Give Kids A Smile

Our fall GKAS event was a great success as we provided $23,816 in dental care to 77 children in need. Families came from all over the Columbus area to receive free treatment including exams, cleanings, sealants, fillings, crowns, and extractions. The event was so successful because of the volunteer support of our faculty, staff, and fellow students. We had a fantastic volunteer turnout with 186 student volunteers, representing every class in the College of Dentistry, as well as 35 residents and faculty. We hold two GKAS events a year, so we’re looking forward to the next event in February 2019, where we hope to increase the number of children we serve and the amount of care that we provide.

Festival Latino

Festival Latino has been a growing event in Columbus celebrating Latin culture since 1996. This family friendly event is open to the community. For the last two years the pediatric dental team from NCH/OSU has donated their time and resources to provide diet and oral hygiene instructions for families visiting the festival. In addition we have also provided free exams and fluoride treatment to 106 children of all ages!
Pediatric Dentistry and Friends CE Course

This November the department held the 1st Annual Pediatric Dentistry and Friends Continuing Education Course. The course featured lectures by pediatric dentistry faculty members Dr. Kim Hammersmith and Dr. Steve Wilson and Nationwide Children’s Hospital anesthesiologist Dr. Jason Bryant. The course was attended by faculty, alumni from the dental and residency programs, and local dentists. The dates for next year’s course will be announced early next year and we hope you will join us!

Alumna Receives Professorship

Jillian Wallen, B.D.S., M.S. was honored with an endowed professorship by the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry.

(Second from left) Jillian Wallen, B.D.S., M.S. – Dr. Merritt C. Pedersen Professor of Dentistry
New College of Dentistry Clinic

On June 5, the College of Dentistry broke ground on Phase I of the Postle Hall Replacement project. When the building is completed in 2020, it will include—among other things—eight small group student practice clinics that will enhance the delivery of care. You can watch construction progress via the college’s webcam at www.dentistry.osu.edu.

New Nationwide Children’s Hospital Clinic

The Pediatric Dentistry department celebrated it’s 18 month anniversary in the new clinical facility at the Livingston Ambulatory Clinic at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. This state of the art facility has ample parking and the opportunity to care for each patient in a private treatment room. In 2017 the clinic had 36,125 outpatient visits.
FACULTY NEWS

Homa Amini, DDS, MPH, MS
• Was among 10 Ohio State faculty members who received one of the university’s most prestigious teaching awards, The Ohio State University Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching.
• Faculty loan repayment grant

Paul Casamassimo, DDS, MS
• Recipient of the American Dental Association Norton M. Ross Award.
• Recognized by Nationwide Children’s Hospital, along with Dr. Griffen, for 30 years on medical staff on Wednesday, September 26. Also recognized as a Past Career Contribution Award Honoree.

Daniel Claman, DDS
• Served as President of the Ohio State University Faculty Council and President of the Ohio Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Ann Griffen, DDS, MS
• Mentored Chiranjit Mukherjee, recipient of the Hatton Award from the American Association of Dental Research.
• Recognized by Nationwide Children’s Hospital, along with Dr. Casamassimo, for 30 years on medical staff on Wednesday, September 26.

Erin Gross, DDS, PhD, MS
• Led the Ohio State College of Dentistry Give Kids A Smile Day event, which was selected by the American Dental Association as the national host kickoff site and obtained $150,000 in grant funding for this initiative.
• Recognized by the ADA Foundation with the Jeffrey Dalin DDS GKAS Volunteer Award.

Janice A. Townsend, DDS, MS
• Recipient of the ADEA/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Excellence in Teaching Award, March 2018.
Faculty Publications for Calendar Year 2018


**Casamassimo PS, Policy Center With McTigue and Fields Chrisensen research. Handbook of Pediatric Dentistry.**


Mukherjee C, **Beall C, Griffen A, Leys E.** High-resolution ISR amplicon sequencing reveals personalized oral microbiome. Microbiome. 6:153.


Preston Colven, DDS, has received a grant for his Master’s thesis, “Patient Preference and Tolerance of Local Anesthetic Administration for Maxillary Dental Procedures: A Comparison of Two Techniques.”

Joe DePalo, DMD was first-place in the resident category at the ODA Table Clinics Competition at the ODA Annual Meeting in October. Joe received $250.

Joe DePalo, DMD, was recognized with the Delta Dental Award.

Kelly Lipp, DDS, MS, has received the McDonald Award.

Macaire Thiel, DDS, has received a grant for her/his Master’s thesis, “Feasibility, Acceptability, and Sustainability of Teledentistry in a children’s Hospital System.”

Meet our New Residents

Seth Bradbury, DMD

1. Hometown: Bradley, Maine
2. Undergraduate school and Major: Husson University - Biology (Major) and Math (Minor)
3. Adventures before Dental school: Traveled to Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, and Austria
4. Dental School: Harvard School of Dental Medicine
5. Adventures before Residency: Nothing crazy; I did spend 10 days in Orange County area for my friend’s wedding
6. Favorite type of service/outreach: Volunteer care for those in need and educational opportunities
7. Hobbies/special talent: Playing guitar; freestyling and writing rap; making cocktails; Super Smash Brothers

8. Awards/Recognitions: Best Research Poster Award (Harvard School of Dental Medicine Research Day 2018); Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity 40 under 40 (2018); Valedictorian (Husson University Class of 2014); Student of the Year 2014 (Husson University School of Science and Humanities); Outstanding Student in Science Award (Husson University Chemistry Department); Experimental Research Presentation (Husson Research and Scholarship Day); Husson University Leadership Scholarship (2011-2014)
9. Favorite thing about the program: The emphasis on teamwork, evidenced-based dentistry, and patient-centered care
10. Favorite places in Columbus (ex: restaurant, coffee shop, mall, library, park, outdoor adventure, etc.)
    Breakfast: Skillet; Lunch: Aab; Dinner: Ponderosa Buffet (JK, Harvest Pizza)
11. What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program? All the positive changes being made lately and the willingness to take feedback from faculty
New Residents

Taylor Harlan, DDS

1. **Hometown:** Miami, FL since August 26, 1989
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** University of Florida - Applied Physiology and Kinesiology
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** Substitute teacher and night manager at a pizzeria (1 year); full-time nanny in NJ (2.5 years); summer of 2014 cycled cross country for a non-profit called Bike and Build (NC2SD) to raise money and awareness for affordable housing
4. **Dental School:** University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Two driving trips to move stuff from Chapel Hill to Columbus with my best friend’s wedding in Wilmington, NC, in between
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Service that allows you to connect with the community and allows you to make an impact when it comes to basic needs and access to care
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** soccer; running, lagree fitness; whistle like a bird; speak fluent Spanish (Cuban Spanish, that is); I guess making people laugh
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** Class of 2018 most likely to have a baby in her hands; Class of 2018 biggest boo
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** World-renowned faculty; welcoming staff; and great co-residents in an underrated city. Learning pediatric dentistry from some of the best out there
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** FOX IN THE SNOW (FITS); Butchershop fitness; Alchemy; Aab; Northstar; High Street; any music that comes through Columbus
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Connecting with alumni and being part of a great program

Shayna Mattox, DDS

1. **Hometown:** Omaha, Nebraska
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** University of Nebraska-Omaha - Biology (major) and Chemistry (minor)
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** Worked for the Red Cross Blood Services in the Quality Control Department
4. **Dental School:** University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry
5. **Adventures before Residency:** General Dentist for five years at a community health center near the Lake of the Ozarks in MO; Dental Director for 2 years; Many boating adventures in the Ozarks! Vacation to Maui; road trip from LA to San Francisco and Charleston/Myrtle Beach
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Annual Mission of Mercy dental events in NE and MO; Special Olympics; back-to-school dental screenings; any swimming event growing up
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** Decorating for every season; swimming; cooking with my husband; traveling; trying to keep a peace lily and orchids alive
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** DDS with Distinction; American Academy of Gold Foil Operators; Senior Student Dental Award--I really did one!
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** Being surrounded by faculty that are not only the top in their field but also love teaching and making everyone feel welcome. Great co-residents that are always willing to help you out. It is an honor to be a part of this program.
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** Many restaurants--grabbing pizza at Casa Di Pizza and watching football on Saturday; Scioto River parks/walking trails
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Learning advanced clinical techniques from all of the amazing faculty to truly provide comprehensive care for pediatric and special needs patients. Forming lifelong friendships with my co-residents who are sure to be future leaders in the field!
Jamie Molina, DDS

1. **Hometown:** Chapel Hill, NC
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** UNC-Chapel Hill - Psychology
3. **Adventures before dental school:** Went on an exchange program to Melbourne, Australia for a month; worked at the Morehead Planetarium for two summers
4. **Dental School:** UNC-Chapel Hill
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Went to China for two weeks as part of a dental school trip where we visited the dental hospitals in Qingdao and Beijing
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Working face-to-face/interacting directly with the community
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** Hot yoga, traveling, jewelry making
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** Albert Schweitzer Fellow

9. **Favorite thing about the program:** The welcoming, opening environment; being part of a program that feels like a second home
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** Jeni’s Ice Cream, Alchemy, Fox in the Snow
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Learning from all of the different faculty that offer unique perspectives; seeing how our class grows over the next two years

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Enrique Ramirez, DDS

1. **Hometown:** Laredo, Texas
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** Texas A&M International University - Biology with a minor in Sociology
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** Studied abroad in Rome, Italy for a semester my sophomore year of undergrad. Spent a month in Tokyo, Japan conducting NSF-sponsored research at the University of Tokyo and Tokyo Institute of Technology
4. **Dental School:** University of Texas Health at San Antonio School of Dentistry
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Road trip from San Antonio, Texas to Toronto, Canada with my family of four in my two-door car
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Providing free dental care to families in need at a night clinic in San Antonio

7. **Hobbies/special talent:** I have been playing golf for the past 12 years, I also enjoy table tennis and photography
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** DDS with Distinction in Dental Education (2018); Omicron Kappa Upsilon (2018); Hispanic Dental Association Foundation Colgate-Palmolive Scholarship (2016); South Texas Academic Rising Scholar Scholarship (2015)
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** The size of the program is a great advantage. We have numerous renowned faculty, residents from all corners of the U.S., high-quantity and quality clinical experiences, and a state-of-the-art dental clinic
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** OSU Recreational and Physical Activity Center; Shmidt’s German Restaurant
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Learning a wide variety in techniques and philosophies from all the different faculty members and creating lifelong friendships with my co-residents
Adam Richardson, DDS

1. **Hometown:** Born in Enid, OK; Moved to Claremore, OK at age 6
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** University of Oklahoma - Zoology
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** N/A
4. **Dental School Name:** University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Trip to Europe with my wife, Lana.
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Volunteering at a bimonthly night clinic in downtown OKC, OK providing dental care to underserved pediatric patients
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** Guitar, drums, synthesizers, soccer, snowboarding, running, reading
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** DDS with Special Distinction in Dental Education (2018); Omicron Kappa Upsilon (2018); American Academy of Oral Medicine Award (University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, 2018); Oklahoma Association of Pediatric Dentists Award (University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, 2018); Jerome B. Miller Award of Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry (2018); American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award (University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, 2018)
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** One big family! Faculty are readily available and highly approachable. Quality of educational experience is unmatched
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** Brassica, Griggs Disc Golf Course
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Lifelong friendships

Victoria Tran, DMD

1. **Hometown:** Union City, CA
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** University of CA, Davis - Human Development
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** Travelled to France and met long-lost family; worked as a banker and in a pediatric dental office doing all admin work; did PostBac at CSUEB
4. **Dental School:** Roseman University of Health Sciences
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Hiked the Arches; tried nighttime long exposure photography
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** I love working with people and not only bringing awareness to our community but also getting the community involved in different causes
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** Swimmer; skier; classically trained in piano and violin; I love to cook and was taught by my grandma, who was a chef in Paris
8. **Awards/Recognitions:** Pierre Fauchard Student Scholarship Award; IADR/AADR NSRG Oral Presenter and winner of Outstanding Local Student Research Group Chapter Award; 2018 Certificate of Merit AAPD Predoctoral Student Award; Distinguished Community Service Award - Roseman University of Health Science; PreHealth Academic Program Merit Scholarship for Academic Achievement; Delta Epsilon Mu Co-Ed Professional PreHealth Fraternity National Board Founder
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** As co-residents, we work and support each other as a family. Everyone is always willing to help one another. Our diverse faculty also brings many different point of views, which helps facilitate discussion and learning.
10. **Favorite places in Columbus:** Hot Chicken Takeover; Yoshi; Brassica; Easton
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Since graduating dental school, I have been in a group text with my friends where we share cases and ask each other about treatment recommendations. In the past three months I have felt like I have learned so much and have been able to quickly help diagnose and recommended treatment for my colleagues’ patients as well as mine. It has only been three months; I am so excited to learn more from our amazing faculty and staff at this program and to be able to provide the best care for our patients.
New Residents

Chloe Wong, DMD

1. **Hometown:** Born in New York, NY; moved to Manalapan, NJ when I was 9
2. **Undergrad school and Major:** Tufts University - Community Health, Child Development
3. **Adventures before Dental school:** Served one year as an AmeriCorps HealthCorps member in a community health center behavioral department in Boston’s Chinatown
4. **Dental School:** Harvard School of Dental Medicine
5. **Adventures before Residency:** Not really. Went to Punta Cana for 1 week with my boyfriend and our moms...
6. **Favorite type of service/outreach:** Anything that involves collaborating with people in the community
7. **Hobbies/special talent:** Crossword puzzles, tea, walking, lounging

8. **Awards/Recognitions:** National Health Service Corps Scholar; Omicron Kappa Upsilon; International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award; Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship
9. **Favorite thing about the program:** The people! Everyone is very supportive and makes Columbus feel like home
10. **Favorite place in Columbus:** The Scioto Mile, Columbus Commons, Skillet (for brunch), Hot Chicken Takeover, any Asian restaurant on Bethel Rd.
11. **What excites you about the Pediatric Dentistry Program?** Learning pediatric dentistry from different perspectives, having a broad range of experiences, forming lifelong relationships

GRANTS

Division Receives New Grant

The Ohio State University College of Dentistry was selected as a recipient of the HRSA Dental Faculty Loan Repayment Grant. The grant will be utilized to assist the Division of Pediatric Dentistry in recruiting faculty.

The successful application was a result of the tremendous leadership of Homa Amini, DDS, MPH, MS, professor-clinical, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, as well as contributions from Canise Bean, DMD, MPH, professor-clinical, Division of Restorative and Prosthetic Dentistry; Paul Casamassimo, DDS, MS, professor emeritus, Division of Pediatric Dentistry; and Tonia Gibson, MA, grants and contracts administrator.