



# Dental Bites

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## Faculty and Staff Give to New Building

*The number of OHSU School of Dentistry faculty and staff participating in the new building campaign to date is impressive, reports School Development Director Pat Regan. Nearly 72 percent of deans, department chairs, and department directors have given a gift within the last year, said Pat. Of full-time (0.8 to 1.0 FTE) faculty, 50 percent have made a gift in the last fiscal year. Staff giving is equally notable, (continued on page three)*

## OHSU Signs Partnership with OAGD

After months of discussions, number crunching, and planning, OHSU School of Dentistry and Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD) have agreed to partner to reinvent continuing dental education offerings in Oregon. The partnership became effective July 1.

"We are so excited about this new collaboration," said OHSU School of Dentistry Interim Dean **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D. "This kind of arrangement has never been tried anywhere before and we think it's an optimal and cost-effective model that will be a win-win for everyone in the Oregon dental community. Oregon AGD values continuing education and life-long learning as a foundational element of its mission. This partnership will join the forces of two great organizations in an effort to move the continuing dental education enterprise forward on an impressive trajectory."

The partnership is expected to breathe new life into continuing dental education offerings in the state with more and varied speakers and courses, and a new method of delivering (continued, right column)



*Representatives from OHSU School of Dentistry and Oregon Academy of General Dentistry signed a partnership agreement June 29. From left are Kris Wessel, Ph.D., OHSU/OAGD continuing education director; Scott Hansen, D.M.D. '87, M.A.G.D., 2011 OAGD President; Aaron Tinkle, D.M.D. '06, 2012 OAGD President; Interim Dean Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D.; Kim Wright, D.M.D. '89, M.A.G.D., OAGD board secretary/treasurer; and Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs. (Photo Jessica Smith)*

## OHSU/OAGD Partnership

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continuing dental education to remote parts of the state.

"This is an amazing opportunity," agreed **Aaron Tinkle**, D.M.D. '06, Oregon AGD President for 2012.

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## Discovery in Dr. Morton's Lab

Researchers in the lab of **David Morton**, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, and associate dean for research, have discovered that TDP-43, a protein strongly linked to ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) and other neurodegenerative diseases, appears to activate a variety of different molecular pathways when genetically manipulated. The findings have implications for understanding and possibly treating ALS and neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. The study is published online in *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics* (<http://www.g3journal.org/content/2/7/789.full>). **Dennis Hazelett**, Ph.D., is the lead author with additional OHSU authors **Jer-Cherng Chang**, Ph.D., and Dr. Morton.

## Community Rotations



*Fourth-year dental student Amy Anthony was in Long Creek, Ore., June 26-28, on a required community rotation. Amy and fellow fourth-year dental student Jessica Ehlers, along with Keith Valachi, D.D.S., and staff, cared for 60 people on the Medical Teams International mobile dental van. (Photo Keith Valachi, D.D.S.)*

## Special Olympics



*Dental students and faculty provided oral hygiene instruction for almost 200 athletes at the Special Olympics' Summer Games in mid-July, an effort organized by Elizabeth Palmer, D.M.D. '08, Pediatric Dentistry '10, assistant professor of pediatric dentistry. From left to right are: Third-year dental student Kelly Sayre and fourth-year dental students Dan Walsh, Kelly Gilmore, and Jonathan Nelson. (Photo Lynn Whitley, D.M.D. '89, R.D.H.)*

## Outreach to Young People

In mid-July, the School was host to three dozen young people in grades four and five who are in the Self Enhancement, Inc., program. **John Engle**, D.D.S., Pediatric Dentistry '76, talked about oral health and nutrition, linking them both to self-enhancement. **Mark Mitchell**, M.S., associate dean for student affairs discussed the importance of math and science, gave a tour of the School, and then took everyone on a tram ride.



"Some of our students have never had the experience of being at a fully functioning dental office (some kids get visits from the dental mobile) so for them it was an incredible field trip and the information they received was priceless," said Miki Hunnicutt from Self Enhancement. "I was told that the kids had a blast and that your staff was amazing! Thank you so much for giving our students the opportunity to come to OHSU to learn more about oral health."

## School Calendar

<b>Aug. 13</b>	Start of early fall term for DS1's
<b>Aug. 23/24</b>	DS1 Orientation at Cannon Beach
<b>Aug. 31</b>	End of summer session
<b>Sept. 21</b>	Cantwell Memorial Golf
<b>Sept. 22</b>	Cantwell Memorial Lecture & Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update

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"The partnership combines OAGD's well-recognized expertise in speaker and study club management and administration, with OHSU's name recognition and continuing education classroom and clinic space, for a very mutually beneficial arrangement that will advance both organization's missions."

Under the agreement, OHSU's continuing education clinic, located on the ground floor of the School of Dentistry, will become the OHSU/OAGD continuing education department at the Kenneth Cantwell Continuing Education Clinic, said **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs. **Kris Wessel**, Ph.D., a longtime health care education consultant, has been named director of the new department.

"Our first goal is to move to an online course registration mechanism which is incredibly exciting," said Dr. Beemsterboer. "Once we get the administration down, we will begin to add innovative new courses and speakers. By combining our resources, OHSU and OAGD will be able to bring more nationally-recognized speakers to Oregon, which will provide more opportunities for Oregon oral health professionals, saving them time and money by not having to travel for their dental education."

The partnership discussions began about one year ago, said 2011 OAGD President **Scott Hansen**, D.M.D. '87, M.A.G.D. "With the impending retirement of OHSU's continuing dental education director who was managing the dental school's courses and speakers, and our continual need to obtain quality clinic space for our one dozen study clubs, [Dean Emeritus] **Jack Clinton** [D.M.D. '64] and I realized that each of us already had what the other needed and the partnership idea was born," said Dr. Hansen. *(continued on page four)*

## Faculty/Staff Giving

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said Pat, with 54 percent of unclassified employees having made a new building commitment in the last fiscal year.

"The level of participation of faculty and staff during the first year of the campaign is something to highlight because it reflects the commitment and pride the School's family has for serving our missions of education, research, and service," said Dean Emeritus **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. "During the second year of the campaign, I anticipate the participation level to approach 100 percent! Our moment is truly here."

*To make a gift, please contact Patrick J. Regan, OHSU School of Dentistry Development Director, (503) 494-0980, reganp@ohsu.edu.*

## SOD Student at IADR

Third-year dental student **Nate Risley** attended the International Association of Dental Research (IADR)'s annual conference in Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, in late June, presenting research conducted with **Juliana da Costa**, D.D.S., associate professor of restorative dentistry, and **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair of restorative dentistry.

Nate's research was "Effect of Beverages of Different Acidity on Enamel Microhardness," which explored the pH of several popular beverages and how it affected the hardness of enamel after 10 minutes, one hour, and five hours. Nate reports that orange juice and red wine were the only beverages that significantly reduced enamel hardness after 10 minutes. All beverages more acidic than pH 4.0, he said, significantly reduced enamel hardness after one and five hours.

"I had a fantastic time at the conference and learned a lot from other researchers I met there," said Nate.

## Dr. Marshall Receives Award

**Gordon Marshall**, D.M.D. '79, associate professor of endodontology, has received the Part-Time Educator Award from the American Association of Endodontists, the first year for which this award has been presented. The award recognizes an "endodontist whose contributions to endodontics in the field of education have demonstrated dedication to endodontics in a predoctoral program, or in an advanced specialty education program in endodontics, and whose valuable contributions have instilled in his/her students the desire to pursue excellence in their career." Dr. Marshall will receive his award at the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists next April in Hawaii.

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"But the ball really got rolling when OAGD made a \$250,000 gift to OHSU School of Dentistry for its new building on South Waterfront, so we could ensure there would be a space in the facility for continuing dental education."

At that point, said Dr. Hansen, the OAGD board agreed to proceed with a partnership and secretary/treasurer **Kimberly Wright**, D.M.D. '89, M.A.G.D., took the lead in drafting an agreement. "It is very unusual that two such groups as OHSU and OAGD have a symbiotic relationship; this is not the case in many other dental communities," said Dr. Wright. "Oregon AGD has been blessed to have a good working relationship with OHSU for all these years and dental professionals benefit greatly from this relationship."

"Oregon AGD is looking to innovate how we educate not only our dentists, but the whole dental team to provide the best care to patients," said Dr. Wright. "We also have visions of more online continuing education opportunities as we move forward."

"We expect this to be a very fruitful and productive union to benefit dentistry in Oregon."

## White Coat Ceremony



*Seventy-eight second-year dental students received their white coats on July 20, signifying their transition from didactic education to patient care. The Fremont bridge group, led by Assistant Professor Rosemary McPharlin, D.D.S. (second from left, front row) is shown here. The white coats were generously provided by the American College of Dentistry. (Photo Dan Carter)*

## Event Photos Available

The alumni office reports that photos taken at the June 17 commencement and July 20 white coat ceremonies are now available for viewing and purchase at <http://ohsusodalumni.shutterstock.com/>

## PeopleMovers

\***Jay R. Anderson**, D.M.D., M.H.S.A., will join the School of Dentistry next month as director of the Russell Street Clinic. Dr. Anderson most recently was director for practice improvement at the DentaQuest Institute, one of the nation's largest dental benefits providers. He also directed the DentaQuest Oral Health Center in Westborough, Mass., a 13-chair multi-specialty group practice. Dr. Anderson received his doctor of dental medicine from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 1978 and a master of health services administration from the University of Michigan in 1990. **David Rosenstein**, D.M.D., M.P.H., OHSU professor emeritus, has been interim director.

\***Patricia Finn**, D.D.S., is co-leading the St. Johns group practice with **Stacy Lomeli**, D.D.S., assistant professor of restorative dentistry. Dr. Finn joined OHSU School of Dentistry as an adjunct associate professor of restorative dentistry in April 2009 and became assistant professor five months later. She attended the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, graduating in 1983.

\***Jessica Frieboes**, joined the School April 1 as a medical transcriptionist for the department of oral pathology's biopsy service. Jessica replaces **Linda Carson** who recently retired.

\***Manoel Macedo**, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., joins the school this month as a fulltime assistant professor of restorative dentistry. Dr. Macedo recently completed a prosthodontics residency at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. A Brazil native, Dr. Macedo received his doctor of dental surgery from Paulista University School of Dentistry in Sao Paulo, a master in science in operative dentistry from University of Sao Paulo School of Dentistry, and a doctoral degree in restorative dentistry from University of Sao Paulo School of Dentistry. Dr. Macedo is no stranger to OHSU, having completed his doctoral degree program through a combined program between the University of Sao Paulo School of Dentistry and OHSU School of Dentistry, with **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair of restorative dentistry, as mentor.

\***Denice Stewart**, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., professor and associate dean for clinical affairs, has been promoted to senior associate dean for clinical affairs, effective Aug. 1. The move is intended to more fully integrate clinical programs at the dental school, said **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D. Dr. Stewart has been on faculty since 1999.

\***Kris Wessel**, Ph.D., M.S., is the new director of continuing education (see photo and story, page one). Dr. Wessel has 15 years of healthcare education consulting experience, most recently for Salem Health and OHSU School of Medicine and OHSU's Office of Graduate Medical Education. She received her master of science in education in workforce and development, and a doctor of philosophy in curriculum and instruction, both from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale.



Patricia Finn, D.D.S.