Delta Dental Awards Dr. Owais Grant for Dental Student Groups

Delta Dental of Iowa awarded Dr. Arwa Owais an $8,124 grant to help support four dental student organizations. The funds will be used to support the Dental Public Health Club, the Pediatric Dentistry Student Club, the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA), and the Student Research Group. The funds will be used to support on-going efforts of these groups to improve oral health outcomes across Iowa. More specifically, the Dental Public Health Club funds will be used to bring in important scholars in dental public health and related fields, and the Student Research Group will help fund the publication costs of the research day booklet that contains the abstracts and findings of student researchers. The Pediatric Dentistry Student Club and the HSDA both provide service opportunities for their students—the pediatric group provides a dental screening for children in cooperation with the Iowa Children's Museum, and the HSDA provides oral health screenings and education and applies fluoride to prevent disease in Hispanic children and adults. The funds from the grant will be used to help fund these student service opportunities.

Dr. Butali Contributes to Newborn Screening Program

Azeez Butali recently wrote about newborn screening procedures and communicating across cultural barriers in a health-care context. The work was part of a larger volume that interviewed a host of experts on the Newborn Screening Program, and it was supported by the Iowa Department of Public Health, the Iowa Newborn Screening Program, the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital, and the University of Iowa State Hygienic Laboratory. In his contribution, Dr. Butali drew from both his scholarly expertise and his family’s personal experience with newborn screenings. An excerpt of Dr. Butali’s interview is below.

“Access to care is as important as information about care. Some families have limited access to care due to socio-economic situations or location (with little or no means of commuting). Again, regardless of whether the care or treatment is important, the economic situation and cost of treatment will be deciding factors and in most cases jeopardize the chances of the child getting continuous care.”

Read Dr. Butali’s full contribution here.
Dr. Cavalcanti Appointed to AADR Constitution Committee

At the 2018 AADR meeting, Dr. Bruno Cavalcanti was nominated and appointed as a member of the AADR Constitution Committee for a three-year term ending at the completion of the 2021 AADR Annual Meeting. His committee is responsible for reviewing the constitution and bylaws of the AADR, advising the Council regarding essential revisions, and monitoring compliance of the activities of the Division with the Constitution, among other responsibilities. Dr. Cavalcanti joins Dean David Johnsen, who serves on the Government Affairs Committee, and Dr. David Drake, who serves as treasurer on the AADR Board of Directors.

Dr. Fletcher Appointed Examiner for ABOMS

Dr. Steven L. Fletcher has been appointed as an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS). This prestigious appointment by the ABOMS is reserved for elite surgeons in the United States who have established themselves as leaders in the specialty.

The ABOMS is the certifying board for the specialty of oral and maxillofacial surgery in the United States and is recognized and approved by the Council on Dental Education of the American Dental Association. It is overseen by an eight-member Board of Directors. The objective of ABOMS is to elevate the standards of oral and maxillofacial surgery through a certification and maintenance of certification process that fosters excellence and encourages learning, thus promoting the delivery of superior health care.

Pictures from AADR

Several faculty and staff recently attended the 2018 AADR Annual Session and Exhibition in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The photos included were mostly taken by Dean Johnsen.
Pictures from the AADR Continued
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DSB Weekly Submissions

If you have news/photos you would like to submit to the DSB Weekly, please send them to Michael Tilley (jmtilley@uiowa.edu). **NOTE:** Soon, the DSB Weekly will transition to an email newsletter similar to Iowa Now. Since the content will be more easily accessible on the website, we may be changing the name of the DSB Weekly. If you have suggestions for a new name, please pass them along to Michael.

Recent Publications


Helpful Links

- **Noon Seminars**
- **The Latest Research News**
- **Filling Station Menu**

Dentistry in the News

Several Iowa dentists and alumni of the college were awarded loan forgiveness as part of the FIND (Fulfilling Iowa’s Need for Dentists) project. Read more from the Van Buren County Register.

Women in Business Speed Networking Event

The group, *Women in Business*, will host a speed networking event on on Tuesday, April 10th from 6:30-8:00 PM in S401. There will be small snacks provided and a structured agenda of introductions and then timed cycles of networking. The dress for the event is business casual. For more information, see here.
Noon Seminar Series

“Organelle Stress Response in Obesity-associated Insulin Resistance”

Galagan 14C DSB
Tuesday, April 10, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Refreshments available
Seminar Credit available

Ling Yang, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Dept. of Anatomy & Cell Biology
Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center
University of Iowa

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“Microbial Ecosystem in the oral cavity: Exploring structural and functional characteristics of an ecological niche”

Sukirth Ganesan, BDS
Ohio State University – College of Dentistry

Galagan A, DSB
Wednesday, April 11, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Noon Seminar Series

“From Cell Signaling to Gene Regulation, Toward the Genetic Understanding of Craniofacial and Dental Development – One Tissue at a Time”

Galagan 14A DSB
Friday, April 13, 2018
12:00 – 1:00 PM

Refreshments available
Seminar Credit available

Eric Van Otterloo, PhD
Post-Doctoral Fellow,
Dept. of Craniofacial Biology
University of Colorado - Aurora

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“Personalized Treatment for Ischemic Cardiomyopathy: Incorporating Expert Knowledge in Random Forest Approaches Using Observational Survival Data with Non-Overlapping Groups”

Min Lu, BS
PhD Candidate
Department of Biostatistics
University of Miami - Miami

Galagan C, DSB
Thursday, April 19, 2018
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Student Seminar Credit Available
WHERE DID YOU GROW UP? Shaaxi Province, China.

WHAT KIND OF MUSIC DO YOU ENJOY?
Both classic and pop.

WHAT BOOK ARE YOU CURRENTLY READING?

SOME OF YOUR PERSONAL INTERESTS OR HOBBIES:
Badminton, tennis, history, travel.

IF YOU COULD VISIT WITH THREE FAMOUS PEOPLE, WHO WOULD THEY BE? Newton, Gauss and Einstein.

SOME OF YOUR FAVORITE MOVIES?
Casablanca, Beautiful Mind, Gladiator.

WHAT DOES TEACHING AT THE DENTAL COLLEGE MEAN TO YOU? My pleasure and responsibility – a perfect combination!

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO DENTAL STUDENTS?
Aim high and persevere!