This year marks some amazing milestones for our department. During the August All Collegiate Conference, we celebrated Dr. Steve Clark (15 years), Tracy Just (20 years), Terri Shay (15 years), Kathy Schnoebelen (10 years), and Sheena Hogue (5 years) for their years of service to the college.

In October, we celebrated the 100 years of the Dental Hygiene profession. The first formalized training for dental hygienists began at the Fones School of Dental Hygiene in Bridgeport, Connecticut in 1913. Congratulations to Tracy Just, Mary Bruning Anderson, Jo Lene Humbert, Nancy Slach and all dental hygienists!

Dr. Luca Gobbato lectured to the periodontics residents, staff, and faculty on August 9, 2013, on management of the extraction site in the anterior maxillary segments and implant esthetics. His lecture included a variety of cases that illustrated the importance of proper treatment planning and multidisciplinary dentistry to achieve satisfactory and predictable results in different clinical scenarios with high esthetic demands.

Dr. Gobbato graduated from the University of Verona in 2007 and then moved to Boston where he trained as a periodontist in Tufts University. He maintains a private practice in Verona, Italy, with exclusive dedication to periodontics and oral implantology; he is also a visiting professor at Harvard University and an adjunct clinical assistant professor at the University of Verona.

Dr. Gobbato is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology. He has authored several publications in the topic of implant esthetics in peer-reviewed journals such as the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants, the International Journal of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry, and Clinical Oral Implants Research.

Dr. Kim A. Brogden gave an invited presentation at the 3rd International Meeting on Antimicrobial Peptides (IMAP 2013), which was held in London, UK, in September. His talk was “HBD3 Regulated Chemokine and Cytokine Responses.” The meeting was held in Burlington House, the London Headquarters of the Royal Society of Chemistry.
99th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology

Faculty from the Department of Periodontics attended the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology in historic Philadelphia, September 28-30. This year’s annual meeting was dedicated to Dr. D. Walter Cohen who established the Department of Periodontics at University of Pennsylvania and went on to serve as Dean and President of the Medical College of Pennsylvania. He is widely known for his contributions to dental education and to the scientific community.

In addition to attending continuing education programs at the Pennsylvania Convention Center, faculty members were active in various AAP committees and workshops. Dr. Gustavo Avila chaired the AAP Foundation’s New Century Committee meeting, and he presented, “Predictors of Healing Dynamic following Intraoral Bone Grafting” in the AAP Foundation’s session on future horizons in periodontology. Drs. Avila and Georgia Johnson served on award selection committees for the Foundation. Dr. Paula Weistroffer represented Iowa at the State and Regional Assembly. Drs. Clark, Elangovan and Weistroffer attended the Predoctoral Workshop: The Art and Science of Educating to Competency. Drs. Lewis Humbert and Johnson represented Iowa at the Postdoctoral Educators Workshop: Decoding Insurance Codes: Teaching our Residents, and Dr. Avila attended the AAP Education Committee meeting.

Dr. Satheesh Elangovan received the AAP Foundation Sunstar Research Fellowship for basic science at the AAP Foundation Signature Recognition Event held at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. Full-time, board certified periodontal educators engaged in periodontal research are eligible to apply for this competitive award, and the $50,000 award is designed to assist faculty members in debt relief. This was the inaugural year for this award which is intended to advance the specialty through cutting-edge research.
Faculty enjoyed seeing several Iowa Periodontal Alumni at the Iowa Reception. Pictured above, Dr. and Mrs. Henry Espinosa (Iowa Perio 1978) and Dr. Tim (Iowa Perio 1980) and Kristi Bockenstedt (Iowa BS 1974, 1992)


Left to right: Drs. Jon Kobs (Iowa DDS 1975; Perio UNC), Jon Jenkins (Iowa Perio 1986), John Herrin (Iowa Perio 1985)
Satheesh Elangovan was selected by the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research program committee as one of the invited finalists for the presidential poster competition in the recently held society's annual meeting held in Baltimore, MD. The title of his presentation was 'Enhanced Bone Regeneration Utilizing Non-Viral Nanoplex Activated Collagen Scaffolds'. The objective of this study was to develop a non-viral gene delivery system to enhance bone regeneration that has the potential to overcome the barriers that exist with current bone biomaterials. The collaborators for this study were Drs. Aliasger Salem (UI Pharmacy), Liu Hong and Deborah Dawson. Drs. Clark Stanford and Georgia Johnson served as consultants for this study.