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FIRST UW PEDIATRIC DENTAL ALUMNI RECEPTION IN NEW YORK

The first University of Washington Pediatric Dental Alumni reception was held on May 24, 2003 in New York City in conjunction with the Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Over 45 people attended this inaugural event. With the formation of the UWPD alumni group, there will be a variety of opportunities to hold future get-togethers such as this. The evening featured food, drink and special announcements. Dr. Dennis Sipher, PG Program Director, welcomed the group and introduced the second year residents, all of whom attended the annual session. A highlight of the evening was the auctioning of a football helmet donated by the practice of Drs. Liu and Lombardi. The official UW helmet was signed by Rick Neuheisel, UW head coach, and Marques Tuiasosopo, former Rose Bowl star and current NFL player. The bidding for the helmet was intense. After an opening bid and some exciting "on-ups-personship," Dr. Sara Hill led an effort and en-



Dr. Bertha Barriga was instrumental in planning the wonderful reception.

gaged her classmates, Dr. Kyoko Awamura and Dr. Lombardi, to join forces with Dr. Bryan Williams of CHRMC to achieve the lofty amount of \$3,500 donated to the department. To top that, they then "re-donated" the helmet to CHRMC, where Dr. Williams will later "re-auction" toward that cause. Thanks to all of them for their generous donation, and for instilling such excitement into the evening. Special thanks go to the entire event planning committee which in-

cluded Dr. Bertha Barriga, Dr. Sally Sue Lombardi, Ms. Linda Yedlin, and Dr. Dennis Sipher. The group worked hard in advance to ensure it would be a terrific evening. The new UWPD alumni group inspired many individual donations to the department, all of which will be directed toward helping the department. The entire AAPD Executive Committee also attended to help kick off the UWPD alumni group. ●

NEW UW PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ALUMNI
GROUP INSPIRES MANY

WHAT'S UP WITH THE RESIDENTS?

BY JENNIFER MARSHALL

It's not all work for the UW Pediatric Dental Residents. The residents are hoping the fish are biting in Alaska as

they soon plan to feast on Alaskan salmon at the home of Dr. Fleege and his wife, Stephanie Marvin. Dr. Mast will also be feeding the residents and sharing some of his expertise at his office in Bellevue. In addition, most of the residents have taken part in educational seminars for medical residents. Some of these seminars have been in Spokane, Olympia, Yakima, and Boise.

As an incentive, food is always provided!!! Food seems to be the theme for all extracurricular events.



Dr. Dennis Sipher, PG Director, introducing Residents at AAPD meeting in New York



Resident Class of 2003 (left to right) Jay Enzler, Geoff Grant, Michelle Kobayashi, Rob Mirabelli

FUTURE ALUMNI HARD AT WORK TODAY

In March 2003, Jennifer Marshall, 1st year resident, was offered a rather unique opportunity by Children's Hospital Dental Clinic. She attended a three-day international meeting on autism in Gothenburg, Sweden. The reason for the trip was to further her knowledge of autism for her research project on autism. The meeting was extraordinary and included speeches from many

well-known autism researchers and clinicians from several countries. Following her trip, Dr. Marshall gave a one-hour presentation on autism for her fellow residents and the faculty at Children's Hospital. For those pediatric dentists in the community participating in her research project, approval to begin collecting data is just around the corner.



2nd year residents Drs. Grant and Mirabelli enjoy the alumni reception

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ALUMNI SPIRIT INVADES MARRIOTT MARQUIS

"I've never seen anything like it," said local arrangements committee member and New York PD Dr. Jed Best, a guest at the party. "She upped her own bid." Yes, she did, indeed. Dr. Sarah Hill, 1996 UWPD graduate and her classmates Dr. Kyoko Awamura and Dr. SallySue Lombardi, together with their hospital chief Dr. Bryan Williams

teamed up to raise the winning helmet bid to \$3,500. This contribution will help support departmental activities. "I think we've established a healthy competitive environment - the kind that translates alumni spirit into action," said Dr. Joel Berg, Chair. Thanks to the winning bidders for their support and for helping make the evening so much fun.

What's in store for us next year in San Francisco?



UWPD Class of '96 and Dr. Williams show off their \$3,500 gift's prize!

RESIDENTS SAY GOODBYE - UW CREATES FOUR NEW PEDIATRIC DENTISTS BY GEOFF GRANT

The graduating class of 2003 is currently busy completing their research projects and finalizing plans for after graduation. Each graduate has thoroughly enjoyed the past two years, especially the close relationships that have developed within the class. However, each is excited about pursuing the next step in practicing pediatric dentistry.

In June of 2003 the University of Washington Department of Pediatric Dentistry will graduate the following four enthusiastic new pediatric dentists:

- Geoff Grant, originally

from Vancouver BC, graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1996. He is currently considering a couple of practice options in Vancouver and also in the Seattle area.

- Jay Enzler graduated from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, in 1998. Jay will be returning to Spokane with his wife and three children to open a practice in the Spokane area and be close to his extended family.
- Michelle Kobayashi, originally from Honolulu, Hawaii, graduated from dental school at the University of Washington in 2001. She

will be returning to the sunshine of Hawaii with her fiancé, where she will be joining a large established pediatric practice in Honolulu.

- Rob Mirabelli, originally from New York, graduated from Harvard dental school in 2001. His plans include relocating to practice in Arizona with his wife who is currently an orthodontic graduate student at the University of Washington.

We wish the best to our new pediatric dentists! ●

INCOMING FIRST YEAR RESIDENTS BEGIN JULY 1, 2003

Please allow us to introduce our four new residents, now beginning their pediatric dentistry career at the University of Washington:

- Dr. Kristin Johannsen just completed her dental training at the University of Southern California.
- Dr. Joseph Kelly is a 1993 graduate of Creighton Uni-

versity School of Dentistry, and has been dental director of Santee Health Center in Niobrara, Nebraska.

- Dr. Victoria Vu is a 1999 graduate of Baylor College of Dentistry, and completed her GPR at the UT Houston program.
- Dr. Yoo-Lee Yea recently graduated from the

University of Michigan. All four of our new residents were nationally competitive, and we are honored to add them to our esteemed list of (future) alumni. Welcome! We hope that you will all get to know them soon. ●

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NEW SECOND YEAR RESIDENTS READY TO TAKE THE LEAD BY CHRIS LUGO

The class of 2004 is a very diverse group with a vast span of interests. Following alphabetical order and not preference of favorite resident, I will start with myself. My name is Chris Lugo and my wife and I moved from Boston to the Seattle area. We recently had a beautiful daughter, who has filled my life with joy and increased my ability to sleep though crying and pagers.

Jennifer Marshall is the second resident who is considered a workaholic by her fellow residents. She has contributed greatly to the program, but as for hobbies, we are unaware of any other than Pediatric Dentistry. Scott Rowley is the anchor of the group. He has demonstrated

his love of extreme athletics such as climbing to the top of Mount Rainier, and being dropped into a bottomless crevasse in a local glacier! Stay tuned for more, plus our research, next time. ●



2nd year resident Dr. Scott Rowley on top of Mt. Rainier

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ONLINE ATLAS OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY - ITS TIME HAS COME

Over the past 10 years, Drs. John Davis (retired) and Devereaux Peterson (pre-doc Director and Associate Professor) have been continuously working on perfecting the first electronic *Atlas of Pediatric Dentistry*. Their efforts have resulted in a collection that contains more information than most conventional textbooks of pediatric dentistry, including 3000 pages of text and over 2500 color photographs, radiographs and other illustrations. In addition, because the *Atlas* is designed with *HTML* formatting, it can be

accessed on-line, as well as in CD ROM format. Drs. Davis and Peterson hope that the *Atlas* will be used not only for pre-doctoral education both at UW (as it is today) and at many other schools, but also for continuing education of dentists and for staff training in professional offices. There may also be significant international education opportunities as the worldwide community of dentistry grows in its need for pediatric dental education. By creating future user interfaces for specific purposes, the

Atlas can provide a means to educate a variety of different audiences, all needing information on children's oral care. Stay tuned for more interesting news on the *Atlas* as its "launch" unfolds. ●



UW PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: WHERE WE'RE HEADED

by Joel Berg, DDS, MS

I have been honored to serve as the Chair of your *alma mater* for the past 4 months. During the short time here, I have reaffirmed and strengthened my awareness about the many outstanding achievements of the department. I have also noted that the ingredients for continued success are well established. We will continue to strive to be the best in all we do. Specifically, we are in the early stages of "re-engineering" our pre-doctoral program. Our objective is to train the most qualified general dentists to care for children. We know that the demands placed upon GPs in caring for kids will grow in the future, and we want the UW to be a leader in this regard.

Look for more on exciting developments in this arena. Our PG/residency program continues to improve. Dr. Sipher, completing his first year as Director, has reinvigorated all stakeholders involved. Dr. Leggott is Principal Investigator of the MCH training grant, and we have enrolled our first resident trainees under this very limited opportunity. Look for more specific news on the PG program in the near future. The department has begun discussion of its education and research mission. We are capturing the expertise of Dr. Domoto, Dr. Mouradian and others to design a next generation infant oral health (IOH) education and research program. This multidisciplinary program will endeavor to become a

world class leader in education, research and service. More on this soon. We also aim to engage in exciting restorative dentistry and pulp therapy clinical research, leading toward new evidence for what practitioners need to know every day. I am proud to work closely with the outstanding experts at CHRMC including Drs. Bryan Williams and Barbara Sheller. We are also deeply grateful for our dedicated affiliate faculty. I am thrilled to be in an environment so ripe with opportunity and particularly with so many terrific people with many diverse interests. I look forward to sharing our achievements with you. Please call me if I can serve you better in any way. ●