Class of 2017 Joins School of Dentistry

The Class of 2017 joined the school in August for what promises to be an interesting and exciting time in dentistry.

“This is a really interesting time, not just for the future of dentistry as the oral health care model in Oregon undergoes a change, but at OHSU, as well,” said then-Interim Dean Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D. “Your class marks the beginning of OHSU’s new interprofessional education (IPE) curriculum for first-year students where you will be educated with your health care peers (see also page three). We have a new dean starting September 1 (see page one) and we are less than a year away from moving into our new facility on South Waterfront.

“All of this has combined into an exciting time at OHSU School of Dentistry and your class will be at the forefront of this new era.”

Fifty-one (68 percent) of the Class of 2017 are from Oregon; seven are from WICHE sites; and 17 are from out of state.

The average age is 25, with 47 males and 27 females, and the overall grade point average is 3.65. All of the students have bachelor’s degrees, three have master’s degrees, and several either double-majored or earned a second bachelor’s degree.

When self-reporting on ethnicity (and more than one ethnicity can be reported so the total may be greater than the number of matriculants), 55 DS1’s indicated that they are Caucasian; 14 said they are Asian; three selected Hispanic/Latino; one reported more than one ethnicity; and two did not report.

Eleven from the Class of 2017 (Jordan Bodily, Anthony Bounefl, Travis Burk, Melany Hancock, Kyle Hansen, Chet Heap, Demetri Howerton, Erik Jenson, Raphael Joseph, Drew Pearson, and Anne Purcell) have either fathers, grandfathers, brothers, uncles, and cousins who are School of Dentistry alumni.

Meet more first-year dental students on page seven. Photos Peter Morita, D.M.D. ’86.
Staff Profile: Susan Clinton

It’s safe to say that Susan Clinton is one of the youngest OHSU employees who can remember what the dental school was like “in the old days.”

The clinical information analyst, daughter of Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, and his wife, Mary, recalls coming to the University of Oregon Dental School – before it was Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry – for oral care as a little girl. Susan can visualize sitting on the rounded, red naugahyde booth-like benches in the patient reception area while waiting for her appointment in the dental hygiene clinic (located in today’s Dr. and Mrs. Carl Rietman Pediatric Dentistry Clinic), and then going to lunch at the Carnival Restaurant (where OHSU Parking is now located at the base of Sam Jackson Hill). Kenneth Cantwell (D.M.D. ’43)’s secretary, Gloria Yarne, gave little Susan and her brother, John, candy when they came to visit. Kathrine Grinnell, affiliate instructor of operative dentistry, as well as many of the other current and retired faculty in the pre-doctoral clinic, were familiar faces.

“It was like a second family,” said Susan. “Of course, we loved going to the dentist!

“Growing up, I was always interested in health care,” she said. “I think I knew that I would end up at the School of Dentistry someday, somewhere, in some capacity.”

Susan grew up in Tigard and played water polo and lifeguarded through high school. She attended Carroll College in Helena, Mont., intending to major in business, but after her first round of accounting courses followed by an impromptu parking lot visit between a university dean and her dad, Susan took a different path, earning a bachelor of arts in health information management.

Returning to Portland, Susan worked at Regence Blue Cross for seven years – including positions as a claims analyst, hospital case manager, and trainer for medical affairs.

Recruited in 1995 for a start-up company, Central Oregon Independent Health Services, Susan relocated to Bend to help administer Medicaid plans in three counties. As one of four employees, she also directed benefit services and information technology.

“I’m an analytical person,” she said. “I love to get in there and look at numbers.

“Numbers are concrete and they portray a picture,” said Susan. “You can glean information from them to help make decisions. You can forecast where you’re going, where you’ve been, and how things are currently. Numbers don’t lie!”

In 2004, Susan moved to Portland and joined OHSU School of Dentistry, where she reviews and compiles budget reports, tabulates patient visit numbers, helps with axiUm, coordinates contracts, conducts asset inventory – and does plenty of troubleshooting. (continued on page six)
New Building Move
A Jan. 1, 2014, deadline has been set for dental school faculty and staff to organize and pack infrequently used office items, for the summer 2014 move to the Skourtes Tower in the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building.

“We are asking people now to learn to live with less,” said Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., who is helping to coordinate the move. “There will not be as much room in the new building for “extras” and the time is now to pare down.”

Mary Ann said the departments of facilities and logistics have been extremely helpful and that if anyone needs help in packing or moving old equipment to please contact her. “The spirit overall so far has been wonderful,” she said.

Meantime, the 2014 summer session for pre-doctoral students will change to accommodate the physical move to South Waterfront. While new residents will begin their programs as usual on July 1, all pre-doctoral (D.M.D.) courses and clinics will be on hold for six weeks, from June 30 to Aug. 8. New dates for 2014 are:

End of 2014 spring term: June 20
2014 summer session: Aug. 11-Sept. 19
2014 fall term begins: Sept. 29

The dental school will return to a “normal” schedule in 2015.

Staff/Faculty News
*Patricia Finn, D.D.S., who has been on faculty since 2009, is the new Steel bridge group leader, replacing Peter Morita, D.M.D. `86, who was the group’s original leader. Dr. Morita will now work fulltime in his previous part-time role as associate dean for patient services.

IPE Event a Success
The Class of 2017 is the first to experience OHSU’s new Interprofessional Education (IPE) curriculum, which was unveiled last month, according to Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology, who is co-leading the university’s IPE Steering Committee. As part of the new curriculum, first-year dental, medical, nursing, nutrition, physician assistant, and radiation therapy students attended their first IPE session “Foundations of Interprofessional Practice and Research: Professional Identity and Professionalism” on Aug. 15. All students met for a short plenary session and then broke into small interprofessional groups of 12 students for discussion sessions, which were followed by a panel presentation that emphasized the importance of interprofessional teamwork. Dr. Stewart said 15 dental school faculty were selected as IPE small group facilitators.

OHSU in Dental Pipeline Course
An application from the OHSU School of Dentistry’s Diversity Committee to The Dental Pipeline National Learning Institute recently received approval for the team of Jay Anderson, D.M.D., M.H.S.A., assistant professor and director of the Russell Street Clinic and the Diversity Committee chair, and Marshawna Williams, education specialist at the Black United Fund of Oregon, to participate in the NLI’s 2013-2014 course. The course includes three-days in San Francisco in October, as well as various ADEA (American Dental Education Association) meetings, and a handful of live webinars throughout the year.

“This is advanced diversity strategy training for a very select group,” said Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. `78, F.A.C.D., who formed the Diversity Committee as interim dean and continues to be a member. “The training will help us to look for all opportunities to increase the diversity within the school.”
Recent Photos from OHSU School of Dentistry

The Marucha family (from left Philip, Jamie, Madeline, and Tom) enjoyed a tour of the dental school's new facility in late August. "We are getting there!" said Dr. Marucha. Dr. Marucha took the helm as dean on September 1. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

A group of DS3's and 4's, led by fourth-year dental student Carly Peterschmidt, volunteered at Portland’s Clark Center on Aug. 23, preparing dinner for homeless men trying to get on their feet, and offering toothbrushes, paste, and alcohol-free mouthwash. "One resident of the Clark Center claimed that he had an abscess and would like information about where to go to have his tooth extracted," said Carly. "I explained how he could temporarily manage his pain and provided information about the free care available at the Compassion Clinics around Portland. The men loved the tacos. It was wonderful to provide a meal for less than $2 per person that was both healthy and enjoyable." From left to right are (back row) Joe Verlanic (student spouse), Carly Peterschmidt, Yangshin Woo, and Kenneth Gilbert and (front row) Junghee Kim, Jessica Kloenne, John McLennan, and Josephine Verlanic (Photo courtesy Carly Peterschmidt)

DS2's enjoyed “Happy Hawaiian Day” in the simulation clinic on Aug. 15, with prizes awarded for Most Hawaiian, Most Beautiful, Most Colorful, Most Creative, and What Were You Thinking? The simulation clinic was decorated for the occasion. "The class really got into it and the majority participated by dressing up in their most colorful Hawaiian attire," said DS2 Class President Ryann Belcher. "It was great to see everyone getting creative and letting loose Hawaiian style. Mahalo!" (Photo Ryann Belcher)

DS1's arrived early for check-in on Aug. 12, their first day of dental school. "You guys are in for an adventure," said Mark Mitchell, M.A., associate dean for student affairs. "It's going to be hard work, but it will be worth it in the end." (Photo Sydney Clevenger)
DS1’s at Beach for Conference on Professionalism

The Class of 2017 was at Cannon Beach Aug. 25 and 26 for their annual Conference on Professionalism. After a welcome address by then-Interim Dean Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D., first-year dental students received their group practice assignments and OHSU School of Dentistry sweatshirts courtesy of the school’s Alumni Association. This was the 26th year of the annual conference.

A group of DS3's and 4's presented “On Being a Dental Student” facilitated by Peter Morita, D.M.D. ’86, associate dean for patient services. From left to right are: Fourth-year dental students Shannon Woods, Erica Robinson, Cassandra Phillipsen, and Kevin Andrews, and third-year dental students Brian Ogle and Seth Monson.

The annual sand sculpture competition took place on the second day of the conference instead of the first day, due to inclement weather. Each group practice was assigned a decade to depict in sand, with judging by Alumni Association Director Mark Kemball, M.A., M.B.A. The St. John’s group is shown above working on a sculpture to depict 1840-1849, which included a covered wagon, the Rockies, and a pot (of gold). The Broadway group won the competition with their design of the decade 1920-1929, which included Al Capone’s car, the advent of television, and the appearance of penicillin.

All photos on this page are courtesy of Peter Morita, D.M.D. ’86

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Susan Clinton (continued from page one)
Mark Malloy, D.D.S., assistant professor of restorative dentistry, swings by Susan’s office in the rotunda to ask how to send a secure email. Then, seeing flashing lights out the window, Susan jumps up to ascertain if medical personnel need a guide to the medical emergency room. Working late, Susan has tackled water leaks, broken chairs ... you name it.

“You do what you do,” she said, with a shrug. “There is no typical day for me. My philosophy is that the customer comes first. Everything we do at the dental school is about the customer, whether that is a patient, student, faculty or staff.

“I love the sense of community here,” she said. “Everyone is unique, but at the same time we are all working toward the same goal.

“I like that we focus more on patients and students rather than just the bottom line,” said Susan. “It is a different world working in academia; I find it refreshing.

“I truly enjoy people,” she said. “I feel blessed to be here and I like my co-workers and my boss.”

Susan is extremely close to her extended family. She lives in Tigard near her parents, with son, Jake, 12. She enjoys quilting, wine tasting with friends, time at the beach, and traveling, especially to warm climates. She volunteers to raise funds for her son’s school. She adores Gerber daisies. And, yes, purple is her favorite color.

With an Italian heritage, Susan also loves to cook and recounts spaghetti and meatball holidays, with plenty of family meat rolling “adventures.”

“Family is everything,” she said. “As busy as my dad has been over the years with dentistry and the school, he has always been there for me. I am so grateful for my parents.”

School Calendar

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Short Takes

*OHSU School of Dentistry will have a presence in the 2013-2014 Marquam Hill Lecture Series, the university’s longest-running lecture series highlighting the work of OHSU scientists. Jim Katancik, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor of periodontology, has been selected to present the April 18, 2014, lecture in the OHSU Auditorium.

*Fundraising continues for the school’s new facility within the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building. According to Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ‘64, more than $30 million has been raised toward the school’s $43 million commitment, with $12,996,194 left to go. To make a gift, please contact the school’s Development Director Patrick J. Regan, (503) 494-0980, reganp@ohsu.edu.

*Dental students and alumni now have an education debt management resource available through ADEA (American Dental Education Association) and the AAMC (Association of American Medical Colleges). Visit www.aamc.org/godental.
Meet More Students from the DMD Class of 2017

Jennah Rouse, 21, from West Linn, Ore., has a bachelor of science in human physiology from University of Oregon. She recently re-joined Facebook solely to connect with her 2017 dental classmates, find books, and a place to live. She took the lead on coordinating a dinner at the Spaghetti Factory in early August before school started, that was attended by more than half the class. Jennah’s mentor is Dale Canfield, D.M.D., and she spent quite a bit of time in his office, as her boyfriend’s mother is Dr. Canfield’s dental hygienist. “I wanted a profession with variety so that I could help more people,” she said.

Alex Bouneff, 22, from Portland, Ore., has a bachelor of science in biology from the University of Oregon. He is a triple legacy, with a father (Anthony, D.M.D. ’86) and grandfather (Christ ’64) as dental alumni. Alex said he is excited to “join the family business” and feels groomed for dentistry, having been exposed to the clinic and oral and maxillofacial surgeries at a young age. “My interview was so fantastic here. Everyone was so welcoming and I was treated as a peer rather than a check mark on a list,” he said. “There was effortless conversation flow with my faculty interviewers.” Alex said the new dental facility is a “huge bonus” and calls interprofessional education (IPE) “cool.” “Dentistry, medicine, and nursing are all focused on the body and every part of the body works in sync with other parts. There’s going to be overlap and IPE gives us an opportunity to work with our peers. I’ve seen firsthand in my dad’s office how important it is to have relationships with other health professionals.”

Hiromi Yamazaki was always interested in science, but she opted instead for an economics and commerce degree. Hiromi became a flight attendant for the now-defunct Canadian United. It was her husband who encouraged Hiromi to fulfill her dream in a science profession. Orientation day was only her second day in Portland, as she was caring for her elderly parents up until then.

Arielle Avant, 22, from Colorado Springs, has a bachelor of science in biology from University of Colorado. Despite technological advances, she likes that people will always need basic oral health care.

Yvonne Han, 24, moved to Portland five years ago from Shanghai, China, to live with her uncle’s family while attending Portland State University (PSU), and she received her bachelor of science in general science. Having had periodontal disease as a child, Yvonne appreciates the dentist who cared for her and wants to have that expertise to share with her family and others, as well as better care for herself. “A lot of PSU graduates attended OHSU School of Dentistry and have good things to say about it,” said Yvonne, who volunteered at the dental school while in college. “OHSU offers a good clinical education. And the people here are nice.”