

## July-September 2014

### Department News

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

The graduating class of 2014 had a terrific sendoff in June! For the Second Annual Pedo Alumni Lecture we were privileged to have **Dr. Koren Boggs** from Children's Hospital of New Orleans lecture on "Autism Spectrum and Related Disorders: Contemporary Paradigms and Clinically Relevant Approaches".



**Dr. Koren Boggs** lectures at the Second Annual Alumni Lecture on the topic of autism

At the Advanced Education Graduation Day **Drs. Amrit Bala, Katie McClendon, and Christine Tran** received their certificates on June 20. **Dr. Bijal Naik** elected to remain until September when she received her certificate and master's degree in dentistry. Dr. Naik also successfully published her case report "Facial Swelling in Sickle Cell Disease"

This year **Dr. Christine Tran** received the 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Research Award for her research on caries in patients

with Down Syndrome under the mentorship of **Dr. Priyanshi Ritwik**. Faculty, alumni, staff, and family celebrated this great achievement by the residents at their Recognition Dinner at Commander's Palace.

Resident graduation was a time of sadness for the department as we also said farewell to **Dr. Kellie Axelrad** who served as interim program director for the 2013-2014 year. Dr. Axelrad's fresh perspective brought about some dramatic changes in the program including integration of the first and second-year residents in both clinics and revision of rotation schedules. Fortunately Dr. Axelrad will continue to serve as a gratis faculty member!



**Dr. Kellie Axelrad** (center) and proud graduates **Dr. Christine Tran, Dr. Katie McClendon, Dr. Bijal Naik, and Dr. Amrit Bala** (left to right)

The department is fortunate to have two new directors lead the students during the 2014-2015 year. **Dr. Kimberly Patterson** joined the faculty in December

2013 as the predoctoral program director. Dr. Patterson is an alumna of the residency program and is working on redesigning the dental student curriculum in pediatric dentistry. **Dr. Suzanne Fournier** joined the faculty in September of 2014 as Postdoctoral Program Director. She is an alumna of the University of Florida residency program and comes from private practice.



New faculty members Dr. Kimberly Patterson (left) and Dr. Suzanne Fournier (right).

With the integration of the first and second-year residents in both clinics, the second year residents have important leadership roles. They have served as valued mentors as they introduce our new residents to the program and the city of New Orleans!



Second year residents Dr. Jennifer Flanagan, Dr. Mimi Lacour, Dr. Drew Freeman, and Dr. Puneet Wadhwa

The Dummett Memorial Lecture in September was a great experience for all attendees. This year we were lucky to have **Dr. Suzi Seale**, Regents professor and former chair of pediatric dentistry at Baylor College of Dentistry lecture to us on the topic of vital pulp therapy. Dr. Seale

was generous enough to host a hands-on lab exercise for the pediatric dentistry residents.



**Dr. Suzi Seale** and the Pediatric Dental Residents at the Dummett Memorial Lecture

The D3 students have had a wide exposure to pediatric dentistry in their Pedo 2 course. Through course director Dr. Kimberly Patterson they have had a well-rounded lecture series including guest lectures from alumni **Dr. John Hendry**, **Dr. Richard Olinde**, and **Dr. Claudia Cavallino**. We appreciate their support for the program!

Pediatric Dentistry was well represented at this September's Advanced Education Grand Rounds day! **Drs. Puneet Wadhwa** and **Drew Freeman** presented on the topic "Riga Fede Disease – A Case Report". **Drs. Jennifer Flanagan** and **Kristoffer Norbo** presented on "The Reappearing Tooth"

### Alumni News

- Congratulations to 2012 alumnus **Dr. Jordan Prieto** on his marriage to **Kristen Casey** in September! Jordan and Kristen visited with the residents at the AAPD meeting in Boston!
- The Olinde household had a busy summer and early fall! **Dr. Richard and Monica Olinde** had their first grandchild, **Becket**, on July 22 and gave away daughter **Adrienne** in marriage on August 30. Congratulations!

- Proud papa and 2012 alumnus **Dr. Marc Jones** and fiancée **Bri Bateman** share photos of their son **Knox Jackson Jones** as well as the happy news of their engagement! Dr. Jones and Bri will marry in April of 2015.



Dr. Teresa Perkins does her own jail house rock to raise money for muscular dystrophy!

Newlyweds **Dr. Jordan Prieto** and **Kristen Casey Prieto**

- Gratis faculty member Dr. Teresa Perkins recently went to “jail” to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy! Fortunately we were able to bail her out for a good cause.



Gratis faculty member **Dr. Stephen Holmes** had a very exclusive back stage pass. Why wasn't Dr. Townsend invited?



Knox Jackson Jones, son of Dr. Marc Jones and Bri Bateman

### Dates to Remember:

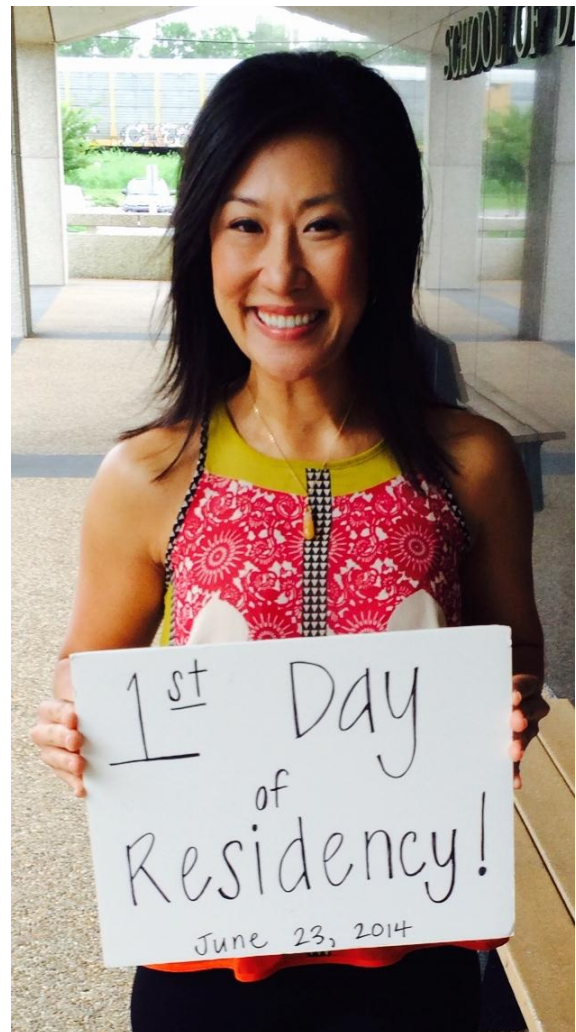
- December 5, 2014 – Practice Management Seminar
- March 20, 2015 – Advanced Education Grand Rounds
- May 1, 2015 – Advanced Education Research Day
- June 19 – Third Annual Pediatric Dentistry Alumni Lecture, Advanced Education Graduation and Recognition Dinner

## Pediatric Dentistry Class of 2016

**Dr. Janelle Lee** grew up in Slidell, Louisiana. She received her BS in Biological Sciences from

Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 2004. Janelle then moved to New Orleans to attend LSU School of Dentistry where she obtained her DDS in 2008. Following dental school, she moved to Alexandria, Louisiana, where she worked as a general dentist in both a pediatric practice and a family practice for 6 years. During this time, she became active in her local dental association where she served as the committee chairman for the Council on New Membership and was a delegate to the LDA House of Delegates. While in private practice, she discovered that working with children was just too much fun!

Outside of dentistry, Janelle enjoys being active. After running her first 5K when she was 10 years old and numerous road races since, she has run 8 marathons and is a Boston Marathon qualifier, and a 2013 Boston Marathon finisher. She's also dabbled in 3 sprint triathlons and a couple of adventure races. Janelle is thrilled to be back in New Orleans and enjoys exploring the city, trying new restaurants, music festivals, yoga, crossfit, and playing on a local kickball league with her co-residents.



**Dr. Janelle Lee** celebrates her first day of residency!

**Dr. Austin McMurphy** was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and raised in Biloxi, Mississippi. He attended Louisiana State University graduating *cum laude* with a degree in Biological Sciences. He received his DMD from the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. It was there that he met his fiancée, Amanda Todd, before coming back to LSU to receive his master's in pediatric dentistry.



**Dr. Austin McMurphy and fiancé Amanda Todd**



**Dr. Kristopher Norbo and dog Gracie**

**Dr. Kristoffer Norbo** is a native of Loudoun County, Virginia. He attended Hampden-Sydney College where he earned a BS in biology with a minor in chemistry. He then attended VCU/MCV School of Dentistry. Dr. Norbo has a father Kirk, an Uncle, Randy, and an older brother, Justin who all practice general dentistry in Virginia. Dr. Norbo's youngest brother is a lacrosse coach in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania



**Relaxation time for the first year residents!**



The class of 2015 and 2016 catch up together!



**Drs. Norbo, Flanagan, Shah, Lacour, and Freeman** have fun at a Friday afternoon TGIF

**Dr. Sonam Shah** is from Charlotte, North Carolina. She attended Emory University, where she earned a BS in Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology. She then continued her education at The University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill where she obtained a BS in dental hygiene before earning her D.D.S. degree in May 2014. During dental school she organized various mission trips, led a free dental clinic in Chapel Hill, and organized volunteer activities for her fellow dental students. Dr. Shah's father practices cardiology in Charlotte, NC and her younger brother is a medical student at Morehouse School of Medicine. She currently lives in Mid-City and enjoys walks on the Bayou with her dog, Benny.



First Year Resident **Dr. Sonam Shah** and her dog Benny

