Dear LSUSD Department of Pediatric Dentistry Alumni and Friends,

We have much to celebrate this holiday season in the department!

Let’s take a minute to congratulate our alumni and friends who successfully passed their ABPD Oral Boards:

Dr. Kellie Axelrad – 2009 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Greater New Orleans Area

Dr. Brad Comeaux – 2005 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Baton Rouge
Dr. Paige Comeaux – 2005 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Greater Baton Rouge Area

Dr. Jeff Ellard – 1980 LSUSD Dental and current Gratis Faculty, practicing in Greater Baton Rouge Area
Dr. Johnnie Hunt – 2002 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Baton Rouge
Dr. Jennifer Finney – 2009 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Alexandria
Dr. Hina Khan – 2009 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Arlington, TX
Dr. Yunus Langha – 2008 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Houston, TX
Dr. Brynn Leroux – 2007 LSUSD, practicing in Greater Baton Rouge Area
Dr. Brooke McCallum – 2009 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Baton Rouge and Thibodeaux

Dr. Teresa Perkins – Former full time LSU Faculty and current Gratis Faculty, current faculty at University of Mississippi in Jackson, MS
Dr. Tessa Smith – 2003 LSUSD Residency, practicing in Greater New Orleans Area

Dr. Ruchi Arora, 2008 residency graduate, welcomed her son Arjun Khindri into this world on November 2nd.

This month Drs. Kellie Axelrad, Nicole Boxberger (2010 LSUSD Residency, currently practicing in Greater New Orleans Area), and Sapna Patel (2010 LSUSD Residency, currently practicing in LaPlace) joined the Gratis Faculty. We appreciate their willingness to donate their time to help improve the educational experiences for residents and dental students!

Interviews for new residents took place on November 18 and 19. Thanks to the following part-time faculty for generously helping members of our full-time faculty in conducting these interviews: Drs. Vic Babin, Linda Cao, Claudia Cavallino, Robert Musselman, and Richard Olinde.
Dr. Linda Cao, LSUSD Residency 2007 and current Gratis Faculty practicing in Metairie, and Dr. Phuong Nguyen welcomed their son Bailian Phi Nguyen on November 26, 2010.

Dr. Vincent Liberto married Betsy Wheat on November 27 during a beautiful ceremony in Plano, Texas.

The Practice Management Seminar for the residents was held on December 3rd. In the morning, residents gathered money and practice management tips from Keith Duet, Anthony Dileo and Drs. Richard Olinde, John Hendry, Johnnie Hunt, Rick Sanders, Tom Wingo, Pam Shaw and Phil Moses. In the afternoon, recent board examiners Drs. John Hendry, Richard Olinde, and Priyanshi Ritwik reviewed the oral board process with the residents. Thanks to all the presenters and especially Dr. Olinde for organizing this event!

On November 17th, I had the opportunity to present a lecture on “Infant Oral Health” as part of Grand Rounds at Children’s Hospital.

Happy Holidays from the LSU Department of Pediatric Dentistry! We appreciate all of your support in the last year and I believe we are going to accomplish great things in 2011!

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