A Message from the Dean

Happy holiday season! I continue to be proud that through the extraordinary efforts of our faculty, staff, and students, we continue to make progress on all fronts at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. I am also very pleased that under President David Cole’s leadership, scores of MUSC faculty, staff and students worked very hard to develop “Imagine MUSC 2020.” It offers us a vision and strategic plan that we can all be part of and enthusiastically endorse. Importantly, inter-professional teamwork and respect for each other run through each of the goals as we strive to be one institution. Going forward, we will:

· Advance new knowledge and scientific discoveries
· Embrace diversity and inclusion
· Foster innovative education and learning
· Commit to patients first
· Build healthy communities

You can find the “Imagine MUSC 2020” plan at http://www.imaginemusc.com. I encourage all of you to visit the site. This fall semester we are having a series of celebratory events for each of these goals, which are also posted on the web site.

November 30th we met to align MUSC units with this plan. I believe that the JBECDM’s new strategic plan is closely aligned with “Imagine MUSC 2020.” This close alignment will allow us to collaboratively move forward on all fronts. We will provide innovative education, patient care and research. At the same time we will be inclusive and diverse as we strive to improve the health of our communities. A lot of work? Yes, but totally worth the effort.

Dr. Robert Berger (Legacy Society, part time instructor) and wife Amy (Legacy Society), Dr. Ned Jennings (Class of ’89) and Dr. Richard Boyd (Class of ’82, Legacy Society) and wife Stacy (Legacy Society), with Dean Jack Sanders

MUSC President David Cole’s White Coat Tour kicked off in Columbia on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at the Palmetto Club. Alumni and friends celebrated the Medical University’s accomplishments and heard our new president’s vision for its future.

Dr. William Edwards (Class of ’85, alumni board) with Dr. Staci Gaffos

Irene Jablon (Legacy Society) with MUSC First Lady Kathy Cole
Special Care Dentistry at MUSC: Alumna Endowment and Duke Endowment Grant Address Provider Shortage for Patients with Special Health Care Needs

Dr. Pamela M. Kaminski (Class of ’89, Legacy Society) stopped by for a visit in October to see for herself how her donation will make a difference. Her endowed gift will secure the future of the Dr. Pamela M. Kaminski Special Care Dentistry Clinic and the program through her estate.

Thanks to donations by Dr. Kaminski, the South Carolina Dental Association’s Members Benefit Group, alumni and dental supply companies such as Henry Schein Cares, the Dr. Pamela M. Kaminski Special Care Dentistry Clinic opened on a limited basis January 2015.

According to Dr. Michelle Ziegler (AEGD residency director, asst. prof.): “Over the past three years we have seen a rise in the number of patients with special health care needs (SHCN) at the College. It increased from about a dozen to nearly 200 without any advertising. These patients come from all over the state, some traveling upwards of three hours just to have their teeth cleaned.”

One such patient is Lindsey who is 29 years old and diagnosed with autism. He travels more than an hour from Walterboro. When Lindsey’s mom found dental care at MUSC in January she was thrilled. Lindsey’s mom reported this was his first visit to the dentist ever. He is now on a routine schedule for dental cleanings.

It is clear there is a shortage of providers comfortable treating patients with SHCN in South Carolina. Special health care needs patients have a variety of disabilities. Patients with Autism, developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, head and spinal cord injuries, other physical disabilities, Alzheimer’s and dementia, and medically complex individuals all fall under this umbrella. The best way to overcome this shortage is to train our dental work force. The pipeline of training dentists who are comfortable treating patients with SHCN in South Carolina lies in the undergraduate and graduate programs at MUSC JBECDM. The dental school curriculum now includes didactic and clinical training for students in treating this patient population. Research shows students who are exposed to SHCN patients in dental school are more likely to take on the challenges of treating these patients in private practice.

“It is always a challenging day, filled with emotions and physical demands. But the students, staff and I all leave knowing we have provided something special not just for the patient but for the family of that patient,” said Dr. Ziegler. Dr. Kaminski had the opportunity to witness some of these students in action as they provided care in the center that bears her name.

“I was thrilled to witness the Special Care Dentistry Clinic in action during my recent visit to MUSC and especially excited to see the students taking such an active role in treating the patients. The fact that they really enjoyed their experience was encouraging, since they will be more likely to carry their knowledge and skills over to treating these patients in their own offices in the future,” said Dr. Ziegler. “The contribution I made to MUSC to benefit this Special Care Dentistry Clinic will go down in my personal history as the best thing I have ever done! In 1985, MUSC took a chance on a young applicant to whom entry might have easily been denied. I am forever indebted to those who saw the spark of promise that was present within me. I owe my dental career to the outstanding education I received at MUSC, not only intellectually but also in terms of ethics, attitude and inspiration. President John F. Kennedy said to whom much is given, much is expected; that sums up my heartfelt motivation for giving back to this fine institution, said Dr. Kaminski.”
Unfortunately the College cannot provide treatment for everyone. There are thousands of people in South Carolina who have SHCN and are in need of dental services. Due to limited funding the facility currently operates on a very limited basis. Even at full capacity the faculty and staff would be unable to provide care to all of the patients in need.

A recent grant from the Duke Endowment in the amount of $600,000 has allowed the College to begin identifying and addressing the dental needs of patients with SHCN. Faculty members Dr. Elizabeth Pilcher (Class of ’81, assoc. dean, prof.) and Dr. Michelle Ziegler as principal investigators along with the help of Dr. Amy Martin (Director of Div. of Population Oral Health, assoc. prof.) are administering the program titled Project SANDs (Special Adult Network of Dentists.) The purpose is to identify adults with SHCN who are finding it difficult to locate a dentist and then provide concierge care to locate a provider and ensure that the patient’s treatment needs are met.

The faculty members are reaching out to dentists to identify those willing to treat patients with SHCN. Dentists are asked to complete an online survey (https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NMYJTL6) to collect information about which groups of patients they feel comfortable treating. In addition to this information the dentists are asked what resources they feel would be helpful for MUSC to provide to them to assist in treating these patients. They are also working with public and private organizations to identify patients in need of dental care. Once a patient has been identified as needing a dental provider, Project SANDs will partner with the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs and Family Connection to locate a provider and facilitate the patient’s dental care.

Preliminary data from Project SANDs show a small percentage of dentists are willing to treat adults with SHCN. It is hoped that providing support and continuing education will help encourage more practitioners to treat this group of patients. Literature supports the fact that 80 percent of individuals with intellectual disabilities can be managed in a private practice setting with a little time and patience. By training our future dentists and continuing to support them and private practitioners, we hope to reduce the provider shortage in South Carolina. Project SANDs will allow us to connect competent, compassionate providers with this all too often underserved patient population.

Project SANDs will assist dental providers in SC by providing continuing education to dentists and their staff and also by providing tele-dentistry services to practitioners who may need help with such things as behavior management techniques. Many dentists in South Carolina have received some exposure to treating these patients with SHCN through the MUSC Dental Program for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Individuals with Special Health Care Needs held in Charleston each September (see page 10 of this newsletter). The program was started 20 years ago by the late Dr. Carlos F. Salinas (Class of ’85, former prof.) and continues to be held annually.

Project SANDs welcomes Joan McLaren as the project coordinator. Joan brings a wealth of experience in working within the special needs community in South Carolina. Joan will assist in gathering information to build the database of providers and will also reach out to every county in the state to try to identify patients who need a dental provider. The grant will initially target patients who are adults and also receive the IDRD waiver, a Medicaid waiver for intellectually disabled persons that provides coverage for dental care.

If you know a patient who may need our services, are a dentist who would like to be a provider in project SANDs, or would like to make a donation to benefit the clinic, please contact Joan McLaren at 843-876-0059 or mclaren@musc.edu

“The contribution I made to MUSC to benefit this Special Care Dentistry Clinic will go down in my personal history as the best thing I have ever done!” –Dr. Pamela M. Kaminski
A new division of the Department of Stomatology as of July 2014, the Division of Population Oral Health is led by Amy Martin, DrPH (Director) and Renata Leite, DDS (clinical director). They have obtained $3.2 million for interprofessional training, research, & service from federal, philanthropic, & corporate partners. The programs below are our flagship initiatives.

The purpose of the Rural Oral Health Advancement in Delivery Systems (ROADS) is to reduce rural oral health disparities for children and high-risk adults with diabetes through medical-dental integration that emphasizes improvements in care and system performance. It is funded through the DentaQuest Institute’s MORE Care and HRSA's Oral Health Workforce cooperative agreement, ROADS (T12HP28882).

The purpose of Rural Oral Health Advancement and Delivery through Interprofessionalism (ROADTRIP) is to transform interprofessional education at the Medical University of South Carolina so that more dental and primary care graduates have prerequisite clinical and interprofessional competencies, business acumen, and willingness for rural safety net oral health practice. ROADTRIP is funded by the HRSA Predoctoral Training in General, Pediatric, and Public Health Dentistry and Dental Hygiene Cooperative Agreement (D85HP28493).

Facilitating Long-Term Oral Health Skills (FLOSS) is intended to improve the oral health of residents in long term care facilities by improving the oral health competencies of Certified Nursing Assistants through state-sponsored curriculum enhancements, and partnerships with dental hygiene programs. FLOSS is funded through the CMS Civil Penalties Fund program.

In development, the purpose of Pharmacists as Rural Oral Health Promoters (PROPER), is to improve the oral health status and clinical indicators associated with diabetes and influenced by oral health among rural adults participating in a federally qualified health center’s 340B drug program. Pharmacists will support primary care teams and patients using improved clinical decisions support software and customized counseling based on diagnoses and prescriptions that exacerbate poor oral health.
A great weekend of celebration is on tap for Homecoming 2016. All alumni are invited to join us as we kick off the yearlong finale commemorating the College’s 50th anniversary. Reserve your hotel room now and join us for a time of reconnecting with former classmates and faculty while enjoying a weekend in Charleston.

Schedule of Events (full details and pricing available in January)

Friday, April 8
Dean’s Welcome Reception
7 – 10 p.m. / Dental Clinical Education Center
2016 marks the six-year anniversary of the Dental Clinical Education Center and the College’s renaming to the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. It’s the perfect setting as we kick off Homecoming Weekend and a weekend full of celebration, reconnecting and reminiscing.

Saturday, April 9
Continuing Education Program
8 a.m. / MUSC Campus
Saturday morning brings an official welcome from Dean Jack Sanders along with two continuing-education opportunities featuring Dr. Michael Snider, a 2009 graduate of the College, and Dr. Chris Farrugia. Dr. Snider will speak on restorative and prosthetic-driven implant placement while Dr. Farrugia will discuss the business side of dentistry and demystifying medical billing.

Dr. Michael Snider

Dr. Michael Snider graduated Clemson University in 2005. He received a BS in Microbiology, magna cum laude. Dr. Snider graduated from the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina in 2009. He has been in private practice in Greenwood, S.C., since his graduation from MUSC.
Dr. Snider’s practice is focused on providing restorative dentistry to his patients with the use of all digital workflow. He utilizes CEREC technology, along with Sirona cone beam integration to provide complete digital implant planning for his patients.
Dr. Snider currently acts as a mentor for CerecDoctors.com, and a trainer for Patterson Dental and Sirona on the use of CEREC and cone beam technology.

Dr. Snider is a member of the South Carolina Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine, and is a leader of a CEREC Study Club.

Dr. Chris Farrugia

Dr. Chris Farrugia received his DDS degree from the Emory University School of Dentistry. He is also an alumnus of the LD Pankey Institute. He practices digital dentistry in Pensacola, Fla. His professional experience includes serving as medical director for Pensacola Imaging, LLL from 2013-2015. He is a Patterson Certified CEREC Basic, Intermediate, and Advanced Trainer.

It is the addition of cone beam CT technology to his practice that began a journey to untangle the process of medical billing for dental practices culminating in the publishing of Successful Medical Billing: The Dentist’s Guide.

5 – 6:30 p.m. / Class Reunion Celebrations
Locations TBA

Sunday, April 10
ASDA Golf Tournament
Links at Stono Ferry, Hollywood, S.C.
Cap off the weekend with a round of golf hosted by the American Student Dental Association.

If you are interested in Homecoming sponsorship opportunities or have questions about the weekend, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 843.792.7979. We can’t wait to see you in April!
Dr. Monica J. Cayouette (Class of '96, assoc. prof.) has been named chair of the Department of Oral Rehabilitation in the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. Cayouette has served as interim chair since July 2014 and also as director of the Implant Prosthodontic Division, Department of Oral Rehabilitation since 2001. Cayouette is the first female to permanently serve in this capacity for the College.

“I feel like we have one of the best kept secrets on the MUSC campus, and it’s my vision to have the hard work of so many of my colleagues brought to the forefront, so that our community understands the level of expertise that we have here,” Cayouette said. “I am so excited to permanently fill this chair position, and I look forward to the opportunities we have ahead of us.”

To that end, Cayouette plans to build a comprehensive, digital dentistry fellowship and continuing-education hub for the state and beyond, which will in turn continue to bring the latest technologies to patients who need more accuracy, speed and cost savings from the dental care they receive.

Cayouette completed her prosthodontic postgraduate training at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry and earned a master’s in prosthodontics from the University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. Cayouette is a member of the American Dental Association, American Dental Education Association, Academy of Osseointegration, American College of Prosthodontics, South Carolina Dental Association (SCDA) and the Coastal District Dental Association. She is also a fellow of the American Board of Prosthodontics and the American College of Dentists. In 2005, Cayouette was awarded the New Dentist Award of South Carolina by the SCDA. She is active in both undergraduate and graduate dental education, and is also active in organized dentistry through the SCDA. She will maintain limited practice in prosthodontics and dental implants. Her special interests are dental wear and the restoration of dental implants. Cayouette serves as a reviewer for the American Dental Education Journal, the North American Case Research Association, and the South Eastern Case Research Association. She has more than 50 presentations, videos and publications related to her work.

By Heather Woolwine, media relations director, MUSC Office of Public Relations

The College is pleased to announce that Ozlem Yilmaz, DDS, PhD will join the College on January 4, 2016, as associate professor in the Department of Oral Health Sciences. Since 2006, Dr. Yilmaz was associate professor (tenured 2010) in the Department of Periodontology at the College of Dentistry, University of Florida. She also served as joint associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology, College of Dentistry and the Emerging Pathogens Institute there.

Dr. Yilmaz was awarded a Ph.D. in oral biology from the University of Washington in 2002 and received her D.D.S. from the Istanbul University School of Dentistry in 1990. From 1990 to 1995 she served as a general dentist in State Hospital Clinic, Turkey. After completing her Ph.D., Dr. Yilmaz was visiting fellow at the Biologie Moléculaire du Géne at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Dr. Yilmaz received the International Association for Dental Research Travel Grant in 2001, the NIH KO8 Mentored Clinical Scientist Award from 2001 to 2006, the 2010 Travel Award for Excellence for Assistant Professors and the 2012 Open Access Publication Award at the University of Florida. From 2001 to 2006, she was the 2001 Scholar of the Year at the W. G. Magnuson Institute for Excellence in Biomedical Research Training, was a University of Florida Nominee for Burroughs-Wellcome Investigators in Pathogenesis of Infectious Disease in 2007, and was made University of Florida Research Foundation Professor in 2014. In 2012 and 2013 she was made Fellow, Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) at Drexel and Fellow, CTSI Academy of Research Excellence in Human Subjects at the University of Florida, College of Medicine.

The author of a variety of peer-reviewed publications, articles, editorials, and book chapters, Dr. Yilmaz is also a well-respected instructor and mentor. The director of nearly $3 million in current and pending grants, she has also completed more than $2 million in grant studies since 2001, has served as reviewer and member on NIH and international panels and committees, is a member of a multitude of professional associations, and has served on a variety of college and university committees.
Leite to Head of Global Oral Health Initiatives

The College is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Luis Leite (Class of ’00) as the director of the newly created Office of Global Oral Health Initiatives within the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine Dean’s Office. With our recent contractual engagement with the College of Dentistry, Qassim University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and with the growing involvement of our College in the international field, the opportunity has come for us to formalize our commitment to increase JBECDM visibility in the global arena.

As the director of Global Oral Health Initiatives, Dr. Leite will work with the College leadership and partner with the Offices of Academic Affairs and Research and the MUSC Center for Global Health to support the global engagement mission of the College. Dr. Leite brings to this new position many years of administrative leadership which coupled with his experience, vision and background will be invaluable assets to our future global efforts. Among his unique credentials for this position, Dr. Leite has the distinct honor of being appointed by the U.S. Department of State as the honorary consul of Brazil for the State of South Carolina. With this new assignment, and following 12 years of a successful and distinguished tenure as department chair, Dr. Leite will be transferring his administrative responsibilities to Dr. Cynthia Hipp (Grad. Studies ’07), who will serve as interim chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics. Dr. Hipp has been a faculty member at MUSC for more than 23 years. She has been the director of the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program since 2008, after previously serving in that role from 1998-2003. Among many other significant accomplishments, she currently serves as president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Hipp inducted as president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

The College is proud to announce that Dr. Cynthia L. Hipp (Health Prof. ’07) was recently inducted as president of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Hipp is an associate professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics at the Medical University of South Carolina. She currently serves as interim chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and as director of the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program. Dr. Hipp joined the faculty of the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine in 1992. She received her DDS from the University of Iowa in 1988, her certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Kentucky in 1990 and her MSCR from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2007. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

The mission of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry is to certify pediatric dentists through a voluntary examination process that continuously validates their knowledge, skills and experience for delivering quality patient outcomes. This ultimately leads to high-quality oral health care for infants and children through adolescence, including those with special health care needs. The board also provides assurance to the public that a board certified pediatric dentist has successfully completed accredited specialty training.
About the Class of 2019

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DMD 2019
75 Students Accepted
35 Females (47%)
40 Males (53%)

Female students decreased by 25% from DMD 2018
Male students increased by 38% from DMD 2018

Female students decreased 4% from DMD 2017
Male students increased 4% from DMD 2017

Applications

Number of Applications (AADSAS) = 1104
Number of Applications (MUSC) = 965

In-State (AADSAS) = 134
In-State (MUSC) = 129

Out-of-State (AADSAS) = 970
Out-of-State (MUSC) = 836

Number Interviewed = 215

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AADSAS = Associated American Dental Schools Application Service
DAT = Dental Admission Test
AA = Academic Average
PAT = Perceptual Ability
The MUSC Chapter of the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) visited the Florence Crittenton Home as part of the group’s community outreach efforts with a program for at-risk pregnant and parenting young women.

Members of the Class of ’16 from L-R: Sukhi Guram, Lauren Ulbrich, Kat McKitrick, Anna Moorhead, Harriet Kilgore, Abbie Garrison and Jessica e Silva

Members of the Dental Student Alumni Council wished a fond farewell to its senior members in the Class of 2015 at a luncheon held April 16th.

Pictured from L-R are Dr. Alison Foster, Dr. Mary Kate James, Dr. Jessica Tabb, Dr. Catie Carroll, Dr. Lauren Green, and Dr. Brittany Rush

The MUSC Chapter of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) attended the Sugar Free Fall Festival to pass out sugar-free candy and educate children on dental hygiene.

Pictured from L-R: Dylan Sobin (Class of ’18), Emily Wiles (Class of ’17), Ian Alvey (Class of ’18), Carolyn Whittow (Class of ’18), Elizabeth Rowe (Class of ’17), and Kate Vaught (Class of ’16)

Accutron, Inc. generously donated a digital flowmeter for nitrous oxide sedation to the College’s Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.

Dental students Nikki Lundstrom (Class of ’16) and Chris Conzett (Class of ’17), under the supervision of Dr. Harry Hutchins (assoc. prof.), invited the company to the school for an educational program.
In Memoriam

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

Dr. John W. Corcoran (Professor Emeritus of Pediatric Dentistry) of Summerville, South Carolina, November 29, 2015

Mrs. Kathryn K. Hufnagle of Hollywood, South Carolina, September 20, 2015

17th Annual Dental Special Health Care Needs Program Held in September

By Lisa Summerlin, RDH, dental hygienist, Center for Oral Health Research

For the last 17 years, the last Friday in September has offered an opportunity for an all-day educational seminar entitled “Dental Program for the Diagnosis and Treatment of Individuals with Special Health Care Needs.” This year was no exception when 112 dentists, physicians, office personnel, dental hygienists, assistants, and others from South Carolina and Georgia gathered at the North Charleston Convention Center.

However, there was one empty chair. The seminar’s founder, Dr. Carlos F. Salinas, could not attend this year. Sadly, Dr. Salinas passed away in January after almost three years of battling pancreatic cancer. Dr. Salinas surely was smiling down on the event as friend and colleague, Dr. S. Ted McGill (Class of ’75, assoc. prof.) honored his dying wish to continue the course. Dr. McGill along with Dr. Stephen Beetstra, another longtime friend and colleague of Dr. Salinas’, hosted an enlightening day complete with world-renowned speakers. As a gesture of admiration for Dr. Salinas, the annual program was also re-named in his honor.

Dr. Steven P. Perlman, founder of Special Olympics and Special Smiles and co-founder of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, opened with heartfelt reflections on his dear friend entitled “What Would Carlos Do: Lessons from a Visionary.” The keynote address was delivered by physician, Rick Rader, director of the Morton J. Kent Habilitation Center in Tennessee and editor-in-chief of Exceptional Parent Magazine. Other speakers included Dr. Allen Wong of the Pacific Dugoni School of Dentistry, Matthew Cooke, a physician and dentist who holds dual appointments at the dental schools in the University of Pittsburgh and Virginia Commonwealth University, as well as Drs. Kirt E. Simmons and Dr. Beetstra from the Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

South Carolina was represented by Drs. Elizabeth (Betsy) S. Pilcher (Class of ’81, assoc. dean, assoc. prof.), Michelle E. Ziegler (AEGD residency director, asst. prof.) and Amy B. Martin (Div. of Pop. Oral Health director, assoc. prof.). Their announcement would have been dear to the late Dr. Salinas: the opening of the Kaminski Special Needs Clinic at our College. The clinic is a state-of-the-art, multi-room facility currently treating more than 125 patients and educating approximately 25 residents and 140 dental students annually.

Dr. Salinas’ widow and fellow colleague, Dr. Maria Cordova Salinas (Class of ’86), presented the annual Dr. Carlos Salinas Award for Excellence in Treating Individuals with Special Needs to Dr. Michelle Ziegler for her many years of work in special care dentistry in New York, Pennsylvania and now in South Carolina.

Although he was the most interesting man not in the room, the legacy of Dr. Salinas continues. His tremendous compassion will be remembered when we see the heart-warming smile of a little boy diagnosed with Down syndrome, an adult with disabilities living in a rural area being seen a dentist for the first time, and in the faces of those seated in the seminar each September. Until then my friend...
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For more information: Linda Cox | Director of Gift Planning | 843.792.9562 | CoxL@MUSC.edu
Dental Student Announces for Citadel

MUSC dental student Landon Sears (Class of ‘17) was the public address announcer for The Citadel Bulldogs football team this year, announcing the team’s first playoff season since 1992. Sears, class president throughout his tenure at MUSC, had announced over 1,000 athletic events including for the UPenn Quakers, Syracuse University, and minor league baseball affiliates of the Pirates and White Sox prior to starting dental school and working for The Citadel. Sears, who also announces basketball games at The Citadel, also previously worked as a TV news reporter at CBS affiliates in Binghamton, N.Y., and Myrtle Beach. A friend who works for The Citadel’s athletic department approached Sears about the open announcer position this past summer and the school hired him after a live audition. Said Sears “I hope to continue working as a sports announcer part-time after dental school and look forward to another exciting season on the mic at The Citadel’s Johnson Hagood Stadium in 2016!”