



Dental Bites

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Dentistry One of Top Jobs
U.S. News & World Report recently released its list of the Best Jobs of 2013, and dentistry came in at the top of the top 10 job picks for the year. According to the magazine, the field is expected to grow by 21.1 percent by 2020, with a median salary of \$142,740. Coming in at number 10 was dental hygiene, which has a media salary of \$69,280. The list looked at employment growth, as well as other factors.

Gootee Lecture Inspires Students

Dental students gave a thumbs up to the January Robert G. Gootee/ODS Health Endowed Lectureship in Leadership and Professionalism. The speaker was **Max Williams, J.D.**, president and chief executive officer of The Oregon Community Foundation.



Max Williams, J.D. (left) talks with third-year dental student Shannon Woods after the Robert G. Gootee/ODS Health Endowed Lectureship in Leadership and Professionalism. (Photo Anthony Scales)

"It was an excellent speech and an opportunity to hear from a leader outside the dental community," said fourth-year dental student **Iraj Kasimi**, who has been attending the Gootee lecture since entering dental school in 2009. "The speaker gave advice that rings true to everyone no matter their profession."

First-year dental student **Sidhu Sukhmanpreet** said, "It was like a light bulb going on to find out how much society needs our help," she said. "It was great to learn about how people can make a difference in their community. We have big shoes to fill when the older dentists retire and I liked listening to examples of ways we can be leaders."

Williams spoke to the dental students about leadership, philanthropy, and community. "Motive and intent are key," he said. "Leaders who can align their motives and intent with those they are leading build trust and increase their effectiveness. Understanding that trust is the 'secret sauce' to effective leadership might help you understand how to be more successful or when you are trying to figure out how to move a group or an (continued on page four)

Final Dean Candidate in January

Dental students, staff, and faculty learned more about the final candidate for the position of dean of OHSU School of Dentistry, **Gary Chiodo, D.M.D.** '78, F.A.C.D., at a one-hour lunchtime town hall in January.

Dr. Chiodo is interim dean of OHSU School of Dentistry and professor of community dentistry. He received a bachelor of science in biology (honors) from Portland State University, his doctor of dental medicine degree from OHSU, a certificate in geriatric healthcare from the Portland Veterans Administration Medical Center, and a certificate in healthcare ethics from the University of Washington. His CV is available at: <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/student-services/about-us/news-and-announcements/upload/Chiodo-Gary-CV.pdf>. Finalists for the dean position are expected to be announced this winter.

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Historical Feature: Room 13

The current OHSU School of Dentistry building — constructed in 1956 — has a number of unique architectural quirks that will go by the wayside with the anticipated fall 2014 move to South Waterfront. One such relic is room 13 on the ground floor, a low-ceilinged cavernous storage space with a fallout shelter.

“There is a lot of history in room 13,” said **Henry Clarke**, D.M.D. `61, professor emeritus of community dentistry. “When I arrived to attend dental school in 1957, it was during the Cold War and there was a real threat of an atomic bomb attack from the Russians. The west end of room 13 was set aside as a fallout shelter where all students, staff, and faculty were to go in the event of an attack. The east side, with locked cages and wire partitions, was always used for storage, mostly of patient records.”



Entry to room 13 — which has always been known simply as room 13 — is through a locked door that looks like any other at the school. Stepping into the room is like exploring grandma’s unfinished basement, with low ceilings and thick pipes and dusty boxes everywhere.

It takes some searching to find the entry to the fallout shelter on the far west end. A cement window, marked by a smiling sunshine, is all that indicates there may be more to room 13 than meets the eye. Written in red pen over the sunshine is: “Have a great life.”

Three crude wooden stairs under the cement window give visitors a boost inside the shelter, with three stairs on the other side that truly take one into another world. “They were going to make a door into the shelter so someone started chipping away at the bottom of the cement window,” remembers Dr. Clarke. “But then they realized that the cement and rebar were key to the building’s structure so they gave up on that idea.”

Inside the fallout shelter are three chambers, each about the size of a large office. Each chamber has dirty boards on the floor, the ceilings are low, and the temperature feels high. Access to each chamber requires going up a few stairs, climbing through another cement window, and then going down a few stairs.

“I’m not sure how they planned to fit us all in there in an emergency,” said Dr. Clarke.

After the fallout shelter ceased being needed for a bomb attack, the west end also became used for storage and pieces of shelving were carted through the window and assembled inside the chambers to hold various school artifacts. A recent visit turned up an old autoclave, cold sterilization trays, ancient films, and a swaging kit for making gold-shell crowns, the technique used prior to William Taggart’s perfection of accurate gold casting in 1907.

With school cleanup and organization underway for the move to South Waterfront, Room 13 is one of the key spots being tackled, said **Mary Ann Haisch**, R.D.H., who is leading the move coordination. Mary Ann said that Clinic Relations Manager **Rose Russell** has been coordinating the room 13 cleanup and that it is about one-third completed. “Rose is doing a great job. We have a ways to go, but given the state the room has been in for so many years, it is almost a miracle that we have come this far,” said Mary Ann.

Faculty Comings and Goings

Here is an update on faculty appointments:

***Scott Barry**, D.M.D. '96, M.S., has joined the school as an assistant professor of endodontology. He is also on the Alumni Association Board of Directors;

***Eric Burgin**, D.D.S., M.P.H., M.S. '08 Orthodontics, is a new assistant professor of orthodontics;

***John Mitchell**, Ph.D., professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, who joined the school in 2001, has left OHSU to pursue other employment opportunities.

***Dennis Nicola**, D.D.S., F.A.G.D., is a new group leader in the pre-doctoral clinic;



***Barry J. Taylor**, D.M.D. '95, who joined the faculty last summer, is a new group leader in the pre-doctoral clinic. Dr. Taylor is immediate past president of the Alumni Association.

***Katy Wright**, D.M.D. '87, M.S., has joined the school as an assistant professor of endodontology.

School Calendar

Feb. 1	Give Kids a Smile
Feb. 18	Holiday—President's Day
Feb. 22	Sealant Day
March 1	Celebration of Smiles, 4 to 8 p.m., PDX Children's Museum
March 2	Celebration of Smiles, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., PDX Children's Museum
March 16-19 and 20-23	ADEA and AADR meetings
March 22	End of 12-week winter term
March 25-29	Spring break (no classes or predoctoral clinic)
April 1	Start of 12-week spring term

Dr. Brown Remembered

Longtime physiology professor **Arthur Brown**, Ph.D., professor emeritus of integrative biosciences, died Jan. 8, at home in Portland.

Dr. Brown joined the dental school in 1977 as professor of physiology for the dental and medical schools, and chair of physiology for the dental school. Dr. Brown became associate dean for academic affairs in 1985, a position that he held until retiring in 1994.

After teaching overseas for 10 years, Dr. Brown returned to the Northwest and began teaching again at OHSU School of Dentistry part-time until last October. For more information on Dr. Brown, see the Summer 2010 *Caementum*, page 18.

A celebration of life at the dental school is planned for February 13 at 2:30 p.m. in rooms 220/225, with a reception to follow.

Patient Visits Rise

Dental patient visits to the OHSU School of Dentistry have risen 11 percent over the past year, according to Interim Dean **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D. The increased number reflects all dental school patient clinics excluding the Faculty Dental Practice, oral and maxillofacial surgery, pediatric dentistry residency, and Russell Street Dental Clinic.

"This is very good news and provides us with a financially sustainable model that can be supported in the new school," said Dr. Chiodo. "However, we still have a long way to go. I always say that a vision without financial support is not a vision, it's a hallucination."

Dr. Chiodo noted that the school's fiscal year 2013 budget is \$35 million. Forty-two percent is projected to come from tuition and 35 percent from clinic revenues.

"My challenge is to continue to increase clinic revenues so that we can flip these two numbers," he said. "Because of the economic slump in the past few years on a national level, we have topped out tuition to the point where we're not as competitive, particularly in the graduate programs."

Dr. Chiodo said the school has had a history of generating negative balances. "With overhead costs in the new building expected to nearly double, and with the dental school responsible for paying \$7 million to the university for the new building via productivity (separate from the \$43 million required in philanthropy)," said Dr. Chiodo, "I wasn't convinced when I started a year ago that the economic challenges were surmountable." *(continued on page five)*

We're Halfway!



The school recently celebrated top-out of the Skourtes Tower, its new facility in the OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building on South Waterfront. Top-out of the 12th story Skourtes Tower roughly marks the halfway point on construction of the new facility. Within the next month, the outside "skin" should be completed and interior sheet rocking will begin. A new building event for dental students, staff, and faculty is planned for the coming months, said Interim Dean Gary Chiodo, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D. Meantime, fundraising for the project continues. As of Dec. 31 — the most recent date for which data was available at press time — \$31,628,563.35 has been raised toward the \$43 million goal, a jump of about \$336,000 since Nov. 31. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Gootee *(continued from page one)*

organization in a meaningful direction." Williams said that philanthropy is important to being a leader, and that people's time and talents are as essential as dollars.

"You must be willing to give up a bit of yourself: give up some of your time, give up some of the focus on yourself and your family and think beyond yourself," he said. "When you do, you will unleash parts of yourself that you didn't know were there. And our world will be a better place for it."

To see Williams lecture in entirety, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the story link under Top News Stories.

Ready to Move: CDE

Kudos to the continuing dental education department, one of the first units organized and ready for the 2014 move to South Waterfront, reports **Mary Ann Haisch**, R.D.H., who is lead move coordinator.

"The continuing education department is ready to move!" said Mary Ann. "We still have issues of chairs and equipment, but that will come when decisions are made for all of the assets within the building."

The continuing education department got a jumpstart on organization in advance of the summer merge with Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD), said Mary Ann. "In the process of straightening for our new partner, it became apparent that we had a lot of very old stuff, records back to the 1960s, and some even older, paper for computers in rolls, and materials that were 30 to 40 years out of date.

"We got recycling bins and began to clean," she said. "It was fun. Some of the stuff in there was just plain hilarious. Many folks just came and joined in to help."

When OHSU/OAGD continuing education director **Kris Wessel**, Ph.D., came on board in July, she continued with the organization process, as did Clinic Coordinator **Kristi Doriss**, C.D.A., from the OAGD, who joined the department in August. "We truly went through every paper to either shred or recycle it," said Kristi. "We feel more organized now, with more systems in place and we have a better sense of what is here that we can use."

The result is a "very bare, extremely efficient, clean department that will be able to move to the new building at a moment's notice," said Mary Ann. "Continuing education is officially clean, the first department to be ready."

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Dr. Chiodo said he has "burned a lot of shoe leather" in reaching out to community clinics for their Oregon Health Plan patients and to insurers to send patients to the dental school, as well as an internal push for OHSU employees to consider the school for treatment.

"One year ago, the school was \$280,000 in the red and we are now \$1.34 million in the black," he said. "If we can keep this trend going, we should be able to pay the university our portion of the cost of the new building and be on a strong financial footing that will enable us to afford our new building and develop new programs."

Two Feb. Anniversary Lectures

There are two OHSU 125th anniversary lectures this month:

*On Feb. 4, author Amanda Bennett will talk about "Confronting the 'cost of hope' in the U.S. health care system," at 5 p.m. in the OHSU Auditorium. The first 50 students will receive a signed copy of her book!

*On Feb. 19, Alan E. Guttmacher, M.D., director of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, will discuss some of the unique characteristics that distinguish today's pediatric population, and highlight emerging scientific opportunities that could lead to advances in health care, at 5 p.m. in Vey Auditorium. *For more information, go to <http://www.ohsu.edu/125/lectures/>*

Fun Fact

Patient satisfaction in the OHSU School of Dentistry clinics over the past year has consistently remained at or above 98 percent. "We are delighting the customer, so give yourself a pat on the back," said Interim Dean **Gary Chiodo**, D.M.D. '78, F.A.C.D.

SOD'er Provides English for Spanish Play

Office Specialist **Nana Nash**, who handles bilingual referrals for the dental school and Doernbecher Children's Hospital, is using her Spanish skills to supertitle a play that opens at the Miracle Theater/Teatro Milagro in southeast Portland this month.



"My job as the ground floor cashier for pediatric dentistry, endodontology, periodontology, and orthodontics includes speaking Spanish all day," said Nana, who joined the dental school about one year ago and is a member

of the OHSU Center for Diversity & Inclusion's Employee Latino Resource Group. "By doing bilingual plays [outside of OHSU] it's a fun and intercultural learning experience, where I can practice my English and Spanish skills further."

La Celestina is Nana's third play as supertitlist, which she said is like providing English subtitles for movies. The play runs Feb. 7 to March 2. Discounted ticket prices are available for dental students, staff, and faculty by calling the box office at (503) 236-7253 and mentioning "Nana Nash."

**Inclement Weather Numbers
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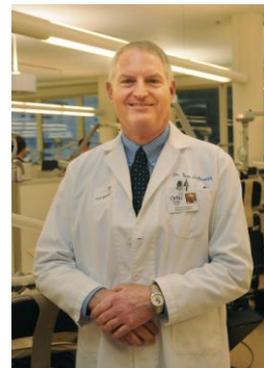
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staff, faculty):** (503) 494-8565

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Alumni Association *Kudos*: Tom Galbraith, D.D.S.

by Mark Kemball

The office walls of **Tom Galbraith**, D.D.S., are a patchwork of photos and quotes.



"This is one I'm really emphasizing at the moment," said Dr. Galbraith, pointing to a small rectangle with the words Get in the Zone. "When you are in the zone," he said, "your patient knows that your whole heart is in it."

Third-year dental student **Megan Willis** sees this as one of Dr. Galbraith's 'empowering statements.' "He makes the everyday struggles of being a dental student seem to melt away," she said.

Another of Dr. Galbraith's postings features a quote from Benjamin Franklin: "He that won't be counseled can't be helped." Said Dr. Galbraith, "We are all on the same team and we need to encourage each other. We also need to be open to being counseled. If this was easy, everyone would be doing it."

"Dr. Galbraith finds ways to lift students up," said third-year dental student **Melissa Faber**. "He is always willing to make time to help us, and treats patients and students with great respect."

"Dentistry has been good to me for over 38 years," said Dr. Galbraith. "My hope is that 38 years from now our students will all be able to say the same thing." For more on Dr. Galbraith, see the Spring 2010 *Caementum*, page 12.

Know someone who should be "Kudos-ed?" Contact us at alumni@ohsu.edu

Student Scholarships

OHSU School of Dentistry students recently received several scholarships from national organizations. Students recognized include:

*Third-year dental student **Kelly Sayre**, who received a 2013 ADEA/Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Preventive Dentistry Scholarship, one of 12 recipients in the nation. Kelly receives \$2,500 toward tuition and fees for pre-doctoral dental study. She'll pick up her award in March at the ADEA annual session.

*Second-year dental student **K.C. Gilbert**, who received an ADA Foundation Predoctoral Dental Student Scholarship of \$2,500 for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Award for Dean

Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, has been selected the recipient 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. Dr. Beemsterboer will receive her award at the ADEA Annual Session, on March 17.

Diversity and Inclusion Workshop

OHSU staff are invited to attend one of two full-day workshops designed to provide insight about enhancing a community of diversity, inclusion, and engagement. Go to www.ohsu.edu/diversity for more information.

If you have a story idea or photo for *Dental Bites*, please contact Sydney Clevenger, clevenge@ohsu.edu by the 25th of the month prior to publication.

Caring for the Underserved



General Practice Residency program director Sean Benson, D.D.S. (above, in Cocal Gracias, Honduras) provided oral health care in five Honduran cities in January, as part of a dental and medical team that included several OHSU alumni. During the eight-day trip, Dr. Benson and colleagues traveled to communities with few electrical outlets, no running water, garbage everywhere, and in isolated locations. Dr. Benson said that because there is no clean water in Honduras and bottled water is expensive, Hondurans rely heavily on soda for drinking, and their diet is filled with fast food. Extractions, oral surgery, and restorative work were mostly provided. "In all of the cities but one, we were able to see everyone," he said. "I'm most proud that, though we were in austere conditions, the standard of care we provided was up to that of the United States." This was Dr. Benson's fourth trip to Honduras and he hopes additional faculty, residents, and students can join him next year.

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