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THE BI-MONTHLY UFCD NEWSLETTER

Class of 2008

The College of Dentistry's 2008 Commencement ceremony was held May 16 in the Curtis M. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts.

The ceremony started with Dean Dolan's speech, which was followed by David Michael Yates, Class of 2008 class president. Yates started his speech by talking about the similarities between the life of a dental student and that of a tooth.

Some of the parallels he drew included: dental students and teeth both get whipped around with a big nasty tongue; both can feel sensitive at times; both feel like they are being spit on all day; and both feel that with a little maintenance they could sparkle!

Then Yates talked about the challenges of being in dental school, and told the audience that he even used the excuse "the dog ate my homework" because it actually happened to him. The only thing that kept them going, Yates said, was knowing that the three-day weeks were coming.

He was really excited about graduating, "the day children and adults fear us as the 'dentist,' the day my dad thought would never come – that day has come!" said Yates.

We wish the class of 2008 the best!

Pictures (from top): Class of 2008 at the Commencement Ceremony; David Michael Yates while giving his speech at the ceremony; father Dr. Gremillion hooding the daughter Dr. Gremillion.



JUNE 2008

staff spotlight



Ruthie E. Hernandez,
*Dental Assistant Supervisor –
Hialeah Dental Clinic*

Ruthie was born in Managua, Nicaragua, and moved to Miami with her family 30 years ago. She graduated from Miami Jackson Senior High School, attended a technical school and became certified as a dental assistant. She then started Miami Dade College, got married and had her first child. Ruthie was introduced to Dr. Roberta Diehl during a meeting, who later offered Ruthie a job. In 1997 Ruthie started her job at the UF Hialeah Dental Clinic and had her second child while working there. Ruthie has been working for UF for 11 years and feels fortunate to have met Dr. Diehl at that meeting.

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

A. It was my first part-time job at Publix at North Miami Beach as a cashier.

Q. What's your favorite guilty pleasure?

A. Eating strawberry cheesecake

Q. What is your ideal day away from work?

A. I like to travel up to Orlando and go to the amusement parks, especially Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure.

Favorite Magazine: People Magazine

Favorite TV show: House M.D.

Favorite Movie: Pretty Woman

Unknown fact: I go camping to River Ranch in the middle of nowhere.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

June 6

UF College of Dentistry Annual Staff Retreat - The Pygmalion Effect

8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Lake Wauburg

June 20

Interviewing and Hiring Training (SCS040)

9 a.m. - 12 p.m., D3-3

July 1

New Residents Orientation

July 4

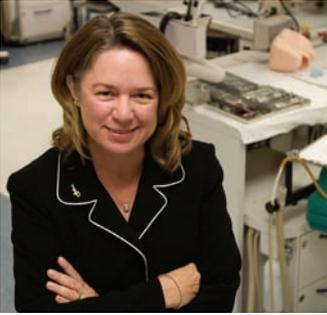
Independence Day UF Holiday!

Aug. 19

New Staff Orientation
9 a.m. - 11 a.m., D1-16

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message
from the dean



May is a month where we take the time to recognize achievements of faculty, staff and students. The month began with the Health Science Center's Service Pin Award ceremony where our staff celebrated from five to 40 years of service at the UF College of Dentistry.

The entire month was devoted to customer service and included a contest that allowed us to recognize the excellent service our faculty and staff provide internally and externally. Congratulations to all our Service Pin Award winners, and Customer Service Month winners and nominees.

This summer we will be preparing to launch a new clinical education model. I'm encouraging all of you to "Catch the Wave" that's on its way and arrives on Aug. 25 when the fall semester begins. We're coordinating a fun kickoff party and will be sharing lots of details and information in the next few months about the importance of the change and how it will benefit our patients and students - now and in the future.



Health Science Center Service Pin Awards

The Health Science Center's annual Service Pin Award Ceremony was held May 12 at 1:30 p.m. in the HPNP Auditorium. The Service Pin Award is awarded by the University of Florida to recognize continuous employment and service to the university. College of Dentistry has many awardees who were recognized this year. We congratulate our coworkers and wish them many happy years at UF!

40 Years of Service

Jane MOORE

30 Years of Service

Janie CARNEGIE

25 Years of Service

Joyce LEE

Ben LEE

Joan WHITLOCK

20 Years of Service

Peronia BROWN

Susan LOFFREDO

Deborah LYNN

Sonia NANGO-HENESY

Yvonne TREBILCOCK

Cassandra WILLIAMS

15 Years of Service

Tara TAYLOR

Connie WHITE-PAULSON

10 Years of Service

Solomon ABRAHAM

Mary BENNETT

Patricia CARPENTER

Kristi DUNCAN

Nancy HARVELL

Ruth HERNANDEZ

Daisy INFANTE

Elaine KENNAN

Sandra THOMAS

5 Years of Service

Antwan BATES

Kathleen BERG

Richard FANSLER

Dafney GIDDEON

Odalys GONZALEZ

Rebecca GRAVES

Misty GRIFFIS

Deanna HARDEE

Pearl HARRIS

Dyanne HERRERA

Michelle HOPKINS

Libra JAMES

Joshua NEY

Cecilia RODRIGUEZ

Mary TOMLINSON



Biggest Loser Dentistry Team Challenge

UFCD employees have decided to be healthy, exercise and lose weight during Gainesville's hot months of summer. The challenge will last 12 weeks starting on Friday, June 13 and ending on Friday, September 5. There will be weekly Friday morning weigh-ins between 9 - 11 a.m. in D2-52.

An interesting challenge has already been initiated between Jean Sweitzer and Dean Teresa Dolan, who said she can lose more pounds than Jean. If you have someone you would like to challenge, or if your clinic/department is ready to challenge another, then this is the time. Show them who the biggest loser is!

UF Hialeah Dental Clinic

Officially opened in 1997, the UF College of Dentistry Hialeah Dental Clinic celebrated its 10th anniversary last year. As one of UF's dental facilities, the clinic has dual missions—providing affordable dental care to Miami-Dade County's low-income residents, and training dental residents in the college's Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and dental students in the Internationally-Educated Dentist (IEDP) programs.

The clinic's first class was admitted in 1996 in temporary headquarters at the Hialeah Hospital Ambulatory Center due to a 10-month construction delay in the completion of the building. Roberta Diehl, D.D.S., a clinical associate professor of community based programs and director of the clinic, often refers to these students and residents as the "phantom class" because not only did they have to use the ambulatory center rather than the dental clinic for patient care, they were also incorporated into various affiliate postgraduate programs in Miami, Gainesville and St. Petersburg to continue their training during the latter part of the year.

"Our charge to the students and residents is to serve as a bridge between dental school and private practice and to provide meaningful experiences in advanced comprehensive care."

Today, the clinic has trained over 150 students and residents, employs a staff of 11 dental and administrative assistants and is fortunate to have over 60 courtesy faculty members actively engaged in the education of the IEDP & AEGD doctors.

The 12 students and residents enrolled in the program see an average of 200 patients weekly, and more than 85 percent of them speak Spanish as their primary language. The IEDP program is especially important because each year eight foreign-trained dentists receive training at the clinic and most of them are from Latin American countries. These students later apply for board licensure to practice in Florida and help provide better access to dental care for the state's Hispanic population.

Local dentists refer patients to the Hialeah Clinic as



services cost 50 to 70 percent of customary fees in the area. Having on-site specialists also allows the clinic to provide services usually unavailable in a general practitioner's office. The clinic also provides pro bono services to many adults and children each year through Donated Dental Services and Give Kids a Smile programs.

Diehl believes that the clinic is a great opportunity for residents and students to gain extensive hands-on experience in patient care. "Our charge to the students and residents is to serve as a bridge between dental school and private practice," said Diehl, "and to provide meaningful experiences in advanced comprehensive care."

Residents and students get extensive training in molar endodontics, advanced restorative techniques and implantology which makes them better prepared to enter progressive dental practices.

Diehl feels privileged to host a dynamic group of students and residents from around the world every 12 months and enjoys working with many of the most respected dental professionals in the area serving as faculty and mentors. "You can't help but learn something new and valuable each day." As the clinic faculty close out this academic year, they are poised to enter their 13th year in Miami with the next class of IEDP students and AEGD residents arriving in Miami on July 1st.

HIALEAH FACULTY:

Roberta L. **DIEHL**, D.D.S. & program director
Robert **LIEBLER**, D.D.S.
Rosario **MOLINA**, D.M.D.
Cesar **SABATES**, D.D.S.
Susan **SOCAS**, D.M.D.

Emilio **DAZ**

Maurin **GONZALEZ**
Odalys **GONZALEZ**
Ruth **HERNANDEZ**
Daisy **INFANTE**
Mileidy **REGUEIRO**
Maria Elena **RODRIGUEZ**
Rose **RODRIGUEZ**
Terry **TEJERA**

HIALEAH STAFF:

Mercy **BRETO**

Staff Retreat

The annual UFCD staff retreat is scheduled for **June 6** from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Lake Wauburg. This year's retreat is called "The Pygmalion Effect" and will include a presentation by Dr. Bob Parks and a workshop by Arts in

Medicine to learn how to reduce stress. Dean Dolan will be answering questions asked by staff members at the state of the college address, which will take place at the retreat. Come join a day of fun, relaxation and UFCD spirit!



► Interviewing and Hiring (SCS040)

Friday, June 20
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. in D3-3

Come to this training course and get tips on screening and interviewing and learn how to make a good job/person match. The course will include group participation, interactive exercises, and a video presentation. Jodi Gentry, associate director of human resource services, will be the facilitator of the course.

► Summer Training Courses

Take the time to attend a summer training course!



The office of human resource services has planned some great training courses for the summer. So take the time to go their Web site at: <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/training/schedule.asp> to check out the various courses they offer and register for one.



ACID ETCH 2008

The third annual Acid Etch Talent and Sketch Show organized by the Dental Ambassadors was held May 7 at the HPNP Auditorium. It was just another fun night where UFCD staff, students and faculty got together and enjoyed the sketches the students performed.



The judges, Dr. Marc Gale, Dean Teresa Dolan and Sanjie Jackson (class of 2007), the mistress and master of ceremony and the winners all pose together at the end. The winners were: 1st Place "Melodious Melodrama & Music Making The Musical" - The Marvelous David Yates, 2nd Place "La Rueda" - Barbara Veloz, Yulien Cruz, Orlando Milan and Barbara Llanes, 3rd Place "Legion of Page" - Chris Page.



NEW HIRES | APRIL -MAY 2008



Hipsley

Paula Clark
Dental Assistant
Prosthodontics

Carol Hipsley
Senior Secretary
Pediatrics

Kenyetta Kinsler
Dental Assistant
CBP-Jacksonville



Stewart

Swapna Mony
Bio Scientist
Oral Biology

Sadia Peck
Laboratory Technician
CD&BS

Marilyn Stewart
Dental Assistant
Operative Dentistry-Student Clinic



Tanner

Linda Tanner
Program Assistant
Orthodontics - Pain Center

Pamela Williams
Senior Clerk
Faculty Practice

Customer Service Month

May was Customer Service Month at the College of Dentistry. A special contest was organized to give UFCD employees an opportunity to nominate co-workers for a weekly prize drawing each Wednesday for performing excellent customer service.

A Customer Service Month reception was held May 30 from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in Room D4-16 where the grand prize winner of the Customer Service Contest was announced. Cake and a great punch prepared by Denise Webb were enjoyed by all!

Customer Service Month Winners:

Connie White-Paulson — GRAND PRIZE WINNER!
Dr. Ronald Watson — 1st WINNER
Denise Dorman — 2nd WINNER
Jennifer Dolwick — 3rd WINNER
Angela Stallworth — 4th WINNER



Customer Service Month Nominees:

Quincy Allen	Marta Miller
Patricia Carpenter	Sharon Pelfrey
Sherry Cue	Cecilia Rodriguez
Dr. Mark Davis	Dr. April Stillman
Butch Dees	Jean Sweitzer
David Flores	Allene Taylor
Sue Guido	Tara Taylor
Tracy Laird	Denise Webb
Charles Lesch	Dr. Wendell Willis
Deborah Lynn	