A Message from the Dean

Dear Alumni and Friends,

For the first time in decades, the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine will celebrate its annual Homecoming Weekend in the spring rather than at the end of February. Please mark your calendars for our new 2016 Homecoming dates of April 7-9. More information about locations and events will be mailed in the fall.

We are excited for this change in season that might offer more of you an opportunity to attend the various activities scheduled throughout the weekend. I hope to see each of you in the spring, if not sooner. In the meantime, enjoy the summer months!

Dean Jack Sanders

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Robert McCartha (Class of ’90) and wife, Kathryn with Cary Norton (Class of ’90)

Dental Student Alumni Council member Mason Wade (Class of ’16), David Watson (Class of ’74)

Members of the Dental Student Alumni Council: Lauren Green (Class of ’15), Kat McKitrick (Class of ’16) and her husband, Andy, Jessica Tabb (Class of ’15) and her husband, John

Rob Rosol (Legacy Society) with his wife Vicki Tatum (Class of ’90, Legacy Society), Alicia Carroll (Class of ’90), and Rodney Gleave (Class of ’90)

Ghazala Javed, Ann Edwards, Mary Sanders

Doug Snowden (Class of ’82) and wife, Deryl and daughter, Patricia with Richard Boyd (Class of ’75) and his wife, Nancy

Harold Jablon (Class of ’71, Bd. of Trust., MUSC Fdn. Bd., Dental Alumni Assn. past-pres., Legacy Society) with the College’s development director Stephanie Oberempt and wife, Irene Jablon (Legacy Society)

Derek Barnes (Class of ’00, past Bd. of Visitors) and his wife Natasha

Gary Bell (Medicine ’83, Internal Med. Residency ’86, Legacy Society), Benetta Bell (Class of ’85, Legacy Society, part-time instructor)

Members of the Class of 1990 celebrate their 25th Reunion: Alicia Carroll, Vicki Tatum, Robert McCartha, and Monica Drew
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Ted McGill (Class of ’75, assoc. prof.) with MUSC President David Cole

Mary Sanders, Dean Jack Sanders, Betsy Waters (Hon. Alumna)

Calvin Fuller (Class of ’76, Dental Alumni Assn. past-pres.) with wife, Anne

Long T. Huynh (Class of ’69) and Mai Huynh-Le (Class of ’83, AEGD residency ’96, part instructor) with future MUSC Dental Alumni, Daniel, Katie, and Dawson, at the oyster roast

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Rocky Napier (Class of ’87), Scott Cayouette (Class of ’96, part-time instructor)

Gene Atkinson (Class of ’75, college historian, alumni assn. past-pres.)

Third year dental students (Class of ’16) play golf in the Homecoming tournament at Rivertowne Country Club: Lancen Halbert, Austin Abellana (with his father to his left), and Jordan Berry

Member of the Class of 2015 at the golf tournament: Charlie Quasney, Patrick Orman, Andrew Ponton, and Jared Tavernier
South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina lost one of its finest leaders on December 26, 2014. Dr. James B. Edwards will forever be remembered as a principled leader, who had a genuine heart that was always full of caring and concern for his fellow man. He always had kind words of encouragement and support for all of those around him. Dr. Edwards made each one feel that they indeed were special. His genuineness, combined with his gracious humility helped define his character. His death leaves a tremendous void in all of our lives.

James B. Edwards was born in Hawthorne, Florida in 1927 to O.M. and Bertie Hieronymus Edwards. Both parents were school teachers, and their careers led them to the South Carolina lowcountry in 1935. As a youth, Jim developed a love for the military and the sea while living in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina.

Upon his graduation from Moultrie High School at age 17 in 1944, he had to secure his parents’ written permission to be able to serve in the United States Maritime Service (the Merchant Marine) during World War II. During his three years in the service, he worked his way up from ordinary seaman to becoming a licensed Merchant Marine officer by age 19. He was licensed to pilot ships of any tonnage on any water in the world.

Upon his discharge from the Maritime Service, he began his college studies at the College of Charleston, where he graduated in 1951. During his college years he remained active in the seafaring trade during the summer months delivering cargo across the Atlantic as well as to South America.

After college Jim Edwards attended the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and graduated there with his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree in 1955. While at Louisville he was the president of the dental school student body, as well as president of the University of Louisville Student Government.

From 1957 to 1958 he studied at the University of Pennsylvania in Advanced Correlated Clinical Sciences. This was followed by an Oral Surgery residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan from 1958 to 1960.

Dr. Edwards then entered the United States Navy for two years as a member of the Dental Corps. Afterwards he served in the Navy Reserves until 1967, rising to the rank of Lt. Commander.

Dr. Edwards returned to Charleston in 1960 and practiced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery until 1974 when he became Governor of the state of South Carolina.

Politics began to enter Jim Edwards’ life in the 1960s. He was the Chairman of the Charleston County Republican Party from 1964 to 1969, as well as the Chairman of the First Congressional District Republican Committee from 1970 to 1971. Dr. Edwards was elected as a state senator over a veteran incumbent in 1972. In 1974 he ran as a candidate for governor in South Carolina, overcoming tremendous odds in both the Republican primary and the general election to become the first Republican governor since the days of Reconstruction. As governor, he was known for his ability to work across party lines to achieve a consensus for legislation. Governor Edwards’ administrative skills showed steady progress in public education, fiscal stability, and government reforms. He created a new emphasis marketing South Carolina to potential industrial manufacturing companies to locate here in our state. In 1978 Governor Edwards was elected as the Chairman of the Southern Governors Conference, an alliance of all the southern states’ governors.

Because South Carolina’s laws limited governors to one four-year term, Dr. Edwards returned to his oral surgery practice in Charleston in 1979.

But national politics intervened, and President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the cabinet level post of Secretary of Energy in his administration in 1981. Dr. Edwards served there until late 1982, when Charleston beckoned for him to return as the new president of the Medical University of South Carolina.

As the leader at the helm at MUSC, Jim Edwards oversaw an explosive growth of the physical plant to triple the amount of floor space. Over $240 million dollars were spent on construction and capital improvements. The endowment grew significantly. Dr. Edwards’ leadership and vision transformed MUSC into a nationally rated hospital facility. Along fundraising endeavors, he substantially increased alumni support, as well as started the first capital campaign to raise funds to improve the different schools and hospital. He was a tireless worker with his fundraising activities. After his retirement at the end of 1999, he continued to work with the development staff to raise funds for MUSC to continue its upward course. Additionally, the Board of Trustees conferred the title of President Emeritus upon him in 2000 in appreciation for his outstanding service at MUSC.

As a young oral surgeon in the early stages of his career in Charleston, Dr. Edwards was elected as president of the Coastal District Dental Society in 1967. He was a founder and charter...
The Class of 2015 dedicated their Honors Convocation on May 14th, to the memory of our beloved President Emeritus James B. Edwards. Congratulations to all our recent graduates!

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member of the South Carolina Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and served as its president in 1968. For his tireless service to dentistry, Dr. Edwards was honored as a fellow in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Edwards became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1963.

Among his many awards, Dr. Edwards was selected to receive the tenth Thomas P. Hinman Distinguished Dentist Service Medal in Atlanta in 1977. In 1994 Dr. Edwards was awarded the highest civilian honor given in South Carolina with the Order of the Palmetto from the office of Governor Carroll Campbell. Additionally in 1994, the American Dental Association awarded him their Distinguished Service Award for his outstanding service to dentistry. The South Carolina Dental Association presented Dr. Edwards in 1995 with their highest award for service to dentistry and mankind with the George P. Hoffman Award. In 2000 in Chicago, he was awarded the William John Gies Award, the highest honor given by the American College of Dentists for his contributions to the profession of dentistry. In 1997 Dr. Edwards was inducted into the South Carolina Hall of Fame at Myrtle Beach. The board of trustees at MUSC honored him in 2006 by renaming the dental school the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine. The Congressional Medal of Honor Society honored him in 2010 with the Distinguished Citizens Award for his fervent patriotic spirit.

Civically Dr. Jim Edwards had numerous activities and memberships. Among these were: past director of the Boy Scouts of America, Coastal Carolina Council, past member of the board of trustees of both Charleston Memorial Hospital and Baker Hospital, past member of the board of trustees, Greater Charleston YMCA, and a member of Sertoma International.

Dr. Edwards has been the recipient of 12 honorary degrees in his lifetime. Additionally he has served on 14 corporate boards and several advisory boards.

Religiously Jim Edwards was a devout member at St. Philips Episcopal Church, where he served in various capacities.


Dr. Jim Edwards will always be remembered for his integrity and service to mankind. With his radiant personality, there indeed were no strangers in his life. When asked about his legacy, he thoughtfully replied, “I hope that someone will say that I loved my family and my country, and that they noticed that I always tried to do my best!”

Well done, thy good and faithful servant.
**“ROADS” Partnership with DentaQuest Announced**

The College’s Division of Population Oral Health (DPOH) received $50,000 from The DentaQuest Institute in 2014, for the planning of an initiative called the Rural Oral Health Advancements in Delivery Solutions (ROADS) and a commitment of $370K for the first year of what is expected to be a multi-year partnership.

In rural South Carolina, oral disease is the number one avoidable reason an uninsured adult visits the emergency room. Therefore, rural hospitals and clinics have a vested interest in addressing oral health shortages. In partnership with the DentaQuest Institute and the South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH), the College is working to develop sustainable community-system solutions to improving this statistic.

The ROADS Initiative will be led by Amy Martin, DrPH, associate professor and director of DPOH and Renata Leite, DDS, MS, assistant professor (Graduate Studies ’04, Perio Residency ’05), to identify best practices that incorporate oral health inter-professionalism into rural primary care clinics. The intervention research is being conducted in South Carolina as a proof of concept for a national model of oral health integration as healthcare providers strive to achieve the Triple Aim of improved population health, quality of care, and cost savings to the system. Dr. Martin explains that, “After working on a 3-year grant to build capacity within oral health safety net clinics, it became apparent that we needed to look at a more systemic approach to building oral health care capacity in our state.”

Over the next year, the DPOH and SCORH will work with seven rural health clinics to integrate oral health services into primary practice. The primary intervention involves risk assessments and participatory guidance for children and adults. The main focus for children is to identify caries and provide fluoride varnish. The main focus for adults is identifying periodontal disease with an additional focus of diabetes and oral cancer screening. Secondarily, doctors will be able to prescribe antibiotics, anti-inflammatories, mouthwash and toothpaste to ward off disease. The third level of care is perhaps the most important. One of the main components of this pilot is to develop partnerships with oral health providers to be able to refer patients who need treatment. This effort is needed as linkages are created with rural dentists so patients have somewhere to receive care that is not episodic.

**Alliance Gift Celebrated**

On Thursday, April 30th, Dean Jack Sanders hosted a reception to honor the Alliance to the South Carolina Dental Association and to officially recognize the naming of the Alliance to the SCDA Student Lounge and Technology Center in the College’s Clinical Education Center. The mission of the Alliance is to unite all members into a fellowship to promote the good of the dental profession and to assist the SCDA whenever possible.

Prior to the opening of the Clinical Education Center, the Alliance generously funded the construction of the space and provided an additional contribution to furnish and equip the center. Additionally, members of the Alliance recently voted to endow a clinical care fund for the College. The Dean, faculty, and students wish to express their most sincere appreciation to the members of the Alliance for their continued partnership and support.

Pictured L to R: Barbara Maxwell, Claudia Kays, Connie Wallace, Letha Edmonds, Karen Wyont, Dean Jack Sanders, Sherry Fair, Susan Harrington, Linda Bragdon, Kathy Mercer, Gail Watson, Ellen Finkbine, and Kristen Moss

**College’s Chapter of American Student Dental Association Recognized**

At the ASDA Annual Session in February, the Gold Crown Awards ceremony was held to recognize individual members and chapters for their hard work and accomplishments during the past year. Awards are presented for chapter achievements, excellence in media and strong local leadership. The College is pleased to announce that its ASDA chapter received the award for Quality of Website Information.
MUSC Alumni attended the Periodontics Short Course at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for continuing education. Coursework included all aspects of periodontics from diagnosis, treatment planning, non-surgical and surgical therapy, materials, implants, aesthetics, and laser therapy. The CE courses at Walter Reed are offered to dentists from all branches of the military as represented in this photo.

LT Yianne G. Kritzas (Class of ’14), COL Michael E. Garvin (Class of ’86), CPT William J. Brim (Class of ’14), LT Emerson F. Gower, III (Class of ’11)

Additionally, DMD/PhD candidate Emilie Rosset received the AADR Student Research Fellowship, one of only 20 students awarded across the country. Her mentor is Dr. Amy Bradshaw associate professor in the Department of Medicine.

Students Receive Accolades at IADR/ AADR Meeting

The James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine has once again received international recognition for excellence in research. At the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) in Boston in March, MUSC had two prestigious winners.

Post-doctoral fellow Dr. Reniqua House from Dr. Viswanathan Palanisamy’s (associate professor) laboratory won second place in the American Association of Dental Research (AADR) Hatton Competition. Because this year the AADR and IADR hosted a combined meeting, Dr. House also competed internationally in the International Hatton Competition and took first place in the IADR Hatton competition.

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AGD Meets in Charleston

The College was delighted to host a reception and tour for the national Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), which held its spring meeting in Charleston this year. The current president of the AGD is Dr. W. Carter Brown (Class of ’82). The reception was held in the lobby of the Carter and Kathryn Brown Advanced Education in General Dentistry Clinic in the Clinical Education Center.

Mr. Edd Sherriff and Mr. Carl Edwards of The Abney Foundation

Trustees of The Abney Foundation visited the College’s Faculty Practice Clinic on Friday, February 20th. The Abney Foundation is a private foundation in Anderson that makes grants for innovative and creative projects, and to programs which are responsive to changing community needs in the areas of education, health, social service and cultural affairs. The Faculty Practice Clinic was named in honor of The Abney Foundation in 2009 to recognize the organization’s generous contribution the College’s building fund campaign.

From L to R: Dr. Kathleen Hood, Dr. Valentina Espinosa, Dr. Carter Brown, Dr. Steven Frames (chief resident), Dr. Ana Gonzalez, and Dr. Allison Steele (Class of ’14)
Some say 50 years is a long time, while others feel like it was only yesterday, but when it comes to the field of dentistry in South Carolina it represents how long the state has been producing quality dentists. 1964 is when the first class matriculated and we have never looked back. Over the past 50 years many things have changed in South Carolina. From historic voting rights legislation to Vietnam, from the Cold War, to the fall of the Berlin Wall, these events shaped the political and structural landscape for the individuals of not only South Carolina, but the world as we know it.

However, one thing has remained constant… the Medical University of South Carolina has produced some the most outstanding dentists our county and the world for that matter. Our alumni have given of themselves selfishly by serving our county, provided multiple philanthropic activities, and cared for their patients fervently.

Currently your Alumni Association is still the most active of all the alumni associations of all the other six colleges. We recently completed another successful alumni weekend in February, had a presence at the Hinman Dental meeting in Atlanta and had a successful luncheon during the SCDA Annual meeting in Charleston. We were able to award Dr. Jim Mercer the Alumni Award of Honor, and Dr. Hal Fair, the Distinguished Alumnus Service Award. If you see these individuals please congratulate them for these well-deserved honors.

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to remind you to make sure that you become a member of our Alumni Association. Your membership is vital to providing scholarships for current dental students, programs such as our Homecoming Weekend, and vital communication with legislators that directly affect our alumni. If you need more information about your alumni status, or specific questions about the Medical University of South Carolina Dental Alumni, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs. Sallie Hutton, executive director of alumni affairs at 843-792-3433. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president, I am humbled by the privilege and wish you all a very productive and fulfilling remainder of 2015!

Nominations are accepted for the following Dental Alumni Association Awards:

**The Alumni Award of Honor** is presented to an alumnus/alumna member for outstanding, unique, and enduring service to the Alumni Association, the College of Dental Medicine, their community, or the profession of dentistry for a period of not less than 10 years.

**The Distinguished Alumni Service Award** is presented to a degree or residency alumnus/alumna of the College of Dental Medicine, with two or more years of service to benefit a deserving population. This award recognizes a member of the alumni community who has given selflessly through extraordinary actions that benefit the college, their community or profession.

**The Young Alumni Award** is presented to a degree or residency alumnus/alumna of the College of Dental Medicine, who has been in practice 10 years or less or who is under 40 years of age. Nominees should have demonstrated exemplary leadership and dedication towards the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine and organized dentistry as a whole.

**The Honorary Alumni Award** is presented to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the college or the profession of dentistry but is not an alumnus/alumna of the college. Honorary alumni members shall enjoy any rights and privileges of the Alumni Association.

Nominations are open and can be submitted via [http://www.musc.edu/dentalaward](http://www.musc.edu/dentalaward).
Carlos Francisco Salinas, DMD, professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Orthodontics and director of the MUSC Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft Palate Team at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, died at his home in Mount Pleasant on Jan. 14 after a long, courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Salinas also served as co–director of the Clinical Resource Core of the Center for Oral Health Research.

He was born on April 9, 1941, in Iquique, Chile. He was the son of the late Dr. Carlos Salinas and the late Dr. Victoria Cerda. Salinas earned a DDS at the University of Chile, in Santiago, Chile, in 1963. He came to the United States in 1972, having been awarded an NIH–Fogarty International fellowship in Medical Genetics in the Moore Clinic of Clinical Genetics at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He was recruited to MUSC in 1974 where he developed his academic career, including earning a DMD from MUSC in 1985.

Salinas dedicated his academic career to the service of individuals with special health care needs as well as their families. His areas of clinical research included the study of craniofacial anomalies; ectodermal dysplasias; the relationship between oral health and systemic disease; health disparities; and special care dentistry.

He founded and served as director of the South Carolina Special Olympics Special Smiles Dental Program. In 2008, the South Carolina Oral Health Coalition and South Carolina Dental Association created the Dr. Carlos Salinas Award, which is awarded each year for excellence in treating individuals with special health care needs. Most recently, he was awarded the 2013 Outstanding Career Research Award by the Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, an organization within the National Institutes of Health dedicated to the advancement of oral health research and well–being.

Salinas prepared more than 100 scientific publications and edited five books. His first book on craniofacial genetics, written in Spanish, was sponsored by the Pan American Health Organization and was widely used in the Spanish speaking scientific community. He was awarded grants from the NIH Fogarty International Center, NIH/National Center for Research Resources, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Duke Endowment.

He was active in academic societies including the Special Care Dentistry Association and American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association. Salinas helped found and served as president of the Society of Craniofacial Genetics. He also served as director at large of the Special Care Dentistry Association Board and was a fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Salinas’ civic activities included serving as honorary consul of Chile for South Carolina since 1978 and was a founding member of the South Carolina World Trade Center. He was a member of the Partners of the Americas South Carolina Chapter, founded Circulo Hispanoamericano de Charleston (1978) and served as chairman for the City of Charleston Quincentenary Committee in 1992 in which replicas of Christopher Columbus’ sailing vessels visited Charleston Harbor.

He also volunteered his time at the East Cooper Community Outreach Dental Clinic of Mount Pleasant for many years.

Salinas continued his academic and civic pursuits throughout the course of his illness. He presented his dental students with their final exam on Dec. 10. From his home, he received colleagues and friends and provided colleagues with clear instructions to continue his academic work. His hobbies and interests included history, archeology, photography, his garden, soccer and telling stories about his grandchildren.
Couple funds dental students working in free clinic

By Allyson Crowell, writer
Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

Every MUSC dental student spends two weeks at the Greenville Free Medical Clinic dental program, treating patients who have no other access to dental care, some of whom haven’t seen a dentist in years -- if ever.

Patients get free treatment, and students get experience working in an underserved community. The challenge is that the money needed for travel and lodging draws about $25,000 each year out of the dean’s budget at the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, straining an already limited resource.

That’s where Rick and Kay Carlisle come in. The Rock Hill residents, who live part-time in McClellanville, found a perfect match between their son’s alma mater and their personal ideals.

“We’ve always tried to tell our sons that they have a responsibility to their community,” Rick Carlisle said. “It’s great when they go to an institution like MUSC, and they learn the same thing. Our goal is to help MUSC teach students and to further that work.”

The Carlisles established a fund to pay for expenses to send MUSC dental students to the Greenville Free Medical Clinic, a ministry of Bon Secours St. Francis Health System. Their son, Matt, graduated from MUSC’s dental school in 2014. He now is completing a residency at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

While an MUSC student, Matt went to Ecuador on a dental mission trip, and his mother joined him. Talking about the experience still brings tears to her eyes. Each morning, the group prayed together and then set up plastic chairs on bricks to create a makeshift dental clinic, where they would see as many patients as possible before sundown.

“That was their spring break,” Kay Carlisle said. “We want students to be able to go to these clinics and understand the need to give back.”

Dana Parker, DMD, who heads the dental division of Bon Secours St. Francis’ Greenville Free Medical Clinic, began her partnership with MUSC dental students in 2008. Each year dental students spend two weeks working at the clinic, the extraction clinic and the van that serves as the St. Francis Mobile Dental Unit.

“I want them to have a heart for giving back, to learn how to serve patients who are really at the bottom of our health care system, with no insurance,” Dr. Parker said. “They don’t have Medicare; they don’t have Medicaid. They have nothing, and they are our neighbors.”

Dr. Mark Barry, associate dean for clinical affairs at the MUSC dental school, said the Carlisles’ gift will ensure a continued relationship with the Greenville Free Medical Clinic. “Without resources, we couldn't do this,” he said. “It’s an important part of their training, not only in terms of dentistry, but to give them experience working with underserved patients.”

Fourth-year dental student Jessica Baron decided to return to the Greenville Free Medical Clinic this year after treating children at the clinic during her last visit. “These kids are so sweet,” she said. “Their lack of oral hygiene was startling, and they otherwise wouldn't have gotten that care.”

Rick and Kay Carlisle support several community programs, most of which are related to schools and programs attended by their three grown children. “God has blessed us,” Rick said, “and we’ve got to share it with others.”

Are you a Macaulay Boy?

A campaign to renovate the Macaulay Museum of Dental History at MUSC is currently underway! The museum was constructed in 1975 and serves to honor Dr. Neill Webster Macaulay.

Dr. Macaulay’s personal collections of historical dental items as well as other early SC dental history memorabilia are housed in this outdated building. The planned renovation will honor the many “Macaulay Boys” who were mentored by Dr. Macaulay, redesign the space to utilize new technology and provide the resources needed to preserve dental history for the future.

If you have an interest in supporting SC dental history, can give us the name of a “Macaulay Boy” or want to learn more about the Dr. Neil Webster Macaulay Campaign, please give Whitney Currin a call at 843-792-4275.
DSAC works with Habitat for Humanity

In addition to volunteering for a variety of College events and programs throughout the year, members of the Dental Student Alumni Council (DSAC) spent a Saturday morning working with Habitat for Humanity on February 21st, as part of the group's community outreach efforts.

Mary Kate James (Class of ‘15) on break with Leslie Jordan (Class of ‘17)

Charles Crane (Class of ’18) and Kat McKitrick (Class of ’16 - DSAC president)

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MUSC Hosts Lunch for Retired Faculty

The Medical University of South Carolina’s retired faculty gathered on Saturday, March 14th, for their annual Luncheon, held this year in the atrium of the Ashley River Tower. The Retired Faculty Luncheon is a service of the Office of Gift Planning, and all retired faculty of MUSC are invited to attend. Retired faculty members are given the opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and old friends and also receive a "state of the campus" address, providing updates on news and events at MUSC. This year, guest speaker Dr. David Cole shared with attendees highlights from his first months in office as new president, including updates on the University’s strategic plan.

Photos from the 2015 Retired Faculty Luncheon can be viewed and downloaded at: www.flickr.com/photos/muscplannedgiving

If you are retired faculty member and would like to be a part of our future events, please contact Jade Fountain at 843-792-0002 or fountaie@musc.edu.

Dr. W. Dan Sneed (Class of June ’73, Health Prof. ’86, retired professor and chair) receives a tie from MUSC President David Cole at the Retired Faculty Luncheon to recognize his membership in the Dental Legacy Society.

Team Mish Walks Again!
Remembering Dr. Mish & Raising Awareness for Suicide Prevention

By Erin Mishkin and Devon Miskin Shealy

If you attended MUSC dental school anytime in the 1970’s through the early 2000’s, you probably crossed paths with Dr. David J. Mishkin, a beloved periodontology professor known as “Dr. Mish.” After struggling with bi-polar disorder, he sadly took his own life on July 7, 2009.

In honor of our father, every year we participate in the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention’s Out of the Darkness Overnight Walk. Along with our friends and family, better known as Team Mish, we have raised more than $40,000 dollars toward suicide prevention and awareness. Many MUSC alumni have generously donated each year. Thank you!

Team Mish asks for your support once again for our 16-mile walk from that was held in Boston on June 27th. Please go to: http://theovernight.donordrive.com/team/teammish

Donations may be made through December 2015. Net proceeds benefit the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, funding research, advocacy, survivor support, education, and awareness programs - both to prevent suicide and to assist those affected by suicide. Thank you and Go Badgers!
Scholarship Honors Son, Helps 25 Years of Dental Students

By Allyson Crowell, writer
Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

John Meador Sneed loved surfing and baseball and, even as a teenager, he exhibited the compassionate spirit of a much older soul.

His parents, Dr. Dan and Cherrie Sneed, remembered one trip to visit Cherrie’s parents, when 15-year-old John Meador wanted to stay home and go to a surfing competition instead. “We brought along his little cousin and, even though he didn’t want to go, John Meador spent the whole trip taking care of his cousin,” said Dan Sneed, a retired instructor with the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine.

John Meador also had a knack for design. He built a skateboard ramp in his parents’ backyard. When the family took a cruise, he spent his time redesigning the ship while everyone else sunbathed.

His parents suspect that their handsome boy with wavy brown hair would have grown into a tall, dashing man. They never had the chance to find out.

On April 28, 1990 – 25 years ago – John Meador hopped into the family’s yellow Honda Accord with a friend. They left the Sneeds’ home in Meggett to meet more friends and drive down to Edisto Beach. His parents headed in the other direction to a banquet for the MUSC dental students.

When Dan and Cherrie Sneed arrived home that night, they found dozens of cars in their yard. They knew immediately that something had happened to John Meador or to their older son, 19-year-old Will.

As they stepped into the crowd, their minister told them, “There was a fire.” A drunken driver had collided with John Meador and his friends, igniting the car. John Meador didn’t survive.

The Sneeds sank into the saddest chapter of their lives, a time when they not only mourned but reflected. Together, the family emerged with a purpose: to honor John Meador’s life. “It sounds cliché, but we wanted to help other people,” Dan Sneed said.

The Sneeds established the John Meador Sneed Memorial Scholarship Fund and have provided scholarships to 25 dental students since their son’s death. The scholarship isn’t based solely on academics; the criteria instead demand “genuine love and concern for others and talent for practical accomplishment.”

“Every one of them was a down-to-earth, ethical, capable student,” Dan Sneed said. “They had to care about people and be capable people. That’s what John Meador was.”

Dr. Tariq Javed, associate dean for academic and student affairs in the James B. Edwards College of Dental Medicine, leads the committee that selects the scholarship recipient each year. A longtime colleague of Dan Sneed, Dr. Javed also knew John Meador.

“He was a super guy, highly ethical -- just like his mom and dad,” Dr. Javed said. Each year Dr. Javed’s committee selects a scholarship recipient who is both dedicated to dentistry and also compassionate, but Dr. Javed looks for one additional quality in honor of the Sneeds.

“This scholarship recipient is the epitome of an individual who has met tragedy with great dignity and with great understanding of why things happen and that you have to still keep going,” Dr. Javed said. “The Sneeds kept going, even with this tremendous tragedy.”

The fund is now endowed, meaning students will receive this honor in John Meador’s name every year. The Sneeds made provisions through their living trust that the scholarship will receive additional funding from their estate. Thanks to gifts from friends and family, plus smart investment and careful planning, they hope that the amount of the scholarship will increase over time.

The Sneeds have gotten to know their scholarship recipients over the years. Until Dan’s retirement a few years ago, he taught them all. Meeting each new recipient with every passing year – now 25 and counting -- reinforces that the Sneeds chose the correct way to honor John Meador.

“If you want to have your faith restored in the young of America,” Dan Sneed said, “go talk to our dental students.”
2015 MUSC Dental Alumni Association Awards Announced at SCDA Annual Session

On May 1st, the MUSC Office of Alumni Affairs hosted its annual awards luncheon during the South Carolina Dental Association’s Annual Session in Charleston. The luncheon is combined with meetings for the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Congratulations to all the 2015 award recipients!

Mark your calendar for the 2016 MUSC Alumni Association Awards Luncheon on Friday, April 29th at the SCDA Annual Meeting in Hilton Head, SC.
Dental Homecoming 2015...Class Photos

A 10-year reunion for the Class of 2005

The members of the Class of 2000 gather for their 15th reunion

The members of the Class of 1975 celebrated their 40th reunion

Tariq Javed (Class of ’83, assoc. dean and prof.) joins the members of the Class of 1985 in their 30th reunion photo

The members of the Class of 1990 pose for their 25th reunion photo

The Class of 2010 gather at Prohibition before the oyster roast

If you are interested in becoming a Homecoming Weekend sponsor, please contact Stephanie D. Oberempt at Oberempt@musc.edu or (843) 792-6933.

Sponsorships help the Dental Alumni Association underwrite expenses to keep registration fees as low as possible for alumni, faculty, and students.
In Memoriam

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

Ms. Beth Albenesius of Charleston, February 7, 2015

Dr. Vance L. Crouse (retired faculty) of Charleston, February 3, 2015

The Honorable James Burrows Edwards (president emeritus) of Mount Pleasant, December 26, 2014 (see obituary on pages 4&5)

Dr. Frank Heinsohn, Jr. of Folly Beach, February 14, 2015

Dr. Michael F. Lee (Class of ’86) of Seneca, April 4, 2015

Dr. Bernard F. Puckhaber of Charleston, December 26, 2014

Dr. Carlos F. Salinas (Class of ’85, professor, director of the MUSC Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft Palate Team) of Mount Pleasant, January 14, 2015
(see obituary on page 9)

Dr. Patrick “Pat” J. Steed of Eden, North Carolina, January 13, 2015

The faculty, staff, and students of MUSC mourn the nine souls who lost their lives in the Emanuel AME Church tragedy. If you would like to make a donation to the church in remembrance of them, the church’s website is www.emanuelamechurch.org

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