Department News

Welcome to the friends and alumni of the LSUSD Department of Pediatric Dentistry!

As the weather cools down in New Orleans, the department has been busy with a number of events!

This fall members of the Student Chapter of the AAPD paired with dental residents and the LSU service organization Making Impressions to reach out to the community at Praise Fest Community Health Fair. This event provided screening and oral health information for children and adults and was a fun day on Bayou St. John.

In addition to outreach, the Student Chapter of the AAPD has enjoyed a number of great speakers over the last three months. Dr. Robert Delarosa visited the chapter in October to speak about practice management and to discuss the clinical practice of pediatric dentistry. Also in October members of the Children’s Hospital Craniofacial Team visited the students to discuss the multidisciplinary treatment of patients with craniofacial anomalies. Clinic coordinator Ms. Mary Ellen Alexander and plastic surgeon Dr. Michael Moses discussed their roles within the team. In November chapter members had the opportunity to join Dr. Pamela Shaw at her Metairie office to talk about how to manage controversial cases in pediatric dentistry. The students and dental residents had a fun evening touring the office and discussing patient care!
As LSU football season came to a close, the residents took some time out of their busy schedule to cheer on the Tigers and enjoy tailgating in Baton Rouge.

On Halloween, the residents turned the dental clinic into a corral and dressed in their finest cowboy attire while treating patients. Two bananas were also seen roaming around clinic.

In December, the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual meeting in Dallas, Texas. At this meeting, Dr. Marvin Cavallino ended his term as president. Congratulations Dr. Cavallino on this achievement!

The annual Practice Management Seminar, organized by Dr. Richard Olinde, was held at LSU School of Dentistry in December. The residents and private practice pediatric dentists in attendance participated in discussions on retirement planning and insurance with Mr. Keith Duet and public relations and new media management with Ms. Ashley Dwyer. In the afternoon, the residents participated in a question and answer session with Drs. Steven Marcello, Eric Sanders, Johnnie Hunt, and John Hendry. Thanks to everyone who made this day a success!
The Department of Pediatric Dentistry held its annual holiday party at the home of Dr. Marvin Cavallino. A good time was had by all the residents, staff, and faculty that attended, especially during the Christmas gift exchange!

**Resident News:**

First- and second-year residents pose with newlyweds Susan Fallahi and Adam Dennis.

Alumni News:

We would like to congratulate second-year resident Susan Fallahi on her recent marriage to Adam Dennis.

Residents Ashla Martin, Susan Fallahi, Bijal Naik and Erin Maturin get in the Christmas spirit.

Residents Ashla Martin and Bijal Naik taking a break from dancing at Susan’s wedding for a photo.

Congratulalations to all of our LSU alumni who recently achieved diplomat status with the ABPD. Thanks to Drs. Joe Yale, Claudia Cavallino, Liz Thorson, Sarah Khani, and Andrew Heaton for sharing the good news with the department!

Save the date for the next big party! The resident recognition dinner is Friday, June 21! Be sure to watch the mail for your invitation and join us in New Orleans to celebrate our residents!

Dr. Pamela Shaw added camel riding to her list of accomplishments as she and her husband, Hank Smith, visited Egypt this fall!