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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Young Alumni Baron's Event, Birmingham, AL	July 20th
White Coat Ceremony in Birmingham, AL	Aug. 24th
AGD in Destin, FL – Dean's Reception	Sept. 8th
ADA in Denver, CO – Dean's Reception	Oct. 19th
UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day	Nov. 15th

**ON THE COVER:**

Alumni Association Endowed Professorship  
named (see page 14)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Fellow Alumni,

It is very humbling to have the opportunity to serve as your president this year. There are many of you much more qualified than I, both in your financial contributions and your time given to the school. However, I want you to know that I consider this a privilege and will serve you to the best of my ability. I want to thank each of you for your continued support to our school and alumni association.

As alumni of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry, we have much to be proud of. Our school continues to rank at the top of dental schools both in research and clinical education and enjoys tremendous respect nationally and internationally. UAB students perform exceptionally well on national boards, achieving a 100% pass rate. Quality applicants are at an all-time high. We have an outstanding faculty lead by Dean Reddy. The relationship between the Dean, faculty, students, ALDA and the alumni continues to be strong.

The staff of the alumni association: Scott Huffman, Charlene Phillips, Abby Vinson and Jeremy Ward are great to work with and are exceptional at their jobs. This past February they, along with Dr. Lori Gearhart, orchestrated another very successful alumni weekend. Attendance and exhibitors were at an all-time high. This continues to be the premier dental meeting in the state.

Remember, membership is the life blood of our alumni association and is extremely important to the continued success our dental school. Please continue your support both financially and with your time. Encourage non members to join.

I hope all of you have a safe spring and look forward to seeing everyone at our next dental meeting.

Farewell,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Bob Jones

2017 UABSOD Alumni President

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

## ALUMNI WEEKEND IN REVIEW

Alumni, staff, faculty and students plus more than 50 exhibitors and sponsors gathered for the 2017 Alumni Weekend in Birmingham on February 2-5 for another great year supporting the UA School of Dentistry Alumni Association. Continuing education courses and various dental meetings were hosted throughout the day and several enjoyable events were attended in the evenings including class reunions, Distinguished Dentist reception and the Showcase of Student Talent. The weekend concluded by honoring the 2016 association president, Dr. Gary Myers, at the President's Reception.



Mark your calendars for the 2018 Alumni Weekend - February 1st-4th in Birmingham

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

## DISTINGUISHED DENTIST AWARD WINNERS

At the annual Distinguished Dentist Reception on Thursday evening, February 2, Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto was presented with the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award and Dr. Wesley Burton Moffett was named the 2016 Outstanding Young Alumnus.



### **Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto – 2016 Distinguished Alumnus**

It had been a while since Dr. Mary Lynne Capilouto last attended a UAB School of Dentistry Alumni Weekend. Now retired, she and her husband, Eli, live in Lexington, KY. He talked her into traveling to Birmingham for the event. A big reunion year for her graduating class, it would give her a chance to renew friendships with colleagues and classmates. What she didn't plan on was receiving the 2016 Distinguished Dentist Award, the very award that she created when she was dean of the School of Dentistry.

Dr. Capilouto's journey, which has ultimately led to her award, is a unique one. She attended the School of Dentistry, where she earned the Dean's Medal upon graduation. She eventually moved to Boston where she completed a dental public health residency, an oral disease epidemiology fellowship and a Master of Science degree in the same field at Harvard University. Dr. Capilouto returned to Birmingham and joined the UAB School of Dentistry faculty. She was named Interim Dean in 1997 and became Dean in 1998.



### **Dr. Wesley Burton Moffett – 2016 Outstanding Young Alumnus**

Dr. Moffett was raised in Fosters, Alabama, which is approximately 10 miles southwest of Tuscaloosa. Dr. Moffett received his undergraduate degree from The University of Alabama, and graduated from the School of Dentistry in 2006. Following graduation from the School, Dr. Moffett spent two years as a general practitioner before realizing he had a love for pediatric dentistry. He returned to UAB to earn his specialty certificate in pediatric dentistry in 2010. As a pediatric dentistry resident, his work ethic and natural talent earned him a Sparks Fellowship, allowing him to work with special needs students.

Dr. Moffett is a member of the American Dental Association, the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and the Wilson Chenault Study Club. He currently serves as President of the Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and as Chairman of the School of Dentistry's Pediatric Dentistry Advisory Committee.

Dr. Moffett currently practices in Madison, Alabama. He and his wife, Leslie, have two children, 7-year-old Sarah and 4-year-old Jake.

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# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

## CLASS REUNIONS

Class Reunions were hosted on Friday and Saturday at the Hyatt Regency or offsite at nearby Birmingham venues.



*Classes of '52-'66 Medallion Club*



*Class of '67*



*Class of '72*



*Class of '77*



*Class of '82*



*Class of '87*



*Class of '92*



*Class of '97*

# ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017

## CLASS REUNIONS



*Class of '02*



*Class of '07*

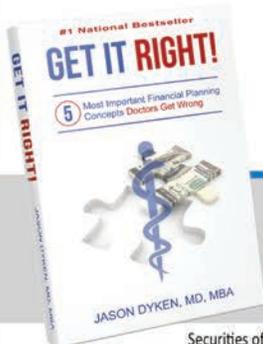


*Class of '12*



*Dental Hygiene*

Class reunions are hosted every five years. The upcoming 2018 Alumni Weekend will celebrate classes ending in the number "3" or "8". If you are interested in helping plan your reunion or need more information, contact Abby Vinson at [abbyv@uab.edu](mailto:abbyv@uab.edu).



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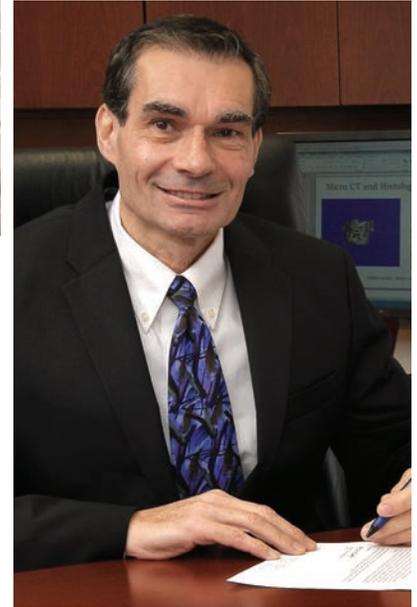
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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

### Disco balls and dental chairs



Leisure suits, bell bottom pants, and platform shoes were all the rage and I have the prom pictures to prove it. Secretariat won the Triple Crown, FedEx opened its doors, and a hit movie featured a Wookiee, a Jedi and Harrison Ford. A first class stamp was 15 cents and bread cost about 95 cents per loaf. The average annual salary, after all, was around \$7,500. The Six Million Dollar Man and The Bionic Woman were captivating audiences with futuristic implants and superhuman strength. There was more music variety than ever before -- Funk, Soul, R&B, Pop, Hard Rock, Soft Rock, and Disco. The Porsche 911 was a cool adult "toy" while novel new electronic games and Legos were the craze with kids...well, maybe some things don't ever change.

The 1970s was a decade of vision, progress, and change and we were doing great things at the School of Dentistry then, as we are now. Keeping pace with our commitment to innovation, our building, constructed in 1951, got a major facelift in the '70s. The renovations included an overhaul of our second floor predoctoral clinic space, an area that has received only minor refurbishment since, but time marches on. The air-cooled 911 is now a classic and so is the clinic.

So important to our predoctoral education, the Comprehensive Care Clinic has served as the primary training ground for every dentist who has graduated from our school. Also known as the Second Floor Clinic or the General Dentistry Clinic, it is fundamental to our commitment to basic sciences as it supplements that knowledge with extensive clinical experiences. It is overdue for an overhaul, allowing for the integration of 21st Century technology and practice.

Renovations to the student clinic will begin at the close of this academic year. The project will include a fresh esthetic look that complements the art deco character of the building, with a contemporary feel that will stand the test of time. Updated flooring, cabinetry, and surfaces will be paired with new dental chairs and improved lighting to modernize the facility. The new clinic will have an open look and feel while containing features to enhance patient privacy.

Disco balls may be popular again, but times have changed for dentistry. I hope you will consider a gift toward the Comprehensive Care Clinic renovations to keep us at the forefront of dental education. As an oral health leader, we must keep up with the times to continue to attract the best and brightest students and prepare them well -- and that takes everyone's support.

Until next time,

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

# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

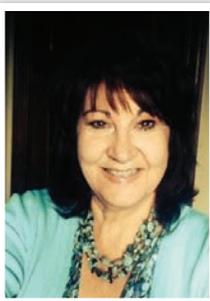
**Dr. Nicolaas (Nico) Geurs**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Periodontology, has been selected for the 2018 ADEA Leadership Institution. The ADEA Leadership Institute is designed to support the nation's most promising individuals at academic institutions in becoming leaders in dental and higher education. ADEA Leadership Institute Fellows are selected from a competitive pool of applicants and participate in the year-long educational experience that prepares them for expanded roles in their institutions and the profession. Fellows emerge not only with the knowledge and skills necessary for their careers but with greater self-understanding and deeper personal vision.

**Dr. Mary MacDougall**, Associate Dean of Research, Director of the Institute of Oral Health, Director of the Global Center for Craniofacial and Dental Disorders, was selected for the 2018 ADEA Leadership Institution. She received the ADEA/AADR/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Dominick P. DePaola Scholar Fellowship in the ADEA Leadership Institute. She also received the IADR Women in Science Award for Distinguished Female Mentor at the IADR Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California in March. Beginning in August 2017, Dr. MacDougall will be appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia (UBC) in Vancouver.

**Dr. Edward Bradford**, was awarded the ASDA Advocacy Award for Faculty and Administration which was voted on by the ASDA officers for a faculty member who has shown dedication and support to ASDA and organized dentistry.



Nico Geurs



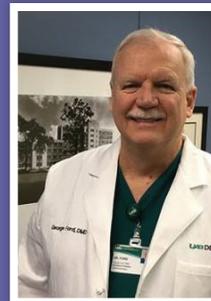
Mary MacDougall



Edward Bradford



Stephanie Teichmiller



George Ford



Celin Arce

## MEET SOD'S NEW FACULTY

**Dr. Stephanie W. Teichmiller** has joined the School of Dentistry as a regular half-time faculty member, after serving as an Adjunct Associate Professor. She is a Turris Fidelis graduate of the University of North Alabama and a 1990 graduate of UAB School of Dentistry with Awards in Prosthodontics and Oral Pathology. She will maintain her busy 27-year practice in Decatur in addition to her faculty duties. She will serve as a faculty group co-manager of Group 1 on the second floor Comprehensive Care Clinic. As an Assistant Professor with years of private practice experience, she brings a wealth of clinical experience, practice management, 'real-world' scenarios and enthusiasm to our teaching program.

**Dr. George Ford** joins the full-time faculty in the Division of General Dentistry. Dr. Ford received his dental degree from the University of Pittsburgh and served in the United States Air Force at Randolph AFB, Texas. He then completed a GPR at the Medical College of Georgia. He has a keen interest in clinical research and has been involved with UAB's Practice-Based Research Network since its inception. Dr. Ford recently sold his practice of 30 years in Atlanta, GA to pursue his passion for clinical teaching and scholarly activity. His primary duties will be in the Comprehensive Care Clinic.

**Dr. Celin Arce** joins SOD as Assistant Professor of the Restorative Sciences Department. He received his dental degree from University Latina of Costa Rica and completed residency in Advanced Prosthodontics at the UAB School of Dentistry and Master of Science in Clinical Dentistry. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics.

# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

### SOD faculty represents ADA



Red Stevens

Members of the UAB School of Dentistry are well represented in the administration, councils and committees of the American Dental Association. According to Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens, a member of the ADA himself, he cannot remember when so many representatives from the School served the ADA. "This speaks very highly of the reputation of the School," he said. "Our faculty members are judged against dentists from all over the country."

Among those representing the School in the American Dental Association are:

**Dr. Alvin "Red" Stevens** serves as associate professor in the Department of Periodontology. A member of the Board of Trustees, the ADA's managing body, he serves as Trustee for District 5, which includes Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.



Lew Mitchell

**Dr. Lew Mitchell** serves as adjunct instructor in the Division of General Dentistry. In July of 2016, Dr. Mitchell was elected ADA Second Vice President. 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.

**Dr. Mia Geisinger** and **Dr. Paul Eleazer** are both members of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. Dr. Geisinger is currently an Associate Professor and the Director of Advanced Education in Periodontology. Dr. Eleazer is professor and chair of the Department of Endodontics, as well as Postdoctoral Director.



Mia Geisinger

According to Dr. Stevens, becoming a member of the Council on Scientific Affairs is extremely difficult. "Members of this council are not appointed," he explained. "They are voted on. The fact they are on the council speaks very highly of their accomplishments and reputations in the dentistry community. They went up against scientists from all over the United States."

According to the ADA website, the Council on Scientific Affairs develops a biennial research agenda to identify the critical research needs of today's practitioners, and to advance scientific research on the highest priority treatment-oriented topics and emerging issues of importance in the management of oral diseases. The Council believes that these issues have short- and long-term impact on the quality of patient care and the continuing development of dental practice.



Paul Eleazer

**Dr. Britany F. Matin**, adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology, is a member of the New Dentist Committee. This is a standing committee of the ADA Board of Trustees charged with providing the Board with expertise on issues affecting new dentists.

The ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing 161,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859.



Britany Matin

"The contributions by UAB Dentistry alumni and faculty have a global impact," noted Dr. Michael Reddy, Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry. "The fact that we have so many serving in national positions is a testament to their hard work and oral health leadership."

# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



Mechay Rush

**Mechay Rush (D3)** received the *District 5 Delegate of the Year Award* at the ASDA Annual Session during the Gold Crown Awards ceremony in Orlando, Florida. This award is selected by the board of trustees from all chapter leaders in District 5 and is presented to the individual that demonstrates personal dedication and outstanding achievement on behalf of ASDA and its local chapter members.



Bright Chang

**Bright Chang (D2)** was one of the 18 dental students to receive the 2017 AADR Student Research Fellowship in the United States with sponsor support from Dentsply Sirona at the 2017 AADR/IADR Annual Session in San Francisco, California. This fellowship encourages oral health research in either the basic or the clinical sciences under faculty mentorship. To compete for this research fellowship, Bright submitted a detailed proposal that was evaluated for scientific merits similar to NIDCR grants based on creativity of the project, its feasibility, and its potential significance to oral health research. He will be working under Drs. Nathaniel Lawson and John Burgess to investigate marginal microleakage of crown cementation after sonic scaling. His results will be presented at the 2018 AADR meeting in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.



Behlan, Dawkins, & Desai

**Hamilton Behlen, Ray Dawkins, and Bhakti Desai (D1)** were recently accepted as Albert Schweitzer Fellows and will be completing independent year-long service projects that will impact their local Birmingham community. The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is "dedicated to improving the health of vulnerable people by developing a corps of emerging professionals who enter the workforce with the skills and commitment necessary to address unmet health needs. While continuing their graduate studies, Schweitzer Fellows design and implement community-based prevention and intervention projects that address chronic health problems, as well as the social determinants of health, such as poverty, the environment, and education.



Prajakta Kulkarni

**Prajakta Kulkarni (Biomaterials '18)** received the Dr. Ray Bowen Student Research Award 2017 from the ADA Foundation (ADAF), and the Academy of Operative Dentistry (AOD). The biennial Dr. Ray Bowen Student Research Award is open to dental students at all levels, who wish to undertake research relevant to contemporary operative dentistry. The award provides \$6,000 to the awardee to perform the proposed research. She received the award for her research project "Bioactive Materials: Ion Release, Secondary Caries Depth and Elemental Analysis of Surrounding Tooth." under the mentorship of Dr. John Burgess and Dr. Nate Lawson. This is first time ever UAB School of Dentistry received this award and was featured in the ADA News. She has also received the Joseph. F Volker International Scholarship awarded by the UAB Office of Global engagement for her active participation in International Student organizations. She was also awarded the 2017 UAB School of Dentistry Graduate Fellowship.



Chijioke Ulsai

**Chijioke Ulsai (D2)** has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) to serve on the national ASDA leadership team. Her appointment as Contributing Editor to 2017-18 National ASDA Editorial Board will bring honor and visibility to the school. Her dedication and enthusiasm will serve her well as she represents the school at the national level.



Undine Davis

**Chijioke Ulsai (D2) and Undine Davis (D2)** have been selected to receive the prestigious ADA Foundation Dental Student Scholarship Award. As recipients of the ADA Foundation Underrepresented Minority Dental Student Scholarship, they will both receive scholarship funding to defray part of their dental education expenses for the 2016-2017 academic year. Each year, eligible second year students can be nominated by the school to be considered for the scholarship based on their academic and personal achievements.

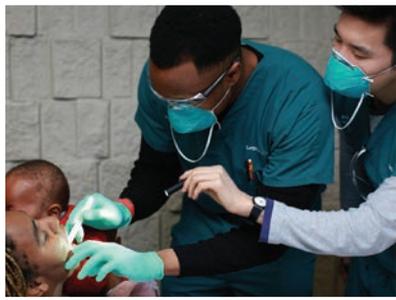
# UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

## SCHOOL EVENTS



### M4A Dental Project

M4A partnered with the UAB School of Dentistry and the Capstone Rural Health Clinic to provide free dental examinations for 14 seniors in need of this service in the City of Nauvoo, Walker County. The event was held on Friday, March 10th at the Capstone Rural Health Clinic. Four UAB Dental students: Matt Dean (D4), Mac Hendrix (D3), Clark McLemore (D3), and Cassie Wells (D4) accompanied Dr. Lillian Mitchell, UAB School of Dentistry, to provide the free dental examinations. After the examination, those who need additional dental assistance will receive it at little or no cost to them. The UAB School of Dentistry is committed to helping adults maintain good oral health.



### 2017 Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is an annual day of services held in one place with one goal: help the homeless and near homeless improve their situation and achieve sufficiency. At PHC, ASDA is one of over 60 agencies who offers housing services, medical services, identification services, veterans' services, employment services, pet care, haircuts and more. Everything is offered to the participants at no cost. During the event, over 40 total UAB School of Dentistry students, residents, and faculty performed 176 oral cancer screenings on homeless patients and handed out 338 total oral hygiene bags. Overall, they noted 6 suspicious lesions for referral, 109 patients needing extractions, 77 patients with clinically detectable cavitations, 38 patients in need of complete dentures, 31 patients in need of removable partial dentures, and nearly 176 patients in need of prophylactic cleanings and/or periodontal treatment.



### UAB ASDA Impressions Event

On Saturday February 25th, 2017, the UAB chapter of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) hosted the annual Impressions® program. This full day program exposed talented underrepresented minorities, economically disadvantaged and rural undergraduate students to a career in dentistry. The program received 55 applications from 12 schools in Alabama, Georgia, and Louisiana. Of the total applicants, 29 identified as underrepresented minorities, 16 identified as rural, and 15 are first generation-college students. There were 36 volunteers including students, faculty and residents.



### CMMA Dental Mission Trip

Tyler Smith (D2) was one of several SOD students who traveled to the Dominican Republic for the CMMA Dental Mission Trip during Spring Break in March. He gave a personal account on this experience. "I was blown away at the huge impact that we were able to have on the community of Santiago in just one short week. As this was my first mission trip, I was unsure what to expect; however, my time in the Dominican Republic was a memory I will cherish forever. My favorite part was getting to learn and work with some of the older students and dentists on the trip, while also getting some valuable hands on experience myself!"

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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Unlocking The Future With A Special Key

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

I recently had the opportunity to attend a function for our dental students who hail from the Fifth District. The reception was put on by Dr. Lew Mitchell ('73) and his wife, Anne. Dr. Mitchell said when he was a recent graduate he had a lot of questions about the future, but he knew he wanted to always stay involved with our students, Alumni Association, and organized dentistry. Our current and future students will have those same questions about what they should do after graduation. You can help those students by being involved in the Alumni Association or volunteering in other ways. Whether it's serving on the Alumni Association Executive Council, the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council, hosting an event, donating your time in one of our clinics, or being a mentor, there are numerous opportunities to be involved.



### HOW CAN I HELP AT EVENTS?

Alumni Weekend, our largest event, is a huge undertaking. We need volunteers to help with registration, host speakers, help with the vendors, take photos ... and many other tasks, simple or complex. Many of our alumni, especially members of the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council, host events throughout the year to help promote the school and raise funds for various initiatives. These type of events have ranged from a barbeque for 25 people, to football tailgates. The purpose of the events also range from building comradarie to enhancing our school's image.

### HOW MUCH TIME WOULD I NEED TO COMMIT?

The amount of time you commit in a volunteer role depends on you. We have a wide range of opportunities. Serving on one of the boards requires a three or four-year commitment, and the expectation is for you to regularly attend meetings and contribute financially or otherwise to that board. If you're looking to host an event, your involvement could also vary. Some of our alumni want to be hands-on and plan the entire event. Others like for our staff to handle many of the details. We are flexible. Many of our alumni help us with fundraising. Your level of participation could range from making personal solicitations to helping us make contact with your classmates.

### WHAT IS THE LEADERSHIP COUNCIL?

The UAB Dentistry Leadership Council is a group of about forty alumni who help fundraise, serve as the eyes and ears of the dean in their communities or specialties, and who serve as ambassadors for the School of Dentistry. Members serve three year terms and are expected to make an annual contribution of \$1,000 or more. Regular meetings are held three times a year, although there are subcommittees that may also meet. The Leadership Council has been instrumental in the School's campaign efforts.

### HOW DO I BENEFIT?

Obviously, the biggest benefit to being involved is the impact you make on your school and its students. Alumni involvement becomes more important each year. Think back to your time as a student. Was there a part-time faculty member or mentor who made an impact on your career? Maybe there wasn't and you wished there had been! One of the biggest benefits I hear from our alumni is that it's a lot of fun! Our volunteers get to network with our students and alumni at ball games, cool restaurants, at the school, and many other places.

### HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

If you're more interested in finding out about the various volunteer opportunities, contact one of our staff: Scott Huffman at 205.934.3601 or [shuffman@uab.edu](mailto:shuffman@uab.edu); Charlene Phillips at 205-975-1207 or [charlene@uab.edu](mailto:charlene@uab.edu); Abby Vinson at 205-934-3575 or [abbyv@uab.edu](mailto:abbyv@uab.edu); or Jeremy Ward at 205-996-6786 or [jward7@uab.edu](mailto:jward7@uab.edu). You can also visit our web site by clicking on the "Alumni & Friends" link on the home page at [www.uab.edu/dentistry](http://www.uab.edu/dentistry).

See you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Huffman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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

## DEVELOPMENT NEWS

### Alumni Gifts Paving the Way for New Comp Care Clinic



*The Comprehensive Care Clinic*

Hands-on experience is the not-so-secret to mastering any skill. At the UAB School of Dentistry, a significant amount of lab time prepares students for their third and fourth years of study, when the Comprehensive Care Clinic allows them to put classroom knowledge to work.

"Something about working with your hands really makes it stick," says Mechay Rush, a dental student from Clay, Alabama. The Latin writer Syrus once said, 'Practice is the best of all instructors.' In the third and fourth years, the clinic becomes our home."

Every dentist who has graduated from the School of Dentistry has trained in the Comprehensive Care Clinic. Former students may know it as the Second Floor

Clinic. Former students may also find that the space isn't much different than it was in their day.

The clinic hasn't been fully renovated since the 1970. While new dental chairs have been purchased and the sterilization facilities have been upgraded, the clinic looks much like it did 40 years ago.

A \$2 million plus renovation will update the space to reflect the state-of-the-art teaching that goes on at the School of Dentistry. Renovation will include new flooring, new cabinetry, and a new look that will reflect the art deco character of the building. Refurbished dental chairs, a new sterilizer, and enhanced lighting will further modernize the clinic.

Dr. Michael J. Scherb ('88) is among a growing group of alumni who have given back to the Comprehensive Care Clinic Renovation Fund. More than 20 alumni have contributed a major gift to designate a named operator, getting the clinic closer to reality. This April, the Jupiter, Florida general dentist also came back to the school as a guest lecturer to the fourth year students.

"I've been blessed to be successful in this profession. This was the stepping stone for the journey I've been on. If not for the School of Dentistry ... I never would have been exposed to the opportunities I've had. This is my way to give back and to show respect to the people who gave before me," says Scherb.

In the clinic, third- and fourth-year students work in teams with two dedicated faculty group managers and additional faculty members who provide specialized skills. The interactive hands-on learning environment provides the best possible care for patients while training students in the contemporary concepts of oral health care.

Dr. G. Robin Pruitt, Jr. ('92) has hosted a "Meet the Dean" reception at his Vestavia Hills home the past two years. He also recently contributed an operator. "My desire to give back to the dental school for the renovation of the Comprehensive Care Clinic was an easy one. I know that for such a great school and its incredible students to continue to flourish, they need to be able to care for patients in the very best environment with the very best equipment. The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow," he says.

Dr. Scherb wants his fellow alumni to consider helping with the project. "Every dentist who passes through here should give back to what made them and what they are. Whether they want to give a little bit of credit or a lot of credit, they should want to help with this project," says Scherb.

The renovated clinic will continue UAB School of Dentistry's long history of providing patients from the Birmingham area with high-quality care at a reduced cost. The Comprehensive Care Clinic provides multidisciplinary dental care, including: implant restorations; periodontics (gum disease); operative dentistry (fillings); fixed prosthodontics (crowns and bridges); removable prosthodontics (dentures and partials); and oral surgery (extractions).

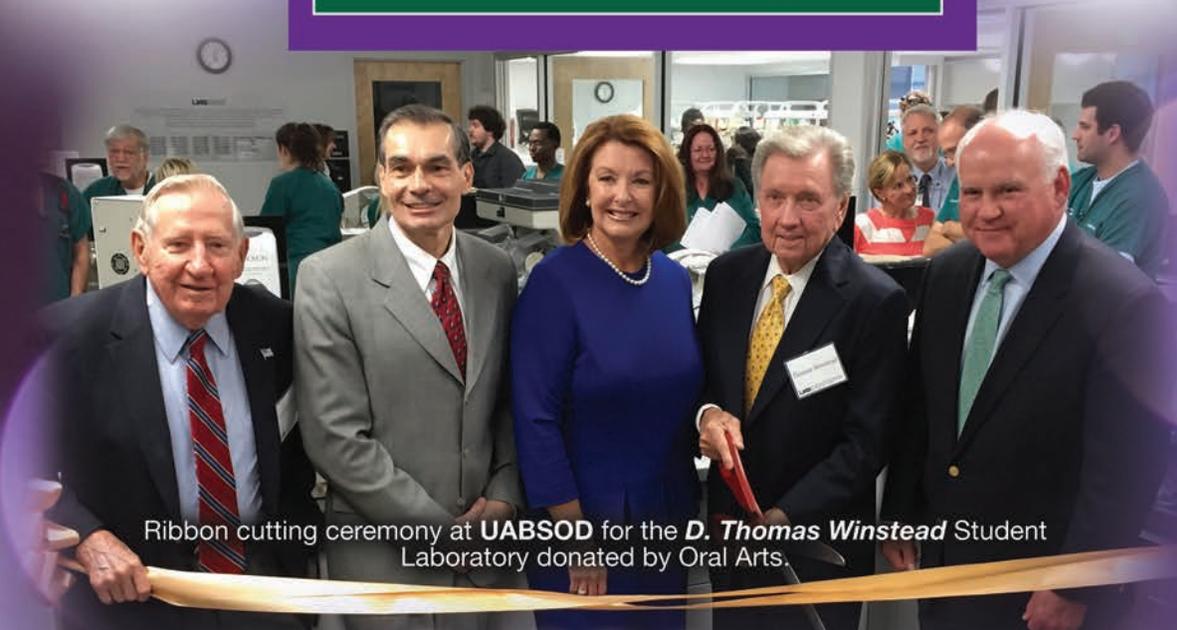
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## ALUMNI NEWS

# FIRST HOLDER OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ENDOWED PROFESSORSHIP NAMED

The Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama named Michael S. Reddy, DMD, DMSc, first holder of The University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association Endowed Professorship.

Reddy, who joined UAB in 1989, attended the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine where he earned his DMD degree, Certificate of Periodontology, and Doctorate of Medical Sciences Degree in Oral Biology. At UAB, he has served as Assistant Dean for Planning and Clinical Activity and Chair of the Department of Periodontology. In 2011, he was named Interim Dean of the UAB School of Dentistry and in March of 2012 was named the eighth Dean.

Reddy is an internationally recognized master clinician in the area of periodontal therapy and dental implants and a senior scientist in multiple UAB research centers including the Center for Metabolic Bone Disease and the Center for Aging. His research has focused on interrelationships between oral infections and overall health and regenerative medicine approaches in the oral cavity. He is recipient of numerous awards including the William J. Gies Award in Periodontology given by the American Dental Education Association. Reddy is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental honor society, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy International Honorary Dental Organization. Under his leadership, the School has become a nationally recognized leader in NIH funded research, clinical dentistry and progressive education.



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"Students past and present are what we are all about," said Reddy. "A proud alumnus-by-choice member, it is my distinct honor to be named first holder of our alumni association endowed professorship. The endowment exemplifies the great achievements of our alumni through their association; it is their way of passing the torch of knowledge to our alumni-in-training. This profession and our great team are shining examples of how important dedicated alumni and, of course, students are to the university and the school. This honor really goes to our team for all they have done and continue to do."

The University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association Endowed Professorship honors the service, commitment, and exceptional contributions of the alumni association to the School. It acknowledges contributions that are of significant and enduring value to the advancement of the field of dentistry locally, nationally, and internationally.

# ALUMNI NEWS

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dr. Kasey Davis ('08) and Dr. Erin Nelson ('09)** were featured in the *Hoover Sun*, a monthly print paper and online news source for the city of Hoover, Alabama in a section titled "Women of Hoover". Kasey is a general dentist who opened her private practice two years ago. Erin joined Dr. Mike Anglin's practice in 2012 and provides family and cosmetic dentistry. To read their stories, visit [www.hooversun.com/businesses/women-in-business-2017](http://www.hooversun.com/businesses/women-in-business-2017)

**Dr. Lia Kalliath ('14)** serves as a new dentist on the HRSA advisory committee on training in primary care medicine and dentistry where Dr. Conan Davis ('78; SOD Faculty) also serves. Lia is practicing in Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. Charles "Chaz" Capra ('12)** was featured in the ADA News highlighting his television appearance on WLOX-TV Biloxi, Mississippi. His dental practice, Complete Family Dental in Phenix City, Alabama, hosted a free dental weekend, teaming with volunteer students from Columbus Technical College. To see this broadcast, visit [www.wlox.com/story/34659821/phenix-city-dentist-office-offers-free-services-this-weekend](http://www.wlox.com/story/34659821/phenix-city-dentist-office-offers-free-services-this-weekend)

**Dr. Jennifer Hirsch Doobrow (Perio '10)** was nominated as one of the Top 10 Up-and-Coming Young Educators for 2017 by the Seattle Study Club. She and nine other nominees will be profiled in a feature article published in *Incisal Edge* magazine this fall.



Kasey Davis



Erin Nelson



Lia Kalliath



Jennifer Doobrow

## WHERE ARE THE 2016 GRADS NOW?

**Dr. Morgan Gibson** is completing a hospital dentistry residency at UAB and will start in private practice at Gibson Family Dentistry in Anniston, Alabama beginning in August. Morgan welcomed her first child, Amelia Hayes Gibson, on March 27, 2017.

**Dr. Krista Parker Thompson** got married in August 2016 and took over a private practice in Panama City, Florida from a dentist who retired in February 2017. She is also the secretary/treasurer of the Bay Dental Society.

**Dr. Nick Kentros** is completing at hospital dentistry residency at UAB and got married on May 20, 2017.

**Dr. Katie Bell** will begin the second year of pediatric dental residency at Children's Hospital Colorado in Denver, Colorado. In March 2017, Katie attended the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Public Policy Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. and was one of two residents representing Children's Hospital Colorado. She joined Dr. Stephen Mitchell ('95; SOD Faculty) and Dr. Samuel Bush ('15; Pedro '17) to represent the Alabama AAPD. Dr. Devon Cooper ('15) was also in attendance at the conference.

**Dr. Lauren Metzger** is currently in a periodontal residency at the University of Colorado at Denver. She got married in the summer of 2016 to her wife, Veronica Ferris-Metzger, who is graduating from UAB Optometry school and beginning a Pediatric Optometry Residency at Children's Hospital in Denver.



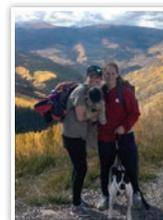
Morgan Gibson



Krista Parker  
Thompson



Katie Bell



Lauren Metzger

# ALUMNI NEWS

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

**Dr. Daniel Burgin** is completing a 1-year GPR at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville, Tennessee and will be returning to UAB this summer to begin a residency in prosthodontics.

**Dr. Kyle DiLuzio and Dr. Abby Nelson** are getting married on June 24, 2017. They live in Birmingham where Kyle is currently finishing his first year as a UAB Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery resident and Abby is practicing as a General Dentist at Turner Family Dentistry in Trussville and Eva, Alabama.

**Dr. Sean Gunnels** is currently in Dallas, Texas, completing a residency in pediatrics at Baylor. He will graduate in the Spring of 2018. Sean is to be married in July 2017.

**Dr. Travis Thompson** is finishing his residency at the Foundry in Birmingham and will be moving to a private practice in Auburn. He and his wife will be welcoming their first child, June, in May.

**Dr. S. Michael Vaughan** is finishing an AEGD Residency with NYU Lutheran in Tacoma, Washington. He and his wife, Neddy, with their 1 ½ year old daughter, Camille, will be moving to Kansas in July, where he will join a partnership and practice dentistry in the Kansas City metro area.



Kyle Diluzio & Abby Nelson



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## IN MEMORIAM

**(‘55) Joseph Charles Schilleci** of Birmingham, Alabama passed away on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at the age of 89. He was accepted to the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry where he graduated in 1955. Upon graduation from dental school, he served in the U.S. Air Force as a dentist at Barksdale Air Force base in Shreveport, Louisiana. Upon completion of his military service, he opened his dental practice in 1957 in West End, Alabama. In 1984, he relocated his practice to Vestavia Hills, Alabama where it still resides. He practiced dentistry for 58 years before retiring in 2013. He was an active member for many years in the Birmingham District Dental Society and the Alabama State Dental Association.

**(‘56) Ignatius Joseph "Nat" Tortorici** of Mountain Brook, Alabama passed away on January 17, 2017. He attended the University of Alabama before entering dental school. He served in the Air Force as an officer and spent two years in Frankfurt, Germany as a dentist on the base. He set up his first practice in Wylam in 1958, and in 1967 expanded to a second office in Crestline. He eventually moved it to Homewood in 1988, and worked until he retired in 2000. He was a former president of the Alabama District Dental Society, member of the Academy of General Dentistry, and Implant Congress.

**(‘56) Samuel J. Ogden, Sr.** passed away on February 7, 2017, at the age of 90 years. He served in the Pacific Theater for the United States Army earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was honorably discharged for a second time after the Korean War earning the rank of Sergeant First Class. He graduated from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1956 and returned to Mer Rouge, Louisiana where he practiced dentistry for 55 years. He was a Lifetime Member of the American Dental Association and Louisiana Dental Association, actively participating in meetings and events in the area.

**(‘57) James Pickle** of Sun City Center, Florida passed away April 29, 2017. He attended the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and served in the United States Air Force with the rank of Captain. He was stationed in Homestead, Florida as a dentist until his discharge. Dr. Pickle worked as a dentist in Miami for more than 40 years, before retiring at the age of 70.

**(‘57) Sam Koutroulakis**, died on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Sam was born in Birmingham, Alabama and graduated from The University of Alabama and The University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. He served in the US Navy for two years as a dentist at Parris Island from 1957-1959. He married May Chakides of Beaufort, South Carolina and resided in Beaufort ever since.

**(‘59) B.Q. Scruggs, Jr.** passed away at his home on January 6, 2017. He attended Auburn University graduating with honors in 1957. He attended University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in Birmingham and graduated in May, 1959. He served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Pensacola and Taiwan. His dental practice was located on Southside in Birmingham, Alabama for many years and moved to Montclair Road until his retirement. B.Q. served as President and other offices of the Alabama Dental Association.

**(‘63) Carlton Scott Martin** of Albertville, Alabama, passed peacefully at home surrounded by family on January 31, 2017. Dr. Martin graduated with his degree in Civil Engineering from Auburn University in 1951 and thereafter joined the U.S. Navy. He returned to school and received his dental degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1963. Thereafter, he opened his dental office in Albertville where he practiced until retiring in 2000. In 1998, Dr. Martin received the Alabama Dental Association's Most Excellent Fellow Award. Other professional honors include the Life Membership Award from the Alabama Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award. He served as delegate to the American Dental Association for eight years and on the Board of Dental Examiners of Alabama for five years.

**(‘67) James Haywood Baker** of Mentone, Alabama, died December 18, 2016, after a brief illness. Following graduation from the University of Alabama in 1963 and the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry in 1967, Dr. Baker served two years in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, including a brief stint at Guantanamo Bay Naval Station. Dr. Baker practiced private dentistry for 8 years in Huntsville, Alabama, beginning in 1969, before becoming Chief of Dentistry at Searcy Hospital in Mt. Vernon, Alabama, from 1977 to 2000. In February 2000, Dr. Baker acquired an Affordable Dentures practice in Albertville, Alabama. He ran the practice for 15 years before retiring in June 2015.

**(‘70) Donald Cooper** died peacefully on December 5, 2016. He received his B.S. from the University of Alabama. He received both his doctorate DMD and his Specialty in Endodontics degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. He owned an Endodontics practice in Birmingham and he also volunteered at Lloyd Noland Hospital in Fairfield. Later, he moved to Sarasota, Florida where he lived on a boat and practiced dentistry in a cottage that he converted to a dental office. He moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains, outside of Murphy, North Carolina, when he retired.

**(‘76) Mike Mooney** died on December 25, 2016. No obituary available.

**(‘89; Endo ‘91) Darin Cissell**, of Birmingham, Alabama passed away Tuesday, May 2nd, 2017 in Destin, Florida surrounded by his family. He graduated with his dental degree from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry and also completed a two year residency in the endodontics program. Darin opened his practice, Birmingham Endodontics, LLC in 1991. It has been a successful partnership with his business associate H. John Caprara, Jr., D.M.D.

**(Endo ‘99) Joy C. Borsowski** of Waupaca, Wisconsin (formerly of Tucson, Arizona) at age 49, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, January 23, 2017. Joy earned a bachelor's degree in science at UW-Madison and went on to graduate from Marquette University in 1996 where she earned her dental degree. Joy then attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry, graduating in 1999, where she received her endodontic degree. She was an endodontist for Dental Associates of the Fox Valley.



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