Hi,

I want to share with you some of the recent events in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry:

• Dr. Vajahat Yar Khan, LSU Pediatric Dentistry ’05, has joined our list of board-certified alumni. Congratulations!

• The Department of Pediatric Dentistry teamed with the New Orleans Dental Association and Catholic Charities to host “Give Kids A Smile Day” on February 4. We treated 16 patients at that event. Thanks to Dr. Claudia Cavallino for organizing this event!

• The department warmly welcomes the following incoming residents to the Class of 2013:
  - Dr. Susan Fallahi, Ohio State University School of Dentistry, DDS ’09, and Pediatric Dentistry Fellow
  - Patrick Knoell, University of California at San Francisco School of Dentistry, Class of 2011
  - Dr. Ashla Martin, University of Tennessee School of Dentistry, DDS ’07, and current LSU GPR resident
  - Erin Maturin, LSUSD, Class of 2011

We would also like to congratulate Dr. Brittany Jones, LSUSD ‘08 and Shilpa Nileshwar, LSUSD Class of 2011, for acceptance to UT-San Antonio.

• On February 15, Tessie Prevost Williams, Pediatric Dentistry administrative assistant, gave a compelling talk to students, faculty, and staff at the dental school. In her presentation, “The Civil Rights Movement through the Eyes of a Child,” Tessie recounted her experiences as one of four children selected to integrate the New Orleans Public School System in 1960.

• Best wishes to 2nd year resident Dr. Nicole Quisenberry on her marriage to Dr. John Staman on February 19!

• Faculty member Dr. Rosalynn Crawford-McKendall has had a busy month! She was featured in The Times-Picayune and on a WBOK radio spot and became a member of the New Orleans Dental Association.

• Congratulations to dental assistant Johari Neason and husband Brandon McCoy on the birth of their new baby girl Bailey on January 26!

• At the Mardi Gras parades this year, be sure to look for Dr. Pamela Shaw riding in Muses (float 10, neutral ground side) and Dr. Mark Garon riding in Bacchus! Maybe one of us will get a shoe!

• Thank you to the Baton Rouge Dental Society for the honor of presenting a lecture on dental trauma to its members. It was great seeing pediatric dentists Johnnie Hunt, Robert Delarosa, Paige Comeaux, Bradley Comeaux, Joe Yale, Tom Kiebach, and Kredenna Beverly in the group!

• We were excited to have 1989 pediatric dentistry alumni Dr. Dean Brandon and his wife visit the clinic on their trip to New Orleans on Friday, February 18!

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Looking forward to the AAPD meeting in New York in May, plans are under way for an informal cocktail hour near the hotel on either Friday or Saturday night. If you are familiar with the area, I would appreciate suggestions! I hope to see many of you there!

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