

STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS

BEYOND HAYDEN-HARRIS HALL

Many of our students travel to cities and countries beyond Baltimore to serve the needs of the underserved or to exchange knowledge and information. Here we tell the tales of several trips. Some of these trips are school-sponsored. More often, these trips happen because of a faculty member or student with a contact, the word gets out among the students and off they go on their own with need to serve as their guide.

Dentures in New Mexico

For many years, second-, third- and fourth-year dental students, prosthodontic residents and faculty members have traveled to Arizona and New Mexico to provide oral health care to residents of a Navajo Indian Reservation. (This program, however, has been ongoing for many years.) This year, 15 students, two prosthodontic residents, and three faculty spent two and a half weeks in New Mexico fabricating nearly 100 dentures. While the students who participated not only improved their denture-making skills, they received a sense of gratification in meeting the functional and esthetic needs of their patients. Fourth-year students also received credit for the trip as an official School externship. These individuals at the Reservation would have had limited access to oral health care if not for the talent and devotion of the BCDS team, which was led by Dr. Carl Driscoll, assistant professor, restorative dentistry.

Thanks to Dr. Driscoll for writing about the trip to New Mexico.

Exchanges in Poland

Over spring break 2001, Dr. Ron Gunderson, DDS '71, associate professor, restorative dentistry, and several other faculty accompanied a group of students to Poland and visited the Dental Institute of the Medical University at Lodz—an institution with many ties to BCDS. Approximately 10 BCDS students participated in this cultural and oral health

education exchange. Ms. Sunia Abdula, DDS '02, shared that there was a lot of curiosity on both sides as to how the education process differed on each side of the Atlantic. Student and faculty hosts from the University of Lodz provided BCDS students and faculty with housing and graciously guided them on tours of the country. The BCDS dental students praised the experience and look forward to returning someday to meet with their Polish colleagues.

Thanks to Dr. Gunderson and Elizabeth Morais, development and alumni relations, for putting this article together on Poland.

Dominican Republic

For 19 years, students and dental practitioners from across the country have volunteered time and expertise to the underserved population of the Dominican Republic. This past summer, eight BCDS students had the opportunity to take part in the annual dental mission trip. Under the guidance of Dr. Frank “El Jefe” Serio,



Taking a break in the Dominican are fourth-year DDS students (standing) Emily O'Keiff, Shawn Cabbell, (sitting) Michele Dozier, Miyuki Nagata, Kevin Fielding, Andrew Drollinger.

ASE '86, and Dr. Steve Pohlhaus, DDS '89, students traveled to various remote mountain villages providing routine dental treatment.

The University of Maryland students spent months prior to the trip raising funds, soliciting donations and learning basic Spanish. The first few days of work proved to be quite difficult for the students; but everyone worked together and learned from each other. In a week's time, the student volunteers performed operative procedures, emergency treatment and extractions for over 400 patients. There was a mutual appreciation among the Dominicans and the dental students for the hospitality and services provided. The two-week trip gave the students an opportunity to better appreciate the “basic” foundations of dentistry as well as a chance to learn more about the Dominican culture and way of life.

Thanks to Shawn Cabbell, DDS '02, for writing about the Dominican Republic trip.

STUDENT NATIONAL DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Shawn Cabbell, DDS '02, SNDA president

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CHAPTER of the Student National Dental Association has focused its efforts this year on community outreach and basic oral health care education. Several members have volunteered time and effort-tutoring at local high schools, educating elementary students about the importance of oral hygiene, and helping college students in their efforts to prepare for dental and medical school. In this capacity, members serve a dual role-as teachers and mentors. The organization hopes to use this vehicle to serve as a positive example for local Baltimore youth and hopefully encourage more African-Americans to pursue careers in the dental health profession.

STUDENT TRAVELS

A number of our students travel to national professional meetings to present their work or represent the School. Here is a list of some of their travels in the past few months.

Attending the 2001 American Student Dental Association Annual session in Orlando on August 29-September 2, were local chapter officers, Deborah Klotz, DDS '03, president (1st Delegate) and Roya Ghahraman, DDS '03, vice-president (2nd Delegate).

The 2001 Diversity Symposium sponsored by University of Pennsylvania's SNDA and ASDA chapters, held in Philadelphia last spring, was attended by Temilade Kadree, DDS '03, who is VP of the School's Student National Dental Association chapter.

Jennifer Uttenreither, BSDH '01, attended the American Dental Hygienists' Association 78th Annual Session in Nashville on June 20-22 to present her table clinic, entitled "Oral piercing-trendy or traumatic?"

Several dental students attended the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Hispanic Dental Association held on October 5-7 in Philadelphia, including fourth-year students Enrique Gallo, Timothy Lyons, and Cibele Raimondo; third-year student Maikel Sequi; and second-year students Lissette Bernal, Adam Bushell, Jorge Fernandez-Abril, Josh Holt, Megha Shah.

Archana Manohar, DDS '03, received the award for the best dental student table clinic for 2001 and was awarded the ADA/Dentsply International prize for the School, including an expense paid trip to the ADA meeting. She represented the School at the October ADA meeting in the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Program. Her table clinic was "Morphology of Physiologically Identified Trigeminal Ganglion Masticatory Muscle Primary Afferent Neurons." Her faculty mentor

STUDENT AWARDS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, our students are recognized for their scholarship, service, leadership, and character.

The recipient of the Myron H. and Bernice K. Sachs Scholarship, for the second year student with the highest honors, was presented to Stephen Hunsaker, DDS '03.

The 2001 recipient of the Christian Ludwig Memorial Scholarship was Mitchell Rudy, DDS '02.

The David Wands Prosthodontic Teaching Fellowship was presented to Dr. Barry Habib, a second year resident. This fellowship is awarded to a resident in prosthodontics who will continue his or her career in academia.

Kathryn Spears, BSDH '02, received the Maryland Dental Hygienists' Association 2001-2002 Bertha Morgan Scholarship. Ms. Morgan was founder and first president of MDHA.



Dean Ranney presents the Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Award to Maya Alqueza, DDS '02.



Dr. George B. Clendenin Award recipients Eric Volk, DDS '04, and Susan Roberts, DDS '04, with Dr. Gary Clendenin, DDS '62 (left), and Dr. William Patteson, DDS '57 (right).



Dr. Joseph Anthony Pennino Memorial Scholarship recipients with Dean Ranney. All are fourth-year dental students and earned 4.0 GPAs in their third year. (L to R) Sunia Abdula, Mark Bogdan, Kevin Fielding, Timothy Lyons, and Quay Parrott.



Linda DeVore, RDH, BSDH '76 (right), professor and chair of the dental hygiene department, presents the 2001-2002 Patricia Stearns Scholarship to Bonnie Andersen, BSDH '02. Ms. Stearns was the first department chair for dental hygiene.

was Dr. Dean Dessem, associate professor, oral and craniofacial biological sciences.

Roya Nakhgevary, DDS '03, and Dr. Werner Seibel, associate professor, oral and craniofacial biological sciences, attended the National Psi Omega Fraternity Conclave held October 13-14 in Kansas City. The national organization presented awards and our Alpha Chapter was presented the Founders' Award for Chapter Excellence in recognition of the chapter's exceptional efforts toward the

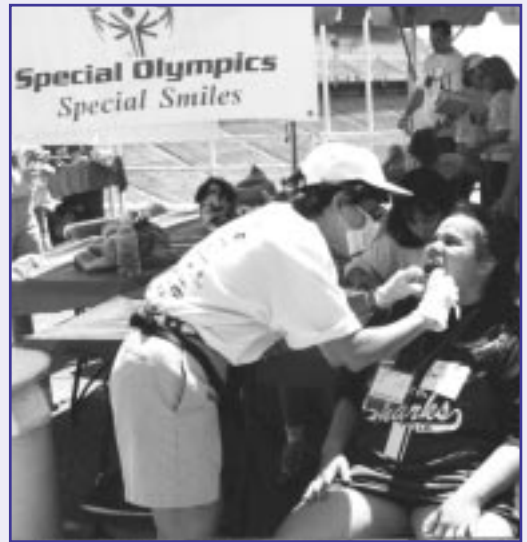
growth of the chapter and the expansion of its programs.

Two student groups represented the School at the Hinman Student Research Symposium last October in Memphis. Parham and Adeline Farhi, both DDS '02, presented their table clinic entitled, "Comparison of Modified Vacuum-Form Appliances with Conventional Orthodontic Straight Wire in Tooth Movement." Their mentor was Dr. William Davidson,

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SPECIAL SMILES

Every year, dental and dental hygiene students, postgraduate residents, and practitioners staff a booth at the Maryland Special Olympics where oral screenings and education are provided for the athletes.



Dental hygiene student, Angel Youd '03 (left) uses an animal puppet to show the athletes how to brush their teeth and dental hygiene alumna and part-time faculty member Lisa Bress, RDH, BSDH '83, MSDH '94 (right), performs an oral exam for one of the athletes.



2001 VENDORS' NIGHT

Peter Spangenberg, DDS '03, event organizer and SDA vice president

On November 6, the Student Dental Association held its annual Vendors' Night in the Medical School Atrium. Approximately 20 companies, ranging from dental labs to financial planners, set up displays in an effort to educate students about the existing products and services that await them upon graduation. With the promise of free samples from the various companies and food provided by the Student Dental Association, approximately 350 students, faculty and staff stopped by to take part in the event.



Students visit one of the 20 information booths at Vendor's Night.



(L to R) Michael Stubblefield, DDS '02, and Makepeace Charles, DDS '02, enjoy the refreshments provided by the SDA.

KASDA SUPPORTS QUEST FOR CARE



The Korean Student Dental Association donated \$1,000 to Quest for Care. The money was raised through the sale of t-shirts. (L to R) Seung Paik, DDS '02, Susan Ra, DDS '04, Charlson Choi, DDS '03, Dr. Werner Seibel, faculty chair for Quest for Care, and Dr. Janet Yellowitz, KASDA advisor.

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professor and department chair, orthodontics. They won first place in the clinical science category at the School's table clinic program. The first place winner in the basic science category, who also went to the Hinman symposium, was Sandra Hsieh, DDS '03, with her table clinic, "Characterization of TCII Promoter Bidirectional Transcription Activity." Her mentor was Dr. John Chiorini of the NIDCR.