

## January-March 2013

### Department News

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

The 2013 year started with a bang for the pediatric dentistry department! We were so excited about Children's Dental Health Month that we started in January with "Give Kids a Smile Day," organized by CDHM chairs, **Drs. Kellie Axelrad** and **Nicole Boxberger**, with the help of **Dr. Claudia Cavallino**. LSU School of Dentistry hosted children from Phoenix High School in Plaquemines Parish and Lake Pontchartrain Elementary in LaPlace – two areas hit hardest by Hurricane Isaac. Children in grades 2-5 were treated by a visit from Saints players Cameron Jordan, Akeim Hicks, Sir Saint, and Gumbo. Fourth-year dental students and dental hygiene students worked with Saints Play 60 team members to emphasize Healthy Teeth Healthy Lifestyles.



Saints player Cameron Jordan and Sir Saint with **Dr. Nicole Boxberger**, dental hygiene students, and children from Pontchartrain Elementary.

Children's Dental Health Month activities continued throughout February. **Dr. Pamela Shaw** organized fourth-year dental students and dental residents to visit patients at Children's Hospital. The group shared oral hygiene instructions, oral hygiene supplies, and smiles with the patients!



D4 Student **John Moylan** with a Children's Dental Health Month patient.

On Saturday, February 16, the Student Chapter of the AAPD and Making Impressions teamed together to improve the oral health of our community at the Urban League School Expo at the Mercedes Benz Super Dome. The group performed visual oral examinations on 153 children and adults and provided oral hygiene instructions and supplies to 263 children and adults. On the same day **Dr. Nicole Boxberger** organized a group to teach young visitors to the Children's Museum about healthy habits and diet for healthy teeth!

The Student Chapter of the AAPD also organized a number of outreach project. Second-year dental

students at LSU Dental School also organized outreach events at local schools and WIC offices to inform children and parents about proper oral hygiene and diet. D2 student **Christy Marcello** had a great day with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Esperanza School! The chapter also welcomed hygienist **Erin Boudreaux** to speak about the role of a dental hygienist in health care for children.

In addition to outreach, residents have been progressing in their studies. For the Advanced Education Grand Rounds in March, first-year resident **Dr. Christine Tran** worked with the endodontics department to present “Pulp Therapy for the Immature Tooth.” In “Pediatric Potpourri” second-year residents **Drs. Susan Fallahi** and **Erin Maturin** presented pediatric cases that showcased restorative dentistry, prosthodontics, orthodontics, oral pathology, and behavior management.



LSU dental and dental hygiene students at the Urban League Kid's Expo for Children's Dental Health Month

Thanks to donations to the Adopt-a-Resident fund LSU residents have had the opportunity to travel to AAPD supported meetings. First-year resident **Dr. Bijal Naik** attended the Southwest Society of Pediatric Dentistry Winter Ski Meeting. Second-year residents **Drs. Erin Maturin** and **Ashla Martin** attended the AAPD legislative meeting in Washington, D.C., where they learned about the legislative process. They worked with Louisiana dentists **Drs. Rob Delarosa, John Hendry,** and **Claudia Cavallino** to visit state representatives and senators and advocate for important legislation for children.



Residents **Dr. Ashla Martin** and **Dr. Erin Maturin** taking a break from visiting representatives at the Capital for a photo.

Second-year resident **Dr. Ashla Martin** accompanied the group “Christ the Healer,” headed by **Dr. Bill Wayman**, to Granada, Nicaragua, for a



**Dr. Ashla Martin** with children and other volunteers in Granada, Nicaragua.



medical mission. Dentists, doctors, and nurses performed dental care and outreach for the local community and orphanage. Drs. Martin and Wayman spoke about their experience at the March Student Chapter of the AAPD meeting.

The Department of Pediatric dentistry is pleased to welcome the following dentists to the LSU Resident Class of 2015:

- Dr. Robert Freeman
- Mimi Lacour
- Dr. Phuong Nguyen
- Dr. Puneet Wadwa



Second-year resident **Dr. Erin Maturin** and D3 students **John Moylan** and **Eun-Chee Lee** share oral health information at their Children's Dental Health Month display at Children's Hospital.



- Congratulations to **Dr. Claudia Cavallino** on her appointment to the Louisiana State Board.
- **Dr. Nicole Boxberger**, president-elect of the LAPD, will be taking over as president.

We have two new members to welcome to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry family:

- **Dr. David Treff**, resident graduate in 2010, and his wife, Christine, welcomed their daughter, Sosi Elizabeth Treff.
- **Arianne Decou**, dental assistant at LSU, welcomed her new son Casey Rollins.



Dental hygiene students **Jen Miner** and **Whitney Goldman** with Gumbo.

D4 Student **John Moylan** with a patient for Children's Dental Health month.



First year resident **Dr. Bijal Naik** sponsors book drive for Children's Dental Health Month.

For the month of February, Dr. Bijal Naik pursued a different type of service project. Concerned that our patient rooms did not have enough children's books for the children, she sponsored a school wide book drive. Over the course of the month the book drive collected 201 books!



Fourth year dental student **Christy Lottinger** shares smiles with **Cameron Jordan** and **Akiem Hicks** on Give Kids a Smile Day!.

Congratulations to Dr. Nicole Staman on the publication of her research project in the January/February issue of Pediatric Dentistry entitled "Discomfort following dental procedures for children".

#### Dates to Remember:

- April 26, Advanced Education Research Day
- June 21, Advanced Education Graduation, Recognition Dinner, and CE Course by Stacie LeBlanc, Esq and Dr. Robert Barsley
- September 20 and 21, Dummett Memorial Lecture with speakers Dr. Joel Berg and a hands on course by Dr. Ashok Kumar



Second year dental hygiene student **Vi Tran** and **Erica Drennan** demonstrate oral hygiene techniques while volunteering at the Kid's Expo!

