Audrey Seleman, DDS, assistant professor in Prosthodontics (left) and Debbie King, DDS, (right) along with other members of the UTHSC College of Dentistry Class of 2004, gathered in the Dunn Dental Building on August 8, 2014, for the start of their 10-year reunion activities. To see more photos, please visit uthcalumni.com and click on the Flickr icon. The images are available in the 2014 COD Reunion: Class of 2004 album.

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From the Dean of the College of Dentistry

Winter is upon us, but that doesn't mean that the dental school is slowing down in any way. Our students and residents continue to excel as they learn modern techniques and treatments for the benefit of their patients.

The entering class of 2015 has been selected from a gifted group of candidates from Tennessee, Arkansas and the rest of the country. Once again, our applicant pool generated almost 15 candidates for each of the now 95 available spots (an increase from the 90 openings available last year). Both the average grades and DAT scores continue to be strong, so I expect next year's class to be outstanding.

This year's increase in class size is the first step in our goal to accept 100 students. The additional students will enable us to staff the new remote clinic that will open this summer in Bristol and Union City. The continued growth in class size is necessary so that we will have a sufficient number of students to staff the clinics that are planned to open in Nashville and Knoxville in 2016. These new clinics will allow the dental school to have a statewide presence. Not only will this allow us to receive additional clinical training on a wide variety of patients, but we will truly be 'Tennessee's dental school as we serve residents across the state.' Turn to page 20 to read about these plans.

Renovation is ongoing in the Dunn building, and we are near completion of the work on the main lobby. Once it is finished, will begin work on the third and fifth floor lobbies. Our oral pathology lab has been finished. The oral surgery clinic is in the drawing phase, and Dr. Weeda has been hard at work planning the new area. Likewise, plans for the Slagle Oral-Facial Pain and Sleep Apnea Clinic are in the final drawing stage, and its construction will soon be started.

And last, but certainly not least, I am happy to report that we have received a multi-million dollar commitment to fund the building of the additional space we so desperately need. This new 60,000 square foot structure will allow us to have space for a special needs clinic, offices and the much needed faculty practice. I hope each of you is very proud of the dental school and its new found national presence. This could only happen because of you, our valued alumni.

Timothy L. Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA

About the UTHSC
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The UTHSC College of Dentistry was founded in 1878 – making it the oldest dental college in the South, and the third-oldest public college of dentistry in the United States. The college is located in downtown Memphis in the Winfield C. Dunn Building, named for the college's distinguished alumnus and former Tennessee governor. The college maintains a four-year dental program enrolling approximately 420 dental students, dental hygiene students and those taking part in postgraduate dental programs. The college is dedicated to providing professional, graduate and postgraduate education, conducting dental research, and delivering state-of-the-art patient care and public service.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

As Tennessee's only public, statewide, academic health system, the mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service. Offering a broad range of postgraduate and selected baccalaureate training opportunities, the main UTHSC campus is located in Memphis and includes six colleges: Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Health Professions, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. UTHSC also educates and trains cohorts of medicine, pharmacy and/or health professions students – in addition to medical residents and fellows – at its major sites in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville. Founded in 1911, during its more than 100 years, the UT Health Science Center has educated and trained more than 100,000 health care professionals in academic settings and health care facilities across the state. For more information, visit www.uthsc.edu. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/uthsc, on Twitter: twitter.com/uthsc, and on Instagram: instagram.com/uthsc.

The College of Dentistry Vision Statement

To improve human oral health through education, research, clinical care and public service.
Fellow College of Dentistry Alumni,

The MidSouth Dental Congress, newly named the William F. Slagle Dental Meeting, is one of our College of Dentistry’s greatest traditions. In March, 2014, we had outstanding attendance for the 19th presentation of the congress, which boasted great speakers presenting timely information to dentists and their staffs.

Now, some of you might think the Dental Congress is simply another continuing dental education program, and you can get your continuing education credits online or while enjoying the scenery of an exotic resort. However, you can’t get that sense of “coming back home” or feel the energy of the students anywhere else but at the Dental Congress in Memphis.

Every year, I’m filled with a tremendous sense of pride when I listen to our students talking about their experiences and the ground-breaking research they and faculty are conducting. I marvel at all of the changes that are taking place in our Winfield C. Dunn Dental Building.

And while attending the congress, you have the opportunity to see the many physical changes at the College of Dentistry. Some of them are the:

- Renovation and purchase of new equipment for the Slagle TMD/Facial Pain/OSA Clinic,
- Renovation of the Continuing Education/Business Office in the Dunn Dental Building, and
- Renovation of the administrative offices in the Dunn Dental Building.

These changes are just a few that were funded through our MidSouth Dental Congress proceeds. The sense of pride that one feels is just one more intangible you don’t get from other continuing education programs. Your participation at the Slagle Meeting and Dentistry Alumni Weekend help enhance the dental school experience for current and future students.

Our College of Dentistry is one of the top dental schools in the country, and our students go through one of the most rigorous admissions processes in the nation. It has become commonplace to have more than 14 qualified applicants for every spot in an incoming first-year class. Obviously, Dean Hottel and our dental school faculty are doing something very right.

So, here’s my challenge to you. We are celebrating an historic milestone for the MidSouth Dental Congress in March 2015 – our 20th anniversary. The committee is working to present a program that honors the congress legacy and celebrates everything we have accomplished in the past two decades. I want you to mark your calendars right now and join us at the William F. Slagle Dental Meeting – March 6-8, 2015. Please see page 16 for more information.

Check your mailboxes and inboxes in the coming months for more details about the 20th William F. Slagle Dental Meeting.

Warmest Regards,

Jeannie Beauchamp, DDS ’91

From the UTHSC College of Dentistry Alumni Association President

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In just a few years, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center campus in Memphis will have at least 15 new buildings to meet expanding academic, research, clinical care and support needs. It will also have improved pedestrian and bicycle routes, better traffic flow, more parking, well-designed green spaces and landscaping, prominent signage, 10 renovated buildings and updated housing options.

The improvements are part of a Campus Master Plan designed to enhance UTHSC’s stature as an urban academic medical center and secure its spot as the nucleus of the evolution of the Memphis Medical Center. The plan is the first major blueprint for growth of the university since the 1990s.

“There are few things more important to us at this particular point in time than the evolution of our Campus Master Plan,” Kennard Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer for UTHSC, said in an October open house held for faculty, staff and members of the community. At the meeting, Dr. Brown invited community leaders and partners to join the discussion of the evolution of the Memphis Medical Center, as the master plan changes the face of the UTHSC campus at its center. “We believe this conversation will serve as the nucleus for all the conversations involving the development of the Memphis Medical District and the evolution of the UT-Baptist Research Park,” he said.

The plan, drawn by the award-winning architecture and design firm of Perkins + Will, after more than a year of discussions with faculty, staff, students and community stakeholders, focuses on giving UTHSC’s urban campus a clearer sense of identity, showcasing existing and emerging research and clinical centers of excellence, strengthening the use of Health Sciences Park as the campus center, making campus open spaces useful and attractive, reinforcing strong pedestrian routes, and grouping complementary endeavors and colleges together for ease of access.

“The best academic medical centers around the country and around the world are attempting to create this incredibly rich mix of clinical care, academic instruction and research,” said Krisan Osterby, project manager with Perkins + Will. The emphasis will be on enhancing interdisciplinary cooperation, she said.

Some projects and improvements in the plan are funded and under way, and some will evolve over the next five years and beyond. “We’re in the throes of in excess of $250 million in construction,” Dr. Brown told the gathering. This includes construction on the $49 million Translational Science Research Building, which is nearing completion, the $70 million...
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In the future

Dr. Wenk receives top honor

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WTRFC and UTHSC

UTHSC has been awarded a $3.1 million contract to operate the West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center (WTRFC) and the Shelby County Medical Examiner’s Office.

Under the contract, UTHSC will provide a range of services. They include:
- staffing and management of the center, including forensic pathologists, forensic technicians, support staff, and a physician eligible for appointment as the Shelby County medical examiner;
- consultation services 24/7 for all reported cases, when possible;
- establishment and operation of a forensic pathology fellowship program that is accredited by the ACGME (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education), with the primary location for the program at the WTRFC; and
- continued accreditation of the Office of the Medical Examiner by the National Association of Medical Examiners.

The contract contains an option to renew for three additional one-year periods from July through June. UTHSC can regain forensic services for years before ceasing in 2006.

The center will oversee medico-legal death investigation services for all 20 counties west of the Tennessee River that send autopsies to the facility. It will apply uniform standards of investigation for all deaths regardless of the county of origin, and maintain investigative integrity beginning with the scene.

“We believe that we are uniquely positioned to deliver high-quality, cost-effective management of the center and to add considerable value to the educational, public service and research elements that the center has the potential to deliver,” Kennard Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer at UTHSC, said in the petition to operate the center.

“The integration of the missions of the WTRFC and UTHSC transforms the investigation of suspicious deaths into a discipline of education, research, clinical care, and public service for the benefit of the health and welfare of the citizens of Shelby County and West Tennessee,” he said. Plans are to keep as many of the existing employees as possible.

Dr. Brown also said UTHSC plans to develop a Center of Excellence in Forensic Science that will use current resources in forensics, including forensic dentistry and forensic nursing. The petition to operate the center also positions the WTRFC to better respond in instances of natural disasters and acts of terrorism, he said.

During the past three years, investigations by the county Medical Examiner’s Office totaled 2,687 in 2011; 3,709 in 2012; and 4,152 in 2013. The West Tennessee Regional Forensic Center is located at 637 Poplar in a $10 million facility that opened in June 2012.
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High-tech training

On June 23 and 24, 2014, 30 UTHSC COD faculty took part in a two-day course about laser dentistry. The course was taught by Christopher Walinski, DDS, Dr. Walinski is CEO of the World Clinical Laser Institute (WCLI) and a practicing general dentist in San Diego, California.

Faculty completing the course earned an “Associate Fellowship” certificate from the WCLI. Additionally, several UTHSC COD dental assistants received training in the assistants’ role in laser dentistry.

This past March, four UTHSC COD faculty were invited as guests to the WCLI meeting in Huntington Beach, California. Drs. John Ford, Pattie Dingeldein, Les Binkley and Paul Gregory attended, and Dr. Walinski said that this training of faculty in laser dentistry puts UTHSC COD well ahead of other dental schools in the United States. Because of the training received at the meeting, Drs. Binkley, Gregory and Ford were able to serve as adjunct instructors during the June faculty course.

There is interest among the graduate residents and the undergraduate dental students to incorporate training in laser dentistry within their programs. Bioase Technology, Inc., a dental laser manufacturer and a founding sponsor of WCLI, has loaned the dental college three “waterlase” units to be used in teaching and research. These laser units will be used by both graduate and undergraduate students in the pedodontics, periodontics, and general dentistry areas.

According to its website, the WCLI was founded in 2008 by a small group of leading researchers and dental professionals seeking a forum where they could share their ideas and experiences to further advance dental care through the latest laser technologies.
In honor of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the William F. Slagle Dental Meeting (formerly the MidSouth Dental Congress) and of the Hinman Student Research Symposium, we present

20 facts about dentistry in Tennessee

1. The UTHSC College of Dentistry is the oldest dental school in the South. It was founded as the University of Tennessee Dental Department in Nashville in 1878. The school was moved to Memphis and merged with two other schools to become the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1911.

2. After the 1911 merger and move to Memphis, the UT COD was briefly housed in the YMCA building at 245 Madison Avenue. In 1913, it moved to Rogers Hall on Monroe Avenue, where it remained until 1949.

3. The UT COD’s first class after the 1911 merger and move to Memphis included 115 students.

4. Nashville dentist A. Van Camp’s fee for a tooth extraction was $1 in 1844; the cost of a cleaning ranged from $3 to $5.

5. In 1902, Dr. Llewellyn Garnet Noel became the first Tennessee dentist to serve as president of the American Dental Association.

6. In 1878, only 10 percent of Tennessee’s practicing dentists had graduated from a dental school.

7. Dr. William T. Arrington founded the Tennessee Dental Association in 1867. He also founded the Southern Dental Association in 1869.

8. In 1951, Milan became the first town in Tennessee to fluoridate its water supply.


10. The earliest known mention of dentistry in Tennessee is in a notice in the Impartial Review and Cumberland Repository advertising the services of a Dr. Whitman in Nashville in 1808.

11. In 1916, Minnie Eneyart McClendon became the first woman to receive a DDS degree from the UT COD.

12. UT COD alumnus and faculty member John Jones Ogden was one of the co-inventors of the first cotton candy machine. He later became the president of the Tennessee Dental Association.

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15. 1955 graduate Winfield C. Dunn served as Tennessee’s governor from 1971-1975. The current home of the UTHSC COD is named in his honor.


17. In 1877, Susannah Dulaney became the first woman to practice dentistry in Tennessee.

18. The University of Tennessee, Memphis, 75th Anniversary-Medical Accomplishments (1986) by James Hamner III.刷上 creating a medical school.

19. Tennessee’s State Board of Dental Examiners was established in 1891.


The 20 facts were provided by Library Archivist Jennifer Welch who works in the Health Sciences Historical Collections (HSHC). HSHC is located in the UTHSC Library and Biocommunications Center. It collects and preserves the history of UTHSC, as well as other materials documenting the history of the health sciences, especially in Tennessee. The collections include rare and historic books, manuscript collections, photographs and artifacts. HSHC is currently undergoing a renovation that will include new archival and exhibit areas. Please look for updates on the grand re-opening this spring, which will include open houses and receptions.

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On Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 2014, the historic Peabody Hotel in Memphis was once again home to the Hinman Student Research Symposium. The 20th annual event featured oral and poster presentations of research projects by dental students and graduate students from dental schools across the nation. This year 88 students representing 47 dental schools in 28 states, the District of Columbia and three Canadian provinces were invited to make presentations. Acting as hosts for the symposium were six UTHSC COD students pictured above.

At the welcoming banquet held on Friday evening, Timothy L. Hottel, DDS, dean of the UTHSC College of Dentistry gave the opening remarks. Franklin García-Godoy, DDS, MS, PhD, PhD, senior executive associate dean for Research, and Mustafa Dabbous, DDS, founder of the symposium, also made remarks. Following this, Patrick H. Yancey III, DMD, president of the Hinman Dental Society, welcomed the participants, praised the symposium organizers and the student participants, and presented an overview of the upcoming Hinman Meeting to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on March 26-28.

The keynote speaker at the Welcoming Banquet was Lawrence A. Tabak, DDS, PhD, and principal deputy director and senior investigator of the National Institutes of Health and former director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR). Dr. Tabak spoke on "The Top 10 Things I Have Learned," which included valuable insights on working with others, benefiting from the mentor-mentee relationship, and being guided by your data even when the results conflict with your understanding of how things work.

On Sunday, eight awards were given for the most outstanding student presentations—four in clinical research and four in basic science research, in addition to an award from the National Students Research Group (NSRG) of the American Association for Dental Research. The awards were presented by Drs. Yancey, Hottel, García-Godoy and Dabbous, along with Robert Spears, professor at the Baylor College of Dentistry and former faculty advisor to the NSRG.

The symposium was sponsored by the UTHSC College of Dentistry and co-sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society. Grants from the NIDCR, the American Dental Education Association Gies Foundation, the Procter & Gamble Company, the UT College of Dentistry Alumni Association and the Tennessee Dental Association Foundation. The Colgate-Palmolive Company provided additional financial support.

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**Adiha Khan**

Abit of Hinman history

The Hinman Student Research Symposium was founded by Mustafa Dabbous, PhD, with the support of then Dean William F. Slagle. It was first held Nov. 3-5,1995 at the Peabody. Student participation at the first Symposium was outstanding. Oral and poster presentations were given by 64 students representing 32 institutions in 25 states, two provinces of Canada, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Six awards were presented to student participants for the most outstanding presentations – three in clinical research and three in basic laboratory research.

Dr. Mit Sorells, representing the American Dental Society, was the featured speaker at the welcoming banquet. Dr. Wallace Lail, president of the Hinman Dental Society, along with Dr. Bill Ashendorf, chairman of the Board of Trustees, attended the symposium and participated in the presentation of awards.

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**March 6-8, 2015**

**Hilton Memphis**

Visit our exhibit hall, enjoy our welcome party and participate in our alumni events!
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The 2015 session, being held March 6 – 8, promises to be the best of 20 years of excellent dental presentations as the program committee is bringing back some of the most popular and vibrant speakers. These include Mr. Darrell Cain, CPA; John A. Svinsky, DDS, MEd; Stanley F. Malamed, DDS; Harold L. Crossley, DDS, PhD; and John D. Burgess, DDS, MS. Connie Podesta will also return and will be the keynote speaker on the morning of Saturday, March 7. These speakers will be joined by other experts to deliver a comprehensive program.

For information on the upcoming William F. Slagle Dental Meeting, look on page 16, or visit slagledentalmeeting.com.

Dr. Slagle was serving as dean of the college when several members of the alumni board of trustees originally discussed expanding the annual meeting. At the time, the meeting consisted of only one speaker for continuing education credit and a business meeting composed primarily of the Dean’s report to the board.

Dr. Slagle believed that if the meeting was expanded and board members participated, more speakers could be identified, more continuing education credits awarded, and overall interest in the meeting would increase.

The alumni board contacted the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry to ask for guidance, since their annual meeting was highly regarded. UMKC graciously sent members of their staff to meet with the college’s alumni board. Using UMKC’s input, plans were made for the first MidSouth Dental Congress that were approved by the alumni board one year later.

When Dr. Slagle was asked to name one fond memory from a previous meeting, he hesitated at first before commenting, “It was the alumni meeting in Hilton Head, North Carolina, when the board of trustees approved to establish the MidSouth Dental Congress. This was a major decision with a lot of unknowns.”

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The MidSouth Dental Congress celebrates 20 Years by honoring its founder

Conference now named the William F. Slagle Dental Meeting

In March, the MidSouth Dental Congress will celebrate its 20th anniversary with a new name and logo. The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Board of Trustees voted during its meeting in March to honor William F. Slagle, DDS, dean emeritus and the MidSouth Dental Congress’s founder, by renaming the conference the William F. Slagle Dental Meeting.

Dr. Slagle will be stepping down as its central point of contact at the 2015 meeting, after 20 years of service to the congress. In an interview, Dr. Slagle said that after his retirement, he plans to continue communicating with and advising the UTHSC COD Alumni Association, the Slagle Meeting, and the UTHSC College of Dentistry.
To ensure that current and future dental students receive the maximum benefits from each clinical site, Timothy L. Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA, dean and professor of the College of Dentistry, named John Douglas Seeberg, DMD, as the inaugural associate dean of Extramural Affairs. Dr. Seeberg will have the charge of overseeing each clinical rotation site. “Through strategic partnerships with hospitals and other health care organizations across the state, our institution is expanding to meet the ever-increasing needs of patients,” said UTHSC Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD. “The carefully planned expansion of our College of Dentistry will provide greater student access and more opportunities to educate and train dental professionals to serve the needs of Tennesseans and neighboring communities.” Dr. Seeberg previously worked as the assistant dean of Clinical Affairs in the College of Dentistry.

One enrollment step at a time, and one city at a time, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry will expand its clinical practice opportunities and will ultimately have teaching clinics located across the state. Holding true to its mission of education, research, clinical care and public service as it continues to expand, these sites will increase the number and variety of patients who are treated, as well as provide dental care to populations that to date, have limited or no access to care.

Expanding clinical sites is not new to the college – three years ago a clinical site was established in Jackson, Tennessee, and in February, students began taking part in clinical opportunities offered in Little Rock, Arkansas. Using these experiences as a base, the college now has an aggressive expansion plan that will be implemented over the next three years. At its completion, the UTHSC College of Dentistry will have six clinical sites located across Tennessee for its students. This will give the college a statewide presence, in addition to its clinics located in Little Rock.

According to its plan, a clinical site will open in Union City, Tennessee, in July. The need for low-to-no-cost dental care is high here, as residents line up once a month to receive free dental care at Sullivan Dentistry. The clinic participates in the From the Heart Program, which provides each patient with their choice of a free cleaning, filling or extraction.

The Union City site will be located on West Main Street, and six residents will see patients in a newly renovated facility made possible through a generous donation from the Bill and Carol Latimer Charitable Foundation. To run the clinic, a full-time faculty member, adjunct instructors and supporting staff will be hired.

In July or August, the college will open a clinical practice in an established practice in Bristol, Tennessee. The renovation required to accommodate the eight residents, their faculty supervisor and adjunct instructors is being funded by a donation from Delta Dental of Tennessee, along with matching funds from Healing Hands Health Center. While some additional staff will be hired, many local alumni are donating their time to make this clinic possible.

In July 2016, the new Audiology Building on the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus will house a dental clinic for six residents. At the same time, clinics will open in Nashville, where up to 16 students will work at Saint Thomas Health and through the Hope Smiles program. Again, adjunct instructors will be hired to oversee and instruct the students at each of these sites.

By the end of 2016, UTHSC COD residents will have the opportunity for clinical experiences at sites across Tennessee and in Arkansas.

To make these clinical sites a reality, the College of Dentistry must grow its D1 class size from 90 to 100 students. “We must have enough students in the pipeline to support the clinical program here in Memphis, along with the new opportunities we are making available,” Dean Hottel said. The college is in the process of approval from the American Dental Association to increase its class size. Once approved, this growth will happen incrementally over the next four years.

Currently, the simulation laboratory located in the General Education Building, where D1 and D2 students train, is being expanded to accommodate 100 students. “We have maxed out our space here. We are remodeling to make room for these students,” Dean Hottel said. This expansion is expected to be complete by May 1, and ready for the 94-95 students who will make up the D1 class in the fall 2015.

In 2016, the college plans to admit 100 students. Dean Hottel concluded, “This will be educationally great for the students. Once these clinics are up and running, they will become our Tennessee mission trips.”
First impressions

Pediatric residents take their practice on the road

It is only 7:30 a.m., and Orpheus Triplett, DDS, associate professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health, is in the driver's seat of the UTHSC van, waiting for the three pediatric residents, their faculty mentor, and a pediatric clinic staff member to get on board. Once loaded, the van will begin its carefully scheduled route and deliver dental teams to their assigned schools located in the North Memphis area.

On this particular morning, the van will make stops at three different schools where the dental teams, equipped with portable diagnostic equipment, tooth brushes and stickers, along with the appropriate consent documentation, will examine children enrolled in Head Start pre-kindergarten programs. During the course of the team's visits to each of the schools, each resident will assess an average of 19 children.

Through a contractual agreement signed in the early fall of 2014 with Porter-Leath, about 2,000 Head Start children take home.

This year-long project was the brainchild of Dr. Triplett. In the spring of 2014, he signed in the early fall of 2014 with Porter-Leath, about 2,000 Head Start children, while pediatric resident Kristen Douglas, DDS, charted. Mentor and instructor Jennifer Lou, DDS, and Dr. Triplett observed, as Tammy Soto, dental hygienist in Pediatric Dentistry, assisted.

The residents have willingly embraced the development of new and innovative community outreach programs. According to Interim Department Chair and Professor Billy McCann and Program Director for the Graduate Pediatric Dental Residency Program Martha Wells, DDS, getting the residents to the different sites is only one of the challenges that must be overcome in delivering dental care to the schools. To service the contract, each resident will end up seeing an average of 125-150 patients, meaning that tight schedules must be followed. In addition, the requisite paperwork, including consent forms and treatment plans, must be attended to in advance and after the visits.

After a student is seen, a report card, that includes a treatment plan, if needed, is sent to the parent or guardian. Head Start Family Services follows up to make sure the patient receives the needed services. Additionally, a representative from the UTHSC College of Dentistry Pediatric Clinic follows up with the student's parent or guardian.

The teams travel to the schools during morning hours so that they can be back on campus in the afternoon to see regularly scheduled patients in the Pediatric Clinic located in the Dunn Dental Building. "Our residents work hard in this program. By doing this, they will be exposed to different settings and patients. "These students are also carrying the University of Tennessee name into the schools. We believe we are leaving a favorable impression," Dr. McCann said.

According to Dr. Triplett, his particular project's development and implementation, both of which are ongoing and ever-changing, would not be possible without the commitment and hands-on involvement of Dr. McCann, Dr. Wells and Chief Resident Dr. Jason White.

Faculty involvement is crucial to the overall success of the program. "The residents have willingly embraced the program and shown great interest, while the staff have held all the pieces together and help to make for a smooth ride. This is a part of a comprehensive plan for direct community outreach," Dr. Triplett added. "All the dental community, in addition to the general population, will benefit. We are looking for all types of encounters. Those with little need and severe need will receive services. We can identify the problems. We plan to educate our young patients and enhance their dental experience. It does not matter where they are seen, just as long as they are seen."

"Providing this service is a type of tug-of-war," said Dr. Triplett. "To service this contract, we have to figure out how to get to the schools. If so many of our pediatric faculty, staff members and residents are out at schools, we must make sure we have enough personnel to stay open. We have to find a way to see our emergency patients," he continued.

The hope is that the investment in the community will pay off and that many of the patients and their families will choose to use the services of the college's Pediatric Dental Clinic. Dr. McCann said, "We will know more in three years or so on how effective this program has been and if we have established relationships from this outreach."

It is also hoped that the residents will understand the impact this type of public service can have on a community and mold this action in their own practices once they complete the program.

Thinking over the project and its potential, Dr. McCann said, "We have so much to offer. This is just one way we can be out in the community."

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Practical applications

Conducting research that is good for the patient and the college

Since 2009, the UTHSC College of Dentistry has received nearly $3.3 million in federal, industrial and foundation grants for faculty research. In the 2013-14 academic year, the college received 10 new grants, produced 93 new publications, had 29 students participate in its Summer Research Fellowship and received 14 faculty/alumni endowment research grants, making it a busy year in the research labs.

When discussing these impressive figures, Franklin Garcia-Godoy, DDS, MS, PhD, professor and senior executive associate dean for Research, commented, “At the College of Dentistry, we are not a research intensive institution. But, we are an institution that does research for mankind, for what is good for the patient.”

To this end, UTHSC faculty members from across the campus, students and scientists, are conducting research that is aimed at benefitting all parts of the dental profession. While there are members of the College of Dentistry staff who are solely dedicated to research, it has also become an integral part of the academic experience at the college. Of the approximately 85 College of Dentistry full-time faculty members, 40 have participated in research projects whose topics range from cancer to sealants. “If there is a faculty member interested in or investigating a particular topic, we encourage him or her to take part in a project,” Dr. Garcia-Godoy said.

In addition to the studies initiated by College of Dentistry faculty and students, there are international research collaborations with colleagues from Germany, Dominican Republic, Spain, China and Brazil. “Many of these relationships are based on long-term commitments, some over the course of 20 years,” Dr. Garcia-Godoy said. “Researchers come to us to work on their PhD research projects, to train in the use of our equipment and to work with our UT researchers. This carries the UT name worldwide. It creates prestige for our college.”

When completed, most of this research yields articles ready for publication. While it is noteworthy and prestigious to be included in exclusive research journals, Dr. Garcia-Godoy commented, “We want to publish everywhere. Most importantly, we want to contribute to the dissemination of information.”

Being mindful that the College of Dentistry is a state institution and receives support from the Tennessee Dental Association, Dr. Garcia-Godoy hopes to provide a research article for each issue of the organization’s journal. “We have a responsibility to this association.”

“Two of the labs used to conduct research are tucked away in the Dunn Dental Building.

Bioscience Research Center

This lab, established in 2011 and located on the ground level of the Dunn Building, is home to the best scanning electron microscope in Memphis. Presently, 27 different projects are being conducted in the facility, which is known for being reliable and consistent in its research techniques.

Because of the accuracy and measurable results achieved in the bioscience lab, the UTHSC College of Dentistry is one of four schools in the United States being used to test a method to be proposed to the International Standards Organization, which will determine standards for the abrasion of enamel and dentin. Currently, investigations sponsored by large dental product manufacturers concerning the abrasive qualities of different toothpastes and toothbrushes are being run.

One of the most significant, ongoing projects being run at the lab is plaque glycolysis and the regrowth model. Research results using this model are key to the formulation of anti-gingivitis and anti-plaque drug products.

Clinical Research Center

Research study participants begin arriving at 6:30 a.m. on the third floor of the Dunn Building. They enter the Clinical Research Center (CRC) and sign in to participate in the clinical trial of a toothpaste kit, one of several ongoing research projects.

The CRC is equipped with four dental units, a consultation room and an office/workspace. It is dedicated solely to clinical research projects. Since its opening in September 2012, 15 industrial-sponsored trials have been completed. At present there are four clinical trials and pilot study projects under way.

For more information about research at the UTHSC College of Dentistry, please contact Dr. Garcia-Godoy at godoy@uthsc.edu or (901) 448-6333.

Shown with Dr. Garcia-Godoy (back) are lab assistant Qian Zheng, DDS, and plaque glycolysis and regrowth researcher Yinhui Zhang, PhD, right.

Brian Morrow, research coordinator for the Bioscience Research Center, sets up an abrasion test.

Toothpastes prepped for testing.

Stewart works with Laura Rush, research administration grants and contracts manager for the Department of Bioscience Research.
**Osteonecrosis of the Jaw (ONJ) Case Registry**

- **Study Objective:** This ONJ case registry will describe the natural history of post-therapy ONJ in subjects with cancer over an observation period of 5 years.
- **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Cesar Migliorati
- **Research Staff:** Laura Rush

- **A Study to Assess the Effects on Plaque Glycolysis of a Dentifrice Compared to Marketed Controls**
  - **Study Objective:** To assess plaque acidogenicity of a test mouthrinse as compared to marketed controls in a clinical trial.
  - **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Franklin Garcia-Godoy
  - **Co-Investigators:** Dr. Yanhui Zhang
  - **Research Staff:** Laura Rush and Collete Stewart

**Cranio-Facial Relationship Manipulation with an Oral Appliance Mitigating the Severity and Frequency of Motor Tics Associated with Neuro-Psychiatric Disorders such as Tourette Syndrome and Chronic Tic Disorder**

- **Study Objective:** To study the use of oral appliances in mitigating severity, frequency of motor and vocal tics in those with Tourette's syndrome and/or chronic tic disorder.
- **Principal Investigator:** Dr. Timothy Hottel
- **Co-Investigators:** Dr. Robert Brandt, Dr. Martha Wells, Dr. Robert Tantbirojn from the Department of Restorative Dentistry, and Dr. Anthony Versluis from the Department of Bioscience Research.

At the 2014 Research Day, Alex Fitzhugh, D4, was selected as winner of the Student Clinician Award for the most outstanding clinical presentation. Titled "Protective Effect of CO2 laser irradiation on the removal of bacteria seeded on commercially available and blasted acidi-etch titanium dental implants: an in vivo study," the project was co-mentored by Dr. Mojdeh Dehghan and Dr. Daranee Versluis-Tantbirojn from the Department of Restorative Dentistry, along with Dr. Anthony Versluis from the Department of Bioscience Research.

In October, 2014, Fitzhugh represented the UTHSC COD at the National Research Competition at the American Dental Association Annual Session in San Antonio, Texas.
Grants and Sponsorships

Currently held by UTHSC College of Dentistry faculty

**Stem cell-based therapy for regenerative endodontics**

- **Principle Investigator:** Gary Holmes
- **Funding:** NIH/NIDCR R01

**Hinman Student Research Symposium**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Funding:** NIH/NIDCR (R13)

**Osteonecrosis of the jaw case registry**

- **Principle Investigator:** Cesar Migliorati
- **Funding:** AstraZeneca

**Stem cell-mediated periodontal ligament regeneration for avulsed teeth**

- **Principle Investigator:** Gary Holmes
- **Funding:** American Association of Endodontists

**Advanced Nursing Education Grant**

- **Principle Investigator:** Susan Patton
- **Co-investigators:** Cesar Migliorati, Timothy Hottel, Cassandra Ballard-Holden, Margaret Hartig, and Pamela Connor
- **Funding:** HRSA

**Plaque pH analysis project**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Funding:** Procter & Gamble

**Bioscience endodontics research**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy

**Colgate research**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Funding:** Colgate

**Bioscience Research gift**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Funding:** Procter & Gamble

**Study to assess the effects on plaque glycolysis of a dentrifce as compared to basic controls**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Co-investigator:** Yanhui Zhang
- **Funding:** Procter & Gamble

**Project to integrate 3-D photography**

- **Principle Investigator:** Holland Maness
- **Funding:** American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

**Cranio-facial relationship manipulation with an oral appliance mitigating the severity and frequency of motor tics associated with neuro-psychiatric disorders such as tourette syndrome and chronic tic disorder**

- **Principle Investigator:** Timothy Hottel
- **Co-investigators:** Robert Brandt, Martha Wells, Eliott Taynor
- **Funding:** TicoDesktop

**In vitro bioactivity evaluation of three dental cements**

- **Principle Investigator:** Franklin Garcia-Godoy
- **Funding:** NuSmile

Martha Wells, DDS, MS, assistant professor of Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health and Russell Wicks, DDS ’78, MS, professor and chair of Prosthodontics, were inducted into the American College of Dentists at the American Dental Association meeting held in San Antonio, Texas in October, 2014.

Edward DeSchepper, DDS, professor and associate dean of the UTHSC COD has been invited on behalf of the Medical Education Planning Committee to participate as an external reviewer for the 2014 AAMC Medical Education Meeting Call for Submissions. The AAMC Medical Education Meeting is a unique, scholarly forum offering professionals from across the medical education continuum the opportunity to learn about the latest advancements in the field, connect with thought leaders, network with peers, and identify the critical skills needed to advance careers. Medical educators at every stage of their career will be presented with relevant scholarly work from a slate of rigorously selected programming offered by leaders in the field of medical education.

Larry Weeda, DDS, professor and chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, was honored with the 2014 Distinguished Service Professor Award. This award, sponsored by the UT Alumni Association (UTAA), recognized Dr. Weeda’s dedication to and involvement with the University of Tennessee, his effectiveness in teaching, and his distinction in a subject matter or professional field as evidenced by publications or other appropriate demonstrations.

The award was presented at the annual SGAEC Banquet held in May, 2014. He was also recognized at the UTAA Board of Governor’s dinner meeting held in Knoxville in June, 2014.

SGAEC Excellence in Teaching Awards

2013-14 UTHSC College of Dentistry SGA President Chris Wilson presented awards to Vernon Pennington, DDS ’84, (shown in photo on left) and Mark Anderson, DDS ’89, for their outstanding teaching and genuine concern for students.

Congratulations
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The Class of 1964—(all quarters: March, June, September and December) Standing (left to right): David Libby, Robert Land, Jesse Thomas, Gene Irwin, Carl Sebelius, James Bishop, Jack Currey, Carter Davis, William Edgar. Sitting (left to right): Jerry Midyett, Gary McKenna, Bill McHorris, Bob Bradford, Donald Reynolds, Steve Sawrie, James Keesee

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Psychiatric Disorders such as Tourette Syndrome and Chronic Tic Disorder, the clinical study was launched in mid-September and will run through 2015. The study will enroll children and adolescents ages 7 to 17 and adults ages 18 to 45 who are affected by simple or complex tics.

“This is the first time in medical history that a multisite study of this type has been done,” said Dr. Hottel. “We are proud to be part of this forward-thinking research initiative to determine the viability of the TicToStop appliance.” This device may have the potential to help tens of thousands of people who suffer from motor and vocal tics.

Neurological disorders like Tourette Syndrome and Chronic Tic Disorder are characterized by repetitive, involuntary, painless, nonrhythmic movements and sounds called tics. Estimates indicate about 200,000 Americans, most often males, suffer from the most severe form of Tourette’s, and thousands more go undiagnosed. As many as one in 100 people can exhibit milder and less complex symptoms. Simple motor tics are sudden, brief, repetitive movements that involve a limited number of muscle groups. Some of the more common simple tics include eye blinking and other eye movements, facial grimacing, shoulder shrugging, and head or shoulder jerking. Simple vocalizations might include repetitive throat-clearing, sniffling, snorting, grunting or barking.

WFAN Radio and CBS Sports personality Craig Carton founded TicToStop in 2013. Carton has Tourette’s, as do two of his children.

TicToStop is a non-profit organization that, in its very first year, commissioned a pilot study to test the effectiveness of an oral appliance designed to reposition the lower jaw to lessen the severity and frequency of motor and vocal tics associated with Tourette Syndrome and Chronic Tic Disorder. The pilot study demonstrated that the TicToStop appliance lowered the frequency and severity of vocal and motor tics by 65 percent. That amazing result occurred without drugs and invasive medical procedures.

In addition to funding important research, The TicToStop Foundation has also created and completely funded Camp Carton, a one-week sleep-away camp for kids with Tourette Syndrome. For more information, go to www.tictocstop.org.

Awards and honors from the American Association of Endodontists 2014 Annual Session

The American Association of Endodontists (AAE) recognized seven individuals with the organization’s highest honors and awards during its recent 2014 Annual Session held April 30 - May 3, 2014, in Washington, D.C.

G. Matthew Brock, DDS ’99, MSD, received the New Practitioner Spirit of Service Award for serving his community, educating others and volunteering with various dental groups. Dr. Brock has been involved with the Inner City Ministries Dental Clinic in Chattanooga, and donates his time and dental services to other clinics as well. He also invests his time and talents into conducting educational lectures for the Tennessee Dental Association and at events nationwide. He has conducted research on NiTi endodontic files since their development in 1991 and works to promote NiTi rotary instrumentation expertise.

In addition to being in private endodontic practice in Chattanooga, Dr. Brock is also a part-time clinical instructor in the College of Dentistry at UTHSC in Memphis. He also chaired the AAE’s distance learning and information technology committees and served on other association committees, as well as numerous committees on the state and local levels.

Also at the 2014 Annual Session, 2014-2015 AAE officers were appointed and five new members were added to its board of directors. Terryl A. Propper, DDS ’82, was voted president-elect. She is a senior partner of a seven-doctor, two-location, endodontic practice in Nashville, and has been with Endodontic Associates for more than 25 years. An AAE member since 1988, Dr. Propper has served the association in a variety of leadership roles. She is a past recipient of the AAE President’s Award and the AAE Spirit of Service Award.

The American Association of Endodontists, headquartered in Chicago, Illinois, represents more than 7,500 members worldwide.

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Reception in conjunction with the
Thomas P. Himman Dental Meeting
The Hilton Memphis
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Thursday, May 1, 2015
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Omni Hotel at CNN Center
Atlanta, GA

Reception in conjunction with the
Arkansas State Dental Association
Friday, April 17, 2015
5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Little Rock Convention Center
Little Rock, AR

Reception in conjunction with the
Music City Dental Conference
Sponsored by Tennessee Dental Association
Thursday, May 7, 2015
8:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Nashville Convention Center
Nashville, TN

For more information, visit www.slagledentalmeting.com

Thank you for your membership in the 1911 Society

The UT Health Science Center Office of Development and Alumni Affairs is pleased to record a successful inaugural year for the 1911 Society. The charter membership roll as of June 30, 2014 includes more than 400 households providing loyal support to UTHSC COD — support needed to educate some of the best minds and improve oral health across the region. The listing is viewable by clicking “Charter members” at http://uthscalumni.com/1911. “The gifts we receive go a long way toward helping our students, faculty, programs and facilities. To each of you who has given, thank you,” said Randy Farmer, EdD, vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs.

“From recent graduates to alumni, friends, faculty and staff, we are honored to extend 1911 Society membership to our annual donors.” Farmer added. Named for the year of the Health Science Center’s founding, the 1911 Society recognizes and celebrates total giving by donors who make their gifts between July 1 and June 30 each year.

Membership levels are based on total contributions during the year to any college, program or fund at UTHSC. Gifts can be renewed annually to retain membership.

“Private donors to our campus are the leaders of our past, present and future,” Dr. Farmer said. “Members of the 1911 Society demonstrate an extraordinary level of interest, involvement and dedication through their generous financial support.”

Your loyalty matters to us, to our students and to you. For more information on how to make a gift and become a member of the 1911 Society, please contact the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (901) 448-5516 or visit online at uthscalumni.com/1911.
"It just feels good. It feels like someone is looking out for you."

Joe King, D2
Kingsport, Tennessee

Second-year student Reed King says he is honored to be the inaugural recipient of the Legacy Scholarship.

The scholarship is more a credit to my parents. My dad worked hard to get here, and they always taught me that I could do anything," he said.

The award is a new initiative of the UT Alumni Association for students who are children or grandchildren of UT alumni. Both of Reed’s parents hold UT degrees. His father Tom (Knoxville ’79; Memphis ’83, ’85) is a pediatric dentist in Kingsport, and his mother Melinda (Knoxville ’79, ’81) is a career educator.

While Reed and brother (and roommate), Grant, are following in Tom’s footsteps as careers as dentists, they were never pressured into the field by their parents. While my sons were growing up, I always tried to leave dentistry at the office,” Tom said. “I wanted my sons to choose careers that would make them happy.”

Tom said. "I wanted my sons to choose careers that would make them happy." Reed said many of his classmates are qualified to receive the Legacy Scholarship, so the award provides a special motivation for him to excel—to live up to his own high expectations as the recipient. He added that the scholarship will help him in his career by reducing debt, and in turn providing financial flexibility to build his practice. "It just feels good. It feels like someone is looking out for you," Reed said.

Going forward, the UTAA will name a Legacy Scholar in each of the UTHSC colleges every year.

Why did you select UTHSC College of Dentistry? "My family dentist, Alan Heilman, who is greatly respected, was a student of ‘Diamond Jim’ Andrews. He told me without hesitation that UT was the best place for a strong clinical dental education. It was the only place I considered, and he was spot on!"

What are your career highlights? "After relocation to the Pacific Northwest and specialty training, it was obvious that standards and style of care are unique to the dental colleges in those areas. What fun to bring a bit of the south out west! It has been a real highlight to take the pearls of my UT clinical education and utilize them in Oregon. The best examples of this occur weekly when I teach orthodontic residents at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU). Nothing puts a bigger smile on my face than harnessing a mix of Harry Sharp, Joe Goss and Barry Owens. Sometimes I hear them teaching in my head!"

How have you volunteered? "For more than a decade, I’ve served with the local dental society, the OHSU Orthodontic Alumni Association, the Oregon State Society of Orthodontists and the UT Alumni Board of Trustees. My service to these groups is so meaningful to my field and my practice."

Why did you get involved? "I suppose in some ways, my motivation is self-serving. As we all do, I have relied on the advice, support, suggestions and infrastructure of dentists before me. Participation in organizations that make dental education better also makes my profession better. Contributing time, energy and effort resulting in positive change is incredibly rewarding."

What is your advice to other UT Alumni about getting involved? "Quit talking about it and do it! There’s no substitute for sharing your practical experience to promote organized dentistry, charitable care or dental education."

About Joe Safirstein
Hometown: Portland, Oregon
Family: daughter Samantha (15), son Jacob (13)
Education: University of Florida, 1994; UTHSC ’99, Oregon Health and Sciences University, 2001
Specialty: Orthodontics
Favorite UTHSC memory
“I fell hook, line and sinker for a dastardly prank by one Harry K. Sharp. I had made a career of imitating him in every lecture or clinic session possible. I regularly repeated such famous pre-answered questions as, ‘Do you think little Suzy needs a Nance button? You betcha. Yousous betcha.’ I knew I was toast when about three weeks before graduation he pulled me aside and said, ‘Ahah, Doc... I just ran out of time to get ya back.’ He took me down the very next week! Let me tell you, when you’re called upon to remove a denture that you believe has been super glued into your patient’s mouth... Well, that will make even the steadiest dental student shake in his britches. To this day the score remains Harry-1, Joe-0.”
Legacy Society celebration

W. Mark Tucker, DDS ’66

UTHSC College of Dentistry Outstanding Alumnus

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry Alumni Association has selected W. Mark Tucker, DDS ’66, as the 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award, the association’s highest honor, in recognition of his contributions to his alma mater and the dental profession.

Mark Tucker, DDS, a native of Shelbyville and Clinton, Tennessee, knew at an early age the profession he wanted to pursue. He and his family visited his uncle, Alg Ramsey, DDS ’58, when Ramsey was a dental student at UTHSC COD. “He had his skull box at home for study. He showed it to me, and I was enthralled,” Dr. Tucker said. It was at that moment that Dr. Tucker decided that he wanted to be a dentist.

In pursuit of his dream, Dr. Tucker received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1963. Following in his uncle’s footsteps, he attended UTHSC COD and obtained his Doctor of Dental Surgery in December 1966. Dr. Tucker went on to complete his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and the Houston Veterans’ Affairs Medical Center. He also fulfilled a maxillofacial surgery fellowship in North Wales, U.K.

Dr. Tucker began his practice as a general dentist at the Hampton VA Medical Center in Virginia in 1968. He was named chief of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Section at James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital in Tampa, Florida in June, 1972, and he remained in the post until December 2009.

For more than 20 years, Dr. Tucker served as a consultant for six private and three federal hospitals throughout Florida. He was a member of the charter faculty of the University of South Florida College of Medicine, and he has served for many years as Hillsborough County Associate Medical Examiner for forensic odontology. Through the Hillsborough County Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Group, he has made more than 240 scientific presentations, written or contributed to more than 30 scientific journal articles, and participated in clinical research.

Dr. Tucker’s proudest professional achievement was serving as president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He also held leadership positions in the Florida Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Hillsborough County Dental Research Clinic. Tucker holds fellowships in the American College of Dentistry and in the International College of Dentists, and he is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology.

Distinguishing himself throughout his career, Dr. Tucker served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of VA Physicians and Dentists for seven years. He was a hearing witness on behalf of the VA dentists and physicians in the U.S. Congress on several occasions. While being tasked with such a responsibility seems daunting to some, Dr. Tucker has a secret formula for his preparations. “When writing an opinion paper or writing to members of Congress, I often have the music from ‘Victory at Sea,’ written by Richard Rodgers and arranged by Robert Russell Bennett, playing in the background,” Dr. Tucker said.

Since his retirement from James A. Haley Veterans’ Hospital, Dr. Tucker has served as the oral and maxillofacial surgeon at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Florida. Dr. Tucker has a quote that provides inspiration for how he lives his life and how he has distinguished himself as a truly outstanding alumnus of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry: “Take on every opportunity that life presents in order to reach your highest potential.”
Wiener scores!

Ed Wiener, DDS ’59, was named UT’s representative among the former athletic greats from all 14 Southeastern Conference member institutions who were honored as the 2014 AllStar SEC Basketball Legends at the SEC Men’s Basketball Tournament on March 12-16, 2014, at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia.

Each SEC Basketball Legend was recognized at halftime of his institution’s first game at the tournament.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Dr. Wiener was a standout forward for the Volunteers under head coach Emmett Lowery from 1952-55. He led Tennessee in both scoring and rebounding as a sophomore in 1953 and then earned consecutive All American honors from Converse in 1954 and 1955. He was the first of a total of five Volunteer All-Americans who hailed from the state of New York.

Dr. Wiener increased his scoring average every year he was in Knoxville and was a first-team All-SEC selection during his senior season. In 73 career games as a Vol, he averaged 16.6 points per game. Dr. Wiener wore No. 19 during his time at Tennessee and was just the third Vol of all-time to reach the 1,000-point milestone. He currently ranks 31st on Tennessee’s all-time scoring list with 1,212 career points. He was selected by the Philadelphia Warriors in the fourth round of the 1955 NBA Draft.

After graduation from UT, Dr. Wiener continued his studies at the UT College of Dentistry. He now operates his own dental practice in Memphis. Interestingly, Dr. Wiener did not play high school basketball. When asked how he became such a star, he replied, “I played all the time. I played pick-up games, played at the YMCA and at schoolyards. I hope that it might be helpful and encouraging to young people.”

This presentation marked the 16th year of the SEC Basketball Legends program. This article was compiled from stories posted online by UTSports.com and published in Jewish Scene Magazine.
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JANUARY
Beginning January ........... Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Restorative Course
Presented over three months beginning in January 2015
January 5 – 8 (1 of 3 weeks), February 2 – 5 (2 of 3 weeks) and March 2 – 5 (3 of 3 weeks)

FEBRUARY
February 7 .............. Administering Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen for the Dental Hygienist
February 7 .............. Monitoring Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen for the Dental Assistant
Beginning February ........... Implant Continuum Extensibility - Course #1
Presented over three months beginning in February 2015
Thursday, February 19 – Sunday, February 22, 2015 (1 of 3 weeks)
Saturday, March 28 – Sunday, March 29, 2015 (2 of 3 weeks)
Saturday, April 25 – Sunday, April 26, 2015 (3 of 3 weeks)

MARCH
March 14 – 15 .............. William F. Slagle Dental Meeting – 20th Anniversary
March 17 .............. Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant

APRIL
Beginning April ........... Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Prosthetic Course
Presented over two weeks
April 6 – 9 (1 of 2 weeks), April 27 – 30 (2 of 2 weeks)
April 24-25 .............. Pediatric OSA Symposium: 2nd Annual Meeting of the Minds,
Bridging the Gap Between Dentistry and Medicine

MAY
May 8-9 .............. Basic Training in CBCT
May 8-9 .............. Local Anesthesia
May 16-17 .............. Participation Course in Laser Dentistry
A Standard Proficiency Certification Course

JUNE
June 9 .............. Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant
June 28 .............. Seven-Night Western Mediterranean Cruise

JULY
July 11 .................. Creating Optimal Health: Integration of Medicine and Dentistry in Franklin, Tenn.
Beginning July ........... Implant Continuum Extensibility – Course #2
Presented over three months beginning in July 2015
Thursday, July 16 – Sunday, July 19, 2015 (1 of 3 weeks)
Saturday, August 22 – Sunday, August 23, 2015 (2 of 3 weeks)
Saturday, September 19 – Sunday, September 20, 2015 (3 of 3 weeks)
July 19 .............. Seven Night Rhine River Cruise
July 25-26 .............. Coronial Polishing
July 31 .............. Nine-Night Northern Italy, Lake Region and Venice Land Tour

AUGUST
Beginning August ........... Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Restorative Course in Nashville.
Please call the Continuing Education office for date release.
Presented over three months beginning in August 2015
August TBD (1 of 3 weeks), September TBD (2 of 3 weeks) and October TBD (3 of 3 weeks)

SEPTEMBER
September 7-11 .......... Annual End of Summer Meeting in Destin, Fla.
September 18-19 ........... Administering Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen for the Dental Hygienist
September 19 .............. Monitoring Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen for the Dental Assistant

OCTOBER
October 2 .............. 6th Annual J. Joe Littlejohn Lectureship on Implants
October 8 .............. Four-Day Western Caribbean Cruise
Special cruise offering for dental hygienists and assistants!

DECEMBER
December 4 .............. OSHA
December 4 .............. Chemical Dependency
December 4-5 .......... Radiology for Dental Assistants
December 5-6 .............. Coronial Polishing in Nashville
December 8 .............. Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant
December 11-12 .......... Local Anesthesia

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UTHSC COD pediatric dentistry resident Kristen Douglas travels with other residency program participants to schools throughout the Memphis area. Story on page 22.

Register now for the Slagle Dental Meeting being held March 6-8! See page 16 for details.