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UPCOMING EVENTS

Young Alumni Birmingham Baron's Event	July 16th
AGD Dean's Reception in Destin, FL	Aug. 7th
White Coat Ceremony	Aug. 20th
UAB Dentistry Cares Community Day	Oct. 20th
ADA Dean's Reception in Washington, D.C.	Nov. 6th
Alumni Executive Council Meeting	Nov. 20th

ON THE COVER:
Class of 2015 Graduation

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Alumni,

I am humbled to serve this year, 2015, as your University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni President. Thirty five years ago, I embarked on a new career as a wet behind the ears dental graduate who thought he knew everything, but truly knew nothing. Some things never change, but at least I am comfortable admitting I have more to learn now than I ever imagined.



The great thing about serving as your president is that I have a year to serve my school as a "thank you" for the life-long career started and nurtured here. That year will be finished February 2016 but the true praise for the greatness of our school rests on the current Dean, Michael Reddy, and the seven deans prior to him. One significant reason for their success is the staff and faculty they selected to surround them. The Alumni are led daily by Executive Director Scott Huffman, Alumni Affairs Specialist Charlene Phillips, Alumni Affairs Specialist Abby Vinson, and Director of Development Jeremy Ward. Their dedication is beyond just a job, but rather a full commitment. We should all be as committed to our Alumni Association as they are on our behalf.

Speaking of committed, it is overwhelming how much so many of you are. You have donated large sums and large amounts of time in some recently dangerous years to keep our school thriving, growing, teaching and training both older and younger graduates who want to continue learning more about what we love doing every day.

Dr. David Greer has to be laughing at the thought that this D1 (formerly known as a freshman) 1976 student is heading your Alumni Association. I expect the same chuckle from Drs. Ragnar Flatland, Dwight Castleberry, Adeb Thomas and Mario Martinez. To tie all this back together, Dr. Martinez's most famous quote to us was, "There is more that I don't know than I know!"

So continue learning, donating, attending and supporting your School of Dentistry. You know you love it!

Thankful for your support,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ray H. McLaughlin, DMD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ray H. McLaughlin, DMD

President UA School of Dentistry Alumni Association
Class of 1980

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

The Alumni Association hosted more than 1,800 people including dentists, staff, students, exhibitors, volunteers and guests at the Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel on February 5-8 for the 2015 Alumni Weekend. Thank you to all who attended and continually support our association!



2016 Alumni Weekend will be held February 4-7 at the Hyatt Regency Wynfrey Hotel.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

SPONSORS & EXHIBITORS

15 sponsors and 45 exhibitors participated in Alumni Weekend and allowed the opportunity for dentists and office staff to be educated about the services they offer and interact with the products they sell to make dental practices a success.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

On Friday and Saturday, 12 first-rate speakers offered a total of 52 hours of continuing education, including a dental hygiene-specific course and a general endodontics lecture. Pictured below are lectures offered by Drs. Denis Lynch, Glenn DuPont and Gary DeWood.



ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

DISTINGUISHED DENTIST RECEPTION & AWARD WINNERS

Invited guests attended the annual Distinguished Dentist Reception on Thursday evening, February 5. Dr. Bruce Cunningham was presented with the 2014 Distinguished Dentist Award and Dr. Daniel Pittman III was presented with the 2014 Outstanding Young Alumnus Award.



Dr. Bruce Cunningham, who grew up in Butler, Alabama, completed a general practice residency and four years with the U.S. Army Dental Corp after graduating from UAB in 1976. He then started a private practice in Jacksonville with his wife, Evonne, and they have been community fixtures there since. Cunningham has served as UA School of Dentistry alumni president (2007) and as Alabama Dental Association president (2004-05). He is also a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and the UAB Dentistry Leadership Council among many other organizations.



Dr. Daniel Pittman III, a 2005 graduate, completed his UAB periodontics training in 2008 and was certified as a Board of Periodontology Diplomate in 2010. His private practice, Dothan Periodontics and Implants, is one of Alabama's most successful practices. In addition to serving on numerous Alabama Dental Association committees, Pittman is also president-elect of the Third District Dental Society. Pittman founded the Wiregrass Dental Study Group, which holds monthly meetings and the annual Wiregrass Dental Symposium, now attended by several hundred dentists and staff. He also formed the Wiregrass Hygiene Dental Study Group and the UAB Practice Management Group, educating residents in practice management. Pittman also helped found the Dental Assisting Certificate program at Wallace Community College.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION

2014 Alumni Association President Dr. Jim Shamburger hosted the President's Reception on Friday, February 6 for all Alumni Weekend attendees. Dr. Shamburger installed new executive council officers and district representatives. He was especially honored to present Dean Reddy with a \$500,000 check symbolizing gifts and pledges received for the Alumni Association Professorship.



STUDENT TALENT SHOW

The 3rd Annual Showcase of Student Talent, directed entirely by dental students, was held on Saturday, February 7. More than 300 guests were entertained by 21 live acts of dancing, singing, musical performances and video productions.



ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

ALUMNI RAFFLE & STUDENT SILENT AUCTION

The Alumni Endowed Support Fund raffle raised more than \$5,700 and helped the Alumni Association reach its \$500,000 endowed professorship goal. Prize winners took home vacation trips, gift certificates, sports memorabilia and various other electronics and gift baskets.



New to this year's Alumni Weekend was the Silent Auction on Saturday, February 7, benefitting the Student Excellence Fund. Dental students, led by Dr. Toni Neumeier, assistant professor in the division of prosthodontics, collected more than 70 items for bid and raised more than \$4,000.

REUNIONS

Class Reunions were hosted on Friday and Saturday at the Hyatt Regency or offsite at nearby Birmingham venues. The Medallion Club luncheon had record attendance with 26 alumni from classes 1952-1962.



Classes of '52-'62 Medallion Club



Class of '65



Class of '70



Class of '75



Class of '80



Class of '85



Class of '90



Class of '95



Class of '00



Class of '05



Class of '10



Dental Hygiene

Class reunions are hosted every five years. The upcoming 2016 Alumni Weekend will celebrate classes ending in the number "1" or "6". If you are interested in helping plan your reunion or need more information, contact Abby Vinson at abbyv@uab.edu.

DEAN'S MESSAGE

We have made hardly any changes in our conception of university organization, education, graduation, for a century - for several centuries.

- H. G. Wells

In one stroke of a pen in 1937, prolific writer and social commentator Herbert George Wells summed up the evolution of our universities into the 20th century. In a time of increasing resources and early stages of globalization, higher education was becoming readily available to the masses. Wells advocated for the rapidly-growing number of colleges and universities to serve as a springboard for dynamic life-long learning rather than graduating students whose educational experience was limited to rote, or memorization, learning.

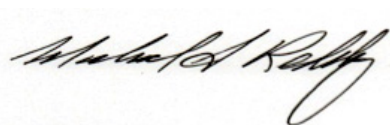
Now, our world and the way we live changes around us daily. Although not that long-ago in time, life was quite different seventy-five years or even fifty years in the past than it is today. Education was vastly different then too.

As a tool, rote learning may still be appropriate for the mastery of foundational knowledge in subjects like anatomy and chemistry. But a more balanced educational experience now embraces critical thinking, pairing lecture with active learning elements and a hefty dose of innovation and technology.

A strong tradition at the UAB School of Dentistry of biomedical discovery, translational research, and other scholarly activities is, today, paired with early inter-professional education of our students in the biomedical sciences. A proverbial "boutique" school, our small class size and intimacy of the teaching and learning environment provides our diverse student body a holistic educational experience. Included are numerous community outreach and service learning opportunities, along with a portfolio-based high-stakes assessment and case-based education components. The digital age now allows us to utilize a flipped classroom model and incorporate video learning into lectures. Our students are exposed to a variety of clinical opportunities early and often. With increasing engagement in organized dentistry, they are provided a firm foundation for lifelong learning.

Amid rapid modernization, education has truly come a long way since the time of H.G. Wells. UAB's contemporary educational landscape will continue to evolve with the times to meet the needs of future generations. For now, as we share with you the exciting events leading up to graduation, we celebrate the advancement of a new class of well-prepared and accomplished young dentists.

Best wishes,



Michael S. Reddy, D.M.D., D.M.Sc



UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Conan Davis

Dr. Conan Davis, Assistant Dean for Community Collaborations and Public Health, was appointed to the 38 member Alabama Health Care Improvement Task Force signed by executive order on April 6 by Alabama Governor Robert Bentley. Other members include doctors, medical school leaders, hospital administrators, insurance executives, nurses, state agency leaders, legislators and other professionals in medical specialties. The group will look at possible changes to state regulations and laws with areas of focus to possibly be telemedicine, medical resources in rural areas and scope-of-practice laws for nurse practitioners and other professionals.



Chung H. Kau

Dr. Chung H. Kau, Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics, has become board certified by The American Board of Orthodontics, earning the title of Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.



Mary MacDougall

Dr. Mary MacDougall, Professor and Associate Dean for Research: Institute of Oral Health Research, coauthored a paper entitled, "A Specific IFIH1 Gain-of-function Mutation Causes Singleton-Merten Syndrome," which was published in the February 2015 edition of The American Journal of Human Genetics. It describes, for the first time, the causative gene for Singleton-Merten Syndrome (SMS). While rare, SMS causes heart calcification, bone defects in the hands and feet, and early onset of periodontitis with full root resorption. The study is a part of the UAB School of Dentistry's efforts with the Global Center for Craniofacial Oral and Dental Disorders (GC-CODED), a university-wide interdisciplinary research center directed by Dr. MacDougall. Co-author on the study was Dr. Frank Rutsch from Muenster University Children's Hospital in Germany. The research team included Drs. Changming Lu and Olga Mamaeva, research associates for the Institute of Oral Health Research (IOHR), and Heidi Erlandsen.

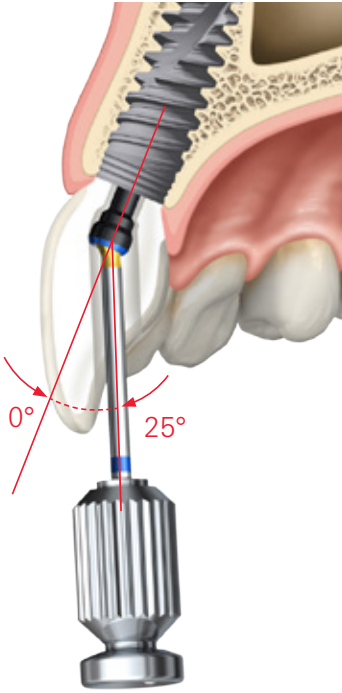


Edward Bradford

Dr. Ed Bradford, Associate Professor in the Division of General Dentistry, was presented two awards at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in March 2015. He was selected for the Professional Dental Development Scholarship to attend the Institute for Teaching and Learning and was selected for the ADEA/AAL Compass Program for Academic Advancement. Only three people from across the nation are chosen for such awards.

UAB SOD Prosthodontic Society faculty co-authored an article entitled, "Influence of Implant Angulation on the Fracture Resistance of Zirconia Abutments," which was published in the February 2015 edition of the Journal of Prosthodontics. The article was recognized as the feature article on the American College of Prosthodontists' Facebook page in March.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



Cement-free esthetics from a new angle

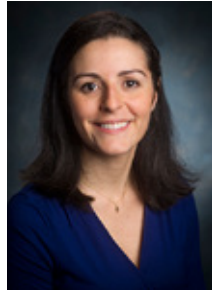
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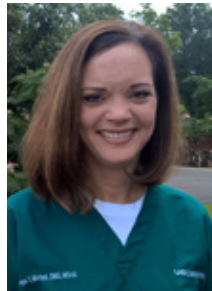


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Nada Souccar

Dr. Nada Souccar, Assistant Professor of Orthodontics, received the UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. The award was presented at the annual Faculty Awards Convocation in March 2015. Dr. Souccar began her career at UAB in 2011 and has built a strong reputation for teaching in the classroom and in the clinic. She is a talented teacher who is driven by the desire to provide aspiring young dentists with opportunities that build their self-confidence and self-belief in order for them to fulfill their full potential in life.



Sonya Mitchell

Dr. Sonya Mitchell, Associate Professor and Division Head of General Dentistry has been appointed Director of Global Dentistry. In her new role, Dr. Mitchell will develop and lead our new Global Dentistry Program (GDP), including the International Dentist Program (IDP). She will support the admissions process and work closely with Dr. Ken Tilashalski, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, in the development and implementation of a top-notch curriculum with benchmarks to ensure student success. The goal is for the IDP to be recognized as the program of choice for foreign-educated dentists wishing to further their education in the United States.



Mia Geisinger

Dr. Mia Geisinger, Associate Professor of Periodontology, has been named Director of Faculty Development and Support. This is a new position created to grow and manage a comprehensive faculty development program in hopes to enhance faculty innovation and excellence in the advancement of institutional goals.



Amjad Javed

Dr. Amjad Javed, Professor and Director of Post-Graduate Education, IOHR, and his team were featured in the March 27, 2015 edition of the UAB News. The story covers a recently-released runx2 gene study on probing the role of the master gene in skeletal formation. The study has far-reaching potential including the development of ways to speed bone healing and mitigate bone disorders. Results of this ground-breaking research are expected to contribute to the future of personalized medicine. Dr. Javed's colleagues in the runx2 study include an Institute of Oral Health Research team of Drs. Haiyan Chen, Farah Ghori-Javed, Harunur Rashid, and Mitra Adhami, and John Clarke.



Ramzi Abou-Arraj

Dr. Ramzi Abou-Arraj, Assistant Professor of Periodontology, was named recipient of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) 2015 William B. Clark Fellowship at the recent AADR annual meeting in Boston. Ramzi was presented with this award in recognition of his work to develop a novel technology of a targeted delivery of growth factors to dental implant and root surfaces. The AADR William B. Clark Fellowship was established in memory of William B. Clark, the late Professor of Oral Biology and Director of the Periodontal Research Center at the University of Florida. The award recognizes investigators carrying out clinical research in periodontology.

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STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

Student Success

Timothy Menees (D1) achieved great success for his undergraduate research conducted in the Division of Biomaterials under the supervision of Dr. John Burgess and Dr. Nathaniel Lawson. His research article was published in the November 2014 Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry. Timothy presented his research at the 2013 and 2014 UAB SOD Scholars Symposium and the 2014 AADR Annual Meeting in Charlotte, North Carolina. His presentation won 2nd place in the Physical Sciences category at the 2014 UAB Undergraduate Research Expo.

Students Raising Oral Hygiene Awareness

For the kindergarten classes at Holy Spirit Elementary School, three senior dental students, Melissa Moreland, Emily Anne Grisham, and TJ Lucas, travelled to Tuscaloosa, Alabama on



February 5, 2015 to teach children important principles of oral hygiene that are healthy for their bodies, as well as their teeth. The dental students utilized typodont models to demonstrate how to effectively reach all areas of their mouths, dressed the kindergarten students in personal protective equipment, played games, and completed activity sheets. A visit from Mr. Molar Man was a definite favorite with the children, as well as the plaque disclosing tablets and goodie bags donated by Crest! And, in honor of February's National Children's Dental Health Month, hundreds of toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss were donated by the kindergarteners for families in need at the Ronald McDonald House.



For the preschool class at Church of the Reconciler, a small group of ASDA at UAB SOD members visited Fairfield, Alabama on February 20, 2015 to educate the children about the importance of oral hygiene and how to correctly brush and floss. Each child received a free toothbrush and toothpaste to encourage healthy habits at home.



Project Homeless Connect

On April 11, 2015, ASDA at UAB SOD participated in Project Homeless Connect, a city-wide day event in Birmingham, Alabama to help break the cycle of homelessness. 20 dental students and 3 faculty dentists were part of more than 1000 community volunteers who served 800 homeless men, women and children. Our students and faculty triaged 80 homeless candidates and provided oral cancer screenings, gave out toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss and referred them to various clinics for future dental needs. 25 approved candidates were given vouchers, courtesy of the Jefferson County Dental Clinic, to receive free extractions for a year, cleaning and simple fillings.

UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS

IADR/AADR Annual Meeting

The International and American Association for Dental Research (IADR/AADR) Annual Meeting was held in Boston, Massachusetts in March 2015. Dean Mike Reddy hosted a reception on Wednesday, March 11 for members of the dental research community, deans from other dental schools, AADR board members, UAB School of Dentistry faculty and students.



Field Day

The 3rd annual UAB SOD Student Field Day on March 19, 2015 pitted dental school classes against each other as they competed in an afternoon full of spirited activities such as hotdog eating, the pentathlon relay race, dodgeball and tug-of-war. Dean Reddy even joined the D4 dodgeball squad while other faculty and alumni staff volunteered as referees. After tallying the scores from each event, the D3 class was named 2015 Field Day winners.



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Honors Convocation

On May 28, 2015, the annual Honors Convocation Ceremony recognized more than 50 students who were acknowledged for outstanding achievements. Dr. Charles Nash, The University of Alabama System Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs assisted Dean Reddy with the presentation of awards. Of the 83 awards presented, Dr. Gary Myers, President-Elect of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association, presented the Alumni Leadership Award to Benjamin Samuelson. The OKU national honorary dental fraternity, introduced the six members of the graduating class: Samuel Collins, Tony Kang, Claire DeShazer, Richard Morris, Blake Null, Benjamin Samuelson. Tony Kang received the Joseph F. Volker Award, which is selected by a vote of the entire senior class and bestowed on a graduating senior who epitomizes the team concept by working selflessly throughout their dental education for the good of the school and student body.



Scholarship Luncheon

Dental students who received endowed scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year and those scholarship donors were honored on May 29, 2015 at the 2nd annual Scholarship Luncheon. Dean Reddy presented 38 students with certificates commemorating the occasion. Dr. Ben Ingram, Treasurer, represented the Alumni Association, who awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to fourth year dental students Devon Cooper, Eleanor Harper, Daniel McCullough and third year dental students Ryan Brown, Nekelle Holmes, Janet Kim. Dr. David Anderson, President of the Sixth District Dental Society, was present to honor the Sixth District recipient, second year student Markelle Smith. Dr. Dugald McMillan and Dr. Lew Mitchell represented the Fifth District Dental Society, who awarded a scholarship to fourth year student Claire DeShazer.



UAB SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY NEWS AND EVENTS

SCHOOL EVENTS

Graduation 2015

Family members, faculty and friends celebrated the success of the 53 Class of 2015 graduates at the graduation ceremony on May 30, 2015. Featured speakers included Dr. Gary Myers, President-Elect of the University of Alabama School of Dentistry Alumni Association, and Dr. Leigh Kent, President of the Alabama Dental Association. Former United States Congressman Spencer Bachus delivered the The Lister Hill Lecture, which was established in 1969 by the Alumni Association in honor of the late Lister Hill, a former U.S. Senator from Alabama. The Dean's Medal, known as the most coveted honor presented to a member of the graduating class, was personally selected and presented by Dean Reddy to Benjamin Samuelson.



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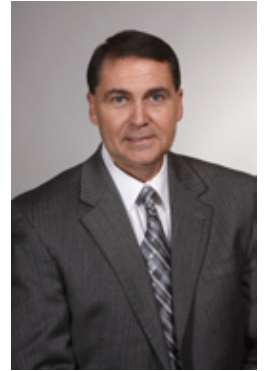


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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Relationships Keep Us Going

When I want to know something about dentistry, I am able to call on several alumni who I consider close friends. Former Alumni Association President Dr. Joel Hearn (Class of 1971), is someone I rely on for advice. Recently we were talking about how so many dentists continue to practice beyond retirement age, some well into their eighties or nineties.



Dr. Hearn explained to me that relationships, whether it's with other dental colleagues, patients or staff, make this profession unlike any other. He said his closest friends come from the profession. Whether you're practicing dentistry, running some other business, or raising money for a university, most people receive gratification by interacting with other people.

The UAB School of Dentistry and its Alumni Association have relationships with numerous constituencies. We would not be a dental powerhouse without the engagement of our alumni. Of course, financial engagement is important. But there are other ways this relationship keeps us going strong. Advocating, mentoring, advising, and partnering are just a few ways our alumni can help make a difference.

Our corporate supporters are another important relationship. The D. Thomas Winstead Student Laboratory was recently dedicated. Mr. Winstead and his company, Oral Arts Dental Laboratories, have literally touched the lives of thousands of our patients, students, and faculty through the decades. Our Alumni Weekend is successful because of our corporate sponsors and exhibitors. This year's Platinum and Gold Sponsors included Oral Arts, Henry Schein, Nobel Biocare, Patterson Dental, Bisco, and Wells Fargo.

As a fundraiser, I believe relationship building is the key to success. We welcome your feedback and involvement. Whether you're an alumnus or corporate partner, please know your suggestions for improving the School and Alumni Association are welcomed.

Warmest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Scott Huffman". The signature is fluid and cursive.

J. Scott Huffman, CFRE
Executive Director of Development & the
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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

Oral Arts Student Laboratory Dedication

The new D. Thomas Winstead Student Laboratory was dedicated to the School of Dentistry on Thursday, April 30, giving students and patients a new, cutting-edge technological dental space to enhance training and care.

The lab was completed thanks in part to a \$500,000 contribution from Winstead, who is president and CEO of Oral Arts Dental Laboratories in Huntsville and has a relationship with the School of Dentistry that dates back to the 1970s. Oral Arts is heavily involved in computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing software for milling dental prostheses and completing restorations and donated this equipment as part of the gift to the school.

"My partnership with UAB has been great for my business and even better for me personally because of the friends I have made across almost four decades," Winstead said. "The building of these types of relationships with UAB has continued on with my children as they are now connecting with various students, professors and alumni of the school. UAB has always aided me in the quest to stay on the cutting edge; I regularly attended seminars hosted by the school and learned many new techniques starting in the early phases of our partnership, which I'm proud to say continues to today with this gift."

"As a family and as a business, the Winsteds and Oral Arts have provided our students, faculty and staff with warm hospitality and outstanding customer service in what has been a tremendous relationship," Reddy said. "Now, thanks to this most generous gift, we have been able to further improve our dentistry capabilities in both training for our students and care for our patients."

Winstead, a Philadelphia, Mississippi native, is a veteran of Vietnam, where he served in the dental support unit as a non-commissioned officer in charge of a dental clinic while in country. With the encouragement of the dentists on base, he came back to Huntsville in August 1969 and started Oral Arts Dental Laboratory in December of that same year.



DEVELOPMENT NEWS

McCallum Planned Giving Society – Legacies Honored

In 2006 the UAB School of Dentistry established the McCallum Planned Giving Society to recognize donors who make a major gift as part of their overall financial and/or estate planning. The Society bears the name of one of our school's greatest legends, Dr. Charles A. "Scotty" McCallum, Jr. At the time, another McCallum Society primarily comprised of oral surgeons, already existed. That group still meets annually.

When asked if the School of Dentistry could use his name for the planned giving society as well, Dr. McCallum was enthusiastic about the idea. Who better to honor than Dr. McCallum? He has positively impacted nearly all of our graduates and faculty, thousands of patients, and countless citizens in Alabama, across the United States, and internationally.

Planned giving is basically when the values of the institution align with the donor's own values to the extent that it becomes the donor's belief that these values should be preserved for the future. A planned gift can take on many forms, and many offer tax advantages. Some examples include:

- Making a bequest through your will
- Donating an existing insurance policy or establishing a new one
- Entering into a charitable gift annuity agreement with UAB that pays you income
- Establishing a charitable remainder trust that pays you income
- Establishing a lead trust that pays income to your children or grandchildren
- Designating the school as beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan

As the Campaign for UAB has passed the \$14 million mark for the School of Dentistry, we have received several inquiries on how one can become a member of the McCallum Planned Giving Society. When a donor makes a planned gift or signs a letter of intent to do so, s/he is automatically inducted as a member of the McCallum Planned Giving Society. Not only is the donor honoring the great legacy of Dr. McCallum, but s/he is also creating their own legacy by making an impactful gift on the school's future.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Teresa Johns, DMD, has had a successful practice since she graduated from the UAB School of Dentistry in 1983. Practicing dentistry in Maitland, Florida, it would have been easy to cut ties with the School. But, that was the last thing on her mind. Dr. Johns is an out-of-state representative for the Alumni Executive Council. She says it was important for her to give back to the School.

"I knew travel would be required, but I believed my input would be meaningful," she said. She notes the Council historically has facilitated and sponsored events, continuing education and class reunions at Alumni Weekend and the speaker luncheon at the ALDA meeting.

Johns says that her suggestion would be for all alumni to reach out and do whatever they can to support the School, once they graduate. "Be proactive, join the Alumni Association. Commit to participate and provide contact information. Make a difference." Part of Dr. Johns making a difference is contributing to the Alumni Association Endowed Support Fund, which will soon become a professorship. "I supported this particular fund because I wanted to help the School ensure that it will continue to exceed established standards of academic and clinical excellence."

Dr. Johns feels having a quality faculty is extremely important to the School. "I had always had wonderful teachers," she recalled. "They had that unique ability to inspire learning and to encourage me to exceed expectations. And, we all should help the School acquire world class faculty. And, our contributions will go a long way for making this happen."

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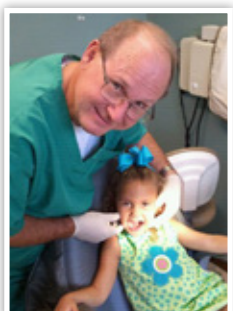


Dr. Stuart D. Waite

Dr. John B. Thomas ('77) was appointed to the Nebraska Board of Dentistry for a 5-year term beginning December 1, 2014.

Dr. Marilla "Lila" Tate ('12) joined the practice of **Dr. Glenn Stephens ('91)** in January 2015. Dr. Tate spent the last three years treating patients in other reputable dental offices in the Birmingham area. Dr. Stephens is excited to slow down a little bit and transfer operations of the business to her care, while still involved in patient care at a slower pace.

Dr. Stuart D. Waite (GPR '88) received the Greater St. Louis Dental Society Award of Merit for his leadership and outstanding service as Chair of the St. Louis Missouri Mission of Mercy. Dr. Waite has practiced for 25 years as a general dentist at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis and directs a residency training program.



Dr. Sam Brewer

Dr. Sam Brewer ('68) retired on April 23, 2015 after faithfully serving his patients in Gadsden, Alabama for 47 years. After graduating from dental school, Dr. Brewer served in the United States Navy and moved to Gadsden in February 1970 to start his dental practice. He has been married to Cindy Brewer for 34 years and has four children and eight grandchildren. He looks forward to spending time with family, traveling, gardening and mission projects.

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Dr. Bobby Underwood

Dr. Bobby Underwood ('63) was included in UAB's Excellence in Business Top 25 Awards Class of 2015. The ceremony, which took place on March 10, 2015, recognized the success of businesses owned by UAB alumni. Dr. Underwood is the Owner and the Managing Member of Dreamland Bar-B-Que restaurants in Birmingham and Mobile, Alabama and Roswell, Georgia.

WHERE ARE THE 2014 GRADS NOW?

Dr. Hugh Ogletree proposed to his girlfriend, Emily, after the graduation ceremony in May 2014 and the two were married in October. He is currently in private practice in Belmont, North Carolina.

Dr. Laura Hofto is finishing her GPR at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville and will be starting as an associate in Kingston, Tennessee in July.

Dr. Sarah Syklawer is currently an orthodontic resident at the University of Michigan and is getting married in Jamaica in August.

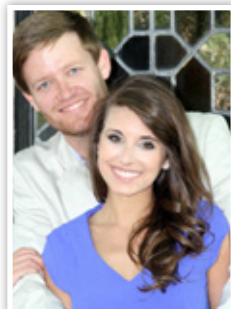
Dr. Diane Lam married **Dr. Tyler Geise ('11)** on May 9, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama. They began dating in dental school when Tyler was a D4 and Diane was a D1. Both are associates at the group practice, Complete Dental, in North Alabama.

Dr. Ashley Tate and David Randall Boyd, Jr. were married on April 18th, 2015 in Josephine, Alabama. Ashley is employed as a general dentist at Jasper Pediatric Dentistry.

Dr. Barry Benton is finishing up his first year orthodontic residency at LSU.



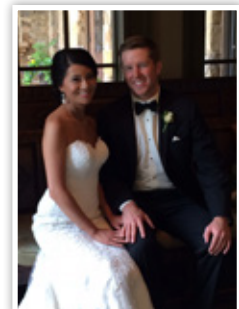
Dr. Hugh Ogletree



Dr. Sarah Syklawer



Dr. Ashley Tate



Dr. Diane Lam

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IN MEMORIAM

('58) William Barthel Strickland, Jr., 82, of Gardendale, AL passed away Monday, April 20, 2015. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Alabama and received his Dental Degree from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. Dr. Strickland practiced Dentistry for over 50 years in Gardendale.

('60) Donald J. Baldwin returned to his Heavenly Father on December 20, 2014. In his home at Gulf Breeze, Florida, surrounded by his family, he left this earth losing his battle with multiple myeloma. He attended the University of Wyoming and BYU. In 1951, he entered the Navy and trained in Pensacola as a naval aviation cadet. He flew the F2H-3 jet off the Midway in the Korean War. Upon leaving the Navy, Don received his DMD from the University of Alabama and was the first dentist to practice in Gulf Breeze. He loved his patients and practiced dentistry until he was 79 years old.

('60) James David Goodwin Jr. died Tuesday, January 28, 2014, in Gadsden, at the age of 81. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Lenior-Rhyne College in North Carolina. He earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from University of Alabama, School of Dentistry, in Birmingham, Alabama. He served in the U.S. Army and retired from the Army Reserves as a Colonel. He practiced dentistry for 40 years.

('61) Donald M. Hamlett passed away peacefully at his home with family present on December 8, 2014 at the age of 78. He retired from ACIPCO dental department after 30 plus years of service.

('61) Billy Carl Bentley, 81 years old, passed away in his home in Greensboro, Georgia on December 7, 2014. Dr. Bentley was born March 14, 1933 in Bibb County, Alabama. After graduating Howard College in Birmingham, Alabama, he received his Doctorate of Medical Dentistry from the University of Alabama. He was very respected in the dental community, being a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy of Dentistry, the International College of Dentist, the American College of Dentists, the Georgia Academy of Dental Practice, and was the past president of the Hinman Dental Society of Georgia.

('63, Oral Surgery) Charles Edward Hallum, age 82 of Thompsons Station, TN passed away February 20, 2015. Dr. Hallum received his BS Degree from University of Arkansas and played football for the Arkansas Razorbacks. He graduated from dental school at the University of Tennessee in Memphis and later completed his oral surgery residency at UAB in Birmingham, AL. He practiced oral surgery in Montgomery & Birmingham, AL and Joplin, MO. He taught and mentored Oral Surgery students at UAB for many years.

('66) Ronald Wickham Peters, DMD, of Briarcliff Road Brewton, passed away Sun., Feb. 1, 2015, at his residence after an extended illness. He was a native of Ashland, Va., and a former resident of Birmingham, before moving to Brewton, in 1966. He attended St. Clair County High School, the University of Alabama, and graduated dental school at UAB. He was a member of the Alabama and American Dental Association.

('68, Orthodontics 1972) Keith Woodall, 72, of Opelika passed away December 28, 2014 at East Alabama Medical Center. He graduated from the University of Alabama in 1964 and received his degree in dentistry from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry in 1968. He served in the U. S. Coast Guard and following his tour of duty, returned to the University of Alabama School of Dentistry and completed his residency in orthodontics in 1972. He had a private orthodontic practice in Opelika from 1972 until retirement in 2010. He was a member of the 9th District Dental Society, the American Dental and Alabama Dental Associations, and was a past president of the Alabama Orthodontic Society.

('69) Norwood Japheth Fleming, Jr., 72, died Thursday, January 1, 2015 at his home in Montgomery, Alabama. He was a graduate of Sidney Lanier High School, the University of Alabama, and received his Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. He retired from the U.S. Air Force as a full Colonel in 2002. He was a practicing dentist in Montgomery from 1972 until his death. He served as secretary/treasurer of the political action committee of The Alabama Dental Association from 1985-2000.

('76) Bobby Jewell Bell of Lexington, MS passed away Tuesday, January 27, 2015. He was born in Greenwood, MS and graduated from Tchula High School in 1966 as salutatorian of his class. Excelling in both track and field and football, Dr. Bell earned a football scholarship to Holmes Community College. Dr. Bell went on to play football at Delta State University. Dr. Bell graduated from Delta State and the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. Dr. Bell started his practice in Hoover, AL, but over the past 20 years he served his community in Lexington, MS at Bell Dental Clinic.

('77) Larry Camp passed away peacefully at his Pensacola, Florida home on May 9, 2015. Dr. Camp, a retired U.S. Army Colonel, was born in Birmingham, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama-Birmingham for both his undergraduate and D.M.D. degrees. Upon his graduation from dental school, he joined the United States Army. He attended the AMEDD Officer Basic Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas in 1977 and then deployed to Landstuhl, Germany. After serving in Landstuhl, Dr. Camp was an early selectee to dental residency and obtained his certification in Comprehensive Dentistry at Fort Hood, Texas in 1982. Later, Dr. Camp would be awarded the "A" Proficiency Designator in Comprehensive Dentistry by the Surgeon General, the highest designation available. Dr. Camp's career of service did not end with his military retirement in 2003. He served as a dentist for various low income dental clinics, worked as a dentist in several Alabama prisons, and most recently worked as a dentist at the VA in Pensacola, Florida.

('78) Joan Douglas Domnanovich, of Birmingham, passed away on December 12, 2014 at the age of 65. She graduated from the University of Alabama with a BS in Microbiology and from Baptist Medical Centers School of Medical Technology before earning her Doctorate from the University of Alabama School of Dentistry. She was a Dentist for 36 years in Birmingham. She was a member of the Delta Sigma Delta dental fraternity.



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