

October 2010

Hello Alumni and Friends of LSU Department of Pediatric Dentistry,

“High energy” is a good way to describe the start of our new school year.

First-year residents are treating patients at the LSU School of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Clinic. The second-year residents have transitioned to the fast-paced Special Children’s Dental Clinic at Children’s Hospital.

Third-year dental students have begun their rotations through the LSUSD clinic and are observing at the hospital clinic as well. These students are nearing the completion of their Pediatric Dentistry II Lecture Series. Fourth-year dental students continue to rotate through the LSUSD clinic.

Here are some good things that happened this past month:

- Dr. Sapna Patel presented a case on a patient with mitochondrial disease to the D1 biochemistry class
- Dr. Priyanshi Ritwik, Dr. Richard Olinde, and Dr. John Hendry served as ABPD Oral Board Examiners
- Dr. Richard Olinde lectured to the D3 students on “Anterior Restorations for Primary Teeth”
- Dr. Claudia Cavallino lectured to the D3 students on “Infant Oral Health”
- Dr. Zafar Cehreli, pediatric dental faculty member from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey, spent a delightful month with the department hosted by Dr. Robert Musselman. Dr. Cehreli lectured on resin bonding and conducted a hands-on clinic for the residents on MTA usage.
- First-year resident Dr. Michael Von Gruben and his wife, Rachel Brower Von Gruben, 2009 dental hygiene alumna, celebrated the birth of their second son, Joseph Robert Von Gruben.
- Friday, October 1 was a day of many familiar faces at the school with the Dummett Memorial Lecture and the celebration of the Robert J. Musselman Professorship in Pediatric Dentistry. Dean Gremillion and Dr. Darshan Dabir, Dr. Claudia Cavallino, and Dr. Priyanshi Ritwik paid tribute to Dr. Musselman’s contributions to the LSU Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Take care all and please share your updates with the department!

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