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Chair, Department of Pediatric Dentistry



From l-r: Dr. Janice Townsend, department chair, with current pediatric dentistry residents Drs. Mimi Lacour, Janelle Lee, Robert Freeman, Sonam Shah, Austin McMurphy, Jennifer Flanagan, Puneet Wadhwa. Not pictured: Dr. Kristoffer Norbo. Far right, Dr. Suzanne Fournier, program director for pediatric dentistry.

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In memory of Dr. Thomas J. Kiebach, an alumni committee, chaired by Drs. Claudia Cavallino and Johnnie Hunt, aims to raise private funds to establish



the Dr. Thomas J. Kiebach Endowed Scholarship in Pediatric Dentistry. Sadly, Dr. Kiebach died unexpectedly on November 10, 2014, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at the age of 67.

The initial corpus of the endowment will remain intact, while the annual interest income will be used to

benefit residents in the form of scholarships, fellowships, or experiential opportunities, including internships, externships, conference travel, and fieldwork.

For every \$60,000 raised in private funds, the school is eligible to apply for a \$40,000 match from the Louisiana Board of Regents (LBOR). For example, if \$180,000 is raised, requesting a \$120,000 match is possible. The Department of Orthodontics has been successful at this level with its four professorships. Matching funds can be applied for as early as July 2015.

Requesting matching dollars is a competitive process. Preference will be given to scholarships for residents in high-demand professional programs which target Louisiana's workforce needs as defined by the Workforce and Innovation for a Stronger Economy (WISE) Fund.

A \$300,000 endowment is estimated to result in \$15,000 annually, which can be used to support resident educational opportunities. The campaign is being held in cooperation with Dr. Kiebach's family, in particular his son, Dr. Thomas Christian "Kit" Kiebach, a 2013 DDS graduate of the LSUHSC School of Dentistry.

## Dr. Thomas J. Kiebach Endowed Scholarship

Born on June 24, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois, Dr. Thomas J. Kiebach attended Xavier University of Ohio on a football scholarship and earned his undergraduate degree in biological sciences. He then graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry, where he participated in honors programs and received the Mosby Scholarship Award. Dr. Kiebach became certified in pediatric dentistry in 1975 after completing a hospital residency program at James Whitcomb-Riley Hospital for Children. He then became certified in orthodontics in 1978 at Indiana University School of Dentistry. After 16 years of college and graduate studies, Dr. Kiebach moved to Baton Rouge and became Louisiana's first and only dentist with degrees in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. During his lifetime, he remained one of the area's only dual-trained specialists—one of three in the state.

Teaching was always a passion and a part of Dr. Kiebach's professional life. He held clinical teaching positions at Indiana University and Louisiana State University and continued to lecture to numerous graduate and residency programs and professional groups and organizations throughout the world.

In conjunction with the University of West Virginia, Dr. Kiebach designed modifications to an appliance which maximizes treatment effects and comfort for very early age-appropriate class III patients (4-year olds with large lower jaws). Since 1980 he had continued his education through the Dallas-based Alexander Discipline International, an organization dedicated to the research and development of evidence-based orthodontic techniques and continuing education of orthodontists.

Dr. Kiebach was a member of numerous professional organizations including the American Association of Orthodontists, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Southern Society of Orthodontics, Southwestern Society of Pediatric Dentistry, Louisiana Dental Association, and Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation. He was also a founding and active member of the Woman's Hospital Cleft Palate Team. In addition, he was a member of the Atlanta-based (g)nathos, an organization providing continuing education to pediatric dentists seeking increased levels of sophisticated treatment modalities.

As an active supporter of numerous local organizations, Dr. Kiebach focused significant effort on Dreams Come True of Louisiana, an organization whose mission is to provide the resources necessary for granting the dreams of children with life-threatening illnesses. More recently, he co-authored two articles published in the June 2014 issue of *Seminars in Orthodontics*, based on his work on posterior crossbites in children and on the stability of early class II orthopedic treatment. To be published with one of his greatest friends and esteemed colleagues, Dr. Ronald Bell, was one of his most cherished professional accomplishments.

Dr. Kiebach's service to the LSUHSC School of Dentistry (LSUSD) is notable. He served as a faculty member for 14 years and following Hurricane Katrina, he graciously opened his office to pediatric dentistry residents so they could continue their clinical training uninterrupted. Dr. Kiebach also hosted an annual gathering for LSUSD pediatric dental residents that included an educational visit to his office and a complimentary lunch in Baton Rouge. "Having known Dr. Kiebach since 1975, I can attest to his dedication to the profession and to his patients," said Dr. Henry Gremillion, dean of LSUSD. "He epitomized the concept of lifelong learning and we would be honored to have a permanent endowment at the school to recognize his career and life."

Dr. Janice Townsend, chair of the department of pediatric dentistry, is also honored to recognize Dr. Kiebach in perpetuity through an endowment at LSUSD. "I am grateful for all he did for the school and the department over the years," said Dr. Townsend. "What a wonderful way to memorialize his commitment to the profession while helping our current and future residents."

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Dean Henry A. Gremillion, DDS, MAGD