WHAT'S NEW

DentAlumni readers want to know what's new in your life! If you have recently received a professional or civic award or honor, been involved in a community service project, taken on a professional or civic office, please let us know! Or if you have moved, started a new practice, been married, or had a child, your colleagues want to know. Use this form and mail us your news to: Alabama Dental Alumni Association, SDB 217, 1720 Second Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35294-0007 or fax to 205.975.5364. You can also email your news to abbyv@uab.edu.

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ON THE COVER:
2014 Graduation
Greetings!

I hope this note finds you well and enjoying the beauty of spring and the mild weather. Our dental school continues to do well. As alumni of the school, we all have benefited from the excellent dental education which the school has always provided and continues to provide. The school continues to be ranked among the top institutions in the nation. Many of our dental students are involved as officers in national student dental organizations. I feel that the leadership of our dean, Dr. Mike Reddy, has much to do with the current stature of our school within the academic community.

This past February, we had another well attended Alumni Weekend in Birmingham. The Alumni Association is also involved with several important events for our students. In May we help sponsor the Senior Dinner. Your alumni officers are involved at Honors Convocation, Commencement and the White Coat Ceremony for freshmen. Our next alumni event is the alumni luncheon, held in conjunction with the ALDA meeting on June 13th in Orange Beach.

It is an exciting time for the University of Alabama system. The University of Alabama at Birmingham has embarked on a one billion dollar capital campaign. The School of Dentistry’s part in the campaign is $20 million. In 2010, the Alumni Association set up Endowed Support Fund to benefit the school. Our current goal with the fund is to endow a professorship. Any donations to the Endowed Fund will also be part of the Capital Campaign. A gift to the Endowment is a gift that keeps on giving, since only the earnings from the fund are spent by the school. The generosity and dedication of our alumni continue to aid the school in many areas.

I hope all of you have a safe and happy summer. I look forward to seeing you at our next alumni meeting at the Perdido Beach Resort.

Sincerely,

James V. Shamburger, D.M.D.
The Alumni Association returned to the newly renovated Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel to host the annual Alumni Weekend event on February 6-9, 2014. With the support of 10 major sponsors and 42 vendors, the Alumni Association hosted a record-breaking event with more than 1,700 people in attendance.

The Distinguished Dentist reception, hosted on Thursday, February 6, was a great way to kick off the start of the weekend. Surrounded by hundreds of fellow dentists and friends, three alumni were especially celebrated and honored. Continuing Education offered a total of 52 hours of credit and featured some of the best speakers from around the country. On Friday, February 7, Dr. Carol Merkle, President of the Alumni Association, hosted the President's Reception where the 2014 officers were presented and more than 20 guests were awarded the highly-coveted raffle prizes. The 2nd Annual Student Showcase followed President's Reception and proved to be one of the highlights of the weekend. The School of Dentistry also held an open house on Saturday, February 8, to display the newly renovated facilities to alumni and guests.

Many thanks to all who attended Alumni Weekend and who continue to support our Alumni Association!

Already looking forward to next year? The 2015 Alumni Weekend will take place at the Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham on February 5-8. More information about booking room reservations and our featured speakers will be coming soon!

Alumni, Faculty, Students, Exhibitors and Friends are pictured below enjoying the Alumni Weekend festivities
ALUMNI WEEKEND REUNIONS

2014 was a record year – thirteen total class reunions, including the Medallion Club and Dental Hygiene groups, were hosted on Friday and Saturday during Alumni Weekend! Some celebrated on-site at the Hyatt Regency, while others were hosted at nearby Birmingham restaurants and hot spots.

Classes of ‘52-’58 Medallion Club Luncheon

Class of ‘59

Class of ‘64

Class of ‘69

Class of ‘74

Class of ‘79

Class of ‘84

Class of ‘89
Class reunions are hosted every five years. Your reunion may be coming up! During the 2015 Alumni Weekend, we will celebrate with classes that end in the number “0” or “5”. If you are interested in helping plan your reunion or need more information, contact Abby Vinson at abbyv@uab.edu.

Class of ‘94

Class of ‘99

Class of ‘04

Class of ‘09

Dental Hygiene Reunion
Three alumni were especially honored at Thursday’s annual Distinguished Dentist reception. Two were presented with the 2013 Distinguished Dentist Award - Dr. James Robert “Jim Bob” Williamson, a 1970 graduate and long-time friend and supporter of UAB’s School of Dentistry, was honored posthumously. Dr. Deborah Steiner Bishop, a 1979 graduate and one of the most respected endodontists in the nation, also was honored. Dr. Jennifer Hirsch Doobrow, a 2010 graduate of the post-doctoral periodontics program, was presented with the 2013 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.

Dr. Bishop, who graduated from UAB’s endodontic residency program, practices in Huntsville where she regularly volunteers her services to treat needy and handicapped patients. Bishop was president of the UASOD Alumni Association in 2000 and currently serves as the Fifth District Representative. Bishop is past president of the Alabama Dental Association and has held other executive and committee position with dental and endodontic associations locally, statewide and nationally. Her philanthropic support of UAB Dentistry has also been exceptional. She has supported all of the school’s capital campaigns, including the most recent Excellence for Endodontics Campaign.

Dr. Williamson, a Meridian, Mississippi native, graduated from Birmingham Southern before coming to UAB where he excelled as a dental student. Williamson moved to Lilburn, Georgia after his graduation from dental school and practiced there until his death in January 2012. Williamson dedicated his life to his patients, but he also had a tremendous impact on this alma mater while working in the Atlanta area. He served as president of the Hinman Dental Society in 1998-1999, and through his long-term relationship with the society, he worked to keep UAB's School of Dentistry in the forefront of dental education.

Dr. Doobrow earned her certification in periodontics from UAB in 2010 after earning her D.M.D. at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2007. The Birmingham resident is the CEO of Periodontal and Implant Associates in Cullman and the president of the Alabama Society of Periodontists. Doobrow has stayed heavily involved in the School of Dentistry as an alumnus. She was instrumental in kick starting the young alumni program and is a member of the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council.

We are currently accepting nominations for 2014 awards. To receive nomination materials, please email Scott Huffman at shuffman@uab.edu
DEAN’S MESSAGE

Every seven years we “volunteer” to host two dozen guests from dental schools and organizations across the country. For three days this past February, we extended gracious southern hospitality to a diverse group of visitors whose objective was to evaluate our pre- and post-doctoral programs according to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Standards for Dental Education Programs.

While accreditation is a voluntary process, its purpose is essential to graduating well-prepared scholars. It ensures that all accredited programs provide quality dental education by meeting minimum standards in the areas of institutional effectiveness, curriculum, instruction, educational support services, faculty and staff, patient care, and research.

Laying the groundwork for the visit, all faculty and designated staff members participated in an 18-month-long self-study to assess our own program in relation to CODA’s standards. The process culminated in the three-day site visit in which we were recognized for our excellent postdoctoral clinical and research experiences in addition to our many predoctoral program strengths. These include: 1) the interprofessional education of our students in biomedical sciences; 2) the early clinical exposure; 3) the depth and breadth of clinical experiences; 4) the numerous community outreach and service learning opportunities; 5) the portfolio-based high-stakes assessment and case-based education components; and 6) the small class size and intimacy of our teaching and learning environment.

This accreditation process also underscored the importance of clinical outcomes in relation to the patient experience and the student experience. Additionally, it validated the relevance of our own ambitious five-year strategic plan. Through this strategic blueprint, we identified critical issues and are currently implementing action plans in the areas of organizational culture, student experience, and patient service and experiences.

In the end, the accreditation process supported what we already knew. The process affirmed that our school operates on a solid foundation. It acknowledged the rich history and wealth of resources from which we draw as we lead oral health care and provide an excellent educational foundation for future educators, researchers, and clinicians.

We couldn't continue to excel in so many areas without our other great strengths. Our students, our faculty, our alumni, and our strong tradition of biomedical discovery, translational research, and other scholarly activities are fundamental to our excellence. These are at the core of our oral health care leadership in Alabama and beyond.

Best wishes,

Michael S. Reddy, D.M.D., D.M.Sc
Yung-Tsung Hsu, Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Complete Dentures, was one of five UAB employees spotlighted during UAB’s National Volunteer Week for his recent and ongoing volunteer efforts. Dr. Hsu worked alongside other volunteers trying to open the six-acre Remy’s Dog Park in Red Mountain Park by the end of the year. Hsu also volunteers for the Boy Scouts and Habitat for Humanity, the latter inspired by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter. “I heard former President Carter volunteered to build houses, and I thought it would be cooler to build a house than to build a tooth,” Hsu said. “I started paying attention to volunteering opportunities, and I tried to find ones not related to dental work.” Dr. Hsu said he enjoys the opportunity to meet people from different backgrounds, and it also gives him a way to unplug and bond with his son. “Through volunteering I realize I can do a lot of things without a computer or cell phone,” Hsu said. “I also bring my son so he can stay away from Minecraft for a while.”

Dr. Stephen Mitchell, Associate Professor and Director of the Undergraduate Clinic in Pediatric Dentistry, was chosen for a 2014 President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching. Dr. Mitchell has been instrumental in the development of a Sparks/Talladega/UCP rotation for hands-on experience with special needs patients and for creating the Tuscaloosa and Cahaba Valley clinics to enhance our students’ direct patient experience.

Dr. Jack Lemons, Professor in the Clinical and Community Sciences Department, was awarded the 2015 Acta Biomaterialia Gold Medal Award. This prestigious award recognizes Dr. Lemons’ excellent contributions to research and development in the biomaterials field.

Dr. Mary MacDougall, Professor and Associate Dean for Research: Institute of Oral Health Research, was elected President of the ICCBMT (International Conference on the Chemistry and Biology of Mineralized Tissues) at the annual meeting in March.
UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Success of our Students
Angela Gullard, a second year DMD/PhD student, received a $15,000 Scholar Award given by the International Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood, a philanthropic educational organization. This very prestigious scholarship is a merit-based award given to women of the United States and Canada who are pursuing a doctoral level degree at an accredited college or university. Congratulations Angela!

School of Dentistry Supports Endodontic Resident, Dr. Ned Wikle
UAB School of Dentistry faculty, students, and staff came together to support Endodontic Resident, Dr. Ned Wikle, who was diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer in 2013. Dr. Wikle, a non-smoker, is 34 years old and father to three small children.

Dr. Madelyn Coar (Dept. of Endodontics) organized a week long fundraiser to raise money for Dr. Wikle and his family during this trying time. Third year dental student, AJ Fennell, set up a Fundly account where the public can give donations for the digital photo file of the now famous picture he took of downtown Birmingham in the snow. All proceeds from the fund are donated to Dr. Wikle and his family. The account has already raised more than the initial $50,000 goal!

Dental Students Travel Abroad for Medical Missions
43 students, 4 dentists, 1 hygienist, 1 physician, 2 countries. This past March, 43 UAB Dental students spent their Spring Break in remote areas of Central America with the Christian Medical Ministries of Alabama organization. This organization has previously taken dental students to various countries to serve for many years, but the student interest was too great to take only one trip in 2014. This year, 19 students traveled to Choluteca, Honduras, while 24 others traveled to Rio Blanco, Guatemala. Both teams saw patients in rural clinics who required extractions and fillings, as they had gone years with no dental care. In addition to extracting over 1,000 teeth combined, the teams had opportunities to evangelize and minister to the patients in the local Honduran and Guatemalan churches. For many students, this was their second or even third year donating their time and money to serve over Spring Break. These trips remind students of their professional commitment to helping and serving communities, not only at home but also abroad.
UAB Dentistry and ALDA Award 2013 HRSA Grants to Three Alabama Dentists

UAB Dentistry has entered into a partnership with the Alabama Dental Association (ALDA) to provide significant incentive funding to recently graduated dentists willing to locate in a rural or underserved area of the state, become a significant Medicaid provider, and stay in the same location at least 4 years. This joint partnership between UAB Dentistry and ALDA involves a joint committee, made up of dentists from ALDA and from the school, who set the program policies, advertise for the funding, interview candidates and monitor their progress. The overall program has been funded through a grant from the Health Resources and Resources Administration (HRSA) for $500,000 per year for three years. For more information about these grant awards contact either Dr. Zack Studstill, executive director of ALDA at studstill@aldaonline.org or Dr. Conan Davis, UAB Dentistry Director of Community Collaborations at conand@uab.edu.

Dr. Zackary A. Jones ('08) practices general dentistry in Heflin, located in Cleburne County. The grant has allowed Zack to add an extra fully-equipped dental operatory to his practice, and made it possible for him to hire a new team member who is helping with community outreach programs. These programs have already begun and include community dental screenings and oral health education in local schools.

Dr. Luke J. Powell ('11) practices general dentistry in Hazel Green, located in Madison County. The grant funds helped Luke to start his dental practice in North Alabama. Dr. Powell states, "The HRSA Grant has been invaluable as I have gone through the process of starting a practice. Without the financial support of the grant, I would not have been able to leave my position as an associate at this time."

Dr. Timothy W. Smith ('12) practices general dentistry in Hanceville, located in Cullman County. The grant funds have already made a tremendous impact on his practice, aiding in the development of a Medicaid campaign where they have visited seven schools and screened approximately 3,500 students from K-5 through the 12th grade. Each student and teacher received a customized flyer discussing in simple, age-appropriate language, the importance of oral care and preventative choices about diet, as well as an informational flyer about the practice, a note to their home family, and a toothbrush.

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UAB Dentistry at AADR Annual Meeting

UAB Dentistry had a strong presence during the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina in March. Dean Mike Reddy hosted a reception on Wednesday, March 19, which was heavily attended by members of the dental research community, deans from other dental schools, AADR board members, UAB School of Dentistry faculty, students and even North Carolina alumni.

Honors Convocation 2014

School of Dentistry students joined together on May 29 for the annual Honors Convocation Ceremony to recognize the more than 70 students who were awarded scholarships and acknowledged for outstanding achievements. Mr. Scott Huffman, Executive Director of Development and Alumni Affairs, presented the Alumni Leadership Award to Stephen E. Smith.
Graduation 2014

Congratulations to the Class of 2014, who graduated on Saturday, May 31! Family members, faculty and friends joined together to honor and celebrate the amazing success of these 54 graduates. The Lister Hill Lecture, established in 1969 by the Alumni Association in honor of the late Lister Hill, a former U.S. Senator from Alabama, was delivered by Immediate Past-President of the American Dental Association, Dr. Robert A. Faiella. Other featured speakers included Dr. Ray McLaughlin, President-Elect of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association, and Dr. Zack Studstill, Executive Director of the Alabama Dental Association. The Dean’s Medal, which is the most coveted honor presented to a member of the graduating class, was personally selected and presented by Dean Reddy to Matthew Gibson.

Scholarship Luncheon 2014

The inaugural UAB Dentistry Scholarship Luncheon was hosted at the UAB National Alumni Society House on Friday, May 30. This ceremony celebrated the hard work and accomplishments of the students from the 2013-2014 academic year and honored the benevolence of the scholarship donors who invested in their future. The Alumni Association specifically awarded $12,000 in scholarships to 6 students, including fourth year dental students Sonya Hallmark, Eric Larson, Abby Northcutt Adams and third year dental students Mi Young Kim, Cara McCary, Amy Ratcliff.

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Everyone’s A Winner in the Campaign for UAB

Last fall, the UAB School of Dentistry announced the School’s participation as part of the Campaign for UAB. The university-wide campaign goal is an awe-inspiring $1 billion. UAB Dentistry’s $20 million goal will transform our School over the next five years, and have a major impact on oral healthcare. Everyone, from our alumni and corporate partners, to our faculty and staff, students, and even grateful patients, will have the opportunity to participate and benefit from the comprehensive campaign.

When Dr. Mike Reddy was permanently named as the UAB School of Dentistry’s eighth Dean in March of 2012, he immediately began laying the foundation for a comprehensive fundraising campaign. Dr. Reddy led an effort to develop a school-wide strategic plan. Input was sought from faculty, students, staff, alumni and other stakeholders. While the strategic plan is continually being assessed and evaluated, the plan brings the School's strengths, opportunities, and future into focus.

The campaign is designed to address and support the School's highest priorities while fulfilling our vision and mission. The five major areas of need include:

- fostering faculty and research excellence;
- enriching student experiences;
- increasing outreach;
- enhancing facilities; and
- developing support for various programs and specialty areas

Among the five areas are approximately twenty projects. A great dental school benefits practitioners throughout the state. A great dental school adds value to the degrees held by its alumni. A great dental school improves the quality of life for everyone in Alabama and beyond.

As an alumnus, you will have the opportunity to participate in the Campaign for UAB. Those opportunities may include making a personal gift, serving on a fundraising committee, attending a special event, etc. Specific details on these campaign initiatives will unfold throughout the course of the campaign. I encourage you to participate because the UAB School of Dentistry is your School. The campaign’s theme is **Give Something / Change Everything**. With your participation and personal gift, no matter the amount, you will make a difference.

I deeply appreciate the commitment of our campaign leadership. Campaign Chair Dr. Ben Cumbus, Vice Chair Dr. Joel Hearn, Honorary Chair Dr. Charles A. “Scotty” McCallum, and our Dean, Dr. Mike Reddy, have all made generous campaign commitments. For more information on how you can help, contact me at shuffman@uab.edu or contact Mr. Jeremy Ward, Director of Development, at jward7@uab.edu.

Warmest Regards,

J. Scott Huffman, CFRE
Executive Director of Development & the UASOD Alumni Association
I was asked to put together a few of my thoughts on why I felt we should give back to the UAB School of Dentistry. I am not real smart so I have to organize my thoughts and prioritize them in order to keep things straight. I have always enjoyed those top ten lists on late night TV so here are mine.

10) I love Dentistry.
I mean it, I really do. Where else can you serve your fellow man, relieve pain and suffering, work more or less when you want to, have fun, and get paid for it. Dentistry has been good to me and I truly appreciate my dental education.

9) Dean Ready will not run off with your money or invest it in some Ponzi scheme.
We are so fortunate to have one of the top dental schools in the nation. We have a Dean and faculty that are second to none. We have recently been awarded the largest grant ever for a dental school and the largest grant UAB has ever received. Your investment in Dentistry is a sound investment. You can rest assured that your money will be invested wisely in areas where it will be most effective and have the biggest impact. However, if you so desire, you may direct your contribution to an area of particular interest.

8) Dentistry has enabled me to live the “Good Life”.
Without a Dental education, I would probably be one of those statistics on the evening news…… you know ……. unemployed. Well, if not that I would probably not own my own business, make six figures, and have the respect of my friends and colleagues. Would any of you???? Think about it. Dentistry has been good to us. It is time to give back!

7) You are investing in the Future.
The University Of Alabama School Of Dentistry was founded in 1948 with Dr. Volker as dean and has been an innovative and leading educational institution since that time. We have educated some of the finest dental students including each of you and continue to do so today. Our National Board scores continuously rank in the tops in the nation both in Basic Science and Clinical Exams. You are a part of a great institution and you should want it to be perpetuated into the future. Your gift can assure that will happen.

6) If you don’t give it away the Federal Government will get it.
Haven’t you given Uncle Sam enough of your hard earned money? Wouldn’t you rather give it to someone you care about who will spend it judiciously and thoughtfully for the ideas and ideals that you hold dear? Many types of gifts enjoy special tax advantages. Most gifts are certainly tax deductible and can substantially reduce your “donation” to the US Treasury.

5) You can provide funding for a wide variety of needs at the Dental School.
Our state funding has dwindled over the past few years and is now about half of what we received 10 years ago. Student tuition has been increased but we still have areas that must have additional funding. Faculty salaries, building renovations, technology, research, student scholarships…… the list goes on. All of these areas need our attention and our support, both physically and financially.

4) When you give to the Dental School, you will never be accused of accepting political “favors” for your contribution.
The Dean will not fly you to the Bahamas for the weekend. You will not get free dental care for life. You cannot expect to be paid an exorbitant “consultants” fee for serving on the Alumni Board. None of that will happen. However, you will be expected to give your time and service to the school, to serve on the many boards and committees that are available and to become an active member of the Alumni Association.

3) There ain’t no pockets in shrouds.
I know that you have all been good stewards of your money and saved all those years for your retirement and I commend each of you. You deserve a rich retirement with money left over for the wife, children and even the grandchildren, but you may want to consider a small posthumous donation to your dental school. Leave us something in your will. We’ll be glad you did and so will you. You cannot take it with you.
2) **100% of your contribution goes directly to the School of Dentistry.**

There are no middle men here. What you give is what we get. There are zero administrative costs involved in this solicitation. It's just people like you and me giving back to a cause they believe is worthy and deserving, giving back a small portion of what you have earned to those who made it possible.

1) **Giving makes you feel good.**

   God loves a cheerful giver. We have heard that quote all of our lives. I don’t mean to be all sanctimonious on you now; however, until recently, I had never heard the rest of the scripture and what it has to say about giving. “The point is this, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” In other words, you don’t give til it hurts; you give until it feels good.

Please join me in helping to make this Campaign for UAB School of Dentistry a huge success.

Ben Cumbus
Chairman

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- **Fostering Faculty and Research Excellence** with a focus on faculty recruitment and retention, innovation and research by supporting endowed chairs, professorships and scholars.
- **Enriching Student Experiences** by increasing the number of endowed scholarships, improving technology, providing study-abroad opportunities, and exposing students to multidisciplinary learning and a new world of diversity.
- **Developing Programmatic Support** that ensures our general dentistry and specialty departments continue to offer outstanding patient care, world renowned training, innovative discoveries and solutions.
- **Increasing Outreach** with a focus on patient care for underserved and rural populations that expose our students, residents, and faculty to transformational experiences.
- **Enhancing Facilities** to advance student learning in state-of-the-art classrooms, clinics, and laboratories, to enhance the patient experience, and to recruit the best and brightest researchers and clinicians.

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**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CHANGE TODAY?**

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Visit uab.edu/campaign for updates.
Since the public launch of the Campaign for UAB in October, the School of Dentistry Development and Alumni Relations department has been frequently meeting with alumni, donors, and friends. The School hosted annual “Meet the Dean” receptions at the American Dental Association meeting in New Orleans and the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta. Several alumni graciously hosted UAB Dentistry Campaign receptions. On November 21, UAB Dentistry Campaign Chair, Dr. Ben Cumbus and his wife, Ginny, opened their home to Montgomery area alumni. School of Dentistry Dean, Dr. Mike Reddy and his wife, Alyssa, hosted a holiday reception for Birmingham area alumni and faculty. On April 3, Dr. Joel Hearn, UAB Dentistry Campaign co-chair, invited Shoals area alumni to an “Excellence in Alabama Dentistry” Reception at the Turtle Point Country Club. Dr. Bobby Connor and his wife, Jan, opened their home on April 6 to Birmingham area alumni and friends for “Dessert with the Dean.” Dr. Mike Reddy, Mr. Scott Huffman, Mr. Jeremy Ward, and Mrs. Charlene Phillips traveled to Mobile, AL and Pensacola, FL on April 10 and 11 to host “Meet the Dean” receptions and update alumni on UAB Dentistry Campaign initiatives.
The American College of Dentists recently announced that Dr. Milton Essig has been elected to its governing body as Regent for Regency 3 which is composed of the follow sections: Alabama, Carolinas – North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and Puerto Rico.

When asked about his feelings regarding his new position, Dr. Essig replied, “I feel very humble and honored to represent Alabama as the next ACD Regent. Accordingly, I am most grateful not only to all the members of the Alabama section for their endorsement and support, but also to numerous alumni who provided counsel and encouragement. I feel much of our success is due to the esteem with which our members are highly regarded by our colleagues relative to their involvement in organized dentistry at the regional and national level. Furthermore, I know the stature of those who have preceded me in this position, and I will certainly uphold the same standard of commitment. Lastly, from my years in dental education, I have a special interest in ethics and particularly the advancement of the SPEA-Student Professionalism and Ethics Association Program which has been endorsed enthusiastically by students and institutions. My responsibilities will be to serve on the Board of Regents which is involved with the governance and operating policies of the college. Most important will be my role as liaison to the sections within Regency 3 in order to promulgate the mission of the college within the individual sections.”

Dr. Essig is Professor Emeritus at the UAB School of Dentistry and a former Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs whose academic career in education, research, and service led to his being a recipient of a University Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching. Being active in organized dentistry, Dr. Essig is a Past President of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry and the Birmingham District Dental Society as well as a former Chair of the Alabama ACD section. For his contributions and service to the Alabama Dental Association, he has been designated a Most Excellent Fellow of the Association. As part of a 36 year Army military career in both the active and reserve components, Dr. Essig is a retired Colonel and former State Surgeon in the Alabama Army Guard. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his total service which included direction and participation in dental/medical missions to Central and South America in support of the U. S. Government’s Humanitarian Assistance and Nation Building Programs.

He will assume his duties as Regent in October.
**ALUMNI NEWS**

**Two Alumni Honored for Excellence in Business**

The School of Dentistry alumni, Dr. Cheri W. Cunningham and Dr. Jennifer Morrissey-Patton were each named members of the UAB Excellence in Business Top 25 Awards class of 2014 and honored with a luncheon and ceremony on Friday March 7, 2014. The UAB Excellence in Business Top 25 award program identifies, recognizes and celebrates the success of the top 25 businesses owned or operated by UAB alumni. Nominated companies are ranked by set award criteria: Each must have been in operation a minimum of 36 months, have verifiable revenue of at least $150,000 in the last 12-month period, and be owned, operated, or founded and managed by an alumnus of UAB.

Dr. Cunningham graduated from dental school in 2004 and is the owner of her own dental practice, Cheri W. Cunningham, DMD Family Dentistry in Gardendale, Alabama.

Dr. Morrissey graduated from dental school in 2000 and is the owner and President of Jennifer Morrissey-Patton, DMD, P.C. (DBA Hoover Family Dentistry) in Hoover, Alabama.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Dr. J. Steve Shirley (‘81)** and his wife, Janet, recently celebrated the marriage of their son, Dr. Justin Shirley, DMD (Captain Air Force stationed at Eglin Air Force Base) to Dr. Lindsay Porath, DMD (Captain Air Force stationed at Hurlburt Field) on November 2, 2013 in Pensacola Beach, Florida.

**Dr. John T. Nelson (’81)** and his wife, Lyra, would like to recognize their children’s success at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. Last year, Thomas Nelson, a fourth-year medical student was inducted into the AOA Medical Honor Society as a junior medical student. This honor is reserved for the very best performers in the medical school class. This year he is the Co-President of AOA at UASOM and had the honor of inducting his younger sister, Brittany Nelson, into the prestigious society. Thomas Nelson also recently received the Hugh J. Dempsey Memorial Award for highest overall academic achievement over the four-year course of medical school. At the conclusion of training, Thomas will practice radiology and Brittany plans to practice anesthesiology.

**Dr. C. Alan Sherrill (’83)** and his wife, Janice, became first-time grandparents when their daughter Alana and her husband Chris Swinney welcomed Annie Carol Swinney on September 19, 2013.

**Dr. Glenn Porter (’84)** and his wife, Sandy, are the proud grandparents of Brady (3 years old) and Lillie Kate (11 months old).
IN MEMORIUM

Class of 1952
William W. Ashley of Crossville, TN went to be with the Lord March 27, 2014. Born in Chattanooga, he spent his childhood in Tusculumia, AL, and lived most of his adult life practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery in Miami, FL. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II (1943-1945) in North Africa, India and Burma. After World War II, he attended Florence State Teachers College then The University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Class of 1953
George Houson Graham of Vestavia Hills, passed away on March 21, 2014. George was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he developed his love for flying. He was in the second graduating class from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He enjoyed a successful private dental practice for fifty-three years before retiring.

Class of 1956
Carl Martinez Booth, Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in his beloved Tensaw, May 26, 2013, with the love of his life, Betty, by his side. Dr. Booth graduated from Murphy High School, The University of Alabama and The University of Alabama School of Dentistry. His dental career spanned six decades of which he was very proud. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Class of 1956
Fred Peeples Bickley, Jr. of Athens, passed away Monday, May 5th, 2014. Dr. Bickley was born October 18, 1927 in Colbert County to Fred Peeples Bickley Sr. and Thelma Rhoads Bickley. He graduated from the Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, TN in 1945 and was a World War II veteran serving in the US Army from 1945 – 1947. Dr. Bickley was a graduate of the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, graduating in 1956. He practiced dentistry in Athens, Alabama for almost 50 years and enjoyed his daily work, caring for his patients, and serving his community.

Class of 1958
Robert E. Hunter, Jr. passed Ad Astra on October 6, 2013. "Bob", as he was best known, was graduated from Fishburne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia and The University of Alabama where he was awarded a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Science and a Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees. Before Bob’s graduation from college he was drafted into the US Army during World War II. Several years later, after he had received his doctoral degree he was Commissioned in the US Army Dental Corps as a Lieutenant Colonel and served in the Active Reserve, advancing to the rank of Colonel. Upon completing Dental School he and his family settled in Rye, New York where he practiced for 28 years.

Class of 1960
Jack M. Osburne long-time resident of Colorado Springs and Pueblo, passed away on February 12, 2014 at home. After graduating from high school, he joined the United States Air Force. After leaving the military, he entered the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, graduating in 1960 and moved his now growing family to Pueblo, Colorado to begin his long career of private practice dentistry. Jack moved his dental practice to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 1985.

Class of 1962
Roy Lon Shelton, Jr. passed away April 23, 2014 after a lengthy illness. Roy Shelton, Jr. grew up in the Center Point community and graduated Hewitt-Trussville High School. He attended Auburn University and was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity. After two years of service in the Army, he returned to Howard College (now Samford University) for his undergraduate degree. Dr. Shelton graduated from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1962 with ODK honors.

Class of 1967
Thomas A. Masters of Marietta, GA passed away February 16, 2014. Tom attended Emory University where he earned his DDS. Tom then served honorably in the United States Navy as a Lieutenant. He practiced general dentistry in Miami, FL before earning his advanced degree in Endodontics from the University of Alabama. Tom was the first endodontist in Georgia, practicing until his retirement in 1999.

Class of 1969
Michael Edward Ford passed away peacefully in his home on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Dr. Ford graduated from Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1969. He spent his career caring for patients in Shelby County. He founded Shelby Dental Center in Calera, AL and practiced dentistry for 44 years.

Class of 1977
John E. Norton of Hoover, Alabama, passed away on January 16, 2014. John was born in Medford, Oklahoma, and graduated from Hamlin (Texas) High School. He attended Pasadena and Bethany Nazarene Colleges, and he received his masters and a PhD in microbiology from the University of Oklahoma. He received his DMD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham Dental School. John is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force where he served as an aircraft engine technician.
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Class of 1978
John Bowman passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2014 after a short but courageous battle of a metastatic melanoma brain tumor. John was born in Oak Ridge, TN July 7, 1949, and raised in Florence, AL. He graduated from high school at Columbia Military Academy and received his B.S. degree from the University of North Alabama. He went to UAB and earned his DMD and Periodontal Degrees and spent one year at Huntsville Hospital earning a General Practice Residence certificate. After school, he served four years in the Air Force as Chief of Periodontics at Norton AFB, CA and attained the rank of Major. After leaving the Air Force he opened his periodontal practice in Opelika, AL October 14, 1985.

Class of 1978
Steven P. Irving a resident of High Point, North Carolina passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home. He was born on December 11, 1948 in Brookline, Massachusetts and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, with honors, from Northeastern University in Boston in 1971, and a DMD degree from Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston in 1975, receiving The Gold Medal Award. He completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency training at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, and at University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, where he served as Chief Resident.

Class of 1980
John “Mac” Alves a lifetime Guntersville resident, died on Sunday April 13, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was Guntersville’s first and only orthodontist and started practicing in 1982. His office was in the same office where his father practiced medicine for over three decades. He was a member of: The Church of the Epiphany Episcopal Church his entire life, Ducks Unlimited, UAB Alumni, Auburn University Alumni, American Association of Orthodontists, and Southern Society of Orthodontists. He obtained his undergraduate degree at Auburn University followed by four years at UAB Dental School and two years of orthodontic residency.

Class of 1990
Stephen Kobernick, beloved husband of Debbie, loving father to Alyssa and Max, passed away on Nov. 23, 2013. Stephen was born in Baltimore, graduating from the University of Delaware with a Bachelor of Science in biology. Stephen studied dentistry at the University of Maryland and completed his residency in periodontics at the University of Alabama. Stephen and Debbie moved to St. Petersburg in 1990, and he established his periodontal practice in Clearwater.

Carl Pittman “Buddy” Parsons, Jr. passed away at on February 17, 2014 at the age of 64. Buddy was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 19, 1949. He graduated from Fairfield High School in 1968 and went on to earn his degree from the University of Alabama in 1972. He worked in the banking field for years before going on to be a medical office administrator. Most recently, he served as the faculty practice manager for the UAB School of Dentistry, making sure everyone he knew was prepared with a toothbrush and floss.

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