

Graduate Periodontics University of Louisville August, 2017

Dear Alums,

Greetings from Louisville and I hope all is going well for everyone. I apologize for being remiss in my Alumni Letter communication. I think I am 2 years behind!!! It seems like the schedule gets busier and busier and I don't get things done fast enough. Plus we had an accreditation site visit in there which always gets me way behind in my legitimate work. So you will see some older information below but I am just trying to get caught up.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

It's hard for me to believe but it has been 25 years since we started the program on July 1, 1992. Drs. Michael Mehlbauer and Imad Nouneh were the first 2 residents to enroll. The second class was Drs. Gregory Craft and Austin Wang. And the third class was Dr. Jean Bichara.

From Imad to Emad. In 1992 we enrolled Dr. Imad Nouneh in our first class. In 2017 we enrolled Dr. Emad Rastikerdar. We did so well the first time that we had to keep up the tradition 25 years later and enroll another Emad!!!

ALUMNI ROOM BOSTON AAP. We have an alumni room planned for the 103rd AAP meeting in Boston. It will be at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel Sunday September 10 from 6:30 to 9:00 in the Hale Room. I hope many of you will be in attendance and I am looking forward to seeing you.

The Class of 2015. Dr. Bobby "Tripp" Cockerham from North Carolina; Dr. Ting-Wei "Henry" Hsu from California (U of L alum); and Dr. Natalia Ovcharenko from Dallas, (see picture below) have all graduated and gone into private practice. Dr. Tripp Cockerham has gone back to his hometown of Charlotte, NC and associated with Dr. Richard Offut. Tripp tells me all is going well and I think he has already bought in. And congratulations to Tripp and Traci who welcomed their first baby, Bobby Lee Cockerham IV, already nicknamed "Court". Dr. Henry Hsu has gone into a practice in Williamsport, PA. He is very busy and enjoying practice. Dr. Natalia Ovcharenko has returned to Dallas and is busy with her practice. And she has just had her first baby, Katherine Mila Ovcharenko!!! Congratulations to Natalia and Eugene!!!

The Class of 2016. Dr. Jennifer Fiorica from Sarasota, FL; Dr. Abhishek Patel from Baroda (now Vadodara), Gujarat, India; and Dr. Aaron Radmall from Las Vegas, NV, (see picture below) have all graduated. Two have gone into private practice and one into academics. Dr. Jennifer Fiorica has gone back to her hometown of Sarasota, FL. She is busy and enjoying private practice. Dr. Aaron Radmall has returned to Las Vegas, NV and is in practice with a group he knew before he started the program. He tells me all is going very well plus they had a

new baby girl, Sadie Scout, around the time of his ABP exam. Dr. Abhishek Patel has stayed with us at U of L and is teaching full time in perio and spending one day per week in faculty practice.

The Class of 2017. Dr. Abdullah Al-Kanan from Kuwait City, Kuwait; Dr. Jeremy Lowy (U of L alum) from Louisville, KY; and Dr. Juan Mendoza from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Two have gone into private practice and one plans to go into practice. Dr. Abdullah Al-Kanan is in Chicago with his wife and new baby, Ella. He plans to go into practice once his wife, who is a cardiologist, has settled on her location for practice. Dr. Jeremy Lowy has gone to a practice in Denver, CO. He is just back from a 3-week trip to Europe and is ready to go to work! Dr. Juan Mendoza has returned to San Juan, Puerto Rico and gone into private practice. He is in a busy practice and is already very busy. Before he left we had a “meeting” of the Puerto Rican division of the Grad Perio Alumni Assn, where both Juan and Dr. Elliott Bermudez ('08) were present to celebrate Elliott’s promotion to full Colonel, now stationed at Ft. Knox.

Current Residents. Our **third year residents** are: Dr. Elliott DeWeese from Louisville (ULSD alum); Dr. Hyuk Sang "Al" Kwon from Andong, South Korea (Marquette School of Dentistry); and Dr. Anthony Rademacher from Holland, Michigan (ULSD alum).

The **second year residents** are: Dr. Katrine Andreasen from Louisville (originally from Denmark and a ULSD alum); Dr. Jodie Lusby from Florence, KY, otherwise known as Florence y’all, (ULSD alum); and Dr. Rajarshi Niyogi from Kolkata, India.

The **first year residents** are: Dr. John Houston from Nashville, TN (a ULSD alum who received his DMD and PhD degrees simultaneously); Dr. Thomas Jackson from Hot Springs, Arkansas and an alum of LECOM in Bradenton, FL; and Dr. Emad Rastikerdar from Montreal, Canada and an alum of McGill University in Montreal.

10 year Alumni. Congratulations to the Class of 2007 **Dr. Ziad Michael Dib, Dr. Georgios Papageorgakopoulos, and Dr. Trevor Siu.** Ziad is currently practicing in Montreal, Canada; George is practicing in Athens, Greece; and Trevor is practicing in Phoenix, AZ with Dr. Aziz Bohra ('02) and is also teaching part-time at Midwestern University School of Dentistry.

5 year Alumni. Congratulations to the Class of 2012 **Dr. Tommy Peterson, Dr. Evmenios Poulas and Dr. Gretchen Wigand.** Tommy is practicing in Macon, Georgia (his hometown), Evmenios is practicing in Athens, Greece (also his hometown) and Gretchen is practicing in Louisville, KY with Dr. Courtney Shearer (Class of 2010).

Perio Faculty. Alumni faculty include Dr. Abhishek Patel ('16) who is serving on our full time faculty. Other full time faculty include Dr. Margaret Hill, who is also serving as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and Dr. John Virag, who is serving as Director of DMD Perio. More recently we have recently added Dr. Diksha Katwal, an Indiana University alum, Dr. Pin-Chuang “Patrick” Lai from Ohio State (trained by Dr. Dimitris Tatakis who was my first Asst Program Director), and Dr. Himabindu Dukka, also an Indiana University alumni. So it looks like we are being taken over by the Hoosiers and the Buckeyes. Actually we have a great group who are working hard to deal with the DMD enrollment of 120 students per class. So the Junior and

Senior classes now total 240 students. Although we have more faculty than previously we are actually understaffed due to the large number of students.

Grad Perio Part-time Faculty: Dr. Lewis Dowden and Dr. Reid Nelson.

Grad Perio Faculty Retirement: Dr. Michael Mehlbauer. After many long years, more than 20 years, Mike needed more time with his kids, college interviews, etc plus he needed some time off and away from practice and teaching. A special thanks to Mike for all of his years of very excellent and loyal service to the program. He was always my sounding board, confidant, and reality check for program policies. I knew he had been there and could see things from both the resident point of view and the faculty point of view. And he was a great instructor that the residents loved to work with. I miss having him around but I fully understand the need for more family time and really appreciate all the many years we were lucky enough to have him here as a faculty (and also as a resident).

Mock Boards. Dr. James Woodyard ('02) returned from Evansville, IN this year to help with the mock board exams. Thanks to James for his generous donation of time. He is extremely busy in his practice, and like many of you, has a young family that keeps him busy when he is not at work!

American Board of Periodontology News. Congratulations to Drs. Hussain Arbab, Nick Allan, Dimitrios Xyggkas, Viktor Panagiotakopoulos, Tripp Cockerham, Henry Hsu, Natalia Ovcharenko, Abhishek Patel and Aaron Radmall. As you can see there is quite a list since our last communication. All should be very proud of their accomplishment and their new status as a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. Their certificates now actually say they are certified in "Periodontology and Dental Implant Surgery". I think that is an excellent addition to the Board Certificates!!!

Program Directors. Congratulations to our alumni who have become Program Directors. Dr. Reginaldo Goncalves ('13) is the program director at the University of Laval in Quebec City, Quebec, Canada. Dr. Panagiota (Yota) Stathopoulou ('08) is the program director at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. And Dr. Ricardo Vidal ('08) is the program director at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. It looks like '08 was a very good year for producing program directors!!!

DMD Director: Dr. Robin Henderson ('99) is now teaching at the University of Oklahoma and has been named Director of Pre-doctoral Periodontics. Congratulations to Robin! He still has his Oklahoma City practice and is there on a part-time basis.

AO Presentations: Class of 2015 Dr. Tripp Cockerham was selected as an oral research competition finalist, Drs. Henry Hsu and Natalia Ovcharenko were selected for the Poster Competition and both were selected as Top Ten poster finalists. Dr. Hsu could not attend and his poster was presented by Dr. Ricardo Vidal. An excellent showing for the Class of 2015 plus Dr. Vidal. From the Class of 2016 Drs. Abhishek Patel and Aaron Radmall were selected for the

Poster presentation. These are now e-posters if you have not seen them at AO recently. Both gave great presentations! Congratulations to all for work well done!!!

Publications. We have been busy since our last communication! See below.

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Contributions. A special thanks to all who have donated so generously to help out our current residents. Lifelong donors include: Dr. Aziz Bohra ('02), Dr. Imad Nouneh ('95), Dr. James Woodyard ('02), Dr. John Iasella ('02), Dr. George Mandelaris ('99), Dr. David Campbell ('99), Dr. Stephen Walters ('01), Dr. John McGehee ('06), Dr. Tommy Peterson ('12), Dr. Marquez Sams ('10), Dr. John Dodge ('98) plus John hosted an alumni dinner at the AO meeting in Seattle, Dr. Eric Martin ('06) for hosting the Alumni Room in San Francisco. All donations are appreciated. If I have left anyone out please call and fuss at me, I would definitely deserve it. If you plan to donate please specify that it goes to the **Graduate Periodontics Gift Fund**,

otherwise it could go to the dental school or the university so please restrict your gift to Graduate Periodontics.

Alumni as Educators. We have had recent CE programs from Dr. George Mandelaris, Dr. James Woodyard, Dr. Ryan Clagett, Dr. David Adams, and Dr. David Campbell. I am especially grateful for the CE you have given our residents. You have a special credibility with them since you went through the same program plus you are a valuable role model (and give them inspiration that our people actually do complete the program and succeed!!!).

Accreditation is OVER!!!. September 2015 we successfully completed our accreditation site visit. That was my 5th site visit, which is way too much torture for anyone to survive. But we did survive and so far the program has never had a recommendation from CODA.

Warm regards,

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