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News for Colleagues, Alumni, and Friends of the DCG

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DCG Central Supply Provides 'Essential Functions'



Renee Major, Central Supply & Lab Tracking (CSLT) Supervisor, positively glows when she talks about her staff.

“They work hard. They take pride in what they do,” she said. “People don’t understand the dedication and concern that goes into their responsibility. Ultimately, if the dental college doesn’t have supplies, things just don’t work.”

Major has major numbers to support her team’s essential role. CSLT’s inventory includes 937 different items that they keep in stock, in addition to

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the inventory used for to support specific clinics and the specialty items ordered as needed. Last year, CSLT ordered 282,920 items, received and verified 262,770 items, and organized, stocked, and distributed them – everything from elastomeric respirators, Hemodent, blood ID kits, to lidocaine. [Click here to read more!](#)

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DCG Faculty, Students and Alumni Garner PFA Honors



Several Dental College of Georgia (DCG) faculty and students were recently honored by the [Pierre Fauchard Academy](#) (PFA) at the Annual Leadership Conference at the Ritz Carlton in Lake Oconee, Georgia. The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an honorary dental service organization whose mission includes to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession, internationally.

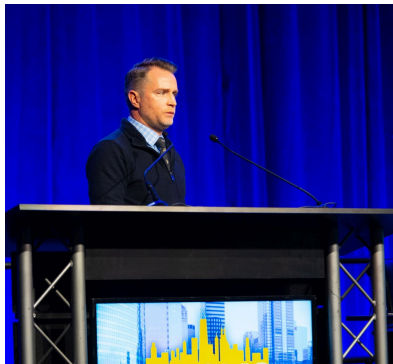
[Dr. Nancy Young](#), DCG Interim Dean, and [Dr. Amara Abreu-Serrano](#), Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, were inducted as Honored Fellows. Dr. Abreu-Serrano was honored last year with the PFA Excellence in Dental Education Award.

[Click here to read more about our faculty, student and alumni honors, and to view a photo gallery.](#)

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Faculty News

Schoenbaum Presents at National Conference



[Dr. Todd R. Schoenbaum](#) presented "Digital Treatment Planning for Immediate Provisionalization of a Single-tooth Implant Case (hands-on workshop)" and "Short Implants and Sinus Augmentation" at the 2022 [American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery](#) (AAOMS) [Dental Implant Conference](#) in Chicago in December.

More than 1,000 oral surgeons and dentists attend the intensive educational program showcasing innovative techniques and procedures, presented by internationally renowned leaders in implant dentistry. [Click here to enjoy photos.](#)



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Elmarakby Earns Committee MVP



Dr. Ahmed Elmarakby, Professor in the Department of Oral Biology and Diagnostic Sciences, was named MVP for his service on the DCG Student Admissions and Recruitment Committee. Members of the DCG SARC interviewer will help assess the applicant's personality, motivation and ability for a career in dentistry.

Dr. Kevin Frazier, Vice Dean, presented Elmarakby with a certificate. Congratulations, Dr. Elmarakby!

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Photo Gallery: Dr. Henry "Butch" Ferguson's Retirement Reception



Colleagues, friends and family attended the retirement reception for **Dr. Henry "Butch" Ferguson**, Interim Chair in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, on Jan. 26. Dr. Ferguson dedicated more than 18 years of dedicated service to the Dental College of Georgia and Augusta University.

Although retired, Dr. Ferguson will continue to teach in the sedation course, ensuring students and residents continue to receive the best training the DCG can offer.

[Click here to enjoy a gallery of photos.](#)

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Photo Gallery: Dr. Frederick Rueggeberg's Retirement Reception



The DCG family enjoyed a retirement reception for **Dr. Frederick Rueggeberg**, Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, on Jan. 31. Dr. Rueggeberg provided more than 35 years of exceptional service to the Dental College of Georgia.



and Augusta University.

Rueggeberg also served as the Section Director for Dental Materials, and hopes to stay active in this arena even in retirement.

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Student News

Last Day for HSDA Cupid Charms



The [Hispanic Student Dental Association](#) (HSDA) will sell Cupid Charms today from noon to 1 p.m. in the Education Commons lobby. Stop by and purchase a surprise goodie bag for anyone at the The DCG for just \$4 to show how much you care for them! Proceeds from the sale will support HSDA's outreach efforts.

Questions? Contact [Jeny Dominguez Castillo](#).

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Save the Date for Research and Table Clinic Day 2023



Save the date for annual [Research and Table Clinic Day](#) (RTCD) on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The DCG Office of Research hosts the event annually to showcase scientific research and innovative clinical care with a focus on current practices and projects being conducted at the Dental College of Georgia. This event is sponsored in conjunction with the Georgia Section of the [American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research](#) (GA-AADOCR).

[Visit the RTCD page for more detailed information.](#)

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Other News

Pediatric Dentistry Hosts Give Kids a Smile



Nearly one in four children under the age of five already has cavities, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control



cavities, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Many children enrolled in Medicaid receive no dental services throughout the year. To combat this statistic locally, the Dental College of Georgia participates every year in the annual **Give Kids a Smile** event organized by the American Dental Association (ADA).

“It’s important to us in pediatric dentistry because we have a patient population that desperately needs care but many of them have no means to get care. We can send them to clinics with sliding scales and such, but the wait is long,” said

Dr. Michael Milano, Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

[Click here to read more and enjoy a gallery of photos.](#)

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LifeLink Will Honor National Organ Donor Day



The DCG has partnered with **LifeLink** to bring an information and registration table to the DCG First Floor Lobby from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 14. In addition to being Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 is also National Organ Donor Day, which honors those who choose to help save lives with crucial organ and tissue donation after passing.

Please stop by the table to learn more about the organ and tissue donation process, or to register to become a donor to those in need.

Visit BeTheGiftGeorgia.org for more information.

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DCG Band to Perform at Noon Arts



The Oblique Ridge Bluegrass Band, a musical group comprised of rotating members of the DCG family, will be among those to perform at the [Noon Arts: Live at the Lee](#) [PDF] show on Feb. 14. Members of the band have included students, residents and faculty over the years, and currently includes [Dr. Greg Griffin](#), Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry, on guitar and vocals; [Dr. Van Haywood](#), Professor Emeritus in the Department of Restorative Sciences, on bass; [Missy Hewett](#), Class of 2025, on vocals; [Reese King](#), Class of 2024, on violin/fiddle and vocals; [Min Lim](#), Class of 2025, on flute; and [Dr. Rod Mackert](#), Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, on mandolin.

The name of the band, Oblique Ridge Bluegrass Band, is a pun combining the tradition of country and bluegrass bands drawing nomenclature from Appalachian topography, and also referring to a ridge on the chewing surface of an upper molar tooth.

The Noon Arts performances are free, and lunch is provided to the first 100 attendees. Bring non-perishable food donations for the [Open Paws Food Pantry](#) to be entered to win roses, chocolates or two tickets to see [Step Afrika!](#) on Feb. 26 at the [AU Maxwell Theatre](#).

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DCG will Host Annual Raft Debate



The fate of a periodontist, an orthodontist, and a pediatric dentist is in the hands of students at the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. All three are aboard a sinking ship, and their only escape is a one-person raft. Who should be saved?

Representatives from the DCG specialties of [Periodontics](#), [Pediatric Dentistry](#) and [Orthodontics](#) will try to sway DCG students during this hypothetical debate at the second annual Raft Debate at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, in the [J. Harold Harrison, M.D. Education Commons](#). Hosted by the **Office of**

Philanthropy & Alumni Engagement, representatives will debate which specialty is most important and would help the most people if saved.

Dentists aboard the ship include [Dr. Ana Carolina Morandini](#), Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Biology & Diagnostic Sciences; [Dr. Cynthia Hipp](#), Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry; and [Dr. Joshua Jernigan](#), Resident in the Department of Orthodontics. [Dr. Regina Messer](#), Associate Dean of Student Admissions and Student Affairs for the DCG, will moderate the debate. [Dr. Kevin Frazier](#), Vice Dean of the DCG, will serve as devil's advocate.

The event is free and open to all AU students, faculty, staff, and residents.

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New Store Roars into AU



The [RoarStore](#) opened on Wednesday, Feb. 1, in Washington Hall on the Summerville campus with a celebration for all attendees. Formerly the JagStore, the RoarStore is the official campus store and fan shop of Augusta University. The event included music, food, the AU basketball teams, coaches, cheerleaders, Jaguar mascot Augustus and student organizations and departments.

[Click here to enjoy photos from the event.](#)



Greenblatt Celebrates 60th Anniversary



[Robert B. Greenblatt M.D. Library](#) on Augusta University's Health Sciences Campus will kick off its 60th anniversary celebration with a "Love Your Library" meet and greet. The event takes place at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 15, on the library's first floor. Library faculty and staff will be available to welcome students, faculty, staff and the community and answer questions about Augusta University libraries. Valentine's Day treats will be available, as well as special giveaway items from Greenblatt Library Creative Technology Lab. Attendees can also view the library's renovated facilities.



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From the Interim Dean

The Energy Bus is a fable in which a fictional character named George exemplifies ten lessons on how to use our internal energy to have more purposeful and joyous lives. The story follows George as car trouble forces him to begin riding the bus, adding stress alongside other troubles he is experiencing at work and at home.

The bus driver, Joy, is a jovial person who informs George that her job is to energize passengers. She personifies and proselytizes positive thinking every day. Despite his initial anger and unwillingness to connect with Joy, George slowly undergoes a profound change that infuses every aspect of his life. His transformation strengthens his relationships at work and at home, leading to success in his professional and personal lives.

George isn't forced to change his thinking. He makes a choice to find opportunity where before he saw only roadblocks. He looks for process improvement instead of focusing on the inadequacies of the status quo. He creates change for himself, his family and his coworkers. Most importantly, he decides he won't lose. He will either win or he will learn.

George may be fictional, but his transformation rings true because studies have shown us that choosing to find positive features to stressful experiences leads to better health, less stress and more effective coping skills.

And a 2016 study from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, published in the **American Journal of Epidemiology**, demonstrated that having an optimistic outlook on life may help people live longer. The study indicated a link between those who exhibited optimism and a lower likelihood of dying from several major causes of death — including cancer, heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease and infection.

Positive thinking doesn't ask us to ignore frustration or unpleasantness. It asks us to approach every frustration as though there is improvement to be found on the other side. Positive thinkers try to make the best of every situation. We focus on what can be controlled or changed. We let go of what cannot be impacted. And we look for lessons to take forward into the next challenge.

We can infuse positivity into our lives and our workplace. The **famous Harvard psychiatrist George Vaillant's long, ongoing research** into what helps humans to age well has consistently found that warm, positive relationships feed our bodies and minds for decades.

So, I ask you to consider whether your interactions with colleagues, friends and family will be one that invigorates them today, or the one they must overcome. Will we choose to add vitality to someone's day, or subtract energy from their experience? With every interaction, we have an opportunity to strengthen one another, and thus strengthen the Dental College of Georgia. Let us please be the strength on which we launch an even greater academic experience for ourselves, our patients and our students.

Have a great weekend!

Have any great events or stories share with us?

Please send them to DCG_DEANS_OFFICE@augusta.edu.

On the Horizon

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Dental College of Georgia Alumni Reception

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