

LSU DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Department News

The residents have been busy this July! The second year residents have successfully transitioned to the clinic at Children's Hospital! The first year residents have done a great job acclimating to New Orleans and the LSU Department of Pediatric Dentistry!

To help prepare the new residents for their Minor Tooth Movement clinic **Dr. Carol Stuckey** taught an intensive 2 day preparation course for the residents on June 22 and 23. We appreciate all Dr. Stuckey does to provide this experience for the residents.

Dr. Pamela Shaw helped introduce the new residents to the faculty and staff by throwing a Welcome Pool Party on Sunday, July 10. It was a great day of food, fun, and fellowship!

To begin their sedation training the first year residents attended the LSU Continuing Education Sedation Course on July 15 and 16. In addition to learning about sedation the residents had the opportunity to meet many LSU Pediatric Dentistry Alumni!

The second year residents continue to provide leadership to their peers by helping them with paperwork and assisting them on call. We appreciate all their hard work for the department.

The dental students have also had some great pediatric experiences so far this year. The D4 students began their rotation through the pediatric dentistry clinic in July.



Game Time the at Resident Welcome Pool Party! Left to Right Resident Dr. Christen Massey, 2011 Alumna Dr. Nicole Staman, Resident Dr. Erin Maturin, Part Time Faculty Dr. Stephen Holmes. Pictures by Dr. Robert Musselman



Residents Dr. Michael Von Gruben (and son Joseph) and Dr. C. Marc Jones

The D3 students started their Pediatric Dentistry II Lecture series in July. So far we have been privileged to have **Dr. Richard Olinde** lecture on "Anterior Restorations for Primary Teeth" and **Dr. John Hendry** lecture on "Dentistry for Special Needs Patients". Thank you for taking the time to make an impact on our dental students!

Have fun reading about our new residents on the next page and have a great end of the summer!

Class of 2013



Dr. Susan Fallahi received a BS in Biology from The Ohio State University (OSU) in 2005. After receiving her DDS degree from OSU in 2009, she completed a one-year pediatric dentistry fellowship at Nationwide Children's Hospital/The Ohio State University. She worked as a general dentist in a pediatric practice in Columbus, Ohio for one year before moving to New Orleans for her residency. She grew up in Cincinnati but has been living in Columbus for the past nine years. Dr. Fallahi loves to practice yoga, ride her bike and play with her dog. She was recently and is looking forward to getting married in New Orleans next year!

Dr. Patrick Knoell grew up in Buffalo, New York, Colorado Springs, and San Francisco. He enlisted in the Navy in 1989, and after Operation Desert Storm, was stationed in Japan for four years. In 2000, he received a BS in Molecular Cell Biology from UC-Berkeley. Immediately after graduation, he started his own web design company and created many websites including Predents.com; he also bartended for eleven years. In 2006, Dr. Knoell embarked upon a new career and started dental school at the University of California-San Francisco. He enjoys playing the guitar, surfing, sky-diving and practicing Cesar Gracie-Brazilian Jujitsu. He is the technological guru for all of your computer needs!



Dr. Ashla Martin is from the small town of Minden, Louisiana. She received her BS in Biology from Xavier University of Louisiana in 2003 and then moved to Memphis to continue her education. After receiving her DDS from University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 2007, she practiced at a community health center in northwestern Louisiana, worked as a locum tenen in Houston, and recently completed a General Practice Residency at LSU. Dr. Martin loves shopping, traveling, and cooking. She is currently working on a cookbook and looks forward to sharing her recipes with the pediatric department!

Dr. Erin Maturin grew up in Franklin, Louisiana where she attended Hanson Memorial High School. She danced ballet, tap, and jazz for 15 years and is a big fan of the television show "So You Think You Can Dance". She graduated from Louisiana State University in 2007 with a BS in Biology and received her DDS from LSU School of Dentistry in 2011. During dental school, she conducted research studying the effects of cigarette smoke extract on PDL cells. Dr. Maturin loves to travel, watch movies, read (especially Twilight and Harry Potter) and doesn't eat seafood or anything green!

