



## A different sort of celebration

ULSD returned to the Louisville Palace in May for an in-person Convocation honoring the Class of 2021.

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Sneak peek: Big changes coming in the basement

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# Dean's message: Moving **forward**, cautiously



Dear Alumni & Friends,

In spite of the pandemic, we are still moving forward with our mission: to be the benchmark for dental education, patient-centered care, and groundbreaking research.

I am happy to report that the DMD class of 2021 performed well on this year's CDCA/ADEX exam, with first-time pass rates equal to or better than the previous two years. In addition, ULSD continues to move up on the list of top 50 dental schools worldwide. Plus, we have a lot of new projects in the works, from groundbreaking research to clinical care satellite locations.

On top of that, we are starting to hold in-person events again. This year's convocation on May 8 was a smaller gathering, with social distancing and masks and many viewing it via live streaming - but still, we were together and it was special. It was so appreciated by all that we were able to recognize the class of 2021 in person for their accomplishments.

Our students are also starting to resume some of the traditions from "BC" (before COVID) that last year's D1s didn't get the chance to experience.

We are also planning alumni events for this fall. The Dental Hygiene Legacy symposium is scheduled for September 18 and the DMD class reunion (celebrating classes ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6) is scheduled for the weekend of October 1-2. You can view the full list of alumni and CE events on the last page of this newsletter.

While every plan is tentative under the circumstances, we continue to proceed with due caution always keeping the safety of our community in mind. I look forward to developing in-person relationships again. Nothing can replace the warmth of gathering together and sharing moments.

All in all, we have a lot to celebrate and a lot to look forward to here at ULSD. As always, we couldn't do it without the support of our alumni and friends. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Go Cards,  
T. Gerard Bradley, BDS, MS, Dr.Med.Dent.  
Professor and Dean

## Welcome, new alumni!

Class of 2021, welcome to the ULSD Alumni Community — a group of 6,000+ people who support the school and each other. Your class had an experience like no other, but you proved yourselves to be resilient, hard-working and prepared for your future in dentistry. Be sure to keep your information updated on the [Louisville Alumni website](#) so you don't miss out on ULSD news and events. We look forward to seeing you back at ULSD for alumni events!

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**On the cover:**

In front of the Louisville Palace on Convocation day May 8, Rusty Crofts, DMD '21 shows his school spirit with Ls up. Submitted photo.

In Remembrance of Fellow Cardinals:

Stay Connected:

The University of Louisville is an equal opportunity institution.



Convocation 2021:

# A different sort of **celebration**



Left: **Dean T. Gerard Bradley** praised the class of 2021 for their resilience. “Overcoming adverse effects. Functioning well in times of stress. These are the qualities that this group of students have shown in the past year. When the ask and effort is greater, so too is the satisfaction of rising to the occasion, and getting to the finish line is the sweeter.”

Right: Class presidents **Hannah Tak, RDH '21** and **Blake Reed, DMD '21** led the opening processional and addressed their classmates. During his convocation address, Reed said, “Getting us to this moment after the last 15 months we’ve had is an incredible feat.” In her speech, Tak pointed out that “when the world seemed to come to a stop, the class of 2021 kept going.”



Left: Due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements, graduates and attendees were socially distant in the theatre. Hundreds of others watched the event via live streaming on YouTube. [Read more about Convocation on our website.](#)



Council update:

# ULSD Alumni Council

The [ULSD Alumni Council](#) can't wait for in-person alumni events! Council leaders have enjoyed meeting virtually this past year, but members are looking forward to supporting the school by being able to plan gatherings for the alumni community. A listing of alumni events may be found on page 20 so please take a look and join us!

Of particular note is our [3rd Annual Golf Outing](#) on Monday, October 4, held in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Prospect/Goshen at Hunting Creek Country Club. This is a great day out — you do not have to be a graduate of ULSD, a member of Rotary, or even a good golfer! This is open to all so start gathering your team, consider being a sponsor, and join us to make this the best scramble yet! Proceeds from this annual fundraiser enable us to be an active participant in student and alumni initiatives of the school.

You are invited! The next Alumni Council meeting is Tuesday, August 24, from 6-7 p.m. If you would like to attend the meeting and/or become a member please contact Dr. Mark Schulte '77, president, at [mschulte5@yahoo.com](mailto:mschulte5@yahoo.com) or 502-558-0311.



We look forward to seeing you at the 3rd Annual Golf Outing on October 4. Last year's event was a huge success and a lot of fun.

## Mentor Program Update

The inaugural year of the Alumni Council's Mentorship Program is in its final stretch and year two is about to kick off! Created to enhance the D3's education outside of the clinic and reconnect graduates back to the School of Dentistry, the first year of the program successfully paired

thirty-two D3s with thirty-one graduates. Requested pairing interests ranged from specialty to geographic location to military service to women mentoring women, amongst many others. The Council looks forward to starting the second year this fall so if you would like to mentor a D3 please fill out [this survey](#).

## 2021 ULSD Alumni Council members

### Officers

Dr. Mark J. Schulte '77, President  
 Dr. Kristen E. George '09, President Elect/CFO  
 Dr. Gerald T. Grant '85, Secretary

### Directors

Dr. Babatunde O. Agbola '16  
 Dr. Sean A. Aiken '18

Dr. Jacob R. Bishop '16  
 Dr. Wood E. Currens '67  
 Dr. Christina Delis-Chiambas '94  
 Andrea M. Edelen, R.D.H. '97  
 Dr. Angela L. Fleace '01  
 Dr. Donald T. Frey '12  
 Dr. Richard H. Lin, Jr. '82

Dr. Marija Sasek '05  
 Dr. Jenna R. Schulten '10  
 Dr. Jay B. Sheats II '99  
 Dr. Kelly A. Underwood '06

### Student Representatives

Kirsten Peterson, DMD Class of 2023  
 Andrew Way, DMD Class of 2022

Council update:

## Orthodontics Alumni Council

Please mark your calendar for the [2021 Annual Meeting](#) on Friday, October 29, hosted by the University of Louisville School of Dentistry's [Orthodontic Alumni Council](#). We are excited to welcome esteemed guest speaker Mazyar Moshiri, DMD '06, MS '08. We will also have a wide array of vendors whose products and services relate to digital orthodontics, 3D printing, and aligner technology.

Event schedule and CE details to follow. Traveling in and need to make a room reservation? Check back soon for details on our discounted group rate at Hotel Distill!

### **BRACE FOR CHANGE**

THE CAMPAIGN FOR UofL  
ORTHODONTICS

#### Brace for Change Update

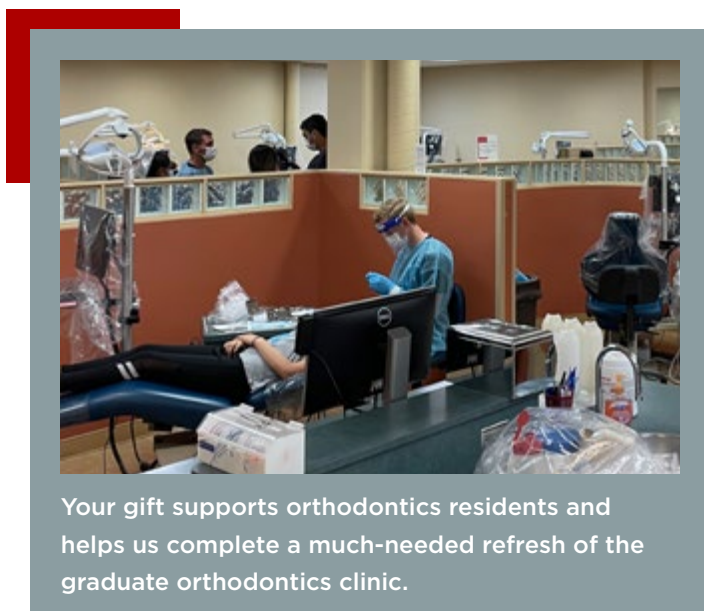
Renovations in the graduate orthodontics clinic are scheduled to begin in December and we're more than halfway to our fundraising goal!

This campaign benefits four funding priorities within the Orthodontic program:

- Equipment Needs—21 new chairs and cabinets
- Student Financial Aid
- Resident Experiential Learning
- Excellence Funds for programmatic needs

Looking to get involved? Consider naming a chair! As part of our fundraising efforts, we are offering the opportunity to name one of the new chairs as recognition for your giving. Chairs can also be named in honor of a beloved mentor, faculty member, or loved one. Naming gifts will provide an impact across each of the four campaign priorities.

To learn more about the "Brace for Change" campaign, contact Megan Carbello, ULSD Development Officer, at 502-852-5496 or [megan.carbello@louisville.edu](mailto:megan.carbello@louisville.edu).



Your gift supports orthodontics residents and helps us complete a much-needed refresh of the graduate orthodontics clinic.

## 2021 Orthodontics Alumni Council members

### Officers

Dr. Jared O. Dean '09, Chair  
Dr. Carl D. Gioia '11, '13, Vice Chair  
Dr. Krushan C. Patel '19, 1st Director  
Dr. Robert E. Spiller Jr. '80, '90, 2nd Director  
Dr. Lauren Renaud '18, '20, 3rd Director  
Dr. David C. Small '95, Immediate Past Chair

### Directors

Dr. Raina S. Chandiramani '18  
Dr. Ralph J. DeDomenico '74, '77  
Dr. Amy B. Farnsworth '92, '95  
Dr. Eric W. Hickman '95  
Dr. Scott Q. Little '85  
Dr. John K. Newcomb '77  
Dr. Danielle L. Periago '05, '07  
Dr. Carmen A. Quirk '17, '19

Dr. David C. Small '95

Dr. Justin M. Tristler '12

### Faculty Advisors

Dr. Nandakumar Janakiraman  
Dr. Anibal M. Silveira

### Student Representative

Dr. Ambika Sharma



Council update:

# Dental Hygiene Legacy Alumni Council

You're invited to join the [Dental Hygiene Legacy Alumni Council](#) for the UofL School of Dentistry [Dental Hygiene Legacy Symposium](#). The event will begin in the morning on Saturday, September 18. This year's event will be held at the School of Dentistry.

The symposium will include a product showcase, CE courses, and networking opportunities.

Registration will open soon. For details and registration, visit the [UofL Alumni website](#).



We hope you'll join us September 18 for the annual Dental Hygiene Legacy Symposium. This year's event will be held at the School of Dentistry.

## Get involved

If you would like to get involved with an Alumni Council group, please reach out to Fran Williams, ULSD Alumni Affairs, at 502-852-5077 or [fran.williams@louisville.edu](mailto:fran.williams@louisville.edu).

## 2021 Dental Hygiene Alumni Council members

### Officers & Directors

Virginia L. Woodward '71, Chair  
Pamela D. Barnes '77  
Mary Ann Burch '68  
Dr. Sharon C. Carpenter '75

Julie L. Drury '01  
Adam C. Hall '11  
Jennifer L. Hasch '13  
Linda P. Lewis '85

### ULSD Advisors

Sara Dunaway, Ex-officio member,  
D.H. Academic Counselor, Sr.  
Dr. Jacqueline A. Singleton, Dental  
Hygiene Program Director

In the news:

# Alumni achievements



**J. Hunter Dawson, DMD '14, MS '17**

Dr. Dawson recently received the American College of Prosthodontists Private Practice Prosthodontics award for region 2. His clinical practice is in Charlotte, North Carolina at the Carolina Center for Dental Implants. He also holds a part-time position as adjunct associate professor at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.



**Kristin Harris, DMD '08**

Congratulations to Dr. Harris on receiving one of this year's Science Ambassador Awards from the Kentucky Science Center. The annual awards honor people and organizations who foster and promote science literacy. Dr. Harris is dentist and co-owner at Sparkle and Shine Family Dental in Louisville.



**Robert Fitch, DMD '07**

Dr. Fitch was appointed to the Board of Regents at Murray State University by Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear. He is a Murray, Kentucky native and attended Murray State before receiving his DMD at ULSD. He is dentist and owner at Fitch Dentistry in Murray.



**Derek Hayes, DMD '15**

Dr. Hayes was one of this year's award recipients at the 24th annual Trailblazer Award ceremony in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The award honors the accomplishments of African American men and women who serve as role models for the next generation. Dr. Hayes practices at Briarwood Dental in Bowling Green.

## Share your news!

Let us know when you, or a fellow graduate, receive special recognition so we may celebrate your success! We always want to hear your news so be sure "check in" with Fran Williams, ULSD Alumni Affairs, at 502-852-5077 or [fran.williams@louisville.edu](mailto:fran.williams@louisville.edu).



Alumni spotlight: Madeline Maupin Hicks

# From trailblazing student to revered mentor

When **Madeline Maupin Hicks, DMD '75** first entered the University of Louisville School of Dentistry as a D1 student 50 years ago, she did more than open the door to a building. She opened the door to a career in dentistry for many others who followed.

Back then, in the fall of 1971, Hicks was the only Black student at the school (Harold Howard, ULSD's first Black student, had graduated the year before) and one of only three women in her class. "I felt fairly isolated during the first few weeks of classes," she says. Hicks started to feel more at home as she started studying with classmates. However, she knew that each interaction carried a great deal of weight. "I was the first person of color with whom many of my classmates had ever had a conversation with. I was kind of an experiment for them." Hicks graduated from ULSD in 1975, becoming the first Black woman to earn a DMD from the school. "It was a tough road in some respects," she says, "but I think this is a role that I was destined to undertake."

Dr. Sherry Babbage, a 1981 ULSD graduate and current faculty member, says Dr. Hicks was truly a trailblazer. "It is upon her shoulders I stand. She endured many obstacles while in dental school, being the first African American female to attend. She set the bar high with her truth, spirit and professionalism." Fellow faculty member Dr. Tiffany McPheeters says Dr. Hicks' trailblazing continues to inspire, offering "hope for minorities who believe they can go to school and become a dentist as well."

However, the story doesn't end there. After nearly three decades building and maintaining a successful dental practice in Louisville, Dr. Hicks stepped back through the doors of ULSD in 2004 in a new role: part-time faculty member. In that position, she has served as a role model and mentor for new generations of students.

Dr. Breacya Washington, a 1995 ULSD graduate and current faculty member, says Dr. Hicks is respected by students and faculty alike for her skilled hands, as well as for her knowledge and sophistication. "She is well versed and can



**Madeline Maupin Hicks DMD '75 (seated) with Breacya Washington, DMD '95, Amirah Jackson, DMD '17, Tiffany McPheeters, DMD and Sherry Babbage, DMD '81 (standing L-R).**

*Photo by Susan Harrison.*

hold a conversation on just about any subject," Washington says. "She always has a story."

Dr. Amirah Jackson, a 2017 ULSD graduate and fellow faculty member, adds that Dr. Hicks has also earned respect for her character and commitment to community service, including her work in ministry. "She personifies integrity, discipline, poise, and honors her faith. Her continuous high moral standards through her life and work makes her virtuous."

In the 50 years since Dr. Madeline Maupin Hicks first arrived as a student, she has made a lasting impact on ULSD. Now, as a faculty member, she can see the results firsthand. "It is so rewarding to see the friendships and the racial and gender diversity in the classes. The world is much easier when we learn and work together."

## Alumni spotlight: Patricia Bonasso Byrd

# Leading with **care** through COVID-19

As director of infection control for the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, **Patricia Bonasso Byrd, RDH '78, BS '02**, is used to evaluating risks from every angle. With the emergence of COVID-19, she faced a new challenge: protecting people from risks that were not fully known or understood.

One thing that was known early on is that COVID-19 spreads through aerosolization, so dentistry was identified as being extremely high risk. However, patients still needed emergency dental care. Byrd was a key part of the team that figured out how to keep emergency dental operations open throughout the pandemic.



**Patricia Bonasso Byrd, RDH '78, BS '02**

Students who were here without family ... people who were stuck at home. She took them everything from food to OTC medicine to pulse-oximeters for self-monitoring. A lot of it was just instinct. She saw a need — a very individualized need — and she met it.”

Lecturer Mary Tackett has one word to describe Byrd’s approach to the pandemic: amazing. “She went above and beyond for me and countless others during the COVID crisis,” says Tackett. Associate Professor **Sharon Cooper Carpenter, DH '75, BDS '79**, MEd, MS,

“We spent hours together crafting policies and procedures, coming up with every scenario we could think of,” says **Margaret Hill, DMD '87**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. “Patty was totally devoted to the notion of protecting everyone with a deep and abiding sense of responsibility and care.” That protection extended beyond the obvious, says Dr. Hill. “She didn’t just do the things that clearly needed to be done. Quickly she realized that there were folks who needed help.

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*Margaret Hill, DMD '87,  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

PhD adds that “Patty has worked tirelessly throughout the COVID pandemic to assure that patients, students, faculty and staff remain safe and healthy in our work environment. She has maintained a laser focus on all updates and changes that would be applicable to the practice of dentistry in a teaching institution.”

To her colleagues, Byrd’s ability to rise to the challenge of a global pandemic is no surprise. “Patty is a shining star, not only at ULSD, but to our Dental Hygiene profession,” says **Donna Aden, RDH '87, BS '88, MEd '91**, Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene. “I have worked with Patty in many facets through the years, and she always gives 110%. She spends endless hours, yes nights and weekends at times, to inform and ensure that the students, staff and faculty are practicing in a safe environment and using proper OSHA protocols. Patty helps to bring excellence to our patient care at ULSD. This not only benefits the UofL School of Dentistry but provides our patients with a clinical setting that is conducive to receive the best patient-centered care possible.”

Alumni spotlight: Christy Cole Harpring

# A novel idea: ULSD graduate starts a steamy new side business

After graduating from college, **Christy Cole Harpring, DMD '05** swore she was done writing. No more lab reports. No more research papers. No more staring at a screen trying to come up with the right words. She moved to the Savannah, Georgia area and joined Howard Family Dental as an associate. She then opened a new location for the practice on Wilmington Island. She married and had three children. She did not write — unless you count to-do lists.

And yet, as she struggled to cope with grief half a decade later, the one thing that helped Harpring heal was her old nemesis: writing.

After the death of her best friend's 9-month old daughter, Annie, in 2010, Harpring started writing about Annie's life. "The grieving process was brutal, and I found that writing helped me process the pain," she says. Harpring intended to write journal entries, but a fictional version of Annie's story emerged instead. "I think that was because it allowed me to have control over the ending," Harpring says. "I only believe in happy ever afters."

As she continued to work on that journal-turned-novel, *The Human Bandage*, other story ideas kept popping up in her mind. Suddenly Harpring had a half-dozen romance novels in the works. Why romance? "You write what you know," she says. "My greatest loves have gotten me through my worst heartbreaks. I guess the genre really chose me." From there, she hired editors, designers, and formatters who "made me look like I actually knew what I was doing." She also called in a friend to come up with a pen name — which is how dentist Christy Harpring transformed into romance novelist Scarlett Adaire.

The first Scarlett Adaire novel, *The Irony of Fate*, was published in May. It is available in paperback, as well as in e-book form (links are at [scarlettadaire.com](http://scarlettadaire.com)). Harpring describes the book as a "pretty spicy" tale that fits squarely in the "steamy love story" genre. Readers are already asking for a sequel, but Harpring plans to bring another one of her story ideas to life first.



**Christy Cole Harpring, DMD '05 published her first romance novel (written under the pen name Scarlett Adaire) in May.** *Submitted photo*

The debut novel also centers on a concept that Harpring knows well: the value of friendships. She says many of her classmates from ULSD remain part of her "tribe" and helped her through the process of launching her writing career. She also started another business (a health-conscious nail salon called Sea Salt & Sugar) with two friends in Savannah. And, of course, her friends have supported her in raising three "hilarious and entertaining" kids.

As for dentistry, Harpring has no plans to trade probing gums for probing romantic glances permanently. She's still practicing at Howard Dental Group, which is now owned by Louisville-based Mortenson Family Dental. "I would have never imagined in a million years that I would move nine hours from home to ... work for a company based out of my home state and be a shareholder with a dozen other classmates," she says. Beyond the connections, there's another aspect of ULSD that stays with her. "I am constantly grateful of the skills and education I received from ULSD. It is second to none. I am so proud of the dentistry I get to share with my patients every day."

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## DMD REUNION WEEKEND OCTOBER 1-2, 2021

This year's combined 2020/2021 reunion weekend will celebrate classes ending in 0, 1, 5, and 6.



No matter which door you considered the front, we look forward to welcoming you back to your dental home!

DH ALUMNI

## DENTAL HYGIENE LEGACY SYMPOSIUM SEPTEMBER 18, 2021



Join us for a day of learning, fun and fellowship!



# Faculty & staff updates



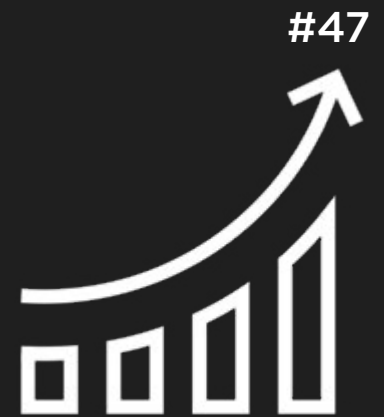
## Ljaljevic-Tucakovic Selected as Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions

**Alma Ljaljevic-Tucakovic, DMD '02** joined UofL as a full-time faculty member in 2009 after seven years as an associate in private practice. Since then, she has served as a leader in many capacities, most recently as Interim Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions after the retirement of longtime leader Dianne Foster, who has been incredibly helpful during the transition. Dr. Ljaljevic-Tucakovic was also a Team Leader in clinic for nine years and co-course director for Integrated Clinical Sciences I & II. She continues to maintain her private practice at the University of Louisville Dental Associates.



## Scott Selected as Associate Dean for Research and Innovation

**Dr. David A. Scott** holds a BSc (Microbiology) from Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh and a PhD (Microbiology and Immunology) from McGill University in Montreal. He joined the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2004 after a post-doc in the Department of Periodontology, King's College London and his first professorial position in Oral Biology at the University of Manitoba, the oldest such department in the world. Dr. Scott is currently a professor in Oral Immunology and Infectious Diseases. He serves on the Editorial boards of the *Journal of Clinical Periodontology*, *Tobacco Induced Diseases* and *Molecular Oral Microbiology*, is chair of the ODCS Study Section at NIDCR and is the recipient of two ongoing NIH grants.



**Moving up:  
ULSD gains two  
more spots on  
ShanghaiRanking's  
list of the top  
dental schools  
in the world**

ShanghaiRanking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects (GRAS) uses objective academic indicators and third-party data to measure the performance of universities around the world in various subjects.

ULSD is now ranked #47 worldwide for Dentistry and Oral Sciences. That is two spots higher than last year.

## 2021 UofL student champion honorees

This spring, the university gave students the opportunity to recognize faculty and staff members who went above and beyond for them in creating meaningful educational experiences and helping them navigate this incredibly difficult year.

### ULSD's 2021 Student Champion

#### Award Recipients:

- Wil Abshier
- Abbie Beacham
- Mark Bernstein
- Saritha Butler
- Megan Finney
- Kathleen Fischer
- Hugh Gardner
- Karen Hamilton
- James Harrison
- Valerie Hunt
- Nandakumar Janakiraman
- Gustavo Machado Santaella
- Pleshette Morrow
- Antonetta Nelson
- Roger Richardson
- Valerie Weber

# Faculty & staff updates



## Followell Selected as Graduate Program Director for Pediatric Dentistry

**Dr. Timothy Followell** joined our faculty in 2020. He previously served as the Dental Program Director of the Nisonger Center Dental Program (University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities) at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He also served as an attending at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, and as a faculty member for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities at OSU. Although he enjoys providing care for all children, Dr. Followell has a particular interest in treating children with special health care needs.



## Potempa Awarded Honorary Doctorate for his Groundbreaking Research

The University of Amsterdam (UvA) presented the award to **Dr. Jan Potempa** during the online celebration of the UvA Dies Natalis. Potempa, a biochemist and microbiologist, received the award for his research into the ability of oral bacteria to break down the blood-brain barrier and their role in the development of Alzheimer's disease. [Find out more about this research](#)



## Uriarte Selected as a University Scholar

**Dr. Silvia Uriarte**, Professor in Oral Immunology & Infectious Diseases, has received a University Scholar appointment. This program recognizes faculty who significantly exceed the scholarship necessary for appointment, promotion and tenure at UofL and, in doing so, achieving an extremely strong national reputation.

# Faculty & staff updates



## Grant Elected Vice President of the American College of Prosthodontists

**Gerald T. Grant, DMD '85, MS, FACP**, was sworn in as Vice President during the 50th anniversary Annual Session of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP). Dr. Grant currently serves as a professor and the Interim Assistant Dean for Technology and Innovation at ULSD. He is also Associate Director of UofL Additive Manufacturing Institute of Science & Technology (AMIST). After receiving his DMD from ULSD, Dr. Grant completed a Certificate in Prosthodontics from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, MD, a Master of Science from George Washington University, and a certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics from the Naval Postgraduate Dental School. Prior to becoming a faculty member at ULSD, he served in the United States Navy for 33 years, where he was the Service Chief of the 3D Medical Applications Center, Department of Radiology at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

## 2021 ULSD faculty and staff awards

**William R. Wolfe Full-time Faculty Award:**

**Dr. Paul Boyd, DMD '82, Clinical Associate Professor in Comprehensive Dentistry**

**D.T. Cummins Part-time Faculty Award:**

**Dr. Richard Keeling, DMD '78, Clinical Assistant Professor in Comprehensive Dentistry**

**Staff Appreciation Award:**

**Dana L. Potter, Patient Care Coordinator**

**Staff Appreciation Award:**

**Regina M. Risinger, Dental Clinic Associate Sr.**

## Faculty retirements

**Paul Boyd, DMD '82**  
**Dr. Boyd retired as Clinical Associate Professor in Comprehensive Dentistry.** He played a key role in expansion of the International Service Learning Program (ISLP) at the University of Louisville and is a two-time recipient of the William R. Wolfe Full-Time Faculty Award.

**Carmine Esposito, DMD '77**  
**Dr. Esposito retired as Professor in the Department of Oral Health & Rehabilitation.** He has taught at ULSD for decades and received many honors and awards including the William R. Wolff Award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year.

**Henry Greenwell, DMD '77, JD '80, MSD, FACP**  
**Dr. Greenwell retired as Professor and Director of the Postgraduate Periodontics Program.** Dr. Greenwell joined ULSD in 1988 and has directed the graduate program in periodontics since 1992, so his presence will be sorely missed.

**Lee Mayer, DMD**  
**Dr. Mayer, a graduate of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry with high distinction, has been a pillar in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry for many years and accomplished numerous achievements during his time here.**

# Hygiene program director's message: Staying **resilient** in uncertain times



Greetings,

I hope everyone is doing well. Recently, I had the opportunity to attend a virtual presentation offered through the American Dental Education Association. Dr. Cameron Randall provided the participants sustainable self-care strategies to build resiliency to get through tough times. His presentation reminded me to take time for myself.

It has been difficult for all of us to stay well with the increased stress of working and living through the pandemic. The uncertain end of the pandemic may even cause chronic stress. Dr. Randall discussed the stages of going through chronic stress and that chronic stress can lead to fatigue and burnout. Some of his strategies included practicing relaxation exercises such as taking slow breaths for two or three minutes, scheduling worry time (too much can be a problem), challenging negative self-talk and engaging in pleasant and meaningful activities. I thought I would try his strategies to maintain resiliency to get through the rest of the pandemic.

One of our alumni, Patricia Bonasso Byrd, is an excellent role model of resiliency. She has been a key person at ULSD in developing protocol to keep everyone safe at ULSD during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is with great pleasure that we recognize her many accomplishments and her dedication to the profession in this issue of the alumni newsletter.

All in all, we have a lot to celebrate and a lot to look forward to here at ULSD. As always, we couldn't do it without the support of our alumni and friends. Thank you for your continued support of our mission.

Best,  
Jacqueline A. Singleton, R.D.H., M.Ed. '01, Ph.D. '12  
Dental Hygiene Program Director

## Follow us on Facebook

Stay up to date on the latest Dental Hygiene program news on our Facebook page. Just click [this link](#) or search for "University of Louisville Dental Hygiene Program."



Sneak peek:

# Big changes in the **basement**

The University of Louisville School of Dentistry building at 501 S. Preston Street has evolved a lot in the 50 years since it was constructed — and those evolutions have continued this year, in spite of the pandemic.

This month we are unveiling a newly remodeled area in the basement that was inspired by and designed for our students. Watch for more details in our next issue. In the meantime, here's a sneak peek at the renovation. Can you guess what's happening in the basement?

*Photos by Susan Harrison, Ron Harrison, and Paige Moore*



Photo gallery:

# Summer at ULSD

**June 2:** Students from the DMD Class of 2022 participate in their Oath Signing Ceremony.



**June 7:** Students line up at the dispensary on the first day of clinic for D3s.

**June 9:** Dr. Grant leads a training session on the use of intra-oral scanners in clinics.



## Your support makes a difference!

We need your support now more than ever. State budget cuts and COVID-19 have had a major impact on the School of Dentistry over the past years and months. Our ability to maintain the highest standards in academic and clinical training, and to stay competitive with the best institutions in the world, depends on the support of our graduates and friends. Your gift will help us bridge that gap.

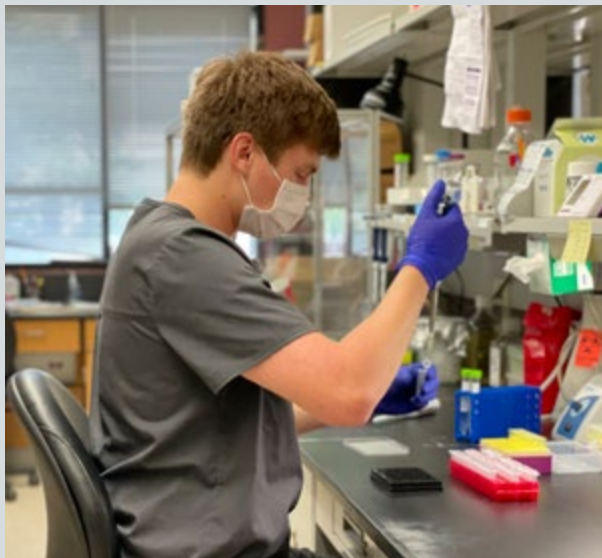


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**June 25:** Louisville's ASDA chapter holds Lunch on the Terrace, the group's first social event since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Students enjoyed music, food, and ice cream in the HSC courtyard and took advantage of the new picnic tables recently installed on the terrace.



**July 7:** Students taking part in the Summer Research Program work on their projects in the lab at Baxter 1.

## ULSD alumni **events** at a glance

August

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ULSD Reception at The KY Meeting  
(KDA Annual Meeting)

Galt House Hotel, Louisville • 6 - 7:30 p.m. • [More details](#)

September

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2021 Dental Hygiene Legacy  
Symposium

School of Dentistry, Louisville • [More details](#)

October

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2020/2021 School of Dentistry  
DMD Reunion

Various locations and times • [More details](#)

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Third Annual ULSD Alumni Council  
Golf Outing

Hunting Creek Country Club • 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. • [More details](#)

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Orthodontics Alumni Council  
Annual Meeting

Hotel Distil (Whiskey Row), Louisville • 9:00 a.m. • [More details](#)

### Continuing education

In conjunction with the Association for Continuing Dental Education (ACDE), of which ULSD CE is a member, we continue to host a wide variety of dentistry CE courses. These presentations feature expert faculty across 30+ schools of dentistry in the U.S. and Canada. Be sure to bookmark the [ULSD CE website](#) for the most up-to-date information on course offerings.