

Advanced Education Graduation

On June 22, 2012, the 39th class of advanced education students graduated from the LSUHSC School of Dentistry. Twenty-seven certificates were awarded in the specialties of endodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontics, and prosthodontics. Sixteen additional certificates were awarded to residents who completed the General Practice Residency Program, which focuses on hospital-based dentistry and care of medically compromised patients. Seven of the certificates were awarded to fellows who completed one-year programs in oral and maxillofacial surgery and dental implants. Dr. Eric Hovland, director of the Office of Advanced Education, moderated the certificate-awarding ceremony.

Dr. Ronald A. Bell, professor in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics at the College of Dental Medicine, Medical University of South Carolina, delivered the graduation address. His entertaining talk, "A Three Minute Record," cited lyrics of rock and roll tunes to remind the graduates of the importance of finding a balance between profession, family and friends. A graduate of LSUSD programs in dentistry (1973) and pediatric



Endodontics department: Drs. Van Himel, head, Alan Simmons, Sara Macway, Chelsea Accardo, Rodney Isolani, Kent Sabey, program director

dentistry (1978), Dr. Bell was named Alumnus of the Year in 2000.

During the ceremony, three residents received awards for their presentations at Research Day on April 27: first place, Ioannis Tsourounakis, periodontics; second place, Steven Black, endodontics (2011); third place, Sarah Macway, endodontics.

Since 1974, LSUSD has awarded 1,046 certificates

in advanced education programs.

2012 Graduates

Endodontics: Chelsea Accardo, DDS; Rodney Isolani, DDS; Sara Macway, DMD; Alan Simmons, DDS

General Practice Residency: Antwan Bates, DDS; Paul Beyt, DDS; Julia Cheuk, DDS; Rajat Diwan, DDS; Maderia Hatcher, DDS; Nina Jayakrishnan, DDS; Summer Ketron, DDS; Michael Maher, DDS; Patton Minkin, DDS; Sara Monrad, DDS; Ruby Nhan, DDS; Brennan O'Brien, DDS; Shemika Sample, DDS; Shahin Sultana, DDS; Marquita Wallace, DDS; Osyria Webster-Taylor, DDS

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: Alfredo Arribas, DDS; Christopher Bradley Dickerson, DDS, MD; Waheed Mohamed, DDS, MD; Kevin Fakheri, DDS (fellow); Billy Laun II, DDS (fellow); Joseph Zeidan, DDS (fellow)

Orthodontics: John Andrews Jr., DMD; Benjamin Foster, DDS; David Guidry, DDS; Son Nguyen, DDS

Pediatric Dentistry: Christopher Marc Jones, DMD; Christen Massey, DDS; Jordan Prieto, DDS; Michael Von Gruben, DDS

Periodontics: Samuel Reid Lester, DMD; Caesar Sweidan, BDS; Ioannis Tsourounakis, DDS; Thanh Xuan Bui Nguyen, DDS (fellow); David Wilson, DDS (fellow)

Prosthodontics: Arnau Aparicio, DDS, CDT; Todd Slogocki, DMD; Cramin Wiltz II, DMD, CDT; Elias Rivera, DDS, MS (fellow)



Dr. Hovland presents the first-place Research Award to Dr. Tsourounakis

Celebrating Our Legacy: 40 Years, 5,088 Graduates

Celebrate with us at **Alumni Day** on September 21. Faculty members Drs. Van Himel, Janice Townsend and Tyler Lasseigne will share the latest clinical information in endodontics, pediatric dentistry and esthetics, plus recent graduates will present grand rounds cases. In addition, visiting faculty members from The Dental Advisory Group will speak about new products and tips for improving patient care.

For details and to register, visit our homepage at www.lsusd.lsuhs.edu.

