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THE BI-MONTHLY UFCD NEWSLETTER

Dental Desperados raise \$2,000

The two-day Dental Desperados Community Campaign began on Sept. 24, with a silent auction for items donated by college staff and faculty. The auction alone raised \$1,333.

There was also a voting race for who would get the Pie in the Face at Pie Noon the next day. People had to pay \$1 to vote, and the pie voting raised \$553.67, with close competition between Dr. Stillwell, Dr. Lamont and Jean Sweitzer.

The second day of the campaign started with the dunking booth in the Dental Courtyard, which was donated by Dr. Demetrick LeCorn and Dr. Haider Alzubaidi. Dr. Henrietta Logan, Dr. Boyd Robinson, Dr. David Stillwell, Jim Webb, Dr. Ken Anusavice, Dr. Larry Brock, Lee "Tooth Fairy" Mintz, Dr. Richard Lamont and finally Dean Terri Dolan took their turns in the dunking booth. It was \$1 a ball, and the booth raised \$206 thanks to the throws of students, staff and faculty.

Despite Dr. Lamont's lab members' generous efforts and to Jean Sweitzer's relief, Dr. Stillwell won the voting race for the Pie in the Face, and he received the tangerine key lime pie from Dean Dolan at Pie Noon.

The campaign was a lot of fun for a great cause and the College of Dentistry was able to raise \$2,092.67 for the UF Community Campaign. Thanks to Mary Bennett, Jacob Burks, and the Special Event Committee for making raising money so much fun!



OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2008

staff spotlight



Anita LEVERETT

Office Manager, Jacksonville Dental Clinic

Anita was born in Jacksonville, on Jan. 27, 1969 as the oldest of four girls. She graduated from Andrew Jackson High School in 1987 and went to FCCJ for two years. In 1995, she graduated from the Concorde Career Institute as a dental assistant.

Anita started working at the Jacksonville Clinic as a dental assistant in 1995. She became a senior clerk in 1997, and office manager in 2001. Anita won the Superior Accomplishment Award in 2004; she is the first person to win from the Jacksonville clinic. Anita has been married to her husband, Russell, for 18 years and they have four kids. Their oldest, Darrell, is a senior in high school, Kristin is in 10th, Isiah is in 6th, and Jordan is in 2nd grade. Their dog, Oddie, a spoiled peek pom, gets his way all the time. Anita is active in her church, Shiloh Tabernacle of Praise, working in the youth department, in addition to being the adult choir director, director for vacation Bible school, and treasurer for the women's group.

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

A. Working at Lyric Choir Gown making choir and graduation robes

Q. What's your favorite guilty pleasure?

A. Eating butter pecan ice cream

Q. What is your ideal day away from work?

A. Spending time with my husband & shopping

Favorite Book: A Purpose Driven Life

Favorite TV Show: CSI Miami

Favorite Movie: Pretty Woman

Unknown Fact: I love to watch wrestling and help my husband work on cars.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Oct. 24
Homecoming/Holiday!

Oct. 27
Campus Security Presentation
Captain Jeff Holcombe, UFPD
12:30-1:30p.m., D3-3

Nov. 4
Election Day

Nov. 8
Mighty Molar (Hosted by ASDA)
Lake Wauburg

Nov. 11
Veterans Day/Holiday!

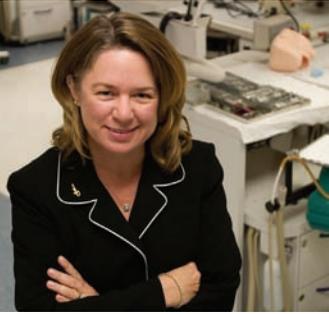
Nov. 27 & 28
Thanksgiving/Holiday!

Dec. 9
New Staff Orientation
9-11a.m., D4-16

Dec. 9
Classes End

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FLORIDA
The Foundation for The Gator Nation

message from the dean



This issue of Dental Direct highlights some examples of the many ways our college gives back to the community.

In addition to the UF Community Campaign which was hosted by our very own Dental Desperados, we are also supporting the American Cancer Society through the Bald for a Cause Relay team. We also routinely give back to the community through our teaching, research and service missions.

Patient services are an important component of our missions. The new clinical model was an important step toward improving the educational experience for our students and enhancing patient care, and it's been going well. It seems that everyone caught the wave and is surfing smoothly. Feedback from students and patients indicate they remain enthusiastic about the new model. We are also renewing the Marketing to Patients Workgroup to create innovative ways to improve our patient recruitment and to ensure that Gators know we're here to meet their oral health care needs. The Naples Pediatric Dental Clinic opens in December - the newest addition to our Statewide Network for Community Oral Health which will play an important role for children in Collier County. On Oct. 15, we began a new round of strategic planning to articulate our goals for the next five years. Through this process, we will work to continue to strengthen our financial position as an organization so that we can continue achieving our mission and giving back to the community through our research, teaching and patient services.

Thank you all for your leadership and teamwork as we work together to achieve our mission.

UFCD Biggest Loser Challenge Round TWO

The College of Dentistry's first ever Biggest Loser Challenge ended on Sept. 15 with 56 participants in 10 teams who lost a total of 322.7 pounds, 2.8 percent of their overall body weight. But it is not enough for UF College of Dentistry members, and they are ready to start round two and lose some more weight!

The winning team, The Flab Busters, lost 51 pounds, 6.4 percent of their body weight. The four team members, Ken Anusavice, Amy Corbitt, Lynn King and Sarah Corbitt, split a \$483.75 pot.

The biggest individual loser is Lamar Brooks, who lost 11.7 percent of his body weight, is donating his prize money, \$161.25, as seed money for **Round Two**, which is planned to run **Oct.17 through Dec. 12**.

The challenge works. If you don't believe me, ask Lamar Brooks!

"The challenge helped in the sense that it put a public face on my weight loss efforts," said Lamar. "I knew that people would be watching, which also helped my motivation. I wanted to lose as much weight as I could, and I didn't want to disappoint my team members."

In Round Two of the biggest loser challenge, teams will be made up of at least four people and there will be a \$10 joining fee, a \$1 fine for a

missed weigh-in, and \$1 fine for each pound gained at a weigh-in.

Just like the first round, 75 percent of the purse will go to the winning team, based on percentage of body weight lost and 25 percent will go to the biggest losing individual – also based on percentage of weight lost at the end of the challenge.

However, there is a change from the first round. Only the **first and last weigh-ins** will be handled by the **Student Health Care Clinic**.

Interim weigh-ins will be in the "Honor Closet" in the Dean's office area. The honor closet will allow participants to be more flexible about their weigh-in schedules, and we won't have to bother the Student Health Care Clinic any more.

Teams participating in off-site clinics will send their weights weekly, just like they did during Round One.

So don't worry if you missed your chance to join the challenge before. There is still a chance to prove to everyone that you are the biggest loser!



UFCD Going Bald for a Cause!

You might have heard that some of UFCD faculty and students will be shaving their heads for Relay for Life in an effort to help the UFCD relay team reach its ambitious \$50,000 goal.

The effort is being led by two DMD students, Cassandra Dorsey and Telka Jackson, Class of 2011. But there are more on the UFCD Relay team. Some other familiar names who joined the team include Censer Abare, Frank Catalanotto, and Marc Ottenga.

What's their fundraising strategy? Well, it sounds pretty simple. They believe that if they could convince every student to ask two people for \$100 or more, the team will exceed its goal!

What is pushing them to raise money? The hope that they'll be able to see bald faculty, staff and students. People agreed to shave their heads if the teams reaches certain fundraising goals. Once they raise \$5,000, DMD students Cory Canavan, David Cardman, and Shawn Willis will shave their heads. Then Dr. Robinson will do the same once the team reaches \$10,000. Telka Jackson will follow at \$15,000 and Cassandra Dorsey at \$20,000. It will be Dr. Watson's turn at \$25,000, and Dr. Catalanoto will go at \$30,000.

It won't be over yet! Once the team has collected \$35,000, Dr. Ottenga will shave his head, and at \$40,000, we'll see Dr. Gale go bald. Censer Abare will shave her blonde curly hair once the team raises \$45,000. Dr. Robert Primosh and Lori Primosh will shave their hair once the team reaches its goal of \$50,000. Even that won't be enough for our team, because Gail Mitchell promised to shave her hair if the team surpasses its goal.

What can you do to help? Don't worry – you don't have to shave your head. You can help by joining the UFCD team, and walk or run during the relay event, or just help them raise money. They welcome all faculty, staff and students who want to help raise \$50,000, or even more for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life.

The Bald for a Cause team has raised \$2,400 so far, and they have a lot more to raise. So help now by joining or donating to the American Cancer Society Relay For Life® at http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY09FL?team_id=340438&pg=team&fr_id=13260&et=u3ekxchMcDcU37f97rsZxg.&cs_tafid=249254

Jacksonville Dental Clinic

The UF College of Dentistry Jacksonville clinic was established in 1987, and it operates in a 13,000 square foot building in downtown Jacksonville which houses the educational program and patient care services. The clinic includes 12 dental operatories, two radiology rooms, a dental laboratory, a conference room, offices, and spaces for clinic support.

The Jacksonville clinic serves a dual purpose. First, the clinic provides patient care to the Duval County area including downtown Jacksonville. More than 10,000 patients are treated in the Jacksonville clinic in a year, which means that they have about 175 patient visits per week.

“Our clinic provides low-cost, crucial emergency dental care for more than 2,000 patients each year!” said Cliff Starr, the Jacksonville Clinic Director. “This is just one of the ways that our clinic contributes to the oral health of the local community.”

In addition to its patient care services, the clinic is home to the one-year Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program, where residents receive advanced training in clinical dentistry and gain experience in comprehensive treatment. Residents get a chance to improve their ability to integrate different disciplines and specialties and develop a well-planned and sequenced treatment plan for patients.

“It’s a terrific mix of increased access-to-care for patients and increased educational opportunities for dental residents.”

The mission of the General Dentistry Residency program at the UF College of Dentistry Jacksonville Clinic is to provide postgraduate dental education for six Advanced Education in General Dentistry residents. Training is also provided for two students from the Internationally-Educated Dentist Program (IEDP) assigned from UFCD-Gainesville to the Jacksonville clinic for one-year assignments.

The residents receive advanced training in all phases of diagnosis, treatment planning and delivery of comprehensive dental care. This enables them to provide a greater scope of care to their patients after they graduate and begin their private dental practice



careers.

The clinic has many courtesy faculty that teach the residents. They consist of generalists and board eligible or certified dental specialists including endodontists, periodontists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, orthodontists, and restorative dentists. Comprehensive dentistry, including the placement and restoration of dental implants, is the primary focus of the educational program.

The Jacksonville clinic provides much-needed dental services for Duval County patients and highly sought-after educational opportunities for dental graduates. “It’s a terrific mix of increased access-to-care for patients and increased educational opportunities for dental residents,” said Starr.

FACULTY:

Clifford B. **STARR**, D.M.D., clinical professor & director
Nancy **JACOBSON**, D.M.D., clinical assistant professor

PART-TIME FACULTY:

Thomas **MERLO**, D.D.S., clinical assistant professor
Grady **JOHNSON**, D.M.D., clinical assistant professor

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Antwan **BATES**
Izabella **CHEVA**
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Jackie **EDWARDS**
Tereon **JOHNS**
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Himilce **QUIRCH**
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Sarah **RUSHING**
Shaylan **SINKLER**
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Nidal **ELIAS**
Charles **FRANK**
Dan **GESEK**
Sam **HANANIA**
Kyle **HOGG**
Dan **JACOBS**
Nicholas **NARDUCCI**
Marco **RAND**
James **SCHUMACHER**
Robert **WAGNER**

HR
information

► **Benefits Open Enrollment**
confirmation statements may be reviewed Oct. 20-31. Any corrections must be made by Oct. 31. More information can be found at <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/benefits/openenrollment/default.asp>.

► Enrollment for the **Sick Leave Pool (SLP)** ends on Oct. 31. Members of the SLP may be able to use the pool for personal catastrophic illness or injury after the employee has exhausted his/her personal leave balances. All cases are submitted by application and reviewed by the SLP Committee. Upon enrollment, eight hours of sick leave will be deducted from the employee’s leave balance. Visit <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/leave/sick-leavepool/default.asp> for additional information and the application form.

► **TEAMS December Leave Cash Out** allows TEAMS employees to cash out between one to 16 hours of vacation leave in the pay period of Nov. 14-27 to be paid out on the Dec. 5 paycheck. A minimum balance of 40 vacation hours are required after the end of the pay period. The leave should be entered as “280-December Vacation Cashout-DL” on Saturday, Nov. 22. Visit <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/training/myUFL/instructionguides/ReportingDecemberCashout.pdf> for instructions. Supervisors must be sure that the appropriate vacation leave balance is available prior to approval. If you have any questions, contact the College’s HR Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green Tip of the Issue

As you all know, we are trying to reduce the amount of waste we produce. One thing we rarely think about are the plastic cups we use every day. Try a reusable mug, cup, or bottle for your favorite drink. Help save the planet!

One Less Car Challenge

As some of you may know, UFCD has a team competing in the university-wide One Less Car challenge. Our team, College of Dentistry, has 42 members, and they have saved about 15,000 lbs in CO2 emissions!

Saying Goodbye to Dr. Gremillion....



UF College of Dentistry faculty and staff bid adieu to Dr. Henry Gremillion, D.D.S., M.A.G.D., on Tuesday, Sept. 23.

Dr. Gremillion was recently appointed Dean of the LSU School of Dentistry. UFCD will miss Dr. Gremillion, and we wish him good luck in the bayou.



Three Students Join the Navy



Three of our Class of 2010 D.M.D. students joined the Navy on Oct. 3 during a swearing-in ceremony witnessed by family, friends, fellow classmates, and faculty and staff from the UF College of Dentistry.

NEW HIRES | OCTOBER 2008



Carney

Angelica Buccino
Dental Assistant
St. Petersburg Clinic

Michelle Carney
Senior Clerk
Endodontics

Heather Dawson
Dental Assistant
Pediatrics

Corrine Flowers
Senior Clerk
IEDP



Flowers

Jennifer Harris
Dental Hygienist
Periodontics

Renita Jenkins
Dental Assistant
Prosthodontics

Keti Krekovic
Fiscal Assistant
St. Petersburg Clinic

Mallory McCallister
Program Assistant
Community Dentistry & Behavioral
Science



Savic

Jennifer Rich
Program Assistant
Community Based Programs

Milan Savic
Senior Clerk
Continuing Education

Elegance of Science Contest

Do you think science is beautiful? Then consider submitting your "artwork" to the Marston Science Library's first annual "Elegance of Science" contest.

Students, faculty and staff can submit images produced for research (a microscopic image) or images that exhibit tools and concepts from science. Cash prizes include \$150 for first place, \$100 for second place and

\$50 for third place, and the deadline to submit artwork is Dec. 19, 2008.

Your artwork might be displayed on the walls of the Marston Science Library and the Health Science Center Libraries if it is among the winning or selected entries. It sure is worth a try! For details and entry form, go to www.uflib.ufl.edu/msl/art.

Superior Accomplishment Awards

The UF Superior Accomplishment Awards are a great way to acknowledge the many exemplary faculty and staff members and their efforts. The awards recognize employees who perform beyond expectations and contribute to service in their fields.

The awards are given based on:

- **Excellence in overall job performance**
- **Outstanding service to students, staff, academic personnel, visitors, and university clientele**
- **Willingness to assist beyond normal expectations**
- **Dedication to the job and the university**
- **Consistent cooperation and helpfulness**

- **Initiative and/or creativity in performing assigned duties**

Deadline for the Superior Accomplishment Awards nominations is **Oct. 31**. A link to information and instructions can be found on the College of Dentistry home page <http://www.dental.ufl.edu> or by visiting the UF Office of Human Resource Services at <http://www.hr.ufl.edu/awards/saa/default.asp>.

If you have any questions, please contact: Jacob Burks, at (352)846-2740, jburks@ufl.edu.

