



# DENTAL ALUMNI

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Alumni Weekend in Birmingham, AL	Feb. 2-5
Alumni Association Annual Meeting	Feb. 2
AADR in San Francisco, CA - Dean's Reception	Mar. 22
Hinman in Atlanta, GA - Dean's Reception	Mar. 24
Scholarship Luncheon in Birmingham, AL	June 2
Graduation	June 3

**ON THE COVER:**

*Pictured from left-right:*

Dr. Ben Cumbus in Wyoming  
2016 White Coat Ceremony  
Hinman Dean's Reception  
NDA Dean's Reception  
UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day  
Young Alumni Birmingham Barons Event

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Alumni,

It seems like just yesterday that I became your President and now it is already time for me to write my final address to you, my colleagues. This year has gone by fast but has delivered more wonderful things for our association.

The Alumni Association is now 1,350 members strong and growing. I am very excited about the interest and renewed enthusiasm of our new graduates. We are strongest and most effective when we serve all of our Alumni. If you know someone who is not currently a member, please ask them to consider joining us in our efforts to serve our school and Alumni. The Executive Council voted to offer reduced dues for retired dentists over 70 years of age as an incentive to many who have dropped by the wayside over the years.

Thanks to Dr. Lori Gearhart, her committee, the Executive Council and the staff we have another outstanding line up for the Alumni weekend in February. More than 35 hours of CE opportunities including Dr. Craig Misch, a renowned implantologist. Dr. Robert Fazio will present on dentistry and antibiotics. His book, "The Ultimate Cheat Sheets – the Practice Guide for Dentists" has been named best educational product by Gordon Christensen for three consecutive years. You can register online, so don't miss this year's opportunity to meet with your friends and support your organization!

Great news! The Alumni Association Endowed Professorship now has a corpus of about \$540,000. It has been a long journey but we are about to announce our first recipient and I think you will be pleased with our choice. Stay tuned.

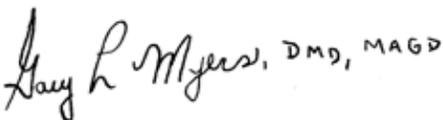
The UABSOD has made us proud again with this year's Dentistry Cares Day. Record numbers and participation from the community, faculty, students and staff have truly "Made a Difference". Another great reason to get behind and stay behind your award winning school!

This year we co-sponsored several Young Alumni events such as a Birmingham Barons event and tailgate parties that help to network the Alumni and interested partners of our great profession. If you get a chance, please join us in future events and let's show how much we care about the future of our young colleagues.

We are looking forward to continued progress from our incoming leaders: Dr. Bob Jones, President and Dr. Stanley Beard, President-Elect. Their leadership abilities and enthusiasm will carry on the great progress that you, the membership, have fostered over the years.

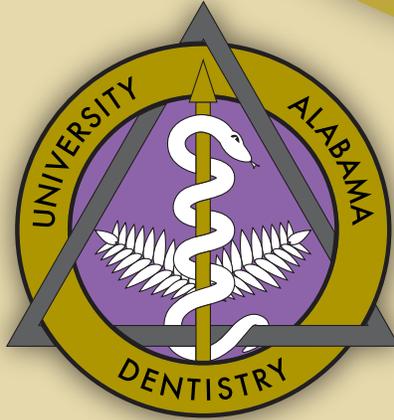
Thank you all for allowing me this great honor of serving you and I look forward to continuing my support for years to come.

Farewell,



Dr. Gary L. Myers DMD, MAGD  
2016 UABSOD Alumni President





The University of Alabama School of Dentistry  
Alumni Association

**2017**

**ALUMNI WEEKEND**

**FEBRUARY 2 - 5**

**Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel  
Birmingham, AL**

**Highlights Include:**

Continuing Education Courses

Class Reunions

Exhibitors

President's Reception on February 3rd

Student Talent Show on February 4th

Hotel Accommodations start at \$152/night

# 2017 ALUMNI WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## Thursday, February 2

- 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set-Up  
 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Registration  
 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Alumni Budget Committee Meeting  
 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Alumni Executive Council Meeting & Annual Session  
 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Distinguished Dentist Reception  
*Invitation only*

## Friday, February 3

- 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Registration  
 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. I Would Rather Be a "Have Not"  
 H. Todd Doobrow, CFP, RICP, MBA  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Today's Top Clinical Tips  
 Lee Ann Brady, DMD  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Antibiotics in Dentistry  
 Robert C. Fazio, DMD  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Early Treatment of Malocclusion Structured for the Pediatric Dentist and Taught by a Pediatric Dentist  
 Leonard J. Carapezza, DMD  
*The Pediatric Dentistry Lecture*  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Interdisciplinary Endodontics  
 Rick Schwartz, DDS  
*The Alabama Association of Endodontists Lecture*  
 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Current Clinical Trends in Implant Dentistry  
 Craig M. Misch, DDS, MDS  
*The Ansley Brown Lecture*  
 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Your Questions and The 5 Most Important Financial Planning Concepts Doctors Get Wrong  
 Jason Dyken, MD, MBA  
 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. AGD Student Lecture  
 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Your Questions and The 5 Most Important Financial Planning Concepts Doctors Get Wrong  
 Jason Dyken, MD, MBA  
 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Medallion Club Luncheon: Classes of 1952-1966  
*Reservations required*  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Anterior Esthetic Techniques and Materials  
 Lee Ann Brady, DMD  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Periodontitis & Peri-Implantitis: The Good, The Bad and the Ugly  
 Robert C. Fazio, DMD  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. How Every Practice Can Optimize Success - When Patients, Team Members & Dentists Win Big, Consistently  
 John Cotton

- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Your Questions and The 5 Most Important Financial Planning Concepts Doctors Get Wrong  
 Jason Dyken, MD, MBA  
 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Alabama Society of Periodontists Reception  
 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. President's Reception  
*Everyone is invited*  
 Friday Evening Class Reunions

## Saturday, February 4

- 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. The Life Cycle of a Lawsuit  
 Tom Phelps  
 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. International College of Dentists & American College of Dentists Joint Breakfast Meeting  
 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration  
 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Exhibits  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Seamless Integration of Aesthetics, Form & Function: The Restorative/Periodontal Interface - Part I  
 Howard Chasolen, DMD  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The Medicine of Dentistry  
 Mark R. McIlwain, DMD, MD  
 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. A Systematic Approach to the Management of Children and Adolescents with Congenitally Missing Teeth  
 Peter E. Larson, DDS, FACS  
*The Kitty Robinson Lecture*  
 11:30am-1:00pm The Alabama Dental Society Luncheon  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Seamless Integration of Aesthetics, Form & Function: The Restorative/Periodontal Interface - Part II  
 Howard Chasolen, DMD  
 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Challenges, Complications and Emergencies in the Dental Office  
 Mark R. McIlwain, DMD, MD  
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. UAB Dentistry Leadership Council Meeting  
 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Practice Opportunity Student Networking Reception  
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 7:30 p.m. Showcase Evening of Student Talent  
 Saturday Evening Class Reunions

## Sunday, February 5

- 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Alabama Academy of General Dentistry Called General Assembly  
 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Alabama Dental Association Board of Trustees Meeting  
 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Alabama Academy of General Dentistry Board of Directors' Meeting

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

### Making a difference

*"If we were motivated by money, we would have sold the company a long time ago and ended up on a beach." - Larry Page, Co-Founder, Google*

What really motivates us in our jobs? Is it the extrinsic rewards, like pay and benefits, or is it something else altogether?

While there is a tendency to think of motivation and monetary incentive as the same thing, there's actually a lot more at play than just money. The reality, for most, is that motivation often includes things like autonomy, progress, and mastery. And it consists of a healthy dose of purpose – the need to make a difference.

Working in the field of dentistry, whether in academia or clinical practice, is exciting and satisfying work that offers many benefits and rewards. Perhaps most important, dentistry offers a strong sense of purpose. It speaks to the power of the individual, because one person can make a difference.

This issue features ways our faculty, staff, students, residents, alumni, and friends serve their community and impact lives. Whether by making a difference in research, education, or public policy; offering students vast clinical experiences; or helping one patient during UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day, their work speaks to the powerful ripple effect one individual can set off. This edition also highlights plenty of opportunities for one person to make a difference in the future of our School.

People whose work makes a difference uplift others. They subscribe to the principle "the more you give, the more you get." And, consequently, they enjoy and feel good about their jobs. Howard Schultz, Chairman & CEO of Starbucks, once said, "Success is best when it's shared."

While you can't complain about the money in dentistry, achieving wealth rarely leads to greater happiness. It's the opportunity to have a positive effect on another human being that's fundamentally motivating. After all, life is fulfilled through the intrinsic rewards of doing meaningful work and performing it well.

Until next time,



Michael S. Reddy, D.M.D., D.M.Sc



# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



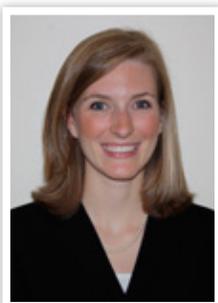
*Michael S. Reddy, Dean*

**Dr. Michael S. Reddy, Dean**, was awarded the William J. Gies Annual Periodontology Award at the 2016 AAP annual meeting. The William J. Gies Award is in memory of Arthur Hastings Merriott and is presented by the William J. Gies Foundation for the Advancement of Dentistry of the American Dental Education Association, Inc. The award is conferred to those who have made significant contributions to periodontal literature and the advancement of dental education.



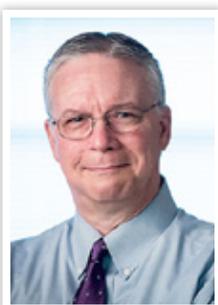
*Nico Geurs*

**Dr. Nicolaas (Nico) Geurs**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Periodontology, received the 2016 UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at annual Faculty Awards Convocation. Dr. Geurs is a talented instructor with a dynamic and engaging teaching style. Credited for "transforming any teaching session into an interactive experience," Nico is an outstanding role model and mentor for his faculty colleagues and, for students, a supportive and approachable instructor. With a dedication to excellence, he has broad and deep outcomes in teaching.



*Katie Powell*

**Dr. Kathlyn "Katie" Powell**, Assistant Professor in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery department, has joined Children's of Alabama as the state's first dedicated pediatric oral surgeon. In her role, she will work with patients and with the Cleft and Craniofacial Center and the Aerodigestive Program. Dr. Powell received her DMD in 2009 and her MD in 2012 from UAB. She completed a residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery as well as a fellowship in pediatric oral and maxillofacial surgery, also both at UAB. She recently completed a fellowship with Dr. Peter Waite, Professor and Chair of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and will continue working with him in the new appointment. Dr. Powell's father, Dr. Robin Kruger, received his DMD from UAB School of Dentistry in 1982.



*Conan Davis*

**Dr. Conan Davis**, Assistant Dean for Community Collaborations and Public Health, was appointed by Sylvia Burwell, the US Secretary for Health and Human Services, to serve on the HHS Health Services and Services Administration (HRSA) Advisory Committee on Training in Primary Care Medicine and Dentistry (ACTPCMD). Dr. Davis was nominated by the ADA to this committee and is one of four dentists serving overlapping terms on this committee of Health Care professionals. This committee advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of HHS concerning policy, program development and other matters of significance concerning the HRSA Bureau of Health Workforce programs.

# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Amjad Javed

**Dr. Amjad Javed**, Professor and Director of Post-Graduate Education, IOHR, has been elected vice president of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Mineralized Tissue Group (MTG) Board of Directors. The MTG is made up of a highly interdisciplinary team of scholars who share a common interest in mineralized tissues in the craniofacial region. The group fosters research and collaboration and provides a great forum for presenting cutting edge science from many areas of dental and craniofacial research.



Mia Geisinger

**Dr. Mia Geisinger**, Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Education Program in the Department of Periodontology and the Director of UAB Faculty Development and Support, was inducted as president of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation. She is the first female president and the youngest president to serve in this organization.



Ramzi Abou-Arraj, Dan Givan  
and Patrick Louis

**Drs. Ramzi Abou-Arraj, Dan Givan and Patrick Louis**, (pictured left to right with BioHorizon's Steve Boggan and Dean Michael Reddy) were named BioHorizon's first endowed faculty scholars in the School of Dentistry. The Departments of Oral Surgery, Periodontology and Prosthodontics will each receive \$100,000 to establish the BioHorizons Scholar Endowed Support Fund. The Departments have named faculty in their areas to receive this prestigious award. Funds from the award may go toward faculty salaries, travel, or programmatic expenses in those areas.



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# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Mohamed Khass

**Dr. Mohamed Khass**, DART Postdoctoral Fellow, served as first author for a paper reporting a new quality-control checkpoint function in developing B cells, as published in the inaugural issue of the journal of Science Immunology. His work is featured in the UAB News article, *Checkpoint in B cell development discovered with possible implications on vaccine potency*.



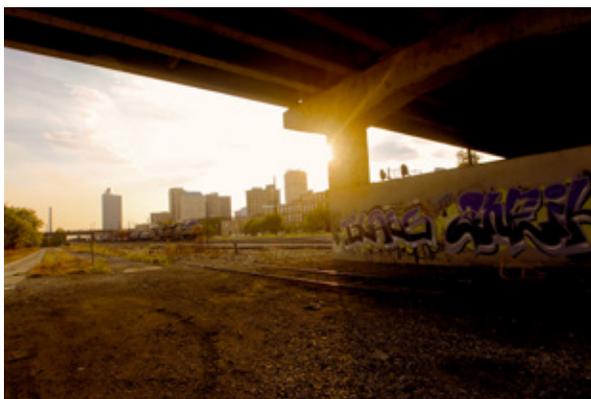
Stephanie Momeni

**Stephanie Momeni**, a doctoral candidate in the Department of Biology and a dental academic research training fellow in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry with Dr. Noel Childers, was featured in a UAB News article, *Research shows sharing of cavity-causing bacteria may not be only from mothers to children*. Stephanie, who conducts her research in the laboratory of Dr. Noel Childers, tracks the transmission of *S. mutans* in a large-scale epidemiological study in Perry County, Alabama.



Bright Chang

**Bright Chang (D2)** was chosen to publish two of his favorite photographs, "Traveling Through Time" and "Traveling Through Colors", in the Spring/Summer 2016 edition of the UAB AURA Literary Arts Review. UAB AURA is a biannual publication dedicated to showcasing the artwork of UAB-affiliated and non-affiliated artists. The Spring/Summer 2016 Edition highlighted the theme "Beauty in Decay". The AURA Literary Arts Review Committee has defined this theme as "something admirable, found among abandonment, desolation, and deterioration wherever they may be." Bright loves photography and enjoys documenting and eternalizing once-in-a-lifetime moments. He hopes to share his perspective of life's authentic beauty with the world and firmly believes that every moment in life is a fleeting glimpse of memories that can be captured through narrative and candid photography.



Traveling through Time



Traveling through Colors

# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

### **Serving Athletes at the Alabama Special Olympics State Games**

On Saturday May 21st, 2016, a team of sixteen dental school students and faculty spent their day volunteering and serving the Special Olympics Athletes at the Alabama State championship competition in Troy, Alabama. Many of the athletes had physical and/or cognitive impairments, and had travelled from various parts of the state to compete in the Alabama Special Olympics State games. The dental team provided dental health screenings and oral hygiene instructions, fabricated mouth guards for the athletes, and gave away dental hygiene products including an electric toothbrush, with the goal to ensure healthier athletes and promote oral health care through the Special Olympics Special Smiles (SOSS) initiative.



### **SNDA Awards UAB SOD Students at Annual Convention**

In July 2016, the UAB chapter of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) attended the 103rd Convention of the National Dental Association in Atlanta, GA along with the other SNDA chapters from dental schools across the country. They received the honorable "Chapter of the Year" award due to their community service, collaborations, and programs throughout the year. In addition to this achievement, Dr. Stephen Greene, pediatric dentistry resident, won first place in the research poster competition, and D2 student Belema Mark Abernethy was elected recording secretary, a national office position. Linking Birmingham history to their work within the SOD and the community, the UAB SNDA chapter placed third in a highly competitive scrapbook competition.



### **SPEA Annual Meeting**

Andrea Fenton (D2), Mary Elizabeth Bush (D4), Cassandra Winterrowd (D3) and Meghana Sthanam (D2) represented the UAB School of Dentistry at the annual Student Professionalism and Ethics Association (SPEA) meeting during the American Dental Association Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado, in October 2016. Andrea was elected to serve as Regent of Regency 3 for the SPEA National Board. Mary Elizabeth presented research at the Student Clinicians of the ADA (SCADA) meeting.



# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### White Coat Ceremony

On Thursday, August 25, 60 members of the Class of 2020 were honored at the 2016 White Coat Ceremony at the Alys Stephens Performing Arts Center. Guest speakers included Dr. Gary Myers, President of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association and Dr. Richard Goodroe, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Hinman Dental Society.

The White Coat Ceremony has been partially sponsored since the ceremony's inception in 1999 by the Alabama Dental Alumni Association. The purpose of the ceremony is to welcome the incoming class to the profession by presenting them with their white coats and a School of Dentistry lapel pin and to address the importance of ethics, leadership, and professionalism in the field of dentistry.



### UAB SOD Homecoming

The School of Dentistry participated in UAB's 2016 Homecoming competitions during the week of October 17. D1 students placed 3rd in the annual building decoration competition with their spin on UAB's homecoming theme "Forever Blaze".



# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## SCHOOL EVENTS

### UAB Dentistry Cares / Henry Schein Community Day

More than 500 underserved and homeless people in the Birmingham area received teeth cleanings, fillings and extractions at no cost as part of the fourth annual UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day, which took place Wednesday, October 5, at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. Henry Schein Dental was the title sponsor.



Organized by the UAB School of Dentistry, more than 300 volunteers took part in the charitable event, including partners from, Alabama Dental Association, The Foundry Dental Clinic, Cahaba Valley Health Care, and other local dentists, health agencies and companies.



“This is something that we decided to do because we realized there is so much need for dental care for low-income adults,” said Assistant Dean for Community Collaborations and Public Health Conan Davis, DMD. “It’s taken a good bit of effort behind the scenes to get this going, but we are so thankful to all of our partners who make this event successful.”

This year, patients were expected to receive more than \$200,000 in pro bono dental services. Through sponsor and community support, the UAB School of Dentistry is among very few dental schools in the country to host this type of benevolent event.



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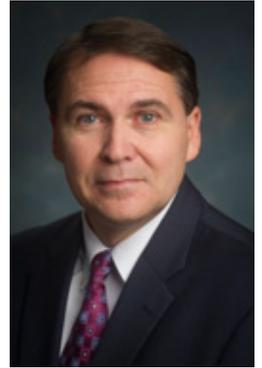
*Michael Corson, DDS*  
*Denver, CO*

## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### Choices

*"It is our choices, Harry, that show what we truly are, far more than our abilities."*

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets



I haven't read all of the Harry Potter books, but I find them immensely entertaining and thought provoking. While in the quote above Albus Dumbledore may have been talking about good and evil, I believe it applies to the choices we make every day. When you choose to attend Alumni Weekend or make a donation to the School of Dentistry, we realize you had other options, and appreciate your support. When you invest in your time or treasures, we want you to feel good about your choice.

For our Alumni Association, your choice to become a member can have a substantial impact. Obviously, the more members we have, the more the Alumni Association can do to further dental education at UAB. Membership dues provide an income stream for the Alumni Association to award student scholarships, offer travel opportunities for students and faculty, assist our members with a variety of services, etc... When you choose to attend an alumni event, particularly with our students, it shows you care about the present and the future.

### ALUMNI BY CHOICE

The Alumni Association has implemented a program called Alumni By Choice to encourage dentists who didn't graduate from UAB to join and become involved in our Alumni Association. Dr. Barry Langley, a Loyola Dental School graduate, chairs the Alumni By Choice committee. Langley and other alumni from other schools are working to grow our membership, particularly in Alabama. He said "This is where I live, raised a family and practiced for more than 39 years. This is my home and I want my home state dental school to be the best"! The fact that you've chosen to read this article means you're interested in the Alumni Association. Will you consider informing a non-Alabama dental graduate about the Alumni By Choice program? The dues are the same as a regular membership, \$75.

### WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL?

Some of our alumni have chosen to help the School of Dentistry by instructing students in one of our clinics or in the community. Others come back to speak about ethics and professionalism, while some mentor prospective students in their practices, or choose to volunteer to serve on a committee. It's all important, and the first step may be the most difficult ... making the choice to help. Once you make that choice, you'll have the support to be successful.

### PHILANTHROPIC CHOICES

The School of Dentistry has raised approximately \$19 million for the Campaign for UAB. With two years remaining to reach our \$20 million goal, we will be successful because of our alumni. More

than half of our alumni have chosen to contribute to the campaign. Our donors can be confident in knowing their hard earned dollars are being properly stewarded. Whichever of the 20 plus campaign initiatives you choose to support, be assured that 100 percent of your gift benefits the UAB School of Dentistry. You can also be confident in our leadership. Our Dean, Dr. Michael Reddy, has built an outstanding and inclusive culture. Student, faculty and staff, and patient satisfaction are at an all-time high. The School is moving forward in a strategic manner. The projects that are part of the campaign are strategically driven.

Choices for support fall in five categories: faculty and research excellence, student experiences, programmatic support, outreach, and facilities. If you have the opportunity to visit our school, you'll see we've made great strides in enhancing all those areas through the campaign. Our students have more opportunities to travel to conferences, be involved in organized dentistry, and serve their communities. We have been able to enhance faculty and staff salaries and professional development opportunities. When we renovate the comprehensive care and prosthodontic clinics, our facilities will be unrivaled among dental schools.

Imagine what we could do if more alumni and friends chose to be more involved with our School of Dentistry and Alumni Association. I began this article with a J.K. Rowling quote and I'll end with one:

"We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better".

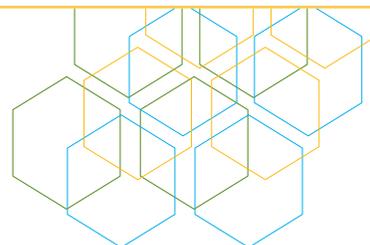
Regards,



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## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Fundraising Campaign Marching To Resounding Success

-by Les Lovoy

More than three years ago, the UAB School of Dentistry embarked on a major fundraising campaign, the Campaign for UAB. The School of Dentistry is raising funds as an element of the overall university campaign, and according to Scott Huffman, Executive Director of Development for the SOD, the School's efforts have been a resounding success.

"Things are going quite well," Huffman said. "We set a goal of \$20 million and we are approaching the \$19 million mark. The campaign will finish at the end of September 2018. We are really pleased from what we have raised up to this point, not only financially but being able to address our high priority needs to move the School forward."

Huffman beams with pride when explaining much of the raised funds have come from SOD alumni or individuals who want to see the school succeed. "All contributions are important, whether they're one hundred dollars or one hundred thousand dollars," he said. "Corporate gifts tend to be larger than \$100 or \$200 and obviously we've had individuals who've made significant gifts of \$100,000 or more. But, what's pleased me is how our alumni have stepped up to make this campaign successful."

Huffman notes one reason for the success of the campaign is the lasting relationship between the SOD and its alumni. He says the classes have always been relatively small, approximately sixty per class. "So, they get to know their professors and fellow students and be extremely involved with the school, while they're earning their degree," he explained. "Once they graduate, many stay connected through the Alumni Association and organized dentistry. As professionals in their community, they are very knowledgeable about what the school excels in and what it needs." Huffman added the campaign's leadership and volunteers have contributed to its success. The campaign chairman is Dr. Ben Cumbus ('72) of Montgomery, Dr. Joel Hearn ('72) of Florence is vice chairman and honorary chair is former dean and UAB President Dr. Charles A. "Scotty" McCallum.

The School of Dentistry has several projects earmarked for funds donated to the campaign. Huffman noted the SOD was founded in 1948 and moved to its current building shortly after that. Through the years, the facility has been renovated floor-by-floor, clinic-by-clinic. There are two major renovations left. "The Comprehensive Care Clinic hasn't been renovated since 1975," Huffman said. "This is important because it is where all of our students spend many hours treating patients and working along with our faculty before they graduate. We want to create a state-of-the-art clinic with the latest technology and be a model for other dental schools. That's a huge three to five million-dollar project."

The second facilities project is modernizing the Prosthodontics Clinic. "That will be a million plus dollar renovation," Huffman explained. "This clinic services a lot of patients across the southeast. It's extremely valuable to the School."

From a non-facility standpoint, many campaign funds are directed to students and community outreach. "Students are always the focal point," Huffman said. "We have the Student Excellence Fund and our Student Scholarship Fund. Endowment contributions particularly help students. The more endowments we have the more it ensures the future of the School. State support has dwindled over the last several years. In the 80's, it was well into the 80 percent range of our total budget. Now it's down to 20 percent. The best way to ensure our future is by creating an endowment, whether it's for faculty, research or even a program. When an endowment is established, it's forever and someone is leaving their mark on the school, which will go on until the end of time."

Huffman continues by saying that yes, endowments are important, but one of the attributes of the campaign is how many options someone has to contribute, depending on their personal interests and priorities. The donor can tell the School where to direct his or her funds. "Whether it's renovating a facility, contributing to a specific department, directly helping students or community outreach, a donor can tell us where they would like their funds to go. Currently we have 20 different projects. There's something for everyone."

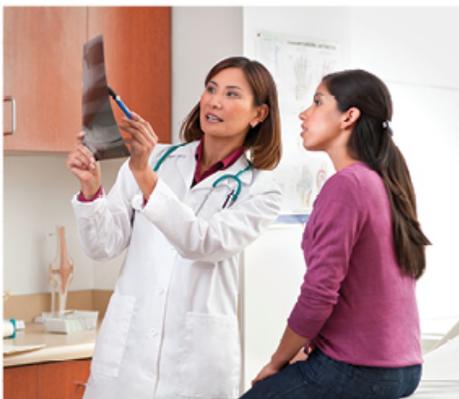
Huffman is adamant when saying one of the primary reasons for the current success of the campaign is due to the leadership of the School of Dentistry. "The School is in excellent hands under Dr. Michael Reddy," he proudly stated. "I've worked for a lot of people and he is the most ethical man I have ever known. He is a man of great vision and is moving us in the right direction. The faculty, alumni and students really like him. He's changed the culture and that's one reason we have been so successful."

"Our alumni have really responded to Dr. Reddy's goal of being the model for all dental schools," Huffman noted. "We're not interested in the status quo in research, clinical teaching and community outreach. We want to be the best and we need support from alumni and friends to make this happen."

For more information on how you can support the Campaign for UAB, contact J. Scott Huffman, CFRE at (205) 934-3601 or shuffman@uab.edu.

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## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Alumnus Endows Professorship Through Planned Gift



Dr. William O. Brown ('74) is a world traveler. Since retiring from his private practice, he and his wife, Dr. Deborah J. Brown, have traversed the U.S. and most of the continents. But for the Killen, Ala native, there's no place like home. And the UAB School of Dentistry is his home school. His desire to help his school led him to endow a professorship. The Dr. William O. Brown Endowed Professorship will help support a faculty member's salary or allowable expenses in general dentistry. After reviewing various giving vehicles, Dr. Brown will make his gifts via an IRA charitable rollover.

Brown said, "As an older student, a returning veteran, the UAB School of Dentistry gave me the opportunity to prepare and eventually succeed in dentistry. Through my professional training I have been able to help people both here and abroad in their health care. Dentistry was a good career choice for me and my training enabled me to pursue a satisfying profession and to make a good living. I was able to work for myself, be independent and at the same time have the financial wherewithal to have a good life with a lot of personal freedom. I was able to offer the best of health care and respect to my patients and would like to see other young dentists have the same and even better opportunities in training and health care delivery than I had. The School of Dentistry at UAB has made some big changes in its programs and training philosophies—encouraging students in a supportive and positive environment. I want to help the School of Dentistry attract and retain the best possible faculty—giving current and future students the best of opportunities in their professional and personal lives".

Dr. Brown and his wife, Dr. Deborah J. Brown, began discussing the idea of a planned gift with the School of Dentistry's development office and the UAB Office of Planned Giving about two years ago. They took advantage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016, which made permanent the provision that allows you to make a direct transfer (up to \$100,000 per year) from a traditional or Roth IRA to a qualified charity, provided you are 70 ½ years of age or older. This direct transfer to a qualified charity counts against your annual required minimum distribution.

Dr. Brown retired from his practice in Killen, Ala several years ago, but is still involved with the School of Dentistry, the Alumni Association, and organized dentistry. He said, "My student days at UAB were rigorous and at times difficult. I believe student life is better supported with more encouragement and positive instruction. All students will be future colleagues and deserve respect and a positive attitude from their faculty in their work. As Dean Reddy has stated upon several occasions, UAB is a "friendly" school. I agree with that assessment and hope that my monetary gift to the School of Dentistry will help promote and continue such a positive environment".



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## ALUMNI NEWS

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Dr. Benjamin J. Cumbus ('72)** of Montgomery, Alabama, has been named the 2016 H. Moren Fuller Award winner by the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association. Dr. Cumbus received the award, the dental profession's highest honor in the state, on June 14, 2016 at the Alumni Association Luncheon held during the Alabama Dental Association annual meeting in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Dr. Cumbus, who is being honored for his significant contributions to the school of dentistry, is currently chairman of the Campaign for UAB Dentistry and the Second District Representative for the Alumni Association's Executive Council. In 2009, Cumbus received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the school. He is also past president of the Alabama Dental Association, and has held numerous leadership positions within organized dentistry. During his tenure as chairman of the Campaign for UAB Dentistry, the school has raised nearly \$19 million.

The Fuller Award is named for Dr. H. Moren Fuller, one of the first members of the school of dentistry advisory board.



**Dr. Lew Mitchell ('73)** was elected second vice president of the American Dental Association (ADA) during a meeting at the ADA House of Delegates in Denver, Colorado in October. The ADA Board formulates and reviews policies and programs and makes recommendations to the members of the ADA's governing body, the House of Delegates. As a member of the ADA Board, Dr. Mitchell will play a major role in the ADA's efforts to be America's leading advocate for oral health.

Dr. Mitchell has been an ADA member since 1973 and has served in many leadership positions within the Association, including as a delegate to House of Delegates. He's also been president of both the Alabama Dental Association and the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Mitchell is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Mitchell has been in private practice in Gadsden, Alabama since 1975 and since 2011 has been an adjunct associate professor at the UAB School of Dentistry.



**Dr. Mark McIlwain ('82)** was recently elected to the Alabama Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. McIlwain has practiced dentistry for more than thirty years, specializing in oral surgery. Dr. McIlwain graduated from Vanderbilt School of Medicine with a dual degree in oral and maxillofacial surgery and opened Oral and Facial Surgery of the Shoals in 1993.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



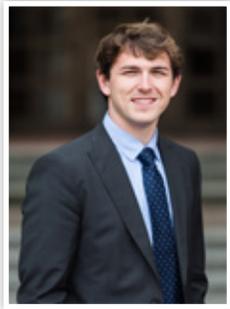
**Drs. Beth Davis ('81) and Joe Hastings ('81)** were recently inducted as a fellow into the International College of Dentists during the annual session at the American Dental Association (ADA) in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Davis' brother, Dr. A. Conan Davis ('79), UAB School of Dentistry faculty, and her father, Dr. Conan E. Davis, are also fellows.

*Dr. Davis is pictured with her daughter, Dr. Betsy Hill, who graduated from UAB School of Dentistry in June 2016.*



*Dr. Hastings is pictured with Dr. Toni Neumeier, UAB School of Dentistry faculty, and his family: Michael Haydel, DDS, Anna Hastings, DMD ('14), Mary Laura Hastings, DMD ('13) and Laura Hastings, DDS.*



**Dr. Joe Vaughn ('15)** was recently published in the Dental Ethics section of the Journal of the American College of Dentists. His essay, Ethics on Our Sleeve, was awarded the Ozar-Hasegawa Prize in the ACD student ethics essay contest.



**Dr. Jim Shamburger ('80)** pictured with **Drs. Gil Griggs ('71) and Joel Hearn ('72)** in October at the grand opening of Beach Big Brewing, his microbrewery in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

## PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES



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**Dr. Myra Stafford ('82)**, Jasper, Alabama, is seeking an Associate Dentist (part-time) to join her established private dental practice in a beautiful quiet area near a lake. She values excellent clinical skills, good communication skills, a gentle disposition; and the ability to work well treating both adults and children. She seeks a doctor that is willing to build a practice. As they expand, there is the potential for more hours.

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For questions or interest, please contact Dr. Nowell via email or phone.  
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**Dr. Lucas Perrigo ('02)** is seeking an associate to join a successful practice in Hoover, Alabama. This is an incredible opportunity to work in an excellent facility with state-of-the art equipment. For questions or interest, please contact Dr. Lucas Perrigo via email or text: [lperrigo@me.com](mailto:lperrigo@me.com) / 205-746-8320.

## IN MEMORIAM

**('52) Morris Whitsett Hollis Sr.** died October 18, 2016. Morris was born September 28, 1925, in Georgiana, AL. He spent his early years in Troy, and moved to Sylacauga when he was 15. During high school, he prided himself on playing football for the Aggies, while also marching with the band at halftime- playing the trombone. He never graduated from Sylacauga High, because, in 1943, he was drafted into the U. S. Army. Honorably discharged in 1946, Morris immediately enrolled at Birmingham-Southern College to study pre-dentistry. Once again, he left BSC without a diploma. Instead, he was admitted into the University of Alabama School of Dentistry after only three years of undergraduate study. Upon finally receiving a degree, this one as a Doctor of Medicine in Dentistry in 1952, Dr. Hollis returned to his beloved Sylacauga, where he practiced family dentistry until he retired in 1996.

**('54) Joe Selman Watson**, 88, of Enterprise, AL passed away Monday, October 10, 2016. Dr. Watson was a graduate of Auburn University and UAB School of Dentistry.

**('63) James Albert "Al" Nelson**, age 77, of Hoover, AL passed away July 15, 2016 after a short, fierce battle with Vascular Dementia. Al attended Auburn University and The University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He was a member of Alpha Epsilon Delta, a pre-medical honorary fraternity. He was a member of Birmingham District Dental Society, Alabama Dental Association, and the American Dental Association. Al practiced dentistry in Birmingham, AL for 44 years.

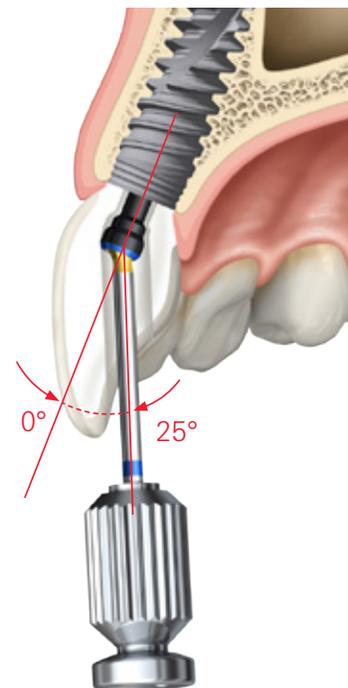
**('64) James Ray Cobb** passed away peacefully on December 11, 2016. He was born in Daleville, Alabama on November 23, 1930, and later moved to Mobile, Alabama. He served four years in the military, three of which were in Tokyo, Japan working under General Douglas MacArthur's command and with top ranking military officials (both American and Japanese) to reorganize and retrain the Japanese Army. Upon returning stateside, he returned to Mobile to resume his education at Springhill College and The University of Alabama School of Dentistry. After graduation from dental school, he returned to his hometown of Mobile to begin his career in dentistry. After retirement, he resided on Ono Island, Orange Beach, where he enjoyed many happy years with his family and friends.

**('64) Harry M. Rutland Jr.** died June 21, 2015. He graduated from Marion Military Institute, Auburn University and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He served in the U.S. Air Force. Dr. Rutland practiced dentistry in Guntersville from 1964 to 2000 and was a lifetime member of the Alabama Dental Association.

**('69) Benjamin (Ben) Steward McLeod** passed away on July 11, 2016. He attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he also played football. Dr. McLeod graduated from the UAB School of Dentistry and entered the U.S. Air Force as a practicing dentist and captain. After serving his tour at Altus Air Force Base, he settled in Meridian, Mississippi, where he built his dental practice.

**(Perio '83) Edward A. Sielski** died August 26, 2016, at age 61.

**('13) Nathan Wayne Krauss** 30, passed away after a brave two year battle against leukemia on November 15, 2016 surrounded by his family. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in biomedical sciences from Auburn University and his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He was completing his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Kentucky. Nathan was commissioned as a Captain in the US Air Force.



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