A Message from the Dean

Progress! Thanks to all of you, we continue to make great progress on all fronts. On a recent survey, it was also very gratifying to have the students commend the faculty and staff for their devotion to the students. One hundred percent of our graduating seniors agreed or strongly agreed that they received a high quality education.

Why then change a winning formula? Because we can always improve, we can always get better. Under Drs. Javed's and Barry’s leadership, incoming students as well as current students will see curricular changes. There will be an increase in interprofessional and outreach activities. Evidence-based dentistry will become an ever increasing part of the curriculum as will self-reflection and increasing competency and independence. This summer, with Dr. Rawls' help, we are once again seeking input from our South Carolina Dental Community in determining what skill sets our young graduates will need to thrive in the professional world. Meanwhile our educational specialist, Dr. Lindsey Hamil, is working hard with the faculty to improve our students' educational experience. New technologies are being evaluated and employed. Under Dr. Gellin’s direction, treatment planning is being totally revamped so that treatment is linked to diagnostic codes and students understand and logically plan treatment sequences. Predoctoral students will also have a much-enhanced oral surgical experience and we look forward to finally opening the Oral Surgery ORs on the second floor of the Clinics Building.

In the research arena, we are anxiously awaiting completion of our second-floor renovations. The old fixed and removable clinical areas have already been renovated using federal dollars.

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MUSC Welcomes New President

Dr. David Cole, who previously served MUSC as president of MUSC Physicians and as chairman of the Department of Surgery, has assumed his new duties as president of the Medical University. Dr. Cole earned his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College and completed his residency training in general surgery at Emory University. After residency, Dr. Cole completed a surgical oncology fellowship at the National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute Surgery Branch in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1994, Dr. Cole became an assistant professor in the MUSC College of Medicine.

Since the mid-1990s, Dr. Cole had served in a variety of faculty and leadership positions at the Medical University. His accomplishments include numerous national awards, board appointments, editorial positions, committee and society participation and research successes. We know you join us in welcoming him as our new president.

Congratulations, Dr. Cole!

Couple Name Pediatric Recovery Rooms in Honor of Dental Alumni

Pediatric ophthalmologist Dr. Anthony P. Johnson and his wife, Laurie, of Simpsonville, South Carolina, generously named both recovery rooms in the college’s Pediatric Dentistry Clinic. The gift was made in tribute to two dental alumni: Dr. Gordon W. Bray (Class of ’74) and Dr. April Czarsty (Class of ’04).

“We feel a calling to also support the College of Dental Medicine, as our children have enjoyed primary and specialty dental care, primarily from dentists trained at MUSC.”

- Dr. Anthony P. Johnson

About their decision to honor dental alumni, Dr. Johnson said: “These two dentists influenced both of our children in their choice of health care careers while they were undergraduate students at Clemson University. We are committed to supporting medical education, especially in these uncertain times of health care reform. We are also committed to the difficult challenges schools face in finding the best and brightest to serve patients in South Carolina.”

The Johnsons selected the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic to honor Drs. Bray and Czarsty because, according to Dr. Johnson, “For the past 27 years, I have had the unbelievable opportunity and privilege to serve children and share in their care in combination with Dr. Ed Wilson and the Storm Eye Institute. Each dentist will be permanently honored with a plaque in front of each pediatric recovery room.”
Founding Dean Remembered During 50th Celebration
by Dr. Gene Atkinson, Class of Dec. ’73
College Historian

Fifty years ago in May, Dr. John E. Buhler was chosen as the first dean of our College of Dental Medicine. Upon his hiring in 1964, Dean Buhler set about the daunting task of establishing a dental school that ultimately became one of the most respected programs in the country. He built our school from scratch and was able to overcome a multitude of challenges. It was only due to his immense dedication to the school that the first class was able to be admitted in September, 1967. Dean Buhler served until 1971, when, unfortunately, health issues led to his retirement.

Dr. John Buhler was born in Marion, Ind., in 1908 to Jesse Thurman and Ethel Pillars Buhler. He graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1935. He began his educational career teaching oral surgery, pathology, histology, and dental therapeutics at the School of Dentistry at Indiana University from 1936 to 1942. From 1942 to 1948 he was a professor of diagnosis at Temple University. During World War II, Dr. Buhler served additionally in the reserves of the U.S. Public Service. He became dean of the dental school at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., in 1948 and remained there until 1961. After that he served as executive vice president at the Hanau Engineering Company. Dr. Buhler was married to Ruth Zike. They had two children, Karen and John Jr.

After his arrival at the Medical University, Dean Buhler was tasked with creating the dental school from humble beginnings. He had to not only start an academic program, but also assimilate a faculty and consult with architects, engineers, and contractors on the building of the new school’s facilities (what is now the Basic Science Building at 173 Ashley Avenue).

As dean of the new College of Dental Medicine, he was known for his administrative skills and professionalism. After three years of laying the groundwork, the college was able to matriculate the first class of 24 students in 1967.

Dean Buhler was extremely proud of the first class. He and Mrs. Buhler would often entertain these students and their wives at social events. Since most of these students were married, Mrs. Buhler established a dental student wives organization called the Dental Dames and served as their advisor. With lofty pride in his students, Dean Buhler wanted them to aspire to be the best. Because of this he expected conformity in dress and professionalism. Dental students clearly stood out at MUSC because of this. Dean Buhler was known to walk through the library in the evenings to encourage his students who were diligently studying.

Unfortunately Dr. Buhler suffered a heart attack shortly after the school occupied its new facilities in January, 1971. This was just a few months before the first class graduated. Although he was unable to continue his daily duties as dean, administrators allowed him to retain that title until the first class graduated in gratitude for his deep sense of pride and respect for these first dental students.

Dr. Buhler was well thought of on a national level and was president of the American Association of Dental Schools, vice chairman of the Council on Dental Education for the American Dental Association, director of the American Fund for Dental Health, and consultant to the Surgeon General and Chief of the United States Army Dental Corps. Interestingly, a member of his first class to graduate at MUSC, Joseph Webb, later became the Chief of the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

Dr. Buhler’s honors include being inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists and Omicron Kappa Upsilon. He was also honored as the Alumnus of the Year at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in 1965. He authored more than 85 professional papers, reports, and articles on dentistry and dental education.

Dr. Buhler died in Charleston in 1976, after a long career in dental education. As many of us are aware, there is now a heavily-utilized conference room named in tribute to Dean Buhler on the fourth floor of the Basic Science Building.

In celebration of the college’s 50th anniversary, I felt it important to remember one of our college’s most eminent founders. We all owe a great deal of thanks to Dean Buhler.

Dr. John E. Buhler 1908-1976

Officers of the Class of 1971 (from left to right): Jim McClary, president, Bob O’Neal, vice-president, Joe Webb, secretary/treasurer, Dennis Gazes (seated), honor council
Meet Your Advancement Team

Our goal at the MUSC Office of Advancement is to promote and advance the mission of the Medical University of South Carolina by communicating its various goals and needs to our alumni and friends and by serving as a resource to them. Advancement is comprised of the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Please feel free to contact us whenever we can be of assistance.

**Stephanie D. Oberempt** is your primary dental alumni representative and development director. Her position is solely dedicated to promoting and advancing the dental school. Feel free to contact her anytime you need assistance. A graduate of Boston University and New England Banking Institute’s Trust and Estate Administration Program, Stephanie has raised funds for educational and health care institutions and has managed volunteer and alumni groups since 1989.

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**Linda Cox** is the Associate Director of Planned Giving. In this role, she helps those who wish to make a legacy gift (gifts through estate plans) to support James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Linda has been working in the field of Gift Planning for more than 20 years.

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**Sallie Hutton** We are pleased to introduce our new executive director of Alumni Affairs, Sallie Hutton. Sallie comes to us from North Carolina where she served her alma mater, Elon University, for nine years in a number of roles, including the director of Alumni Engagement. Sallie’s role at MUSC is to work with each of the colleges in advancing and supporting the various alumni networks. Be sure to let her know if she can help you in any way.

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SAVE THE DATE!

MUSC Oral Health Symposium
Friday, November 21, 2014
Bioengineering Building, Room 110
8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Featuring a Keynote Presentation By
WILLIAM GIANNobile, DDS, MS, DMSc
Najjar Professor of Dentistry & Chair
Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine
University of Michigan School of Dentistry

AND

South Carolina Clinical & Translational Research Institute
We are now renovating the central core previously occupied by the operative and endodontic clinics. This will allow us to continue to expand our research efforts and attract new funding to our school. While we wait for renovation completion, we have not stood still. Dr. Keith Kirkwood recently received news that he is the recipient of the prestigious 2014 International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Innovation in Oral Care Award. Meanwhile one of his postdocs Dr. Michael Valerio received first place in the post doc division for the Hatton Award. The Hatton Award is the most prestigious award given by the American Association of Dental Research (AADR). This year there were 177 applicants from across the United States. We had two finalists of nine total. Dr. Reniqua House in Dr. Palanisamy’s lab was our other finalist.

Bethany Herbert a DSTP (DMD/PhD candidate) student also in Dr. Kirkwood’s lab was awarded an AADR fellowship.

More good news is that Dr. Renata Leite was named the recipient of the James E. Clyburn Emerging Leader in Public Health and Health Disparities Research Award. Dr. Leite has been very active in researching minority health issues.

As we continue into the summer, we welcome our new students. The class is our most gifted ever with an average 3.7 GPA. It is also our most diverse. From my point of view, the enthusiasm, drive and talent of our students grows stronger every single year.

I am also pleased to report that, pending final legislative approval, it appears that the college will be getting significant relief on our bond debt. We still have a ways to go to cover all the debt, but I am very grateful for up to 900K per year in recurring funding and some additional funds to start paying down our $28 million building loan. My very sincere thanks to all of you for your tremendous support. It would not have happened without you! Many of you contacted your legislators at strategic times. That really helped. The MUSC legislative liaisons along with the SCDA leadership and the SCDA legislative liaisons worked hard to advance our cause. Senators Hugh Leatherman, Thomas Alexander, and Ray Cleary along with Representatives Brian White, Murrell Smith and Tracy Edge were particularly receptive and supportive. If you see any of them, please thank them for their support.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the retirement of one of the true pillars of the school, Dr. Jimmy Rivers. As far as I’m concerned Jimmy is one of the main reasons for our success. He lives and breathes MUSC and has touched all of our lives at one time or another. I know all of us will miss his sage advice, his advocacy for our students, and his boundless knowledge - not to mention his barbeque. Here's wishing Jimmy and Patty an incredibly great retirement.

An Update from Your Alumni Association President
by Dr. Joseph E. Brown, III Class of ’08
President, MUSC Dental Association Board of Directors

Luncheon on Friday, May 2, 2014, at the SCDA Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our former alumni association president, Dr. Jeff Bayme (Class of ’84), who served in this role from 2012-2014. Congratulations to Dr. Jennifer Wren Lever (Class of ’99) our newly elected president for the 2016-2018 term.

I was asked to write something for The Link and was initially unsure where to begin. After all, one could discuss retention rates of our alumni or how to become involved within this group; however, that story and those bullet points have been written about in the past. Instead, I often find myself curious as to the business being conducted within these organizations. What are my dues going toward and what value does my membership really have? As president, I can think of no better way to inform fellow graduates and non-graduates of MUSC than to provide the minutes from our last meeting. To view them, please go to http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/alumni/dental_medicine/board.htm. Hopefully, this will give each of you a look into what your Alumni Association is doing for you.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support. Please let me know if I can be of any service to you in any way possible.
Post-doctoral Student Places First for

The Department of Oral Health Sciences is pleased to announce that Michael Valerio, Ph.D., was the first place winner in the Post-doctoral Category for the American Association for Dental Research Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Hatton Awards Competition at the annual meeting in March in Charlotte, N.C. The competition is designed for junior investigators (junior, senior and post-doctoral students) who exhibit potential for a productive career in dental research.

The Hatton Award is the most prestigious award given by the AADR at the annual meeting for trainees. Nearly 200 applicants from throughout the United States compete annually. This year, the Department of Oral Health Science boasted two out of nine total finalists in the Post-doctoral Category. In addition, Ms. Bethany Herbert, a Dental Scientist Training Program (DSTP) student, won an AADR Student Research Fellowship Award.

Dr. Valerio will represent the AADR at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) meeting in Cape Town, South Africa, this June. Congratulations, Dr. Valerio!

Dr. James A. Rivers Retires

By Dr. Monica Cayouette (Class of ‘96) Interim Chair, Department of Oral Rehabilitation

On Monday, June 30, 2014, one of our most respected faculty members, Dr. James A. Rivers, retired after 34 years of service to the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. It is difficult to put into words what he has meant to all of us.

During his tenure as chairman, Dr. Rivers shaped the Department of Oral Rehabilitation into one of the most successful teaching programs in the country. He dedicated his life to the dental profession and made it better for all of us. Dr. Rivers played a tremendous role in shaping the lives and careers of those of us who are fortunate enough to count him as a friend, colleague, teacher, and mentor.

Dr. James “Jimmy” Rivers graduated from Charleston Southern University in 1969. In 1971 he completed the Medical Technology program at MUSC and, in 1974, earned his D.M.D. from the Medical University. He then received his graduate prosthodontics certificate from MUSC in 1980 and a master’s degree in Health Sciences in 1983.

Upon his graduation from dental school in 1974, Dr. Rivers practiced in Varnville, S.C., until 1977, while holding a part-time faculty position at MUSC. In 1980 he began consulting with the dental hygiene program at the College of Allied Health Sciences (now the College of Health Professions). Also, that year, our college had the good fortune of adding Dr. Rivers as a member of its full-time faculty.

Dr. Rivers has held numerous appointments throughout his career both at the Medical University and as visiting faculty at the L.D. Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, Fla. He is a member of numerous professional and scientific organizations and has made more than 300 presentations on dental implants, restorative dentistry and occlusion at local, state, national, and international meetings and has published 23 articles. Dr. Rivers also found time to serve his country in both the National Guard and the Army Reserves.

Dr. Rivers has received a plethora of professional honors such as membership in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society, the International College of Dentists, and the American College of Dentists. He has been recognized as First Alternate of the Robert Woods Johnson Dental Services Research Scholars Program (Harvard or UCLA), the Outstanding Clinical Professor Award at MUSC, the SCDA Meritorious Achievement Award, the MUSC Outstanding Clinician Award, the Pierre Fauchard Academy Award, and both Alumni Association Distinguished Service Award and the MUSC Alumni Award of Honor.

Dr. Rivers is not only highly regarded for his expertise in our profession, he is also famous for dishing up some fantastic southern barbecue! Thank you, Dr. Rivers, for all you have done for the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. You will be missed!
Alumna and Husband Invest in Special Care Dentistry

Dr. Isabel Driggers (Class of ’02) and her husband, Jacob Driggers, both care deeply about patients with special needs and are concerned about the growing need for dental services for these patients in the Charleston area and throughout the state. Their feelings are reinforced by the large number of special-needs patients they treat daily at their Coastal Kids Dental practices.

Considering the current shortage of special-care dentistry providers in the state, the Driggers realized that an even greater number of practitioners will be needed in the future to provide specialized care for this vulnerable population.

To help address the shortage, the couple decided to invest in the Special-Care Dentistry Program at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine by pledging a multi-year gift. Their contribution will be used specifically to help faculty and students treat and work with a greater number of special-needs patients. “We feel working together, MUSC and Coastal Kids can truly make a difference in the lives of many special-needs patients in their access to dental services," said Dr. Driggers.

To recognize the Driggers for their generous commitment, a treatment room in the Kaminski Special-Care Dentistry Clinic will be named in honor of Dr. Driggers.
The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Office of Research is pleased to announce that Dr. Renata S. Leite (Graduate Studies ’04, Periodontics Residency ’05, assistant professor) is the recipient of the James E. Clyburn Emerging Leader in Public Health and Health Disparities Research Award.

The James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Leadership Award recognizes the contributions made by individuals and community organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to improving and protecting the health of the community. Awards are presented to health care policy makers, health disparities researchers, health care professionals, and community leaders committed to eliminating health disparities and achieving health equity. Awards are presented at the Annual James E. Clyburn Health Disparities Lecture, which is sponsored by the University of South Carolina’s Institute for Partnership to Eliminate Health Disparities and its community partners.

Alumna Faculty Member Receives the James E. Clyburn Emerging Leader in Public Health and Health Disparities Research Award

Alumni and Friends Help Establish Emergency Dental Clinic in Georgetown

Nick Papadea (Class of ‘99), Lindsay Harper Moore, and Ana Ferrer (Class of ‘92) were part of a group of dentists who opened an emergency dental clinic in Georgetown in February 2013.

The clinic was established to help the uninsured or underinsured of Georgetown County, where the three dentists practice. Said Dr. Papadea, “Since the state cut adult dental Medicaid several years ago, many people have been left with no relief from dental pain other than trips to the emergency room where the problem can only be treated with antibiotics and pain pills. This only temporarily relieves their pain.”

During the clinic’s first year of operation from February 2013 to January 2014, 19 dentists and 11 assistants volunteered at the clinic. More than 200 patients were seen during 284 appointments. More than 300 extractions were offered not including exams, x-rays, and outside work performed in the office.

Drs. Moore and Papadea continue to serve on the clinic’s steering committee in 2014.

Winners in the 2013 Perry V. Halushka Student Research Day

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Office of Research congratulates the following student and postdoctoral fellow winners in the 2013 Perry V. Halushka Student Research Day.

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The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is pleased to announce that, effective May 20th, 2014, Dr. Kelley Lybrand has been appointed residency program director from her previous role as interim residency program director. Dr. Lybrand is certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a full-time faculty member.

Dr. Lybrand obtained her D.D.S from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, completing her dental school training in 2003. She then completed a two-year general practice residency at Carolinas Medical Center and her four-year oral and maxillofacial surgical training at MUSC. Dr. Lybrand is graduate program director of the MUSC Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Graduate Residency Program and active in teaching both residents and students. Her clinical and research interests include orthognathic surgery, facial trauma, dental implant placement, and evaluation of simulation in surgical resident education.

“Team Mish” Walks Again to Raise Suicide Awareness

If you attended dental school at the Medical University in the ‘70s, ‘80s, ‘90s or early ‘00s, you probably crossed paths with Dr. David J. Mishkin, a beloved periodontology professor known as “Dr. Mish.” Sadly, he 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 28-29, 2014 “Team Mish” walked 17 miles from dusk until dawn through Philadelphia, Pa., as part of the Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk.

Erin and Devon thank MUSC alumni for generously donating to support their efforts at events in New York (2011), San Francisco (2012), and Washington, D.C. (2013). They ask for your support once again. Please go to:

http://theovernight.donordrive.com/team/mish

Although the walk was in June, donations may be made through December 2014. Net proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention for research, advocacy, survivor support, education, and awareness programs. The foundation’s mission is to prevent suicide and to assist those affected by suicide.
The Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research have selected Carlos F. Salinas (Class of ‘85, professor, director of craniofacial genetics) as the 2013 recipient of the Outstanding NIDCR Career Research Award.

This prestigious award is presented to an individual in appreciation of their achievements in pioneering research leading to significant inroads in oral health.

The award was presented to Dr. Salinas by Mary Fete, director of Research of the National Foundation for Ectodermal Dysplasias at the Friends Annual Dinner on November 21, 2013, in Washington DC.

The Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, a nonprofit organization, was established in 1998 on the 50th Anniversary of the Institute. The Friends is a broad based coalition of individuals, institutions and corporations who understand the critical importance of dental, oral and craniofacial research to the health and well being of people in the U.S. and globally.

Dr. Salinas is a professor and director in the Division of Craniofacial Genetics, Department Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics, James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. He also serves as director of the MUSC Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft Palate Team and as co-director of the Clinical Resource Core at the MUSC Center for Oral Health Research.

Dr. Salinas graduated from the University of Chile. In 1972, he was awarded an NIH-Fogarty International Fellowship in Medical Genetics at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 1974 he joined the MUSC where he has developed most of his academic career including clinical service, research, teaching, and outreach activities.

Dr. Salinas’ areas of research interest include the study of craniofacial anomalies, the ectodermal dysplasias, the relationship of oral dental disease and systemic disorders, and special-care dentistry. He has edited five books, published more than 100 scientific publications and has been guest editor in three journals. He has organized several national and international symposia in the area of birth defects affecting craniofacial and oral-dental structures.

Dr. Salinas is a board member of the Special-Care Dentistry Association and a member of the American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association, American Society of Human Genetics, the Society of Craniofacial Genetics, and the South Carolina Oral Health Coalition. He has been elected fellow of the American College of Dentists, a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and a distinguished scholar of the National Academy of Practices, Academy of Dentistry.

Dr. Carlos F. Salinas
Medical University of South Carolina
James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine
Sixteenth Annual
Continuing Education Course
Dental Program for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Individuals with Special Health Care Needs

Friday, September 26, 2014
8:30 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

North Charleston Convention Center
5001 Coliseum Drive
North Charleston, South Carolina 29418

To register, contact:
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Medical University of South Carolina
College of Dental Medicine
173 Ashley Avenue, BSB 128 MSC 507
Charleston, SC 29425-5070
(843) 792-2489
Part-Time Faculty Honored at Reception

In October, the college formally honored its part-time faculty members at a reception in the Clinical Education Center. Part-time faculty members are vitally important to the school’s success and an important asset in the student education. Certificates were awarded to those who had reached milestones of 10 years or more or service.

The Dental Alumni Association congratulates all 2014 award recipients at its combined luncheon with the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the S.C. Pierre Fauchard Academy. The luncheon was held on Friday, May 2, as part of the 145th S.C. Dental Association Annual Session in Myrtle Beach.

Dental Alumni Association Awards

Alumni Award of Honor:
Dr. W. Eugene Atkinson, II (Class of Dec. ’73, college historian)

Distinguished Alumnus Service Award:
Dr. Jeffrey Bayme (Class of ’84, part-time instructor, past-pres. alumni assn.)

Student Leadership Award:
Dr. Brandon Cain (Class of ’14)

American College of Dentists Awards

Outstanding Faculty Award:
Dr. Walter G. Renne (Class of ’08, assoc. prof.)

Outstanding Student Award:
Dr. Ashley Elizabeth Price (Class of ’14)

International College of Dentists Award

Student Leadership Award:
Dr. Danny Vo (Class of ’14)

SC Pierre Fauchard Academy Awards

Distinguished Dentist Award:
Dr. Franklin G. Mason

Student Award:
Dr. Whitney Meek Buechel (Class of ’14)
The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Honors Convocation was held at The Citadel’s Summerall Chapel on Thursday, May 15, 2014.

The Dean and faculty were pleased to present more than 40 awards and honors to its graduates of The Class of 2014.

- Bill Burn presents the Academy of General Dentistry Award to Christopher Filler.
- Kelley Lybrand (Residency ‘09, oral surgery residency program director) awards the DeChamplain Scholarship for Excellence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to Charles Quasney.
- Whitney Meek Buechel receives the Huynh/Huynh-Le Outstanding Senior Clinician Award from Dr. Mark Barry (associate dean of clinical affairs).
- Catherine Daniel receives the John Meador Sneed Memorial Scholarship from Tariq Javed (Class of ’83, associate dean of student affairs).
- The Harold Z. Hirsch Scholarship for Achievement is awarded to Nicholas Morenz by Dean Jack Sanders.
- Gloria Pipkin (Class of ’94, Health Prof. ’74) presents the SC Dental Association Award to Brandon Cain. Brandon also received the Alumni Assoc. Student Leadership Award.
- The Class of 2014 recites “The Dentist’s Pledge.”
- Kelley Lybrand (Residency ‘09, oral surgery residency program director) awards the DeChamplain Scholarship for Excellence in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery to Charles Quasney.
- Rebecca Harper receives one of two Academy of General Dentistry Awards from academy representative Bill Burn (Class of ’86).
In Memoriam

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

Mr. Donald B. Barkowitz, of Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, February 27, 2014
Mr. Shepherd R. Cutler, of Columbia, South Carolina, April 1, 2014
Dr. Henry M. Faris, III (Class of '98), of Greenville, South Carolina, June 28, 2014
Dr. Fitzhugh Nicholson Hamrick, of Charleston, South Carolina, May 23, 2014
Dr. Monte S. Harrington, of Charleston, South Carolina, May 10, 2014
Mr. Aisic Hirsch, of Irondale, Alabama, March 7, 2014
Dr. Bradford L. Keeney (Class of '74), of Simpsonville, South Carolina, May 16, 2014
Mrs. Adele Tetrck, of Charleston, South Carolina, July 9, 2013
Dr. Gretchen W. Widner (Class of '87), of Columbia, South Carolina, February 9, 2014
Dr. Belton J. Workman, Jr. (Medicine Class of '48), of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, July 2, 2014
Mr. J. Harold Zorn, of Lexington, South Carolina, former executive director of the South Carolina Dental Association, James B. Edwards Building Fund Committee Member, May 5, 2014

Fitzhugh N. Hamrick, Former Dean of Students
~1926-2014~

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine lost one of its dearest friends and educational advocates on May 23rd. Dr. Fitzhugh Hamrick joined the college’s part-time clinical faculty in 1970, and became a permanent member of the faculty in 1985. During his tenure, Dr. Hamrick mentored, advised, and encouraged hundreds of dental students as a lecturer and associate professor. He retired from his position as associate dean for Academic and Student Affairs in 1997.

Dr. Hamrick grew up in Charleston, S.C., and attended the College of Charleston. He graduated from the University of Louisville, School of Dentistry in 1947, at the age of 21. After a year’s residency, he served his country as a Navy dentist from 1948 until 1952. Before joining the faculty full-time at the Medical University, he practiced with his father and brother on Wentworth Street in downtown Charleston.

Throughout his career, Dr. Hamrick remained involved in the Charleston and South Carolina dental societies. He served as a delegate to the American Dental Association for more than 13 years. He also was elected an honorary member of the MUSC Dental Alumni Association.

Dr. Hamrick’s advocacy for dental education began well before the establishment of the MUSC James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. He was one of the founding fathers of our college who appeared before the legislature to champion the need for dental education in South Carolina. Dr. Hamrick’s enduring legacy remains strong within our college’s alumni. He will be missed.
James H. (Hal) Zorn, Jr.  
~1943-2014~

by Dr. Gene Atkinson, Class of Dec. ’73
College Historian

The South Carolina Dental Association lost one of its dearest friends on May 5, 2014. James H. (Hal) Zorn, Jr. was our very diligent executive director from 1988 to 2007, as well as a part-time consultant for two years afterward.

Hal Zorn came to the SCDA in 1988 when the SCDA had suffered through several recent director changes and was experiencing severe budget woes. His superb administrative skills helped bring us back into being a viable organization. Hal’s leadership helped define the SCDA during his tenure.

Among the accomplishments Hal achieved for the S.C. Dental Association during his well-organized guidance are as follows:

- **Took the S.C. Tax Commission (as it was named then) to court to prove that dental prosthetic devices were exempt from sales tax. The judge overturned the S.C. Tax Commission’s interpretation in a hearing that lasted only 10 minutes. Thus dentists in S.C. have not had to pay sales tax on most dental laboratory fees ever since.**

- **Initiated action to start a coalition that worked closely with DHEC and the Legislature to write medical waste regulations which established an exemption for small generators (such as dentists), as long as these generators followed approved disposal guidelines. Thus most dentists do not have to pay expensive medical waste collection fees.**

- **Authored an OSHA guideline booklet for SCDA dental offices, so that dentists could meet the letter of the law without unduly affecting their practices. This was done in coordination with the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and became a model for other state associations.**

- **Helped establish a coalition with more than 30 associations and businesses to develop a Patient Protection Bill that secured freedom of choice for patients to select their own health care providers when their insurance companies were domiciled in South Carolina.**

- **Created an education task force to work with all the technical schools, MUSC, and the S.C. State Board of Dentistry to modify training programs to increase the number of dental hygienists educated in the state.**

- **Led the efforts to build a new modern headquarters building for the SCDA.**

- **Designed a dental Medicaid program in 2000 that resulted in an increase of dental providers from 619 to more than 1,100 in South Carolina, and doubled the number of children receiving comprehensive care. This program also helped generate portable dental operations to provide comprehensive care in school settings.**

- **Developed the idea and coordinated development with the Legislature and several state agencies for a Rural Dentist Incentive Program to locate dentists in underserved areas, as well as attract instructors to the JBE College of Dental Medicine.**

- **Established the SCDA Education Foundation which provides scholarships to dental auxiliary students at nine technical education colleges as well as to students at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.**

- **Established the Member Benefits Group (first called Stonemark Corporation) as a for profit subsidiary of the SCDA to provide benefits for SCDA members. This includes insurances, business services, investments, and retirement services. The profits are used to supplement SCDA activities.**

- **Increased membership levels of the SCDA to almost 90 percent of dentists in South Carolina, which was among the highest in the nation.**

As one can see, Hal Zorn’s talented administrative skills have left an indelible mark on the progress and success of the South Carolina Dental Association through the years.

Hal Zorn was born in Orangeburg in 1943 to James H. and Lila Ruth Zorn. He grew up in Denmark, S.C. and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1967. Hal married the former Beverly Ann Rogers, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 2013. They have two children, Beth and William, and five grandchildren.

After an early career in the newspaper business, he was the Bamberg County Administrator for 11 years prior to coming to the helm at the S.C. Dental Association. Hal received an honorary Doctor of Letters degree from MUSC and was awarded the Order of the Silver Crescent by the governor of South Carolina.

The South Carolina Dental Association has been extremely fortunate to have had someone of Hal’s talents guiding and directing the progress of our association through the years. For this we are indeed grateful.
Dental Homecoming 2014

Class of ’71 alumni Harold Jablon and Charles Hanna enjoy an historical presentation by Gene Atkinson.

Mary McCoy (Nursing ’99) and Mark McCoy (Class of ’99) present.

Future dental students enjoy the oyster roast at the Maritime Center.

David Hutto (Class of ’76) with Elizabeth Ochoa (retired instructor).

Lauren Demosthenes (Medicine ’81, medical residency ’85) and Stephen Demosthenes (Class of ’84).

Pam and Joel Johnson (Class of ’84).

Former first lady of MUSC Ann Edwards with Stephanie Oberempt, director of development and alumni relations.

The Nimmich Family: Mike (Class of ’84), Barbara, and Matthew (Class of ’13).

Jeff Bayme (Class of ’84, past alumni assoc. pres., part-time instructor), Emily Hortman (Class of ’04, residency ’05), and Jimmy Hortman.

Margaryta and James TenBrook (Class of ’89).

President Emeritus Jim Edwards and Ann Edwards with the new chairman of oral and maxillofacial surgery Martin Steed and Michelle Steed.

Lisa Guerrino (Class of ’88) with Rocky Napier (Class of ’87) and Mary Metropol (Class of ’89, homecoming sponsor).

Charles (Class of ’81) and Margie Sandell.
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