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Focus on practice transitions

New support helps students and dentists find the right fit for success

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONS

I have long wanted to bring to the Marquette University School of Dentistry the capability to meaningfully support our students as they transition to professional practice. As Wisconsin's only dental school, it is also important for us to work in partnership with dentists throughout the state as they seek new associates, partners or buyers to keep their practices thriving.

I am delighted to share in this issue a wonderful addition to the Dental School: Katie Koncki, in the relatively new role of practice transitions coordinator, heading up the Practice Transitions Office.

Some of you may recall that we did create a role like this several years ago. We learned from the experience and in revisiting the goals and responsibilities of the role, we recommitted to ensuring that our new coordinator would be proactively and consistently communicating with dentists throughout Wisconsin — and, as needed, beyond state borders.

Since her arrival here at the Dental School, Katie has dived right in — setting goals for the office, working directly with students, assessing and making improvements to the website students use to find opportunities, and making connections with the professional dental community.

The Wisconsin Dental Association's growing interest in supporting practice transitions has made this an opportune time to collaborate. Katie has taken my place serving on the WDA's practice transitions committee, which works to determine how to best forge connections



between students or job seekers and professionals seeking to hire, expand or sell. I'm looking forward to what we can do together to support our students in making the best possible transition to professional practice and to support independent dentists.

Another ally in this endeavor is the American Dental Association, which this year rolled out a new, fee-based program called ADAPT that seeks to match dentists with practices in a way that sets the stage for ongoing success. ADAPT began in Wisconsin and Maine this year and is rapidly expanding to other states as demand for its services grows.

As much as we focus on preparing our students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to be excellent dentists, we are pleased to be able to support them in determining what's next after dental school and ultimately finding a professional practice situation that is the right fit.

Also in this issue are the results of our reader survey (p. 7), in which you told us more about how our communications can best help you stay connected to the Dental School. We will be considering the results and any adjustments we might make, with the consistent goal of sustaining a strong community of engaged alumni and friends.

Dean William K. Lobb, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H.



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Focus on Practice Transitions

The Dental School's addition of a new Practice Transitions Coordinator to support students coincides with organized dentistry's increased focus on transition facilitation

Students commit to dental school based on a vision for their future. Many imagine themselves practicing in a community they love, putting their skills to work serving patients in a way that feels right based on their training, interests and philosophy of care.

Once they arrive on campus, the rigors and requirements of dental school can leave little room to reflect on that vision and take the necessary steps to make it a reality. Many students figure they will focus on their professional options when the time comes. But Marquette University School of Dentistry wants to help them start the process earlier, for a more successful transition into practice.

To support students, MUSoD has brought in Katie Koncki, Grad '06, in the role of practice transitions coordinator. Since she began her duties in June 2019, it has been clear to Dean William Lobb that she is the right person to bring his long-held vision for the school's Practice Transitions Office to life.

"I identified it as something we needed to offer our students, and also to the dentists out there who were trying to find people to buy or join their practice," Lobb says. "How could we get them together with our students? And how could we be a resource to communities interested in attracting a dentist? Who would we contact? We had the 'product' — our students — but it was a matter of, how do we get that product distributed?"

As Lobb secured internal funding and began looking at candidates for the Practice Transitions Office, the Wisconsin Dental Association also began expressing stronger interest in developing transitions support for practicing dentists. Opportunities for MUSoD to work in partnership with the WDA, Lobb says, should go a long way toward facilitating successful transitions.

Building bridges

Funded internally, the Practice Transitions Office assists students, alumni and dental professionals, serving as a catalyst to connect practice opportunities with the professionals who seek them.

Because a key priority is to retain graduates and dentists in Wisconsin, specifically in rural and underserved communities and populations, a big part of Koncki's role is increasing the office's visibility within the WDA and around the state — something that has been important to Lobb from the beginning.

"The expectation is that she will be out and circulating in the broader community, talking with dentists in their spaces locally, getting a sense of what's out there and then coming back to the school and creating programming and ways to link the students to these opportunities," Lobb explains.

Koncki has been doing just that — attending WDA component meetings and talking with dentists "to get the word out that this position is here, letting them know we have resources for them if they are hiring or looking to sell a practice, and asking them for their ideas," she says. Eventually, she plans to visit individual practices around the state as they look to hire or are put up for sale.

"Dental practice transitions are certainly a big issue right now," notes Mark Paget, executive director of the WDA, which collaborated with MUSoD in Koncki's





MEET KATIE KONCKI

The Dental School's new practice transitions coordinator may be new to dentistry, but is no stranger to either higher education or Marquette.

Katie Koncki started her career in higher education in 2002 and earned a master's degree from the College of Education's Student Affairs in Higher Education program in 2006. After serving at the College of Nursing for four years as an academic advising coordinator, she moved to the College of Health Sciences at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, serving as a senior advisor supporting students in programs including occupational therapy, communication sciences and disorders and health care administration.

Koncki later became an independent contractor for a health and wellness company. She followed that with a stint in corporate America, working for Northwestern Mutual.

"Higher ed was always a huge passion, and I had a calling to go back to it," Koncki says. "I'd always kept up my Marquette connections and it has always felt like home to me. When this position came up, it was a perfect blend of working with students but also traveling and working with dentists in practice and building those connections. It's been a great fit so far."

For more information on the Practice Transitions Office, contact Katie Koncki, practice transitions coordinator, at 414.288.3714 or katie.koncki@marquette.edu.

hiring. "Dental offices throughout the state are facing challenges and need trusted resources. In addition to being a workforce issue, it is also an access-to-care issue. We are thrilled that this position has been created at Marquette and look forward to supporting Katie any way we can. The WDA salutes Dean Lobb for his vision and commitment to having the school play an important role in keeping dental practices thriving in rural areas and small communities across the state."

With half of the Dental School's student body hailing from other states, Koncki also supports students who may wish to practice outside of Wisconsin. She shares opportunities from any practice that contacts the Dental School on the jobs website, which she has been evaluating and taking steps to enhance.

Koncki started by evaluating student awareness and use of the site and seeking feedback from the Marquette ASDA practice management committee. She has developed a form to collect consistent information about each opportunity, which will help in optimizing the site's search functionality. "The site will take some time," she says, "but hopefully, eventually, alumni will be able to use it in addition to students."

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—Dean William Lobb

Informing students

In addition to helping individual students explore and think through their post-dental school educational and professional options, Koncki creates programming for all students designed to help them make informed decisions. This includes panel discussions about professional practice in different locales and practice structures as well as valuable tips about leadership, business ownership, work-life balance and other topics in which students have expressed interest.

Before Koncki's arrival, the ASDA practice management committee had handled some programming in this vein. "I met with them right away," Koncki says, "to discuss the goals of my position and see how we could work together to meet their needs. We are in continual conversations and sharing ideas, as I feel it's important for them to be involved and be heard, but not to have to take on the challenge of planning everything, because they are very busy students. We want them to be able to focus more on their education, and I can help alleviate some of that pressure."

In response to student requests, Koncki has planned a panel on women and work/life balance in dentistry as well as a panel that will address many aspects of rural practice, including what it's like to move one's family to a small town. "There is a big push to look at rural dentistry right now," Koncki says. "Some rural dentists are having a hard time selling their practices or hiring, and the dean has encouraged thought among the students about that. Marquette had this type of rural panel a few years ago, and the alumni I've talked to found it very helpful."

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ADA Makes Match with ADAPT

Before rolling out the pilot of a new service to facilitate dental practice transitions, researchers from the American Dental Association asked dentists what they really want and need as they seek to sell their practices, hire an associate, find a job or purchase a practice. The No. 1 priority? A match in approach to dentistry.

That's why ADA Practice Transitions, or ADAPT, leads with matching dentists by philosophy of care. Along with bringing consistency to the transition process, which varies widely across the country, ADAPT aims "to make the process of entering and leaving a practice both predictable and enjoyable," according to its website, adapcticetransitions.com.

"Our platform has questions to get people thinking about what's important to them and to start thinking about their philosophy," says Dr. Suzanne Ebert, ADAPT's vice president for dental practice and relationship management, who says 50 percent of associateships fail in the first two years. "If two dentists share a compatible philosophy and approach to their patients and community, it's much more likely that they will find success in a career transition."

ADAPT provides an ADA advisor, like Ebert, to support both parties — but not to negotiate the contract. "We provide guidance and we strongly suggest that they each have their own legal counsel and accountants," Ebert says.

The ADA selected Maine and Wisconsin as ADAPT's first pilot states, going active in both with the full service this past June. "Wisconsin had a lot of advantages, and it also presented some challenges," Ebert says. "It has some urban pockets around Madison and Milwaukee but then also some very rural locations, and we really want to keep rural practices open. Wisconsin and Maine also have very strong state associations and very informed and involved dental schools in Marquette and UNE."

Around the same time as the ADAPT launch, the Marquette University School of Dentistry was working to bring in Katie Koncki to support students in the newly-created practice transitions coordinator role.

"Katie has been such a great partner for us," Ebert says. "We have spent quite a bit of time with her, going over the platform and discussing how we could help students to understand that is important for them to start

articulating their philosophy of care early in their careers. Katie wants the students to succeed, and she understands that they need to start thinking about these things now in order to be successful in the future."

With ADAPT, Ebert also hopes to dispel a mindset among many dental students that they are doomed to a miserable first year in practice. "You have options!" she wants to tell them. "We can help you explore them, as long as you have an open mind. You don't have to be miserable, because we are going to match you with a practice that fits your long-term goals and career expectations."

A strong response in the pilot states has led ADAPT to expand more quickly than its leaders expected, Ebert says. At press time, ADAPT had announced expansion into six additional states.

"The dentists are excited about it, the state societies are excited about it," Ebert says. "They see the value. We need to keep independent dentistry alive and well."

If you are looking to find a job, buy/sell a practice or hire an associate, you can create a profile at ADAPPracticeTransitions.com.

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It may seem early, but Koncki is meeting with every D2 student, telling them, "We have a couple years, but what are some things you want to explore?" She adds, "I'm telling them not to worry about job searches right now, but to just absorb information and see what resonates with them as they approach the end of their program."

One student who has already taken advantage of the Practice Transitions Office and met with Koncki is Tim Semon, a D3 from Rochester, N.Y. As someone who sees his options as wide open, he says, "It's great to have someone like Katie to help give me direction. There are forms on the internet that try to give you guidance, but I think they are all very biased, and when I speak with Katie she's very neutral. It's good to hear her take on the pros and cons of associateship versus owning, partnership, military service...all different types of things."

A new tool

In 2019, the American Dental Association also made a significant commitment to supporting practice management transitions, launching a new service called ADAPT, short for ADA Practice Transitions. A pilot of the program launched April 1 in Maine and Wisconsin.

ADAPT (see sidebar) provides fee-based brokering services, shepherded by an ADA advisor who facilitates the process to help foster a positive relationship between the parties that can endure beyond the transaction. Dr. Suzanne Ebert, ADAPT's vice president for dental practice and relationships, says ADAPT works to match parties based on a shared philosophy of care.

Prior to the service's launch, ADAPT CEO Bill Robinson visited MUSoD to conduct student focus groups. Since the service has become available to Wisconsin dentists, Ebert has also visited Lobb and Koncki to talk about how the ADA and the school can work together to promote successful practice transitions.

Koncki says ADAPT is an "awesome program" and a valuable additional tool for interested students. "The D4s are starting to have a lot of conversations with me, and I'm sharing information about this with them more and more," she says. "Over this next year we may see more students interested in looking at it in depth."

Semon says he was able to talk with Ebert about the program during one of her recent visits to campus. "I think it's a great program," he says, adding that he is keeping it in mind as an option for his own job search. "I like that we're included in the pilot, and I think it will definitely open doors for a lot of students."

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—Mark Paget, executive director,
Wisconsin Dental Association

You've Been Heard

Results from the
2019 communications survey

Earlier this year, we conducted a readership survey to help us understand what you like about *Dental Images*, and what you'd like to see in the future. We did a combination of phone interviews and an online survey. We are using this information to evaluate the most efficient and effective ways to inform you and keep you connected to your alma mater. Here are a few highlights of the study.

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1964
Row 1: Ronald Yamachika, Norman Plotkin, John Grignon, Gloria List, Ron Wanek and Richard Odgers **Row 2:** James Trompeter, Kosmas Pappas, Allan Wasserman, Roger Alexander and James Kadlec **Row 3:** Ron Pruhs, Lawrence Gregory, Ron Komarek, Peter Rengstorff and Richard Labinski



1969
Row 1: Tim Twohig, Kenji Higuchi, Ed Binninger, Robert Saur, Richard Covey and Tom Wavernek **Row 2:** James Voss, Gil Larson, David LeMoine, William Covelli and Phil Florek **Row 3:** Dave Utschig, Arthur Helgerson, Daniel Baker, Tim Brown and Richard Tetting



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1994
Row 1: Celestino Perez, Todd Sarauer, Stacie Herzog Piacsek, Marcelino Marengo and Adriana Guevara **Row 2:** Razvan Mirza and Stephanie Race

Row 1: Michelle Olmstead, Maria Marranzini, Viney Saini and Lisa Skutak **Row 2:** Matthew Pruhs, Farschid Fatehi, Benjamin Stevens, Zachary Graf and Ray Schneider III



1999
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Sheila Belcher and Robin Ferguson from the Class of 1989



Stacie Herzog Piacsek, Arts '91, D '94, and Celestino Perez, D '94



1964 classmates Roger Alexander, Peter Rengstorff, John Grignon, Allan Wasserman



School of Dentistry chaplain J.J. O'Leary, S.J. and Daniel Baker, D '69



Chuck Hajinian and Philip Hawkins from the Class of 1979

Small-town dentistry a perfect fit for Sarah Chambers

Having grown up in tiny Bruce, Wis. — population just under 800 — Sarah Chambers, D '10, says she has always loved small, Midwest towns. But after earning her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin–Green Bay, she decided to try big-city living, moving to Los Angeles for a year to obtain a minor in psychology from California State University. She loved her studies, but not the lifestyle. When she returned to Wisconsin for a short visit to interview at the Marquette University School of Dentistry, her path became clear. “It was fall, and it was so beautiful,” Chambers remembers. “That was it. I felt so passionate about wanting to return to Wisconsin. I wanted to be a dentist in a small town.”

Dentistry had long been an interest for Chambers, in part because she was born with six missing adult teeth, including four incisors. Her dentist, David Olsen D '77, Grad '83, was instrumental in managing her unique dental situation throughout her adolescence. All that time in the dentist's chair made her realize, “My goodness, this is such a helping profession.”

Despite Marquette's urban location, Chambers was drawn to its “instant feeling of family.” As a dental student, Chambers loved connecting with patients in clinic. She also met her husband, fellow dental student Mark Chambers, D '07, who lived next door in her apartment building. “He was in his last year and I was in my first year,” Sarah says. “We met in the hallway as he was taking his garbage out.”

After he finished at Marquette, Mark completed a dental residency in Colorado, and eventually landed in private practice in Menomonie, Wis. — another smallish Midwestern town, though exponentially larger than Bruce.

Chambers followed dental school with the yearlong Delta Dental Public Health Fellowship, designed to prepare dentists to work in underserved rural or urban areas. She and two other fellows were based at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire, Wis., serving a patient population largely eligible for public insurance.

At CVTC, Chambers relished the experience of working alongside multiple specialists, including one day a week



with an oral surgeon as well as specialists in endodontics, pediatrics and periodontics. This helped her gain confidence and speed in a variety of procedures. “My husband was definitely envious of the close attention I received from the instructors in the program,” she says.

It was ideal training, as she eventually joined Mark in their practice at Cedar Creek Dental in Menomonie. “Our patients don't want to be referred to another city to have a procedure completed,” she says. “My most favorite thing is when I can turn to the patient and say, ‘I can do that for you here, and I can do it well.’”

Life is busy at the moment, with Chambers having given birth in mid-October to the couple's fourth child. She planned to return to work by early December — she says her work with patients is energizing to her, and also that she wants to help her patients who desire certain procedures before year-end health benefits expire.

“I feel very blessed to have been part of the program at Marquette and to carry on with the fellowship,” she says. “It helped me give back to the community and meet a lot of wonderful people who were appreciative and grateful for the services we provided. Someday I hope to return to the CVTC clinic, or one like it, in some capacity. Maybe even with Mark this time.”

Celebrating 125 Years of Marquette University and the Dental School

More than 170 people gathered at the Wisconsin Club in November for the 125th Anniversary celebration of Marquette University and the MUSoD, the only dental school in the state of Wisconsin.

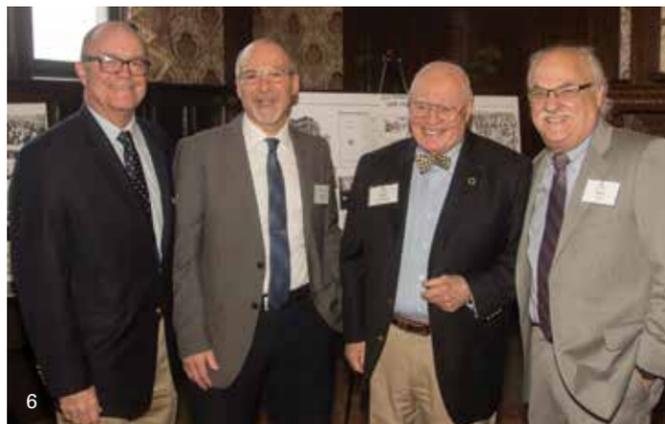
"For nearly all of Marquette's history, the School of Dentistry has been at the heart of how our university educates and serves Wisconsin," said Marquette University President Michael Lovell. "The faculty, staff, students and alumni of this school live in a culture that always puts patients first. I congratulate them for 125 years of continually delivering on the Marquette promise to 'Be the Difference.'"



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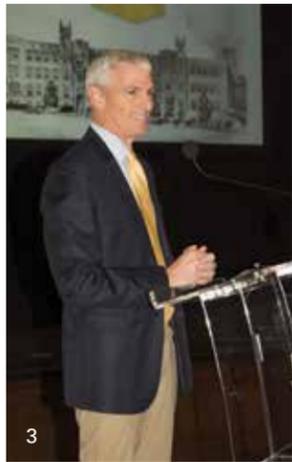
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Emily Schuler finds Spanish-language fluency valuable for patient care

As the daughter of a Spanish-teacher mother and a father who worked in the airline industry, Emily Schuler was exposed early and often to languages and international travel. It's no surprise that she double-majored in French and Spanish at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Today, in her third year at the Marquette University School of Dentistry, she's finding her fluency in the latter to come in handy.

"We have many Spanish-speaking patients here in Milwaukee, and in the pediatric clinic many of the kids speak English, but we need Spanish to speak with their parents," Schuler says. Her fellow students wanted to improve, so Schuler founded Vamos, a group that gives other dental students a chance to practice Spanish conversation, including dental vocabulary.



Although her undergraduate studies focused on languages, Schuler also took many health sciences prerequisites and belonged to Madison's pre-dental society. "Health careers had interested me since I was really young," she says, adding that a favorite pastime at one point in her childhood was playing dentist with her grandparents. She would give them paper-towel bibs, examine their teeth with a small plastic mirror from her own dentist, and provide oral hygiene tips. "They would give me a quarter and say, 'See you for my next cleaning!'"

When she studied in Buenos Aires during her collegiate senior year, Schuler's host mother happened to be a dentist. "I would spend time at her office and answer the phone occasionally, or shadow her when she had patients," she says. "I saw that she wore so many different hats: She was kind of a mentor or

psychologist to some of her patients, and she was a mom of four kids and did such a great job at raising her family." She also owned her practice, was active in her community and enjoyed making art. This host mother showed Schuler that dentistry could be central to a multifaceted life.

But Schuler wasn't ready for dental school yet. She spent another year in the tiny town of Sarlat, France, teaching English to elementary school students — and learning that she didn't want to become a full-time educator. She also missed her boyfriend, Ethan Schuler, D '17, whom she'd met through the pre-dental society.

Ethan was a Marquette dental student at the time, so Schuler came to Milwaukee to be with him, taking a sales and marketing job with a travel company. (The two married in December 2017.) She also began shadowing at a dental office that offered evening appointments and served many Spanish-speaking patients, so her language skills were valued.

Three months after Ethan graduated from MUSoD, Schuler began her D1 year. Ethan, now a general dentist in Waukesha, Wis., works part time as an instructor in the simulation lab at Marquette, teaching an operative course to D1 students (no awkwardness there, as he didn't begin in that role until Schuler was a D2).

Drawn to pediatrics, Schuler says her clinical experience at Marquette taught her about health inequity and she plans to eventually work in public health dentistry. As a National Health Service Scholar, she will first serve four years at a federally qualified health center in an area where there are shortages of dentists. The Schulers often spend their dinners discussing ways to make the most of this opportunity.

"We always want to make travel and learning about other cultures a part of our life," Schuler says. "One thing I've learned from working with Spanish-speaking patients at Marquette, though, is that you can still have those authentic cultural experiences without even leaving Milwaukee."

15TH ANNUAL SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The 15th Annual Scholarship Luncheon was held at the Dental School on November 15. More than \$1 million in scholarships are awarded to dental students each year but it is never enough. The scholarships help defray the very high cost of dental education for some students. To help fund additional scholarships so more students can benefit, contact Dave O'Neill at david.oneill@marquette.edu or 414.288.6048.



Sandra Casper, Nurs '71, D '86, Susan Meinerz, AS '79, D '84, Sister Gloria List, D '64, Grad '81, Teresa Mears



Cathy Loeser, Vonte Jackson, Carl Loeser, Grad '82



Mark Mandel, D '70, Jesus Echezarreta, David Dray

The 2019/20 Delta scholars with Ann Boson, Megan Tenpas, Dr. Fred Theis and Suzanne Baltus from Delta Dental of Wisconsin



Ann Boson, Delta Dental of WI, Eric Umhoefer, Jennifer St. Pierre, Grant Karlsson Ellifson





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PHOTO 1

Old photos chronicle four generations of dentistry

A dental student in Guatemala City, Guatemala, Sebastián Valdés was earlier this year gathering old photos of family and friends as a surprise for his grandfather's 80th birthday. He'd hoped to include photos of his grandfather's dad, Hector Molina, during Molina's time as a student at the Marquette University School of Dentistry in the late 1920s.

Valdés says Molina, D '28, was one of the first 20 dentists to practice in Guatemala. His son — the now-80-year-old Hector Molina, Jr. — also became a dentist, as did two of his five children (Valdés's mother and uncle).

Short on time — he is, after all, in his senior year of dental school — Valdés couldn't secure the images of Molina Sr. before his grandfather's birthday celebration last May, aside from the one he did have (photo 2, Molina Sr. as a dental student in the MUSoD morgue, third from right). But he later resumed the search, eventually locating *Dental Images* online and eagerly paging through the most recent issue's cover story on MUSoD's 125-year history.

"I was surprised to look at a picture on page six (photo 1, above), of a large group of students at the same exact



PHOTO 2

morgue in the picture I have of my great-grandfather!" Valdés says. On closer inspection, he actually spotted Molina Sr. in that picture, too (lower right corner, circled). When he reached out to the Dental School to request an electronic copy of the image, he also received a link to all past Marquette yearbooks, where he found photos of his great-grandfather's old friends, some of whom had long ago visited Guatemala and met Molina Jr.

"My granddad keeps pictures and records from everything, but he doesn't have much of his own dad," Valdés says. "Since his father started with the dental career that runs in the family, these photos are something so special."



Photos courtesy of Sebastián Valdés

Sebastián Valdés, center, with his mother, a dentist, and grandfather, a retired dentist and son of Hector Molina, D '28, one of Guatemala's first dentists.



Thomas Raimann, D '80, was elected president of the Wisconsin Dental Association in November. Dr. Raimann has been extensively involved in the WDA as a member of numerous committees and boards including the executive, finance, long-range planning, nominating and bylaws committees. He is also a past recipient of the WDA Pyramid of Pride Community Outreach Award.

Dr. Raimann has been a part-time member of the MUSoD faculty since 2014 and recipient of the Dental School's Outstanding Dental Service Award.



William Johnson, D '77, Grad '89, was recently selected for the University of Nebraska, Medical Center College of Dentistry Alumni Association's Outstanding Educator Award. Dr. Johnson has been teaching operative dentistry and dental materials science for the past 30 years, the last 20 years at the University of Nebraska, College of Dentistry.



Beatriz Terry, D '91, a practicing periodontist in Miami for more than 25 years, was recently elected Secretary of the Florida Dental Association. In addition to her practice, Dr. Terry has held leadership positions in numerous professional dental organizations. She also lectures nationally in English and Spanish on periodontics, dental implants and systemic links to periodontal disease.



Carl Smith, D '61, is celebrating his 90th birthday in January. Dr. Smith was a career military dentist. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1951 during the Korean War, attended MUSoD from 1958-61, and practiced in Shorewood, WI, until 1964 when he re-entered the U.S. Navy as a Dental Officer. He earned a post-graduate degree from Bethesda Naval Hospital, a master's degree from the University of Iowa and retired from the Navy in 1985. He was an Associate Professor of Dentistry at the Medical

University of South Carolina from 1985-2000, then retired to Sun City, SC. During his 40-year career, he was proud to have served so many patients, including senators, congressmen, Supreme Court Justices and many other dignitaries. According to his family, Dr. Smith leads a vibrant and active life, even playing golf each week.



Kevin Keating, Grad '81, has been named Dean of California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine. After completing his residency training in endodontics, Dr. Keating practiced in the Sacramento, CA, area and served as managing partner

of a multispecialty group practice. He continued to be involved in education, teaching predoctoral students and endodontic residents at the University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry for 38 years. He achieved the rank of Clinical Professor and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics. He has also been inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.



INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2023

2,316

Applicants

100

Students enrolled*
(53 women, 47 men)

3.64

Overall GPA

3.56

Science GPA

23

Average Age

From
52

Different
undergraduate
institutions

STATES AND COUNTRIES REPRESENTED*

Alabama, California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin — and Dubai



First African American Class President

An Atlanta native and the first African American to be chosen as class president by her peers, D2 Chante Parker received a bachelor's degree in microbiology and immunology from the University of Miami before she came to Milwaukee to pursue her dream of becoming a dentist. She chose Marquette, she says, because of its reputation.

When asked about her transition to Milwaukee, Parker says she felt a total culture shock. "I think I feel color boundaries once I step outside the dental school," Parker said. "In Atlanta, my mayor is Black, my city councilmen are Black... I'm not used to people going out of their way to tell me they're proud of me simply because they're not used to seeing successful people of color."

But Parker says she found Marquette to be a welcoming, supportive environment and that this helped facilitate her transition. Even more, Parker's election confirms that her classmates trust her to advocate on their behalf and be the class' official voice.



Service to Others

Marquette University President Michael Lovell responded to an invitation by the Wisconsin Dental Association President, Dr. Patrick Tepe, to address the Board of Trustees of the WDA about the challenges of higher education over the next several years. Dr. Lovell discussed the importance of the School of Dentistry to the broader university and how it serves as a great example of "Service to Others" in providing oral health care to various communities in Milwaukee and the State of Wisconsin as a whole.

From left: WDA Executive Director Mark Paget, WDA President Patrick Tepe, MU President Michael Lovell and Dental School Dean William Lobb.



Give Kids a Smile

More than 100 volunteer dentists, hygienists, dental students and faculty in the School of Dentistry offered free cleanings, exams and other dental care to hundreds of children on September 28 as part of the annual "Give Kids a Smile Day" at MUSoD. The event, cosponsored by the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association and in collaboration with the Milwaukee area Head Start programs, focuses on serving children 16 years and under from low-income families.



Board Certified

Vrisiis Kofina, Assistant Professor of Periodontics, became Board Certified in Periodontology and Dental Implant Surgery by the American Academy of Periodontology in June 2019.

She also received a scholarship from the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation to attend the Institute of Teaching and Learning by the Academy for Advancing Leadership in Houston in August.



Dental Student Publishes Memoir

D2 student Mary Lovell and her mom, Sally, recently published a personal memoir titled *Glass Storm: The 2005 Stoughton, Wisconsin Tornado* with Orange-Hat Publishing in Waukesha, Wis. MUSoD hosted a book launch in September. Pictured from left is Mary, Kaeley Dunteman from OrangeHat, and Sally.



Hispanic Student Dental Association Hosts First Wellness Day for Children

The Hispanic Student Dental Association held their first annual Kids Wellness Day in November. To help advance the organization's mission to serve Milwaukee's underserved populations, the organization hosted a day where children and guardians from Milwaukee's inner city participated in a series of rotations. The rotations provided oral health instruction, promoted physical fitness and raised mental health awareness. Dr. Cem Gungor from MUSoD's pediatric clinic oversaw the event and Marquette University Counseling Center's Dr. Marla Guerrero, along with other speakers, led the mental health portion for the parents.



REMEMBERING OUR OWN

The Marquette University community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who passed away between July and December 2019. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

1943
Arthur H. Lowenthal
Bronx, NY

1947
Robert H. Love
Grand Blanc, MI

1952
Roy W. Fronk
Two Rivers, WI

1953
Walter A. Andrus
Minocqua, WI

1954
Paul W. Palen
Cedarburg, WI

Max R. Tarmann
Gilroy, CA

1955
Anthony J. Strigenz
Fond Du Lac, WI

Andrew A. Jordan
Choteau, MT

1956
Richard A. Beirl
Appleton, WI

George H. Poggemann
Issaquah, WA

Joseph S. Trovato
Kearny, NJ

1957
William L. Scheer
Las Vegas, NV

Robert P. Kustra
Franklin, WI

1959
James A. Weiland
Stevenson, WA

1961
Richard J. Stanchina
Marquette, MI

1964
David L. Bozikowski
Milwaukee, WI

Howard M. Field
Solon, IA

1968
Edward J. Ossi
Jacksonville, FL

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

For more information on these and other events, call 414.288.3093 or visit marquette.edu/dentistry.

FEBRUARY

February 19 **CE: Suction-Effective Mandibular Complete Denture**
Dr. Jiro Abe

February 21 **Chicago Midwinter Alumni Reception**
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
1 West Upper Wacker Drive
Explore Room
5 – 7 p.m.

MARCH

March 5 **CE: Medical Emergencies in Dental Practice**
Dr. Yasser Khaled

March 26 **CE: This Looks Complicated...Where Do I Start?**
Dr. Mark Boldt

APRIL

April 3 **CE: OSHA and Infection Control Update**
Dr. Katherine Schrubbe

April 14 **CE: Radiology Study Club**
Interpretation of Intraoral Images:
The Lore and the Lure of the Lumina Dura
Dr. Lisa Koenig

April 21 **CE: How Do I Biopsy This Lesion? A Pathologist's Perspective**
Dr. Yeshwant Rawal

April 24 **MUSoD Alumni Awards Ceremony**
(see lower right box)
Alumni Memorial Union
5 p.m. cocktails, 6 p.m. program

April 28 & 30 **CE: Radiology for Dental Auxiliaries**
Jennifer Bjork, Vicki Romans, Reagan Saxe

MAY

May 5 **CE: Radiology Study Club**
Interpretation of Panoramic Images: Darkness and Light, Shadows and Ghosts
Dr. Lisa Koenig

May 20 **CE: Dentures from the Stone Age to the Digital Era**
Dr. Ayman Ahmed

JUNE

June 3 **CE: Scaling and Root Planing – Old and New**
Dr. Marina Protopopova

SEPTEMBER

September 12 **MUSOoD Alumni Class Reunions: all classes ending in 0 and 5**

September 22 **CE: Radiology Study Club CBCT Imaging: Dose in Perspective and Applications**
Dr. Lisa Koenig

NOVEMBER

November 10 **CE: Radiology Study Club Radiographic Imaging of Temporomandibular Joint Disorders, Asymmetry and Airway Analysis**
Dr. Lisa Koenig

ANNOUNCING OUR 2020 ALUMNI NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

Distinguished Alumna in Dentistry Award
Dr. Monica Dwyer Hebl, D '85

Outstanding Dental Service Award
Dr. Tammy M. Boudry, HS '99, D '06

Young Alumna of the Year Award
Dr. Wendy AuClair Clark, D '07

Join us when we honor our award recipients at the Dental Alumni Awards Ceremony on April 24. Their achievements exemplify the Marquette University pillars of excellence, faith, leadership and service.

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