February 2, 2019 - GKAS

The College of Dentistry hosted its Spring Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) event on February 2, 2019. We provided dental treatment to 100 underserved children from Columbus and beyond, totaling more than $28,000 in donated care. 136 dental students, dental hygiene students, residents, and faculty volunteered and contributed to our success. D3 student Petr Vaughan (right), the president of the student organization that plans every GKAS event, presented a poster at the American Dental Education Association Annual Session & Exhibition in Chicago in March about the leadership experiences students gain by planning our GKAS events in collaboration with faculty and staff at the College of Dentistry and our colleagues in organized dentistry.

March 15, 2019 - Ohio Dental Association Leadership Institute

First-year Pediatric Dentistry residents (Class of 2020) attended The Ohio Dental Association’s Leadership Institute as part of their Advocacy course with Dr Homa Amini.

From left to right: Dean Patrick Lloyd, Dr. Eric Van Gilder, Dr. Purnima Kumar, Dr. Taylor Harlan, Dr. Enrique Ramirez, Dr. Kumar Subramanian, Dr. Homa Amini, Dr. Adam Richardson, Dr. Seth Bradbury, Dr. Victoria Tran, Dr. Shayna Mattox, Dr. Jamie Molina

*=Pediatric Residents, class of 2020
Dr. Kara Morris (MSD, 2008), completed her Orthodontics residency at The Ohio State University and has joined the Orthodontic Treatment Program within the Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH) Cleft Lip and Palate and Craniofacial team as a pediatric dentist and orthodontist. In this role, Dr. Morris provides multi-phased orthodontic care for children and adolescents, including those with complex craniofacial disorders, congenital syndromes that affect the teeth, and 22q11 deletion syndrome. Additionally, the Orthodontic Treatment Program provides care for patients from throughout Ohio and locally from the NCH dental clinic. Dr. Morris also engages in pediatric dental resident teaching on the subjects of craniofacial disorders and growth and development. In her time away from NCH, she is in private practice in New Albany, Ohio. Dr. Morris credits NCH Pedo faculty Dr. Henry Fields, Dr. Ron Erkis, and Dr. Ted Huter for their mentorship and encouragement in seeking dual-training. She lives in Worthington, Ohio, with her husband Jeremy, and their two children, James and Samantha.

Leonard Smith, DDS, MSc (1972), FRCD(C), FAAPD, (LIFE), Diplomate ABPD, is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary. He is also the founder and CEO of the Society for a Healthy Mouth, Healthy Child (Alberta) Canada. Dr. Smith presented “ECC: It’s About More Than Just Baby Teeth” at the IAPD Global Summit on Early Childhood Caries in Bangkok Thailand in November 2018.

Dr. Chris Herzog (class of 2006)
Dr. Herzog shares that he is 14 months into growing out his hair (not reflected in the photo) so he can donate his hair to “Wigs for Kids.” He made the decision after his cousin was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma and lost her hair. Wigs for Kids provides free wigs to kids with cancer and alopecia. “This also hits close to home because my partners and I do rounds, for free, every two weeks on the pediatric oncology floor at our children’s hospital in Spokane and we do all of the dental care in the OR for every pediatric cancer patient within 150 miles of Spokane.”

Dr. Herzog also shares: “I have my lovely wife Siri, three kids (Matthew 12, Maggie 10 and Peter 6); 2 dogs: a mutt named Bear and a German Shepherd named Indy who happens to be my favorite child. I’m a CrossFit fanatic and I manage my son’s soccer team. I’m learning Russian and Spanish to better serve my patient population.”

Dr. Jenn Bryk-Hechko (Class of 2004) reports that she recently bought a practice in Brecksville, Ohio (www.brecksvillekids.com). “I have a certified therapy dog and he was on the news last week. It took three years of training and working with Balto. They love having this little ‘canine’ in the dental office. Here’s a short little video about him: https://www.facebook.com/Fox8NewsCleveland/videos/660545871046605/ It has been a blast having him and I love practice!”
New Faculty

**Dr. Ehsan Azadani** completed a dental degree and advanced education in pediatric dentistry in Iran and served as a faculty of pediatric dentistry and assistant program director for three years before moving to the US in 2014. In the US, he attended University of Michigan to complete an advanced standing DDS program followed by a pediatric dentistry residency at Ohio State and Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Dr. Azadani joined the department of pediatric dentistry at The Ohio State and Nationwide Children’s Hospital in September of 2018 shortly after his residency at the same institutions. In his role as Assistant Professor, he teaches pre-doctoral and post-doctoral courses to the dental students and pediatric dental residents, conducts research and supervises and provides direct patient care at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Dr. Azadani’s research interests include dental trauma and predictive modeling. In his free time, he plays Setar, an Iranian instrument, goes to concerts and performances and watches movies.

**Dr. Jin Peng** (MS 2013, PhD 2018) has recently joined the department as a biostatistician in the Nationwide Children’s Hospital Division of Pediatric Dentistry. In addition, she is a data scientist at the Research Institute of Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Dr. Peng received her MD at Huazhong University of Science & Technology, Wuhan, China in 2010. She completed her MS in Biostatistics in 2013 and her PhD in Epidemiology in 2018 both at The Ohio State University. Dr. Peng has extensive training in clinical medicine, biostatistics, and epidemiology. She is proficient in data analysis, statistical modeling, epidemiological study design, and comparative outcomes research. Her expertise in clinical medicine enables her to think through the lens of clinicians while leveraging data analytics to inform clinical decisions and drive innovation. She is interested in developing innovative service delivery models to ensure that the right patient receives the right care at the right time. Her research interests are Dental Informatics, Predictive Analytics, and Health Services Research.

**Ms. Claudia Williams** has been missed in the dental clinic as she recovers from her illness. If you would like to send well wishes, her address is: 7957 Harvest Moon Dr., Reynoldsburg, Ohio, 43068

**Ms. Beth Noel**, BS, RDH, represents the department at the Comprehensive Hemophilia Clinic (HTC) at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. In November of 2018, the department renewed its collaboration with the HTC at Nationwide Children’s Hospital by our new Dental Hygienist Ambassador Program. Ms. Noel attends the HTC clinic meetings every 2nd and 4th Wednesday afternoon in addition to the other disciplines. Her presence has allowed for continuity of care for these families and she provides preventive information and facilitates appointment scheduling for families without a dental home. Her presence also allows rotating residents to spend time learning from professionals from other disciplines.
Honors:

Janice A. Townsend, DDS, MS
Journal of Dental Education Most Notable Articles of 2018, December 2018
Completed American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Leadership Institute, December 2018

Publications

Wells MH, Dormois LD, Townsend JA. “Behavior guidance: that was then but this is now.” General Dentistry. 2018 Nov-Dec; 66(6):39-45.


College of Dentistry Research Day

Dr. Andrew Carranco
“Comparison of Spanish-speaking Parental Understanding Using Two Alternative Consent Pathways”

Dr. Joseph DePalo
“Silver diamine fluoride and interproximal caries progression in the primary dentition”

Lobby Day, Feb 2019

On Feb. 25-27, 2019, over 300 AAPD members from 35 states plus D.C. advocated for children's oral health in Washington, D.C., by visiting with their members of Congress. Forty-one pediatric dentistry residency programs were represented, with more than 200 residents in attendance.

Front row: Dr. Taylor Harlan, Dr. Jamie Molina, Dr. Shayna Mattox, Dr. Homa Amini, Dr. Chloe Wong, Dr. Victoria Tran

Back row: Dr. Seth Bradbury, Representative Steve Stivers, Dr. Enrique Ramirez, Dr. Adam Richardson

All residents are class of 2020
NuSmile workshop

NuSmile hosted a one-day workshop at the Columbus downtown Sheraton in January. LaRee Johnson, DDS, MS of Raleigh, NC provided the didactic portion before lunch, and oversaw an afternoon hands-on session along with Boley Greenwood, DDS, MS of Sylvania, OH. Thank you to Preston Fontanot and NuSmile for hosting the event and providing our residents and faculty with many take-home goodies.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019

Alexis Capeci

1. **Hometown:** Cincinnati, OH
2. **Dental School:** University of Michigan (I know, blasphemous)
3. **Adventures after Residency:** I will be relocating to Dallas, TX, and joining a private practice!
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** I enjoy working out, drinking coffee, eating (this is the perfect residency for this particular activity), petting dogs, sarcasm, and traveling.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Food- Fox in the Snow, Northstar, Service Bar, Fusian, North Market, Condado. Workouts- Butchershop, System of Strength, Corepower Yoga
6. **What I’ll Miss:** Ughhh...do we need to go here already? I will most definitely miss everything: my co-residents are some of the most accomplished and wonderful people I know, the faculty are amazingly supportive, and the staff are the best.

Andrew Carranco

1. **Hometown:** Pomona, CA
2. **Dental School:** Harvard School of Dental Medicine
3. **Adventures after Residency:** Private Practice in Lancaster, OH
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** Running a social media account for Cooper (my dog). Early morning workouts and cooking.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** The Cbus Crew
6. **What I’ll Miss:** I still will be in the area so won’t have to miss the Columbus charm, but I will miss seeing the faculty and my co-residents every day!
Preston Colven

1. **Hometown:** Charlotte, NC
2. **Dental School:** University of North Carolina
3. **Adventures after Residency:** Joining a private practice in Dallas, TX
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** Traveling, eating tacos, trying new restaurants
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Fox in the Snow, Hoof Hearted, North Star, Condado, Service Bar, Aab India, Pins, Jeni’s Splendid Ice Creams
6. **What I’ll Miss:** Everything except the snow! I’m sad to be leaving the friends, food, and fun that Columbus offers. I have loved living here and it has been the perfect place to be for residency. The program taught me more than I ever expected and Columbus has been an unexpectedly wonderful city to live in (minus the cold and snow). My co-residents have become some of my best friends and I’m already looking forward to a reunion.

Joseph DePalo

1. **Hometown:** Northborough, MA
2. **Dental School:** Harvard School of Dental Medicine
3. **Adventures after Residency:** I will be joining two Columbus-area private practices, one in Hilliard and another in New Albany!
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** Basketball, cooking, trying new coffee shops, hiking.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Pistacia Vera, Stauf’s, Brassica, Northstar Cafe, Worthington Farmers Market
6. **What I’ll Miss:** The people! Not just my co-residents and our faculty, but all of the amazing staff that we work with every single day.

Kim Do

1. **Hometown:** Houston, TX
2. **Dental School:** University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio School of Dentistry
3. **Adventures after Residency:** I plan on moving back to central Texas to be an associate at a pediatric dentistry practice. I also plan on pursuing a master’s in Public Health, as well as becoming a fluent Spanish speaker so that I may better serve my patients.
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** My hobbies include food and food activities, as well as weight lifting, group fitness and traveling, where I partake in more food and food activities.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Jeni’s Ice Cream, Yoshi’s Japanese Restaurant, Main branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, Nationwide Arena for the Blue Jackets games and concerts.
6. **What I’ll Miss:** I will miss being part of the Nationwide Children’s community and the resources that we have that allow every child to get the best care possible despite social and financial barriers. I will also greatly miss my Pediatric Dentistry family and all of the adventures we have had over the last two years.
Katie Seymour

1. **Hometown:** Centerville, OH
2. **Dental School:** The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
3. **Adventures after Residency:** A family vacation to the Outer Banks, NC this summer, working in a private practice in Ohio and Andrew's wedding in California in October!
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** I completed my first triathlon (slowly but surely!) last summer; watching This Is Us with co-residents on Tuesday nights.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Graeter's Ice Cream, El Vaquero, Rooster's and the Grandview Heights Pool
6. **What I'll Miss:** The people! The assistants, hygienists, staff, faculty, and of course my co-residents have been such a vital part of my residency experience over the past two years. And CIS - I might just have to Skype in to join in on Thursday mornings!

Mallary St. John

1. **Hometown:** Bryan, OH (Home of the Dum Dum sucker & the Etch-a-Sketch)
2. **Dental School:** The Ohio State University College of Dentistry
3. **Adventures after Residency:** I'm hoping to travel around Europe and then work in a private practice in Ohio
4. **Hobbies/Talents:**
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** Condado Tacos, Graeter’s Ice Cream, Columbus Zoo, Northstar Café, El Vaquero, Columbus Conservatory, Aab Indian, Giant Eagle (“The Eagle”)6. **What I'll Miss:** The people! My co-residents are all awesome—we have had so many great memories over the last two years. Our attendings are phenomenal and have taught us so much. The staff are exceptional and will do anything for us. After two years, everyone feels like family and it will be hard to leave.

Macaire Thiel

1. **Hometown:** Appleton, WI
2. **Dental School:** Marquette University School of Dentistry
3. **Adventures after Residency:** A bike trip in Ireland with my family to celebrate, then heading back to Wisconsin to join the faculty at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee!
4. **Hobbies/Talents:** Trying new recipes, anything outdoors hiking, biking, or skiing, yoga.
5. **Favorite Columbus Local Spots:** North Star Café, Graeter’s Ice Cream- the coconut chocolate chip is what dreams are made of. Love getting outside on the Olentangy River Trail!
6. **What I'll Miss:** The people were what made it an easy choice to come to Columbus, and what will make it so difficult to leave. Our dental staff are energetic and work hard every day to make children and their families smile. The faculty have been supportive and encouraging at every step along the way. My co-residents have made this adventure a phenomenal one, and it has been my privilege to work alongside them every single day.
Welcome Class of 2021 Residents

Maddie DiPaolo  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Josh Evans  
Indiana University

Kaitlin Laxer  
University of North Carolina

Stormi Okerman  
University of Colorado

Libby Paulsen  
University of Colorado

Mitch Poole  
The Ohio State University

Andrew Vo  
University of Southern California

Misa Yoshioka  
Western University of Health Science

Student Chapter of AAPD Featured in Pediatric Dentistry Today

Congratulations to the new College of Dentistry Student Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), which was officially established on October 31, 2018. The chapter was highlighted in AAPD’s March 2019 Pediatric Dentistry Today magazine.

Pictured from left to right: Chris Arias (social media chair, Class of 2022), Dr. Lucia Gerstmann (guest speaker), Lindsey Jones (president, Class of 2022), Courtney Herman (treasurer, Class of 2020) and Petr Vaughan, (fundraising chair, Class of 2020)