

November 2010

Hello Alumni and Friends,

So many exciting things have happened since our last newsletter. I hope you will share this news with your friends and colleagues:

- We have a new member of our full-time faculty. Join me in welcoming Dr. Rosalynn Crawford-McKendall. Within the past month, she got married, honeymooned, moved cross-country and started taking care of our patients. I hope you get to meet her soon.

Dr. Crawford-McKendall is originally from Boligee, Alabama, and is a graduate of Jackson State University in Jackson, Mississippi. She received her DDS from the College of Dentistry at New York University (NYU). Upon graduation, she completed a two-year GPR at Bronx Lebanon Hospital in New York and then worked as a general dentist in Maryland. She returned to NYU and after completing her pediatric dentistry training in 2005, served as a clinical assistant professor. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

- Drs. Edward Donaldson and Jill Donaldson made an incredibly generous donation of \$10,000 to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry to fund improvements. All of us in pediatric dentistry will benefit from this gift so please join me in thanking them when you see Edward and Jill!
- Alumni Drs. Ken Brown, Rob Delarosa, John Hendry, Phil Moses, Rick Olinde and Tom Wingo launched "Adopt a Resident," a fundraising campaign to support the residents in our postgraduate program. We appreciate the innovative thinking and enthusiasm that went into this venture!
- Dr. Nicole Boxberger's research paper entitled "Ameloblastic Fibro-odontoma: a Clinicopathologic Study of 12 Cases and a Review of the Literature" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Clinical Pediatric Dentistry*. Dr. Boxberger is a 2010 graduate. Her co-authors are Dr. Robert Brannon, LSUSD oral pathologist, and Dr. Craig Fowler. Dr. Brannon has been a long-time supporter of our residents and department. It's always exciting to have an article published in a peer-reviewed journal. Congratulations to all!
- Dr. Laura Hogue, a member of our part-time faculty, is recovering well from shoulder surgery. We are happy to have her back teaching!
- Dr. Robert Musselman, along with residents Dr. Christen Massey and Dr. Christopher Marc Jones, participated in the Health and Fitness Fest sponsored by Orleans Parish School Board Exceptional Children's Services. The fest was held on October 27 at Mahalia Jackson School, located in Central City in New Orleans.
- The Pediatric Dentistry II lecture ended October 15. Third-year dental students will continue to rotate through the LSUSD pedo clinic and also through the Special Children's Dental Clinic at Children's Hospital.

- The senior selective course for dental students interested in spending more time in pediatric dentistry began November 1. More than 30 students signed up for 20 available spots in the selective. These students will participate in OR observation, resident seminar, and patient treatment at Special Children's Dental Clinic and in the LSUSD Pedo Clinic.
- Thanks to Dr. Ashla Martin, a GPR resident, and Ms. Treena Randolph, our departmental scheduler, for joining me on October 23 in the LSUSD Special Smiles event that provided screenings for the Special Olympics in Carencro, Louisiana. Former faculty member Dr. Conrad Poe also participated in the screenings.
- It was my personal honor to be part of the "White Coat Ceremony" for the second-year dental class. The purpose of the ceremony is to publicly acknowledge the transition of students to clinicians and to make a personal pledge to uphold the highest standards of ethics and professionalism.
- For news updates about the LSU School of Dentistry, go to: <http://www.lsusd.lsuhsd.edu/>.

Please note these upcoming events:

- Resident interviews are scheduled for November 18 and 19. Dr. Priyanshi Ritwik has worked hard to improve our interview process this year for the department and the applicants!
- The next faculty meeting for full- and part-time faculty is Wednesday, December 1 at Lakeview Harbor Restaurant at 6 pm.
- The Resident Practice Management Course and LAPD meeting are scheduled for Friday, December 3, at LSUSD.

Lastly, I want to thank you for the positive feedback on last month's newsletter! It's satisfying to know that we are getting re-connected. Please send in your news; we all want to hear about you!

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