



## **Pediatric Dentistry Barbecue Raises Funds**

**The annual pediatric dentistry barbecue – rescheduled due to poor weather – was held on a sunny day the second time around (June 11) and raised \$1,400 for children’s dental care. Food was served to more than 400 people, according to first-year dental student Jordan Buhr, DS1 class president, who will be the DS2 vice president and is on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. The pediatric dentistry barbecue was sponsored by the American Student Dental Association.**

## **Blue Ribbon Panel to Chart Dental Education**

A Blue Ribbon panel was recently appointed by OHSU President **Joe Robertson** to chart the future of dental education in Oregon.

Chairing the Blue Ribbon panel is **Robert Gootee**, the president of ODS Companies, who is the namesake of the School of Dentistry’s endowed lectureship for leadership and professionalism. Additional panel members include alumni, donors, representatives from the Oregon Dental Association, managed care practices, local dentists, and OHSU leaders, a dental student and Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. `64. The panel will be co-chaired by Interim Provost **David Robinson** and staffed by the provost’s office.

“The panel will develop a written report that addresses how best to deliver dental education (continued, right column)

in Oregon given the current environment,” said Dean Clinton. “Specifically, the panel will examine how to deliver dental education while addressing some key issues facing the School, such as current facilities, the potential role of the Life Sciences Collaborative building on South Waterfront, the potential of adding new education programs, capital funding requirements and optimum configuration for a new dental clinic, workforce needs in the face of federal and state health care reform, and a long-term trend of declining state general fund support.”

The report will include a short and long-term financial plan addressing both capital needs and ongoing operational funding directly linked to its recommendations associated with delivering innovative dental education in Oregon. (continued on page five)

## **Dental School Graduates 90 in June**

In a newly combined hooding and commencement ceremony, the School of Dentistry graduated 90 individuals in June. Awarded June 18 were 74 doctor of dental medicine degrees and 16 advanced degrees in five specialties (three endodontology graduates and four pediatric dentistry graduates attended the ceremony).

Due to the combined nature of the ceremony, there were many special guests present. OHSU President **Joe Robertson**, M.D., M.B.A., told graduates to stay lifelong learners. **Charles Wilhoite**, chair of the OHSU Board of Directors also spoke, about students’ good decision to attend OHSU.

Oregon Dental Association (ODA) President **Rick Asai**, D.M.D. `81, reminded graduates that it is a privilege – and a serious responsibility -- to be allowed to treat fellow human beings and recommended that they utilize organized dentistry – study clubs, local dental societies – to stay connected, confident, and informed. Newly installed Alumni Association (continued on page six)

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## Group Leader Profile: Stacy Lomeli, D.D.S.

You might say that spending a lot of time at the dentist as a child gave **Stacy Lomeli**, D.D.S., a leg up on her dental career.

"I opened my first dental practice when I was six years old," said the St. Johns group practice leader and associate professor of restorative dentistry, 42, who grew up in the San Francisco Bay area. "I was the kid making retainers for my Barbies and taking impressions of my brother's teeth using the cream center of Oreo cookies. I've been excited about dentistry for a long time."

Dr. Lomeli credits mentorship as a big part of where she is today. "I have been fortunate to have had some great mentors along the way." By the time she was 10, Dr. Lomeli had a new dentist, **Elizabeth Johnson**, D.D.S., from Cupertino, Calif., who was "caring, gentle, and excellent at building long-term relationships" with patients and staff, a noticeable contrast, she said, from her previous dentist.

"When I mentioned that I was interested in dentistry, she hired me to work in her office after school and trained me in all aspects of her practice including reception, sterilization, and chair side assisting. During college and dental school, she took me to dental meetings and made introductions which led to other opportunities for me in dentistry."

Dr. Lomeli graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a bachelor of science in biology, working for Dr. Johnson through her college years. Dr. Lomeli received her doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of California, San Francisco, in 1995, and returned as a member of the faculty following graduation. She also went into private practice as a general dentist, joining Dr. Johnson's practice two years later.

During a continuing education course in 2003, Dr. Lomeli was introduced to forensics and enjoyed "using my dental knowledge for a completely different application."

"One of the things I love about dentistry is the variety of opportunities within the profession," said Dr. Lomeli. "I have always been fascinated by the whole criminal justice process, and forensic dentistry gave me an opportunity to become involved."

Dr. Lomeli took a forensic dental identification and emerging technologies course at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Bethesda, Md., and returned to California, creating a forensics team through her local dental society. Her team ultimately consulted with the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department on forensic cases.

In 2005, Dr. Lomeli and husband **Peter** decided to relocate to Oregon to be near family. Dr. Lomeli joined the OHSU faculty in 2006, becoming a group leader in 2007. Son **Peter Junior** (PJ) was born in early 2009. When not at OHSU, Dr. Lomeli enjoys being a mom, spending time with family, and gardening.



*Stacy Lomeli, D.D.S.*

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## Dr. Brown Receives Honor

**Arthur Brown**, Ph.D., professor emeritus of integrative biosciences, recently received an award from the School's Class of 1985 for being an "outstanding instructor in physiology who formed the foundation of our careers." A second inscription on the award reads: "Memories of a great instructor become richer with time." The class also gave Dr. Brown a copy of the introduction from his first (1981) lecture to them in Physiology 411, along with a photo of Dr. Brown at the blackboard.

"I enjoy all my students, but this class was special," said Dr. Brown. "People in basic sciences seldom get feedback from former students after they graduate and enter practice so you don't know if you've made any permanent impact. This is the nicest thing they could have done for me.

"The fact that what I presented to them stayed with them all these years—I was touched," he said.

Dr. Brown grew up in the mid-west and attended the University of Chicago, receiving a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a master's degree in physics. He received his doctorate in physiology and biophysics from the University of Washington and moved briefly to New York for a teaching position. In 1960, he returned to the northwest as a faculty member in the University of Washington Physiology and Biophysics department.

Seventeen years later, in 1977, Dr. Brown joined OHSU, as professor of physiology for the dental and medical schools, and chair of physiology for the dental school. "I've taught virtually every subject in physiology and neuroscience," he noted. He also wrote the academic transcript system for OHSU, a system used at the dental school until recently, and conducted research, primarily in orofacial pain and the circulation of oral tissues. Dr. Brown became associate *(continued, right column)*

## School Calendar

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| <b>July 6</b>     | Start of six-week summer session |
| <b>July 16</b>    | White Coat ceremony (DS2)        |
| <b>Aug. 13</b>    | End of six-week summer session   |
| <b>Aug. 16</b>    | Start of six-week pre-term (DS1) |
| <b>Aug. 26-27</b> | DS1 Cannon Beach retreat         |
| <b>Sept. 6</b>    | Labor Day (holiday)              |
| <b>Sept. 24</b>   | End of six week pre-term (DS1)   |
| <b>Sept. 27</b>   | Start of 12-week fall term       |
| <b>Nov. 25-26</b> | Thanksgiving holiday             |
| <b>Dec. 17</b>    | Last day of 12-week fall term    |

## Dr. Brown *(continued from left column)*

dean for academic affairs in 1985, a position that he held until he retired in 1994.

After retirement, Dr. Brown taught overseas in Hong Kong and the Middle East. But he and wife, **Margaret** (Pam), missed the Northwest and he returned 10 years later to a part-time position at OHSU as well as lecturing at the University of Portland and the University of Washington.

This year, he participated in the oral biology course for advanced education students and the neuroscience section of the supercourse, Integrative Biosciences, for first-year dental students.

"I'm here almost every day," he said. Dr. Brown updates his Web site, [www.acbrown.com](http://www.acbrown.com), regularly. He was one of the first School instructors to use computers and the Internet as part of his teaching.

"I still teach and I still enjoy it," he said.

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## DS4 Permanente Awards



*Five OHSU dental students pursuing advanced specialty programs after graduation recently were selected to receive \$500 awards from Permanente Dental Associates. Felix Long, D.M.D. '00 (left) presented awards in June to (from left) Paul Clark, Jacob Christensen, David Garlock, and Jeremiah Leary, with Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64. Shephard DeLong also received an award, but is not pictured. The students were selected for their grade point average, class rank, leadership, initiative, and self-motivation. (Photo Richard York)*

## New Endowed Dental Student Scholarship

School alumnus **George McCully**, D.M.D. '73, Eugene, Ore., and wife, **Diane**, recently initiated a \$50,000 endowed scholarship for the OHSU School of Dentistry. Beginning fall of 2014, the George and Diane McCully Endowed Scholarship will provide for one or two dental students, preferably those fourth-year graduating students who have demonstrated financial need and are ranked in the top 10 percent of their class clinically, said School Alumni and Development Director **Pat Regan**. Recipients also should be interested in practicing general dentistry, ideally with an emphasis in restorative dentistry, possess high ethical behavior and leadership skills, seek continuing education opportunities, and volunteer within the community. Dr. McCully said he hopes his gift will inspire other alums to give back to their school.

## New Grant for Dr. Shearer

**Tom Shearer**, Ph.D., associate dean for research and chair of integrative biosciences, recently received a \$50,000, one-year grant from Senju Pharmaceuticals, his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive round of new funding from the Japanese company. The grant will be used to determine how long it takes for sensitivity in the human cornea to return to normal after nerves are cut, such as in flap creation during LASIK. Such research is important to the dental school, said Dr. Shearer, because it highlights the availability of a new tool – data mining – as a convenient and very cost-effective method for performing research on patients.

“Already, using OHSU’s IRB-approved OCTRI Virtual Data Warehouse, my collaborators and I have been able to access more than 1,200 de-identified (anonymous) medical charts to collect (mine) data for our corneal sensitivity study,” said Dr. Shearer. “With the coming of paperless records and the use of axiUm at the School, it will be possible to conduct similar data mining studies for oral conditions, such as the efficacy of caries susceptibility testing on patient compliance.”

Dr. Shearer’s long-term collaboration with Senju Pharmaceutical’s satellite lab on the OHSU West campus also used data mining in another study last year. Dr. Shearer’s team determined the rate of progression of the leading cause of blindness in the elderly, macular degeneration. The data are slated for publication this year in the *Journal of Ocular Pharmacology and Therapeutics*. The study was performed with **Kelly Chung**, M.D., an OHSU ophthalmologist. These studies provided the necessary data for designing a future prospective inhibitory drug against macular degeneration that would provide tremendous improvement in the quality of life for millions of patients. Such studies also demonstrate how international collaborations at the dental school can lead to potentially lucrative clinical trials for OHSU, said Dr. Shearer.

## New Adventure for Dr. Lampi

Congratulations to **Kirsten Lampi**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, who officially became a mother on May 18 to **Zewditu** and **Habtamu Lampi**! Dr. Lampi is adopting a brother and sister from Ethiopia and the final step in her two-year adoption journey is planned for August when she hopes to travel to that country to bring them home. Zewditu Louise "Zoey Lou" is three-years-old; brother Habtamu Kyye "Kyye" is two-years-old. "They may have had a rough start to life and I can't wait to get them home to give them lots of love and good nutrition," said Dr. Lampi. She said the children have "big, beautiful brown eyes." Watch for pictures in a future issue of *Dental Bites*. If anyone has any experiences or recipes to share from Ethiopia, please email Dr. Lampi at lampik@ohsu.edu.

## Goodbye Sellwood DS4's



*The graduating Sellwood seniors stand in front of the School "stag" with group leader Lynn Whitley, D.M.D. '89, R.N. (front, second from left) who purchased red OHSU sweatshirts for the group as a parting gift. Sellwood Care Coordinator Binh Nguyen bought each dental student and Dr. Whitley a trophy heralding various 'specialties,' such as "best shoes, most organized, etc." (Photo Todd Beck, D.M.D. '94)*

## DS4 Reception



*More than 70 then-fourth year dental students and their guests attended a June 5 "Welcome to the Alumni Association" event at the home of Steve, D.M.D. '80 (second from left) and Denzel, R.D.H. '77, Beadnell. This was the fourth year the Alumni Association sponsored the welcome event for the graduating class. From left are new alums Ben DeGraff, David Garlock, Matthew Sandberg, and Paul Clark. "The energy was great, people were relaxed and having fun, and there were a lot of smiles," said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64. (Photo Fred Bremner, D.M.D. '64)*

## DS2 Elected All-Hill VP

In a recent run-off election on the Hill, second-year dental student **Jesse Hollander** was elected All-Hill vice-president, one of three student vice presidents for the university, reports **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs. (DS2 **Charlie Muraki** is Student Body President; **Vijay Patel** is the editor of the *Pulse*).

## Blue Ribbon Panel (continued from page one)

A School Faculty Expert Resource Group has been established to provide content from the dental school. That group is **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs; **Jan Klinefelter**, business manager; **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair of restorative dentistry; **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs; **Peter Morita**, D.M.D. '86, associate dean for patient services; **Ron Sakaguchi**, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.S., M.B.A., associate dean for research and innovation; **Denice Stewart**, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs; and **Jeffery Stewart**, D.D.S., associate professor of pathology.

## Hooding *(continued from page one)*

President **Lillian Harewood**, D.M.D. '95, reminded dental graduates to thank family members for their support and to utilize their second family for support, their new family of dentists.

**Jason Yole**, DS4 president, read his last email to the class of 2010, which described funny – and heartbreaking – moments from the past four years. “It’s been my pleasure being your fearless leader for the past two years,” said Dr. Yole. “We’ve had some grand moments and we had some heartbreaking ones, as well. Most of all, we have grown as people. We have blossomed. We have done so together. In the future, we will look back at these four years and say ‘Wow, not only did I learn dentistry, but I made some amazing friends and shared the best four years of my life with them.’”

Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, talked about the number of dental procedures each graduate tackled for proficiency, and outlined the major changes at the school during the graduates’ tenure.

“Four years ago, we told you that you were going to be the best class to have ever graduated from this school,” said Dean Clinton. “I offer you congratulations because, yes, indeed, you are the best class we’ve ever graduated.

“However ... because of the School’s commitment to excellence and continued program improvements, along with the ever-growing support of alumni and dental practitioners, I will probably get to tell next year’s class the same thing!”

Dentists and soon-to-be dentists in the assembly recited the dental profession pledge.

Hooding was performed by Dr. Robertson and the group practice leader for which each graduate was assigned. Twenty-five graduates were also hooded by a family member or dentistry mentor. There were 16 OHSU legacies in the Class of 2010.

Thirty-two awards were presented to the Class of 2010. **Amanda Tinkle**, D.M.D. '10, received the prestigious Stephen Peglow award for possessing the qualities most desirable in a dentist, including humility, compassion, skill, and sensitivity to patient needs. Eight dental graduates were inducted into the national dental fraternity, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Delta Chapter. Sixteen from the Class of 2010 – 22 percent -- received honors or clinical honors.

Sixty-four of the graduates (86 percent) plan to practice general dentistry, including private practice, associateships, group practices, the military and public health, said **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs. Ten graduates from the Class of 2010, or 14 percent, will pursue advanced specialty training.

The buffet lunch on the Mackenzie Hill Lawn after hooding and commencement was sponsored by the Oregon Dental Association and School of Dentistry faculty.

## School Hosts Advocacy Day

Through the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), OHSU School of Dentistry recently hosted a Field Advocacy Workshop for community dentists, dental organizers, dental students, and faculty.

"ADEA is helping Schools to help dentists understand the legislative process and how to gain support from elected officials," said **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., professor and associate dean for academic affairs, who was the point person for the all-day June 25 Advocacy Workshop. "ADEA has already sponsored Field Advocacy Workshops for more than a dozen other dental schools in the country and they have apparently had good success. The idea is to tailor an advocacy program to each individual state."

Offering a greeting at the Field Advocacy Workshop were Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, and Oregon Dental Association President **Rick Asai**, D.M.D. '81. Speakers included: **Mike Plunkett**, D.D.S., M.P.H.; OHSU assistant professor for community dentistry; **Jack Bresch**, associate executive director for the ADEA Center for Public Policy and Advocacy; **Deborah Darcy**, director of congressional affairs to the ADEA Center for Public Policy and Advocacy; **Connie Seeley**, OHSU chief of staff; **Suzy Funkhouser**, OHSU director of state and local relations; and **Alan Tresidder**, from the Tresidder Company's Government Relations.

Attendees heard about access to oral health care in Oregon, took a brief walk through the legislative process, learned how to gain support from elected officials, heard about OHSU's legislative agenda; and received tips on how to maintain an oral health friendly legislature.

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## Dr. Lomeli

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"It has taken me a long time to learn how to balance work and my personal life and I'm still learning, especially now as a mother," said Dr. Lomeli. "I think that the earlier students can find that balance, the happier they'll be."

Enjoying work and building relationships are common themes in Dr. Lomeli's dental career and one reason she co-chairs the School's ACE (Action Committee for Excellence) which is working to boost service excellence.

"I like having the ability at a university to contribute on a broader level, and ACE is striving to make the School of Dentistry the best it can be," she said. "Providing excellent service to patients, students, and employees and enjoying coming to work every day are essential, and ACE is trying to enhance the good things already happening here."

"I get the sense that we're a family at the dental school. I got a warm welcome when I joined the program, and that feeling has never gone away."

## Advocacy Day *(continued from left)*

"We hope that participants will be able to understand the issues facing Oregon in advancing oral health, describe the legislative process for changing public policies that influence oral health, identify the elements of grassroots advocacy that can be applied to oral health disparities in Oregon, craft strategies for improving access to oral health, and accept the challenge to be an advocate for oral health," said Dr. Beemsterboer.

More than 40 individuals participated, with a strong contingent from the Class of 2012.