



# Dental Bites

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**Short Takes**  
*\*Graduation for the Class of 2015 has been set for Friday, June 5, by the university.*

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*\*The annual fall faculty retreat is set for two days this year: Sept. 25 and 26. Details to be announced soon.*

## Welcome Dental Class of 2018

OHSU School of Dentistry faculty, staff, and students recently welcomed 75 new students into their midst. The Class of 2018 is the first to begin its dental education in the new Skourtes Tower.

"I'm feeling so excited and pumped," said **Daniel Mabaet**, 22, who is originally from San Francisco, and has a bachelor of science in biology from Dominion University. "I'm ready to start the new year.



Daniel Mabaet

"Dentistry clicked for me after working for a friend's dentist," said Daniel. "I love the class size at OHSU, and the fact that the school is in a new building with state-of-the-art equipment. I also felt I would receive more clinical experience at OHSU, and more one-on-one time with professors. I'm super excited about IPE (Interprofessional Education) because I come from a family of nurses who like to talk about health care and how to help people, and I want to be part of their conversation!"

Fifty-one (68 percent) of the Class of 2018 are from Oregon; eight are from WICHE sites; and 16 are from out of state. The average age is 25, with 49 males and 26 females, and the overall grade point average is 3.61. A handful of incoming students have either two bachelor's degrees, or a master's degree as well as a bachelor's degree.

When self-reporting on ethnicity (and more than one ethnicity can be reported), 52 DS1's indicated that they are Caucasian; 15 said that they are Asian; four selected Hispanic/Latino; one identified as a Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; two selected more than one ethnicity; and one new student did not report.

"I'm excited to welcome you into dentistry, in this beautiful new building, with professionals who will help provide you with the best education you can receive," said Dean **Phillip Marucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D. "Your patients will depend upon you to be knowledgeable, and given all of the coming advances in oral health care, we want to ensure that you are trained as dental leaders not just for today, but years down the road when many of you will still be practicing dentistry."

*Meet a few students from the Class of 2018 on page two. A short welcome video is at: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=644145575681168&l=2077476330413076369>*

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# Meet a few from the Class of 2018!



**Mark DeVincenzi, 26, Napa, Calif.,** comes from a family of dentists. Sister Caroline is a third-year OHSU dental student (Mark is one of 12 legacies from the Class of 2018), and both parents are dentists. "I've seen firsthand the impact my parents have on their patients, and I fell in love with that aspect of dentistry," he said. "OHSU has an unbelievable reputation for clinical excellence. The new building is gorgeous, really impressive. I think IPE (interprofessional education) is great. Health providers tend to segregate and it's important to keep the big picture in mind. Any time you can find a way to work with others, it's better." Mark has a bachelor of science in finance from Cal Poly (he graduated in 2010), and he worked at the Hoover Institute in Stanford after graduation until receiving an opportunity to play baseball as a pitcher in Germany. He said he didn't like the "cut throat aspect" of finance and recently decided upon dentistry.



**Ghazaleh Enayati, is** originally from Tehran, Iran, but moved to Portland after high school. She attended UCLA, graduating in 2012 with a bachelor of science in biology. "I only applied to OHSU because Portland is my home and I didn't want to go anywhere else. "I am an artist, so I am good with my hands and I hope I will be a good dentist."



**Krista Garchar, 21, Dolores, Colorado,** has a bachelor of science in biology from Fort Lewis College in Durango. "When I interviewed at OHSU, everyone was super nice and it felt like they were confident in me. Dentistry is something I've always wanted to do, even when I was little. I like the new building because it's bright and cheerful."



**Chris Hansen, 27, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho,** has a bachelor of science in biology from Eastern University (Cheney, Wash.). After high school, Chris joined the U.S. Air Force as a Korean linguist for four years, before attending college (he graduated in 2014). "Dentistry is what I've always wanted," he said. "When I was in fifth grade, I can remember drawing a gigantic ovular face with braces." Chris selected OHSU because he wanted to be in the Northwest for dental school.



**Efrén Almeida Mansilla, 27,** grew up in Maracay, Venezuela, and received a bachelor of science in biology from Cal Poly. He chose dentistry because "it will allow me to help others while working with my hands and applying science. It can't get any better than that." Efrén selected OHSU School of Dentistry because of its reputation for clinical excellence and commitment to diversity. "I love the new building because—apart from the beautiful architecture—it allows for better interprofessional interaction and more accessibility for our patients."



**Negin Azari, 24,** is originally from Tehran, Iran, and has lived in Portland for 11 years. She has a bachelor of science in biology from Portland State University. "Dentistry has been my passion since I was little. When I look at a person, the first thing I see is their teeth. I worked hard for my smile and I want to give back to others what my dentist gave to me. The new building is great because everything is new. I love it!"



**Tyrel Mortenson, 32,** Klamath Falls, Ore., has a bachelor of science in elementary education from the University of Utah, and taught for a number of years until he decided to pursue dentistry. "Dentistry is a fabulous profession," he said. "You get to work with people all day, and you are connected to the community. There are so many practical aspects to a dental career." Tyrel said "OHSU is great." He hopes to pursue rural dentistry.

# Recent Photos from OHSU School of Dentistry



*First-year dental students arrive by bike on the first day of school in the Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry.*



*Upper class dental students greet one another in the atrium of the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building on Aug. 11.*



*Fourth-year dental student Hieu Pham, who is in the St. Johns group practice, cares for 72-year-old Dottie Havlik on Aug. 22. "I'm happy," said Dottie, who received a new partial. "I like the kids in the dental school and the instructors are wonderful. Hieu is exceptional."*



*Second-year dental students listen to a presentation from Michael Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor of restorative dentistry and the director of the dental implant program and simulation lab, on Aug. 11.*



*DS1's were sorted into their group practices on Aug. 11. This is the Broadway group with Tom Galbraith, D.D.S., assistant professor and Broadway group leader (far right). (Photo Peter Morita, D.M.D. '86)*



*Associate Dean for Student Affairs Mark Mitchell, M.A., enjoys the all-school barbecue along the waterfront on Nov. 15, coordinated by his staff. Attendees billed the first-time bonding event as a "wonderful way to take a collective time-out" after a busy first week of classes. (Photo Nana Nash)*

## Seminar Series Update

Several dates for the second year of the Dean's Seminar Series at OHSU School of Dentistry, designed to bring nationally-recognized researchers to campus and stimulate discussion and collaborations, have been selected for the 2014-2015 academic year, said Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Integrative Biosciences **David Morton**, Ph.D.

The dates of Oct. 24 and Jan. 6 have been selected for the second year of the dean's series, and speakers identified. **Brian Lee Schmidt**, M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., professor in the departments of plastic surgery, otolaryngology, surgery, and neurosurgery and physiology at NYU College of Dentistry, is the speaker for Oct. 24, and **Michael Gold**, Ph.D., professor of anesthesiology and associate director of the Center for Pain Research at the University of Pittsburgh, is the speaker for Jan. 6.

December 12, March 31, and June 9 are tentative dates for additional seminars.

All OHSU faculty, students, and staff are welcome to attend the Dean's Seminar Series at OHSU School of Dentistry, located in the Dental Lecture Hall (Atrium) in the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building on South Waterfront. The seminars are from noon to 2 p.m.

A Sept. 30 event from noon to 2 p.m. is for DS1's interested in research. "We hope to provide an overview of research in the dental school, with short introductions from faculty about what they do, and possible projects in which students can participate," said Dr. Morton.

Please watch for more information on the university's O<sub>2</sub> page, the dental school's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ohsuschoolofdentistry](http://www.facebook.com/ohsuschoolofdentistry)), and web home page ([www.ohsu.edu/sod](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod)), as the seminars draw closer.

## September Calendar

<b>Sept. 12</b>	<b>DS2 White Coat Ceremony, 2 p.m., OHSU Auditorium</b>
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>End of Summer Session B</b>
<b>Sept. 19</b>	<b>Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament</b>
<b>Sept. 20</b>	<b>Cantwell Memorial Lecture/Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update</b>

## SOD at Special Olympics



Two dozen OHSU dental students, staff, faculty, and their family members recently volunteered at the 2014 Special Olympics Oregon Summer State Games Special Smiles, performing dental screenings and oral hygiene instructions for 158 athletes. According to **Elizabeth Palmer**, D.M.D. '08, Pediatric Dentistry '10, M.S., who organized the school's participation in the event, 13 of the athletes were identified as having urgent dental needs.

The nine third- and fourth-year dental students who volunteered on July 12 were on summer break, noted **Lynn Whitley**, D.M.D. '89, R.N., assistant professor of restorative dentistry and Sellwood group leader, who was responsible for garnering dental school volunteers.

"I have a brother with special needs who has participated in Special Olympics events, so I know how much these activities can improve self-esteem," said Dr. Whitley. "It was very meaningful for those of us who were there."

*(Photo courtesy Dr. Whitley)*

## Please Welcome New Additions to the School

Several new faculty and staff recently joined the dental school, or will begin work this month. Please welcome:

\***Abby Byerly**, a care coordinator in the predoctoral clinic.

\***Joseph V. Califano**, D.D.S., Ph.D., professor of periodontology. Dr. Califano received his doctor of dental science, and a doctoral degree in microbiology/immunology, from Virginia Commonwealth University. Most recently, he was professor and director in the division of periodontology at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine, and professor of periodontics and director of post-graduate periodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Dentistry.



*Joseph Califano*

\***Mary Pat Califano**, B.S.N., M.B.A., an instructor in oral and maxillofacial surgery. Mary Pat received her bachelor of science in nursing from the Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University, and a master's degree in business administration from Averett University. She was quality assurance coordinator at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine, and clinical nurse specialist in the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Dentistry.

\***Jason Frieboes** has transferred from OHSU Hospital to the dental school, as a sterile processing technician.

\***Callie Harling** is a research assistant for **Tom Shearer**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences.

\***Katherine Long**, M.S., M.B.A., is the new graduate education program manager. Most recently, she was assistant to the dean at the University of Chicago College of Dentistry, having previously been assistant director of graduate and research education, and project coordinator. Katherine has a master's degree in education from DePaul University, and a master of business administration from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

\***Kenelle Moore** is a dental assistant in the pre-doctoral clinic.

\***Amit Punj**, D.M.D., B.D.S., has joined the faculty as an assistant professor of restorative dentistry. Dr. Punj recently received his certificate in prosthodontics from Montefiore Medical Center. Prior to advanced education, Dr. Punj was managing clinical director at Aspen Dental in Machesney Park, Illinois, and managing clinical director at Allcare Dental and Dentures in Rockford. Dr. Punj received his doctor of dental medicine from the Tufts University School of Medicine in 2005, and a bachelor of dental surgery from K.L.E. Society's Institute of Dental Sciences in Karnataka, India.



*Amit Punj*

\***Craig Robbins**, D.M.D. '04, is an assistant professor of restorative dentistry, after having joined the school as an affiliate faculty member earlier in the year. Dr. Robbins owns Harmony *(continued on page six)*

## New Faculty and Staff (continued from page five)

Family Dentistry in Vancouver. Prior to opening his private practice, Dr. Robbins was an associate at Grin & Bear It Family Dental Center, Dental Care Today, and Permanente Dental Associates. Dr. Robbins received his bachelor of science in urban planning from Brigham Young University, and was a history minor.



Craig Robbins

**Billie Speicher** is a dental assistant in the pre-doctoral clinic.

\***Helen Watts** has transferred from OHSU Hospital to the dental school as a sterile processing technician.

\***Ying Wu**, D.D.S., M.S.D., Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the department of pathology and radiology. Dr. Wu was most recently an assistant professor of oral diagnosis and oral medicine in the department of general dentistry at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She completed her doctor of dental surgery at Harbin Medical University in China, a master's degree in periodontology from Capital University of Medical Sciences in Beijing, a doctoral degree in oral biology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a master's degree in oral medicine from the University of Washington. Her research interest is orofacial pain.



Ying Wu

## PROH Conference Set for October

OHSU School of Dentistry faculty are the speakers for "Dental Myths and Controversies VIII" the theme of the 11<sup>th</sup> annual PROH (Practice-based Research in Oral Health) conference on Oct. 31 which begins at 7:15 a.m. with a continental breakfast in downtown Portland.

Online registration is available at <http://www.oragd.org/events/title-11th-annual-proh-conference/> or by calling (503) 494-8857.

Speakers include: **Jim Katancik**, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor and chair of periodontology (*Implant Platform Switching: Easy as Taking the Next Train?*); **Shawneen Gonzalez**, D.D.S., M.S., assistant professor in the department of oral pathology and radiology (*You see what? Can I Really Interpret that from a Panoramic Radiograph?*); **Carmem Pfeifer**, D.D.S., Ph.D., assistant professor of restorative dentistry (*Enhancing Dentin Bond Durability: Is it Really Possible?*); **Scott Dyer**, D.M.D., M.S., Ph.D., adjunct assistant professor of restorative dentistry (*It may be Strong, but can I Bond to it? Cementation and Repair of Zirconia*); **Tom Hilton**, D.M.D., M.S., alumni centennial professor in operative dentistry and co-director of the PROH network (*Restoration Repair: Do those Patches Really Work?*); and **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair of restorative dentistry, division director of biomaterials and biomechanics, and co-director of the PROH network (*And then you Light Cure. Simple, right?*).

"The PROH conference will address six confusing and contentious dentistry myths facing researchers today," said Dr. Hilton. "Select faculty from OHSU will introduce their topic, identify the opposing viewpoints, review the relevant research, present their position on the topic based on their understanding of the evidence, and answer questions."