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A Message from the Dean

In February, the College hosted a great homecoming weekend with more than 200 alumni in attendance at various locations including the Francis Marion Hotel downtown for our Friday night reception and the Lighthouse on Shem Creek for our oyster roast. We welcomed Rita Zamora and Ed Swift (Class of ’79) as our continuing-education speakers and included our annual Scholars Day as part of the weekend’s events. Our students also showed off our new state-of-the art classrooms and small conference rooms. Next year we hope to show off our newly-renovated research space on the second floor of the Basic Science Building. We were able to secure a federal grant to help us renovate the area. Thankfully, the administration also contributed funds toward the effort.

If you couldn’t make it this year, I hope you will be able to participate next year. Homecoming is a celebration for all alumni and is always held during the last full weekend in February. So please mark your calendar for those dates each year.

I’d like to draw your attention to our new C.A.R.E. Fund, which stands for “Compassion, Access, Responsibility, and Excellence.” It will not only help underwrite care for our patients in need, it will also help us continue to teach our students about the unmet health care needs in our communities. If you would like to make a gift to this fund, please use the enclosed remittance envelope.

The next few years will bring many milestones in the College’s history. This year is the 60th anniversary of the 1953 bill that established the College as the state’s first dental school. Of course, due to funding, it took many years after that before the College became a reality. Some things never change. Please see Dr. Gene Atkinson’s article on page eight for more details.

I am sure we all look forward to celebrating these significant milestones in our College’s history. In closing, I would like to thank you for your tremendous support. You are the reason we have achieved so much.
The Future is Bright for the MUSC AEGD Program
By Matthew Evers, Class of ’15

Under the leadership of Dr. Michelle Ziegler, the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program is continuing to make strides to offer cutting edge dentistry to benefit both residents and patients.

Dr. Ziegler has a wealth of experience and a passion for treating special-needs patients and is making great strides to incorporate this into the residency curriculum. Before joining MUSC as the director of the AEGD program in June of 2012, Dr. Ziegler was the director of the GPR program at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, New Jersey for 10 years. Before that, she was the director of the GPR program at Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, New York for seven years.

Dr. Ziegler brings a wide array of ideas and experiences to help the MUSC AEGD program prepare for growth and opportunity in the near future.

The MUSC AEGD program was established in 2011, and is continuing to evolve into a highly sought after opportunity for dentists to expand their scope of practice and expertise. For potential applicants the program is expanding to five residents in 2013 and possibly six residents by 2014. Dr. Ziegler is also excited to offer an additional clinical site for residents to treat pediatric patients as well as those with special needs.

The program offers comprehensive dental services to patients of all ages provided by licensed dentists at reduced fees. Patients are afforded the opportunity to integrate CAD-CAM technology into their treatment, which can include same-day crowns and other state-of-the-art services that reduce wait time and make services more convenient to patients.

For more information or to schedule an appointment at the W. Carter Brown and Kathryn D. Brown Advanced Education in General Dentistry Clinic, please contact the AEGD program at 843-792-1652.

Rivers Awarded Distinguished Dentist Citation

On February, 23, Dr. James A. Rivers (Health Professions ’71 and ’84, Dental Class of ’74, Oral Rehabilitation chairman) was awarded the Distinguished Dentist Citation from the South Carolina Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The award was given for his outstanding contributions to the art and science of dentistry. At the ceremony, Dr. Monica Cayouette (Class of ’96, associate professor) said of the honor: “Dr. Rivers is well deserving of this award. He has devoted his entire life to dentistry and gives the rest of us in the state a great deal to live up to in the profession.”

The Pierre Fauchard Academy is named in memory of a French dentist who is recognized as the “Father of Modern Dentistry.” Members of the Academy consistently focus on professionalism, integrity, and ethics worldwide, by their own conduct as worthy role models, by the advancement of dentistry to the highest level, by supporting and honoring colleagues for their distinguished work, research, contributions, and public service, and by providing excellence in programs, education, and leadership in oral health care.

Special Note: On the same day, Dr. Karen McPherson (Class of ’97, instructor) was inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy.
Dental Residents Work Closely with Special-Needs Patients
By Ashley Barker, writer for The Catalyst
Office of Public Relations

Vietnam veteran Centry Prince, 69, has had his share of medical problems. After doctors determined that his optic nerve was damaged and lesions had grown on his spine, Prince was pronounced legally blind and was told he’d spend the rest of his life in a wheelchair.

He’s also HIV positive, a part of his life that he preaches regularly about as a minister at Community Prayer Baptized Believers Apostolic Church in North Charleston. He receives medical assistance and is able to get dental work done at MUSC through the Ryan White Program.

“They want to keep you healthy, fit and not at risk for developing AIDS,” Prince said.

Prince is a patient of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) clinic in the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. He is taken care of by residents who are spending a post-graduate year learning new techniques and improving their existing skills in general dentistry.

“I’ve never had dental work that was done with such accuracy,” Prince said. “The residents are professional. They have great chair-side manners.”

The four AEGD residents are supervised and instructed by the clinic’s director, Michelle Ziegler, D.D.S., who joined MUSC in July 2012. She is the reason that special-needs patients are becoming more of a priority in the program.

“When we think about special-needs patients, we probably think about autism, cerebral palsy or other physical or mental handicaps that are more difficult for a private practitioner to treat, but many patients have special needs,” she said. “We need to teach our students and residents how to accommodate all these patients. These patients have a real difficult time accessing dental care. Some of that difficulty comes from a lack of experience and lack of confidence on the dentists’ part. Often times those patients can be treated in the regular dental setting. They just require a little bit more time and a lot of patience and compassion on the part of the treating dentist.”

Ziegler is teaching her residents to spend the extra time it takes with patients like Prince, who has to be lifted on a wheelchair ramp, and 23-year-old Daverton Britt, an autistic AEGD patient who enjoys the clinic because the residents let him help.

“The residents were so patient and made him feel comfortable,” said Pamela Britt-Jones, Daverton’s mother. “They explain everything, and they let him assist. He shoots the water or works the suction. He feels like he is a part of it.”

The family lives in Orangeburg County and drives to Charleston for dental work.

“We drive about an hour to MUSC, but it’s so worth it,” Britt-Jones said. “Daverton actually looks forward to going and loves the people.”

Ziegler finds that working with the special-needs population is humbling and rewarding.

“Finding dental work shouldn’t be another problem for these parents who have so many other difficulties to overcome,” Ziegler said. “Special-care dentistry is not a ‘specialty’ that requires extra training. You just have to be patient and willing to do it.”

The AEGD program doesn’t only focus on special-needs patients, though. The residents treat a wide range of patients of all ages. Routine cleanings, fillings, crowns, bridges and dentures are available, as well as surgeries and more complex procedures such as veneers for esthetics and dental implants.

Ziegler’s goal is to open a special-needs clinic in the very near future. She is hoping that grant funding and alumni support will help get the clinic off the ground.

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We mourn the loss of these alumni and friends and extend heartfelt condolences to their loved ones:

Dr. Durwood (Woody) Bach, of Charleston, SC, 12/31/12. Chairman and professor of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department. Dr. Bach came to MUSC in 1995, after an illustrious career in the United States Army Dental Corps. While at MUSC he served with distinction as associate dean for Hospital Affairs, director of the residency program in Maxillofacial Surgery and chair of the Maxillofacial Surgery Department. Dr. Bach was recognized globally for his clinical expertise, his inexhaustible energy and his passion for training his residents and students.

Ms. Jeanne T. Brouthers, of Charleston, SC, 11/16/12.

Mr. Travis E. Davenport, of Rocky Mount, NC, 02/22/13.

“Through the generous support of alumna Dr. Pamela Kaminski (Class of ’89) and the S.C. Dental Association’s Member Benefits Group, we already have a special care clinic in the building with three chairs and a wheelchair lift,” she said. “However, more funding is needed to get the clinic staffed and stocked to be ready for use.”

Ziegler said the new clinic would probably start off as a part-time facility and include AEGD residents and dental students.

“I think the more special-needs patients we see, the more word will get out and even more patients will be coming to us for care. This is a great opportunity for us to train our future dentists to be prepared to treat these special patients,” she said.

With four AEGD residents already working, the plan is to expand to five residents next year and six the following year. Ziegler’s goal is to get the special-needs clinic operational and incorporated into the undergraduate curriculum next fall.

“The residents that I’ve trained over the years, I’m happy to say, continue to treat the special-needs patient population,” Ziegler said. “The residents are very nervous and hesitant at first, of course, but it’s very gratifying to see how excited and proud they are of themselves when they’re able to manage these patients and actually accomplish the treatment.”

To contribute to the special-needs clinic financially, contact Stephanie Oberempt, director of development and alumni relations for the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, at oberempt@musc.edu or 843-792-6933. To make an appointment at the clinic, call 843-792-1904.

The faculty and staff of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery are saddened by the loss of their longtime chairman and mentor, Dr. Durwood “Woody” Bach. Dr. Bach was truly a unique instructor and caregiver who inspired generations of oral surgeons through his diligence and dedication.

Among the many teaching ideals held by Dr. Bach was excellence in resident education. Dr. Kelley Lybrand (assistant professor, Residency ’09) said of Dr. Bach: “Dr. Bach’s commitment to residency education provided a model of excellence for all those who trained under him.”

The Lafond Fund is an educational fund established solely for the benefit of the residency education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is always in need of support. To contribute to the fund, please use the enclosed remittance envelope or contact Stephanie Oberempt, director of development and alumni relations at 843-792-6933, oberempt@musc.edu.

Student Receives Higgins Award

The College is proud to announce that Brandon Hagan (Class of ’13) was the recipient of the 2013 Earl B. Higgins Student Leadership and Diversity Award for his achievements in promoting and influencing diversity. Brandon also is the past-president of the Medical University’s Student Government Association.
College Establishes C.A.R.E. Fund

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine recently established a humanitarian fund, which will prospectively provide financial support to patients who otherwise could not afford dental treatment. Dr. Mark Barry, associate dean for clinical affairs conceived the idea and coined the acronym, “C.A.R.E.” which stands for “Compassion, Access, Responsibility, Excellence.” The fund will primarily help patients in the relief of pain and suffering. Additional criteria for treatment needs may be added as the fund grows and becomes sustainable.

According to Barry, as state funding has decreased over the years, the College has become more limited in resourcing such treatment. Donors who choose to give to this fund will help the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine provide crucially needed care to patients in need. Please contact Stephanie Oberempt at 843-792-6933, oberempt@musc.edu for more information.

Together we can make a difference for those who are less fortunate.

Anonymous Contributor Establishes Endowment

An anonymous alumnus included the College in his estate plan with a pledge of $500,000 in December 2012. When this generous gift is received in the future, a permanently-endowed scholarship for dental students with financial need will be funded.

Instructor Honored with ADEA Award

By Matthew Evers, Class of ’15

“Dr. Jompobe “Joe” Vuthiganon (Class of ’09), an instructor in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation, has been named the 2013 American Dental Education Association (ADEA)/ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Junior Faculty Award recipient.

This national award recognizes junior faculty who demonstrate excellence in teaching, research, and service. Dr. Vuthiganon was acknowledged at the 2013 ADEA (American Dental Education Association) Annual Session & Exhibition in Seattle Washington on March 19, 2013. As part of the award, he was given a $2,500 stipend to cover travel expenses to the conference and to further his teaching, research, and service efforts.

After receiving his dental degree from MUSC in 2009, Vuthiganon completed an Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry in 2010. Following residency, Vuthiganon came back to Charleston and joined the faculty full-time at MUSC.

In his personal statement to ADEA, Vuthiganon wrote: “I am proud to be a part of the faculty at my alma mater and to work alongside the instructors who taught me how to be a dentist. I have found my calling in dental academia where I can not only serve my patients, but also be part of the training of future dentists. I look forward to the future as I continue my career here at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.”

Through teaching the Dental Materials I course, as well as developing The Oral Rehabilitation Clinic Handbook™ (TORCH), Dr. “V” (as he’s known by the students) has made a positive impact since he started teaching at MUSC.

Katie Daniel, the third-year student who nominated him for the award, can attest to his impact. In her nomination letter to the ADEA, she wrote: “Not only does Dr. V put together engaging lectures, he also makes MUSC a brighter place just with his presence. This can be an underrated quality . . . especially in the stressful world of dental school.”

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine congratulates Dr. Vuthiganon on this award and his continued dedication to the education of the future dentists of South Carolina.
Dr. David J. Mishkin was a beloved professor who took his own life on July 7, 2009, after struggling with bi-polar disorder. Since then, his daughters, Erin Mishkin and Devon Mishkin Shealy, have been on a mission to raise awareness about mental illness and suicide prevention.

On June 1-2, 2013, “Team Mish” will walk 18 miles from dusk until dawn through the streets of our nation’s capital as part of the Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk. Last year, MUSC alumni donated hundreds of dollars to support their efforts when they participated in the Overnight in San Francisco (thank you!). Erin and Devon ask for your support once again.

Go to: http://theovernight.donordrive.com/team/mish2013 to give.

Net proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and will fund research, advocacy, survivor support, education, and awareness programs to both to prevent suicide and to assist those affected by suicide.

Dental Class of June 1973 provides for future students

By Allyson Bird, communications specialist
Office of Institutional Advancement

Four decades have come and gone since members of the Dental Class of June 1973 strolled across MUSC’s campus as students.

Yet nearly all 18 living classmates get together each year “to share drinks, tell lies and look at old pictures,” as one of them, Dr. John Sherer of Chester, puts it. And two years ago the class decided it wanted to do a little more than that.

The group pooled money to establish the Dental Class of June 1973 Memorial Fund. The fund initially began with an idea to honor a beloved classmate, Dr. Randall Heffron, who died from cancer in 1994 at only 47 years old.

“For years and years he was the No. 1 tennis player at The Citadel,” Sherer remembered. “He was a great kid and had a winning smile. He was kind to everyone.”

Sherer remembered riding around downtown Charleston on old motorcycles with Heffron when they were young men in dental school. Sherer and other classmates received word of Heffron’s diagnosis just weeks before his death.

“Our class got to talking about the fact that we’d all be going that way eventually,” Sherer said. “We decided that we’d like to leave something behind.”

Another classmate, Dr. Wayne Stewart, had died several years before Heffron, so the group decided to designate the contribution as simply a memorial fund. Each year during Dental Homecoming the group adds more to the Dental Class of June 1973 Memorial Fund, which now totals more than $60,000.

The gift makes it possible for the College of Dental Medicine to purchase equipment needed to attract students and faculty. Last year the fund grew large enough to become endowed, meaning it will serve as a permanent asset to the college.

The group gathered at Clinton dentist Dr. Daniel Hartley’s Charleston house during homecoming weekend. Phone calls and emails have kept Hartley and his classmates connected for the 40 years in between the annual gatherings.

“Two-thirds of the class will turn up,” Hartley said. “It’s been amazing how we keep together.”
A Message from the Office of Diversity
by Dr. Gwendolyn B. Brown (Class of ’86, clinical assistant professor),
Director, Office of Diversity

It has been a wonderful, productive year for the Office of Diversity at the College of Dental Medicine. We continue to attract the best and brightest diverse students to our institution.

The primary purpose of our office is to increase the number of underrepresented minority applicants, assist enrolled students, and retain diversity at the College. Approximately 80 percent of our activities occur off campus and most involve recruitment, special programs, and admissions. We expose K-12 students to the profession and impart knowledge about dentistry throughout the tri-county area of Charleston, in all South Carolina colleges, and also several in Georgia and North Carolina.

Our objective in K-12 programs is to introduce dentistry as a career option for minority students and to teach dental hygiene. We have presented to more than 2,000 K-12 students in the last two years.

At elementary schools, we separate students into upper and lower elementary grades. With younger grades, the focus is on exposure to dentistry and understanding the importance of dental hygiene. Students in upper grades, are taught what it takes to be a dentist and the types of things they will learn in dental school.

Middle and high school information sessions are held to identify groups of students with an interest in dentistry. Identified students are provided an opportunity to visit the College, learn about the admissions process, meet current dental students and, tour our facilities. In 2012, we partnered with Apple Charter Elementary School to develop a leadership academy involving our dental students.

Over the years, we have impacted the admissions pool by attracting more competitive minority applicants. However, we continue to lose many students to other schools due to our lack of adequate scholarships. The Friends of MUSC Minority Scholarship Committee, led by Dr. Isaiah L. Davis, Sr. (Class of ’82), made great inroads toward solving this problem by gathering contributions to permanently endow the McTeer Scholarship. Their efforts secured the future for the fund and provided a perpetual, partial scholarship for a minority student. Additional funding is essential to bring the endowment up to full tuition level.

There is also still work to be done to increase our minority applicant pool. In August of 2012, we obtained a year-long training grant to foster academic-community partnerships on Community-Based Dental Education Student Diversity, using workshops for prospective students and pre-health advisors. We partnered with three of South Carolina’s six Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) to implement two projects with a goal of increasing the numbers of underrepresented minorities matriculating into dental school. This will have a tremendous impact on the recruiting efforts of HBCU students in our state. There are currently nine students involved with the grant who are completing a 14-week KAPLAN course. The schools involved are South Carolina State University, Claflin University, and Benedict College.

Our Dental Day was created to increase awareness of dentistry as a profession with college students and pre-health advisors. In 2012, we celebrated our 14th annual Dental Day.

Please consider joining us when we visit schools. Underrepresented minority students are not typically exposed to professional people and can be greatly inspired by our visits. The K-12 students are particularly impressionable. If you are interested in visiting schools with us please contact Veronica M. Cohen, student services program coordinator, cohenv@musc.edu.

Additionally, your continued contributions to the McTeer Fund will increase our recruiting competitiveness. To support the fund, please use the enclosed remittance envelope, contact Stephanie D. Oberempt, director of development and alumni affairs at 843-792-6933 or oberempt@musc.edu, or visit musc.edu/dentistry/scholarships.

We truly have amazing students and appreciate the generosity of our alumni and friends. The Office of Diversity is proud to make a difference in the lives of the citizens of our state.
College Approaching Milestones in its History
Dr. Gene Atkinson (Class of ‘73)
College Historian

Our College will celebrate several significant anniversaries over the next few years that call for recognition. The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine has a rich history behind its formation.

In early 1952, at the 82nd annual meeting of the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA), Dr. Carl Busbee of Conway made a motion to appoint a committee to assess the need for the establishment of a new dental school.

At that convention, incoming SCDA president Dr. Clarence Saunders named Dr. Carl Busbee as the first chairman of the Dental School Committee and appointed 13 other committee members. SCDA members then voluntarily raised $2,000 to finance a survey called Dental Manpower Needs in South Carolina. Dr. Joseph F. Volker, the dean of the dental school at the University of Alabama, and a pre-eminent figure in dental education in the United States was commissioned to make this survey.

Volker made several trips to South Carolina and made a very thorough report in the fall of 1952. In summary he stated that the dentists-to-population ratio was in excess of 1:4,500 and was probably the most unfavorable in the nation. He recommended that a dental school be established at the Medical College of South Carolina (now MUSC) in Charleston and provided cost estimates for that process.

After Volker's report was presented on December 4, 1952, Dr. William C. Draffin of Columbia made the motion to adopt the recommendations for the new dental school. It passed with only one dissenting vote (from someone who thought this would crowd the dental profession in the state).

Gov. James F. Byrnes signed into law the bill establishing South Carolina’s first dental school on April 15, 1953, after members of the SCDA presented Volker’s report recommendations to the South Carolina Legislature.

Each following year, the Medical College requested state legislative funding of $1 million for construction and $93,000 for first-year operating costs for the new school. In 1964 the Legislature implemented an Enabling Act that provided $1,500,000 to develop the new dental school.

With funding in hand, the Board of Trustees appointed Dr. John E. Buhler as the first dean of the School of Dentistry at the Medical College of South Carolina on May 1, 1964.

In order to qualify for federal matching funds allocated for basic sciences, in 1965, the Legislature increased the amount of state money for the dental school. As a result, the new dental school and the basic sciences departments were to be housed together in the Basic Science Building.

Dean Buhler then began to assimilate plans with architects and recruit the new faculty. Thus, the first class at what is now the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine matriculated on September 5, 1967, starting the great tradition of our school.

Author’s Note: More history of the College of Dental Medicine will be included in future publications.

That the incoming president appoint a committee and direct it to continue the necessary study and surveys incident to the needs as a basis for establishing a dental school. This committee is to report its findings to the Association.”

-Dr. Carl Busbee
Early 1952: Committee appointed to study need for school.
Dec. 1952: Volker report recommendations adopted by SCDA.
1963: Funds authorized by Legislature for new school.
Early 1964: Legislature implemented Enabling Act to distribute funds to school.
May 1964: Dr. John E. Buhler appointed first Dean of the College of Dental Medicine.
1965: Increase in funding allowed planning of Basic Science Building. Faculty recruited.
Sept. 1967: College’s first class matriculated.
1971: First dental class graduated.

Did You Know…
the Medical University of South Carolina has…

1 Million patient encounters annually?
12,492 employees?
2,600 students?
1,400 faculty?
600 residents?
200 post-docs?

The Medical University of South Carolina was founded in 1824, and is the oldest academic medical center in the southern United States. It has six colleges and was granted university status in 1969.
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For those dental alumni and friends age 45 and older, the Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity (DCGA) may be an attractive charitable gift vehicle for several reasons. If you are still working, a DCGA is often the gift of choice when a future guaranteed income is desired. The DCGA may serve as an additional retirement instrument with current tax benefits.

HOW IT WORKS

A gift of cash or securities is transferred to the Medical University of South Carolina Foundation in exchange for the payment of a fixed income to begin at a future date chosen by the donor; and those payments continue for life.

The deferral period not only results in a larger charitable deduction in the year of the gift, but because payments are deferred, allowing the principal to grow, the donor also enjoys a higher payout rate later. Upon death, the remaining value of the DCGA is utilized as you directed to benefit to the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

To learn more about this giving opportunity, contact:

Stephanie Oberempt
Director of Development & Alumni Affairs
Ph: 843-792-6933
Email: oberempt@musc.edu

The table below illustrates the current deferral income rates beginning at age 70. (Please note: The MUSC Foundation follows the ACGA recommended deferred gift annuity rate.) Rates vary monthly.

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* DCGAs can be established for two lives.

Lynn (Class of '86, Residency '88) and Connie (Dental Assisting '76) Wallace established a DCGA in 2005. Deferring for 15 years, their annuity will pay a fixed payout of 11.4%.
Dental volunteers offer free care
By Annalise Baker-Whitcomb, writer for The Catalyst
Office of Public Relations

MUSC dental students and professionals from the community volunteered together on March 1 during the Give Kids a Smile event for National Children's Dental Health month.

- Summerville's Brennan Flesher, 3, flashes a smile as junior dental student Meghan Carter prepares her for an X-ray as part of Give Kids a Smile event March 1. More than 60 Tri-county area children received free dental exams.

The volunteers gave children free examinations, radiographs, cleanings and restorative treatment, as well as education on dental hygiene. The event had about 60 appointments in addition to walk-in patients ranging from 3 to 16 years of age, according to Dr. Katherine Renne (Class of '08, Residency ’11), an assistant professor in the College of Dental Medicine. Renne said the event was a “huge community collaboration” of dental students from MUSC and Trident Technical College, MUSC dental faculty and other local professionals totaling 64 dental students and 25 dental professionals. The donated dental treatment was valued at approximately $25,600.

For many children, this was their first experience at the dentist’s office. MUSC volunteers tried to make it fun by providing face painting and other activities. Amy Fisher said her youngest daughter, 3-year-old Brennan, is “scared of all big chairs, especially in a doctor’s office,” but was calmed by how friendly the dental students were who worked on her older sister, who had an earlier appointment.

Many of the children being treated were from underserved communities or were without dental insurance, said Renne. The volunteers emphasized follow-up appointments and continued dental care with parents, raising awareness about the need for year-round oral hygiene and care.

Candice Vinson, a third-year dental student at MUSC, said she was glad to have the opportunity to participate and had a lot of fun. Vinson said the volunteers tried to get all the treatment done for each child on that day so that they would not have to make another appointment.

Chrystill Still, a mother of three, was transitioning between insurance plans and said the clinic happened at the “perfect time.” Still heard about the clinic through her daughter’s pre-school, Bethany United Methodist. She said that because of this visit, she will most likely stay with MUSC for future dental care and described the entire experience as “extremely positive” for her children.

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ABOUT THE CLASS OF 2017

Applicants: 944
Accepted: 74
(54 in-state, 20 out-of-state)
Males: 35
Females: 39
Average DAT score: 20/21
Average GPA: 3.61
Cayouette Inducted as Fellow of International College of Dentists

Dr. Monica J Cayouette (Class of ’96, associate professor), was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at its 83rd Annual Convocation in San Francisco, California on October 19, 2012.

The College is an honorary organization for the recognition of outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community. It has representative chapters in more than 80 countries and more than 11,000 members, including about 6,500 in the United States.

Dr. Cayouette was presented with a membership plaque, a gold lapel pin and a gold key symbolic of this fellowship for conspicuous service rendered to the art and science of Dentistry.

Dr. Cayouette is director of the Implant Prosthodontic Division in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation. She began her career at the Medical University in 1999, and received her board certification in Prosthodontics in 2006, from the American Board of Prosthodontics. She is a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics, the American College of Dentists, the American College of Prosthodontics and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

Dr. Cayouette is also active with the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) in which she currently serves as the low country representative of the Member Benefits Board of the South Carolina Dental Association.

Dr. Cayouette is married to Dr. Scott R. Cayouette (Class of ’96) and is the proud mother of Caleb R. Cayouette (age 8).

Get to Know Your Alumni Representative

Stephanie D. Oberempt has worked in philanthropy, higher education, and health care for 24 years and has been the College’s director of development and alumni relations since 2002. Born and raised in Bluefield, West Virginia, she graduated from Boston University in 1991 and was recruited by her alma mater to manage a $40 million deferred giving program. She then attended trust and estate administration programs at New England Banking Institute and Boston University’s Metropolitan College. She next served as associate director of gift and estate planning for Boston College.

Relocating to South Carolina in 1994, Stephanie became director of development at Palmetto Health Foundation (formerly Richland Memorial Hospital Foundation and Baptist Medical Center Foundation), managing philanthropic programs and large-scale fund-raising events. In 1999, she joined the $500 million capital campaign at the University of South Carolina to increase the endowment for its College of Nursing.

Stephanie became part of the Medical University team 11 years ago when she relocated to Charleston with her husband, Michael, and two daughters, Alexandra and Kathryn.

Feel free to contact Stephanie at (843) 792-6933 or oberempt@musc.edu anytime you have questions or need assistance.
The College is in need of immediate support for its 2013 Summer Student Research Projects. The cost to sponsor one student is $4,000. Please call Stephanie Oberempt, director of development and alumni relations, at 843-792-6933 to sponsor a student.

Congratulations to the Winners of the 3rd Annual James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Scholars Day!

**Postdoc Category**
1st Place – Liliana Cantini  
2nd Place – Michael Valerio  
3rd Place – Reniqua House  
3rd Place - Alexis Nagel

**Senior Category**
1st Place – Jessica Trombetta-Silva  
2nd Place – Bethany Herbert  
3rd Place – Haley Lindner

**Junior Category**
1st Place – Yianne Kritzas & Adam McKinney  
2nd Place – Mike DeFee & David Sentelle

**Honorable Mentions**
Tiffany Lovelace  
Ashley Price  
Ben Dunlap & Nick Morenz  
Andrew Ambrose & Matt Andrews  
Michelle Gray & Jessie Suggs  
Peter Green & Daniel Knause  
Charles L. Moore  
Tomek Charowski & Stephen Oblad  
Katie Carnes & Amy McConnell  
Manning Lloyd & Whitney Meek  
Nicholas Crossland & John Holliday

Liliana Cantini with Keith Kirkwood (associate dean for research, associate professor and chair, Department of Craniofacial Biology)

Keith Kirkwood with Jessica Trombetta-Silva

Adam McKinney, Joe Vuthiganon (Class of ’09, instructor), and Yianne Kritkas
Dr. Robert F. and Amy Berger have generously demonstrated their dedication to furthering the profession of dentistry by pledging a gift of $100,000 to the Clinical Education Center Building Fund. Their gift will assist the College in reducing the construction loan incurred to build its first facility designed specifically for dental education and patient care.

Although not a graduate of the Medical University, Dr. Berger, who practices dentistry in Columbia, considers the College to be his South Carolina dental school. Two of Dr. Berger’s children, his son, Marc F. Berger (Class of ’00), and daughter Deidre Berger Crockett (Class of ’06), are graduates of the College. Together, the family also funded a grading station in the Asic and Riva Hirsch Simulation Laboratory.

“If one does not participate by giving back to their profession, their professional career is not complete. The gifts of the many help to a great extent,” Berger said.

Dr. Berger cited his part-time work in College’s Oral Rehabilitation Clinic as very satisfying to him. “The new school is an excellent facility. I enjoy working there with the rest of the faculty and the students.”

To recognize the couple’s philanthropic promise to the school, the Patient Check-Out Area in the Oral Rehabilitation Clinic will be named in their honor.

Homcoming 2013
Dental Faculty Awarded Honors

Dr. Frederick Moore, Jr., associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Daniel Laskin Award as an Outstanding Predoctoral Educator.

The Daniel Laskin Award is given to an Oral Surgeon who strives to further Oral and Maxillofacial research and academia, has a reputation as an outstanding clinician, and maintains the highest ethical and moral ideals of a professor. The award will be presented at the opening ceremonies of the AAOMS meeting in October.

Dr. Keith Kirkwood, professor and associate dean for research, was a recent recipient of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Distinguished Scientist Award at the annual meeting of the International Association for Research in Seattle.

The award recognizes scientists whose research has led to significant advances in oral health. Dr. Kirkwood is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, past recipient of the GlaxoSmithKline/IADR Innovations in Oral Care Award, and is a previous Tarrson Fellow from the American Academy of Periodontology.

On April 6, Dr. G. Franklin Shull, Jr. (Class of ’93) presented a continuing-education program at MUSC on the daily challenges of the restorative dental practice and how dentists can predictably deliver strong, beautiful, and comfortable restorations for their patients every day. The event offered three credit hours for participants.

“We are very appreciative of our distinguished alumnus, Dr. Frankie Shull, providing his informative lecture for our alumni association! Dr. Shull’s course was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and we thank him for providing his excellent CE program as a benefit of membership,” said Dental Alumni Association President Dr. Jeffrey B. Bayme (Class of ’84).

Proceeds from the event benefited the MUSC Dental Alumni Association to aid in continued student and alumni programs.

To view all photos from Homecoming 2013, go to:

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