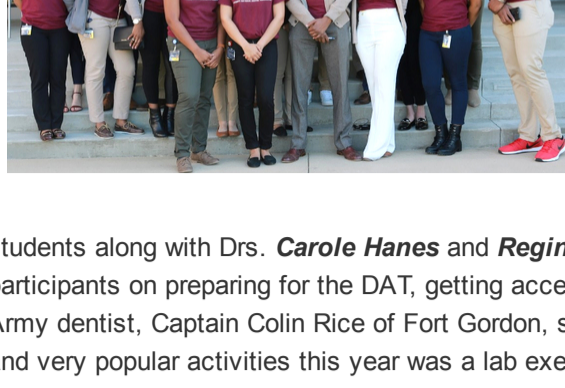




Filling in the Details

News for Colleagues and Friends of the DCG

March 9, 2018



Impressive Impressions Program

Saturday, March 3, the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) held its 19th Annual Impressions Program coordinated by executive officers **Myra Morris, Phillip Gordon, Jessica Anderson and Melanie Evans**. This was the largest turnout for Impressions in its history with nearly 200 prospective students from 22 universities, colleges and high schools throughout Georgia and South Carolina. A panel of dental students along with Drs. **Carole Hanes** and **Regina Messer** and Ms. **Stephanie Perry** counseled participants on preparing for the DAT, getting accepted to and adjusting to life in dental school. US Army dentist, Captain Colin Rice of Fort Gordon, served as this year's guest speaker. One of the new and very popular activities this year was a lab exercise in which the participants made souvenir stone models of their own thumbs using dental impression material. Other hands-on activities included head and neck exams, cavity preparations, and waxing exercises. Previous Impressions attendees raved that this was the "best one ever." There is no doubt, SNDA is excited about next year and the opportunity to make Impressions even bigger and better!



DCG Celebrates our Dental Assistants

Dental assistants throughout the clinics and support departments received an extra pat on the back this week during National Dental Assistant Week. From lunches, cakes, and coffees, to Donuts with the Dean, they were appreciated for being the "Wonder" Women (and Men) they are because our dentists and dental students "wonder" what they would do without them. Click on the photo above to see more photos of our wonderful dental assistants.

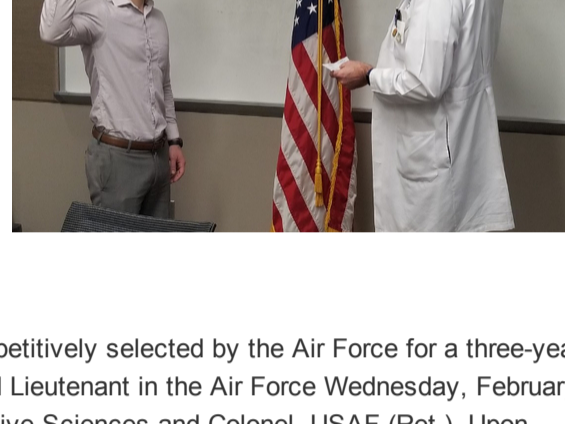
Howell Elected ASDA Vice-President

The DCG will be represented yet another year at the national leadership level of ASDA! This past week at ASDA's Annual Session in Anaheim, California, **Alex Howell**, Class of 2019, was elected as the 2018-2019 ASDA Vice President. Alex will continue to represent our college while serving almost 24,000 dental students. With her leadership growth and passion for dental academia, Alex is an asset to not only the national dental student community but even more importantly, she is an incredible asset to our dental school.

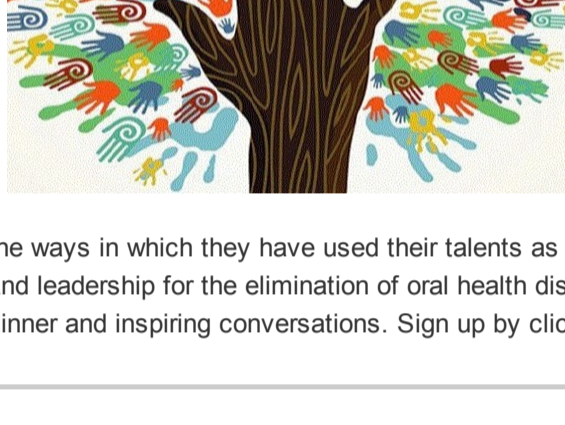


ADMD1 Daniel Peterson Commissioned

The Department of Defense, through the individual military services, offers competitive scholarships to Health Profession academic institutions. Through the Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP) via the Army, Navy and Air Force's implementation protocols, a competitively selected recipient can earn a full four-year, three-, two-, or one-year scholarship. In exchange for the scholarship, the selectee is commissioned into the awarding Service and will serve as an Active Duty dentist, upon graduation.



Dan Peterson, Class of 2021, applied and was competitively selected by the Air Force for a three-year HPSP Scholarship. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Wednesday, February 28 by Dr. **Ray Jeter**, Assistant Professor in Restorative Sciences and Colonel, USAF (Ret.). Upon completion of National Boards, he will be promoted to 1st Lieutenant. He will enter active service in the Air Force as a Captain shortly after graduation.



Catalyst Sponsored by HSDA

The Hispanic Student Dental Association is hosting its first "Catalyst" event on Monday, March 26, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Harrison Commons, GB 1110. The goal of this speaker forum is to raise awareness, promote diversity, and provide a platform to connect with and learn from entrepreneurs, educators, and leaders in the community. Dr. **Lia Gallo-Urrego** from Gainesville, GA and Drs. **Mario Romero** and **David Alemar** from Augusta will share their stories and discuss the ways in which they have used their talents as a catalyst to "provide service, education, advocacy, and leadership for the elimination of oral health disparities in the Hispanic community." Join them for dinner and inspiring conversations. Sign up by clicking on the image above.



ASDA Field Day

Students enjoyed a break from their stressful preparations for board exams this weekend and from their many other challenging weekly routines. The DCG ASDA Chapter planned an afternoon of outdoor games for them to enjoy on Wednesday, March 7. They were able to relax and enjoy the camaraderie of their classmates. The DCG Administration provided Kona Ice, Henry Schein Dental provided lunch from Firehouse Subs and visited with the students.

DCG Works it Out for AHA

Building Healthy Hearts

The American Heart Walk is Saturday, March 10, at the Riverview Activities Center at the ball fields in North Augusta. More details are found here: [Heartwalk 2018](#)

Current DCG fundraisers for the AHA:

- Pediatric Dentistry's Ice Cream Sundae Bar, \$3.50 per bowl, Thursday, March 15, 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Harrison Ed Commons Patio
- \$2 Jean Fridays
- Periodontics Masters Basket Raffle, 1 for \$2, 3 for \$5
- Restorative Sciences Indian Lunch, \$10, Monday, March 19

Your participation in any of these events is greatly appreciated!

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!



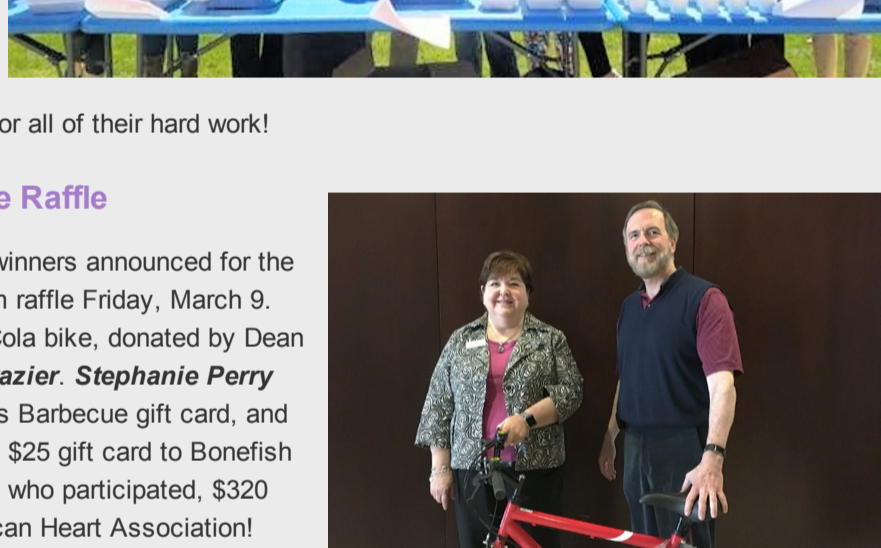
DCG Hearts Beat for Chili

Thanks to everyone who came out to enjoy chili on the Harrison Ed Commons Patio Thursday, February 22! The DCG Dental Associates Dental Assistants worked hard preparing and selling four large pots of chili with various toppings. They raised, a total of \$207, for the American Heart Association! Way to go DPG Heart Breakers!



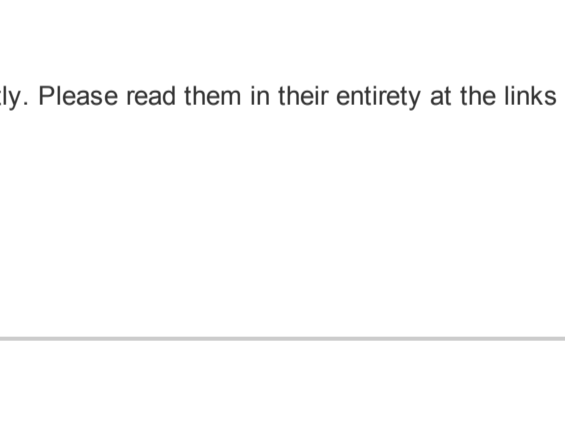
Hummus a Hit

The Oral Biology team raised \$715 for the AHA selling Mediterranean Lunches on Friday, March 2. All of the hummus and falafel wraps were hand-prepared by Dr. **Amany Tawfik**. Thank you to Dr. Tawfik and her team for all of their hard work!



Hearts Beat for Bike Raffle

Tickets were drawn and winners announced for the DCG Administration Team raffle Friday, March 9. The winner of the Coca-Cola bike, donated by Dean Lefebvre, is Dr. **Kevin Frazier**. **Stephanie Perry** won the \$50 Willie Jewel's Barbecue gift card, and Dr. **Bruce Riggs** won the \$25 gift card to Bonefish Grill. Thanks to everyone who participated, \$320 was raised for the American Heart Association!



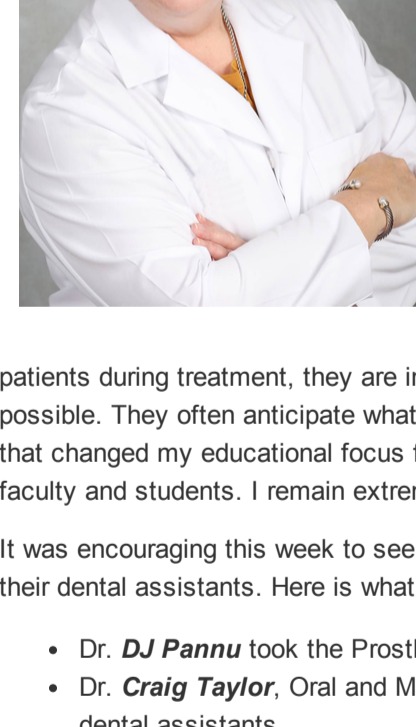
Augusta University Policies

Several new or updated policies were adopted recently. Please read them in their entirety at the links below.

- [Freedom of expression](#)
- [Social media](#)
- [Anti-sexual harassment](#)

Publications

Pozzi A, Arcuri L, and Moy PK, Temporary Shell Proof-of-Concept Technique: Digital-Assisted Workflow to Enable Customized Immediate Function in Two Visits in Partially Edentulous Patients. *Compendium*. March 2018 Vol 39(3). <http://www.aegis.dentalnetwork.com/cced/2018/03/temporary-shell-proof-of-concept-technique-digital-workflow-to-enable-customized-immediate-function-in-two-visits>



From the Dean's View...

Happy Dental Assistants Recognition Week! I had the honor of serving donuts to and greeting the dental assistants and other clinical support staff as they entered the building Wednesday morning to start their day. I enjoyed seeing many smiling faces and hearing how their departments have been celebrating them this week. It was my first opportunity to make "Donuts with the Dean" a reality. I have been looking forward to having such an occasion and Wednesday was the perfect opportunity.

Dental assistants are to dentists what nurses are to physicians. They are the glue to a productive and successful dental practice. Please take the time to show your appreciation for all they do to support our education, clinical and research missions. From disinfecting and setting up the operatories, preparing instruments, sharing tips with students, to comforting patients during treatment, they are instrumental in supporting us to provide the best patient care possible. They often anticipate what we need before we do! It was time spent as a dental assistant that changed my educational focus from medicine to dentistry and the same is true for many of our faculty and students. I remain extremely grateful for that experience.

It was encouraging this week to see faculty, residents, and other staff showing their appreciation to their dental assistants. Here is what they shared with me:

- Dr. **DJ Pannu** took the Prosthodontic dental assistants out to lunch and brought in donuts.
- Dr. **Craig Taylor**, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) resident, brought coffee in for their dental assistants.
- The OMFS Department purchased lunch to celebrate their assistants today.
- Dr. **Veena Pannu** brought donuts to the Junior Clinic and Central Supply staff.
- The Endodontic residents brought a cake for their assistants on Monday.
- Dr. **Frank Tay** is providing lunch for the Endodontic dental assistants today.
- **Marie Churchville** created a display of all of the Endodontic dental assistants to celebrate them.

If you haven't thanked a dental assistant this week, please take the opportunity to tell them how much you appreciate them for what they do!

Have a wonderful weekend!

— Carol Lefebvre



March 10

American Heart Association Heart Walk

March 23

Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting

April 27

Marvin C. Goldstein Lecture Series

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Alumni Weekend

May 11

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