Student Leadership and Humanitarian Awards

The Student Leadership award recognizes the senior student who has shown outstanding Leadership and academic and professional improvement during the years as a student of dentistry; and has great potential to continue to do so. The students in Illinois who were recognized in 2016 was Joshua Eastman and 2017 was Inzia Virji from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine; 2016 was Brandon Cavello and 2017 was Molly Stice from Southern Illinois University College of Dental Medicine; 2016 was David Reisinger and 2017 was Jacqueline Rodriguez from University of Illinois at Chicago.

The Student Humanitarian award recognizes a Fourth Year Dental Student selected by the dental school faculty who:

- Exhibits an altruistic attitude to assist the underserved or less fortunate.
- Motivates others to serve and provide common good.
- Shows humility and generosity with time and talents.
- Has history of significant participation in various school, local, state, and international projects.
- Has a leadership role in activities.
- Is involved in public health issues.
- Is involved in political issues that encourage humanitarian support.
- Shows responsibility, commitment, persistence, dedication, and is inspirational to others.

Demonstrates the potential to continue to be a leader and a participant in humanitarian outreach programs after graduation.

The recipient students in Illinois who were recognized in 2016 was Emily Carley and 2017 was Nicole Ford from Midwestern University College of Dental Medicine; 2016 was Bhak A. Furnande and 2017 was Ethan Deuwer from Southern Illinois University College of Dental Medicine; 2016 was Uvoh Onoriobe and 2017 was Susan Nanyunja from University of Illinois at Chicago.
A Message from the District 8 ICD Regent…..

In reviewing this year of 2016/2017, I have to say that it has been exciting and most rewarding year for me. On October 21, 2016 I officiated for the first time as the District 8 ICD-USA Regent for the 2016 ICD Convocation of New Fellows and let me say that it was an honor to shake hands with our new fellows as they walked across the stage. Additionally, I was privileged to represent District 8 for several student events: White Coat Ceremony at SIUSDM and UICCOD; presenting the Leadership and Humanitarian Awards at SIUSDM and the Bridging Ceremony at MWUSDM. The students are terrific and their joy during these events is experienced by all in attendance.

I just wanted to thank you for helping out with the nomination process for the ICD Fellowship Candidates. The deadline for completing candidate applications was May 15, 2017. Just as an FYI, the candidate nomination process is completely electronic and is processed on the ICD-USA web site. If you need help with this process, I will be happy to be of assistance along with our Deputy Regent, Dr. Spencer Pope or Dr. Mary Starsiak our Vice Regent and Editor. Many thanks to both Drs. Starsiak and Pope for their help at all the events this year—we could not do it without either of them.

When you get this newsletter, it will be time to think about nominating dentists for next year—please think about honoring one of your colleagues who is involved in humanitarian endeavors and leadership activities within a community as well as organized dentistry. Through Fellowship, our colleagues who provide many hours of volunteer dental service time, will not feel forgotten and will be inspired to continue with their service to others. I hope to see many of you at the ICD Convocation and Dinner in Atlanta, Georgia on October 19th, 2017. It should be a wonderful day and evening. Please feel free to email me with your comments to sbishop@peoriacounty.org.

Have a wonderful summer,

Sue Bishop

A few words from the Vice Regent…..

Hope you like this new newsletter format! I have tried to include as many pictures as I can. If you have any news or comments….contact me at drmstarsiak@yahoo.com.
White Coat Ceremony – UIC College of Dentistry

The University Of Illinois College Of Dentistry held their White Coat Ceremony on Friday September 23, 2016 for the Dental students of the Class of 2020 and The International Dental Program Dentists of the class of 2018. Dean Clark Stanford conducted the ceremony. Dr. George Zehak, CDS President; Dr. Sue Bishop ISDS Foundation; Dr. John Hagopian, ACD Vice President; Dr. Mary Starsiak, ICD Vice Regent and Illinois State Board Chair; and Dr. Larry Williams IAGD President

White Coat Ceremony- SIU College of Dental Medicine

On Friday September 30, 2016, the White Coat Ceremony was help at SIU College of Dental Medicine. SIUSDM Dean, Dr. Bruce Rotter administered the oath of integrity, respect, compassion, competence and service to the Class of 2020 followed by the presentation of White coats to each of the Class of 2020 students.
Midwestern Bridging Ceremony

The students bridge into their clinical area at Midwestern School of Dental Medicine on June 6, 2017. The ceremony took place at the school and Regent Sue Bishop attended extending congratulations to the students entering the next phase of their dental education. Also in attendance was ADA Executive Director Kathy O’Loughlin and ISDS President Elect Barbara Mousel.
New Fellow Dinner

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, the International College of Dentists, District Eight warmly welcomed and congratulated their new Fellows at a dinner held at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel in Oak Brook, Illinois.

The event was shared by the American College of Dentistry, Illinois Section who also honored their new inductees. The guest speaker that evening was Dr. Marcelo W. B. Araujo, DDS, MS, PhD. Dr. Araujo is the Vice President of the Science Institute for the American dental Association. Dr. Araujo presented some of the recent activities and agenda of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs. Included in the presentation, were some of the research outcomes of the Center for Evidenced-Based Dentistry; the ADA Research Laboratories; Professional Product Review and the Seal Acceptance and Scientific Information and Standards programs. The information given to the audience generated several questions from the audience which resulted in a very interesting discussion amongst all in attendance.

The evening concluded by thanking the speaker and the program coordinator for the evening, Dr. Kirk Noraian, Illinois Section Chair of the American College of Dentists.

ICD Class of 2016

Daniel Beer  YiHsiung Huang  Poonam Jain  John P. Kenney

Amanda J. Lewis  Charles F. Martello  Kenneth Rawson  Melissa Roehm Stigall

Joseph A. Tylka  Ryan R. Vahdani  Stacey Van Scoyoc  Darien Weatherspoon
New Fellows Inducted in Denver

The International College of Dentists convocation was held at the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel on Friday October 21, 2016. Our new fellows were called forth by our Regent Susan B. Bishop. We are proud to welcome the new fellows to the College.

After the convocation, the new fellows were recognized at the ICD Dinner Dance held at the Sheraton Denver that evening. Dr. Margaret M. Culotta-Norton President of the USA Section greeted fellow ICD members and guests. Honorary fellows- Steven W. Kess; Francis X. McLaughlin, Jr.; Mark Stuart Paget; Sharon Jane Secor; Dr. Theodore M. Roberson and Dr. Jack W. Clinton were honored. Dr. Larry Coffee was presented the Outstanding Dental Leader Award along with Dr. Terry D. Dickerson receiving the Distinguished Humanitarian Award. The Incoming USA Section, Dr. Charles L. Smith was introduced.
ICD Dinner Dance
The Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting 2017 was a wonderful place to host the Eighth District annual luncheon. It was held on Saturday February 22 at the Hyatt Regency McCormick. We were pleased to share this event with our colleagues and friend from the Illinois Section of the American College of Dentists. Dr. Phillip Fijal, the Chicago Dental Society President welcomed us along with Dr. Terry Barnfield, President of the Illinois State Dental Society. Dr. Charles Smith, President of the International College of Dentists USA Section and Dr. Bert Oettmeier, Jr. gave their greetings from both organizations. Dr. Smith honored Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Emmering with the ICD-USA Service Award.

Honoring us as our speaker was Dr. Gary Roberts, President of the American Dental Association. He was introduced by ADA Eighth District Trustee, Dr. Robert Bitter. His remarks were about changes in Dentistry, a new approach to the licensing exam and how the ADA is addressing them. In attendance were: Dr. Kathy O’Loughlin, Executive Director; Dr. Joseph Crowley, President Elect; Irene Marron-Tarrazzi First Vice President; ADA Trustees-Dr. Gary Jeffers and Dr. Andrew Kwasny. ADPAC representatives: Drs. Loren Feldner, Rick Andolina, Drew Ferguson, Bruce Hutchinson, Tommy Harrison, Charles McGinty and Ms. Sarah Milligan.

The American College of Dentists presented Student Leadership Awards. Dr. Charles Squire Regent of Regency 5 was present for the presentation of the awards. Dr. Clark Stanford Dean of University of Illinois presented the award to Mr. Quach Bang. Dr. Bruce Rotter Dean of Southern Illinois School of Dental Medicine, presented the award to Mr. Gregory D. Long. Mr. William Nichols was presented his award by Dr. Lex MacNeil, Dean of Midwestern College of Dental Medicine.
The International College of Dentists Weclew Award was presented by Dr. George Zehak to Dr. Robert Unger. Dr. Zehak told us the story of how he knew Bob and how all of us have been touched by Bob in our dental careers. Bob was unable to attend due to his present health condition. His son, Dr. Joseph Unger accepted the award on his behalf. Joe later presented the award to his Dad.
In Memoriam

Thomas E. Prosser III DDS, born on November 11, 1920 in East St. Louis, Ill., died on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Aviston Countyside Manor, Aviston, Ill.

Dr. Prosser was a dentist for 45 years with his office in East St. Louis and then Fairview Heights, Ill. He retired July 1, 1990. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in 1937. Dr. Prosser received his Bachelor Degree from St. Louis University in 1941 and his Dental Degree from Washington University Dental School in 1945.

Dr. Prosser, along with his wife, Doris, was the recipient of the Papal Honor "Pro Ecclesia Et Pontifice" for establishing a dental clinic in Guatemala for the Belleville Diocese. The dental clinic at the Belleville Diocesan Mission, Guastatoya, Guatemala, was established in 1966 and Dr. Prosser served as its director until 1980 when it was turned over to the Guatemalan dentists.

Dr. Prosser was a veteran of World War II. He was a Fellow International College of Dentists, a Fellow American Association for the Advancement of Science, Life Member American Dental Association, Life Member Illinois State Dental Associate, Life Member St. Clair District Dental Society, Life Member Delta Sigma Delta Fraternity, and Life Member Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Fraternity. He was Past President Former East St. Louis Dental Society, Past President St. Clair District Dental Society, Past President Washington University Dental Alumni Association, Past President Former Catholic Physicians and Dentists Guild, and Past President St. Clair Count Heart Association. He was the Past Member of the Executive Council of the Illinois State Dental Society and also a member of the former Belleville Diocesan Guatemalan Mission Board.

Dr. Daniel J. Beer DDS, MAGD, FICD age 65 of Normal IL passed away at 7:10 AM on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Advocate BroMenn Medical Center, Normal IL.

Daniel was born March 26, 1952 in Watseka, Illinois the son of Harold J. and Mary A. Kupferschmid Beer. He married Holly Bohl on June 17, 1978 in Davenport, Iowa. She survives.

Daniel graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Education from the University of Illinois, Urbana. He taught high school in Muscatine, Iowa for 3 years. Then he went to Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa where he graduated with honors in Electrical Engineering. Daniel later graduated with honors from the University of Iowa, Iowa City with a Doctor of Dental Surgery. He and his family moved to Bloomington, IL in 1985, where he started his dental practice, Landmark Dental Group, Normal, IL. His son Dr. Andrew Beer joined his father’s practice 2012. He was a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, The American Dental Association and the Illinois State Dental Society. He was a ham radio operator and his call letters were N9NSN, he was an IFR rated pilot, he enjoyed woodworking and collected and restored antique radios. Daniel was a sports enthusiast and a lifelong Cubs fan. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and enjoyed his family pets. He had a passion for teaching and practicing the profession of Dentistry. He touched many lives and he will be missed by all who knew him.
The Illinois Section of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists District Eight Breakfast was held at the Illinois State Dental Society Annual Session at the Bloomington-Normal Marriott Conference Center on Saturday September 10, 2016. The keynote speaker for the event was Dr. Paul Landman. He provided an excellent presentation on Volunteerism. He answered questions about the benefits of providing dental care to many in various volunteer programs around the State and the World.
ICD Sponsors Mission Trip to Tanzania

The 8th District of the International College of Dentists was proud to help support the International Student Experience Program at the UIC College of Dentistry by presenting a check in the amount of $2433.00 to Dean Clark Stanford and Dr. Caswell Evans, Associate Dean for Prevention and Public Health Sciences. The funds will help dental student volunteers in Guatemala, China and Tanzania.

Two of the students who volunteered in Tanzania were Naheed Ahmad and Jessica Hyker. Here are some excerpts from a travel blog of their experiences.

What was it like to practice dentistry in Tanzania?

On our first day, we met the Dean and the Associate Dean of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences (MUHAS) College of Dentistry. We also got a tour of the school, which is the only dental school in the entire country of Tanzania, which has a population of about 53 million people. The school is divided into three departments - Restorative, Oral Surgery and Pediatrics, with Endodontics and Periodontics within the Restorative department.

All patients who come for initial exams first get screened and examined based on their chief complaint in the Oral Surgery department. Afterwards, the patient is referred to the Restorative Department based on whether the tooth/teeth related to the chief complaint can be restored and if the patient can afford to restore the tooth. The patient then also has the option to extract the tooth on the spot.

Dental Operatories at MUHAS School of Dentistry.

As far as access and payment, the government of Tanzania covers all of the treatment for these patients, minus about 10,000 Tanzanian Shillings (~$5 USD). If the surgery could not be covered in Tanzania, they would pay for the patient to go to India to get the surgery done. Despite this, most patients don't come into the dental clinic until they have reached chronic stages of care need. This is mostly because of a mistrust of western medicine and lack of healthy literacy.

Most of the teeth are non-restorable and of those that are, 35-50% of the patients choose to extract the teeth on the spot. Around 90% of the patients do not seek comprehensive care and only come in on an urgent care basis. The government employees and their families are the ones that can mostly afford to restore their teeth instead of extract them, because the government provides dental insurance coverage to their employees.

How does dental care in Tanzania compare to the US?

One thing that is strikingly different about the Tanzanian dental experience is the de-commercialization of dentistry. At MUHAS there is a strong emphasis on disease control. Some of the cases that we saw were pain-focused, but there were also many cases where controlling the patient's dental infections was a matter of life or death.
Another big difference was the extreme cases of oral pathology that we've only read about in textbooks. Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology screenings were one of the most challenging aspects of this rotation. We would see between 50 and 70 patients per day. About a quarter of the cases were ameloblastomas, a quarter of the cases were squamous cell carcinomas, a quarter were salololiths and a quarter were miscellaneous pathology. We got to see a plethora of procedures including incisional biopsies, wound dressing, intermaxillary fixations and incision and drainages of very large and life threatening abscesses. Despite the case load and challenging nature of the conditions, we were so impressed by the level of compassion offered by the school’s surgeons and other staff.

What was the biggest thing you appreciated from this rotation?

Naheed: I really appreciate how this rotation helped expand my horizons around public health. I particularly enjoyed the school outreach activity because I could see first-hand the huge impact even simple tooth decay can have on public health without proper access to care. I could see we were making a difference by educating the younger generation on the importance of oral health.

I will also be eternally grateful for the diverse friendships I made in Tanzania. These friends have challenged me to push my boundaries and see the world through different eyes, whether it be trying Tanzanian “mix” beach side on Cocoa Beach, encouraging to sing my first karaoke ever or illustrating hurdles that dentists face in a different part of the world.

Jessica: I really appreciated how nice and friendly the Tanzanian people were. We opted for the bus to save money, and so we rode shoulder to shoulder with locals. We were also invited to eat local foods on several occasions with members of the school staff. Even though most patients didn’t speak English, or that we didn’t blend in walking down the street, or enjoy all the food we were offered, it was still worthwhile to ‘step outside our comfort zone’ and really immerse ourselves in the native culture. That’s what really made it a memorable experience.

The entire article and blog can be read here: https://dentistry.uic.edu/blog/service-learning-tanzania

One of the most important missions of the International College of Dentists is to fund and staff mission trips abroad to countries with unmet dental need. Through your involvement with the ICD and by contributing to the ICD Foundation, you can help fund these types of programs. Please visit the ICD webpage for more information on current outreach projects and missions, and also to contribute to the ICD Foundation.
2017 Schedule of Meetings

ICD Annual Meeting
Convocation and Dinner
Omni Atlanta Hotel at CNN Center
Atlanta, GA

Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting
McCormick Place West
Chicago, IL
February 22-24, 2018

Annual Breakfast
Illinois State Dental Society Meeting
Union Station Hotel
St. Louis, MO
September 9, 2017

ACD/ICD Midwinter Meeting Luncheon
Hyatt McCormick Place
Chicago, IL
February 24, 2018

New Fellows Recognition Dinner
November 2017
TBD

PLEASE NOTE:
Notice of Meetings will be emailed. If you have email address changes, please send them to the ICD Headquarters at office@usa-icd.org

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