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WELCOME

From the Provost

I am excited to announce that OHSU School of Dentistry has a new dean! Dentist and immunologist Phillip T. Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D., will be arriving from Chicago to become the school’s ninth dean, come September (see also, story page three).

Dr. Marucha (Muh-Roo-Kuh) replaces Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, who retired as dean in October 2011 to help coordinate the dental school’s transition into its new facility under construction on the South Waterfront (see story, page four). Since Dr. Clinton’s retirement, Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D., has served as interim dean. I want to express appreciation to Dr. Clinton for his seven years of service as dean, capping a nearly 50-year career at the dental school, as well as thank Dr. Chiodo for his accomplishments over the past 17 months. We intend for both deans to play an important role at OHSU going forward.

The search for a new dental school dean was nearly a year-long process, led by one of the nation’s most well-regarded search firms, with input from a search committee of school, university, and dental professionals, and extensive feedback from faculty, alumni, staff, and students. Based on this thorough exchange, we were able to choose our new dean from a pool of excellent candidates nationwide.

Dr. Marucha is a proven leader, an excellent clinician and a nationally-prominent researcher. He is widely published, working in the areas of oral cancer, wound healing, bioinformatics, and immunology. Dr. Marucha’s national reputation comes at a key time for the school as it works toward completion of its new facility and a $43 million fundraising goal.

Dr. Marucha is no stranger to large construction projects. Currently the associate dean for research and director of graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry, he led the UIC team that received a $9.9 million grant from the American Reinvestment and Recovery (Stimulus) Act through the National Institutes of Health, one of only three dental facilities nationwide to receive such funding. The NIH grant enabled Dr. Marucha to coordinate the renovation and construction of a 23,000 square foot research space that will be finished this year. The stimulus funding built on a 2004 U24 grant from the NIH’s National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, which Dr. Marucha also initiated.

Not only is Dr. Marucha well-suited to lead the OHSU School of Dentistry into its new home where the dental student experience will be broadened to include interprofessional education, but he has great enthusiasm for guiding our school into the next era.

Prior to his associate deanship at UIC, Dr. Marucha served as UIC professor and head of the periodontics department. He also was a professor of periodontology and director of the comprehensive training in craniofacial sciences program at Ohio State University.

Because he has practiced dentistry and administered programs all over the country, Dr. Marucha has a unique, first-hand perspective on different approaches to education and oral health. This is going to be more and more important as health care continues to evolve.

Part of what made the dean position attractive to Dr. Marucha is the school’s highly engaged donor, alumni, and dental community. I know he is excited to meet with you to generate new ideas and to continue the momentum begun 114 years ago to make Oregon the best place for dental education, research, and patient care. I’ve enjoyed getting to know Dr. Marucha these past months and I know you will, too.

Jeanette Mladenovic, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P.
Welcome, Dr. Marucha!

In April, Phillip T. Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D., was named the ninth dean of OHSU School of Dentistry. The associate dean for research and director of graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry, is expected to take the helm September 1. Caementum Editor Sydney Clevenger caught up with Dr. Marucha while he was taking the train home one evening after work.

Where did you grow up and why dentistry? I was born in Virginia and my father was in the United States Army. We spent a year in France and returned to the U.S. when I was three, moving to Odenton, Md., where we then stayed. I attended the University of Maryland at College Park, receiving a bachelor of science in biochemistry.

After college, I spent three years at the National Institutes of Health doing research with Paul Keyes, D.D.S., M.S. Dr. Keyes was the first to discover that tooth decay is caused by bacteria and he also developed the “Keyes Technique,” a combination of baking soda and peroxide to reduce bacteria around gums and assess periodontal disease. Dr. Keyes suggested I pursue a research career.

I went to the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) for two years to pursue a doctoral degree! My mentor at UCLA encouraged me to apply to dental school, and then I did, at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, graduating with a doctor of dental medicine in 1983. I stayed on for a certificate in periodontology (1986), and my doctoral degree in immunology (1990). I've had strong mentorship throughout my career and I really value it.

And now you are the new dean of OHSU School of Dentistry. What will be your first steps as dean? The reason I'm coming to Oregon is because OHSU School of Dentistry is a great place to do something exceptional. I want us to be forward-thinking in terms of where dentistry is going. My job as dean is to be chief facilitator, and raise the resources needed to achieve our vision. First, I want to get to know everybody and hear people's ideas for how we can be at the forefront of dentistry. I like to get out of the office, meet people, and hope to know as many students and alumni as possible. I am also looking forward to working with the other OHSU schools to develop collaborations within the new facility and will be looking for ways to achieve together what the dental school can't do on its own. You can always benefit from having great people and ideas in your life. I expect to be on campus a few days every month until September. OHSU School of Dentistry is an exciting place to be. I am confident we will do great things together.

What do you think about the dental school's new facility under construction on South Waterfront? I see the new dental school building as a great opportunity to become even better at training excellent dentists, scientists, and future educators for Oregon and beyond. We are coming off a $9.9 million construction project at UIC so I am stepping from one large building project to another. I like to fully engage in large projects and it's important to get to know all of those involved in a construction project to fully understand what's happening.

On one of my visits to Oregon they took me up in the [bumpy, noisy] construction elevator. Now, I've always had a longstanding fear of high places! I was doing okay until they suggested we walk down the construction stairs attached to the outside of the building. It's important to know your limits.

How do you and your family feel about moving to Oregon? My wife, Jamie, and I are excited about the move. We are bringing our dog, a Brittany named Annie. Our two college-age children, Madeline, 21 who is a junior at Amherst studying English, and Tom, 19, a freshman at University of Massachusetts, will visit on vacations. We have lived in the midwest for the last 23 years in the flatlands so we are looking forward to the variety that Oregon's topography will bring.

How would you describe yourself? I'm a very open person. I'm honest and don't try to hide who I am. I'm collaborative, easy-going, and even-tempered. I believe in working hard and playing hard.

What hobbies would you like to share? I try to ride my bike about 75 miles a week. It is impossible for me to ride a bike during the winter when it is -10 degrees, so I'm looking forward to rain over cold. I read a lot—often by audio since my current commute is two hours roundtrip. I like the classics, science fiction, action, nonfiction. It's fun to read the books that my kids are reading so we can discuss them. I just took up bowling again a few years ago after a 40-year hiatus and have worked my way to a 203 average. I'll bowl 10-15 games in an afternoon.
New Facility a Plus for Entire Dental Community

The Skourtes Tower Continues to Rise

The new dental school facility is rising fast, with move-in about one year away! In early May, roofing was being installed on the Skourtes Tower, on the north side of the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building where the new facility is located. Framing and drywall were progressing up to the top level – level 12 – of the Skourtes Tower. The curtain wall for the Skourtes Tower’s west stairwell was completed. Installation of the facility’s exterior skin and glazing was continuing. And interior framing was progressing on schedule. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Paul Kunkel Jr., D.M.D. ’53, is a legacy alumnus from Oregon, who completed his dental education in the OHSU School of Dentistry building on N.E. Sixth and Oregon. Robert Offutt, D.D.S., Pediatric Dentistry ’77, New Braunfels, Texas, is a specialty graduate who has never practiced dentistry in Oregon. And Norm Auzins, D.D.S., is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in northeast Portland who graduated from a different dental school than OHSU.

But, with a shared belief that everyone in the dental community has a stake in the OHSU School of Dentistry’s new facility, alumni from Oregon and beyond, dentists who graduated from other schools, as well as corporations and vendors are stepping up to the plate to help the school meet its $43 million fundraising goal.

“As we’ve worked toward our campaign goal, alumni representing all of the classes from 1947 to 2012 have decided to join the new building campaign,” said Pat. “It will take the power of everyone to help us reach our fundraising goal. Every gift matters. A year from now, the new school will be almost done,” he said. “It’s very cool to be part of something that will transform dental education in Oregon.”

LEGACY SUPPORTER

Dr. Kunkel grew up in Portland, watching his father provide high quality oral care to his dental patients. The younger Dr. Kunkel considered becoming a journalist, but after high school graduation, he went into the service and became a dental assistant in the United States Army Air Corps, stationed in Korea. The experience convinced Dr. Kunkel that he wanted to be a dentist and he graduated from the University of Oregon Dental School (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry) in 1953, joining the dental school faculty and entering private practice part-time with two other faculty members.

“The school we graduated from had no running water at the chairs and brass spittoons for the patients to spit in,” he said. “Our drills were powered by engines that we brought in from the labs.

“The new building will be a great facility. I am very pleased to see that the basic science classes will be a mix of medical, nursing, and pharmacy students, along with the dental...
students,” said Dr. Kunkel, who grew his practice and later joined forces with his dad. “I’m sure that this early collaboration will help train all health providers to work together for the benefit of their patients. This is vital to good future health for everyone.”

OUT-OF-STATE ALUM GIVES BACK
Dr. Offutt is a native of West Texas and attended college at Tulane University in New Orleans and the University of Texas at Austin. He received his doctor of dental surgery from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, and then came to Portland for his pediatric dentistry residency at OHSU.

“Out-of-state alums owe something back to the school and the state that made our good lives possible,” said Dr. Offutt, who is in private practice in South Central Texas, taught for a number of years as an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, and served as an elected member of the Texas State Board of Education. “The citizens (taxpayers) of the state of Oregon fund dental education with the expectation that the dental needs of its citizens will be met by the graduates of its dental school.

“For those who choose to practice outside of Oregon – a decision which is perfectly okay in my mind – the need to support your alma mater is especially evident.”

NON-ALUM LEADER IN GIVING
Dr. Auzins is not a native Oregonian and he did not graduate from OHSU School of Dentistry. But when he bought an oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in northeast Portland and subsequently joined the OHSU faculty, he was so impressed with the dental community and its welcoming culture that he embraced the school’s commitment to maintaining the highest standard of patient care, the quality of our work, and our standing in the community. This is good for everyone.”

To make a gift, contact Patrick Regan at (503) 494-0980 or reganp@ohsu.edu.

Dean’s Gold Circle: Investing in the Future

OHSU School of Dentistry’s alumni community is famously loyal and active. And there’s never been a more obvious measure of alumni strength than the current campaign to support the school’s new home on South Waterfront. Hundreds of alumni have stepped forward to help make this dream a reality – volunteering their time, writing checks and nudging classmates to give more. The most active donors are part of the Dean’s Gold Circle which, since its inception in March 2003, has become a powerful engine helping to drive the school’s success. As the school’s need for private philanthropy has grown, so has the membership of the Dean’s Gold Circle. Not only is the Circle increasing in size, its members are becoming exponentially more generous. Members who have been donating $1,000 annually for many years are now giving $10,000. “Everyone sees the opportunity. We’re finally going to have a facility that matches our national reputation for clinical excellence, and they want to be a part of it,” said Patrick Regan, School of Dentistry Development Director.

There are now 469 members of the Dean’s Gold Circle. Below is a comprehensive list of members.

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DENTAL SCHOOL RECEIVES AEGD PLANNING GRANT FROM KAISER NORTHWEST
Planning for the July 2015 launch of OHSU School of Dentistry’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) residency program recently got a boost, thanks to a $90,000 planning grant from Kaiser Permanente.

The grant will enable the dental school to generate preliminary data to define the scope, objectives, and outcomes for an AEGD residency program at OHSU. The dental school plans to hire temporary business and AEGD consultants to work with faculty, staff, and the community to plan and develop the AEGD program. Among other tasks, the consultants will analyze potential patient demographics; conduct a market analysis; create a business model and plan; assess facility design, equipment, instrument, and material selection; line up community partners and sponsors; and gain support of the dental community.

“These preparatory activities will take place over approximately six to eight months,” said Thomas J. Hilton, D.M.D., M.S. ’03, Honorary Alumnus ’08, Alumni Centennial Professor in Operative Dentistry. “At the end of that time, we expect to start recruiting a program director who can move forward with completing the curriculum development and accreditation by the American Dental Association.”

Currently, Oregon does not have any AEGD programs.

An AEGD residency program will provide advanced training in all dental specialty areas to benefit dentistry trainees and patients, said Dr. Hilton. “Dentists who complete an AEGD program are better prepared to meet more complex dental needs in a very diverse patient population,” he said. He cited a 2012 NW PRECEDENT study that found the overwhelming majority of 286 dentists interviewed desired additional training in complex oral conditions and medications, medical complications and management, management of disruptive behaviors and assessment of “best fit” for treatment.

“Graduates of an AEGD program are fundamental to addressing critical dental workforce needs by providing care for patients in need of complex dental care,” said Dr. Hilton. “The ‘perfect storm’ of a new School of Dentistry facility under construction, planning for a General Practice Residency (GPR) program in progress, a renewed dental curriculum, and a new operating model creates an ideal opportunity to launch a program that will address the gap in OHSU dental services and the special needs of the Oregon underserved.”

Dr. Hilton noted that Kaiser Permanente is an ideal partner in AEGD planning because of its access to data about community needs and shortage of services, understanding of health trends, and connections to health care providers.

Kaiser Permanente Northwest is part of the national Kaiser Permanente network, one of America’s leading healthcare providers and nonprofit health plans. Kaiser Permanente serves about 480,000 members in northwestern Oregon and southwest Washington.

FIRST-YEAR DENTAL STUDENT WINS PRESTIGIOUS FELLOWSHIP
Though just a first-year dental student, Alex Sonneson had several years of research under his belt before matriculating at OHSU School of Dentistry last fall. So, it’s not surprising the Swedish native recently received a prestigious AADR (American Academy of Dental Research) scholarship.

Born in Svedala, Sweden, Alex graduated from high school in Malmö and attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where he received a bachelor of science in biology. While at Cal Poly, Alex was a Division 1 tennis player and men’s team captain. He also researched chromosomal segregation patterns in Brassica Napus, a plant of the mustard family.

“Alex was quite impressive when I first met him, when he stated a genetics term, homeologs, that was outside the realm of most individual or professional experiences,” said Curt Machida, Ph.D. ’83, professor of integrative biosciences and pediatric dentistry, who is Alex’s mentor. “He continues to impress.”

Alex was one of only 20 United States dental students who received AADR fellowships in 2013. He received a $2,100 stipend, and will receive another $600 upon completion of research and presentation at the AADR Annual Session in 2014 of his study, “Mutans Streptococci Genetic Strains and Systemic Disease: Development of cnm Gene Knockouts to Reverse Adherence to Human Coronary Endothelial Cells.”

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY DIVERSITY UPDATE
The OHSU School of Dentistry’s Diversity Committee met for the first time in May. Initiated by Interim Dean Gary Chiordo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D., the eight-member committee, led by Jay Anderson, D.M.D., M.H.S.A., director of the Russell Street Dental Clinic, is exploring ways to boost diversity within the student body and faculty.
WILLIAM HOWARD WINNER APPRECIATES CLINICAL EMPHASIS

Fourth-year dental student Aaron Omura is heading to Honolulu, Hawaii, soon to go into private practice with his father, CJ Omura, D.D.S. The 2013 graduate said he feels very prepared clinically, thanks to OHSU School of Dentistry.

“I really think in school you get as much as you’re willing to put in,” said Aaron. “I spent a lot of free time picking the brains of professors to better understand principles of occlusion and familiarizing myself with a variety of procedures and treatment alternatives.”

Aaron’s persistence paid off, if his first-place win of the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD)-sponsored William Howard competition is any indication. Aaron won the annual case presentation competition by discussing a treatment plan for a patient lacking posterior disclusion on both her working and non-working left lateral movements. He received $1,000 for his efforts.

DENTAL AWARD FOR DEAN

Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, was one of 12 recipients nationally of a 2013 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Presidential Citation. The award recognizes individuals and institutions for their significant contributions to the ADEA mission, especially during the 2012-2013 academic year.

NEW $38,000 GRANT TO EXTEND PEDIATRIC OUTREACH IN OREGON

Providing care to Oregon and Southwest Washington children who live in low-income and rural communities is a priority for OHSU School of Dentistry. But not all communities have dental clinics in which students and faculty can locate to provide regular, comprehensive care, nor can most rural and low-income children travel to the school for care.

Now, a $19,000 grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oregon to Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation, with a direct match by its national organization, will help OHSU bring a mobile dental clinic directly to young children, extending its annual outreach.

“The OHSU Doernbecher Dental Van Outreach Program allows our volunteer faculty to provide routine and emergency dental services to rural, low-income families throughout Oregon and southwest Washington,” said John Engle, D.D.S., Pediatric Dentistry ’74, F.A.D.M., chair of pediatric dentistry. “Right now we borrow dental vans for 20 mobile clinic visits each year between September and June.

“The new grant from Ronald McDonald will enable us to expand our clinic offerings by at least 40 visits during this time period, serving many dozens more children.”

From July 2011 to June 2012, OHSU faculty volunteers saw 385 children over 223.5 hours of outreach, with uncompensated services provided estimated at $195,259.

“Our volunteer faculty is committed to providing access to dental services to our pediatric patients regardless of their ability to pay,” said Dr. Engle. “More than 60 percent of children visiting the van are considered low-income.

“There is nothing more important in dentistry than early intervention,” he said. “Children are not healthy if their mouths aren’t healthy.”

Alumnus Felix Lee, D.M.D. ’00 (center in suit) is responsible for Permanente Dental Associates’ support of OHSU dental students pursuing advanced education after graduation. In early May, Dr. Lee presented a total of $2,500 to five students from the Class of 2013 pursuing advanced dental specialties. From left to right are Andy Stein, Interim Dean Gary Chioldo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D., Eric Alston, Dan Walsh, and Kyle Malloy. Not pictured is Jeff Crowley. Andy is headed to the George E. Whalen VA Medical Center in Salt Lake City for an AEGD; Eric is staying in Portland to pursue a GPR at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Dan has selected Pocatello for an AEGD at the Idaho State University College of Dentistry; Kyle will remain at OHSU for a three-year periodontology residency; and Jeff is pursuing an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Kansas City Dental School. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)
From the Alumni Association President

I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve this year as Alumni Association president. Our association is a strong one because of the work you do every day.

A dental school lives through those who work, teach, or receive training within its walls. Our support and advocacy continues to be critical to the School's success, and I encourage all of you to look for new opportunities to help advance your school.

One way to support the OHSU School of Dentistry is to engage vigorously in the campaign for the new facility on Portland’s South Waterfront. With any luck, we will receive the keys to the new building and be celebrating the school’s move right about this time next year!

The new facility is an incredible undertaking and it will take the support of everyone who cares about the teaching and practice of dentistry to make it a success. OHSU is so central to Oregon’s dental community and is the school that gave us our education and our careers. It is essential that we now help to provide for future dental students and residents while enhancing opportunities for continuing dental education for our alumni.

This winter, I had the privilege of taking a tour of the new building. The footprint is amazing! Every detail for education and patient care has been considered. The excellent clinical education that you and I received from OHSU, and that dental students continue to receive, will now be matched with a state-of-the-art facility.

One of the elements with which I was most amazed are the 120 square foot operatories for patient care, which are twice the size of what is currently at the dental school. The new operatories feature built-in instrumentation and high walls for privacy for the optimal patient and student experience.

We are fortunate to practice in one of the best dental communities in the country. I invite you to join me in contributing to the successful future of our profession by making a gift today to the OHSU School of Dentistry “Our Moment is Here” campaign.

James A. Smith, D.M.D. ’81
OHSU School of Dentistry
Alumni Association President
Alumni Honored at Annual Awards Luncheon

A number of alumni and non-alumni dental professionals, along with dental students and faculty, were honored at the April 6 Annual Awards Luncheon, sponsored by the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association. The lunch was emceed by Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80, now immediate past president of the Association, who passed the gavel to new Alumni Association President Jim Smith, D.M.D. ’81.

Receiving awards were: Tom Maier, Ph.D., assistant professor of integrative biosciences (Faculty Award); Margaret M. Ryan, M.S., R.D.H., and (the now deceased) Clarence Pruitt, D.M.D. ’54 (Legacy Faculty Award); Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., senior associate dean for clinic affairs and Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology (Honorary Alumni Awards); fourth-year dental student Daniel Walsh (Go the Extra Mile Award); third-year dental student Traci Saito (Ted Green D.M.D. Award); Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64 (President’s Award); and ODS Health Vice President and Chief Dental Officer Teri Barichello, D.M.D. ’98 (Alumna of the Year Award).

Alumna of the Year

Teri Barichello, D.M.D. ’98, knows about new beginnings. She recently gave up her successful private practice to become vice president and chief dental officer at Moda Health (formerly ODS Health), a role that nicely combines her clinical experience and leadership skills, and made her a logical choice for the Alumni Association’s 2013 Alumna of the Year.

“Teri combines intelligence, clinical excellence, business savvy, and integrity into a compassionate, approachable person,” said Bill Ten Pas, D.M.D. ’73, president of ODS Health and senior vice president of Moda Health.

Over the years, Teri has been president of her component and constituent dental societies, chair of the American Dental Association (ADA) new dentist committee, chair of the ADA reference committee on membership, chair of the ADA strategic planning committee, and member of the ADA executive director search committee.

This year, she is chairing the Oregon Dental Association’s large-scale Mission of Mercy event at the Convention Center.

“I am so honored to receive this award,” said Dr. Barichello. “I am standing here because of a series of great mentors. I want to thank the mentors in my life who shined a light and encouraged me to be more and do more.”
Award for Former Dental Hygiene Head

It's no wonder dental hygienists from a variety of OHSU School of Dentistry classes turned out to honor Margaret M. “Peg” Ryan, M.S., R.D.H., as she received a Legacy Faculty Award from the Alumni Association in April. The longtime head of the dental hygiene department touched the lives of hundreds of dental hygienists in Oregon.

Peg’s curriculum vitae has a number of “firsts.” She was the first director of the Division of Educational Services at the American Dental Hygienists Association, first chair of the first committee on dental hygiene convened by the Council of the National Board of Dental Examiners, and the first director of dental hygiene education for the American Dental Association’s Council on Dental Education.

In 1977, Peg moved to Oregon as chair of the dental hygiene program at what was then the University of Oregon Dental School (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry), a position she held for nearly 20 years. During that time, she helped integrate the dental hygiene curriculum more closely into the doctor of dental medicine curriculum. She added and strengthened practicums to prepare dental hygiene students for the care of special needs populations. She added courses in gerontology and ethics and jurisprudence. And she boosted admissions requirements to ensure high-quality applicants.

But, “Peg’s legacy is not confined to her students,” said Jill Mason, M.P.H., R.D.H., E.P.P., Honorary Alumna ’10, OHSU associate professor of periodontology and director of community-based rotations. “Many of the faculty and colleagues she supported and encouraged and mentored along the way have also followed in her footsteps to become leaders in the profession.

“Peg created a legacy for our profession and had a vision for dental hygiene that many could only dream of. Now this generation is reaping the rewards of that vision.”

Dr. Pruitt Honored

Clarence Pruitt, D.M.D. ’54, was a trail blazer for his early dedication to the underserved in Oregon, his unflagging enthusiasm for dentistry, and his high ethical standards. At the April Awards Lunch, Dr. Pruitt received a Legacy Faculty Award, which was accepted by his wife, Joy.

As an undergraduate, Dr. Pruitt earned a scholarship to Wilberforce University in Ohio. At one point, he considered medicine over dentistry, but in 1950 he was accepted into the University of Oregon Dental School, earning two state system scholarships based on his academic strength.

Despite discrimination on campus because of his race—he was denied from several fraternities—he earned his doctor of dental medicine degree in 1954, becoming the first black doctor of dental medicine graduate from what is now the OHSU School of Dentistry. He then served two years as a dental officer in the United States Air Force, stationed in Las Vegas.

In 1956, Dr. Pruitt joined the dental school as an instructor in the crown and bridge department, becoming the first black faculty member. He also set up a private practice in downtown Portland.

Dr. Pruitt volunteered at dental clinics in Portland’s public schools and provided free dental care to low-income families in northeast Portland. He was a leader in the black community and served as president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

“When I was a student, Dr. Pruitt was always a delight,” said Interim Dean Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. ’78, F.A.C.D. “He was consistently professional and collegial and demonstrated the highest ethical standards in the profession, making him one of the finest role models for students.”
Life Comes Full Circle for Richard Litchfield, D.M.D. ’67

Richard Litchfield, D.M.D. ’67, came of age during the Vietnam War. Though the Eugene, Ore., orthodontist completed his military service in Oklahoma during Vietnam, he was always aware of the draft and the possibility of being sent overseas to fight.

Now, 40 years after the Vietnam War ended, Dr. Litchfield’s life has come full circle with his new role teaching orthodontics in Hanoi.

“The hospital where I teach is two blocks from the ‘Hanoi Hilton’ where American prisoners of war were held,” said Dr. Litchfield, acknowledging the irony. “We were all so fearful of the war back then. By returning to Vietnam, I finally threw that burden over my shoulder. We’ve moved on and put the war behind us.”

Dr. Litchfield grew up in Newport, Ore., and graduated from Newport High School. He attended Willamette University and received a bachelor of science in chemistry. At Willamette, he also met his wife, Jacquie.

“I enjoyed the natural sciences, but I felt I’d have more time to be creative in dentistry, even though I had little knowledge of what dentistry entailed,” said Dr. Litchfield. “It wasn’t until I got into my residency that I realized I’d found my niche.” The draft also played a role, he said, in his decision to remain in school.

After graduation from the University of Oregon Dental School (now OHSU School of Dentistry), Dr. Litchfield joined the United States Public Health Service and was sent to Tahlequah, Okla., where he practiced general dentistry with the Division of Indian Health for two years, retiring from the military with the rank of full lieutenant.

He completed an orthodontic residency in 1971 at the New Jersey College of Medicine and Dentistry (soon to be Rutgers), and then returned to Oregon, starting a solo practice in Eugene. “I had the best job in the world,” he said. “I only completely retired from practice six years ago.”

In 1999, Dr. Litchfield was looking to volunteer overseas and was given an assignment with Health Volunteers Overseas at the National Hospital of Odontostomatology in Hanoi teaching western orthodontic techniques.

“I said, ‘I want to go to Vietnam. I want to find out what they’re doing there,’” he said. “Hanoi was recovering from the war and still quite underdeveloped when I started 14 years ago. My wife, Jacquie, was with me and was instrumental in teaching English, taking photos, and facilitating communication with the doctors and staff, many of whom were women.

Their English was limited,” said Dr. Litchfield, “so we shared family photos to facilitate communication and later, when it was time to leave, they talked about our coming back ‘next time’ rather than saying ‘good bye.’

“Then we went back to Hanoi to teach the next year and we talked about a next time again,” he said. “That’s how it started and it expanded from there. We just bonded more and more with them.”

In the past 14 years, the Litchfields have made 13 trips to Vietnam (forgoing one year due to safety concerns during the invasion of Iraq). In 2013, they spent seven weeks in Vietnam, teaching and traveling.

Over the years, small groups of Vietnamese orthodontists have visited the Litchfields in Eugene. “It’s been a very special part of our life,” said Dr. Litchfield. “They are a beautiful people. I don’t know how we ever had a war with them.”

Dr. Litchfield said the majority of orthodontists in Vietnam are women and the majority of oral surgeons are men. He said many dentists there are trained in Eastern Bloc countries or the Soviet Union. For the past eight years, Brian Allender, D.M.D. ’86, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ’91, Eugene, Ore., and his surgical team Todd Tucker, D.M.D. ’92, and Kipp Hammon, D.M.D. ’83, have joined Dr. Litchfield in the clinic, allowing them to perform comprehensive orthodontic and surgical treatment of patients with cleft palates and severe skeletal discrepancies.

“It’s wonderful to have such excellent students,” said Dr. Litchfield. “All of them have already graduated from dental and medical school and want to refine their techniques as they work on masters or doctoral degrees.

“The Vietnamese are happy to have Americans return to their country,” he said. “Their attitude is, ‘Forget the war, we have plenty of wars to talk about, we want your knowledge and expertise.’

“We have been released from the war through our volunteer experience,” said Dr. Litchfield.

“The war is over and we have wonderful new colleagues ... and friends!”

Alumni Give Back Through Scholarship

For Yui Sing “Dany” (D.M.D. ’79) and Debbie (R.D.H. ’77) Tse, a longtime goal is improving the oral health of their communities.

To that end, the Vancouver, Wash.-based couple has made several gifts to the OHSU School of Dentistry for third-year dental students who exhibit an exemplary commitment to dental excellence and professionalism through clinical proficiency, academic achievements, and community involvement. Their latest gift, $10,000, was recently awarded to third-year dental student Shannon Woods.

“I am tremendously grateful and overwhelmed to have been selected for this scholarship,” said Shannon, a Bend, Ore., native who received a bachelor of science in human physiology from the University of Oregon, with minors in chemistry, biology, and the honors college.

“It is invaluable to me and my family as I continue working toward graduation where every dollar of this scholarship will be a returning gift, paying dividends for years to come as I work off my student loans.

“I look forward to the day that I can return home to Bend and begin to give back to the community that has been nearest to my heart since childhood,” said Shannon. “By reducing my debt, I will much more quickly be able to follow my passion to volunteer and support those most in need.”

CAEMENTUM: SUMMER 2013
During the first week of dental school, students are given plaster blocks with designs—like a comma or an “x”—to recreate in wax. The exercise is intended to help dental students practice their hand skills for preparing crowns. “If you’ve never done it before, it can be daunting,” said Paul Brosy, D.M.D. ’83, Reno, Nev., whose class reunited after 30 years with a full weekend of activities, including a waxing contest in the third floor OHSU School of Dentistry lab. “The key is doing it right the first time.”

Back in the late 1970s dental students would warm their P.K. Thomas waxing instrument with a Bunsen burner and then dip their instrument into the wax. The hot instrument softened the wax and then students dragged the wax to the block and used it to draw the designs. Dr. Brosy, who is in private practice with wife, Lynn (Park) Brosy, D.M.D. ’83, admits he doesn’t do much waxing these days. Lynn Brosy is more direct: “I don’t miss it,” she said. “We all hated waxing!”

Paul Brosy said dental school folklore was that if the instructors didn’t like students’ waxing work, they dropped the plaster block on the floor so it would break and the student would have to start again. “I still have my plaster block,” said Lynn. “I remember sitting with it for hours to make it perfect. I can remember scraping off the wax time and again to start over. I passed!”

On April 5, about 40 members of the DMD Class of 1983 came together for a happy hour and waxing contest. Of the eight alumni brave enough to give waxing a try, only a few of them indicated that they still wax with any regularity. “There are times when waxing helps me think through a case,” said Bryan Guthrie, D.M.D. ’83, Oregon City, Ore., who says he waxes every other week, now with an electric waxer that heats the instrument. “If I have a lab do the waxing, I want to know how they’re working through the occlusion. So I like to check the wax-ups when I get them back from the lab.”

Dr. Guthrie went to work with his plaster block that Paul Brosy made and carted all the way from Nevada for the contest. Dr. Guthrie selected a dark green wax; apparently some colors are more pliable than others. “I find waxing relaxing,” said Dr. Guthrie. “You learn to be good at it. My staff know not to interrupt me when I’m with a patient, but they often talk to me while I’m doing a wax-up.”

Second-year dental student Kaveen Ranasinghe judged the DMD 1983 waxing contest and pronounced Dr. Guthrie the winner. “I like the idea of taking a look at the wax-up from the lab before it’s too late,” said Kaveen, after...
The DMD Class of 1953 enjoyed a hard hat tour of the dental school’s new facility under construction on Portland’s South Waterfront, prior to an evening dinner at The Golden Horse. Shown here before donning protective gear for their new facility tour are (from left to right) John Anderson, D.M.D. ’53, Bend, Ore., Gerald Cogan, D.M.D. ’53, Portland, Ore., Paul Kunkel Jr., D.M.D. ’53, North Plains, Ore., and Chester Stevenson, D.M.D. ’53, Eugene, Ore. “We had a great time at the reunion dinner on Friday getting together with a few old friends,” said Dr. Kunkel. “After 60 years, there are not very many of us still around. Only four of us toured the new building and all agreed it will be a great facility.” (Photo Sarah Al-Sheikhly)

Class Notes

Class of 1956

Bryan Guthrie, D.M.D. ’83, Oregon City, Ore., works on his winning wax-up. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

soliciting Dr. Guthrie’s advice on his own waxing prowess. For his efforts, Dr. Guthrie received a framed photo of Portland from the 1980s.

“It’s great to be back,” said Paul Brosy. “The school looks pretty much the same as it did 30 years ago, only cleaner.”

The DMD Class of 1983 also hosted a golf tournament, dinner, and dancing for their reunion weekend. Lynn Brosy bought buttons from the 1980s and made Pac-man cookies.

“We had a super great class,” said Lynn. “We were very close and had a lot of fun. It’s great to see everyone.”

Class of 1956

Hal Pickett, D.M.D. ’56, Boise, Idaho, recently was featured in the Idaho Statesman for being one of the oldest health professionals in the state. Dr. Pickett is one of six prosthodontists currently working in Idaho, and he works five days a week. He said in the article that he has no plans to quit dentistry. “Retire sounds too much like expire,” he said. “I enjoy the work, and I’ve got to have something to do.” Dr. Pickett has five children and three grandchildren. Boise Mayor David Bieter recently proclaimed April 14 “Dr. Hal Pickett Day” in honor of his 87th birthday.

Class of 1963

Lee Emery, D.M.D. ’63, assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, is retiring June 30 after 12 years of service. Dr. Emery has been instrumental to faculty and student involvement on the Medical Teams International mobile dental vans. See also the May 16 Daily Astorian <http://www.dailyastorian.com/free/dental-van-goes-to-school/article_4631fbba-be4d-11e2-879f-0019bb2963f4.html>.

Class of 1968

Warren Whitnah, D.M.D. ’68, Richland, Ore., was part of a dental and medical team that provided oral care in five Honduran cities this winter.

Class of 1969

Robert Varner, D.M.D. ’69, Roseburg, Ore., recently was elected president-elect of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). The election was held during the 113th Annual Session in Philadelphia, making Dr. Varner the AAO president beginning in May 2014.

Class of 1980

Jay Lamb, D.M.D. ’80, is a senior vice president at Moda Health, having recently sold his Eugene, Ore., practice, and retired as Moda Health board chair.

Class of 1981

Jim Smith, D.M.D. ’81, Portland, Ore., who is OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association president, recently was inducted into the American College of Dentists.

Class of 1983

David Howerton, D.M.D. ’83, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ’88, Salem, Ore., was recently appointed chair of the Moda Health board.

Class of 1984

Joseph J. Radakovich, D.M.D. ’84, M.S., has joined OHSU School of Dentistry as a part-time assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS). Prior to dental school, Dr. Radakovich received a master’s degree in anatomy at Saint Louis University. After his OHSU dental school graduation, he did an internship in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Emory University, and then completed an OMFS residency at University of Minnesota. He is in private practice in Portland. Dr. Radakovich is married to Debby, and they have two children. He enjoys fly fishing, reading, horseback riding, and activities with his kids.

Class of 1985

Larry M. Over, D.M.D. ’85, M.S.D., Eugene, Ore., recently was inducted into the American College of Dentists.

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Class of 1986
Marie E. Lathrop, D.M.D. ’86, Orthodontics ’89, Portland, Ore., has re-joined the OHSU School of Dentistry as a part-time assistant professor of orthodontics. Dr. Lathrop graduated from OHSU with honors.

Class of 1987
Katy Wright, D.M.D. ’87, M.S., Camas, Wash., has joined OHSU School of Dentistry as an assistant professor of endodontology.

Class of 1994
Greg Jones, D.M.D. ’94, Hermiston, Ore., recently was inducted into the American College of Dentists.

Class of 1995
Barry J. Taylor, D.M.D. ’95, Portland, Ore., recently joined the OHSU School of Dentistry’s pre-doctoral clinic to train as a group leader. Dr. Taylor joined the OHSU faculty in 2012.

Class of 1996
Scott Barry, D.M.D. ’96, Portland, Ore., who is on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, recently joined OHSU School of Dentistry as an assistant professor of endodontology.

Class of 2006
Jeb Andrus, D.M.D. ’06, Eugene, Ore., was recently profiled by the Lane County Dental Society. Dr. Andrus was born and raised in Eugene and, after completing an AEGD with the U.S. Army and eight years of United States Army practice, including deployment in Iraq, he returned to his hometown. Dr. Andrus currently works at Oakmont Family Dental. Dr. Andrus enjoys snow skiing and golfing. He and his wife, Heather, have twins, and a newborn.

Namjhee Lee Skarada, D.M.D. ’06, Salem, Ore., has joined the OHSU School of Dentistry as a part-time assistant professor in restorative dentistry. Dr. Skarada was an associate dentist at Oak Park Family Dental Care.

Class of 2011
Anastacia M. Whitman, D.M.D., Pediatric Dentistry ’11, Portland, Ore., has joined the OHSU School of Dentistry faculty as an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry. Dr. Whitman received her doctor of dental medicine from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2006. She was a pediatric dental associate at Happy Kids Dentistry in Longview.

In Memoriam
1950s
George Casterline, D.M.D. ’55, Portland, Ore., died April 2 at age 93.
William R. Geiger, D.M.D. ’51, Lake Oswego, Ore., died April 19 at age 86.
Duane Jue, D.M.D. ’57, Astoria, Ore., died Feb. 17 at age 80.
John V. Krippaehne Sr., D.M.D. ’59, Portland, Ore., died Feb. 25 at age 84. Brother, William, who is deceased, was M.D. ’46, R ’53, and son, Jim, is a D.M.D. ’88. Remembrances may be sent to the William Krippaehne Surgical Education Endowment through the OHSU Foundation, 1121 SW Salmon Street, #100, Portland, OR 97205.
Roy W. Lusch, D.M.D. ’52, Gresham, Ore., died Jan. 10 at age 87.
Theodore R. Norman, D.M.D. ’51, Corbett, Ore., died March 31 at age 91.
Dennis R. Schiller, D.M.D. ’58, Portland, Ore., died March 13 at age 79.

1960s
John Page, D.M.D. ’68, La Center, Wash., died Jan. 31 at age 72.

1970s
Michael Bartlett, D.M.D. ’71, Long Beach, Calif, died April 25 at age 67. Rememberances to the OHSU School of Dentistry Student Patient Assistance Program, (503) 494-8830.
Bruce D. Fiske, D.M.D. ’74, Cornelius, Ore., died April 9 at age 71. Dr. Fiske was an OHSU assistant professor of orthodontics. Remembrances to the Bruce Fiske Resident Education and Research Fund through the OHSU Foundation, 1121 SW Salmon Street, #100, Portland, OR 97205.

1990s
Jeffrey Baxter, D.M.D. ’91, Portland, Ore., died Jan. 8 at age 83. Dr. Brown, who joined the dental school in 1977, was professor emeritus of integrative biosciences. He was featured in the Summer/Fall 2010 Caementum.
Milton J. Knapp, D.D.S., former associate dean, Manning, Ore., died April 18 at age 89.

Faculty
Arthur Brown, Ph.D., Portland, Ore., died Jan. 8 at age 83. Dr. Brown, who joined the dental school in 1977, was professor emeritus of integrative biosciences. He was featured in the Summer/Fall 2010 Caementum.

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**DMD 1953**

Our dinner on Friday evening was organized by Dorothy Wu, Bob’s wife. We had nine of us along with some of our wives and families at the Golden Horse restaurant for a great Chinese dinner. One thing that happens with aging is limited mobility, so only four of us, along with my wife, checked out the new dental school building. It was a great tour! We also had a small turnout at the Saturday luncheon, but we had a great time sharing old stories from the past and comparing our old school with the new one. We didn’t even have running water at the chairs and the patients had to spit into a brass spittoon. I’m really impressed that the basic science classes will involve medical and pharmacy students as well as dental students. We all treat patients with health problems and this should create a more cooperative attitude among the health professions. The result will be better care for all of our patients.

– Paul Kunkel Jr., D.M.D. ’53

**DMD 1963**

Those of you who were not there missed a great reunion! We began with an alumni luncheon at the Convention Center. That evening we met at Lake Oswego Country Club for dinner and pictures. After a brief talk by Dr. Jack Clinton and Pat Regan about the progress of the new dental school, every classmate gave a short resume of their life. On Sunday many of us met at “The Bomber” for a luncheon hosted by Fred and Punky Scott and much more reminiscing. Former Dean Dr. Terkla was a guest at the luncheon and reminded us that our class was the one that started the pledging of funds to what is now the OHSU Foundation. A special thanks to Bill Scharwatt for making the Oswego Lake Country Club available and as always to Fred Scott for keeping our class viable and in contact.

– Walt Wood, D.M.D. ’63

**DMD 1968**

Twenty-three members and 12 of their spouses (significant others) from the graduating class of the University of Oregon School of Dentistry, 1968, attended their 45th reunion during the Oregon Dental Conference. Friday night’s event was held at Ardie Overby’s Classic Car Garage in Beaverton. The Saturday night dinner was held at the Aquavira Restaurant overlooking the Willamette River. Retired Dean Jack Clinton attended because it was our class who taught him all he ever knew about operative dentistry. Rumor has it we were the most “vocal” of all the reunions. For those who were unable to attend, you missed a wonderful two days. Plan to attend the 50th in 2018.

– Gary Mihelish, D.M.D. ’68
DMD 1983

The Class of 1983, arguably one of the most cohesive, energetic, and fun-filled dental classes to come out of OHSU, celebrated their 30th reunion with a weekend of great events. Kicking off the “reunion tour,” a mixer and wax-up contest was held in the third floor lab of the dental school building. Classmates had a chance to mingle, tour the school, and try their hand at recreating the same exercise in wax that they were given in September of 1979.

A Caddyshack-style golf tournament was held at the 12-hole Edgefield Golf Course on Saturday afternoon, with Scott Nicholson receiving the low score trophy and Brian Seaholm winning a prize for the best Bill Murray costume. A dinner dance was held at the iconic Kennedy School on Saturday evening, complete with a fantastic DJ and a photobooth allowing alums to take their picture with Dr. Ueno. Classmates from as far away as Washington, D.C., and North Carolina attended the event. We finished the weekend with a picnic in Washougal, hosted by Lyle Nelson.

The resounding conversation from the weekend events was to not wait so long before we all get together again. Plans are in the works for a mini-reunion mission trip, as well as more golfing.
– Lynn Brosy, D.M.D. ’83

DMD 1988

The doctor of dental medicine class of ’88 rocked the house at the Embassy Suites on April 6 for their 25th Reunion. Not only did we renew old friendships and catch up on family, we also celebrated Tom Base’s 50th birthday with a bikini cake (sorry Tom we weren’t able to get you what you really wanted). Although the whole class was not in attendance the “best” were. We look forward to our 30th when more of the “best” will join us to party on.
– Connie Masuoka, D.M.D. ’88

DMD 1993

Who could believe 20 years flew by so fast? Surely no one at this 20th reunion looked a minute older than the day we all graduated in June 1993. We all agreed we have gained wisdom over the years but not white hairs. Our reunion revelers met on April 5, 2013, at the Uptown Billiards Club, to reminisce about the good old days and to ponder the post-graduate years. Classmates kept arriving throughout the evening, so the photograph taken early during the gathering do not reflect the entire clan of reunion reminiscers. We can only hope the 25th reunion will be as well-attended, and as full of fabulous tales of yore.
– Susan McElhany, D.M.D. ’93
The Class of 2008 held its five-year reunion the weekend of the Oregon Dental Conference. About 50 classmates and spouses met at the Chart House in Portland to celebrate this milestone. For many of us it had been five years since we have seen each other and it was so fun to catch up and reminisce about our time in school and the friendships we made. We had classmates who flew in from Montana, Arizona, and Idaho to attend the event, along with many who still reside in Oregon.

– Melissa Beadnell, D.M.D. ’08

The dental hygiene class of 1963 started gathering on Friday, April 5, to start celebrating their 50-year reunion. Ten class members attended the Alumni Association Awards Lunch at the convention center. We enjoyed visiting together and catching up on everyone’s current activities and reminiscing about our years on the hill. Most common comment heard was “I can’t believe it’s been 50 years!” Touring the vendor exhibits was amazing, as the instruments and equipment have really changed since most of us have practiced hygiene. Later that evening, nine of us met for dinner at the Portland City Grill, though unfortunately, the wonderful Oregon weather prevented us from having a great view of the Portland skyline. We talked, talked, and then talked some more and had a wonderful time. We hope to get together again in five years to visit again.

– Vicki Neighbors, R.D.H. ’63

Five classmates from our dental hygiene class of ’73 got together for our 40th reunion at the home of Diane and Dave Mattson. We had a wonderful dinner, and afterwards sat around their fire pit roasting marshmallows and eating s’mores. We caught up on what everyone had been doing since the last reunion and reminisced about our hygiene school days. It was an enjoyable evening for all us.

– Sandy Nakashimada, R.D.H. ’73

The RDH Class of 1982 met in the fall of 2012. We all felt our reunion was well-attended and were genuinely interested in learning what our classmates had done in the 30 years since our graduation. There was a good mix of those who are still working and those who have retired, and we’re proud that one member of our class went on to become a dentist, and two others to become dental hygiene educators.

– Nancy Wissbaum, R.D.H. ’82
ON THE COVER  Happy 50th Anniversary!
David Morgan, D.M.D. ’63 (left), Kenneth Johnson, D.M.D. ’63 (middle), and Bill Scharwatt, D.M.D. ’63, reunited in April to celebrate a big dental school graduation milestone. (Photo Dan Carter)

2013 Calendar of Events

June 14
Commencement

September 20
Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club
4805 SW 229th Ave. Aloha, Ore.
8 a.m. shotgun start.

September 21
Cantwell Memorial Lecture & Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
Marion Miller Auditorium, OHSU Vey Conference Center, Doernbecher Children’s Hospital
“Current Management of Oral, Head and Neck Cancers”
7 a.m. breakfast, 8 a.m. lecture.

November 1
Alumni and Friends Reception at the American Dental Association Annual Session
Bridge Room, Hilton Riverside, New Orleans, La., 6 p.m.
Come visit the OHSU School of Dentistry booth (#3833) in the exhibit hall during ADA.

September 30-October 4
Fall Phonathon I
Volunteers needed!
Call (503) 412-6377 to volunteer.

October 7-11
Fall Phonathon II
Volunteers needed!
Call (503) 412-6377 to volunteer.

For more information about these events please contact us at (503) 552-0745.

COMING IN SPRING 2014
DEAN’S GOLD CIRCLE
The next Dean’s Gold Circle donor appreciation event will be held in the spring of 2014 to coincide with and celebrate the closing of the current OHSU dental school building. Stay tuned for developments!

Not a Dean’s Gold Circle member? Call Patrick Regan (503) 494-0980.