Christopher Hogden Selected to Participate in the NIH Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP)

Christopher Hogden (D4) is one of two dental students who have been selected to participate in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program (MRSP) for 2017-2018. The MRSP is a comprehensive, year-long research enrichment program designed to attract the most creative, research-oriented medical, dental and veterinary students to the intramural campus of the NIH in Bethesda, MD. Student scholars engage in a closely mentored basic, clinical, or translational research project on the main NIH campus in Bethesda or nearby NIH facilities that match their research interests and career goals.

Christopher will also receive a $75,000 grant with the MRSP. His D2 project was “The Role of Activation Function-1 (AF1) Domain in Sequence Specificity of the Glucocorticoid Receptor,” which he presented at the AADR Iowa Section Local Research Day in 2015 and then also at the IADR/AADR annual meeting in Boston, MA the same year. Dr. Miles Pufall, Biochemistry (his mentor), and L. Zhang were co-authors.

Christopher’s D3 project was “The N-Terminal Domain of the Glucocorticoid Receptor Modules DNA-Binding Specificity.” Co-authors included L. Zhang, G.D. Martini, H.T. Rube, H. Bussemaker, and Dr. Miles Pufall, his mentor. He presented his project at the AADR Iowa Section Local Research Day in 2016, at the AADR annual meeting in Los Angeles, CA, and at the Midwest Regional Dental Student Research Conference, which was held in Iowa City in 2016.

This year, Christopher received the 2017 Senior Research Achievement Award.

Twenty Pretty Darn Cute Teddy Bears Donated to the College of Dentistry

The husband of Kathryn Handtke (Class of 2017) has donated around 20 grey teddy bears, each with a red hat and scarf, which he acquired from his workplace.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry has accepted the bears and will have them on hand for their pediatric dental patients.
College of Dentistry Faculty and Students Go to Xicotepec, Mexico

For the seventh year, the UI College of Dentistry has participated in the Xicotepec, Mexico trip, which is led by Dr. Steve Levy, Preventive & Community Dentistry.

*International Perspectives: Xicotepec* is an interdisciplinary, service-learning course in which UI students work with faculty and Rotarians from Iowa and Mexico to carry out projects. This year, the College of Dentistry team provided preventive dental services to 1,200 children.

Student presentations about their experiences in Xicotepec were held recently at the Marriott Hotel, and the dental team regaled the audience with one of the songs they learned in Spanish to encourage children to practice good oral health care.

Participants for the trip included two faculty from the College of Pharmacy and six pharmacy students; one faculty from the Department of Theatre Arts, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences; three students from the College of Engineering; Daisy Patino, Family Dentistry and Preventive & Community Dentistry; Drs. Julie Reynolds and Steven Levy, both Preventive and Community Dentistry; Colby Beck (D2), Sophia Chen (D3), Adam Dixon (D2), and Andrew Welling (D2); and Sandra Osorio and Amy Uehara (who is pre-dental), both UI undergraduates.
An Interview with Miriam Barbero: Spanish Exchange Dental Student

Q: Where were you raised?
A: I was raised in Almería, which is a coastal city in the south of Spain.

Q: What is the name of the dental school in Spain you’ve been attending?
A: I have attended the Universidad de Odontología de Granada for the last five years.

Q: How did you become interested in dentistry?
A: I have always enjoyed working with people as well as with my hands. When I discovered a profession that combined both those interests, it was an easy choice! In addition, the best friend of my father is a dentist, and I have always admired his ability to make people happy through his work.

Q: Why did you decide to become an exchange student?
A: I was interested to see how dentistry is practiced around the world. The ability to interact with people of such a different culture was also a big inspiration for me.

Q: Have you noticed any differences in the curriculum or clinic teaching between your school in Spain and Iowa?
A: The biggest difference is the amount of clinical interactions the students at Iowa have versus in my country. The instructors are more passionate about helping the students and make sure that you feel comfortable asking questions and learning.

Q: What are your impressions of Iowa City and Iowa?
A: I love it! The people of Iowa City are very nice, and the food is amazing. My favorite restaurant is Formosa. Back home seafood is the staple of our diet, so I was very pleased when I found delicious sushi in Iowa!

Q: Will you have an opportunity to travel in the U.S. before returning to Spain?
A: Of course! I will be going to New York with my friend Paula on Memorial Day weekend. Furthermore, I will be visiting Chicago, Las Vegas and maybe Boston with my friend John.

Q: What are your plans after you graduate? Will you pursue a dental specialty or go into private practice?
A: I am currently applying for an orthodontic residency in Spain. I would like to dedicate my whole life to orthodontics as I am very passionate about it.

Q: What advice would you give other Spanish dental students who might be interested in the exchange program?
A: I would tell them to be prepared for a much faster paced and clinically focused curriculum. Furthermore, I would tell them to have very good fluency with the English language, as this has been one of the biggest challenges for me.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my experiences with you!

Dr. Gustavo Avila-Ortiz (Periodontics) notes, “Miriam is the first exchange dental student who has come from the University of Granada (UGR) … We have already sent Adam Bahr (Class of 2016) and Yessica Escutia (Class of 2017), and next year’s exchange student from Iowa will be Emilie Kenne (currently a D3).” Dr. Avila-Ortiz adds that the UGR will be sending another dental student to Iowa next year.
Jacob Eisenbach, Class of 1955

When Jacob Eisenbach was a teenager in Lodz, Poland he had a good friend who was a dentist. It was because of this relationship he became interested in dentistry.

In 1938, Jacob’s mother’s died and his youngest brother, Henry, died of typhus. On September 1, 1939, Hitler invaded Poland. As a 16-year-old, Jacob and his brother, Sam, watched Jews being rounded up, including his youngest brother who subsequently died at Auschwitz. His father was sent to a labor camp where he later died from exhaustion.

Jacob and Sam hid but were eventually discovered by Nazi soldiers. They were put on a cattle car and transported for three days to Skarzysko, Poland, where they worked in a munitions factory during the day (replacing German soldiers who had been sent to the Russian front), and were returned to the concentration camp at night.

During the war, the brothers labored in the munitions factory until July 1944 when because of the advancing Soviet troops, they were transferred to another weapons factory in Czestochowa, Poland. There, Jacob met his future wife, Irene.

In January 1945, Czestochowa was liberated and the Eisenbach brothers, along with Irene, walked out of the camp to freedom.

Of approximately 100 family members, only Jacob and Sam survived WWII. Two years later, Sam, who had joined the Polish Army after changing his name because of antisemitism, was killed when other soldiers discovered he was Jewish.

Irene and Jacob married and moved to Frankfurt, Germany so he could study dentistry at the University of Frankfurt. Because the school and city were located in the Allied occupied zone of Germany, they felt it was a safe place for them to live while he pursued his DMD.

As a small child, Jacob had enjoyed listening to adult conversations and had heard comments about the U.S. being the “greatest country in the world.” Although a cousin who had moved to Melbourne, Australia, after the war encouraged them to join him, Dr. Eisenbach and his wife came to New York instead.

A friend of Dr. Eisenbach’s, another Holocaust survivor, was attending medical school at the University of Iowa; he encouraged the Eisenbachs to come to Iowa City. After a long two-day trip by bus, the Eisenbachs couldn’t believe how beautiful and clean Iowa was and how nice the people were. He enrolled in the UI College of Dentistry, completed the required junior and senior years, and received his D.D.S. in 1955.

Dr. Eisenbach practiced dentistry in Cedar Rapids for 18 years; their three youngest sons were born in Iowa. When Irene developed health issues, they moved to Villa Park, California (Orange County) and Dr. Eisenbach practiced for 43 more years before retiring in 2015. Today, at 94, he speaks to the public about his experiences during the Holocaust and advocates that his audience take steps to prevent and eliminate genocide.

One adage he overheard as a child, which sustained him during the Holocaust and still sustains him today, is “No matter how dark the clouds may be, the sun will break through.”
Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Due to a serious medical issue, Sherry L. Harris, our College of Dentistry custodian from Facilities Management, will soon exhaust her sick leave and vacation. Anyone who wishes to help Sherry by contributing vacation time can go to https://hr.uiowa.edu/sites/hr.uiowa.edu/files/contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Sherry’s behalf will be truly appreciated.

Word Play
Richard III Interred: The reburial of a long-dead English king exhumed from a carpark. Such was his lot.

Bragarious: Enjoying the company of other people all praising you.

Debtutantes: The nouveau-poor.

Pachydorm: The elephant in the college student’s room.

Philosphy: The wisdom you learn from the extra money you spend when your debts are not paid in time.

Deja moo: Got milk.

Stable: A knife fight in a barn.

Haranoid: When you keep thinking a hair is in your food or mouth.

Polates: A popular exercise regimen performed using a pole.

Slimericks: Bulimic pentameters.

Quitar: The invariable guitar at a friend’s house that he only tried to play for, like, three months.

Laphorism: A saying that will make you laugh, as well as stop and think.

Nyeti: The Abominable No-man.

Dental Filling Station
May 22-26, 2017

Monday
Pork Tenderloin Sandwich & Chips $4.75
$1.00 Fountain with any Purchase
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis

Tuesday
Chicken Enchilada with Rice & Beans $6.00
$1.00 Coffee with any Hot Breakfast
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis

Wednesday
Smoked Pork Sandwich & Chips $4.80
$1.50 Granola Bar & Yoplait Yogurt
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis

Thursday
Taco Bar!!!!
Meatloaf with Potato & Vegetable $6.00
$2.00 Breakfast Sandwich
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis

Friday
Chicken Parmesan with Pasta $6.00
2 for $2.50 on 20 oz. Coke Product
Soup du Jour $2.65 / $3.65
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, & Paninis

Filling Station Notice

Beginning May 15, the Filling Station hours will be Monday–Thursday, 7:30-4:00 pm and Friday 7:30-2:00 pm.

On May 26 (Dental Commencement), the hours will be 7:30-2:00 pm.
Good news! The Iowa Dental Board has granted 6.5 hours of CE credit for the Culturally Responsive Health Care Conference. The Diversity Committee can pay the registration for up to 20 people, and we still have spots available for faculty, staff and students. Students can attend for either a half day or a full day and receive seminar credit as long as they do not skip class to attend the conference. If you are interested in the conference, please send an email to me at michelle-mcquistan@uiowa.edu. I will then register you for the conference.

Note: Dr. Peter Damiano, Preventive & Community Dentistry, will be presenting about health care reform — an ever-changing topic.

To view the program, go to http://cmetracker.net/UIOWA/Files/Brochures/168264.pdf.
Retiring

WISHING YOU THE BEST

Dr. Christopher Squier

Retirement Reception

Friday, June 30, 2017
1:30pm - 3:30pm Dean’s Conference Room
Join us as we celebrate the Retirement of Dr. Lewis Humbert & JoLene Humbert

Friday, June 30, 2017
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Lainson Seminar Room (S483)
Happy Retirement

Neil Reske
Celebrating 34 years
as an Instructional Resource Associate with
Orthodontics at the College of Dentistry.

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