



Filling in the Details

News for Colleagues and Friends of the DCG

March 23, 2018

AAWD Leadership Conference a Success

The American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) student chapter held its inaugural Women's Leadership Conference on Sunday, March 4. The conference included presentations from Dr. Kate Ciarrocca, Clinical Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina and Dr. Karyl C. Patten, Immediate Past President of AAWD. There was also a panel discussion with several DCG faculty and local dentists. Many faculty and students attended to support the event.



Lewis Luke Named Employee of the Month

The February Employee of the Month, **Lewis Luke**, Senior Dental Biomedical Engineering Technician, was described as a "paragon to emulate in helpfulness, caring and concern for making the DCG a safe, efficient, and pleasant work environment and has always been an example of the six university values." A second nominator wrote that Lewis takes the time to fully understand what is needed and then makes the time to get it right. The nomination also stated, "Lewis provides an indispensable service to AU and the DCG as he is one of only two staff members responsible for maintaining the electrical and mechanical equipment to keep the DCG

operating smoothly in all areas." Congratulations, Lewis, on this well-deserved honor!



Admissions Welcomes Amy Tarpley

Amy Tarpley joins us as an Administrative Assistant 2 in the Office of Students, Admissions and Alumni. Amy received her Associate Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State Perimeter College and is currently completing a Bachelor of Business Administration at Georgia Southwestern State University. Amy's interests include traveling and spending time with her 10-year-old fur baby, Reese. When you see Amy around the DCG, please give her a warm welcome!

Faculty Shine at Annual ADEA Meeting

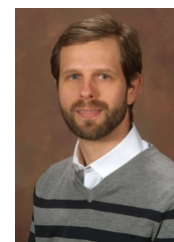
Young Appointed Secretary

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) held its annual meeting recently. Dr. **Nancy Young**, Assistant Professor, General Dentistry, was appointed Secretary of the ADEA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group.



Susin Completes ADEA Leadership Institute Program

Dr. **Cristiano Susin**, Professor, Department of Periodontics and Director of Clinical Research, recently completed the ADEA Leadership Institute Program. He and his fellow participants were recognized for this accomplishment at the ADEA meeting at a graduation dinner.



Zaher Receives First OKU Suzuki Research Award



Dr. **Ahmed Zaher**, Assistant Professor, Department of Restorative Sciences, received the inaugural Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) Jon B. Suzuki Research Award at the OKU Supreme Chapter annual business meeting held in conjunction with the ADEA Meeting in Orlando, Florida. Dr. Zaher's research proposal- "Fatigue de-bonding resistance of acrylic denture teeth to a conventionally processed denture base, or bases fabricated using computer-assisted milling or digital printing technologies" was selected for funding by the OKU Supreme Chapter research

award committee. Dr. **Fred Rueggeberg** will serve as Dr. Zaher's mentor for this project. OKU, the National Dental Honor Society, is the sponsor for this faculty research development program, and the \$5,000 grant was established to help early career faculty be successful in dental education.

Chana Presents on Education Trends

Dr. **Monica Chana**, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Health and Diagnostic Sciences and Department of General Dentistry, completed the ADEA Emerging Leaders Fellowship program. The Program for Emerging Academic Leaders is designed to provide early-career faculty showing great promise as potential leaders the insight and skills needed to build an academic career. The program begins in July, in Freeport, Maine, and closes with a presentation at the ADEA Annual Session the following spring. Dr. Chana's peer group presented on "Clinical Procedure Trends of Graduating Dental Students." Congratulations to Dr. Chana for successfully completing the ADEA Emerging Leaders Fellowship Program!



Brenes Named to IDDA

Dr. **Christian Brenes**, Assistant Professor, General Dentistry, is a founding member of the International Academy of Digital Dentistry (IDDA). He was elected Director of Science and Research and will serve a two-year term in this role. Congratulations, Dr. Brenes!

Mitchell First Dentist to be Certified by TBLC

The DCG has as its first Certified Consultant Trainer by the international Team-Based Learning Collaborative (TBLC), Dr. **Jan Mitchell**, Associate Professor and Captain, US Navy (Ret). The TBLC conducts an accreditation program for trainers and mentors in Team-Based Learning. Candidates go through a rigorous two-year development program and are assessed on the basis of their portfolio, which demonstrates their capabilities in developing and facilitating the delivery of TBL courses and in mentoring and supporting others in implementing TBL. Although the TBLC is strongly represented in other health professional schools (medical, pharmacy, and nursing), Dr. Mitchell is the first dentist certified by this organization.



DCG Building Healthy Hearts for the American Heart

Association



DCG Represented at AHA Heart Walk

The American Heart Walk took place Saturday, March 10, at the Riverview Activities Center in North Augusta. The DCG was represented by faculty and staff who walked the one-mile loop or trekked the three-mile course on the North Augusta Greenway.

Current DCG fundraisers for the AHA:

- \$2 Jean Fridays
- Periodontics Masters Basket Raffle, 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5

Thank you for your continued participation in our fundraisers!

Any AHA funds can be turned in to **Dawn Fulmer**, our DCG AHA Heart Walk Lead. If you have a fundraising idea, be sure to reach out to Dawn at dfulmer@augusta.edu to make it happen!

DCG Screams for Ice Cream

Thanks to everyone who supported Pediatric Dentistry's Ice Cream Sundae Bar! Their team raised \$300 selling bowls of ice cream and toppings! Coupled with online donations, Team Pedo raised \$575 for the American Heart Association! Awesome job!



Indian Lunch Builds Fund for AHA

The DCG Sugar Shakers, Restorative Sciences AHA team, sold a total of 168 Indian Lunches from Lahore Express and hundreds of AHA Hearts, to raise a total of \$1,577 to benefit the American Heart Association!! They held two Indian Lunch events and sold many paper hearts! Way to go team!

Orthodontic Hearts Beat for Bed Sheets

The DCG Orthodontic Heartbeats sold bedsheets – 201 sets and 40 pillowcase sets – and raised a total of \$3,175 for the American Heart Association! Thanks to Pam Bales and the Heartbeats for their efforts and to you all who purchased sets of sheets or pillowcases. Well done!



Live at the Lee to Feature DCG Performers

The Noon Arts: Live at the Lee concert series will close out the academic year with a spring concert at noon on Wednesday, March 28. Save the date for a jam-packed concert full of performances, food and prizes.

Lunch will be provided for the first 100 guests, thanks to support from the Office of the Provost. Attendees can also enter drawings for tickets to the Concerto Competition Winners' and Restrelli Cello

Quartet concerts, provided by the Maxwell Theatre. Some of the DCG faculty, staff and students featured in this concert are:

- Master of Ceremonies, Dr. **Kevin Frazier**
- Brace Yourselves, DCG students
- **Kurt Hofius**, Class of 2019
- Oblique Ridge Bluegrass Band, DCG students and faculty
- **Calvin W. Penywell, Jr.**, Office Associate

Publications

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From the Dean's View...



Always looking forward. Next year we host two of the biggest DCG events in recent history. This fall, we begin celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the DCG and in March 2019, we will complete our review by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The 50th Anniversary celebration will begin with the White Coat ceremony in August, continue with a celebration gala Alumni Weekend in April and end with the Hooding Ceremony of the 50th DCG Class in May. Meanwhile, the leadership team and faculty are busy doing their part to make the CODA visit in March a success.

I am pleased to have Dr. Carole Hanes at the helm of the 50th Anniversary Committee. Although she retires at the end of June, I am thrilled that she accepted the challenge to lead this initiative alongside our alumni, faculty, staff and students to make this an Anniversary to remember. We will be celebrating our Distinguished Alums, classes celebrating landmark anniversaries and others.

Do you remember the parades down Laney Walker Avenue, the pick-up basketball games, and other competitions between dental students and medical students? We are soliciting photos, anecdotes and memorabilia from the last 50 years. You can bring mementos by the Communications Coordinator's office, at GC 5204 or email your stories and photos to Debbie Lewis at deblewis1@augusta.edu. There will be more to come regarding the 50th Anniversary once the Committee has a chance to meet. We welcome your ideas!

Have a wonderful weekend!

— Carol Lefebvre



March 22-24

Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting

March 28

Noon Arts: Live at the Lee

April 27

Marvin C. Goldstein Lecture Series

April 27-29

Alumni Weekend

May 11

Hooding Ceremony

May 23

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