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UFCD Staff Retreat 2007

UFCD welcomed spring with fun games and butterflies.

The UF College of Dentistry Staff Retreat was held on Friday, March 23 at Lake Wauburg. The theme of this year's retreat was "CHANGE: Transforming as We Go!"

The retreat created an opportunity for UFCD staff members to interact with college colleagues and to learn how to effectively face change. Jodi Gentry, associate director of human resource services, gave an entertaining presentation and talked about the stages of adapting to change including loss, doubt, discomfort, discovery, understanding, and integration.

Afterwards, staff members formed teams and competed in games including paddle boat races, shoot the cocoon, assemble the insects puzzle and string the cocoons. Teams that won each game also received prizes for their success.

During the 2007 retreat, staff recognition awards were also distributed and staff members who are doing an outstanding job were recognized.

This year's staff recognition award winners are:

- 1st place - America Acosta,
- 2nd place - Lauren Yuill,
- 3rd place - Jerri Wainer.

The winners received money prizes and they also got a chance to release butterflies. Special events planners did a great job with this retreat and we are looking forward to the next.



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Terry Weber,
Dental Assistant - IEDP Clinic

Terry was born in 1958 in Baltimore Maryland. She got married in 1976 after dating Bryan Weber, a faculty member of UF's College of Nursing, for two weeks and they have been happily married for 30 years with three kids. Her two sons are employees of the College of Dentistry, Eric in IEDP (Internationally Educated Dentist Program) and Justus in IT, and her daughter Megan is in 9th grade at PK Yonge.

Terry attended Ursuline College in Pepper Pike, Ohio to pursue a career in nursing, but soon realized her passion was dentistry. She has 16 years of experience in dentistry, including private practice before coming to UFCD Faculty Practice part-time in May 2003. Terry moved to the IEDP (formerly FTD) in June 2006 and she loves it!

Q. What's the oddest job you ever had?

A. The oddest job I had was working in Mexico in a turquoise jewelry factory.

Q. What's your favorite guilty pleasure?

A. It is enjoying a bag of Lindt milk chocolate truffles!

Favorite Book: Yet to be read

Favorite TV show: Grey's Anatomy

Favorite Movie: Young Frankenstein

Ideal Day away from Work: Going for a motorcycle ride on back roads on a beautiful summer day.

Unknown fact: I love Winnie the Pooh, he's a chubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff!

CALENDAR
OF EVENTS

VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR
WWW.DENTAL.UFL.EDU/EVENTS.ASP

Apr. 13
5th Annual UFCD Research Day

Apr. 25
Classes End

May 3-5
Commencement

May 8
Acid Etch Talent and Comedy
Sketch
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
HPNP Auditorium

May 12
Senior Banquet
6:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Grand Ballroom at
J. Wayne Reitz Union

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Dental Assistants



**Making
America
Smile**

Dental Assistants Week

UFCD celebrated the March 5 - 9 Dental Assistants Recognition Week. The motto of the week was "Delivering Excellence Throughout the World."

No matter where the setting or the location, dental assistants enhance the delivery of quality dental health care and are critical members of the dental team.

The role of dental assistants has evolved over the years, with assistants now involved with many aspects of dental practice.

Kristy Gardner from the Ackley Clinic said the best part of being a dental assistant at UF is "working closely with dental students and residents in helping them make their dreams come true."

Gardner also added that working for UF was good because of the "constant change of new students, meeting new friends and working with people from different backgrounds."

Join us in thanking all the dental assistants working in our college for all the good work they deliver everyday.

UFCD Humanitarian Educational Trips

UFCD students help people in need during spring break

A great break idea might be just taking a break from studying for most students. However, many UFCD students chose to participate in the UFCD humanitarian educational trips to Latin America, to underprivileged areas where people are in need of dental treatment.

Each of these educational humanitarian trips has different characteristics. The Ecuador trip is a combined effort with the medical school under "Project HEAL" and mentored by Ulrich Foerster, clinical associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery and diagnostic sciences. The Honduras trip is planned by the Christian Dental Student Association and mentored by Boyd Robinson, associate dean for clinical affairs.

The Mexico trip is mentored by Enrique Bimstein, professor of pediatric dentistry, and it is a result of a partnership with Universidad Autonoma de Yucatan. Timothy Garvey, clinical assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, mentors the Dominican Republic trip.



A total of about 60 to 70 students go on these trips each year. Most students participate in a trip at least once, but many participate more than once. The students treat 500 or more patients in each trip. "It is very intense work and they gain a lot of experience," said Bimstein, coordinator of UFCD humanitarian educational trips. "Many of the students do their first injection or filling during these trips."

These UFCD humanitarian educational trips may be taken as an elective as part of the curriculum and they count as either community hours or academic credits. During the trips, UFCD or local faculty members supervise the students but learning is enhanced by the interaction between the students themselves.

New Employee Orientation

College of Dentistry now welcomes its new employees with a newly designed employee orientation program to help them adapt to the college easily and learn important information.

The first of these new staff orientation sessions was held March 28, and the second will be held Wednesday, April 25th, from 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m. in room D4-16. Participants will be served a light breakfast.

During the orientation, participants will learn about the college, its vision and mission, upcoming events (such as accreditation), time reporting and college policy and procedures.

The second new staff orientation will be held on Wednesday, April 25th from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. in Room D4-16.

Participants will also tour the college clinics and departments, which will be helpful for them when they are trying to find their way around the labyrinth of the Dental Sciences Building later, and have their photo taken.

If you are new to the college, RSVP to Melissa Long at mlong@dental.ufl.edu no later than Monday, April 16th to reserve your seat.

Fifth Annual UFCD Research Day

The Fifth Annual UFCD Research Day will be held Friday, April 13. Faculty, post-docs, D.M.D. students, graduate students, residents, and staff who have research (oral or poster), whether presented or not presented at other national/international meetings, are encouraged to present their research on Research Day.

Research Day is an opportunity to showcase the college's ongoing research and foster interactions among faculty, fellows, students and staff.

While anyone can participate in a poster presentation, only D.M.D. students, graduate students, residents and post-doctoral trainees will do oral presentations because of time and space limitations. Cash prizes will be awarded for the best oral and poster presentations.

If you have questions, contact **Jane Moore** in the Office of Research at 392-9778 or email moore@dental.ufl.edu.

SPOTLIGHT ON

St. Petersburg Dental Clinic

You might think that all UF College of Dentistry satellite clinics are the same, but the St. Petersburg Dental Clinic serves as a unique precedent. The St. Petersburg clinic is partnered with another educational institution in Florida, St. Petersburg College, located on University Partnership Center, a campus which houses programs from other universities and colleges, creating an environment of cooperation and providing education opportunities and healthcare services to people living in the area.

This partnership between the University of Florida College of Dentistry and St. Petersburg College (SPC) serves as a model for the college's new Naples Pediatric Clinic and provides a much-needed University of Florida College of Dentistry Dental Clinic at University Partnership Center on St. Petersburg College's Seminole campus. The St. Petersburg Dental Clinic opened in the fall of 2005 and increased the overall patient care capacity from 7,000 to as many as 20,000 patient visits each year.

The two-story building was constructed near the College of Pharmacy's University Partnership Center facility, and a connecting atrium may be constructed at some time in the future to join the two buildings. The 14,000 square-foot dental facility includes two dozen operatories, classrooms, and distance learning video conferencing capa-

“The clinic is committed to providing oral health services for the low-income elderly and other specialty populations who have difficulty accessing dental care.”

bility with UFCD in Gainesville, Hialeah, and Jacksonville.

Thomas Porter, D.M.D., the program director of the St. Petersburg Dental Clinic, emphasized the importance of the clinic. “Because the University of Florida College of Dentistry's main campus is in Gainesville and because the State of Florida is long geographically, it is difficult for a lot of Florida residents to access the College of Dentistry,” said Porter. “By locating satellite facilities in Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, and Hialeah, the College of Dentistry has made itself more accessible to the residents of Florida.”

The clinic also allows dental residents to gain valuable educational and clinical experience under faculty supervision. Students enrolled in the college's D.M.D. program complete two-week rotations in the clinic during their junior and senior years.



The clinic currently has nine residents in the advanced education in general dentistry program, and one student in the internationally-educated dentist program.

As an accredited residency program, in addition to clinical experience, the residents attend a series of seminars and classes that are taught by the St. Petersburg Clinic faculty and by faculty at the Gainesville campus.

The St. Petersburg clinic also made dental continuing education courses more accessible to dentists in the area. “A significant part of the didactic curriculum is provided by the faculty at the Gainesville campus through presentations using distance learning interactive communication,” said Porter. The clinic has been the site of several dental continuing education courses through the UF College of Dentistry, Department of Continuing Education. As a result, dentists in the area do not have to travel to Gainesville for continuing education courses.

Private practice dentists and specialists in Pinellas County contribute to the residents' educational experience, functioning as courtesy faculty of the UFCD, mentoring residents in the clinic and providing lectures or local AEGD residents and others throughout the state through videoconferencing. Currently, 28 courtesy faculty teach at the St. Petersburg Dental Clinic.

ST. PETERSBURG FACULTY:

Dr. Thomas C. PORTER (clinical associate professor and program director)
Dr. Carol HAGGERTY,
Dr. Susan CAREY,
Dr. Amira DJURIC,
Dr. Robert HART, and
Dr. Robert ILER, Jr.

ST. PETERSBURG STAFF:

Carol BENTLEY, Christina COPE, Glynnis GILBERT, Stacey GOODMAN, Grace GULECAS, Kristi JONES, Meri Krekovic MILJANIC, Jennifer MOHNEY, Margaret NEMITZ, Michelle POWELL, Jeanette SCHNEIDER, and Joan WEISBERG.



► **Pro3 Series**

The Pro3 Series workshops and information sessions are designed for those who handle the administrative functions in departments and colleges.

Among a range of responsibilities, employees in these positions are typically expected to:

- * Enter and process financial or HR-related transactions such as purchasing goods, entering distributions, monitoring payroll, entering terminations, etc.
- * Monitor the department's financial transactions and manage budgets
- * Provide administrative support for developing departmental course schedules

There are three different certifications you can receive:

- 1. Fiscal Management Certification**
- 2. HR/Payroll Management Certification** (to be launched in late Spring 2007)
- 3. Academic Department Support Certification** (to be launched in Fall 2007)

To self-register for courses, sign-on to myUFL and navigate to My Self Service > Training & Development.



Go UFCD!

The 2006 University of Florida Community Campaign raised \$1,090,615. This is the highest amount attained since the campaign began in 1993.

The College of Dentistry continues to be recognized as a campus leader with a large proportion of faculty and staff contributing to this important campaign. Thanks to everyone who supported the campaign, led by Amy Corbitt who represents the college on the UFCC Steering Committee!

Saying goodbye

Two of the college's long term staff members, Jim Speed and Jerilyn Stillwell, both retired this month.

Jim Speed joined the college in 1988 and has been instrumental in ensuring the college's continued compliance with OSHA regulations, UF immunization compliance and initial training of new dental assistants. A reception honoring Jim was held March 5th.

Jerilyn Stillwell, who joined the college in 1980, retired from her role as a patient care coordinator after 26 years of service.

A reception honoring Jerilyn was held March 15th.



Boyd Robinson, Jerilyn Stillwell, and Jim Speed posing together.

Family Day 2007

Nearly 200 friends and family attended the college's Jan. 27 Family Day, touring college clinics and learning labs.



NEW HIRES | MARCH-APRIL



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Lisa Dees
Dental Assistant
Prosthodontics, Resident Clinic

Scott Hancock
IT Specialist
Information Technology

Denise Matthews
Senior Clerk
OMFSDS



Hancock

Jillian Munoz
Senior Secretary
Endodontics

Chance Robertson
Dental Assistant, Pediatrics
Eastside Clinic

Cecilia Rodriguez-Armas
Office Manager
Community Dentistry and
Behavioral Science



Munoz

Brenda Thacker
Dental Hygienist
PDRC

Lauren A. Vanderhoek
Laboratory Technician
Periodontology

Give Kids a Smile 2007

UFCD and ACORN Clinic help Alachua children get back their oral health

A combined effort between UF College of Dentistry and ACORN Clinic in Brooker, Fla. made kids smile. Alachua school children received dental care, comprehensive treatment and oral health education as part of the 5th Annual Give Kids a Smile event.

The 5th GKAS event helped approximately 170 disadvantaged children by treating them for oral diseases and educating them about oral health and hygiene. Feb. 2 was the first day of the GKAS event where children from four area elementary schools - Lake Forest, Terwilliger, Prairie View Academy and Chester Shell - were screened at UFCD to determine those in need of comprehensive dental care. In addition to the oral screening, all children received intensive oral health education, hygiene and fluoride treatments.

Nearly 100 children in need of comprehensive treatment returned Feb. 23 for their dental care. These children received an estimated \$100,000 in free dental care from Alachua County dentists at the ACORN Clinic in Brooker and at UF's dental clinics.

Dentist volunteers from the Alachua County Dental Association treated 42 children at the ACORN Clinic in Brooker as part of the Florida

Dental Association's Project: Dentists Care. UF dental faculty and students treated another 52 children in UF College of Dentistry clinics.

Treatment plans for the children developed during the screening day included extraction of abscessed teeth, cavity repair, and pulpectomies - the pediatric equivalent of root canals. Healthy teeth had sealants placed, and the children also received oral hygiene instruction.



Albert and Alberta's surprise visit made the GKAS event even more exciting for the kids.