A Message from the Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends:

I bring greetings from the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine and thank you for the warm and generous welcome you have extended to me. I joined the College on the heels of an extremely successful accreditation site visit. For this success, my sincere gratitude goes to Interim Dean Patricia Blanton, Vice Dean Tariq Javed and the entire team of associate and assistant deans, chairs, and directors along with our faculty and staff. Our outstanding outcome is a testament to the hard work and quality of education we provide at the College.

Let me introduce myself. I grew up in Bombay (now known as Mumbai), India. My father was career Navy; after 31 years in the service, he decided to spend the rest of his career in shipbuilding/marine engineering for the public-private partnership in Mumbai. My mother was a school teacher but mostly devoted her time to focusing on family, given that my father was frequently deployed. My brother, a graduate of the University of Virginia, has an industrial automation company in Richmond, Virginia.

I received my dental and orthodontic training from the Government Dental College and Hospital in Bombay in 1987 and 1992, respectively. From 1993-2001, I was associated with three U.S. institutions, receiving a M.S. from Marquette University in 1995, a Ph.D. and orthodontic certificate from Indiana University in 1999, and a D.D.S. from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry in 2001. From 2001-2011, I was fortunate to be on the faculty at the Ohio State University under the mentorship of Dr. Katherine Vig, a world renowned orthodontist and educator. It was at Ohio State that I met my wife, Pinar, who at that time was a visiting faculty in periodontology. In 2011, we both moved to the University of Kentucky to assume faculty positions. It was in Lexington, KY that we had the birth of our twins, Maya and Dahan who are soon going to be 3 year old, which is hard to imagine! They clearly are the joy and provide immeasurable purpose to our lives and we are very excited to move to Charleston as it will be a great place to raise our family.

I have always been influenced by Maya Angelou's quote, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” This has been a caution to me throughout my life and career. I am a student of history and am still in the process of understanding the privilege that has been bestowed upon me to lead the College. Eight deans have preceded me and built an outstanding team of leaders, teachers, clinicians, and alumni whose influence is felt throughout the world. It is upon their shoulders that I humbly stand. Every so often, I look with awe at the signage outside the College and am reminded of the legacy of Dr. James B. Edwards.

In my first six weeks and at the time of writing you, I have learned and continue to learn a great deal about the College. I have held open town halls to continue to engage the faculty, staff, and students and am impressed by their extraordinary talent and candor. I have reiterated with the students that they are the reason we are here, that we value their feedback, and that we remain committed to providing them with best skill sets to ensure lifelong success.

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Macaulay Dental Museum
Rededicated
by Dr. Gene Atkinson, Class of December 1973, college historian

The Macaulay Museum of Dental History at the Medical University of South Carolina was rededicated Thursday, Oct. 12, 2017, after a three-year, $300,000 renovation. Many alumni, corporations, and individuals contributed funds to help this fantastic project become reality.

In an impressive ceremony at St. Luke’s Chapel on the MUSC campus, the rededication took place in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Academy of the History of Dentistry, which was holding its annual convention in Charleston at the same time. Executive Director of the Academy, Dr. David Chernin of Boston, gave the keynote address. Former Interim Dean Patricia Blanton informed the audience that the Macaulay Museum is only one of two dental schools in the nation to house a dental museum.

Among additional speakers were lead sponsor of the project, Dr. Staci Gaffos, a personal friend of Dr. Macaulay and a past-president of the American Academy of Dental History. Dr. Theresa Gonzales, president of MUSC’s Waring Library, Dr. Lynn Campbell representing the South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) and a member of the Macaulay Museum committee, and Susan Hoffius, curator of the MUSC Waring Historical Library and Macaulay Museum of Dental History.

The Macaulay Museum evolved from the personal collection of Dr. Neill Macaulay, one of South Carolina’s premier dentists. It includes more than 6,000 dental artifacts collected by Dr. Macaulay throughout his career, some of which came from the collection of his great-grandfather, Dr. John Sharp. Dr. Macaulay donated his extensive collection to MUSC in 1975, and the museum opened on Oct. 11, 1975, with Governor James B. Edwards delivering the keynote address.

Dr. Macaulay was quite a leader and was the only individual to hold every office in the SCDA. He is considered one of the driving forces in the establishment of the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC.

For many years prior to its existence, Dr. Macaulay as the leader of the Southern Regional Education Board helped place prospective dental students from South Carolina in dental schools across the Southeast. He performed this job for the state of South Carolina for an annual salary of one dollar. Dr. Macaulay became very close to many of these students, checking on them often during their dental school years. As a result these students became known as the “Macaulay Boys.”

During the ceremony, the American Society of the History of Dentistry presented its prestigious, national Hayden-Harris Award, jointly to Dr. Ted Welsh and Mrs. Susan Hoffius for their dedicated efforts in preserving dental history through the years. Their efforts have been a mainstay in the Macaulay Museum for many years.

Attending the rededication ceremony was Judge Alex Macaulay, the son of Dr. Neill Macaulay. He was one of those participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony for this outstanding newly renovated museum named after his father.

Guests tour the newly renovated museum

Guests enjoy a reception following the re-dedication ceremony

New Dean Sarandeep Huja (right) with Lou Boryc from Marquette University

Lead sponsor of the renovation project and Macaulay Museum Committee member Staci Gaffos greets fellow committee member Harold (Class of ’71, Legacy Society) and Irene (Legacy Society) Jablon

Museum volunteer and Waring Library Society member Ted Welsh greets former interim dean; Theresa Gonzales (Class of ’84)
Dr. Theodore D. Ravenel, V
Cooper Community Outreach dental clinic. He is also the director of the East
Division of Periodontics pre-doctoral and post-

Dr. Cuenin is splitting his time between a part-time attending on in Aug. 2014.

as a faculty volunteer in 2013 and then member in Aug. He first came to MUSC of Stomatology became a full-time faculty

Part of Full-Time Faculty

Cuenin and Ravenel Now Part of Full-Time Faculty

Grant Confirmed for Special Care Clinic

Delta Dental of South Carolina has awarded the Kaminski Special Care Clinic $100,000 for the expansion of patient services and to uplift a treatment room serving non-ambulatory patients. The funds will also provide an additional dental assistant for one year. The college recognizes the importance of providing services and educating future dentists to provide for this underserved patient population.

Ellis First Female Fellow of the Southern Academy

Dr. Mona Ellis (Class of ’77, part-time instructor) has been honored as a fellow of the Southern Academy and is the first female fellow. This is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon members for having distinguished themselves in their service to the Academy. “The honor not only recognizes Dr. Ellis’s service and leadership but also the way she reflects the qualities and values that make our Academy special. She has led at the highest levels on the executive council for six years, rotating through the chairs and leading the Southern Academy as president in 2006. She served as children’s activities chair in 2009; and has undertaken every task, large or small that has been asked of her with unsailful resolve and dignity to better our organization,” said Randy Shelley (Perio Res. ’82).

In addition to her private practice in Orangeburg, Dr. Ellis serves as a clinical professor at the college, teaching both undergraduates and post graduates.

Tenure Granted to Krayer and Martin

At the meeting in Oct., the Board of Trustees of the Medical University of South Carolina approved faculty tenure recommendations for Dr. Joe Krayer, professor and director, post-doctoral periodontics program in the Department of Stomatology, and Dr. Amy Martin, interim chair of the Department of Oral Health Sciences and division director of the Division of Population Oral Health in the Department of Stomatology. Dr. Krayer joined the college in 2006; Dr. Martin arrived in 2014.

Dr. P.D. Miller

Miller and Ries Retire

On June 6, 2017 Dr. P.D. Miller, clinical professor in the Department of Stomatology, Division of Periodontics, retired after nine years of exemplary service to the College. After practicing Periodontics in Memphis, TN for 40 years, he came to MUSC having introduced the concept of periodontal plastic surgery to periodontics. He was first to present the free soft tissue autograft (free gingival graft) as a predictable procedure for obtaining root coverage, and introduced a new classification of recession to the literature which is still used today. With many honorary awards, including the Master Clinician Award by the American Academy of Periodontology, Dr. Miller brought great insight to our students and residents in the overall treatment of patients. His most significant accomplishment while at MUSC was the publication of “Miller PD, McEntire M, Marlow NM, Gallin RG: An Evidenced Based Scoring Index to Determine the Periodontal Prognosis on Molars. Journal of Periodontology 2014; February: 85(2): 214-225” which

Dr. Joe Krayer

The Department of Oral Rehabilitation is happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Anthony Mannito as the new division director of digital dentistry.

Dr. P. D. Miller

won the Clinical Research Award of the American Academy of Periodontology in 2015.

William L. Ries, D.D.S., Ph.D. retired as a professor in the Department of Stomatology, Division of Periodontics on June 30, 2017 after 26 years of distinguished service. When Dr. Ries arrived from Wake Forest University, he spent his early years on the faculty in his research endeavors investigating various aspects of bone growth and resorption. Continued on page 6

Dr. Bill Ries

Dr. P. D. Miller

James B Edwards College of Dental Medicine
The Link Fall/Winter 2017
The new members of the Dental Student Alumni Council from the Class of 2021 were announced in October.

From L to R, Rachel Chen, Shikha Amin, Kate Stewart, Gray Thomas, Trace Holt, Kelly McCorkle, and Evan Sudduth

Dr. Walter Renné has been appointed assistant dean of innovation and digital dentistry effective Nov. 1, 2017. This key appointment provides a clear vision for implementation of digital technologies college wide. Dr. Renné has distinguished himself in this field and will collaborate with departments and divisions to lead the college in this endeavor to help elevate all aspects of digital dentistry and ensure our firm footing nationally and internationally in the field.

Dr. Renné has been a faculty member at MUSC for more than nine years most recently serving as the director of the division of digital dentistry in the Department of Oral Rehabilitation. In addition to his new role, Dr. Renné will continue his predoctoral teaching and clinical duties.

X-Nav Technologies’ X-Guide Acquired

The Division of Periodontics, Department of Stomatology acquired X-Nav Technologies’ X-Guide hardware and software in Oct. From cone beam CT data, X-Guide uses dynamic 3D navigation that delivers interactive, turn-by-turn guidance giving the operator the ability to improve the precision and accuracy of implant bur drilling, position, angle and depth. It features 360-degree single-view of drill position and anatomy during surgery. X-Guide also makes same-day guided surgery a reality for patients and practitioners. Similar to our medical colleagues, the dentist drills the osteotomy by viewing the monitor and not looking at the patient. MUSC was the third dental school in the country to obtain this technology.
Alumni Weekend Will Feature Comisi as CE Presenter

Dr. John Comisi will present the 2018 Alumni Weekend Continuing Education Program entitled "The Pillars of Contemporary Oral Health Care: Caries Management, Periodontal Disease Control, Oral Cancer Screening and Sleep Breathing Disorders Identification and Treatment."

Dr. John Comisi is a member of the Fauchard Academy, and the International, the American Academy of Dentistry, and holds fellowships of the Academy of General Dentistry. Dr. Comisi is a master Science in Biology at Fordham University. He received his Bachelor of University Dental School in 1983. He has been in private practice in Ithaca, NY, since 2018.

His practical approach to the trends in dentistry has made him a much sought after speaker, author, consultant in the dental industry. He brings a passion and a knowledge base that is refreshing and sincere.

According to Dr. Comisi, "Dentistry has evolved from those days of 'drill, fill and bill.' We are no longer 'just dentists'. We are now a vital part of patient health care management. It's an exciting and important time to be in dentistry. Most patients see their dentist more frequently than they do their physician. As such, we have the ability to detect and identify many systemic manifestations of disease and be of great service to our patients in their well-being."

This course will review what the presenter likes to call the "pillars of oral health care management:" caries management and restorative considerations; periodontal disease control; oral cancer screening; and the most recent addition to the "pillars," the identification and management of sleep breathing disorders. Each of these is the responsibility of today's oral health care provider. By incorporating these pillars into your practice you will serve the patient population in wonderful ways to help them be healthier and your practice more vibrant. Are you ready to "up your game" and become more than "just a dentist?"

Mullins Dentist’s Connections to MUSC as Varied as His Life Experiences

It’s difficult to pick a place to begin when describing Dr. Franklin G. Mason. He’s practiced dentistry for more than 64 years. He’s raised four children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He’s completed 35 dental mission trips across eight countries. He’s taken leadership roles in many organizations, including the South Carolina Dental Association, Mullins First Baptist Church, Lions Club International and Charleston Southern University. He’s completed 740 races, including 120 marathons, in the span of about 30 years. He’s renowned in not only Mullins, but the entire state of South Carolina and beyond.

With so many interests, where does MUSC fit into all of this? It all started many years ago when Dr. John Buhler, first dean of the dental school, invited Dr. Mason to host guest lectures on campus to talk to students about the pros and cons of being a small-town dentist. He traveled back and forth between Mullins and Charleston for several years to hold this lecture. Since the dental school was so new, Dr. Mason’s experience and knowledge was invaluable for the students, faculty and staff.

Over the years, Dr. Mason has continued to stay involved with and support not only our dental school, but also the MUSC Storm Eye Institute through charitable gift annuities. He most recently funded the 1960s exhibit in the Macaulay Museum of Dental History. The museum’s namesake, Dr. Neil W. Macaulay, was both a fellow faculty member and a friend of Dr. Mason’s.

Dr. Mason attributes his successful career to God, above all else. "God has been good to me and I’ve been able to accumulate some wealth, so I am happy to give money where it helps," Mason explains. For him, charitable gift annuities are a great option, because you can put it where it can be used for good but also get a percentage of it back.

There is no question that Dr. Mason has left a legacy at MUSC and countless other organizations. When asked what his greatest accomplishment has been, he paused and reflected before answering. "I haven’t achieved it yet," he said, "but I hope it’s that I leave a good, Christian legacy."

How charitable gift annuities like Dr. Mason’s work:

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If you are interested in a charitable gift annuity, please contact Linda Cox, director of planned giving at coxL@musc.edu or 843-792-9562.

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We encourage our alumni and students to remain connected, particularly as our young dentists transition into their careers. Soon after my arrival, I was fortunate to attend the rededication of the Macaulay Museum and want to express my appreciation to the alumni and friends whose generosity helped make this a reality. As we advance into the digital age, the museum reminds us of the amazing progress our profession has made. For those of you who have not yet seen the renovated museum, please join us for a tour during our alumni weekend in April.

With progress in mind, Dr. Wally Renné has been appointed assistant dean of the College of Dental Medicine and my office will remain open to you. I am honored by the reception that will be hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Boyd in Columbia on Jan. 11, 2018, and look forward to meeting many of you and introducing my family to yours.

I wish each of you very happy holidays and best wishes for success and happiness in the new year. It is a time to remember how fortunate we are to be dental health professionals and the opportunities that affords us both professionally and personally.

With deep gratitude,
Sarandeep Huja
Dean of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine

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- Our White Coat and Hooding ceremonies
- Honoraria, fees and expenses for visiting and traveling instructors
- And much more

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