Dr. Matthew Geneser Receives AAPD Master Clinician Scholarship Award

Dr. Matthew Geneser, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, has received the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Master Clinician Scholarship Award. The scholarship provides all tuition for the Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) program as well as the course fee to participate in any upcoming AAPD Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry course.

Dr. Geneser joined the UI College of Dentistry in 2009 as an adjunct assistant professor. In 2011, he became a clinical assistant professor in the Pediatric Dentistry department. He has recently also become the department’s graduate program director.

Dr. Rebecca Slayton, head of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, comments, “I know this will be a great experience for him and the department will benefit as well.”

Dr. Rhys Jones, 1946-2012

The UI College of Dentistry lost a dear friend and colleague last week with the unexpected passing of Dr. Rhys B. Jones at the age of 65. Dr. Jones was a true professional who spent his life working to improve the oral health of the underserved. He will be greatly missed.

Rhys graduated from Williamsburg High School in 1965 and from the University of Iowa in 1970. He received two degrees from the UI College of Dentistry, including his DDS in 1973, and his MS in dental public health in 1981.

In addition to being a devoted husband and father, Rhys was a role model and passionate advocate for dental public health, working tirelessly on behalf of underserved populations. In 1990, Rhys was appointed adjunct professor in both Pediatric Dentistry and Public Health Dentistry at the College of Dentistry. Most of us knew Rhys through his role as the long-term director of St. Luke’s Hospital Dental Health Center in Cedar Rapids, an award-winning program that provides dental care to low-income children and disabled adults. Over the years, many senior dental students, pediatric dental residents, and dental public health graduate students worked with Dr. Jones at St. Luke’s. The St. Luke’s program has been one of the College’s most beloved extramural rotation programs for many years, and many of our students flourished and grew as a result of his mentorship.

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Prior to coming to the College of Dentistry, in the 1980s, Rhys was the director of the Dental Programs for Wisconsin, when he did much of his work in the education of dentists on AIDS-HIV, tobacco control intervention, fluoride use, and access to dentistry for poor and disabled populations. Rhys was a long-term member of numerous professional organizations and received many professional honors, including a World Health Organization Travel Fellowship to New Zealand and Australia; election by the College of Dentistry faculty to the national honorary dental society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon; the State of Wisconsin Employee Exceptional Performance Award; the U.S. Public Health Service Exemplary Performance Award; the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Special Merit Award; and the Association of State Dental Directors Distinguished Service Award.

In 1995, Dr. Jones was elected president of his national specialty group, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. He also served on the national Board of Directors of Oral Health Association and the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation Board. He was active nationally as a member of the National Smoke and Tobacco Free Steering Committee and consulted for the National Cancer Institute. He presented a number of continuing education programs across the country and authored over 40 papers and publications, including the cover story for the *Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA)* in August 2000, entitled “Tobacco and Oral Health, Past Progress, Impending Challenge.”

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the St. Luke’s Health Care Foundation, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.lensingfuneral.com.
Thao Kieu (D2) represented the UI College of Dentistry at the 48th Annual Dental Students’ Conference on Research, which was held at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washington Center on April 15-17, 2012.

The conference is sponsored by the American Dental Association Foundation (ADAF) and introduces promising young dental student researchers to scientists from the ADAF Paffenbarger Research Center, the American Dental Association (ADA), oral health industry leaders, and the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR).

During the 2012 Local Research Day, Thao received third place for her poster, “Evaluation of a Caries Risk Assessment Tool – a Pilot Study,” in the ADA Pre-Doctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition. Her co-authors were Drs. Karin Weber-Gasparoni and John Warren (her mentors) and Dr. Fang Qian.

(Above): Thao Kieu is seated in the first row, sixth from the left, in the group photo.
Dr. Robert Schneider Invited to Display His Glass Art at the Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher, Iowa

(Left and below): Dr. Robert Schneider, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has been invited to display his glass art at the Cedar Ridge Winery in Swisher, Iowa. His art is predominantly fused glass; some have a polished metal background. Dr. Schneider has also displayed his fused and stained glass at the Shueyville Art Gallery and the Chait Gallery in downtown Iowa City. He was also selected as "Best of Show" for two years in the UI Hospitals and Clinics faculty/staff art show. Dr. Schneider's current exhibit at the Cedar Ridge Winery will run through May.
College of Dentistry Alumnus, Joseph Nicolosi, Creates “Herky” Artwork to be Auctioned Off for 2012 IMOM

Joseph Nicolosi (DDS ’89), an artist as well as a writer and model, created a piece of “Herky” artwork, which will be auctioned off on Friday, May 4, 2012, at the President’s Gala during the 150th Iowa Dental Association’s annual session in Des Moines. The artwork has been signed by Iowa football coach, Kirk Ferentz, and by Nicolosi. All of the proceeds from the auction will go towards the 2012 Annual Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) event at the River Center in Davenport, Iowa, October 5-6.

After practicing dentistry in Rockford, Ill, Nicolosi’s second career began when he became a romance novel cover model. Besides writing, he has marketed pasta sauces under the “Duke of Sicily” brand name.

He has created his personal style of portraiture of various celebrities such as Madonna, Alec Baldwin; Charles of England; Prince of Wales; Vanessa Williams; President Barack Obama; and Senator Hillary Clinton. His art was included on Dr. Eileen Guggenheim’s list of the Top One Hundred Most Influential Artists in America Today.
Recent Publications


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Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Due to an illness, Crystal Fairlie, Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, will soon exhaust her sick leave and vacation.

Anyone who wishes to help Crystal by contributing vacation time may pick up a catastrophic leave donation form from either Jan Hinrichsen, S320, or by clicking [http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/benefits/forms/contrib.pdf](http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/benefits/forms/contrib.pdf).

Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Crystal’s behalf will be truly appreciated.

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Transitions

**Appointments**

Eric Forsberg
Adjunct Instructor
Preventive & Community/Broadlawns

**Departures**

Lorie Miller
Dental Assistant
Orthodontics

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Thoughts to Ponder

Why do they have drive-up ATM machines with Braille lettering?
Why is “abbreviated” such a long word?
Why do we never see the headline: **Psychic Wins Lottery**?
Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
Why didn’t Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
Why don’t sheep shrink when it rains?
Why isn’t there mouse-flavored cat food?
The Further Adventures of Mr. Gumby Man

Mr. Gumby Man snowboards in the Mammoth Lake, California, area.

Gumby Man heads north on US highway 395.