ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOD THANKSGIVING CLOSURE

The School of Dentistry is closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th. Friday, November 25, 2016 is a paid holiday for eligible faculty, research, and unclassified administrative employees. Eligible AFSCME-represented employees may elect to take the day as unpaid or to use vacation or compensatory time. Please note: Employees using accruals are responsible for entering accruals into Kronos no later than November 27, 2016. Accruals may be entered in advance.

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PORTLAND AERIAL TRAM CLOSURE: 11/22-11/27

The Portland Aerial Tram will shut down Tuesday, Nov. 22 after 7PM for scheduled replacement of its haul rope. It will resume operation Monday, Nov. 28 after the Thanksgiving holiday. During the shutdown, shuttle buses will run between the Center for Health & Healing and the Kohler Pavilion roundabout. More details HERE

STAFF

WELCOME ZOIE NEWMAN – SOD PATIENT ADVOCATE

Zoie Newman joins the SOD as Patient Advocate. Zoie has a Masters of Art in Conflict Resolution from UMass, Boston, and has worked at the School of Dentistry for the past 8 months as Care Coordinator for Sellwood. In her role as patient advocate, she will respond to concerns brought by patients, families or staff regarding patient care in the SoD Clinics.
CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. BALKOWIEC!

Dr. Balkowiec has won the OHSU Discovery Award for Women in Science. The aim of this award is to highlight the major contributions being made by female scientists at OHSU, and who foster the development of the next generation of women scientists.

During its annual leadership conference last month, the Women in Academic Medicine honored five OHSU faculty members with its annual awards. Linda Ganzini, M.D., M.P.H., received the Mentoring Award; Agnieszka Balkowiec M.D., Ph.D., the Discovery Award for Women in Science; L. Michele Noles, M.D., the Clinical Excellence Award; Stephanie Nonas, M.D., the Emerging Leader Award; Cheryl Maslen, Ph.D., the Resiliency Award. Women in Academic Medicine promotes the recognition, support, and advancement of women in medical academia at OHSU.

DR. DONALD BLANCHARD GIFT TO DR. SYLVIA NELSEN

Dr. Donald Blanchard, a native of Portland and an alumnus of the School of Medicine, presented Dr. Sylvia Nelsen with a near perfect skull specimen with remarkable sections that facilitate examination. The generous donation will greatly benefit Dr. Nelsen and our students in the study of human head and neck anatomy.

Dr. Blanchard is a retired ophthalmologist and a medical historian. He is a member of the Cogan Ophthalmic History Society and has presented papers that include a history of Emily Dickinson’s eye problem. In the spring of 2017 he will be presenting a paper on retinal anatomy as documented in the first 50 years of publication of “Gray’s Anatomy”. Dr. Blanchard continues to serve OHSU as a volunteer at the Casey Eye Institute library where he was an honored recipient of the Volunteer of the Year Award for his work on the library holdings. Dr. Nelsen and the School of Dentistry sincerely appreciate Dr. Blanchard’s most generous and useful gift.
STUDENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARISSA CHOONG

Carissa Choong, DS2, was selected as the OHSU representative to participate in the 2016 American Dental Association / Dentsply Sirona Student Clinician Research Program, held in Denver, CO on October 21-23, 2016.

Carissa was introduced as our representative from the State of Oregon and presented on her research, “Dental Caries in Children: Genetic Polymorphisms in Sensory Receptors and Energy Homeostasis.”

Other participants in the research project include Bishoy Nasry (DS2), Shay Strauss, (Study Coordinator), Anne Purcell (DS4), Ghazaleh Vargha (DS3), Dr. John Warner (Pediatric Dentistry resident) and faculty advisors Drs. John Peterson, Anna Forsyth, Dongseok Choi, Tom Maier and Curt Machida. View one of Carissa’s presentations

OHSU PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY STUDENT INTEREST GROUP

Are you interested in learning about Pediatric Dentistry and serving the community?

Please contact and join the OHSU Pediatric Dentistry Student Interest Group.

Mission Statement: Preparing ourselves to provide the highest quality of pediatric dental care possible to our future patients by serving the local community, enhancing our education related to pediatric dentistry, fostering strong interactions with the pediatric dentistry profession, and informing the general public about pediatric dental care.

President: Anne Purcell, DS4
Vice President: Ghazaleh Vargha, DS3
Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Sykora, DS2
Faculty Advisors: Dr. Anna Forsyth and Dr. Curt Machida

Please contact any of the Club officers for further information.
We are thankful for all of the wonderful students, faculty, staff, alumni, volunteers and all who make the School of Dentistry such a fantastic institution.

*Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving weekend!*

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