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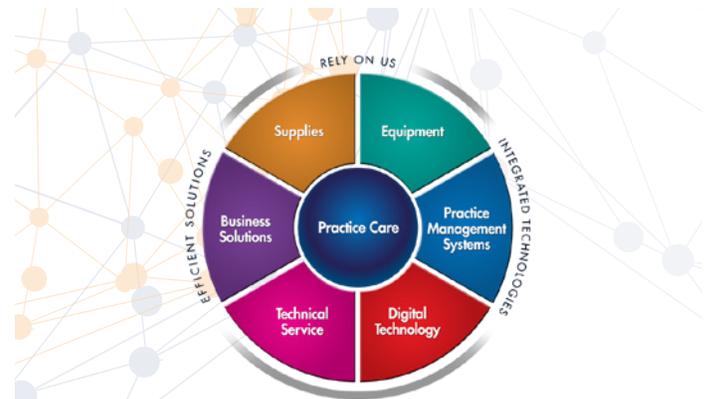
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Alumni Weekend in Birmingham, AL	Feb. 7-10
Alumni Association Annual Meeting	Feb. 7
Hinman in Atlanta, GA – Dean's Reception	Mar. 22
Graduation	June 1

ON THE COVER:

2018 Fuller Award Winner Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Alumni,

Harvest time is evident in most places all across our state as combines gather corn, soybeans, peanuts and cotton. While the leaves have not yet begun to turn nor the weather cool yet, we have many reasons to be thankful. We are blessed to be a part of a wonderful profession that has enriched all our lives. This year has had its challenges, but it has been a privilege to serve as your president.

Your leadership council met recently and the slate of potential dean replacements was announced. Dr. Michelle Robinson's performance as an interim dean has been outstanding. We have not missed a step under her tenure in our national and international performances at the school.

One of the highlights of the presidency of the Alumni Association is speaking at the White Coat Ceremony, which we sponsor. It is an evening in which the D1 students receive their white coats, lapel pins, and recite the Dentist's Pledge. It is an evening that reminds you how special it is to have been given the gifts to provide patients care with our hands and mind.

We have been able to bolster our Endowed Professorship Fund to more than \$600,000 and our Capital Campaign, under Dr. Ben Joe Cumbus, will probably have met our \$25 million dollar goal as you read this. These successes would not be possible without your support of our Alumni Association. If you are not yet a member, I encourage you to become one and ask some of your colleagues, as well, to join as we continue to enable our school to enjoy national and world prominence.

I hope to see you all at our Alumni Weekend February 7- 10, 2019 at the Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel. Dr. Lori Gearhart, has once again, assembled a great continuing education event.

In closing, I thank each of you for your support and willingness to commit to service when asked and a special thanks to my friends, Scott Huffman and our dedicated staff Charlene Philips, Abby Vinson, and Christy Roach. I am confident that our incoming leadership under Dr. Ben Joe Cumbus (President Elect), Dr. Bruce Camp (Vice President), and Dr. Ben Ingram (Secretary/Treasurer) will guide us to continued success.

I wish each of you a happy and blessed holiday season.

Sincerely,



Stanley R. Beard, DMD, FAGD
Class of 1989
2018 UA SOD Alumni President



INTERIM DEAN'S MESSAGE

Recipe for a bright future

In this issue, I hope you will enjoy highlights of the year's activities including two noteworthy events. From first hearing the "Dentist's Pledge" read aloud during our annual White Coat Ceremony to reciting it with colleagues at Commencement, each student's journey through dental school is bookended by these important milestones. But in the years between ceremonies, it takes a customized recipe to prepare each class for success.

Our school has been recognized for its depth and breadth of clinical experiences where students are exposed to the principles of patient-centered care and professional responsibility. It is also known for providing opportunities for all students to engage in research and discovery. The recipe begins in the first and second years with a strong interdisciplinary foundation in the basic sciences. Added to it, D2 students are provided early experiences to prepare them for the delivery of supervised patient care. That leads to the major focus of the D3 year which centers on patient care with students working in supervised treatment teams and our evidence-based didactic curriculum offers companion courses to the clinical experiences. Ultimately, the D4 student experience culminates in a "Capstone Case" presentation that ties it all together with students demonstrating competence is a variety of areas including comprehensive dental care, biomedical/basic science integration, and evidence-based dentistry.

Throughout their four years, our students have the benefit of learning in a diverse academic environment, participating in a variety of clinical rotations, and taking advantage of a wealth of research and community service opportunities. They sharpen their critical thinking and judgment. They heighten ethics and professionalism. And they reinforce their commitment to service and lifelong learning.

The final ingredient to our recipe: your support allows us to continue building on our winning recipe, preparing our students for bright futures ahead. Whether they aspire to be clinicians or academicians or to work in government or industry; whatever that next step is going to be, our students feel confident in taking it.

Let's keep thing moving...

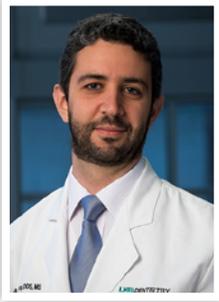


Michelle Robinson, DMD, M.A.



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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Ramzi Abou-Arraj

Dr. Ramzi Abou-Arraj, Associate Professor of Periodontology, has been selected to receive the UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In his research, he focuses on periodontal regeneration and the healing of dental implants, specifically on bioengineering advances in the field. In the classroom, he is known for his thorough preparation and attention to detail. He has received numerous awards, including the R. Earl Robinson Periodontal Regeneration Award for an article published in the *Journal of Dental Research*.



Nico Geurs

Dr. Nico Geurs, Weatherford-Palcanis Endowed Chair of the UAB Department of Periodontology, was recently awarded a grant through the National Institutes of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) as the UAB site PI to study precision periodontal therapy in an R34 mechanism, "Treat-to-target and personalized approach to periodontal therapy".

Dr. Gregg Gilbert, Professor and Chair of Clinical and Community Sciences, has been appointed by the Board of Trustees to the rank of Distinguished Professor in Dentistry. This is a campus-wide appointment that recognizes Dr. Gilbert's stellar international accomplishments, noteworthy academic service, and outstanding performance and achievements at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Dr. Janice Jackson, Professor, was named Interim Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry effective August 1. Dr. Jackson was also recently named *Dentist of the Year* by the Birmingham District Dental Society. The honor was given in recognition of her efforts on behalf of the children of Alabama.



Gregg Gilbert

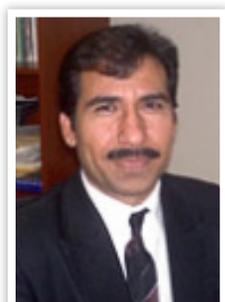
Dr. Amjad Javed, Professor and Director of Post-Graduate Education, IOHR, was appointed as Interim Associate Dean for Research, effective August 1. Dr. Javed has been with the SOD in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery since 2005 and has embraced his academic responsibilities in the areas of teaching, research, and service. Dr. Javed holds a national and international reputation in his field with several journal editorial and reviewer positions, and serves as the President of the IADR/AADR Mineralized Tissue Group.

Dr. Chung How Kau, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics, was elected to serve a 3-year term as a Director for the National Alumni Association at UAB. He also received another visiting professorship from the University of Debrecen, Hungary. The picture below shows Dr. Kau being awarded the title by the Dean Faculty of Dentistry, Professor Csaba Hegedus. Dr. Kau was recently on Capitol Hill advocating for continued funding of dental education and NIH funding with the group of 2019 ADEA Institute fellows. And, Dr. Kau's collaboration with the University of Oulu Finland was featured on the cover and included in *Volume 21, Issue 3* of the *Orthodontics & Craniofacial Research*.

Dr. Stephanie Teichmiller, Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, received the "Icon of Dentistry Award" at the *Icons of Dentistry: A Workshop for Women* conference on June 22, 2018 at Ultradent Products, Inc., in South Jordan, Utah. Of the five women chosen for the honor, Dr. Teichmiller will receive the "Icon of Mentorship" award for her work with dental students, dental assistants, and for her mentorship of other women in her community.



Janice Jackson



Amjad Javed



Chung How Kau



Stephanie Teichmiller

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Dr. Hope Amm, Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and **Dr. Ejvis Lamani**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics, are among fifteen investigators chosen from across campus to participate in the fourth Clinical Investigator Training Program. Launched in 2017, the program, a first of its kind at UAB, promotes an understanding of the role and responsibilities of a principal investigator, competencies in human subjects research, and awareness of UAB research infrastructure.

Drs. Jannet Katz and Kohtaro Fujihashi, Professors in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, were honored as emeritus professors during the June 8 meeting of the University of Alabama System Board of Trustees.

Dr. Maninder Kaur, Assistant Professor in Department of Periodontology, and **Dr. Somsak Sittitavornung**, Associate Professor in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, have been awarded the 2018-19 UAB Faculty Development Grant. Dr. Kaur's research under this grant is "Identification and Application of Gingival Mesenchymal Stem Cells for Dental Tissue Regeneration"; Dr. Sittitavornung's research is "Validation of Retromolar Intubation by Using Facial CT Scans to Assess Retromolar Space".



Hope Amm



Ejvis Lamani



Jannet Katz



Kohtaro Fujihashi



Maninder Kaur



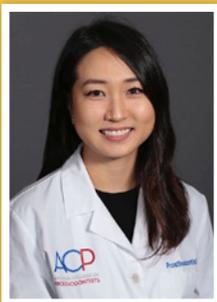
Somsak Sittitavornung

MEET SOD'S NEW FACULTY



Hussein Basma

Dr. Hussein Basma has joined the School of Dentistry in the Department of Periodontology. He excelled in our advanced training in periodontology program and also completed his Master's of Science in clinical dentistry at UAB in June 2018. Dr. Basma has an international reputation for his case documentation and has a large international following on Instagram on a site dedicated to periodontal and implant therapy. Dr. Basma, recently took over the American Academy of Periodontology's (AAP) Instagram account to show what a day in the life of a resident looked like for ASDA career compass week. He doubled the AAP's followers in one day! Dr. Basma will join the periodontal research group, teach in both the advanced training program in periodontology and the dental periodontology curriculum, and will be the course director for Case Based Education I.



Miyoung Kim

Dr. Miyoung Kim has joined the Division of Prosthodontics in the Department of Restorative Sciences. Dr. Kim is a recent graduate from the Graduate Prosthodontics Residency at UAB and is also an alumnus of our DMD program. She has extensive experience in fixed, removable, and implant therapies and is well-known to many within the School of Dentistry. Dr. Kim will be teaching in the undergraduate programs and will serve as a CCC faculty manager.

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

UAB ASDA Chapter Awarded Grant

The UAB chapter of Alabama ASDA was one of only five in the nation to receive a 2018 membership grant from the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). The grant supports outreach through membership and member involvement.

15th Annual Miles for Smiles

The 15th annual Miles for Smiles 5k and 1 Mile Fun took place on September 8th in Crestline Village. The run, which is organized by the UAB Chapter of the Alabama Student Dental Association (ASDA), benefits Cahaba Valley Health Care clinic. This year's race raised more than \$11,200 thanks to the support of local sponsors, donors, and participants. The check written to Cahaba Valley Health Care will help them deliver quality health care to underserved communities in Jefferson and Shelby counties. Almost 100 runners participated in the 5k race and more than 30 took part in the 1-mile fun run. Race organizers included Hamilton Behlen, Elisabeth Cantrell, Ayah Alkhatib, Kathryn Riley, Dr. Broome, and Mrs. Shirley.

SOD Habitat for Humanity Workday

The UAB Student AGD chapter, with the help of Drs. Madelyn Coar and Toni Neumeier, coordinated the UAB School of Dentistry Habitat for Humanity workday at a Birmingham home for Mr. Ames Ferrell. The year-long project included more than 500 volunteers who worked nearly 2,000 hours. As part of this project, 10 UAB SOD students and faculty members worked on tiling the living room and kitchen, building the porch and assembling furniture in the kitchen. The home was dedicated to Mr. Ames on November 1.



UAB ASDA



Miles for Smiles



Habitat for Humanity

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SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RANKED TOP 25 IN THE WORLD

The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry has been named one of the world's top 25 dental schools, according to a new list in ShanghaiRanking's 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities.

The UAB School of Dentistry is among 12 other American dental schools on the international list of 25, a ranking that reflects the commitment of the school's leadership, faculty and students to advance the knowledge of future dentists and enhance the care provided to patients.

"This ranking reflects the commitment of the school's leadership, faculty and students to advance the knowledge of future dentists and enhance the care provided to patients," said Michelle Robinson, DMD, M.A., interim dean of the School of Dentistry. "At UAB, we pride ourselves on being a premier school of dentistry, and we're proud to be recognized on an international scale."

ShanghaiRanking bases its findings on a survey of 1,500 deans, chairs, and heads of faculties and departments of the top 100 universities across a range of subjects. Questions on the survey focused on publications in the top tier journals in dentistry, the most influential and credible awards in the profession, and researchers who have contributed the most to the field, with an emphasis on research performance and reputation.

In recent years, the School of Dentistry has experienced record enrollment of both domestic and international students, has been top-ranked in National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research funding, and is home to the National Dental Practice Based Research Network.



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Honors Convocation

On Thursday, May 31, all students and faculty gathered for the annual Honors Convocation Ceremony where more than 65 students were recognized for excellence in academic and leadership achievements. Special guests included Alumni Association Past President and ALDA Immediate Past President Dr. Gary Myers who presented the Alumni Award for Leadership and the ALDA's Student Leadership Award to Donielle Williams. AGD President Dr. Derrick Mendez presented the AGD Senior Student Dental Award to Kevin Bell and Hillary Diffee. Victoria Vining McClanahan received the Joseph F. Volker Award, which is selected by a vote of the entire senior class and is bestowed on a graduating senior who works selflessly throughout their dental education for the good of the school and student body.



Donielle Williams



Kevin Bell



Hillary Diffee



Victoria McClanahan

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Scholarship Luncheon

The 5th annual Scholarship Luncheon took place on Friday, June 1 and recognized the benevolence of endowed scholarship donors and celebrated the student recipients for the 2017-2018 academic year. President Dr. Stanley Beard, President-Elect Dr. Benjamin Cumbus, Past President Dr. Gary Myers and 2nd District Representative Dr. Melodie Jones represented the Alumni Association and their respective dental society districts. Ms. Tonja Hollis represented the Dr. Thomas Alexander Jr. Endowed Scholarship. Of the 19 scholarships recognized, the 2017-2018 recipients of the Alumni Scholarship Award were Laura Aristizabel, Elyse Dengler, Andrea Fenton, James Harb, Andrew Owens and Lindsey Roberts.



Tonja Hollis



*Alumni Scholarship Award
Recipients*



*2nd District Scholarship
Recipient Jacobi Peoples*



*Mrs. Ginny Cumbus, Drs. Gary
Myers, Michelle Robinson,
Ben Cumbus*

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Graduation

The School of Dentistry held its 66th annual commencement on Saturday, June 2, awarding DMD degrees to 69 new dentists. The ceremony celebrated all that these graduates have accomplished to date and their bright futures ahead. President of the American Dental Association Dr. Joseph P. Crowley delivered the Lister Hill Lecture, Dr. Benjamin J. Cumbus, president-elect of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association and Dr. Rodney Marshall, vice president of the Alabama Dental Association spoke on behalf of their respective organizations. The most coveted honor presented to a member of the graduating class, The Dean's Medal, was awarded to Daniel Wright.

The best is yet to come for this class, whose members are dreaming bigger as they embark upon a wide range of paths. Whether they enter a postdoctoral program, military service, community health service, corporate or private practice, or some other aspect of oral health, we wish them continued success as they take their next steps within the dental profession.



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White Coat Ceremony

On August 16, the Class of 2022 were honored at the annual White Coat Ceremony. Guest speakers included Alumni Association President Dr. Stanley Beard and a member of the Hinman Dental Society Board of Trustees, Dr. Maxwell Ferguson. The ceremony is a first year rite of passage and an official welcome to the profession and the UAB Dentistry family. Together, students make a solemn commitment before their families, peers, alumni, and School of Dentistry leaders to uphold the values of ethics, professionalism, and compassionate patient care. The white coat, a gift from the dental alumni association, serves as recognition by the alumni and faculty of a student's transition into dentistry and acceptance of their professional responsibilities.



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TeamSmile

The School of Dentistry hosted a "cares day" for kids in partnership with TeamSmile. 90 SOD students and faculty teamed up with current and former UAB football players, the Boys and Girls Clubs, and others for a program that capitalizes on the excitement and allure of high profile sports to provide a life-changing dental experience to children in need.



D1s' Blazer Spirit Wins 3rd Place

The UAB SOD D1 class displayed their Blazer spirit for the UAB's annual Homecoming Building Decoration Competition. The building's front window was draped with a banner exclusively made by the D1 class, showcasing the theme "Blazers in the Magic City". The judges were so impressed, the School of Dentistry was awarded 3rd place in the competition.



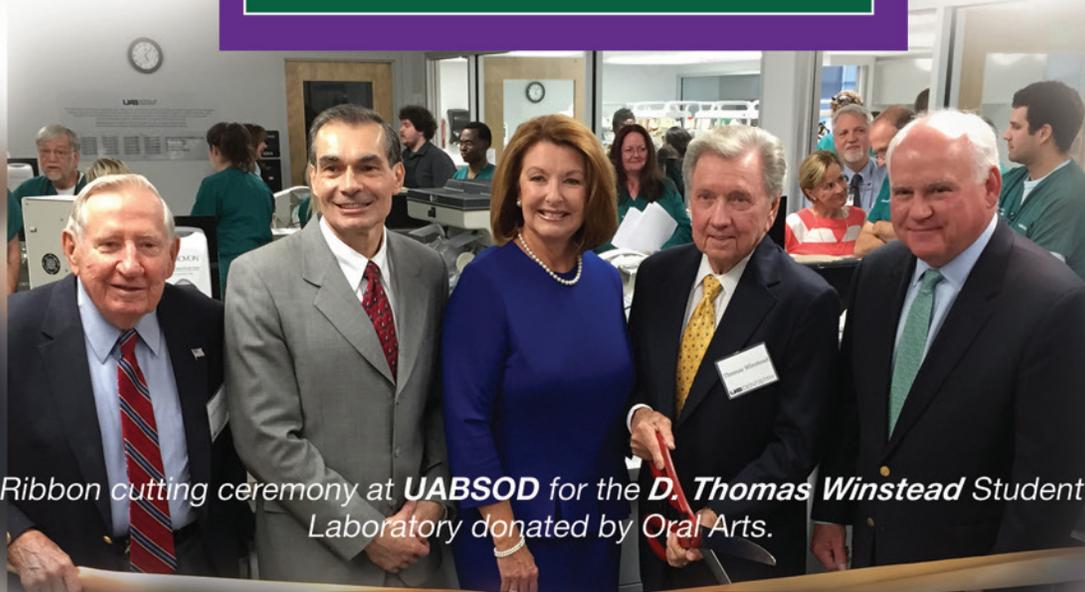
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In October, the School of Dentistry and its Alumni Association hosted a Dean's reception in Honolulu, Hawaii in conjunction with the American Dental Association annual meeting. I cannot remember us having a reception that far away, but that got me to thinking about our alumni far and near. Granted, the University of Alabama School of Dentistry or the UAB School of Dentistry (depending on when you graduated) had its first graduating class in 1952 so it stands to reason we would have alumni living across the globe. You might be surprised to know that our alumni live in all fifty states and 22 different countries! How's that for representation?

In today's society, we don't have to worry about connecting with one another because we have social media and reasonable long distance phone service. I hope you are in contact with your classmates and colleagues around the world. It's much more difficult to renew old friendships face to face at such long distance. Our receptions associated with national and international dental meetings are one way to meet in person. Another one is Alumni Weekend.

Every February our alumni converge on Birmingham for Alumni Weekend. This Thursday thru Saturday special event is chocked full of continuing education courses, school tours, specialty meetings, donor galas, and class reunions. This upcoming February, classes ending in "4" or "9" plus our hygiene graduates, will have their reunions at the Hyatt-Wynfrey Hotel and other Birmingham area locations. The Dean and I make it a point to visit all or most of these reunions, and we always enjoy hearing the old "when I was in school" stories.

I know it's difficult to get back, especially when you're so far away. For many of you, it shouldn't be so difficult. Approximately 2,200 alumni live in the state of Alabama. The surrounding states are also well represented. There are about 275 alumni in Florida, 250 in Georgia, 80 in Mississippi, and 110 in Tennessee. Even if you're one of our 60 alumni in Louisiana, South Carolina, or North Carolina, that's still within driving distance to Birmingham. Heck, Texas has 70 alumni and unless you live in El Paso, you can probably make the drive too.

We want all of our alumni to feel welcomed. The 2019 Alumni Weekend will be special. For the first time in many years we will have an open house at the school. Most of you have not seen the newly renovated Comprehensive Care Clinic (also known as the second floor clinic). It is spectacular. Many of the 76 operatories have been donated by our alumni (at \$12,500). If you're interested, we still have naming opportunities for operatories, clinic coordinator spaces, and the waiting area. Please contact me at shuffman@uab.edu if you want to make a contribution of any amount.

Speaking of contributions, we have surpassed the \$24 million dollar mark for the Campaign for UAB Dentistry. Hopefully, by the time Alumni Weekend rolls around, we'll surpass our second goal of \$25 million. I encourage all alumni to give. Your contribution may be designated for renovations, scholarships, faculty support, outreach, a specific program, or the Excellence in Alabama Dentistry Fund.

The Development and Alumni Office exists to serve YOU. If you want to reconnect with your classmates, we're just a phone call or email away to send you the information you need to reunite.

Regards,



J. Scott Huffman, CFRE
Executive Director of Development
Executive Director of the Alumni Association



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

UAB DENTISTRY HAS BANNER FUNDRAISING YEAR

The UAB School of Dentistry had another outstanding year in fundraising for its philanthropic campaign, *the Campaign for UAB*. The school raised \$2,921,053 for fiscal year 2018 which ran from October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. This year's total surpassed the \$2.7 million raised in fiscal year 2017. "The success we had this past year and throughout our campaign can be attributed to the confidence our donors have in the school's strategic direction and our donors' desire to maintain the excellence at the UAB School of Dentistry," said Scott Huffman, UAB Dentistry's Executive Director of Development. "Even though we've had some transition at the dean's position, our supporters know our administration, faculty, and staff are committed to providing the best education for our students and the best services for our patients," said Huffman.

UAB Dentistry surpassed its \$20 million campaign goal last year, and Campaign Chair Dr. Ben Cumbus challenged the school and donors and friends to set another goal of \$25 million. On the heels of a successful 2018, the School is nearing \$24.5 million with the goal well within reach. The School has broken numerous fundraising records. Donors have made more than 1,500 gifts or pledges between \$1,000 and \$10,000. There have been more than 250 gifts of \$10,000 or more and forty gifts of \$100,000 or more. In fiscal year 2018, more than forty gifts or pledges of \$10,000 were made.

Fundraising for the Comprehensive Care Clinic renovation project remained a top priority during 2018. More than \$2.7 million has been raised for the project. The renovation was completed during the summer, and is the most modern and impressive general dentistry clinic in dental education. Due to a matching gift program, operatories that require a \$25,000 contribution for a naming plaque, are only \$12,500. The clinic has 76 operatories and approximately fifty have already been named for donors.

Several other areas of need were addressed in 2018. Some of the more popular funds with donors included the Excellence in Alabama Dentistry Fund, the Alumni Association Endowed Professorship Fund, the Endodontics Alumni Endowed Professorship Fund, and several funds housed in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Donors have the option of making an unrestricted gift to the Excellence in Alabama Dentistry Fund or the Annual Fund. When making a gift to one of these funds, donors are giving the dean the discretion to assign how those funds will be used to benefit the school. Every specialty program has one or more funds set up to receive donations.

Donors don't have to look hard or far to see their money is being well spent. "Because of the generosity of our alumni and friends, one can see the difference in our facilities and programming," said Huffman. "I encourage our alumni to visit the school during Open House at Alumni Weekend. They'll have the opportunity to see the renovations we've had through the years, and most of these renovations are the result of their investment," he said.



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ALUMNI NEWS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

In 1996, **Dr. Jim Shamburger ('80)** and his family moved to Gulf Shores. There he continued his dental practice. Little did he know 20 years later he would own an enterprise that seemingly had nothing in common with dentistry--a brewery!

"I bought an existing dental practice," he explained. "We built a new building and have been there for about 22 years." He said he really had never thought of owning a brewery, but he always enjoyed drinking interesting beers. "My daughter gave me a beer-making kit about 8 years ago and it developed into a hobby," he noted. "I started buying kits from gourmet stores, doing research on the internet and making bigger batches."

He soon shared his creations at events such as parties, showers and wedding receptions. During that time, Dr. Shamburger and his wife would travel and visit breweries and ask themselves why doesn't Gulf Shores have a brewery of their own. He knew the area had several million visitors during the height of vacation season and if they could capture a small percentage of those folks, they should stay busy.

"Before the brewery opened, my wife and I had some rental properties, which is fairly common as another source of income," he said. "But, that's kind of a mundane thing. We started chatting about building a brewery, and that was more interesting than a typical retirement plan."

Dr. Shamburger and his wife opened the Big Beach Brewing Company in 2016. They are the sole owners, but his entire family pitches in. Their son, Ryan, was the construction liaison to the general contractor during the build. Currently he is the General Manager and runs the front of the house operations for the brewery. Their daughter, Millie, is the Marketing and Digital Media Director.

A lot of folks assume that practicing dentistry and owning and operating a brewery have nothing in common. Dr. Shamburger disagrees. "There are some crossovers between brewing beer and the science of dentistry," he explained. "You've got the biology of yeast and cultures," You got logistics of moving fluids from one location to another. You've got a lot of chemistry, testing your specific gravity constantly." Dr. Shamburger is a true believer in the science of brewery. He has thought about offering a \$1,000 scholarship for someone who wants to pursue the science of brewery or any science.

"I tell people the reason I went into dentistry is that I love biology," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, dentistry is one big biology experiment. The first filling you do for a tooth you extract, you're building on practical knowledge you've gained. You've seen the response of your patient and how the oral cavity heals and what happens to the tissues of the mouth."

Dr. Shamburger said he and his wife are pleased with the success of the brewery. He noted currently they have a hard time keeping up with demand. Right now, in addition to being sold at the brewery itself, the beer is distributed to restaurants and bars along the gulf coast of Alabama and Florida. Future plans include packaging and canning for wider distribution.

Looking ahead, Dr. Shamburger believes it helps to have something else besides a dental practice to produce an alternate stream of income. In addition, it's good to have something to fall back on when it's time to retire, especially if it's something fun and exciting. His enthusiasm for owning a brewery has not diminished his passion for his practice and the UAB School of Dentistry.

"Being at the School in the late '70s was a very good experience," he said. "I felt like I was getting a very good education. It wasn't until I visited with dentists from around the country that I found out we have one of the best dental schools in the whole nation. I've seen the schools growth, all the honors and the participation of the students and faculty in different professional organizations. That's one reason why I decided to be a member of the Alumni Association and eventually become president. I feel it's important for those who received something from the School to be able to pay back."



ALUMNI NEWS

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



There are times when parents and their children attempt to work together. However, even with the best of intentions, it just doesn't work out. This is definitely not the case with **Drs. Sue Nimer Young ('93)** and **Leanne Bowman ('11; Pedro '13)**. The mother/daughter team enjoys a joint practice, Pediatric Dentistry East, in Gadsden, Alabama.

Reluctant to talk about herself, Dr. Young did shed some light on her upbringing and accomplishments. She says she was the first person in her family that entered the health/medical field. "I always wanted to be in a health profession," Dr. Young explained. "I earned a PhD. in neuroscience, so I wasn't totally out of the realm of science." And, as far as finding her way to the School of Dentistry, "It just happened, divine intervention."

Following graduation, Dr. Young was a member of the SOD faculty for approximately nine years and is now a part-time adjunct professor there. At one time she practiced dentistry in Trussville. She also practiced with her husband, Dr. Bruce Young ('76), a general dentist, who specializes in implants in Jacksonville, Alabama. Dr. Young also practices hospital dentistry and is affiliated with Children's Hospital and other institutions.

Being raised in a house with two dentists, Dr. Bowman was all in. "When I was young, I would come to work with my mother both in her practice and when she taught at UAB," she said. "It's really all I knew. I wanted to do something in health care and it seemed like a good option. It offered good flexibility, autonomy, the ability to be my own boss and have time being a mom.

Following Dr. Bowman's graduation from the SOD, she and Dr. Young decided to create a partnership and open Pediatric Dentistry East, PC in Gadsden, where Dr. Bowman lives with her husband and two children. We see kids as well as quite a few patients who have special needs and are older, some as mature as 55."

So, how is it like to work with your mother or daughter in the same practice? "Working together really works well for us," Dr. Young explained. "We've developed a system here. It's not like she has patients and I have patients. It's whoever is ready first. It makes the flow go quicker."

"We get along well," Dr. Bowman continued. "I enjoy working with my mother. She teaches me a lot. When you come out of school, you have the basics, but you don't have the life experience of someone who has been in practice for a while. She has my best interest at heart. She's taught me everything I know and my practice has changed drastically since I got out of residency. So, it's been a great learning experience on how to manage a business. If it were elsewhere, they may not want you to know everything they know for fear of competition. I get to see my mom every day and we're fortunate to have a daycare, so both myself and my mom get to be with my children, which is especially nice."

Seeing two female dentists owning and operating their practice may seem unusual to some, but not to Drs. Young and Bowman. Both say they are seeing it more and more. "Women are taking over," Dr. Young said laughing. "It's a very suitable profession for a woman. You're in a medical field; you can work as little or as much as you want. And, most women are concerned about having families and spend equal time between their work and their families and dentistry offers them that."

"It offers me the flexibility I enjoy," Dr. Bowman explained. "You want to work hard and are driven to do something. I enjoy working with and helping people. I can still be a mom and work three or four days a week then be home with my children and still be doing something meaningful. When I started dental school, the classes were about 50/50 (men/women), and it's increased, so women are seeing it as a good career choice."

Both Dr. Young and Dr. Bowman have the highest praise for the School of Dentistry. Both of them noted the School of Dentistry has a superior pediatric dentistry program. "It offers training at the dental school, with Children's Hospital and the Sparks Center, where you are exposed to patients with special needs," Dr. Bowman said

Dr. Bowman said she is thankful because it gave her an excellent education and a meaningful career. "I saw a lot of people, especially when I was in residency, that came from other schools that obviously didn't have the experience we gained at UAB. I wanted my residency at UAB because the education and experience is top notch." Dr. Young reinforces that feeling. "I can tell because I'm teaching. I know if someone has graduated from UAB or comes from somewhere else. I'm thankful I've been part of the School."

Their support has also extended to their participation in the Alumni Association. "They've given me so much, I want to give back," Dr. Bowman noted. "Not just monetarily but with time, as well. It's a great support system. It keeps the school alive."

ALUMNI NEWS ON THE ROAD

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March 21st



BIRMINGHAM BARONS YOUNG ALUMNI EVENT
May 17th



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March 23rd



GULF COAST DENTAL CONFERENCE, ORANGE BEACH
June 8th

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Dean's Reception



AGD DEAN'S RECEPTION, DESTIN
September 7th



ALUMNI NEWS ON THE ROAD

BIRMINGHAM DEAN'S RECEPTION, COURTESY OF DR. ROBIN PRUITT

October 4th



ALABAMA & FRIENDS BENEFIT CONCERT, JACKSONVILLE, AL

September 26th



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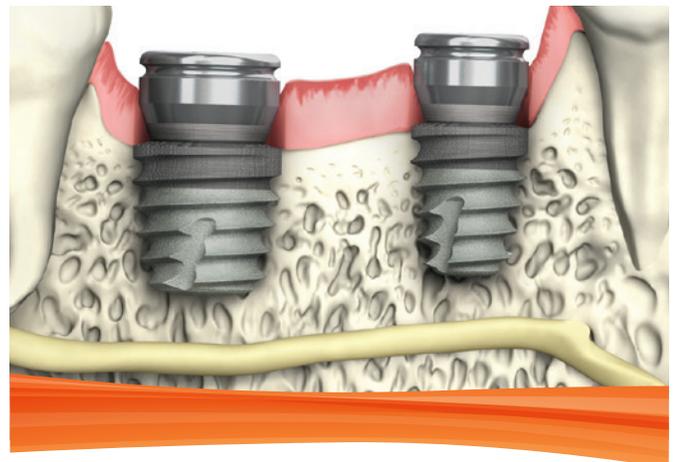
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FULLER AWARD WINNER

Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens Honored with Fuller Award

The University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association honored Dr. Red Stevens as recipient of the Fuller Award at its annual alumni luncheon on June 8, 2018. Stevens, a periodontist from Birmingham and UAB School of Dentistry associate professor, is a 1970 School of Dentistry graduate.

The Fuller Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Alumni Association in recognition of outstanding contributions to the dental profession. The award is given occasionally when an individual's contributions and outstanding achievements to the dental profession are judged by the Executive Council of the Alumni Association to be especially significant and deserving of this honor.

Stevens has had an exemplary career of serving the school, alumni association, and organized dentistry. He served several years as the alumni association's executive secretary, is past president of the Alabama Dental Association, and past recipient of the Birmingham District Dental Association's "Dentist of the Year". He also served as trustee for the American Dental Association's Fifth District.

The Fuller Award is named for Dr. H. Moren Fuller who is credited with playing a significant role in establishing the School of Dentistry. In 1947, the state legislature granted funds for the establishment of the dental school due, in part, to the efforts of Dr. Fuller. The first Fuller Award was awarded in 1955 to Dr. Fuller himself.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS



T. Bob Davis

Dr. T. Bob Davis ('67), who recently received the prestigious 2018 Humanitarian of the Year Award from the American Dental Association, led a team of seven to far Northeast India in July 2018 to provide free dental care to more than 300 people of the Phungyo Baptist Church in Ukhrul, Manipur, India. The team included the Executive Director of the Christian Dental Society and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Meyer, three senior dental students of the Texas A & M College of Dentistry, Senior Class President Pan Kaping, Leke Olowokere and John Ratliff plus Dr. Davis's youngest son Creth, his dental office business assistant.

A highlight of the trip was the opportunity for Dr. Davis to play a piano concert on the small electric piano in the more than 2000 member church on the first Sunday of their stay. The second Sunday, Dr. Davis was able to play his concert on a 5'7" Yamaha Grand Piano, donated by Dr. Davis' friend and Pediatric Dentist Dr. Glen Ginter of Katy, Texas. The piano arrived by air freight train and pickup truck at 7:30am on that Sunday morning – just in time for the concert of hymns and praise music.



Christopher McCallum

Dr. Christopher McCallum ('90; Endo '97) was recently recognized as the latest Birmingham Star Citizen Award winner. Dr. McCallum saw a need in the community and partnered up with the Lovelady Center, a nonprofit organization and "Whole-Way House" to more than 450 women and children, to help women who are in dire need of root canals and other dental work. Dr. McCallum donates his time and resources each week to relieve the pain and restore the smiles of women who are trying to get their lives back on track. In doing so, he is giving them back their confidence.



Matt Graham

Dr. Matt Graham ('15) has been accepted as a Class of 2021 resident at the Georgia School of Orthodontics in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Graham will be one of 18 new residents entering GSO's highly acclaimed residency program. With the addition of the class of 2021, GSO now has 54 resident dentists and two fellows making it the largest orthodontic residency program in the nation.



Angela and Richard Rasmussen

The Rasmussen Family was featured in the October 15th ADA News highlighting the legacy of dentists in their recently expanded family. Drs. Angela and Richard Rasmussen have four children who are dentists and each of them married dentists. The list of doctors: Richard ('82 Perio) and Angela ('82 GDR); the oldest son Rick; his wife, Sarina; twin brothers Marc and Matt ('12, GDR '13, Perio '16); Marc's wife, Mona; Matt's wife, Rocio; daughter Kirstin Walther; and her husband, Richard Walther. The family does not all work together now, though Richard, Rick and Matt work in a practice across three offices in Tampa and Clearwater, Florida. Angela has a cosmetic dentistry practice in Tampa. Kirstin is a general dentist in Tallahassee, Florida. Marc works at a practice in Mount Airy, North Carolina, as a general dentist.

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IN MEMORIAM

(‘52) Jasper Allen Jones went home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 10, 2018. Dr. Jones attended schools in Opelika and the University of Alabama. After serving in World War II, he and a group of pre-dental students on the Tuscaloosa campus, worked with dentists and legislators to get a bill authorized for the establishment of a School of Dentistry at the University of Alabama. After graduating from the first class of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, he moved to Troy in 1952 where he practiced for 47 years before retiring at the age of 75.

(‘57) John B. Ponder passed away on November 18, 2018. John attended Birmingham Southern College from 1951 – 1953. From BSC, he entered the University of Alabama at Birmingham School Of Dentistry, graduating with the Class of 1957. Following his graduation from dental school, John volunteered with the US Air Force and served as the dentist at Altus, OK Air Force Base for two years. The family returned to Birmingham where John practiced dentistry until his retirement in 1996. John was a life member of the Alabama Dental Association and member of the Birmingham Dental Society.

(‘60) Richard Inge Finch passed away on March 13, 2018 in Mobile. He graduated from UMS in 1952 and earned his DMD from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1960. He served as a dentist for 2 years in the US Army at Fort Bragg, North Carolina and was discharged as a captain in 1962. Inge practiced dentistry for 38 years. He was a member of the American Equilibration Society, the American Association of Craniomandibular Disorders, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the American Academy of General dentistry. He was a guest lecturer at UAB, USA, and the Oschner Clinic in New Orleans.

(‘65) John C. Barnes, of Atlanta, passed away at home on August 11, 2018. Upon receiving his Doctor of Medical Dentistry, John was awarded an internship with the United States Public Health Service in San Diego, California. In 1976 John assumed a practice in Atlanta, where he practiced Dentistry for 42 years. John was a member of the Hinman Dental Society, the International College of Dentists, and the Georgia Dental Association. The family requests donations be made to The Cathedral of Saint Philip or the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry.

(‘66) Stanley Michael “Mike” Mahan, Jr. died July 24, 2018. Dr. Mahan, better known as "Doc" Mahan practiced general dentistry in Brierfield, his family home since the 1800's for over 50 years. Dr. Mahan graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1966. Dr. Mahan was a retired life member of the American Dental Association, the Alabama Dental Association and the Birmingham District Dental Society. Dr. Mahan was known for hosting his annual "Dentistry from the Heart" charitable event at his office for many years where he provided basic dental care for patients who could not afford to pay for dental service.

(‘67) William Hall Hodges of Dothan, Alabama, passed away on June 15, 2018. He received a DMD degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1967. He served three years with the U.S. Army Dental Corps, including one year tour of duty in Vietnam, for which he was awarded the Bronze Star. In 1976 he completed an endodontic residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and moved that year to Dothan where he practiced endodontic dentistry for twenty-four years.

(‘69) Tony Wendell Dollar, of Dothan, died November 20, 2018 at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida after an extended illness. He attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, where he served as president of both the freshman and sophomore classes. Dr. Dollar served in the U.S. Navy, including a year with the First Marine Aircraft Wing in Vietnam. In 1971, he opened his dental practice in Dothan. His 44-year professional career included serving as president of the Alabama Academy of General Dentistry and president of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association. Most recently, he served on the Dean's Advisory Council at the dental school.

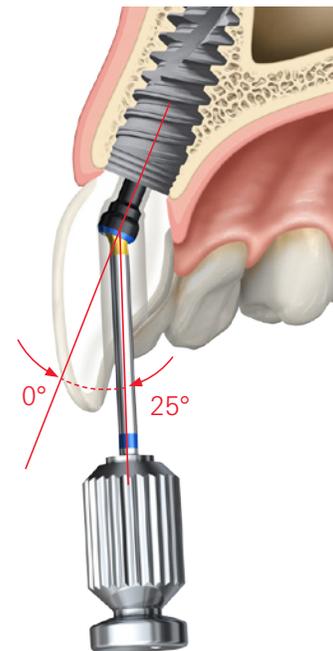
(‘70) Julian Edward “Ed” Walker died July 4, 2018. Dr. Walker practiced orthodontics in Huntsville for over 40 years. He graduated at the top of his class from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1970 and then served two years in the Air Force as a dentist. He then entered a two-year orthodontic residency at Emory University, after which time he moved with his family to Huntsville and began a forty-year orthodontic practice. Dr. Walker served as President of the Alabama Association of Orthodontics and of the Huntsville-Madison County Dental Society. Dr. Walker was a life member of the American Dental Association, the Alabama Dental Association and the Eighth District Dental Society.

(‘73) Michael John Meon passed away on August 1, 2018, from a heart attack. Mike had a very full life, and after practicing dentistry for 45 years, he was enjoying a leisure life of retirement. In 1973 he graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry with a Doctorate of Medicine in Dentistry, DMD. He grew a large dental practice from scratch and became one of the best cosmetic dentists in the country, truly loved by his patients.

(‘73) John Duke was known to those closest to him as "Poppy" or "Papa Duke". He was a loyal friend, devoted father and believed in hard work. He was named Humanitarian of the Year in 2009 by the Hueytown Chamber of Commerce. In 2014, John retired from proudly practicing dentistry for 41 years in the community he was raised and dearly loved – Hueytown.

(‘74) William Earl (Kip) Pine, Jr. passed away suddenly on Sunday, October 28, 2018. A 34-year resident of Huntsville, Dr. Pine graduated from the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry.

(‘78) James Thomas Gee Martin (Jimbo), a resident of Mobile, passed away November 10, 2018. He graduated from the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. Jimbo has been practicing dentistry in Mobile for over 40 years, was an avid outdoorsman, participated in dental mission trips to Honduras, and gave many hours of dental work to local churches in need.



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