

“LSUSD is becoming the premier facility for dental professionals to receive education in the specialty of orofacial pain and clinical care.”

Ronald Auvenhine, DDS, PhD
LSUSD Visiting Professor
and founder of the school's TMJ Clinic



Full-time faculty members specializing in orofacial pain education and clinical care at LSUSD. From l-r: Drs. Henry Gremillion, Dale Ehrlich, Gary Klasser and Christopher Spencer

An Orofacial Pain Continuum is offered to practicing dental professionals through the LSUSD continuing dental education program.

The five-session interactive continuum is designed for dentists and other health care practitioners who wish to improve their ability to recognize, evaluate, diagnose, manage, and refer patients with TMD, sleep disorders, and other types of orofacial pain.

For more information about the Orofacial Pain Continuum, visit www.LSUOrofacialPainCE.org or contact Bob Leaman or Judy Espiritu at (504) 941-8403 or jespir@lsuhsc.edu.

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In memory of Parker E. Mahan, DDS, PhD (1927-2010), a committee chaired by visiting faculty member Dr. Ronald Auvenshine aims to raise significant funds to establish the **Parker E. Mahan Endowment in Orofacial Pain** at the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD). Dr. Mahan was one of the most influential academicians and clinicians in orofacial pain. A visiting faculty member of the LD Pankey Institute, he taught head and neck anatomy at the Institute for Advanced Dental Studies. After receiving



his PhD in physiology, he taught at Emory University School of Dentistry from 1962 to 1971, leaving that position to become the founding chairman of

the University of Florida Department of Basic Dental Sciences. In 1984 Dr. Mahan was named the director of the Dental Occlusion and Facial Pain Center at the University of Florida.

In 1989, he was named Distinguished Service Professor. In 1992, he retired as Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus, at which time the University of Florida Facial Pain Center was renamed the Parker E Mahan Facial Pain Center. In his lifetime, Dr. Parker was awarded 13 academic honors and 15 professional offices and honors and he served on five editorial boards. He authored 11 textbooks and book chapters and has been referenced in 49 publications. Dr. Parker's lifelong motto was "To Whom Much is Given, Much is Expected."

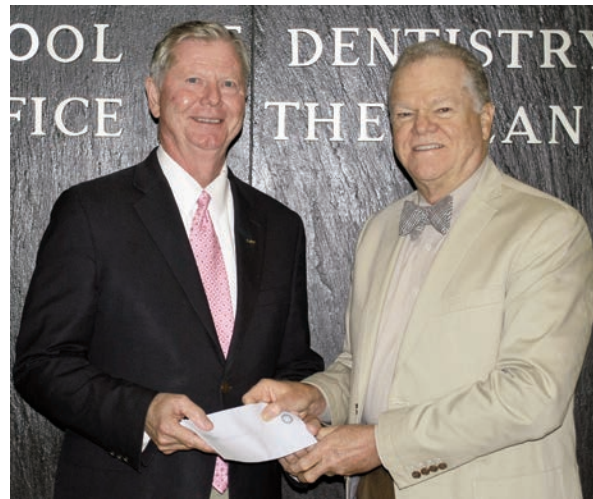
For every \$60,000 - 80,000 raised, a \$20,000 - \$40,000 match is possible from the Louisiana Board of Regents. Contributions to the endowed fund will remain intact, while the annual interest will be used to support orofacial pain education and research at the LSU School of Dentistry.

THE VISION

Under the leadership of Henry Gremillion, DDS, MAGD, dean of the LSU School of Dentistry, and Ronald Auvenshine, DDS, PhD, a fundraising effort is underway to establish an endowment to support orofacial pain education, patient care and research at LSUSD. The vision is to create a world-renowned residency program in orofacial pain leading to a master of science degree. The program will have a strong clinical component and residents will have the opportunity to learn from nationally-recognized orofacial pain experts about the diagnosis, evaluation and delivery of care to patients suffering from orofacial pain. In addition, LSUSD hopes to become a premier patient care provider for orofacial pain. The endowment may be used for a scholarship fund to support resident activities and/or a professorship to support faculty members and facility enhancements. Scholarships, through a competitive process, can receive a \$40,000 match for every \$60,000 raised; professorships are eligible to receive a \$20,000 match for every \$80,000 raised.

A STRONG FOUNDATION

Establishing an orofacial pain center in Louisiana is both visionary and achievable. Since becoming dean in 2008, Dr. Gremillion has recruited a core group of orofacial pain specialists to lead the effort. Prior to joining LSUSD, he was the Parker E. Mahan Professor of Orofacial Pain in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of



Dean Henry Gremillion received the first generous donation for the fund from Dr. Ron Auvenshine this fall.

Florida College of Dentistry. He served for 17 years as the director of the UFCO Parker E. Mahan Facial Pain Center and its fellowship program in craniomandibular dysfunction, and as a consultant on temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain to the Malcolm Randall Veterans Administration Hospital, the United States Army, Navy and Air Force, and the American Dental Association Council on Dental Practice.

In the past eight years, Dr. Gremillion has recruited three faculty members with extensive education and experience in the treatment of orofacial pain: Dale Ehrlich, DDS, MS, Gary D. Klasser, DMD, and Christopher Spencer, DDS. Dr. Ehrlich serves as chair of the LSUSD Department of Comprehensive Dentistry and Biomaterials; Drs. Klasser and Spencer are associate professors in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences. LSUSD visiting professor Dr. Auvenshine complements the orofacial pain team. A graduate of the Emory University School of Dentistry and the LSU School of

Medicine, he served as a faculty member at LSUSD in the 1970s. He taught in the departments of anatomy, general dentistry and fixed prosthodontics; he also served as coordinator of occlusion and established the Temporomandibular Joint and Facial Pain Clinic at the school. His practice in Houston, Texas, is devoted to the treatment of craniomandibular disorders and orofacial pain.

The program at LSUSD has a definitive framework and is already impacting students, residents and dental professionals. With a core group of experienced faculty members, dental students and residents receive classroom instruction and clinical experience in the treatment of orofacial pain. Plans are underway to establish the master of science degree program.