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Award for Dr. Smith

Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), has received a Faculty Educator Development Award from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). Dr. Smith received her award at the group's annual meeting Sept. 15. "This is a very competitive award," said OMFS professor and chair Leon Assael, D.M.D. Dr. Smith was one of four recipients (continued on page four)

New Building Celebration on Oct. 19

All SoD faculty, staff, alumni, and students are welcome to attend the Oct. 19 groundbreaking for the School's new tower on the Oregon University System's Collaborative Life Sciences Building at South Waterfront. The ceremony is from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We have a lot to celebrate," said Dean **Jack Clinton, D.M.D.** '64. "Along with our new space will come a new address, new programs, and a lot of new energy. There should be something for everyone to get excited about and we hope everyone who is available can join us for this important celebration." (continued on page five)



This is the latest iteration of the School's new facility, a six-floor, 70,000 square foot tower (left side) atop the Oregon University System's Collaborative Life Sciences Building on South Waterfront. The entrance to the pre-doctoral clinic is at the bottom left (the Northwest corner of the building) and patients will likely ride a dedicated elevator to the clinic, located on floors eight and nine. The center portion of the building (colored orange for those with color printers) is School of Dentistry classroom space. A light rail will be built on the South side of the building, crossing the Willamette.

Dr. Covell Has Faculty Leadership Training

David Covell Jr., D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor and chair, department of orthodontics, recently graduated from OHSU's Leadership Foundation Program. Dr. Covell is the first SoD graduate from the intensive eight-week (one day a week) program which is offered through the university's department of human resources.

"We learned how to keep people motivated as well as how to work with employees through coaching and counseling to get them back on track," said Dr. Covell, who has been with the School since 2003. "It really is about developing skills as a manager. I've had glimpses of different aspects through my own experiences, but never a formal background, so this course really helped to fill in the lines."

to OHSU managers in a wide variety of disciplines and is held off campus to maximize discussions and minimize disruptions. Dr. Covell said each week human resources experts presented information on particular topics and then made up situations to see how the information could be applied. For example, one day, he said, the group focused on AFSMCE contracts so managers could become more familiar with the details and how to apply the contract to specific situations that could arise.



Dr. Covell

"I took away a lot from the material that was presented, but another valuable part was (continued, page four)

The course is open (continued, right column)

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When **Steven Gold**, D.D.S., was five-years-old and at a family function, his Uncle Bob, then an oral surgery resident, began showing slides of his oral and maxillofacial surgery trauma cases.

"Everyone else in the family was grossed out, but I found it interesting," said Dr. Gold, 43, the new group leader for the Hawthorne group practice. "I would always beg Uncle Bob to show more slides of his surgeries."

Those experiences and an inspiring orthodontist led Dr. Gold to pursue dentistry as a career. "I am passionate about dentistry," he said.

Born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Fairfax, Va., Dr. Gold received a bachelor of science with honors in cell and molecular biology from Syracuse University, and then his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Southern California.

After dental school graduation in 1993, he associated in a Santa Monica private practice. When his employer and mentor **Robert Wallin**, D.D.S., died unexpectedly just three years later, Dr. Gold took on the practice solo for the next 13 years.

"I loved private practice, but I had it in the back of my mind that I wasn't going to do it forever," said Dr. Gold. "Our children were young and, having lived on the edge of Los Angeles for so long, we were ready for a change. 2009 seemed like a good time to make a transition."

"I had a longstanding career goal to get into academia," he said. Desiring to remain on the West Coast and with some of his wife's family in Oregon, Dr. Gold called the restorative department at OHSU and was invited to visit.

"I had never set foot in the state," he said. "At that first visit, I met with **John Lee**, D.D.S. (recently retired operative dentistry director) and after 10 minutes of talking with him, I knew that this was the right place for me. I could hear his passion for the School and got a sense of camaraderie here that I didn't get at other schools. That was a pleasant surprise."

Dr. Gold joined the School in March 2010 as an affiliate assistant professor and became an assistant professor that August. When **Eric Anderson**, D.M.D. '05 moved to Boston this summer to pursue an orthodontic residency, Dr. Gold became Hawthorne group leader.

"The combination of teaching and patient care appealed to me," he said, "and I wanted to be involved in some kind of research."

"I like the variety," said Dr. Gold. "Every half-day of the week is different. I might be on the clinic floor in the morning and in Faculty Practice in the afternoon." *(continued on page four)*



*Steven Gold, D.D.S.
(Photo Peter
Morita, D.M.D. '86)*

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New Alumni Relations Team

Mark Kemball, M.A., M.B.A., is OHSU's new alumni relations director. Mark has been with the university for the past 19 years, most recently as manager of communications and community relations for the Office of the Dean in the School of Medicine. Mark's team includes **Lauren Schatz**, M.P.A., assistant alumni director, who was most recently events and development specialist at the YWCA Clark County; and **Aimee Bloom**, administrative assistant. The alumni relations team is based primarily at the Foundation.

Staff Comings and Goings

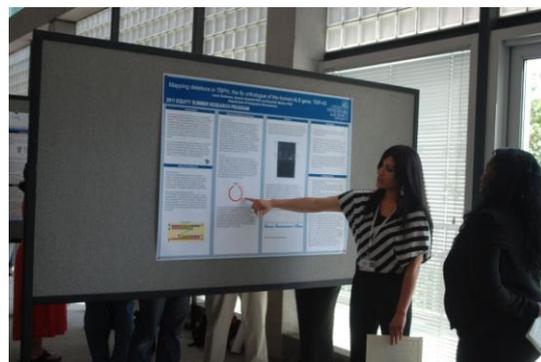
***John Bartlett**, logistics center, left the School end of July.

***Gabriela Ibarra**, D.D.S., M.S., has joined the School as an associate professor of restorative dentistry. Dr. Ibarra has been at the University of Washington for the past nine years.

October Calendar

- Oct. 11** Alumni and Friends Reception at ADA in Las Vegas, 6 p.m.
- Oct. 14** Alumni Association Welcome Dinner for the Class of 2015, 3 p.m., 2nd floor lunch room
- Oct. 19** New School Groundbreaking, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., South Waterfront
- Oct. 17-20** Annual Fall Phonathon. Call (503) 552-0660 to volunteer.
- Oct. 22** Dean's Gold Circle (by invitation only)
- Oct. 24-27** Annual Fall Phonathon. Call (503) 552-0660 to volunteer.

Equity Summer Research Program



The School of Dentistry participated for the first time in OHSU's Equity Summer Research Program, with three college students placed in dental labs for eight- to 10-weeks of mentoring. Guy Simmons from the University of Oregon worked in the lab of Curtis Machida, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences; Edgar Dominguez, from Chemeketa Community College, was in the lab of Thomas Shearer, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, and Laura Gutierrez (above, presenting her poster "Mapping deletions of the ALS associate gene, TBPH") from Chemeketa Community College, was in the lab of David Morton, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences and associate dean for research. Laura, who is interested in the dental hygiene program in association with Oregon Institute of Technology, said she enjoyed the experience. "I totally see why [Chemeketa] requires a research experience now," she said. "It's so different when you learn the information from a book rather than doing it in a lab. Research just gets me going. It's what I want to do." Laura, who first heard about OHSU School of Dentistry during a high school visit by former faculty Holly Riviere, D.D.S., said that she may apply to dental school after pursuing a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene. Dr. Morton noted that students applying to dental school are increasingly pursuing research to give them a leg up come admissions time. "We don't require research experience, but I do tell applicants that it adds depth to their application and it may even spark an interest in basic science/dental materials/public health research and possibly a career in academia," said Mark Mitchell, M.A., associate dean for student affairs. "It also helps further develop critical thinking." The Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) through the American Dental Association will require all dental students to conduct a certain amount of research prior to graduation beginning January 2013, said Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs.

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Dr. Gold said he tries to balance a professional demeanor with a sense of humor. He encourages his students to work hard but have fun, as well. "Dentistry is too demanding a profession to be unhappy in."

Dr. Gold likes that OHSU encourages and, in fact, demands, that students be self-motivated. "From day one, the expectation for students is that they share in the responsibility for their own education, and learn to find solutions on their own. Effective and enjoyable learning requires a shared effort from both teachers and students," he said. "That can only make students better dentists. After dental school, no one will be there looking over your shoulder giving you answers. Developing that independence is a valuable thing."

When not caring for patients or teaching, Dr. Gold is conducting dental materials research, specifically factors contributing to the longevity of lithium disilicate crowns.

Dr. Gold is an amateur snowboarder and won his age group in a Mt. Hood event last winter, going all the way to nationals in Colorado. He also just completed his first triathlon. His wife, **Brandy**, is a dental hygienist and together they live in Southeast Portland with son, **Alex**, 7, and daughter, **Emily**, 4. They enjoy camping and other outdoor activities.

"This has been a great move for us and I'm very happy to be here in Portland and at OHSU," said Dr. Gold.

Submit Your Ideas

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nationally and the only faculty recipient from the Northwest. The Faculty Educator Development Awards are made annually to encourage oral and maxillofacial surgeons to choose a career in academia.



Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., M.S., receiving her Faculty Educator Development Award.

In addition to a monetary award for Dr. Smith, OHSU will receive a one-time \$10,000 research award. Dr. Smith will use her award to finish a human investigations program at OHSU, in which she is more than halfway to receiving her master's in clinical research.

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being around other OHSU managers," he said. "By the end of the course, we were all really close in understanding people's jobs and the challenges. The program gave me better insight into OHSU and it made me feel that some of the managerial challenges I've had are pretty universal."

At the end of the course, managers were asked to work in groups of three to create a presentation characterizing what they had learned, why it was a value with their managerial tasks, and how it would assist with OHSU's mission.

"The course provided much useful information," said Dr. Covell, who received his certificate in July. "I would recommend the course to anyone who manages employees." For more information, go to: http://ozone.ohsu.edu/blogs/managers_forum/

School Growing, Evolving

The School of Dentistry is continually working to better itself, said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, in a State of the School address to 90 faculty at the annual fall faculty conference. "Every year there is a celebration of improvements, but for a school that is continually trying to improve, what we did last year just isn't good enough," he said. "Our new building is a great opportunity to gain new tools to improve teaching and patient care. Fall is a time of renewal and I would like us to concentrate our energy on working together to continue to make a difference."

Highlights from the past year according to the Dean include:

- *Successful installation of axiUm as an electronic record, which is setting the stage for new building planning, research, and community engagement. The School also digitized all radiography;
- *An increasing number of graduates committed to working in public health (14 percent of the Class of 2011) thanks to the now mandatory two-week graded community rotation;
- *Record number of applicants for the Class of 2015 with applications looking strong for the Class of 2016 (see story, right column);
- *A continually growing student research effort;
- *An increasing number of dental students active within the university student government;
- *A gift of \$1 million to re-establish the hospital dental service and GPR residency program;
- *Incredible hires in the departments of community dentistry, oral and maxillofacial surgery, and restorative dentistry;
- *The June 30 green light from the OHSU Board of Directors and university president to move forward with the School's new building.

Applications Up for Fall 2012

By mid-day Sept. 22, the School had received 940 applications for the Class of 2016, with another 300 either on the way or verbal intent to apply, said **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs. "We could break last year's record of 1,148 applications," said Mark.

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Currently, floors 11 and 12 are slated for graduate programs, including the School's new Advanced Education Graduate Dentistry Program. Floor 10 will house administrative and faculty offices; eight and nine are for pre-doctoral clinic programs with the six group practices split between the two floors; the fifth floor is for operational lab procedures, and will include the new central sterilization for a School-owned and controlled instrument management system.

"There is a lot of classroom and small group meeting space in this building," said **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs.

"Our students, by design, will be bumping shoulders with a lot of other students, faculty, and health care providers from OHSU and other schools and I think that's good," said Dr. Beemsterboer. "It will improve the quality of our education."

Dental patients are the only patients that will be seen in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, said **Denice Stewart**, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean for clinical affairs. Each group practice will have low walls for privacy, sedation rooms, sinks between each set of chairs, and plenty of storage.

The 70,000 square foot tower, named after lead donors **Gene** (D.M.D. '68) and **Bonnie Skourtes**, is 325 feet in length and between 65 to 72 feet wide. *(continued on page six)*

Cantwell Weekend

Back to School Weekend, now in its 30th year, drew 230 alums and friends to its two events the last weekend of September.

The Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament was Sept. 23 with a field of 132 in a hotly contested race for the top spots. A dental student-alum-staff-friend team took first place this year: Third-year dental student **Matt MacArthur**, **Steve Timm**, D.M.D. '78, School Development Director **Pat Regan**, and **Gary Cantwell** (son of **Kenneth Cantwell**, D.M.D. '43, for whom the tournament is named) shot a 57 for first place. There were three teams who shot 59, tying for second place.

"The tournament was played in exceptional weather," said OHSU Alumni Relations Director **Mark Kemball**.



Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64 (left), and Mark Malloy, D.M.D., assistant professor and director of clinical restorative dentistry (center) talk with Back to School weekend guest speaker Glen Johnson, D.D.S., M.S. (Photo Mark Kemball)

The next morning, for the Cantwell Memorial Lecture/Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update, **Glen Johnson**, D.D.S., M.S., professor of restorative dentistry at the University of Washington, presented "Dental Adhesives and Luting Agents: What should you use and why?" to an audience of more than 100.

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"Our new space is narrow," said Dr. Clinton. "This was the footprint designed for the building before we were officially on board, so it has been a challenge to configure this facility.

"We are doing the best we can and I'm sure good things will come out of this that will bring new opportunities for collaboration and learning.



This is a sketch of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building as it faces the river (with the viewer looking west). Light rail tracks are to the left of the building in this drawing.

"This is an exciting time for us," said Dr. Clinton. "We have a lot more work to do to keep us moving in the right direction, but we are going to make this happen."

Another \$16 million needs to be raised to meet the School's \$43 million philanthropic goal.

In planning for the School's move, eight committees have been created and chairs announced: Communications (**Mark Mitchell**); Dental Equipment and Materials (**Peter Morita**); Instrument Management and Central Sterilization (**Craig Galloway**); Clinic Operations (**Denice Stewart**); Curriculum Change (**Phyllis Beemsterboer**); Faculty and Staff Development (**Jack Ferracane**); New Program Planning (**Tom Hilton**); and Clinical, Translational, and Basic Science Research (**David Morton**). To join one of the committees, please contact one of the committee chairs.