as her anchor.

Those who work with her on her many volunteer activities say she’s not only an excellent dentist, but especially good at establishing personal connections with patients. She works with veterans groups, refugees, homeless people, and others in need, and strives to involve other providers too.

In an August 2017 WSDA News profile of Dr. Pham, Dr. William Mays, a field director for Medical Relief International (MRI), said: “When Dr. Pham is working in the clinic or out in the field, she has tremendous empathy for those she meets. She spends a lot of time developing relationships and befriending the local people. It’s not something that she does because it’s part of a personal agenda; it’s part of her DNA, it’s who she is.”

Dr. Pham said, “The award has opened lots of avenues and allowed the organizations I work with to get more support – more volunteers, more donations, more recognition.”

Dr. Pham’s volunteering includes MRI and other groups including Medical Teams International, Project Homeless Connect, Seattle Stand Down for Veterans Dental Clinic, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, and the Seattle–King County Dental Clinic. She has served on volunteer missions abroad to Haiti and elsewhere. Last year she journeyed with MRI to Greece to care for Syrian and Afghan refugees. She has also helped raise funds for a new medical and dental clinic in Tanzania whose construction was completed last year, and she helped mentor its lead dentist. She hopes to visit the clinic in May.

“Not everyone can travel to Tanzania,” she said, “but they can open up their own clinics for people in need, such as veterans or children.”

When she was a toddler, her family fled Vietnam after the fall of Saigon, facing immediate peril because of her father’s and grandfather’s connections with the U.S. military. They joined the thousands of desperate people who escaped on the South China Sea, and her mother was separated from the family.

However, they had the good fortune to be rescued by a U.S. Navy ship and taken to Guam, where the family was reunited.

After living in a refugee camp in Arkansas, they settled in Snohomish after being sponsored by St. Michael Catholic Church. Life was difficult, but Dr. Pham excelled in school and eventually won a full scholarship to Seattle University and then came to our School.

One reason she loves volunteer activity, she said, is the opportunity to connect with other UW dental alumni. “To reconnect while you’re serving is just awesome,” said Dr. Pham, who represents her class on our Dental Alumni Association board.

She also encourages others to join her as a UW affiliate faculty member: “People may fear that it’s a huge commitment, but the flexibility they give us is just wonderful. That sums it up – fun, fulfilling, and flexible.”

WSDA honors alum Nhi Pham

Dr. Pham was recognized for her exemplary record of community and humanitarian volunteering.
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David Mathews, Mark Walker to be feted

At the Dean’s Club Dinner on May 5, two outstanding dental alumni will be honored: Dr. David Mathews for his exemplary service to our School and Dr. Mark Walker for his outstanding record in organized dentistry and in the community.

Dr. David P. Mathews (Periodontics ’74)
2018 DEAN’S CLUB HONORARY
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Dr. Mathews served as Clinical Assistant Professor on our Periodontics faculty from 1974 to 1982, and then in 2010 rejoined the faculty as Affiliate Associate Professor. He relishes his interaction with the residents who show up voluntarily at 6 a.m. to review their cases with him, saying, “I am really proud of my Perio students’ dedication.”

Beyond his work as a teacher, however, his contributions as part of one of dentistry’s most celebrated lecture teams and his support for a unique endowment will have a lasting influence on the quality of education at our School.

Together with lecture colleagues Dr. Frank Spear and the late Dr. Vincent Kokich, Dr. Mathews created the Kokich Mathews Spear Endowed Fund for Academic Leadership in Dentistry, which supports instruction in the art and science of effective presentation. In 2009, the three lecturers devoted one of their final joint appearances of their 25-year collaboration to raising funds for the $250,000 endowment, and followed it up with a substantial personal gift. The idea was to provide expert coaching to our faculty members to sharpen their teaching skills.

In 2016, Dr. Kimberly Espinoza, director of our School’s DECOD special-needs clinic, received the first fellowship from the endowment and began working with Mary Kokich Boer, Dr. Kokich’s daughter and a faculty member in the School of Education at the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. Dr. Espinoza says she has benefited significantly from Boer’s tutelage, especially when she was creating a new Foundations of Dental Medicine course last year.

Aside from the worthwhile goal of improving teaching skills, Dr. Mathews sees a secondary benefit: attracting more students to academic dentistry later on. Speaking for his lecture partners in 2009, he said, “We feel that if a student is touched by a great teacher here, he may decide that he wants to [teach as well].”

Dr. Mark V. Walker (’81)
2018 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS

On his private practice website, Dr. Walker says, “Dentistry has been a wonderful profession for me.” It has clearly been a two-way street, as Dr. Walker has given a great deal back to his profession, not to mention the greater community.

He has exercised leadership in roles including the presidency of the Washington State Dental Association in 2004 and Seattle-King County Dental Society in 1994-1995, and currently as an American Dental Association delegate from Washington. He was president of the Washington Oral Health Foundation from 2000 to 2002, president of the SKCDS Foundation in 1995-1996, and chaired the ADA Council on Governmental Affairs in 2009-2010. Beyond that, he has served on various dental committees, councils and boards, and he holds membership in the Pierre Fauchard Academy, International College of Dentists, American College of Dentists, and Academy of General Dentistry. He has practiced general dentistry in Kent, Wash., since 1982.

He and his wife, Barbara, have been strong supporters of our School, earning recognition as UW Benefactors, and they have produced another UW dental alumnus, son Josh (’12). He has served on our Dean’s Club Board of Trustees, and out in the larger world, he has volunteered with Medical Relief International and Medical Teams International for the past decade, and also at the annual free dental clinic at Seattle Center. Close to home, he has served on the Kent Rotary Board of Directors and coached AAU basketball.

“I am passionate about giving back to the community using my time, talents, and resources,” Dr. Walker says on his website. And he’s a proud Husky alumnus through and through, having received his BS in chemistry at the UW in addition to his DDS.

“When Josh was accepted at the UW, I don’t think there was ever a question of going anywhere else,” he said in 2013. “It was a dream come true for Josh and myself.”
Our Department of Endodontics celebrated its 50th anniversary with a gala dinner at Seattle’s Edgewater Hotel on Sept. 30.

Faculty, residents, and alumni, along with special guest UW Provost Gerald Baldasty, gathered to mark the occasion. The Graduate Endodontics program actually began in 1959 as part of the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, then split off as a separate department in 1967.

The evening’s only note of sadness stemmed from the passing five days earlier of the renowned Dr. John Ingle, who founded the graduate program (see page 18). Speakers took the opportunity to pay tribute to Dr. Ingle.

In addition, the program included recognition of distinguished faculty and alumni. Guests at the event included such notables as Dr. Eugene Natkin (Endo ’62), Professor Emeritus and the department’s first chair, along with fellow former chairs Dr. Gerald Harrington (Endo ’69), Dr. David Pitts (Endo ’77) and Dr. Robert Oswald.

Dr. Norbert Hertl (Endo ’79) presented Provost Baldasty with a history of the department that he and the late Dr. James Steiner (Endo ’66) co-authored. The history can be found online on the department’s website at https://dental.washington.edu/dept-endo/history/.

Happy 50th, Endo!
Dr. Dana Buglione has received the David H. Wands Fellowship in Graduate Prosthodontics for 2018-19, our School has announced.

Dr. Buglione is the 11th UW recipient of the $10,000 fellowship, which was established by Dr. Wands, a longtime member of our Graduate Prosthodontics faculty who is now retired. He created the fellowship endowment to support and inspire recipients to pursue an academic career, either full or part time, in prosthodontics education.

Dr. Buglione, who originally hails from upstate New York, received his BA in fine arts in 2008 at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and earned his DMD in 2016 at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

He served in the Teach For America Corps from 2008 to 2010 and was a sixth-grade teacher in Hartford, Conn., from 2008 to 2012.

Even though he had several family members in dentistry – including his father, grandfather, and uncle – he had not planned to enter the field. As a teacher, he said, “I found that I really enjoyed interacting with families and kids and building relationships.”

However, he said, he missed the hands-on work he enjoyed as an artist, and ultimately decided that dentistry and prosthodontics would be his calling.

The specialty also appealed to his artistic side. “When you replace teeth, you’re essentially designing a face,” he said.

He was attracted to our Graduate Prosthodontics program by its strong focus on treatment planning, he said.

“Dental schools do a good job of training general dentists, but it’s often treating teeth in isolation. What I hope to get out of dental school is to look at a patient and say, ‘Here’s what’s going on’ – look at the patient comprehensively, and not just tooth by tooth.”

“For prosthodontics in particular, you really get to build a relationship with a patient,” he said. “I really find it satisfying to put people back together, not just physically but emotionally.”

Dr. Wands, a UW Graduate Prosthodontics alumnus (’72) and later a faculty member for 22 years, originally established the fellowship at the University of Maryland in 1994 in recognition of the shortage of dental school educators and to offer financial assistance to those interested in academic dentistry. In 1998, he launched a similar fellowship at the UW with a $400,000 commitment.

In 1967, Dr. Wands graduated with honors from the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, and afterward served for seven years with the U.S. Public Health Service. He then returned to the University of Washington as a half-time faculty member and taught both undergraduate and graduate Prosthodontics, achieving the rank of Clinical Professor.

Dr. Wands was a member of the UW School of Dentistry Dean’s Club Board for many years, and in 1999, he was honored by the Dean’s Club with its highest award, Honorary Lifetime Member. He was instrumental in forming the UW Graduate Prosthodontic Alumni Association, and he is a Life Member of the Academy of Prosthodontics and Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics.

Now retired from private practice in Olympia, Wash., he is an avid saltwater and freshwater fisherman as well as a master gardener.
Dr. John Ingle, who founded the Graduate Endodontics program at our School in 1959 and was considered one of the world’s foremost figures in this specialty, passed away on Sept. 25 in California. He was 98.

Dr. Ingle, a Washington native, joined our faculty in 1948 after serving as a dentist in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. In 1959, he became chair of the new Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, which split into separate departments in 1967.

In 1964, he departed the UW to become Dean of the School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California, where he spent eight years. After that, he spent six years at the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C. He later created the Palm Springs Seminars in Palm Springs, Calif., a leading institution of dental continuing education.

Dr. Ingle gained lasting prominence as the author of the authoritative textbook Endodontics, which was initially published in 1965 and, in its seventh edition, continues to be a staple of dental education. He also published more than 75 journal articles and lectured widely around the world.

“Dr. John Ingle deserves much of the credit for the very rapid rise in the reputation of the [UW endodontics] program,” wrote the late Dr. James Steiner (Endo ’66) and Dr. Norbert Hertl (Endo ’79) in their 2012 history of the department. “He had the foresight to recognize the role endodontics would play in health care.”

Dr. Ingle was a diplomate and founding member of the American Board of Endodontics and a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, and served as president of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) from 1966 to 1967. In 1987, the AAE presented him with its Ralph F. Sommer Award, and in 1999 its highest honor, the Edgar D. Coolidge Award. In 2001 he was inducted into the USC School of Dentistry’s Hall of Fame.

After growing up in Colville, Wash., where his father was a dentist, Dr. Ingle received his DDS from Northwestern University and his MSD from the University of Michigan.

“First fell in love with endodontics by reading Dr. Ingle’s textbook,” said Dr. James Johnson, who chaired our Department of Endodontics for 14 years before becoming Interim Dean. The two men, who were both dental alumni of Northwestern University, forged a decades-long friendship that began when Dr. Johnson was Chair of Endodontics at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate Dental School and gave a presentation to a San Diego dental study club that was attended by Dr. Ingle.

“One of my greatest honors was when I was asked to write a chapter in Ingle’s Endodontics, sixth edition,” Dr. Johnson said. “I felt that I had come full circle from when I first read his textbook as a dental student.”

Dr. Johnson said that Dr. Ingle was an advocate of social justice who, as AAE president, would move meetings from locations where people of color could not rent a hotel room.

“He was a giant in the field, and an even better human being,” Dr. Johnson said. “We will not see an icon of his stature in endodontics and dentistry for a long time, if ever.”
Dr. Richard Ferguson was voice for inclusion

Dr. Richard P. Ferguson, a UW dental alumnus who championed inclusion and diversity as a leader of the Washington state dental community and as an influential voice on our School’s admissions committee, passed away on Sept. 29 in Seattle.

Dr. Ferguson, who practiced orthodontics in Seattle from 1973 to 2001 and received his MSD here in 1972, was a past president of the Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) and the Washington State Society of Orthodontists (WSSO). He was a founder and steering committee member with the Seattle Vocational Institute Dental Assistant Program and the Seattle Central College Dental Hygiene Program, as well as the South Seattle Community College Expanded-Function Dental Auxiliary Program. He also served in the U.S. Air Force, where he was a consultant to the U.S. Surgeon General and earned the Legion of Merit.

His many distinctions included being the first African-American colonel in the Air Force Dental Corps, the first to complete our Orthodontics program, and the first to attain the presidency of WSDA, WSSO, and Seattle-King County Dental Society. He also served two terms on the Washington State Dental Disciplinary Board, as well as the Sand Point Community United Methodist Church.

In 2012, he received the Volunteer Service Award at the annual UW Health Sciences Martin Luther King Jr. observances. He was a longtime board member of our Dean’s Club, which in 2005 gave him its highest recognition, the Honorary Lifetime Member Award.

“Richard Ferguson’s life deserves our highest professional tribute, as does his amazing wife, Phyllis,” said Dr. James McGraw (Endo ’69), another WSDA past president and longtime colleague of Dr. Ferguson’s on our Admissions Committee.

“I first became his fan and friend while we both were UW grad students, he in orthodontics, I in endodontics, where we found ourselves in a required graduate course in medical biostatistics. We quickly decided to join our limited math power together on the subject for mutual survival. … Sensing our brotherhood, we bonded thereafter throughout our careers.

“Richard helped us understand that grades and Dental Admissions Test scores, while important, alone did not tell all the important stories about the qualifications of any candidate.”

Added Dr. Michael Martin (Oral Med ’94) of our Oral Medicine faculty: “Many [people] may not know that Dr. Ferguson was a genuine supporter of DECOD during and before my tenure as DECOD Director. His accomplishments speak for him. He will be sorely missed.”

“Dr. Richard Ferguson opened many doors and paved the way for others to follow,” Dr. McGraw said.
Alumni Association launches free Practice Opportunities web page

Maybe you’re looking for a new associate for your practice – perhaps a bright new dentist just graduating from our School of Dentistry, or an experienced clinician or specialist to fill a specific niche. Or perhaps you’re getting ready to move or retire, and you want to find a buyer.

Our UW Dental Alumni Association has just what you need: a new Practice Opportunities web page where you can post your notice and provide contact information so interested parties can reach you with a click. Posts stay up for three months or until you notify us that the opportunity has been filled.

Here’s the best part: It’s free.

The Alumni Association’s Practice Opportunities program itself has been around for 20 years. People would send the Association a note or email describing the opportunity, which the Association would then post. Those who have been using the old system will still be notified of opportunity listings as they come in, but the eventual goal is to transition fully to the new system.

The new Practice Opportunities page is located at https://dental.washington.edu/practice-opportunities. If you have the School’s website bookmarked, just click on “Alumni & Friends” at the top of the homepage, then click on “Practice Opportunities” near the top of the right-hand menu.

To post an opportunity, just click on the button near the top of the page, which takes you to an easy-to-follow form to fill in your information.

“The Practice Opportunities Program at the School of Dentistry has proved to be very successful,” said Randy Newquist, Director of Dental Alumni Services. “We are hoping the new online site will be easier to use and will help spread the word quicker. The program is a win-win for our dental students and for the dental community that we serve.”

“Our community is at its best when it supports each other. We hope this service continues to provide opportunities to get involved with the School while meeting your professional needs,” said Greg Croak, Assistant Director for Advancement and Alumni Services.

If you have questions or want more information, contact Randy at randyn@uw.edu or Greg at gcroak@uw.edu.

Dr. Theresa Cheng honored for work with veterans

Dr. Theresa Cheng (Perio ’85) has received the 2017 Washington State Outstanding Service to Veterans Superior Award from the Governor’s Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.

Cheng, a retired periodontist and affiliate School of Dentistry faculty member, founded Everyone For Veterans, a nonprofit group that has provided an estimated million dollars in free dental care to veterans. Dr. Cheng has enlisted dozens of other private dentists to treat these patients, focusing on low-income veterans who have served in war zones as long ago as World War II. She was profiled in the Dental Alumni News in 2014.

Dr. Cheng has also served as a board member with Washington Women in Need, a non-profit organization that helps low-income women — many of whom have endured domestic violence — by providing financial assistance for health care and education. In recognition of this and other service to the community, she was named one of two Washington State Dental Association Citizens of the Year in 1998.
Dr. David Turpin organizing international symposium

Our Department of Orthodontics, which is renowned for its long history of highly regarded research, celebrates its 70th anniversary this year. And what better way could there be to mark the milestone than with a new international symposium to help orthodontists and orthodontic educators refine their evidence-based research skills?

Dr. David Turpin (Ortho ’66), who is completing his third three-year term as Alton W. Moore and Richard A. Riedel Professorship in Orthodontics, is organizing the symposium, which will take place on Aug. 24-25 on the UW campus. A natural vehicle for the symposium, his professorship is used to support the research, teaching or other professional activities of a full-time faculty member who is nationally recognized as a scholar in orthodontics and/or craniofacial biology.

It was established in 1999 to honor two standout members of our School’s faculty who each chaired the Department of Orthodontics and also served as Dean. The two were friends and colleagues for 45 years.

Dr. Moore, who passed away in 2007, was named chair at the department’s inception and led it for the next 32 years, during which the department firmly established its international reputation for research and educational excellence. In 1966, he became Associate Dean, and then Dean from 1977 to 1980.

Dr. Riedel, who passed away in 1994, joined our faculty in 1949 and went on to chair Orthodontics for nine years after Dr. Moore’s tenure. He also served as Associate Dean and then Acting Dean in 1980-81.

Dr. Turpin’s symposium will feature a lineup of notable speakers, including Dr. Turpin and several other members of our faculty: Dr. Greg Huang, Chair of Orthodontics; Dr. Don Joondeph, Professor Emeritus and former Chair of Orthodontics; Dr. Jorge Faber of the University of Brasilia, Dr. Tung Nguyen of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Nikolaos Pandis of the University of Bern.

“Dr. David Turpin organizing international symposium

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Dr. David Turpin

of Orthodontics; and Dr. Chris Riolo of the Orthodontics affiliate faculty. Others include Dr. Jorge Faber of the University of Brasilia, Dr. Tung Nguyen of the University of North Carolina, and Dr. Nikolaos Pandis of the University of Bern.

“When I received the Moore-Riedel professorship, I wondered if a short course related to our use of evidence-based research findings could be implemented to benefit orthodontists throughout the world,” Dr. Turpin says. His 37 years of experience as editor of three orthodontics journals made him keenly aware of the difficulty of staying abreast of changes in the field, and he adds, “I believe we have an obligation to share what we’ve learned with the international community.”

He was also influenced by his early association with one of the professorship’s namesakes. “I can remember as if it were yesterday that I interviewed as a student in the office of Alton Moore [in 1963],” he says. He had prepped for that interview by reading the Vistas in Orthodontics textbook by Dr. Moore and Dr. Riedel, their first.

“I see the symposium as a golden opportunity to fulfill the need for an international cadre of highly motivated orthodontists,” he says. “From personal experience, I believe many of these professionals want to serve their universities by conducting excellent clinical research and teaching the related clinical skills through an increasing number of new dental schools. A few days of experience in an established university such as ours may make a huge difference in their abilities to be successful upon their return home.”

Clinicians attending the symposium can look forward to an emphasis on utilizing current evidence in everyday practice, with updates on topics including self-ligation, sleep apnea, vibration, TAD-borne maxillary expansion, and anterior open bite. Lectures will also cover advances in technology, especially 3-D imaging and printing. The symposium will also offer insights into clinical research and the publication process, plus a session on critical appraisal of clinical trials.

Details on the course topics and registration can be found on our School’s CDE website at https://dental.washington.edu/continuing-dental-education/.
Perio honors Dr. Roy C. Page

Our Department of Periodontics has renamed its research laboratory to honor one of the School of Dentistry’s most illustrious faculty members and researchers, Dr. Roy C. Page (Perio ’63).

In a ceremony that Dr. Page and his wife, Patricia, attended on Aug. 25, the department also dedicated a display case that highlights some of his awards and achievements. During his career, Dr. Page, who is now Professor Emeritus of Periodontics, received honors including the Norton M. Ross Award for Clinical Research, the American Dental Association’s highest recognition for lifetime research achievement. He was named Distinguished Scientist by the American Association for Dental Research in 2001 and Distinguished Alumnus by the University of Washington in 2000, and received the Gies Award from the American Academy of Periodontology in 1982.

He has also served as president of the American Association for Dental Research and the International Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Page holds a prominent place in oral biology, with work that includes seminal studies on the biochemistry of periodontal connective tissue and the role of the cementum matrix in periodontal regeneration. His work is credited with spurring numerous other studies and significantly broadening the understanding of inflammatory periodontal diseases.

At the School of Dentistry, whose faculty he joined in 1967, Dr. Page established the Regional Dental Research Center in 1990, and was renowned for his prowess in attracting grant funding — more than $40 million in the course of his career.

During a ceremony preceding the dedication of the display case, colleagues, faculty, staff, and friends also paid tribute to his stature as a teacher and mentor, as well as his personal qualities. “He is a world-class scientist and a world-class human being,” one said.

Dr. Richard Darveau, Chair of Periodontics, related a time when Dr. Page had submitted a grant application to the National Institutes of Health that received a strongly negative initial response.

“There was no chance this very large program project grant application was going to be funded,” Dr. Darveau said.

“At the meeting to discuss what we were going to do, I had anticipated this meant the end of the project. … To my surprise, Dr. Page walked into the room and said, ‘Looks like we got our work cut out for us.’ He then led a discussion on how we should address each individual concern raised by the study panel.

“The application was funded upon revision and resubmission. This lesson in confidence in the work and determination has been an inspiration for me throughout my entire academic career.”

Dr. Darveau expressed his appreciation for the ceremony and gathering to Dr. Sam Narayanan, who initially contacted Dr. Darveau to propose the idea. Dr. Narayanan, Professor Emeritus in UW Medicine’s pathology department, taught pathology with Dr. Page and worked with him on grants.

Dr. Darveau also extended his appreciation to Perio affiliate faculty members Dr. Dave Engel and Dr. Allen Chen, a close friend and neighbor who was part of Dr. Page’s research group; and to Perio staff members Margaret Collins and Meghan Guillen for their organizing efforts.
It was supposed to be a football brunch, but became an early dinner when ESPN moved the UW game against Cal to a prime-time night slot on Oct. 7.

No matter. Our alumni event and the game turned out to suit everyone’s taste, as the Huskies thumped the Golden Bears 38-7. At the pre-game event at the UW Health Sciences Center, our crowd enjoyed a rousing pep talk from 1980s Husky standout wide receiver LonZell Hill, who went on to a seven-year pro football career and now serves as executive director of Boys and Girls Club of King County.

Good food, live jazz by Greg Schroeder and his quartet, and door prizes added the perfect touch to the festive evening.
After some unseasonably warm weather for the event during the last few years, our Dental Alumni golf tournament saw delightful conditions in the 70s at Chambers Bay on Sept. 8.

As it happened, the exceptionally warm and dry summer of 2017 worked to the golfers’ benefit. Club staffers at the 2015 U.S. Open site said that extra watering was done to keep the course in shape, and it showed. Fairways and greens were lush and forgiving, lending themselves to some excellent approach shots.

The foursome of Jason Brester ('13), Tom Kane ('94), Keaton Hayenga, and Luke Bakke took top honors with a best-ball score of 53. Second place went to the quartet of Sam Hinz, Eric Kvensland ('04), Raymond Kao, and Jason West, who recorded a 54. In third place with a 56 was the Class of 1982 trio of Randy Olson, David Richardson, and Norm Nishikawa (1982). Coming in fourth with a 59 were Willy Green, Chris Bradley, Ryan Hester, and Joel Schenfeld.

Zach Lowe ('06) and Tom Kane ('94) were closest to the pin among the men, while Minou Karbakhsh was tops among the women. Long-drive honors went to Mike Shelley and Sam Hinz among the men, and to Beth Shaw ('08) among the women. Shaw also recorded the straightest women’s drive, while Jeremy Bailey had the straightest among the men.
Pierce County Dental Society golf tournament chair Doug Bird (center) was on hand, along with Steve Hannon (left) and Nick Tennison.

As in years past, our alumni were joined by members of the Pierce County Dental Society, including President Robert Chen (right) and (from left) Shane Drew, Brad McPhee, and Jordan Harris.
On Oct. 12 at Husky Stadium’s Touchdown Terrace, our students gathered with WSDA member dentists at the annual Dental Alumni Association/WSDA Mentor Reception. The reception gives students a chance to hobnob with their mentors and, if they haven’t selected one yet, to make a connection.

Since 1994, the program has given students invaluable insight into real-world dental practice. Beyond practical advice, mentors also serve as sounding boards to help students maintain the perspective that sometimes can falter under the crush of classes and clinic.

Dentists interested in becoming mentors should contact Randy Newquist, our Director of Dental Alumni Services, at randyn@uw.edu or 206-616-0716.
Please be a-noggin at our door!

Thanks to our donors who continue to send human skulls to Dr. Sue Herring of Oral Health Sciences for instructional use at our School of Dentistry! Since our last issue, she’s received skulls from Dr. John Gatton (’53), Dr. Harley Reckord (’74), Dr. William Bethel (’74), Dr. Greg Fjeran (’80), and Dr. E. Randy Tierney.

Dr. Herring, who also teaches in our Department of 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.

Every single skull is useful, Dr. Herring said, and they’re especially needed with our School’s new curriculum.

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 NE Pacific St., Box 357446, Seattle, WA 98195. If a tax deduction is desired, donors should state their valuation of the skull in an email or in writing. (Dr. Herring’s email is herring@u.washington.edu.) The School can then provide an official acknowledgement of the donation.

Dr. John Gatton (’53) presents Dr. Sue Herring with an immaculately preserved human skull.

Dr. Edward Ellis gives Worthington Lecture

On Oct. 5, Dr. Edward Ellis, Professor and Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Texas at San Antonio, gave the annual Worthington Lecture at the Health Sciences Center. He spoke on computer-assisted maxillofacial surgery to faculty, students, and alum-
No Introduction Needed
Dr. Marty Anderson is a touchstone for generations of our students

In the early spring of 1966, it had been less than a year since Dr. Marty Anderson had earned his DDS from the University of Washington. He was building his practice in suburban Seattle, and teaching dentistry wasn’t on his radar.

Then the renowned Dr. Gerald Stibbs of our Operative Dentistry faculty asked if he could help out by teaching pre-clinical courses for first-year and second-year students. He started that April. Who knew? Maybe he’d enjoy it and stick with it for a while.

Did he ever.

Now in his sixth decade on our Restorative Dentistry faculty, Dr. Anderson remains a tough, no-nonsense teacher who demands excellence but has never lost his soft spot for students. “I’m not here to beat people up, but I don’t believe in coddling people,” he says.

Dr. Karen Sakuma (’79) can still conjure a vivid memory of what it was like as Dr. Anderson’s student four decades ago: “I
to ensure that students reach his expected level of competency.”

He demands excellence and spends as much time as necessary has always been one of no-nonsense, quality-driven dentistry.

is enough to get everyone's attention, and his style of teaching Restorative Dentistry faculty, says: “His presence in a classroom is one of no-nonsense, quality-driven dentistry. His teaching and general attitude about life and working with others has had a lasting impact on so many people.”

HIS PEERS’ RESPECT

In his own student days, Dr. Anderson also earned his peers’ respect. Says classmate Dr. Richard Ottosen: “He was a very capable, serious student who was intent on making the most of the demanding dental school experience. I also remember thinking he was particularly adept at restorative dental procedures and superior quality dental laboratory work.”

Another classmate, Dr. Carl Jepsen, calls him a “focused, serious and talented dental student.” A third, Dr. Warren Johnson, echoes that appraisal and also recalls that Dr. Anderson managed an apartment complex near campus while still in school.

Dr. Anderson confirms that he did indeed: the Varsity Apartments, with dozens of units. He also worked on weekends for his dad, who owned a fleet of commercial trucks, changing tires and oil and greasing chassis. He adds, with pride, “When I got out of dental school, I owed zero” – he makes an emphatic O

On Wednesdays and Fridays, you’ll find Dr. Anderson on the second floor of D wing, teaching in the Operative Dentistry clerkship. That’s where he’s truly in his element, imparting the lessons he’s absorbed over the decades. Students know he’s a priceless resource.

“He’s got all the answers about what works and what doesn’t work,” says third-year student Paul Lutgen. “He can pair up his academic experience with his clinical experience, and he knows what it’s going to be like for us when we’re practicing.”

STUDENTS, THEN COLLEAGUES

Given the length of his tenure, it’s not surprising that Dr. Anderson has a considerable number of regular and affiliate faculty colleagues who were once his students. From either perspective, he’s earned their respect and affection.

One of those former students, Dr. Andy Marashi (’01) of our Restorative Dentistry faculty, says: “His presence in a classroom is enough to get everyone’s attention, and his style of teaching has always been one of no-nonsense, quality-driven dentistry. He demands excellence and spends as much time as necessary to ensure that students reach his expected level of competency.”

Restorative faculty member Dr. Yen-Wei Chen relates that his wife, who had come here for the Graduate Periodontics program after obtaining her DDS in Japan, muffed a restorative procedure on a mock exam while prepping for the WREB. But Dr. Anderson took her under his wing, worked with her daily, and showed her exactly what to do.

“He is constantly coming up with new ideas and solutions on how to make our School better,” she says. “I admire him not only as a dentist and teacher but as a true, kind-hearted, generous, hard-working, well-read human being.”

Dr. Pollene Speed-McIntyre (’80), his co-director of the Operative Dentistry clerkship, says: “As his student, I observed his detailed approach to operative dentistry. For me, this approach is something I have embraced and use with my students now. I would credit him with helping me develop my foundational, operational, and general philosophy about dentistry. His teaching and general attitude about life and working with others has had a lasting impact on so many people.”

At our School, Dr. Anderson helped establish a presence for the gold foil study club of the late, renowned Dr. Richard Tucker.
This belief extends to his work as a longtime member of our School’s admissions committee, says fellow committee member Dr. James McGraw (Endo ’69). “When Marty says, ‘I can teach that student,’ in an admissions committee evaluations setting, it means that he views that person as a possible easily overlooked hidden treasure, one we should think about very carefully.”

A DISTINGUISHED TEACHER

At our School, Dr. Anderson rose through the ranks and in 1981 became the Operative Dentistry course director and senior lecturer. He also helms the WREB preparatory course and the direct gold restoration course.

“Marty was instrumental in opening the door for the Dick Tucker Study Club to operate at our School,” Dr. McCoy says. “That fact in itself put us on the top of the dental schools teaching gold foil technic.”

The honors flowed steadily along the way: multiple Outstanding Teacher awards from students, three-time Hooding speaker, 1994 Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2011 Bruce R. Rothwell Lifetime Teaching Award. Outside the School, his recognition includes the Award of Excellence from the Academy of Operative Dentistry, International College of Dentists Distinguished Fellow Award, the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Distinguished Fellow Award, and the 30

Washington State Dental Association Faculty Award. He also was managing editor for the journal Operative Dentistry from 1974 to 1999.

His service to the School has extended well beyond the classroom, including a term as president of the UW Dental Alumni Association and decades as class representative on the UWDAA board. To top it off, he has been one of our faculty’s top fund-raisers, playing an instrumental role in helping to secure some of the largest endowments in the School’s history. It is a distinction that earned him the Dean’s Club Honorary Lifetime Member Award in 1998.

Yet his life has not been all dentistry and teaching – far from it. He is a wood sculptor whose works are prized by colleagues. At Seattle Symphony performances at Benaroya Hall, you might well run into him and his wife, Lynn Gabriel. He is an art collector with a gallery at their home in Kent that includes sculptures, photos, and rare automobile hood ornaments. Hood ornaments? Oh, yes.

Dr. Anderson is a vintage-auto enthusiast, which is putting it mildly. He started restoring autos when he was 12, and he’s won first place twice at the Super Bowl of vintage car shows, California’s Pebble Beach Concours d’Elegance. He buys and sells constantly; in one decade, he owned 26 Plymouths.

Through the years, Dr. Anderson has treated students to guided tours of his collection; nor does his hospitality stop there. In 1982, when he was teaching second-year students, he began inviting second- and third-year students to his home, where he hosted a summer picnic and car show. “I thought there should be a way to get all these people together outside the school,” he says. Many of those students have children, and Dr. Anderson lives on Lake Meridian with a great beach for kids. “That diving board – it doesn’t stop all day,” he says with a smile. It’s quite a crowd, with an annual turnout around 120, including not only first-year and second-year students and their families but School of Dentistry staff and faculty.
Gestures like this have made a deep impression on all those who know him. “Dr. Anderson attended my wedding in 1985, and gave me a beautifully wrapped blanket with the book *Goodnight Moon* inside,” Dr. Miller says.

His colleagues look forward to the relaxed moments off the clinic floor, too. “When time permits, at the end of a long Wednesday or Friday, we hover and congregate to his office, where we know you can always count on finding loads of the good kind of chocolate,” Dr. Shor says. “We sit down to have coffee and chocolate and chat about the day’s happenings at school and in the world before he hits the road for the long drive home.”

People know there’s a lighter side behind the gruff exterior. “He gives the impression of being deadpan serious, yet he has an unequaled wit and sense of humor,” says Sandy Phillips, our School’s Director of Quality Improvement and Health and Safety. “He has a kind and playful nature.”

Dr. Carrie York (’91, GPR ’92) fondly remembers when her class held a “coronation” for Dr. Anderson at the end of second year. “We made him our ‘king’,” she says, and he obliged by donning a crown and wielding a scepter.

**UNCOMMON DEDICATION**

“I feel especially privileged to be working beside him as co-director of the Operative Dentistry clerkship, and I am still running trying to keep up with him. The Energizer Bunny has nothing on him,” Dr. Speed-McIntyre says. “In the clinic and classroom, he is pretty much business, as we know. However, he has a heart of gold and absolutely loves the School.”

“Of all the great dentists and mentors I have known, none have given more of their time, resources, or teaching effort than Marty Anderson, and I would rate him as the No. 1 teacher and School of Dentistry supporter of all time,” Dr. McCoy says.

“I know of no one who has contrib-
Dr. Peter Milgrom, Professor of Oral Health Sciences, retired on July 31 and took Professor Emeritus standing. Dr. Milgrom joined our Dental Public Health Sciences faculty in 1986 and established himself as one of the School’s foremost researchers over the years. He secured millions of dollars in grants, including one that let him establish the Northwest/Alaska Center for Oral Health Disparities. In 1982, he launched the Dental Fears Research Clinic, which won wide recognition and was the only specialized treatment program for fearful patients in the Western states. His far-ranging research included caries-prevention treatments including xylitol, fluoride varnish, and silver diamine fluoride, as well as studies of cognitive interventions in pediatric and adult dental fear, and many other subjects. Among his many honors was the 2012 Norton Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research, the American Dental Association’s highest lifetime recognition for research.

Dr. John Wataha, Associate Dean for Information Management and Quality Improvement and Professor of Restorative Dentistry, retired on Jan. 1 and took Professor Emeritus standing, pending approval by the UW Board of Regents. Dr. Wataha came to the School as Chair of Restorative Dentistry in 2008 and quickly established a reputation as one of the School’s most esteemed teachers. In 2012, he received a Rothwell Distinguished Teaching Award, our highest faculty recognition. Every year but one from 2010 through 2017, students invited him to be their speaker at the annual White Coat Ceremony, and they also invited him to be keynote speaker at Hooding in 2015. In 2012, he stepped down from his post as department chair to take on a central role in the planning of our new curriculum, where his expertise in informatics proved invaluable. Dr. Wataha is also a nationally recognized researcher in the field of dental materials, with a focus on biocompatibility.

Dr. Thomas Dodson, Chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Interim Chair of Pediatric Dentistry, received the Robert V. Walker Award for service to the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) at the 99th annual meeting in San Francisco on Oct. 11. The Walker Award is the highest honor bestowed by AAOMS to one of its members. Also at the AAOMS meeting, Dr. Jasjit Dillon, OMS resident program director, received the Stephen Milam Award for the best research proposal submitted to the OMS Foundation.

Dr. Avina Paranjpe of Endodontics has received a fellowship to attend the 2018-19 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute, a yearlong program designed to groom dental faculty members as future leaders in dental and higher education. Participants study decision-making, priority-setting, and conflict resolution; improve their administrative skills; learn the inner workings of a dental education institution and how it fits into a parent institution; and learn about policy issues affecting academic dentistry. Dr. Paranjpe was also selected as the 2018 ADEA/American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Foundation Scholar for the Leadership Institute. The award carries a $25,000 stipend to cover tuition and fees for the Leadership Institute.

Dr. Vanessa Chrepa of Endodontics received the 2017 Edge Endo Endodontic Educators Fellowship Award from the American Association of Endodontists Foundation. The award goes to endodontists who plan to pursue a career in education and have contracted to teach full time in an accredited endodontics department in North America. Recipients receive $50,000 a year for five years. Dr. Chrepa received her DDS from the University of Athens and her MS in endodontics from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. A diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, she received the 2014 Young Investigator Prize for innovation by the International Association for Dental Research Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group.

Dr. John Sorensen of Restorative Dentistry was awarded the 2017 Distinguished Lecturer Award by the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics at its 63rd annual session in New York on Jan. 6. He presented the Restorative Dentistry department’s research and development work in a lecture titled “Enhanced Prosthetics Through Advances in Modern Materials and Digital Technology.”
Knowing how education empowers

“I never saw myself as an administrator,” Dr. Susan Coldwell says. After all, she comes from a family of scientists. Her father and her brother and his wife all hold doctorates in physics.

Dr. Coldwell started her own career on a research track, earning a doctorate in experimental psychology at the University of Pennsylvania in 1994. For her PhD thesis, she pursued studies at Philadelphia’s Monell Chemical Senses Center in the field that became her special expertise: the sense of taste.

She came to the UW and our School’s Department of Dental Public Health Sciences (now Oral Health Sciences) in 1994, returning to her roots. She was born in Seattle, her mom attended the UW, her grandfather taught sociology at UW, and her dad earned his PhD in UW’s Physics Department. When she was 4, her family moved to Gainesville, Fla., where her dad eventually joined a University of Florida group hunting for gravitational waves.

Coming back to our School made sense. “Taste researchers end up all over the place, but dental school is a logical landing spot,” she says. She had done studies with rats, and wanted to learn more about human clinical trials. She pursued psychopharmacology studies of anxiety and pain, and the interactions between pharmacology and behavior.

In 2008, she was helping Pediatric Dentistry students with research and working with the Summer Research Fellowship Program. She was also working with the Northwest/Alaska Center for Research on Oral Health Disparities, assisting under-represented minority students to prepare for PhD studies. That caught the attention of Dr. Martha Somerman, our Dean at the time, who asked her to take over admissions and the Student Life office.

“Martha saw something in me that I didn’t,” she says. It may have been Dr. Coldwell’s devotion to education and her desire to open its doors of opportunity to all.

“Education empowers people in a way few other things can,” she says. “It can make a difference that lasts for generations. It’s why I have such a passion for educational outreach. I saw the difference it made in my father’s life and for others in my family.”

During the Depression, her father grew up in a family that picked fruit, helped build dams, and at one point, worked in a logging camp. For part of that time, they lived in a tent. While still a young man, her father built homes and used the proceeds to pay his way through college, where he was the first of his family to attend. Those who have likewise struggled to gain opportunities strike a chord in her.

“I really have a passion for helping underserved students, disadvantaged students, students from under-represented minority groups,” she says.

Along with overseeing our admissions process, she sums up her role in this way: “I understand the strangeness of how academia works. I view myself as a navigator and advocate for students in this very complicated world.”

She believes in building “pipelines” to help channel deserving students from diverse backgrounds into dentistry and other health sciences careers. One such UW program, which she co-directs, is the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) for minority and/or disadvantaged college students.

She has also refocused efforts to attract promising students of color to concentrate more fully on the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Bea Gandara of Oral Medicine, who directs our Office of Educational Partnerships and Diversity, oversees programs that reach college, high school, and middle-school students in our region. Dr. Coldwell leads our School’s collaboration with SHPEP and the UW’s Health Professions Academy, a professional development program for UW undergraduates from disadvantaged backgrounds who hope to become physicians and dentists.

She doesn’t have nearly as much time for research as she’d like these days, but she’s still active – working with Oral Medicine students on applying methodology in the clinic, studying burning-mouth syndrome, investigating the impact of stem-cell transplants on loss of taste, and more. Our students are Job No. 1, however, and she relishes it.

“We have very bright, capable, wonderful students, and they care,” she says. “They care about the world.”
When Dr. Michael Miroue (Ortho ’75) was undertaking his Orthodontics residency here, the program was in full flower, with a strong reputation for its research and teaching excellence.

Aside from the faculty’s stature, Dr. Miroue was also struck by the quality of his fellow residents, who included Dr. Vincent Kokich and Dr. Peter Shapiro. His UW training provided a strong foundation for Dr. Miroue’s practice of more than 40 years, which he still actively pursues in San Diego. At age 70, he still works three and a half days a week.

“People ask me, ‘How long are you going to practice?’ ” he says, adding with a chuckle that he replies, “Until I get it right.”

After Dr. Miroue completed his first year of residency, Dr. Richard Riedel handed the department’s reins over to Dr. Don Joondeph, whom Dr. Miroue admired deeply. “He was probably the best teacher we had,” he says. Dr. Riedel’s predecessor, Dr. Alton Moore, who founded the program and led it for more than three decades, also left a vivid impression.

“He was really brilliant,” Dr. Miroue says. “He’d make you analyze things, examine the cause and effect.” Drs. David Turpin and Bill McNeil also made their mark on him.

“Some of the UW Orthodontics program’s luster rubbed off on me,” he says. “I tell my staff that the people who taught me were like George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.”

Over the years, Dr. Miroue maintained his ties to our School. And as a member of several study clubs and a lecturer in the Southern California dental community, he appreciated the value of continuing education and admired Dr. Kokich greatly.

“Vince was the No. 1 dental lecturer in the world. He was so brilliant,” Dr. Miroue says. “He’d come to San Diego and I’d introduce him and say, ‘If I’d known he was so smart, I’d have treated him better.’” He laughs heartily.

About a decade ago, Dr. Miroue met Dr. Kokich after a lecture near San Francisco and told him about his own intention to make a planned gift to create a foundation to help the department, and the concept intrigued him.

However, Dr. Miroue and Annelle, his wife of more than four decades, decided to go in a different direction with a planned gift, and it was an eye-opener: $3 million to endow a faculty chair in the department, plus an additional gift to support an Orthodontics chair’s discretionary fund that could amount to $2 million or more by the time it is realized.

“We are thrilled and grateful for the wonderful gift that Dr. Miroue and his wife, Annelle, are planning for the Department of Orthodontics,” says Dr. Greg Huang, Chair of the department. “The creation of a new endowed chair will honor the Miroues and allow the recruitment of a world-renowned orthodontic educator. Likewise, the discretionary fund will provide future chairs with the flexibility to invest in people, equipment, technology, and research in order to maintain UW’s position as one of the premier orthodontic programs in the world.”

“Part of it is gratitude,” says Dr. Miroue, who is a Louisiana native, as is Annelle. “I owe the state of Washington.” With Annelle securing a job in the UW Department of Pediatrics when he attended the program, they could establish residence, allowing him to pay in-state tuition. He’s never forgotten that the total tuition for his orthodontics training was only $1,600.

“It’s all about what can you do to further the reputation of the School and the university,” he says. “We’re paying it back. We don’t forget what people did for us.”

Want to know more?
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Dr. Richard McCoy, a native of Palouse, Wash., has been a part of our School for 60 years, both as a student and faculty member. He arrived in 1957 as a country boy well versed in fishing, an activity he enjoys to this day. He learned dentistry from the renowned Drs. Gerald Stibbs, Ken Morrison, and Myron Warnick, to name a few, and he credits them with shaping his distinguished career. After graduation in 1961, Dr. McCoy served his obligatory two years of military service at the U.S. Naval Air Station in Kodiak, Alaska before returning to private practice in Burlington, Wash. Three years later, he returned to active duty in the Navy, where he served until his retirement in 1988. His Navy career included earning his MS degree in Applied Gnathology from Loma Linda University, a tour of duty as Commanding Officer of the Navy Dental Command in Jacksonville, Fla., and as the Director of the Operative Department at the U.S. Naval Graduate Dental School at Bethesda, Md. After leaving the Navy, he joined the faculty at Northwestern University Dental School, where he served as Professor and Chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Dr. McCoy returned to the UW in 1992 and has served as Chair of the Restorative Department and taught Operative Dentistry, Dental Anatomy and Occlusion. The Academy of Operative Dentistry presented him an Award of Excellence in 2001, and our School has recognized him with Distinguished Alumnus and Rothwell Lifetime Achievement in Teaching awards. Even though he officially retired in 2006, he immediately assumed a key role on the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) faculty in Spokane, where he lives with his wife, Erlys. Here he recalls his memories of dental school.

I began dental school with 74 classmates, but by the end of the first semester we were down to 57. At that time, Dr. [Gerald] Stibbs directed two courses that first semester. He didn’t play games and many couldn’t cut it. My goal, particularly early on, was to remain anonymous. Dr. Warnick, another of my instructors, scoured old yearbooks looking for me when I returned to teach many years later. He said to me, “For the life of me, I cannot remember you in my class.” Mission accomplished! If they didn’t know I was there, I’d stayed out of trouble.

I had excellent instructors. Restorative dominated our time, and Drs. Morrison and Warnick, real sticklers for attention to detail and making sure patients were comfortable, made a huge impression on me. All of the instructors were dedicated to working closely with the students, particularly since everything then was slow speed. Dr. Stibbs held Saturday seminars where we performed gold foil restorations on patients, and he’d have his top instructors with us. At the end of a session, he’d critique our work. I can remember him saying, “McCoy, I don’t know how your work turns out so acceptable when your rubber dam is so poorly done.” I was wise enough to just smile, saying nothing in response.

The School installed high-speed
hand pieces in our clinic during my last semester. They were quite selective on which instructors could teach high-speed technique, and only certain students were allowed to use it. Even a slight misstep could be deadly. One of my classmates was working with high speed on a lower front tooth in preparation for a crown, and he cut the whole tooth off, leaving nothing for a crown. I recall thinking, “Now I know why they don’t let the rest of us do that.”

Working with patients while in training taught me early lessons that shaped my career. I still remember my first removable patient. She didn’t have maxillary molars, so we were making her a partial denture. I cut preps on the two pre-molars, so we could put just the right amount of undercut on the abutment crowns to insure adequate retention. I should have remembered that I needed to mix the cement slowly to allow the exothermic reaction to occur without accelerating the set of the zinc phosphate cement so that the setting temperature would be bearable for the patient. But I was so excited when Dr. Morrison said, “Go ahead and cement them.” And I didn’t need to use anesthesia because there wasn’t cutting, just gluing. I mixed up the zinc phosphate cement, put it in each crown, and seated the crowns. I told the patient to bite down on cotton rolls to keep pressure on the crowns until the cement was set. Turns out I’d mixed the cement too fast, causing a hyperthermic reaction, and it was getting hotter as she tried to hold the bite – while screaming. She jumped out of the chair and took off around the clinic with me in pursuit yelling, “Don’t let go! Keep biting!” After about four rounds, she calmed down. Even Dr. Stibbs was speechless. Despite the experience, she’s the only patient that ever thanked me with a cherry pie. The confidence she showed in me meant more to me than anything I ever did that was right.

While in school I started dating my future wife. I recall needing a gold credit, and she agreed to let me replace her amalgams with gold restorations. I started with a crown on a maxillary molar. After all the preparatory work had been completed and permission to seat the crown had been received, I was preparing to mix the zinc phosphate for cementation when she started to ask me a question. Suddenly the crown which I had left on the preparation was gone. She had swallowed it. So all sorts of different lessons are possible during dental school.

As Chair of the Restorative Department and an instructor, I was most proud of our students understanding why a tooth is shaped like a tooth. They learned the mechanics of a patient’s bite and what they needed to know to solve problems. I’d tell them, “The quickest way to build a practice is to understand a patient’s chief complaint and to fix it in a timely manner.” Our students were absolutely forbidden to repeatedly ask a patient, “How does it feel now?” A patient shouldn’t do the work for the student, and only when the operator is satisfied that the occlusion is correct should he or she ask the patient how it feels.

Excellence is a thread running through the history of our School. While in the Navy, I served as an assignments officer, putting brand-new dentists in clinics around the world. There were a lot of independent-duty small dental facilities with one or two dentists in remote postings – in Alaska, for example. The dentists assigned to those places need the ability to function alone. I quickly learned that when looking for someone to fill those positions, I would look for UW graduates because those students were better ready to work independently than students from any other school in the country. Graduates left the UW ready to handle stress. In my day, Dr. Stibbs made sure of that.
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For their part, the students appreciate the meaning and value of Burkhart’s support. Scholarship recipient Daniel Estrada (’17) says: “It’s great to know there are people and companies out there like Burkhart who are willing to support us as students. It’s absolutely amazing! It reinforces [that] we’re doing the right thing. They are investing in us so we can invest back into our community.”

Burkhart’s 2016 scholarship recipients are flanked by Burkhart President Lori Burkhart Isbell and Western Washington Regional Sales Manager Jerry Ritsema. The students are (from left) Ruben Reyes, Daniel Estrada, Jose Mendoza, and Beau Bent.
Aiding Effective Decision Making in Dental Research Using Network Data Analysis

PI: Dr. Georgios Kotsakis
Sponsor: University of Minnesota, Twin Cities (NIH flow-through)

This is a subcontract with the University of Minnesota. The overall goal of this proposal is to develop cutting-edge statistical methods, and to integrate them into publicly available, easy-to-use software, to enhance NMA in dental research. Specifically, we will develop multivariate Bayesian hierarchical models for multiple mixed outcomes from the perspective of missing data methods with the following three specific aims: 1) to combine multiple mixed endpoints (e.g., binary, categorical and continuous responses) in a unified framework to rank and identify best treatments; 2) to conduct a systematic review and network meta-analysis of interproximal oral hygiene methods in the reduction of clinical indices of inflammation; 3) to produce user-friendly, free, open-source software to facilitate NMAs in dental research and other research areas.

Adjunctive Pentoxifylline and Tocopherol (PENTO) in the Treatment of Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ): A Prospective, Randomized Controlled Trial to Evaluate a Novel Non-Surgical Treatment

PI: Dr. Jasjit Kaur Dillon
Sponsor: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation

This study, to determine if PENTO regimen in addition to the standard of care treatment for MRONJ significantly reduces the linear anterior-posterior and medial-lateral dimensions (mm) of exposed bone compared to standard of care alone, is a prospective, randomized controlled trial design. Standard of care is defined as the clinical guidelines of the 2014 AAOMS Position Paper on Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (MRONJ). Pentoxifylline is a commonly used medication for muscle pain associated with peripheral artery disease. It is a methylated xanthine derivative that improves peripheral blood flow, flexibility of red blood cell membranes, microcirculation, and tissue oxygenation and reduces viscosity of blood. Tocopherol (vitamin E) impairs tissue fibrosis and is a potent oxygen radical scavenger that may reduce damage caused by free radicals impacting necrosis. Scientific evidence has shown promise that adjunctive therapy with pentoxifylline and tocopherol (PENTO) is an effective, etiology-based treatment in improving the prognosis of osteoradionecrosis of the jaw (ORN) (Delanian, 2011). Medication-related osteonecrosis of the jaw (MRONJ) remains one of the most problematic complications of antiresorptive and antiangiogenic therapy. Because of the similar clinical presentations of ORN and MRONJ, some authors have successfully applied PENTO regimens to MRONJ patients (Epstein, 2010 and Magremanne, 2014). Currently, non-surgical management of MRONJ is limited to symptom-focused treatment consisting of antibiotics (topical and systemic) and analgesics. PENTO is a potential affordable non-surgical treatment modality for MRONJ that could reduce associated morbidity and reverse progression. However, the present evidence for effective PENTO treatment in MRONJ patients is anecdotal, and larger, prospective, randomized clinical trials are needed to evaluate effectiveness. If our study supports the previously described results of the PENTO regimen, Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons and a multitude of other medical and dental providers that care for this patient population will have an additional non-surgical treatment modality leading to decreased overall physical and psychological morbidity with improved patient outcomes.

2017 research honors and awards

Some highlights from last year for our faculty and graduate students:

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Dr. Donald Chi: International Association for Dental Research Young Investigator Award; American Journal of Public Health Editor’s Choice Award for Best Reviewer; Hipólito Unanue Institute Foundation, Best Dental Health Sciences Research Paper Award in Peru
Dr. Linda LeResche: International RDC/TMD Consortium Exceptional Contribution Award
Dr. Jasjit Dillon: Stephen B. Milam Award for best grant submitted to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation

GRADUATE STUDENTS
Dr. Jonathan An: Dentsply Sirona Research Award from ADA Foundation
Dr. Mina Katchooi: Graber Research Award from American Academy of Orthodontics
Dr. Wayland Chu: Eighth place, American Association of Endodontists Research Poster Competition
Dr. Michele Buda: First place, Tylman Award, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics
Dr. Konstantina Angelara: Third place, Tylman Award, American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics

For details on any study at the School of Dentistry, contact Dr. Linda LeResche, Associate Dean of Research, at leresche@dental.washington.edu, or Mary Beth Cunningham at mec@u.washington.edu, or the principal investigator.
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**CLASS OF 1961**

Roger A. Meyer, Greensboro, Ga.: Received the John Freihaut “Lifetime Achievement Award” from the Georgia Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for exemplary research, clinical practice, and teaching on the treatment of peripheral trigeminal nerve injuries in Atlanta, Georgia. This award is given only occasionally. I am the fourth recipient in the past 10 years. Altogether, a humbling experience to be so honored. I continue to practice part-time and write surgical articles and textbook chapters. Sheila and I are in good health and enjoying life. A fifth grandchild is expected soon!

**CLASS OF 1964**

George G. Ghosn, Tacoma, Wash.: I have been retired for three years after practicing dentistry for 50 years. Now spend four or five months living in Hawaii with my wife, Karolyn. We take one or two trips a year to foreign lands. Children and grandchildren all doing well.

George Gundersen, Turnwater, Wash.: Bicycled from Cologne, Germany to Rome, Italy. After traveling along the beautiful Rhine, our adventure included France, Liechtenstein, Austria, and Switzerland. We were exhausted and took the bus into Rome. Fantastic trip. We were gone from Sept. 7 to Oct. 17.

Fred Quarnstrom, Seattle: I retired from clinical dentistry in my 54th year as a clinical general dentist. It has been a wonderful career. I had two years with Navy Seabees and Marines, including an amphibious landing in Vietnam in 1965. I did a one-year residency in anesthesiology. I was an insurance consultant for 20 years and taught over 750 CE presentations. I served on the Washington Department of Health and the Dental Quality Assurance Commission. I contributed three chapters on fear and pain control for books and surgical articles and textbook chapters. Sheila and I are in good health and enjoying life. A fifth grandchild is expected soon!

**CLASS OF 1961**


**CLASS OF 1978**

Susan M. Hollinsworth, Kent, Wash.: Looking forward to our 40th reunion this summer! Visited Reuben and Patti Gutierrez in New Mexico last fall — what a wonderfully spiritual place. I’m in for the $10,000 class challenge and I challenge all of my classmates to be in too. Let’s have the highest class participation. If we make it, I’ll pledge an extra $10,000. Let’s show that the Class of 1978 rocks!

**CLASS OF 1979**

H. Kirby Skavadahl, Kennewick, Wash.: This is my 36th year of private practice in periodontics, same location since 1986. It has been amazing to see the new technology help so many people. A health periodontium certainly appears to be vital for our technology to endure in dentistry. Despite having to sign up for Medicare in March, I have no immediate plans to retire. I still enjoy skiing, biking, golfing and flying my twin Cessna 340 to Seattle to visit my six grandchildren and attend CDE courses in Seattle.

**CLASS OF 1980**

Richard C. Engar, Salt Lake City, Utah: Honored to receive the Utah Dental Association Distinguished Service Award in April 2017. Still work a quarterly risk management column for the Academy of General Dentistry. Still a national champion competing at International Plastic Modelers Society contests, most recently in Omaha. Still on the faculty at the University of Utah School of Dentistry. Often run into my former UW restorative instructor, Dr. Lynn Powell.

Lucinda M. Folsom, Snohomish, Wash.: I retired in January 2015 and am astounded how busy that life keeps me. I continue to be an affiliate faculty member with the fourth-year students in clinic at the UW School of Dentistry, donating a full day of teaching each week for over a year, and now one half-day. It’s been a rewarding way to give back.

Gary E. Heyamoto, Woodinville, Wash.: Semi-retired now, working half time with Dr. Paul Roe. Devoting more time with the development of Washington AGD’s Learning Center at Angle Lake and the Oral Cancer Awareness program here in Washington.

**CLASS OF 1993**

Jay Deiglmeier, Kent, Wash.: While most of you had kids sometime after dental school, you’ll remember our daughter Hunter was born in second year. She is almost engaged, has a wonderful guide dog, teaches English at Marquette University and will have her PhD soon. Chase is 23, single, and in his first year at Creighton Dental School. Tracy and I celebrated our 30th anniversary in September. She allows me to visit her every now and then as she spends winters in Indian Wells, California. Ha ha!

**SPREAD THE NEWS!**

Your classmates want to hear from you, so share what’s happening in your life, both professional and personal. We’d like to know about marriages, births, developments in your practice, awards, travel, and anything else you’d like everyone to know.

(A 250-word limit, please.) Email updates and photos (especially photos!) to randyn@uw.edu or mail to *Dental Alumni News*, UW School of Dentistry, Box 357137, Seattle, WA 98195-7137.
We are saddened to note the passing of classmates, colleagues and friends. For a fuller accounting of their lives, please go online to https://dental.washington.edu/alumni-friends/in-memoriam/.

**DR. NEIL E. BEASLEY**  
CLASS OF 1951  
Dr. Neil E. Beasley died on July 21, 2017 at the age of 95. He practiced dentistry in Seattle’s Northgate Hospital Building for 45 years. He received the David B. Law Award in recognition of excellence in the clinical management of his pediatric patients.

**DR. EUGENE A. STROM**  
CLASS OF 1951  
Dr. Eugene “Bud” Alton Strom passed away on May 17, 2017. He was 94. He was known by many in his hometown of Anacortes and on Guemes Island from his years of service as mayor, city council member, port and hospital commissioners, and countless other positions with boards and service, civic, and charitable organizations. His dental practice spanned almost 40 years.

**DR. NEWELL E. WARR**  
CLASS OF 1957  
Dr. Newell Edwin Warr died on Feb. 12, 2018 in Salt Lake City, Utah. He was 90.

**DR. WILLIAM J. BRUMMITT**  
CLASS OF 1958  
Dr. William J. Brummitt passed away on Aug. 8, 2017 at Skagit Valley Hospital. He was 89. He practiced dentistry in Burlington, Wash., for 34 years.

**DR. WARREN V. JUDD**  
CLASS OF 1958  
Dr. Warren Vernal Judd passed away on Sept. 13, 2017. He was 90.

**DR. ROBERT P. CAMPBELL**  
CLASS OF 1961  
Dr. Robert P. “Bob” Campbell passed away on May 28, 2017 at his home in Spokane, Wash. He was 88.

**DR. OSMOND MERRILL**  
ORTHODONTICS CLASS OF 1968  
Dr. Osmond “Monte” Merrill of East Wenatchee, Wash., passed away peacefully in his sleep on Oct. 12, 2017. He was 86.

**DR. CLIFTON O. CALDWELL JR.**  
CLASS OF 1963  
Dr. Clifton O. Caldwell Jr., Capt. USN (Retired), died on Oct. 23, 2016 in Spokane, Wash. He was 78. He served dental patients in Spokane for 37 years.

**BEVERLY ANN L. WILSON**  
DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 1963  
Beverly Ann Lundquist Wilson passed away on Aug. 12, 2017 at the home of her daughter. Wilson loved working as a dental hygienist in the greater Seattle area until poor health forced her into retirement.

**DR. JOHN D. WALSH**  
CLASS OF 1971  
Dr. John David Walsh died on Oct. 31, 2013 in Anchorage, Alaska. He was 70. He loved his Dawgs and had a private practice in the Seattle area before moving to Anchorage, where he lived for over 37 years.

**DR. GARY D. BOGACHUS**  
CLASS OF 1972  
Dr. Gary Duane Bogachus passed away on Sept. 27, 2017 in Kirkland, Wash. He was 74. He spent several years teaching and providing clinical instruction at the School of Dentistry before starting his own dental practice in Bellevue, Wash., where he specialized in prosthodontics until his retirement.

**DR. MARK C. PAXTON**  
CLASS OF 1980, GPR 1981  
Dr. Mark Christopher Paxton died on Feb. 8, 2018 in Spokane, Wash. He was 63. He had a special interest in cleft lip and palate surgery and traveled to Colombia and Guatemala for 28 years with Hearts in Motion to perform surgeries for children.

**DR. MARK TAYLOR**  
CLASS OF 1984  
Dr. Mark Taylor passed away unexpectedly on Sept. 17, 2017 in Seattle. He was 61. He had a dental practice in Seattle’s Madison Park neighborhood.
FRIDAY, MAY 4

CE1780: Embracing the “Doctor” In Dental Medicine: The Dental Team In Comprehensive Health

The dental profession is embracing its growing role in systemic health management. Cardiovascular disease, diabetes mellitus, immune deficiencies, autoimmune diseases, anemias, and infections are only a few of the diseases in which oral and systemic manifestations are intertwined. Common and uncommon clinical cases from dental practice will be used to discuss the emerging concept of the Oral Physician, review oral and systemic pathology, and demonstrate the difference that the dentist can make in patients’ overall health, within the context of the overall health-care team.

LOCATION: Washington State History Museum, Tacoma

TIMES: Registration and Continental breakfast: 8-8:30 a.m.

COURSE: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

TUITION (includes lunch): Until May 2 ($25 more afterward):
$279/Dentist
$179/Staff
$251/Current Dental Alumni Member

INSTRUCTOR: Sara Gordon, DDS, MS

Dr. Gordon is a Professor of Oral Medicine and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in both Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine, and a Fellow in Dental Surgery of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland. She has taught oral medicine and general, systemic, and oral pathology in the United States since 1997. She is a past president of the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine.


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FRIDAY-SUNDAY, APRIL 6-8

CE1771: Mastering Adult Minimal Sedation: Inhalation and Oral Sedation in Dentistry

Scott C. Dickinson, DMD; Mark Donaldson, BSP, RPH, PHARMD, FASHP, FACHE; Jason H. Goodchild, DMD

Friday: The Mountaineers Club, Seattle

Saturday-Sunday: UW Health Sciences Center, Turner Auditorium (Room D-209) and D-2 Clinic

7 credits each day

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

CE1773: Anterior Esthetics: Layering Composite that Rivals Porcelain

Greg Gillespie, DDS and Kevin Brown, DDS

Great Wolf Lodge, Centralia, Wash.

3.5 credits (lecture) or 7 credits (lecture/workshop combo)

Register for this class through Oregon Health Sciences University Continuing Dental Education

CE1781: From Start to Finish! Photography in the Dental Practice (lecture) and Dental Photography Made Easy (hands-on workshop)

Rita Bauer, medical photographer and manager at Media Services at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto

UW Health Sciences Center, Turner Auditorium (Room D209)

3.5 credits for lecture, 3.5 credits for workshop

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Green Dentistry: Marijuana, Opioids and the Effects on Oral Health

Barry Taylor, DMD, FAGD, FACC and Caroline Devincenzi, DMD

Sea-Tac Airport Marriott Hotel

7 credits

Register for this course with Seattle King County Dental Society

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

CE1792: Improving the Oral Health of Your Older Patients

O. Ross Beirne, DMD, PhD; Bea Gandara, DDS, MSD; Susanne KÔlare Jeffrey, DDS, PhD; Kurt Labberton, DDS; and Rod Wentworth, DDS

Tacoma

7 credits each day

FRIDAY, AUG. 24 – SATURDAY, AUG. 25

CE1801: The David Turpin Symposium on Evidence-Based Orthodontics

Course Chair: David Turpin, DDS, MSD

Instructors: Jorge Faber, DDS, MS, PhD; Greg Huang, DMD, MSD, MPH; Don Joondeph, DDS, MS; Tung Nguyen, DMD, MS; Nikolaos Pandis, DDS, MS, PhD; Chris Riolo, DDS, MS, PhD

UW Husky Union Building (HUB), Lyceum Room

14 credits

SATURDAY, AUG. 25

Atraumatic Extractions for the General Practitioner

Steven L. Rasner, DMD, MAGD

Washington AGD Educational Center, SeaTac, Wash.

16 credits

Register for this course with Washington AGD

For registration information, visit www.uwcde.com or call 206-543-5448.
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FUN IN THE FALL!

Join your classmates for an exciting alumni event — perfect opportunities to gather a team for the golf tournament or to gather a group for the football brunch and game against BYU.

**UW DENTAL ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, Sept. 14, 2018

Tee time: 1:30 p.m.
The Golf Club at Newcastle-Coal Creek
15500 Six Penny Lane
Newcastle, Wash.

Four-person scramble format, shotgun start
$210 per person (four people per team)
Cost includes greens fees and prizes

All are welcome to participate!

**UW DENTAL ALUMNI FOOTBALL BRUNCH & GAME**

Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018

UW Huskies vs. BYU Cougars

Game and brunch: $150 per person
Brunch only: $35 per person
Parking pass: $30 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
alumni calendar of events

- **FRIDAY, MARCH 23**
  Ernest Jones Memorial Lecture
  8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
  Room 130, UW Kane Hall

- **MONDAY, APRIL 16**
  Dental Alumni Full Board Meeting
  6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
  Washington Athletic Club, Seattle

- **SATURDAY, MAY 5**
  Dean’s Club Dinner
  5:45 - 9:30 p.m.
  Bell Harbor Conference Center
  Seattle Waterfront

- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 14**
  Dental Alumni Golf Tournament
  Noon - 6 p.m.
  Newcastle-Coal Creek Golf Course

- **SATURDAY, SEPT. 29**
  Dental Alumni Football Event
  UW vs. BYU
  Time: TBD

- **THURSDAY, OCT. 11**
  Dental Alumni/WSDA Mentor Reception
  6 - 8:30 p.m.
  Touchdown Terrace, Husky Stadium

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