



Dental Bites

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Move!

The move to Skourtes Tower on South Waterfront (2730 S.W. Moody Avenue, Portland, Ore., 97201-5042) began in earnest in late June, with dental clinics expected to be operational July 7. "It's like moving into a new house," said Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D. "It's going to be great, and the clinics are spectacular. We're working hard to make everything functional. We appreciate everyone's flexibility as (continued on page six)

Celebratory Event for CLSB

With a cry of "together!" the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building was officially unveiled June 26, with a ceremonial ribbon-cutting and remarks from students, community leaders, donors, and the three university presidents who combined forces for an unprecedented collaboration.



"Everything about this building speaks to the future, and the possibility of the future," said OHSU President **Joe Robertson Jr.**, M.D., M.B.A. "This building was conceived differently, built differently, and funded differently, and I think the people who work and study here will feel that difference." (see photos, page three)

School of Dentistry Graduates Class of 2014

The cohesive and team-oriented Class of 2014 graduated from OHSU School of Dentistry on June 13. Under the backdrop of the ornate Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 72 students received doctor of dental medicine degrees, and 16 students received advanced specialty certificates (endodontics, three; oral and maxillofacial surgery, one; orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, four; pediatric dentistry, five; and periodontics, three).



Tiffany Yee, D.M.D. '14

"I am pleased to present the OHSU School of Dentistry Class of 2014," said Dean **Phillip Marucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D. "This is a close-knit group of dental professionals who have not only demonstrated their clinical excellence, but their compassion and community-mindedness, as well. We are proud to count these individuals as our new colleagues."

OHSU President **Joe Robertson Jr.**, M.D., M.B.A., and OHSU Board Chair **Jay Waldron**, J.D., Ph.D., offered greetings of behalf of the university. (continued, page four)

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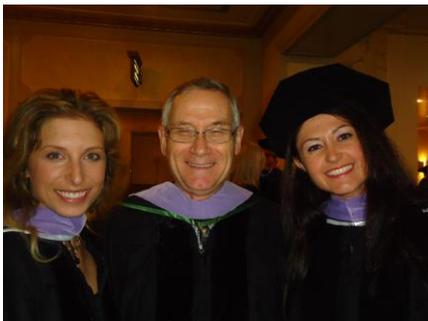
Commencement for the Class of 2014



New dentists (from left to right) Greg Kiene, D.M.D. '14, Stephanie Troglin, D.M.D. '14, and Nels Walther, D.M.D. '14, were three of the 72 students receiving doctor of dental medicine degrees on June 13. Fifty-two of the 2014 graduates (72 percent) plan to practice general dentistry, including private practice, associateships, group practices, the military, and public health. Twenty graduates from the Class of 2014, or 28 percent, will pursue advanced specialty training. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



Reveling in graduation are (from left to right) Erica Robinson, D.M.D. '14, Denise Gates, D.M.D. '14, JJ Ooi, D.M.D. '14, Tesha Waggoner, D.M.D. '14, Shannon Woods, D.M.D. '14, Karley Bedford, D.M.D. '14, and Kelly Sayre, D.M.D. '14. Dr. Gates won the prestigious Peglow Award for integrity, humility, compassion, skill, sensitivity to patient needs, and dedication to service. As class president, Dr. Waggoner gave the 2014 address: "These are some of the finest, smartest, hard-working people I know," she said. "From the beginning, our class has been known as one of the most cohesive, working together and helping one another solve problems." (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



There were 16 dentists receiving advanced specialty certificates from OHSU in 2014. The department of periodontology granted three specialty degrees including for Nicole Olivares, D.D.S. (left) and Alexandra de Millo Terrazzani, D.D.S. (right), who are shown here with Mark Malloy, D.M.D., M.S., assistant professor and director of clinical restorative dentistry. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

The online graduation gallery link is:
http://ohsuphotodesign.smugmug.com/Events/Graduations/SOD-Graduation-2014/41791479_q8bbFb#!i=3322919913&k=MNXxgRv



"I'm ecstatic!" said Nathaneal Rapta, D.M.D. '14 (bottom right). "Dental school was hard and there were rough days, but it was totally worth it. I feel confident and competent and wouldn't change a thing. It's been a real blessing." Dr. Rapta is now employed by Smiles Dental to take care of the 1,800 people of Riddle, Ore., who currently have to drive to see a dentist. "I still have a lot to learn but I'll get to help a lot of people," he said. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Skourtes Tower Grand Opening Photos



"I feel very proud to be standing in this beautiful building," said Willamette Dental Co-Founder Gene Skourtes, D.M.D. '68, who with his wife, Bonnie, donated \$10 million to the Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry, located within the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB). "With its focus on collaboration and interdisciplinary teaching, the CLSB is revolutionary. Most professional schools in this country train students in silos. It is inspiring for me that the new dental school is within the CLSB." (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



Assistant Professor of Orthodontics Larry Doyle, D.D.S., Orthodontics '79 (in photo) and Assistant Professor and Orthodontics Chair Dave Covell Jr., D.D.S., proudly explained the orthodontics clinic on the 12th floor to visitors throughout the day. "We're really happy with this space," said Dr. Covell. "I think the openness and the move from the old dental school basement to the new dental school top floor has been a great transition. Having all new equipment and dental units also is appreciated." Dr. Doyle noted that having supplies in cabinets behind the patients, rather than mobile carts will be a "change for the better" and that the computer system is very nice. The 12 orthodontics residents arrive July 7, with patient care in that particular clinic beginning on July 8. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



Karla Kent, Ph.D., director of quality improvement (right) speaks to an OHSU ITG employee (left) and a prospective dental student (center) at the CLSB grand opening. Dr. Kent was a guide for the third floor dental lecture hall. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Peter Morita, D.M.D. '86, associate dean for patient services, outside the entrance to the Faculty Dental Practice and OHSU/OAGD Continuing Dental Education Department, on the 12th floor. "It's been a long road to our new space, but here we are," said Dr. Morita. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



Dental School Class of 2014 Has 88 Graduates

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Oregon Dental Association (ODA) President **Judd Larson**, D.D.S., noted that all 72 members of the Class of 2014 had already registered to become ODA members. "We can be your family now," he said. "Now that you're moving on, we want to be there for you."

Alumni Association President **Mark Alder**, D.M.D. '80, also emphasized the personal connections in dentistry. "Remember that you didn't get here by yourself," said Dr. Alder. "You're going to form relationships during practice, such as with your patients and staff and those will become very important. Dentists are just good people, and I can't wait to be associated with you."

Class of 2014 President **Tesha Waggoner** gave a humorous and sentimental address to her classmates (see also page two).

About 30 awards were presented to the Class of 2014, either at commencement ceremony in late May. The Class of 2014's **Denise Gates** received the prestigious Alumni Association Award in Memory of Stephen Peglow (see page two).

Twenty-four students graduated with honor or great honor, with the Class of 2014's **Kelly Sayre**, receiving the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award for attaining the highest academic average over the four-year curriculum. There were eight inductees into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Delta Chapter, including new dentists Denise Gates, **Greg Kiene**, **Cathrine Martell**, **JJ Ooi**, **Nathan Risley**, **Erica Robinson**, **Kelly Sayre**, and **Shannon Woods**.



In his address, Dr. Marucha encouraged the new dentists to immerse themselves into the communities in which they serve, and given the many technological changes that can't be predicted, to be involved in helping to change the face of dentistry. "Put your patients first," he said. "This is the reason we are health care providers. As you move into the next years, you might say, 'I got a great education' and be ready to be the best provider you can.

"Look at change as a period of growth," he added. "Congratulations on a well-chosen career."

OHSU Provost and Executive Vice President **Jeanette Mladenovic**, M.D., M.B.A., M.A.C.P., presented the new emeritus faculty: **Douglas Barnett**, D.M.D. '77, and **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '79.

After graduation, OHSU School of Dentistry faculty sponsored a reception inside the Concert Hall.



Richard Grabowsky, D.D.S., assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, presents new dentist Nate Risley with the Certificate of Merit AAPD Predoctoral Student Award. Dr. Risley is re-locating to Hawaii for a pediatric dentistry certificate at Lutheran Medical. "I knew before dental school that I wanted to work with kids, and that was confirmed for me when I did community work," said Dr. Risley. "I love being around kids." (Photo Aaron Bieleck)

Rural Health Conference



OHSU School of Dentistry Dean Phillip Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D., recently spoke at a national conference for journalists who cover rural health issues. Dr. Marucha spoke about the costs associated with poor oral health. The June 6 conference was sponsored by OHSU. (Photo Len Bruzzese)

Annual Softball Tourney



The St. John's group practice won the Robert Quinton-Cox Memorial Softball Tourney last month in honor of Stacy Lomeli, D.D.S., St. John's group practice leader who died earlier this year. The annual tourney was rained out in May, and re-played in June, said coordinator Tyler Bradstreet.

Check the Web

OHSU School of Dentistry news is always available at www.ohsu.edu/sod.

School Calendar 2014

July 4	Holiday—School Closed
July 7	Begin seeing patients in Skourtes Tower
Aug. 7	End of Summer Session A
Aug. 11	Start of Summer Session B
Aug. 10	DS1 Welcome picnic
Aug. 11	DS1's first day of school
Sept. 12	DS2 White Coat Ceremony, 2 p.m., OHSU Auditorium
Sept. 19	End of Summer Session B
Sept. 19	Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
Sept. 20	Cantwell Memorial Lecture/Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update

Faculty/Staff News

We say 'hello' to several new staff and 'goodbye' to a handful of faculty this month:

- ***Michelle Beebe** joined the school in early June as senior accounting technician.
- ***John Derbyshire**, D.D.S., assistant professor of periodontology, retired in June after 21 years on faculty.
- ***Chastity Kaegi** is a new dental assistant in the Faculty Dental Practice.
- ***Michael Meredith**, Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences, retired in June after 25 years on faculty.
- ***Virginia "Ginny" Dunn**, R.D.H. '81, periodontology instructor, retired in June after 31 years on faculty.
- ***Robert Bowles**, D.M.D. '66, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, retired in June after nearly 27 years on faculty.

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we refine the clinical and operational systems in our new home."

Conference rooms in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB) will be shared amongst the building's partners including OHSU, Portland State University, and Oregon State University. **Coral Pipkin**, executive assistant, and **Sharon McKay**, residency coordinator for the departments of endodontology, orthodontics, and periodontology, have been assigned to coordinate conference rooms for SOD staff, within the CLSB.

Artwork was hung several weeks ago in Skourtes Tower with 32 original pieces from Northwest artists. Dean Emeritus **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, represented the dental school on the Marquam Hill Art Committee that selected the works for Skourtes Tower, said **Sharon Nobbe**, who purchased the art on behalf of OHSU.

"Most of the artworks have a relationship with nature," said Sharon. "One of the beauties of the building is the light inside. There is a lot of glass in the building, and the art is designed to reinforce that openness."

To view more of the artwork in Skourtes Tower prior to the new building's accessibility this month, go to www.facebook.com/ohsuschoolofdentistry.

The move to the South Waterfront is happening in various stages over the summer, with the majority of staff and faculty successfully re-located by early July. Up to July 3, urgent care patients will be seen in the Marquam Hill dental school. A gross anatomy course is scheduled for the Marquam Hill building in July. Several SOD researchers also will not move until later in the summer. And the department of community dentistry is not scheduled to move until Sept. 1.

"We've been told that the Marquam Hill building will eventually be decommissioned," said Dr. Marucha. "The plan is to stabilize the hill with greenery, and the back wall will likely be left in place to hold up the road and hill. It is a seven to eight million dollar project to decommission the building so it may not happen soon." Ultimately, said Dr. Marucha, the Marquam Hill dental site may be used for a new building, perhaps for research or an extension of the hospital.



Gwen Davidson's "Cliff's Edge" oil painting is one of the dozens of artworks in Skourtes Tower.



Ted Sawyer's "Swell" is made of glass.

Rural Dental Rotations Making a Difference

OHSU School of Dentistry's Class of 2015 diligently began their community rotations in June. About two-thirds of the class will provide patient care this summer at about 30 sites in Oregon, Washington, Montana, and Alaska, with one student in Oklahoma.

"This class is very assertive and they wanted to take advantage of the longer break this year (due to academic scheduling for the move to South Waterfront) to meet their graduation requirement, gain experience in the community, and give back to underserved communities," said **Jill Mason**, M.P.H., R.D.H., associate professor of periodontology and community dentistry, and director of the rotations. "They all signed up early for their community experience, and I suspect a number of them will more than meet their two-week graduation requirement."

OHSU dental students have long provided care to medically-compromised, uninsured, and underinsured patients at Russell Street Clinic in north Portland. The community rotation program piloted in 2009 expanded upon that community effort, bringing dental students into other parts of the state, particularly rural areas.

Over the past five years, the community rotation program has grown incredibly, with a particular focus on increasing community health sites, and dental students are now required to provide care in the community for a minimum of two weeks. In 2009-2010, when community rotations were an elective, 30 students provided care at 12 sites for 112 weeks, compared to 2013-2014 with 72 students providing care at 30 sites for a total of 186 weeks.

Many dental students now exceed the two-week community rotation graduation requirement. Of the 72 doctor of dental medicine graduates in 2014, 17, or 24 percent, completed three to six weeks of community service throughout Oregon, and in Washington and Montana.

"Dental students consistently tell us that the community experience is one of the highlights of dental school," said Jill. "They can see patients at a dental office pace which really helps them test their skills outside the clinic, and gives them added confidence when they graduate."

This summer, four new rotation sites were added, said **Diane Sullivan**, rotation coordinator in central administration, including Bellingham, Wash., Missoula, Mont., and Ontario, Ore. One student is in Wewoka, Oklahoma, an externship offered through the Indian Health Service.

Compared to five years ago, many students now opt for public health when they graduate from dental school. Initial counts for the Class of 2014 indicated that five students were pursuing public health after graduation.

"The neat backstory on community rotations is that many of our graduates decide after working in the community to go into public health," said Jill. "Many are now preceptors at the sites where they did their own community rotation, and they are welcoming our students to their sites. At La Clinica del Valle in Medford, 10 of the 11 dentists are OHSU graduates, and all have graduated since 2009 when we began piloting community rotations. The students really love getting out there and it's been exciting to see."