

Department of Family Dentistry

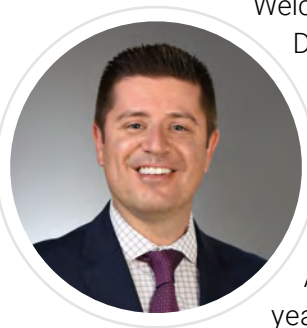


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Dear Colleagues, Alumni, and Friends of Family Dentistry,

Welcome to the second issue of the Department of Family Dentistry newsletter! I hope this finds you and your family, loved ones, and staff well and in good health as we begin 2023, and thaw from the recent arctic “bomb cyclone”.



As we often do around this time of year, as the past year fades into memory and a new one beckons, we tend to

look back at our successes, failures, and perhaps missed opportunities, and vow to improve and make changes that may or may not be realistic. Too often though, we don't look back and “smell the roses”, realizing that we've likely accomplished a great deal more in the past year than we give ourselves credit for.

Looking back at 2022 for our Department of Family Dentistry, I can unequivocally say that it has been an extremely productive, positive, and momentum-building year on several fronts that will position the Department very formidably for the foreseeable future.

First and foremost, it's “all about the people”, and I am most proud looking back at 2022 for the new faculty hires that the Department successfully recruited to carry Family Dentistry forward into its next exciting chapter. Our first hire, Dr. Anvita Maharishi, a prosthodontist with additional training in biomaterials science, was recruited from Harvard and began her tenure-track position this summer, quickly adapting to life in Iowa City. Our second hire, Dr. Jessica Edwards, served previously as an Adjunct Faculty while practicing in Urbandale, IA, and joined as a full-time faculty as the academic year began, and hit the ground running. To cap off the year, this autumn the Department successfully recruited and hired Dr. Hiromi Saisho Luya, an extremely talented prosthodontist from Lima, Peru, who has additional training in operative dentistry, and is also a gifted master ceramist in her own right, as a clinical-track full-time faculty. These individuals, in conjunction with our existing world-class faculty and staff, will undoubtedly bring durable **change and enhancements** to our program and the College at large. I encourage you to read more about them, as well as our new Adjunct Faculty, on pages 5-7 of this issue.

During this past year, we also witnessed the departure due to retirement of two beloved long-serving faculty “pillars” in our Department, Dr. Ana Diaz-Arnold and Dr. Heather Heddens, both of whom started at the College in 1987. I'd like to wholeheartedly thank both of them for their continued support to help orient our two new

prosthodontist faculty and ongoing philanthropic efforts in the Department, respectively. Read more about both of their careers on pages 3-4.

In addition to new faculty recruitment, reinvigorating the scholarly activity of our Department has been an additional strategic goal, and 2022 has been a banner year for our faculty applying for and obtaining research grant support. Such research projects have spanned the gamut from translational clinical research, in-vitro materials testing, proof-of-concept device modeling and fabrication, to improvement in clinical digital communication and esthetics. Despite significant clinical teaching loads with our D4 students (and future colleagues), I am extremely proud of our faculty's scholarly achievements!

Digital dentistry continues to evolve and transform not only how we practice clinically and treat patients, but also profoundly how we teach and mentor our students. Our educational programming for our faculty and staff have reflected that this year, with exemplary programs ranging from minimally-invasive adhesive dentistry (Dr. Steven Schiffenhaus, Gilbert, AZ), digital treatment planning of simple and complex implant rehabilitations (Dr. Dimitrios Charoulis, Athens, Greece), and chair side digital workflows (Dr. Alan Scott Douglas, San Antonio, TX).

Philanthropy for our Department continues to progress swiftly, with the *Iowa Family Dentistry Faculty Excellence Fund* achieving over \$500,000 thus far in designated gifts and estate pledges. We continue to work diligently to achieve our goal of \$1 million to activate this important endowment on behalf of our Family Dentistry Adjunct Faculty. As student loan debt and subsequent repayment continues to be an increasing stress point in Adjunct Faculty recruitment and retention, full financial support of this endowment will create a durable legacy to provide lowans with top-tier dental graduates that are mentored by world-class Adjunct Faculty. More information about the endowment, and its goals, can be found on page 14.

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not mention the excitement in the College and the Department this past spring as Dean Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PROS, '92 PhD) began his appointment. After eight years as Dean at the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois, Chicago, he returns “home” to Iowa with a wealth of knowledge and experience upon which to draw, and a strong commitment to the success of students, staff, and faculty at the College of Dentistry. We eagerly look forward to the future of the College under his leadership, and at the same time look forward to the future of Family Dentistry!

Christopher A. Barwacz



Ana Diaz-Arnold, DDS, MS, Professor (1987-2022)

In the spring of 2022, the Class of 2022 selected Dr. Ana Diaz-Arnold as “Faculty of the Year” for their class, a capstone to a storied career, leading up to her retirement in June from the Department of Family Dentistry after 35 years of dedicated service.

During her prolific career, Dr. Diaz-Arnold taught countless fourth-year dental students the intricacies of multidisciplinary restorative care, mentored and worked alongside adjunct faculty, as well as treated her own intramural private patients.

Her career at Iowa was due in large part to her husband, Mark Arnold, *Edwin B. Green Professor* in the Department of

Chemistry. When Mark earned his Ph.D. in 1982, “there were not many chemistry faculty positions open,” Dr. Diaz-Arnold said, and, “I was a D3 at Indiana and he drew a circle within a day’s driving distance of Indianapolis.” There happened to be an opening in chemistry at Iowa, and a year later Dr. Diaz-Arnold followed Mark to Iowa, where she completed her General Practice Residency and a Certificate and M.S. in Prosthodontics. During that time, she and Mark fell in love with Iowa and have been here ever since.



What has made Dr. Diaz-Arnold such an impactful teacher and mentor over nearly four decades is her desire to see each student “become the best version of themselves,” whether that student sailed through clinics with flying colors or struggled for a time before everything clicked into place. “Dentistry itself is not easy and on top of that it’s no small feat to run a patient-centered business that has high technology and employee costs while shouldering a huge student loan burden,” Dr. Diaz-Arnold explained. For her, it has been most rewarding when former students who have been practicing for a few years come back and “share how they have extended their learning while maintaining the fundamentals that they learned in Family Dentistry. There is no greater feeling than seeing our students become better than us.”

Diaz-Arnold’s story at Iowa wouldn’t be complete without mentioning the list of people who have made a difference in her life, which she recounts with pride:

“Dr. Steve Aquilino’s voice is always in my head with regards to clinical excellence. Dr. Dan Hall (’59 D.D.S., ’74 M.S.) who hired me, envisioned the important roles of females in academia. He understood inclusivity when it wasn’t a thing. Drs. Bill Lavelle (’62 D.D.S., ’67 M.S.), Mike Leary (’68 D.D.S., ’84 M.S.), Forrest Scandrett (’65 D.D.S.) and Vince Williams (’57 D.D.S., ’80 M.S.) showed how to best teach a subject so that students are vested in the outcome. Dr. Patrick Lloyd verified that work never stops. Dr. John Doering (’70 D.D.S., ’76 M.A.) taught me to stick up for myself. Drs. Ron Ettinger and John Keller were research motivators. And, my female colleagues: Drs. Heather Heddens (’80 D.D.S.), Georgia Johnson (’81 D.D.S., ’83 M.S.), Lisa Wilcox (’83 D.D.S., ’86 M.S.) and Deb Zeitler (’78 D.D.S., ’82 M.S.) have been shining examples of smarts, leadership and juggling prowess in terms of work life balance.”

The entire Department of Family Dentistry celebrated Dr. Diaz-Arnold’s illustrious career this past July, and wishes her a much-deserved, joyous retirement filled with pickleball, travel, friends, family, and loved-ones!



On July 22nd, 2022, the Department of Family Dentistry paid tribute to the achievements and record of service of Dr. Heather Heddens, a true Adjunct Faculty Trailblazer, following her retirement from the College of Dentistry.

Heather Heddens, DDS, Adjunct Associate Professor (1987-2022)

In June, 2022, Dr. Heddens retired from the College of Dentistry after 35 years of service to the Department of Family Dentistry, serving to mentor countless D4 students, advocating for organized dentistry and paving the way for other Adjunct Faculty in her wake. She is a true "trailblazer", and our entire department thanks her for her decades of service, friendship and continued support.

Dr. Heddens grew up in Mediapolis, Iowa where she was a forward (forwards played exclusively on offense; guards played exclusively on defense) for the Mediapolis Bullettes, a well-known and successful girl's 6-on-6 basketball team

from 1969 to 1973. She continued to Iowa for both her undergraduate and dental degrees. In dental school, she was one of 9 women in her class, and subsequently served in the United States Air Force. In 1987, Dr. Heddens returned to Iowa and started her own practice in Columbus Junction, Iowa where she served her community for 15 years. She also started another practice in Washington, Iowa, which was where her husband, Steve Olson, was a banker for many years, and she served there for 14 years.



At this same time, she began teaching in Family Dentistry as an Adjunct Faculty on Tuesdays, which she calls "my sanity day." "Teaching for the college was key to my development as a dentist," Dr. Heddens explains. These experiences taught her a valuable lesson that all dentists have to learn at some point: "Don't be afraid to say, 'I don't know, but I'll find out.' Ask your colleagues, fellow dentists, or mentors for help!" Dr. Heddens' students have also benefitted from her teaching and experiences. She was named Adjunct Faculty of the Year by the Class of 2011, and she also sold her Columbus Junction practice in 2002 to Dr. Willy Wever ('02 D.D.S.) and her Washington practice to Dr. Chad Wiese ('03 D.D.S.). She knew both practitioners from teaching them as an Adjunct Faculty, so she knew that the communities she served were in good hands.

Two of Dr. Heddens' Iowa mentors, Dr. Mike Leary ('68 D.D.S., '84 M.S.) and Dr. Jim Harris ('79 D.D.S.), also shaped her professional life in deep and profound ways. Following in their footsteps, Dr. Heddens is a fierce advocate for dentists, particularly young dentists, to get involved in organized dentistry. Dr. Heddens is proud of her service to and the lifelong friends she has from the Southeast District, IDA and the ADA's 10th District. She ultimately went on to serve as President of the Iowa Dental Association in 2009 and on the American Dental Association Council on Access, Prevention and Intraprofessional Relations (CAPIR), and she encourages her students to continue that work. She is also involved with the OKU National Dental Honor Society. She was president of Iowa's Mu Chapter in 2002 and has served as the treasurer since then. She also serves on the Admissions Committee for the College. In 2020, she was awarded the Alumnus of the Year by the University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association. Following her retirement, Dr. Heddens has been instrumental in fundraising for the Iowa Family Dentistry Faculty Excellence Fund. Our entire Department wishes her all the best in retirement, and thanks her for being such a trailblazing example for future young general dentists to emulate!



The start of the 2022-2023 academic year welcomed two new full-time faculty that were recruited to the department, and we couldn't be more excited for them both to become part of the team that we're building.

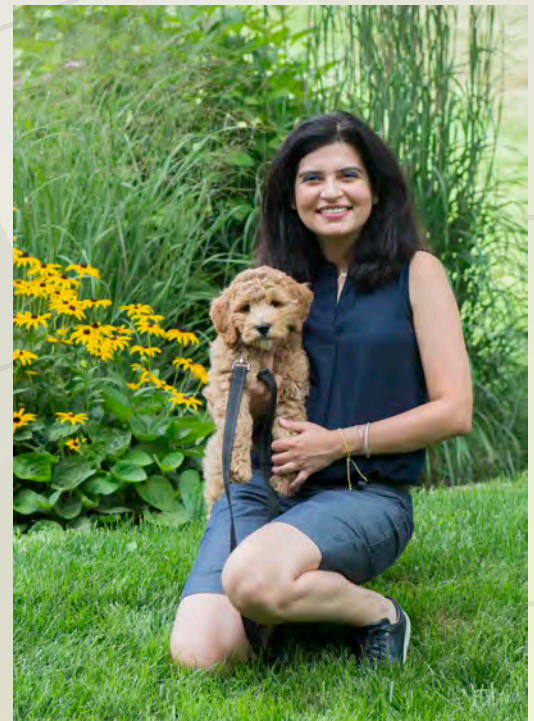
Anvita Maharishi, BDS, MS, MMSc, Assistant Professor



We were overjoyed this past summer to welcome Dr. Anvita Maharishi to Family Dentistry, as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Maharishi brings with her a formidable background, expertise, and research focus in ceramic biomaterials, particularly in the domain of contemporary color-graded translucent zirconia utilized in digital dentistry workflows. Her graduate research related to this topic has already garnered national attention, and was the recipient of the 2019 and 2020 Graduate Prosthodontic Research Awards at the American Prosthodontic Society's Annual Meeting. Dr. Maharishi also has a passion for teaching and mentorship of predoctoral dental students, and was closely involved with the Harvard School of Dental Medicine's Pre-Dental Mentorship Program, and served as an instructor in the Restorative & Treatment Planning Course. We are very fortunate and enthusiastic that Dr. Maharishi will assume a leadership role in Family Dentistry pertaining to mentoring fourth-year students related to our prosthodontics and implant curricula, as well as adapting fixed and removable prosthodontics cases utilizing contemporary digital workflows. She will also bolster our students' understanding and implementation of evolving biomaterials utilized in digital restorative dentistry, and provide evidence-based rationale for their selection and use.

Dr. Maharishi received her dental degree (BDS) from Devi Ahilya University in India. She also completed a fellowship in Oral Implantology in India. She maintained a private practice for five years in general dentistry with special emphasis on implants and esthetics. Dr. Maharishi moved to Los Angeles in 2016 to pursue a one-year advanced clinical training in esthetic and restorative dentistry at UCLA, School of dentistry, under the mentorship of Dr. Ed McLeran. She was a research assistant on several projects on translucent zirconia and calibrated photography for shade selection. Dr. Maharishi completed her Master of Science degree in Biomaterials and Clinical dentistry science at University of Alabama, Birmingham, School of dentistry and worked on wear with ceramic-based dental materials. Dr. Maharishi then completed a three-year advanced training program in Prosthodontics at Harvard School of Dental Medicine along with a Masters of Medical Science (Oral Biology) degree.

She recently adopted a golden-doodle named "Maverick", who occupies most of her free time. However, when she's not taking care of him, she enjoys taking tennis lessons and exploring Iowa and other midwest attractions. Please welcome Dr. Maharishi to our Department of Family Dentistry, and the College of Dentistry!



Hiromi Saisho Luya, DDS, MS, CDT, Clinical Assistant Professor



We were thrilled this past fall to welcome Dr. Hiromi Saisho Luya to Family Dentistry, as a clinical-track Assistant Professor. Dr. Saisho comes to our department with a wealth of knowledge and clinical experience as both a prosthodontist as well as an accomplished dental technician. She began her dental journey by receiving her certification as a dental laboratory technician, at Cayetano Heredia University in Lima Peru, in 2010. Subsequently, she received her certification as a master ceramist at Master Ceramist School in Tokyo, Japan, in 2011. She received her Bachelor of Dental Surgery in 2017 from San Martin de Porres University, in Lima, Peru, where she was awarded the highest academic performance of her graduating class. She then completed a two-year post-graduate master's degree in Operative Dentistry from Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná, in Curitiba, Brazil. In early 2022, Dr. Saisho completed a three-year master's degree and certificate in Prosthodontics from Cayetano Heredia University, in Lima, Peru.

Dr. Saisho brings with her a formidable background, expertise, and passion pertaining to the areas of prosthodontics, esthetics, and conservative dentistry, with a strong focus in Family Dentistry on direct patient-care, and didactic and clinical instruction of our D4 predoctoral students. We are very fortunate and enthusiastic that Dr. Saisho will assume a leadership role in Family Dentistry pertaining to mentoring fourth-year students related to our prosthodontics and implant curricula, as well as enhancing and broadening our D4 predoctoral students' experiences with contemporary digital workflows. Her strong background in dental laboratory techniques and ceramics will help bolster our students' understanding and implementation of evolving biomaterials utilized in restorative dentistry.

Not long before moving to Iowa City, Dr. Saisho married her husband, Mr. Luis Henrique Rodrigues, a native of Brazil. Mr. Rodrigues is himself a master dental ceramist, and looks forward to beginning his career as a ceramist in a local commercial dental laboratory. While they were excited to experience their first snow since moving to Iowa, the recent Arctic "bomb cyclone" was a little more than they anticipated! They look forward to exploring Iowa and the larger Midwest.

We are so grateful for Dr. Saisho to join our Family, and know that she will make significant contributions to our program in the years to follow!



Jessica Edwards, DDS, Visiting Assistant Professor



This past August, Dr. Jessica Edwards, who previously served as an Adjunct Faculty in Family Dentistry, traveling weekly from Urbandale, IA, transitioned to a one-year appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. Edwards brings with her a passion for educating predoctoral dental students on the art and science of general restorative dentistry, and how to effectively manage the variety of clinical and practice demands that a successful general practitioner must address. We are very enthusiastic that Dr. Edwards will assume a

leadership role in Family Dentistry pertaining to expanding calibration efforts for our adjunct and full-time faculty, related to student assessment of progress towards competency. In addition to mentoring predoctoral D4 dental students, she will also provide direct clinical patient care in our department's intramural faculty practice.

Dr. Edwards received her Doctor of Dental Surgery in 2019 from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, where she actively participated in translational research. Upon graduation, she completed a one-year General Practice Residency at the University of Utah School of Dentistry, where she received advanced training in endodontics, pediatrics, special needs dentistry, oral surgery, and periodontal and implant surgery. Prior to joining us, Dr. Edwards worked in private practice, providing comprehensive preventive and multidisciplinary restorative care for her patients. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, travel, and spending time with her husband Danny, and dog Winston.



Dr. Josh Hones

- Pella, IA -

Alumni: University of Iowa

Dr. Hones is a Class of 2019 alumni of the UI College of Dentistry, and has been practicing at Cedar Valley Dental Associates. Outside of dentistry Dr. Hones and his wife Megan enjoy spending time outdoors, bike riding, and traveling. We couldn't be happier to have him come back to mentor our students in Family Dentistry on Fridays!



Dr. Carlin Lawhead

- Muscatine, IA -

Alumni: University of Iowa

Dr. Lawhead is a Class of 1981 alumni, and has been practicing in Muscatine, IA following completion of a GPR at the VA in Iowa City. Dr. Lawhead is active in organized dentistry, serving as a state board member of the AGD and past President of the Davenport District of the IDA. We thank him for all that he has contributed to our Tuesdays in FAMd!



Dr. Ketki Sood

- Des Moines, IA -

Alumni: New York University

Dr. Sood is an alumni of NYU, subsequently completing a GPR at New York Medical College. Prior to moving to Des Moines, she practiced general dentistry in Connecticut. Outside of dentistry, she enjoys tennis, reading, and yoga. It has been a pleasure to have Dr. Sood sharing her knowledge and passion with our students on Fridays!

2022 Collegiate Teaching Award

- Dr. Marcos Vargas -



Dr. Marcos Vargas was awarded with the College of Dentistry's prestigious 2022 *Collegiate Teaching Award*. This award recognizes a faculty member who exhibits an "outstanding contribution to dental students', graduate students' or residents' intellectual and professional development." On June 22, Dean Clark Stanford presented Dr. Vargas with the Collegiate Teaching Award. As a leading

international expert in esthetic and restorative dentistry, Dr. Vargas brings a unique and powerful voice to the table for students and colleagues in Family Dentistry. Although he has exemplified these characteristics for many years, two recent examples highlight the value that Vargas brings to the college.

In the spring of 2020 when most clinical care and in-person instruction ceased for a little over two months, Dr. Vargas was "instrumental in establishing, fostering, and broadening the scope of the COVID-19 Grand Rounds experience, to give the Class of 2020 the best educational experience they could have, despite the limitations inherent to that period." Moreover, he arranged to simulate an operatory in his home and livestreamed clinical workflows for numerous kinds of complex cases. Drawing from his international and scholarly connections, he brought in guest experts to broaden the educational experience of our students during the shutdown. He is the new course director for Topics in Family Dentistry I and II, and he has augmented the course content with contemporary restorative concepts that has improved the educational experience for our students. He also began teaching in the D4 Implant Clinic this past year, and is committed to using and teaching students how to effectively use digital dentistry in the CAD/CAM clinic. This commitment to continuous improvement is a hallmark of what sets the Iowa educational experience apart. For Dr. Vargas, it's all part of being a "life-long learner, having an open mind and trying to improve each day."



2022 D4 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award

- Dr. Joe D'Souza -



In May 2022, Dr. Joe D'Souza ('83 DDS) was selected by the Class of 2022 amongst 30+ other Adjunct Faculty in Family Dentistry to be awarded the D4 Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award. Adjunct Faculty in Family Dentistry play a critical role in teaching and mentorship of our future colleagues, not only in the acquisition of clinical skills, but also in life and business skills as well. Dr. D'Souza has long embodied the qualities of an empathetic and principled mentor, and this award is befitting of his dedication to the students that he works with, week in and week out. The D4 Class said of D'Souza, "We love a supportive faculty who genuinely cares for the students! Thank You, Dr. D'Souza for all you have done for us this year." Congratulations Dr. D'Souza!



An Open, Prospective, Multicenter Clinical Investigation to Evaluate Clinical Outcome of PrimeTaper EV Implant in Extraction Sockets and Healed Ridges- A 5 Year Clinical Trial

Principal Investigator: Dr. Christopher Barwacz

Dentsply Sirona has awarded Dr. Barwacz a \$162,500 award for his research team's 5-year investigation into the clinical outcomes of the PrimeTaper EV implant in extraction sockets and healed ridges. This multicenter clinical trial will partner with five other European centers to assess implant survival, implant stability when it is surgically placed, marginal bone-levels, and clinical conditions of the peri-implant mucosa. Co-Investigators include Drs. Ganesan, Garaicoa, Wang, Williamson (Department of Periodontics).

A Novel Use of the Periodontal Ligament Injection for Delivery of Extended-Release Periodontal Therapeutics

Principal Investigator: Dr. Robert Bowers

The University of Iowa's Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has awarded Dr. Bowers a \$30,000 campus-wide competitive Early Career Scholars Program grant for his research project to develop quantitative and mechanistic insights concerning the solution distribution dynamics of the PDL injection technique to support the delivery of modified local anesthetic solutions for extended-release applications to the surrounding periodontal tissues.

Employment of Novel Living Hinge Device to Optimize Intraosseus Anesthesia Delivery

Principal Investigator: Dr. Robert Bowers

The UI Ventures Office has awarded Dr. Bowers a \$48,000 grant for his research project to develop, test, and manufacture a novel intraosseous delivery device that he has designed with UI Protostudios that facilitates predictable intraosseous injections in a safe and efficient manner for patients and clinicians.

Strength and Translucency of Lithium Disilicate Glass-Based Ceramic CAD/CAM Blocks

Principal Investigator: Dr. Anvita Maharishi

The University of Iowa's Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) has awarded Dr. Maharishi a \$30,000 campus-wide competitive Early Career Scholars Program grant for her in-vitro research project to investigate the effect of various fabrication methods, product formulations, translucency, and processing techniques of lithium disilicate high-strength silica-based materials on their mechanical properties to provide initial guidelines for clinical use in direct patient care.

Effects of Clinical Photography on Clinical Shade Selection

Principal Investigator: Dr. John Syrbu

The College of Dentistry has awarded Dr. Syrbu with a \$4,545.66 Clinical/Dental Education Research Initiative Support Program (CRISP) grant award for his in-vitro research project to investigate the influence of digital photography on clinical shade selection and evaluation. While more complex and sophisticated means of shade matching exist today, such as cross polarization filters and gray reference cards, a simple digital photograph remains the most prevalent form of communication between dentists and dental laboratories. Dr. Syrbu's project aims to streamline this digital communication process.

In Vitro Study to Evaluate the Efficacy of Potassium Oxalate Dental Desensitizer Formulas

Co-Investigator: Dr. Marcos Vargas

Phoenix Dental awarded Dr. Ariene Leme-Kraus, Assistant Professor of Operative Dentistry, and Dr. Marcos Vargas, a \$15,000 grant to evaluate Super Seal, a dental desensitizer product from Phoenix Dental, Inc., containing oxalic acid, potassium salt dihydrate. This study will test if changes to the product's formula, that are aimed at improving its shelf-life and handling, will maintain the sealing properties of the product. The researchers are also investigating a new method of application.



D4 Student Awards

On May 26, 2022, Family Dentistry faculty & staff celebrated the achievements of graduating D4 students, who exemplified outstanding performance during their final year of dental school in various domains of general & restorative dentistry.

- 1 American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award - Dr. Josephine E. Guagliardo 2 Brasser USA Award - Dr. Jack Gradoville
- 3 American Association of Endodontists Achievement Award - Dr. Emma K. Miller
- 4 Dr. Duane Schmidt Practice Management Awards - Dr. Nicole E. Youd (1st), Dr. Scott A. Kleymann (2nd), Dr. Cory A. Wirth (3rd)



- 5 Delta Dental of Iowa Treatment Planning & Documentation Award - Dr. David J. Strabala

- 6 Dr. John C. Kois in Clinical Excellence Award - Dr. Cory A. Wirth

- 7 Dr. James Michael Leary Memorial Award - Dr. McKenna J. Woodward



The annual Department of Family Dentistry Faculty Retreat took place on Friday, July 22nd, 2022. The didactic educational component took place at the College, and the evening social took place at the Palmer House.

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Steven Schiffenhaus

"Minimally Invasive Indirect Restorations"



Dr. Steven Schiffenhaus, private practice in Gilbert, Arizona, and founder of the Biomimetic Advanced Adhesive Restorative Dentistry (BAARD) institute was the keynote speaker for our department's full-day faculty educational retreat. Dr. Schiffenhaus provided a stimulating, evidence-based "deep-dive" on contemporary conservative ceramic overlays for indirect tooth-supported restorations. Using building and construction analogies, he was able to effectively provide indications and rationale for selection of various overlay preparation designs, and the benefits of immediate dentin sealing. We were fortunate to have him join us for our social retreat at the Palmer House, in Solon, IA that same evening.



A gorgeous summer evening, complete with Drs. Holmes & Clancy's musical ambience made for a great gathering as a department to share laughs, catch up, and celebrate Drs. Diaz-Arnold and Heddens retirements!



FAMD fun enjoying the musical *Elf* @ Coralville Performing Arts Center; our own Shannon Knipfer played the part of store Manager! 🎄



Dr. Vargas: "Santucci, this is the last cookie!" (watch out behind you... 🤪)



Team Maharishi & Hernandez @ COD FAMD CE Day! 💪



You know what this coffee station could use: some more flair!



Thanks JoLynne for all your work to make our first annual Gingerbread Decorating contest such a success!



FAMD tailgating fun...we still lost 🤔



Post-Graduation Celebration!



When C.A.B. is away...



Group 2 🍷 & Group 4 🍷 end of the year celebration!





Feliz Navidad! 🌲



Gingerbread House Decorating Contest Winner!



Well-done TEAM! 🤝 FAMD Full-Day CE Course



Post-FAMD CE Day Celebration 🥳



Graduation @ Hancher 🎓



Thank You FAMD Group Leaders! 🎓



Not sure about this group 😊



Congratulations Drs. Wettach & Roe, We Wish You A Lifetime of Happiness Together!

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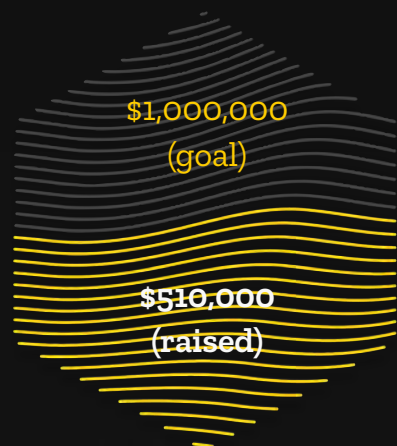
Family Dentistry is a unique and enriching experience for fourth-year dental students, in large part because more than 50% of their clinical education and professional mentorship is facilitated by adjunct faculty. Adjunct faculty are dentists from the community that practice in a variety of clinical settings and commit to teaching in Family Dentistry one day a week for ten months a year. The dedication and intrinsic value that adjunct faculty bring to Family Dentistry greatly enriches students' holistic dental education, and provides opportunities for students to learn how their dental school experiences and education fit into various practice models following graduation.

Recruiting exceptional adjunct faculty is more critical than ever in order to sustain a world-class dental program and continue building the next generation of dentistry leaders. Formidable demographic and economic challenges are beginning to jeopardize this legacy, including:

- Imminent retirement of "baby-boomer" adjunct faculty with long tenures of teaching and service
- Record levels of educational debt amongst early- and mid-career dentists who would like to adjunct, but are unable to serve due to student loan repayment obligations
- Continued decreases in state funding and support for public institutions of higher-learning

The Iowa Family Dentistry Faculty Excellence Fund will provide a sustainable base of funding for adjunct student loan repayment assistance, enabling our department to attract and retain early- and mid-career dentists who desire to mentor, teach, and serve the profession of dentistry through adjunct education in Family Dentistry.

This fund will help ensure a durable legacy in producing top-tier dental graduates and facilitate a new generation of Family Dentistry adjunct educational leaders to maintain the high caliber clinical education standards for which our department is known. Please consider a gift to the Iowa Family Dentistry Faculty Excellence Fund today.



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