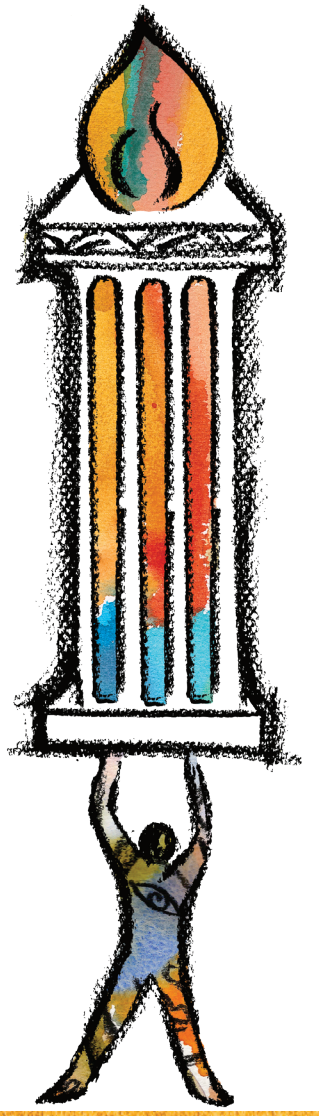
# CARRYING THE TORCH





The mission of the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Foundation is to improve the periodontal and general health of the public through increasing public and professional knowledge of periodontal diseases and their therapies, stimulating basic and clinical research to generate new knowledge, and enhancing educational programs at all levels to create opportunities in periodontal education and practice.



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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleague:

In reviewing the activities and accomplishments of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation in 2007, we look back on a very successful year. We raised more than $265,000 for the Education Action Fund and immediately used those donations to address our looming educational crisis by providing scholarships and fellowships to support the recruitment and retention of periodontal educators. We also established a solid base on which we will secure our future with endowed awards that enhance periodontal education in perpetuity.

We are proud that in 2007, we again provided more than $530,000 in grants, fellowships and scholarships in order to strengthen our specialty and improve the health of the public. The 2007 Scholars and Fellows join our previous awards recipients, all of whom have made, and will continue to make, enormous contributions to periodontology. They are leaders in our specialty.

While we have made significant strides, we have a great distance to go. The success of the journey requires a concerted effort from all of us as advocates for a strong specialty. In 2007, the Foundation expanded its network of Ambassadors to more than 100 volunteers, periodontists who are so committed to their specialty that they donate a good portion of their time to raising money to support periodontal education. When one of these volunteers contacts you, I ask that you honor their commitment, and your specialty, with a donation of significant worth.

I personally thank you for supporting the Foundation. It has been a true pleasure to serve as President of the Foundation and although my term is ended I plan to continue my efforts on behalf of the Foundation and our specialty for many years ahead.

With warmest personal regards,

Paul A. Levi, Jr. DMD.

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2007 AAPF President

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At a time when the science of periodontology is exploding with new discoveries that promise to revolutionize patient health, the practice of periodontology is facing a serious challenge that threatens its very existence: Nearly half of all periodontology educators will retire within the next 10 years, and those in the next generation, who would willingly step into their shoes, are instead driven by staggering debt loads to private practice. As periodontal educators vanish from the dental education landscape, periodontal practitioners ultimately will follow, and the impact on patient care will be profound. Without a strong periodontal presence in our dental schools:

Who will educate general dentists—our primary referral source— during their formative years in the classroom about the value of periodontology?

Who will perform the research that places our specialty at the forefront of oral health?

Who will reinforce the scientific foundations of our specialty and pass them on to our future colleagues?

Who will form the bridge that brings evidence-based practices to the care we give our patients?

Who will join or take over today's private practices?

## A NEED TO BE FILLED, NOW

To call attention to the critical future loss of periodontal educators, a marketing task force, chaired by Michael McGuire, developed the "vanishing periodontist" marketing campaign.

*Photos were provided by the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio department of periodontology.*



Guided by the wisdom of our leadership, supported by the generosity of our donors, and energized by the commitment of our volunteers, the AAP Foundation is meeting the crisis in periodontal education head-on. In 2007, the Foundation awarded more than $530,000 in fellowships, scholarships, and grants created to help attract and retain gifted periodontal educators, encourage stellar periodontal researchers, and foster the development of an even stronger specialty. Through its Ambassador Program, the Foundation also recruited and trained more than 100 volunteers who are calling on their periodontal colleagues nationwide to step up to the challenge ahead with donations that help create a robust pipeline of periodontal educators and researchers, and put to rest the specter of the "vanishing periodontist."

## AAP FOUNDATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS FOR 2007

AAP Foundation awards recipients for 2007 are (front row, left to right): Bertina Yuen, Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship; Karim El Kholy, Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship; Dana Wolf, AAP Teaching Fellowship; Flavia Pirih, AAP Educator Scholarship.

Back row, left to right: Jacob Kobi Stern, Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery supported by Biomet 3i; Tae-Ju Oh, Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship; Mark Lucas, AAP Teaching Fellowship; Eric Kerr, Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence; Kenneth Erley, representing authors of the paper for the E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery.

Not pictured: Meggan Wehmeyer, AAP Educator Scholarship; Melanie Campese, AAP Foundation Education Fellowship Funded by Omni Preventive Care.





The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation fulfills its education mission with a broad range of scholarships and fellowships that support the recruitment, development and retention of periodontal educators. Foundation education programs provide assistance and incentives for periodontal educators at every level, from the periodontal student who intends to pursue teaching, to the young educator, the mid-career academic, and the mature practitioner who wishes to begin teaching. With heightened concern for the future of periodontal education, the Foundation is focused on building robust education programs that will sustain the development of academic periodontists in perpetuity.

## Education

## ANSWERING THE CALL IN EDUCATION

A precipitous decline in the number of periodontal educators will place the specialty and patient health in jeopardy. The Foundation has been on the forefront of the call to support periodontal education, continuously increasing both the number of education awards and their value. The Foundation's commitment to periodontal education is robust and the impact is significant.

Beginning with the ***Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship***, first awarded in 1998, the AAP Foundation by the close of 2007 had given out more than $1.6 million dollars in fellowships, scholarships and grants for the recruitment and retention of periodontal educators. These awards touch all points of the education continuum, beginning with scholarships for periodontal students who commit to entering an academic career path, to fellowships encouraging young educators to remain in academia, and support for clinicians who wish to transition into part- or full-time academic careers. Other awards support periodontal education directed to the entire dental professional team. Individuals who emerge from the Foundation's highly competitive education awards selection process are, in all respects, the specialty's "best and brightest."

Education awards recipients in 2007 each bring a record of outstanding achievements and show promise of making contributions of increasing value as they mature in their careers.

The $15,000 ***Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowships*** are granted to third-year periodontal students who intend to pursue full-time periodontal teaching and research careers, and the $50,000 ***AAP Educator Scholarships*** provide financial relief to students intending to pursue careers as full-time teachers. ***The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship***, a $30,000 career development award for outstanding academic periodontists, helps young faculty to sustain their career choice, and the $50,000 ***AAP Teaching Fellowships*** support the new periodontal educator's commitment to a career in academia by providing debt relief. The Foundation

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### Bryan Frantz, DMD



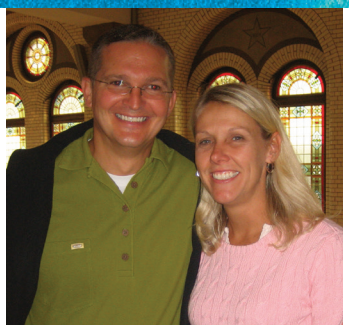
Dr. Bryan Frantz is committed to making a difference in his patient's lives, and in the future of his specialty.

President Theodore Roosevelt is a personal hero of his, and it is Roosevelt who said, "Far and away the best prize that life has to offer is the chance to work hard at work worth doing." Dr. Frantz puts that philosophy to use through his research commitments, his teaching at the Eastman Dental Center at Rochester, and by serving as chair of the Foundation's Ambassador Program, where he oversees a rapidly growing cadre of more than 100 volunteers nationally.

"Giving to the Foundation has an immediate impact on the future of our specialty, and on the care we can give our patients. If you look at the Foundation's mission statement—support for education, research, and the generation of new knowledge, all of which benefit our patients—giving hits every aspect immediately. I get a lot of satisfaction out of that," explains Frantz.

With the specialty entering a critical period for periodontal education, Dr. Frantz didn't need to be asked for his support, and he and his wife, Dr. Linda Frantz, are generous contributors to the Education Campaign. "This is so important to the future of our specialty. The scholarships and fellowships we fund today have a direct impact on where we'll be tomorrow. Our stature as a specialty depends on developing and retaining a deep pool of periodontal educators."

### Wayne Aldredge, DMD



Dr. Wayne Aldredge sees the crisis in periodontal education as one that has particular significance for younger practitioners such as himself. "I plan to practice for another 20 years and if we don't have periodontal educators educating general dentists about the value of periodontics while they are still in school, what is going to happen to my referral base over the long term?"

Dr. Aldredge is a district chair for the Ambassador Program. "The more I learned about what the Foundation does, especially in developing educators, the more closely I wanted to be involved."

Like many periodontists, Dr. Aldredge's initial interest in the specialty was stimulated by another periodontist, Colonel Donald Hogan. "His passion for periodontics and teaching style were very professional and he treated his patients with great empathy. This made an indelible impression on me. He was instrumental in my decision to become a periodontist."

Dr. Aldredge stresses the importance of periodontists becoming involved in their specialty, and doing it now. He and his wife Suzanne are donors to the Education Action Fund. He says, "I know that if you don't give back, you're missing out on making your specialty better. You can't wait to make a difference. The sooner you get involved, the greater your opportunity."

also provides a grant to the American Dental Education Association (ADEA)/Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL) for periodontal fellowships to the ***ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning.***

In 2007, ***Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowships*** were awarded to Bertina Yuen, DMD, and to Karim El Kholy, BDS, MSD. Reflecting on the broader implications of her commitment to teaching, Dr. Yuen is committed long-term to educating those in the dental profession and the general public. "My goal is to educate dentists and students of dentistry about periodontology and its critical role in patient health. The general public also needs to understand the intricacies of periodontology." Dr. Yuen is on the faculty of Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM), where her teaching experiences include supervising the clinical development of treatment plans for third year DMD students, and supervising dental students in surgical and non-surgical procedures. Dr. Yuen completed her Masters in Oral Biology and Certificate in Periodontology and also received her DMD cum laude from HSDM. In addition to teaching, Dr. Yuen currently is conducting research at the Joslin Diabetes Center on changes in the inflammatory state in Asian Americans as they transition from a traditional Asian diet to an American diet. During her predoctoral years at HSDM, she recruited students and faculty to provide volunteer dental care to runaway teens and homeless young adults in Boston.

In addition to receiving the Chasens Fellowship, Dr. El Kholy also was awarded the Henry M. Swenson Award for didactic and clinical excellence in periodontics at Indiana University, where he was a part-time clinical instructor at the school of dentistry. Dr. El Kholy then joined the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry Department of Periodontics, where he teaches and is pursuing a Faculty Accelerated DDS Program. Dr. El Kholy has conducted research on in vitro response of human neutrophils to different implant surfaces in the presence and absence of anti-inflammatory drugs, and later plans to investigate the role of the host immune response in periodontitis. His intention to stay in a full-time academic career is strongly rooted in his love of periodontology. "The feeling I get

## Joan Otomo-Corgel, DDS



In addition to her private practice, Dr. Otomo-Corgel juggles teaching commitments, including those at UCLA and the Veteran Administration Hospital, giving her a deep appreciation of the value of developing periodontal educators. "In a perfect world, periodontists should teach periodontics. If specialists are not genuinely involved in the undergraduate and graduate periodontal curriculum, we fail to develop the knowledge base that recognizes our specialty. A periodontally knowledgeable dentist is your best referral."

Dr. Otomo-Corgel and her husband, Rich, share a commitment to giving: "We feel that if you're going to give something, do something that makes a difference." This shapes their donations to the Foundation and other philanthropies.

Joan and Rich have always believed there is a need to "give back." "It comes from within and just comes up spontaneously," she says, but, she adds, "You really cannot pay back what your profession has given you. Personal satisfaction, earnings potential and lifelong friendships… I can never do enough to pay that back."

She adds: "We must continually educate ourselves in order to provide the finest available care to our patients." She also sees teaching itself as part of the practitioner's ongoing education. "Every day that you teach you'll be in a better position to shape your specialty."

## Raymond Steiner, DDS



Dr. Ray Steiner's donations to the Education Campaign are driven by concern for the future of the specialty and an understanding of how rapidly the specialty is changing. "Much of what I do wasn't even part of our education when I trained 22 years ago. We need committed educators, up to speed on current knowledge, who can step into the shoes of all those who are going to retire shortly."

He sees the funds supported by the Campaign as important incentives that can tip the decision-making process for a student considering an academic career, and enable existing educators to stay on an academic track.

Philanthropy has been the outgrowth of another aspect of Dr. Steiner's life: love of music. A few years ago, Dr. Steiner discovered the world of independent performers. His exploration of independent music led him to discover groups across the country, culminating in a compilation CD, with the proceeds going to charity. The first CD, Home, a compilation of music by women singers and songwriters, was released in 2005 and sales proceeds go to Children International, which benefits more than 300,000 children and their families internationally. Dr. Steiner plans to release the fourth compilation CD this year; all revolve around the theme of "home."

from helping future dentists and periodontists understand more about the field I am so excited about is rewarding. It's also a way of giving back to the specialty that I feel strongly about," says Dr. El Kholy. "The best time to give back is at a young age. I feel fortunate to be able to focus my energy on the things I care most about."

***AAP Educator Scholarships*** were awarded to Flavia Pirih, DDS, PhD and Meggan Wehmeyer, DDS, in 2007. Dr. Pirih is a resident in periodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and Dr. Wehmeyer is pursuing training in periodontics and clinical research in the Clinical Scholars Research Program funded by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Dr. Pirih feels strongly about the role of mentorship in the educational process. "Quality mentorship is essential in the classroom and as I moved along in my graduate training, I was given the opportunity to mentor other students in the clinic as well as in the laboratory," says Dr. Pirih. "My goal is to continue to develop my teaching abilities during my residency program, so that I become the best, well-rounded educator that I can be before initiating my formal academic career." Her most recent research has contributed to the understanding of the anabolic effects of parathyroid hormone and she was recently awarded a National Institutes of Health training grant to pursue work in that area.

Dr. Wehmeyer enjoys periodontal medicine because of its integration of the basic sciences with clinical care and her interest in teaching was stimulated by her involvement in several research programs where she interacted with especially strong mentors, including Dr. Janet Guthmiller, under whom she is currently conducting research on the genetic analysis of beta-defensins in health and periodontal disease. She credits her father, Dr. Craig Hovick, a periodontist who divides his time between private



Meggan Wehmeyer, DDS

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### Steven Daniel, DDS



*Dr. Daniel with John Moriarty, DDS*

Dr. Steve Daniel sees his commitments of both time and money to support periodontal education as part of an evolutionary process in his career as a periodontist. Speaking as district chair for the Ambassador Program, he says, "You get into these kinds of things in little steps. I realized this when I first became an Elder in my church. Being on the inside as an Elder, and not just attending services, I realized how things happen and who is stepping up and doing the work. I like to be one of those people," he explains. "Similarly, in periodontology, early in your career you work to pay the bills and to get yourself established. But later you realize there's a world outside of your office. That's when I knew I wanted to support periodontology, with my time as well as financially," he says.

Today, his focus is squarely on helping to raise money to support periodontal education, which he sees as the gateway to the most intellectually stimulating specialty. "We have such a diverse and interesting specialty. Most of us are doing regenerative procedures every day, plus aesthetic procedures, not to mention implants," he says. "We need well trained periodontal educators who can show undergraduates just what periodontology is about today. Periodontal educators can ensure that undergraduates who decide to enter our specialty base their decision on current information. It also ensures that general dentists will be well versed in what periodontists can offer."

### Sebastian Ciancio, DDS



Dr. Seb Ciancio and his wife, Marilyn, have been supporters of the AAP Foundation since its first days. He recalls an early strategic planning session when Stephen Goodman, Charlie Finley and other leaders anticipated the need to support top periodontal educators. That need was addressed when Bud and Linda Tarrson stepped forward with a generous commitment to create the Tarrson Fellowship. Other donations followed, and soon the Foundation was in a position to approach the dental industry. As Foundation President in 1999, Dr. Ciancio created the first Corporate Forum, an important step in establishing relationships between the new Foundation and future Corporate Partners. "Our Corporate Partners have donated a tremendous amount to our scholarships, fellowships and grants. They understand that these donations are an investment in the future of our specialty."

Dr. Ciancio recognizes that in order to ensure an adequate pipeline of periodontal educators "everyone must help." He goes on to say that "You must commit money to your school, but recruiting periodontists into academia is a national problem. So you also must donate on the national level to the AAPF as well. The number of faculty spots that are about to open as so many of our academics hit retirement, promises to be huge."

practice and a volunteer teaching commitment at Louisiana State University Dental School, with being a strong role model on many levels. "My father has helped me to grow in patience and integrity and has provided an additional perspective on patient care." He also supported her educational pursuits and Dr. Wehmeyer hopes that one day she will "be a similar figure for students of my own."

***AAP Teaching Fellowships*** are awarded to outstanding periodontal educators who are in their first three years of teaching at a U.S. periodontal training program. In 2007, AAP Teaching Fellowships were awarded to Mark Lucas, DDS, MS, assistant professor in the Division of Periodontics at the University of Colorado School of Dentistry, and Dana Wolf, DMD, MS, assistant professor of clinical dentistry in the Division of Periodontics and the director of predoctoral periodontics at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.

"I am committed to learning, growing, and serving the specialty as an educator," says Dr. Lucas. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr. Lucas sits on the peer review panel for the *Journal of Periodontology* and is engaged in several research projects, including a major multi-center study investigating periodontal laser therapy.

Dr. Wolf undertook the daunting task of revamping the curriculum at Columbia with new lectures, forms and protocols, including the introduction of small-group, problem-based learning sessions. Dr. Wolf also has been involved in clinical research projects investigating differences in gene expression among individuals with different types of periodontitis, and the impact of periodontal therapy on gene expression of peripheral blood monocytes, and in 2007 contributed a chapter to a book on periodontal disease and systemic disease in the elderly.

## OUR PAST RECIPIENTS CONTINUE TO CARRY THE TORCH

### Wai Cheung, DDS



Now an assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology at Tufts University, Wai Cheung, DDS, was a 2002 Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellow. The Fellowship enabled her to make significant contributions to the specialty as a teacher, researcher, and administrator. Currently in charge of the clinical research program at Tufts, she oversees the work of 21 residents. Her teaching schedule is divided between 20 percent predoctoral and 80 percent postdoctoral programs. She is also director of the Elective Incentive Honors Program. She hopes that in her teaching she conveys her passion for periodontology and for treating patients, noting "This isn't something students can get from textbooks." She also wants to imbue them with the attitude of doing what is right. Dr. Cheung observes, "There is plenty of opportunity to cut corners and after graduation, students will face situations that are tempting. But they must do what is right for the patient. This is important to the future of periodontology." As for the source of her passion for periodontology, she says, "It clicked with my personality. If I buy a pair of boots I don't look at the brand. I look at the material. In periodontology I like to explore the material—what underlies the treatment, the scientific links with the whole body."

### Patricia Diaz, DDS, BscDent, PhD



For the gifted young periodontist whose dream is to teach, the American Academy of Periodontology Educator Scholarship helps make the dream a reality. "I always wanted to teach but it was during my immersion in the research side of dentistry at the University of Adelaide (Australia), that my desire to teach really moved me in that direction," says Dr. Diaz. After completing the PhD, and going through postdoctoral training at the National Institutes for Health in the U.S., Dr. Diaz entered the periodontology program at the University of North Carolina. Now in her third year, Dr. Diaz has lectured in various periodontal courses and acted as clinical instructor for dental students and dental hygienists as well. Her work has appeared in at least six publications since she received the Educator Scholarship, including *Journal of Bacteriology,* and *Applied Environmental Microbiology*. She is co-author of a chapter on periodontal microbiology in the book *Clinical Periodontal Medicine*, scheduled to be published this fall.

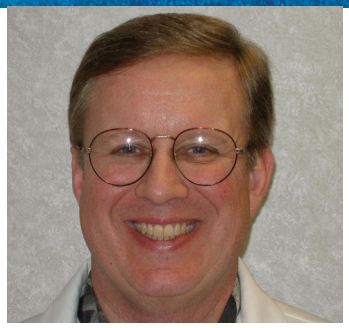
She is currently working on a research project with Dr. Steven Offenbacher on the relationship between periodontal disease and adverse pregnancy outcomes, and in May 2007 presented preliminary results at a poster session at the annual meeting of the American Society of Microbiology.

***The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship*** was awarded in 2007 to Tae-Ju Oh, DDS, MS. Dr. Oh is clinical associate professor in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and co-director of the predoctoral implant program at the School of Dentistry. In 2007 Dr. Oh also received the AAP Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics Award. "I make every effort to share my knowledge, clinical skills, and philosophies with students not only through lectures, but also through interpersonal communication and small group discussion," explains Dr. Oh. He has made a point of bringing dental students to the annual meeting of the Midwest Society of Periodontology and as a result, the majority of student who participated have applied for graduate programs in periodontics.

In 2007, ADEA/AAL selected four periodontists to receive AAPF fellowships to the ***ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching and Learning in the Health Professions***. They are Robert Goldman, DMD, who has held a number of academic appointments throughout his career, most recently at the Medical University of South Carolina; Y. Natalie Jeong, DMD, private practitioner and assistant clinical professor of Tufts School of Dental Medicine; Stephen Mackler, DDS, private practitioner and adjunct assistant professor at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry; and P.D. Miller, Jr., DDS, a private practitioner and a part-time educator at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine.

## OUR EDUCATORS FUEL THE FLAME OF FUTURE PERIODONTISTS

### Joe Krayer, DDS



Receiving a Fellowship to the Institute for Teaching and Learning in 2006 enabled Dr. Joe Krayer to jumpstart his full-time academic career at Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). For 21 years prior, he had maintained a private practice four days per week in Dallas, and taught one day per week at Baylor College of Dentistry. When MUSC approached him with the director opportunity he decided, after considerable thought and discussion with his wife, it was the right opportunity at the right time. Dr. Krayer found the ITL experience invaluable in helping him transition to full-time academia.

"I had no experience putting together courses spanning up to 14 weeks and ITL instructed me in educational methodology, test development, how to formulate a curriculum and how to evaluate student performance," Dr. Krayer says.

He found educational psychology, particularly the study of the learning styles of Generation Y, the students currently in both predoctoral and postdoctoral dental programs, to be especially instructive. Soon after his return from the ITL program he made a presentation to the MUSC faculty on the conceptual and procedural changes required in the educational process to address Generation Y's learning preferences.

### Paul Ricchetti, Jr., DDS, and Alan M. Levine, DDS



*Dr. Ricchetti; Myron Nevins, DDS; Dr. Levine*

"He was always there for you. He was—and is—a very busy man but he was never too busy to talk with you," recalls Dr. Ricchetti, one of the initiators of the campaign to honor Dr. Myron Nevins. "He is a teacher, a mentor, and a friend." Recalling the impact of Dr. Nevins on his students, Dr. Levine says, "He was very instrumental in my learning. He gave us confidence. When we left the Boston University program, we felt special."

It was also a very collegial group and three years ago, at a bone symposium, Dr. Levine along with Dr. Ricchetti began to plan a way to bring the group back together, culminating in a dinner in honor of their mentor at the 2007 annual meeting in Washington, DC. Attendees were invited to make a gift in Dr. Nevins' name, and the event was an overwhelming success.

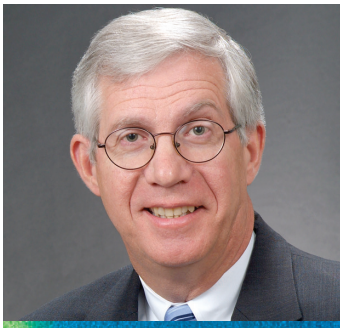
A 1979 graduate of the Boston University School of Dental Medicine periodontal program, Dr. Ricchetti is now in private practice in Ohio, and also teaches part-time at Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine. He observes that the students are "craving for someone to show them clinical periodontics," much as Dr. Nevins showed his students in the 1970s. Dr. Levine, who attended the Boston University program from 1977 to 1979, now maintains a private practice near Washington, DC.

## EDUCATION AWARDS RECIPIENTS MAKE AN ONGOING IMPACT ON THE SPECIALTY

John Williams, DMD, MBA, Dean, University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, believes "The AAP Foundation's financial support is a wonderful affirmation of the individual's future career as an academic periodontist."

The UNC School of Dentistry is home to several periodontists who have received AAPF scholarships and fellowships.

"The AAP Foundation's commitment to making a difference in the specialty is clear in its investment in periodontology faculty development and research," says Dr. Williams. He notes immediate payoff on that investment right on the UNC campus, with Dr. Mackler, a 1971 graduate of UNC who divides his time between private practice and part-time teaching at the school. "The Fellowship to ITL has enabled Dr. Mackler to explore ways to become a more effective teacher and this is very beneficial to him and to us," explains Dr. Williams.


John Williams, DMD, MBA

"Dr. Wehmeyer is here in large part because of her mentor, Dr. Janet Guthmiller. As we recruit academics periodontists, one of our criteria is that they serve as good role models."

Catherine M. Flaitz, DDS, MS, Dean, University of Texas, Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC-H) Dental Branch, has also seen the impact of Foundation awards on the academic environment, citing as an example the work of James Katancik, DDS, the 2003 Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellow. Two years after being awarded a Tarrson Fellowship, Dr. Katancik was recruited by UTHSC-H to chair of the Department of Periodontics. In a short time, he made a significant impact on the school's recruitment efforts, the undergraduate pro-

### Lisa Masters, DDS, MS



District Ambassador Dr. Lisa Masters in 2007 spearheaded an effort honoring Dr. Jim Mellonig. Dr. Masters is a private practitioner in San Antonio and an assistant clinical professor at University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA). "When we heard he was retiring we felt that supporting the Education Campaign was a good way to honor his many contributions as an educator and provide national recognition for his efforts. Donors wishing to honor him may also give directly to the periodontal program at the school. Dr. Masters says, "His contribution to the specialty goes beyond the hours of preparation and teaching. It includes the sharing of values." The values Dr. Masters learned from her mentor inform her decision making process in patient care every day. "Every decision must be supported by the research, and always in the patient's best interests. That's what I learned from Dr. Mellonig. She adds: "Dr. Mellonig is an inspirational person. He was my program director, and at the beginning of the year he would lay out what was important: 'God, family, and periodontology. In that order.' No matter how busy Dr. Mellonig is, his first priority is family."

### Sara Bender, DDS

When deciding to make her first gift to the Foundation, Dr. Sara Bender could think of no better place to direct it than to the Education Campaign in honor of Dr. Jim Mellonig. Dr. Mellonig, who will retire from UTHSCSA in 2008, garnered the admiration of the many students who passed through his classroom over the years. Dr. Bender recalled that as her Master's degree research project mentor, Dr. Mellonig was "the kindest, gentlest person I had ever met. He made every opportunity to be available to me as a resident." He had a lasting influence on the way his students actually practice their craft. Explains Dr. Bender: "His philosophy was that we practice what our literature supports. He taught us to critically evaluate the literature to gain a rationale for how we treat our patients. He also required all residents to complete a research project, and to gain as much clinical experience as possible in residency. He also strongly advocated us completing the Boards, as this supports our specialty and supports our credentials as experts in periodontology."

gram in periodontics, and research. "Dr. Katancik has infused the program with a sense of pride and teamwork that has been noted in the periodontal community at large," says Dr. Flaitz. Describing his many contributions to the school, she says, "He has successfully attracted several full- and part-time faculty, achieving a blend of both clinicians and scientists from across the United States. He has worked with faculty to revise and update the undergraduate program and also has increased collaborations among physician-scientists within the Texas Medical Center. Dr. Katancik was one of the first scientists at the Dental Branch to develop strategic collaborations to study the association of oral health status with common systemic diseases."

Dr. Flaitz applauds the Foundation's Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship and its part in encouraging periodontists to become leaders in dental education, saying: "If Dr. Katancik is representative of those who have been recipients of this award, this fellowship is very valuable for the future of dental academia."

Periodontology is known for its outstanding academic periodontists. In 2007, two noted periodontal educators, Myron Nevins, DDS, and James Mellonig, DDS, MS, were honored by their former students with gifts to the Foundation's education funds.

The campaign honoring Dr. Nevins was initiated by Dr. Alan Levine and Dr. Paul Ricchetti, two of his former students from Boston University, where Dr. Nevins taught from 1967 to 1979. When the two told their mentor that they were raising money in his honor, his response was immediate: "We need to keep periodontal education at a high level," directing the gifts to support a future education fellowship. By year's end, donations honoring Dr. Nevins totaled more than $140,000. Gifts have come from former students around the world, and corporate donors as well. Osteohealth, which is a Foundation corporate partner, contributed $60,000 in honor of Dr. Nevins. "Our company has had a close relationship with Dr. Nevins for many years. When we heard of this campaign in his honor, we wanted to provide significant support," says Gennine Kelly, marketing manager for

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### Mike McGuire, DDS



Every person has the capacity to be philanthropic. But in order to be so they must believe the need is compelling, feel they can make a difference, and be motivated by leaders who inspire others to join them in their commitment. Mike McGuire, DDS, 2008 AAP Foundation President, is one such leader.

"My view on supporting the Foundation can be summed up by a quote from Winston Churchill," states Dr. McGuire. "He said, 'We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.' My specialty has provided me with a career that has been financially rewarding and personally satisfying. I am proud to give back to our specialty and to know that I am helping others look forward to a bright professional future."

Dr. McGuire and his wife, Jana, have been supporters of the Foundation from its earliest days. "People I respected, like L.K. Croft, were promoting the Foundation. They took the time to explain to me how important my support was and what a difference I could make. We have been consistent donors to the Foundation over the years. But the call to action to strengthen education especially resonated with us. The urgency of the Education Action Program prompted us to make a difference now with a $50,000 pledge to the education endowment, and to do our part to ensure the future with a significant planned gift."

He urges all periodontists to join him and his wife in investing in the AAPF's education initiative, saying: "We will be repaid with the individual pride that comes from advancing our specialty, with the satisfaction of working together as periodontists to safeguard our future, and with the knowledge that our patients will be rewarded with the highest level of oral care possible."

Osteohealth Company. "Dr. Nevins has been a driving force in the field of regeneration. We have tremendous respect for his work and dedication." Dr. Nevins is now Associate Clinical Professor of Periodontology, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and also is in private practice.

When James Mellonig, DDS, MS, announced his pending retirement from UTHSCSA, District Ambassador Lisa Masters, DDS, MS, in 2007 spearheaded a drive to honor Dr. Mellonig with gifts to the Foundation's education funds. She could think of no better way to recognize an educator who had such a strong impact on so many periodontists. Dr. Mellonig is a private practitioner in San Antonio and an assistant clinical professor at UTHSCSA. Prior to joining UTHSCSA, Dr. Mellonig was Chairman of the Department of Periodontology, and Professor and Director Postgraduate Periodontics at the Naval Medical Command in Bethesda, Maryland.

## OUR PAST RECIPIENTS CONTINUE TO CARRY THE TORCH

### Gordon Douglass, DDS



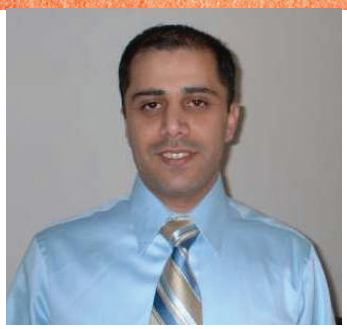
As an officer of the AAP (he was president in 2003), Gordon Douglass developed a heightened awareness of change in dental education. "As I met with deans at the schools, I became aware of the shifts in education as a whole and how we will be affected. Schools are making huge changes in how dental education is presented," he states. "We must support our educators or ten years from now periodontists will be practicing with dentists who won't have the appropriate education in periodontics so they can refer properly."

Dr. Douglas and his wife, Susan, are ardent supporters of the Foundation, "We support what we value, and we really value our specialty for what it has done and what it can do."

"When the ABP needed help, we supported it with a donation to the Bowers Endowment Fund. Now we have the largest number of diplomates of any specialty. This is critical now and in the future, where there will be an even greater value in being a diplomate."

Like many periodontists, Dr. Douglass readily acknowledges the personal rewards of a career in periodontology but sees the greatest benefit to its patients. "I believe that dentistry desperately needs periodontists and the knowledge we bring to dentistry for the sake of our patients," says Dr. Douglass. "The only way to assure our patients will continue to benefit is through support for our educators."

### Mohanad Al-Sabbagh, DDS



For Mohanad Al-Sabbagh, program director of graduate periodontology at the University of Kentucky, receiving the AAP Teaching Fellowship in 2006 had a major impact beyond the financial relief it provided. "The Fellowship was an invaluable benefit to my career. It was extremely helpful in that it enabled me to take advantage of some wonderful opportunities that would otherwise have been unavailable." Dr. Al-Sabbagh's research interests are in the areas of implantology, regeneration, and clinical epidemiology. He currently is conducting clinical research funded by a five-year, $250,000 per year grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) to determine specific genetic polymorphisms that may predispose smokers to destructive periodontal diseases.



Periodontology is a research-based dental specialty, drawing from the leading edge work performed in training programs across the country and from findings generated by private practitioners to bring the highest level of care to patients. The AAP Foundation encourages periodontal research in a variety of areas, including regeneration, advanced implant surgery, prevention of gingivitis and periodontitis, and oral plastic surgery.

## Research

## ANSWERING THE CALL FOR RESEARCHERS

Who will perform the research so vital to the specialty and to such a broad spectrum of patient health concerns if our educational presence diminishes and periodontal researchers disappear from our nation's dental schools?

Moreover, findings from periodontal research influence the practice of other healthcare specialties and in many instances have led the way to better patient care in the dental and medical communities at large. Witness the recent emphasis on periodontal research that explores the intertwining relationship between periodontal disease and systemic conditions, such as hypertension and diabetes. Or the co-occurrence of periodontal disease with pre-term, low birthweight babies, which has prompted physicians to recommend periodontal exams for expectant mothers. And, as evidence-based practice continues to be the standard, the role of periodontal researchers assumes an even greater importance.

Since its founding, The AAP Foundation has encouraged periodontal research with awards of more than $500,000. These include the ***Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery***, a $50,000, 12-month fellowship intended to provide educational and clinical experiences that reflect the most current techniques in implant dentistry; the ***Tarrson Regeneration Scholarships***, two awards, each in the amount of $37,000 per year for each year of the recipients' three-year periodontal training program and intended to encourage research in regeneration; the ***E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery***, a $1,000 award for the best paper on clinical oral plastic surgery published in a peer-reviewed journal; and support for the ***R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award***, presented to the authors of the best peer-reviewed published paper that has contributed most to the knowledge of periodontal regeneration in a given calendar year.

In 2007, the ***Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery*** was awarded to Jacob Kobi Stern, DMD, a resident in the postdoctoral periodontics graduate program at

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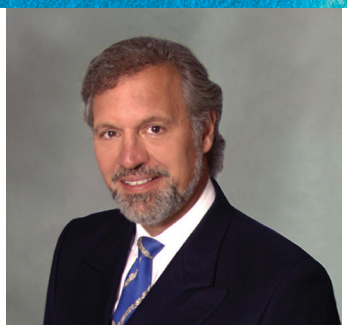
### Edward P. (Pat) Allen, DDS, PhD



Dr. Pat Allen sees the future of the specialty as depending on the research performed in our educational institutions. "We must have enough undergraduates, graduates and faculty in academia who have an interest in research and we need to provide the means for them to pursue that. That is our future, and that is why Foundation encouragement of research is so important."

He observes that the specialty is grounded in both art and science. "We need clinicians and we need researchers. The clinical practice of periodontology will advance both from clinical research as well as from fundamental research. To me, periodontal research is the foundation on which our specialty is based. We have a history of astute clinical observers—Clifford Ochsenbein, John Prichard, Saul Schlugar, and Gerald Kramer, for example—but their observations require research to make sure that what we do clinically is predictable. "He ties support for the Foundation directly to the future of the specialty. "I give to the Foundation because of the sense of responsibility I feel toward the specialty and toward its future."

### Richard J. Lazzara, DMD, MSc



"I continue to be honored to have my name associated with this prestigious award," says Dr. Lazzara regarding the Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery. "I am so interested in implant dentistry because I can see the extraordinary benefits it provides our patients. It is also a very natural modality for periodontists because our knowledge and training positions us to be the premier providers of implant therapy."

Steven Schiess, president of BIOMET 3i, the funder of the Fellowship, is especially impressed by the caliber of the Lazzara Fellows and sees the Fellowship as integral to the specialty's future. "It is my hope that the Lazzara Fellowship will support the specialty as a whole and the research conducted under the auspices of the Fellowship will benefit both practitioners and patients. By looking at what the Lazzara Fellows have already contributed to the body of knowledge in implant dentistry, I can see that the goal is already being realized."

In 2007, BIOMET 3i proudly renewed its $300,000 commitment to support the Fellowship.

the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, where he is also an undergraduate clinical instructor in the Department of Periodontics. Dr. Stern received his DMD and his MSc from the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine, Jerusalem, Israel. "The Lazzara Fellowship will enable me to deepen my understanding and enrich my clinical experience in the most current implant dentistry techniques," he says. Within the first six months of receiving his Lazzara Fellowship, Dr. Stern had performed second stage surgeries, extractions with ridge augmentation, socket augmentation, immediate implant placement, and guided tissue regeneration. In addition he successfully completed the oral portion of the American Board of Periodontology examination. Dr. Stern intends to continue research in implant dentistry at the end of his Fellowship, and to combine this with teaching. "This will allow me to give back to the place that has supported me and given me more than I could have hoped for," he says.

In 2007 ***Tarrson Regeneration Scholarships*** were provided to Jill Bashutski, DDS, a third-year resident in the University of Michigan Graduate Periodontics Program, and Isabel Gay, DDS, a postgraduate student in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. The Scholarship is intended to encourage periodontal research in regeneration of hard and soft tissues and to encourage talented periodontists to pursue careers as periodontal educators. The Scholars commit to teaching for three years. During 2007, Dr. Bashutski performed an interim analysis for her clinical research project on regeneration, a pilot study to determine the clinical effects of parathyroid hormone on periodontal healing and regeneration. She also published two papers in refereed journals, had two additional papers accepted for publication, and was invited to lecture on her past and present research for the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Network for Oral Research Training and Health.

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**Joseph Fiorellini, DMD, DMSc and David Cochran, DDS, PhD**





Oral plastic surgery is another area where the Foundation supports periodontal research, through the E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery. First given in 2004, the award has highlighted some important discoveries, including the applicability of materials currently used in other areas of medicine to periodontology. The paper selected for the 2005 Tarrson Research Award ("Randomized Study Evaluating Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein-2 for Extraction Socket Augmentation," by Joseph Fiorellini, T. Howard Howell, David Cochran, Jay Malmquist, Leslie Lilly, Daniel Spagnoli, Joseph Toljanic, Archie Jones and Myron Nevins) presents research findings that appear to open the door to more effective treatment for patients requiring grafting. Explains Dr. Fiorellini, "The protein we tested in the research recruits nearby cells to become bone-forming cells. In other words, it stimulates the body to heal itself."

Dr. Cochran adds, "Many people do not appreciate the enormous effort that goes into such research. Most clinical studies take three to five years to design, plan, get approved, recruit for and execute. Publication is the end point of all this work. The Foundation awards, hopefully, will inspire young people to enter the research field. They have a great impact on the researcher and help acknowledge their efforts. Some of my most coveted awards are these."

Dr. Gay completed her Masters in Clinical Dentistry degree in 2007, published in a peer-reviewed journal, presented four abstracts, placed second in the UAB Basic Science Research presentation, and was a finalist at the Volpe competition at Ohio State University. She is a clinical therapist for a multi-center clinical trial focusing on maternal oral therapy as a means of reducing obstetric risk, and will also conduct research to investigate human periodontal ligament stem cells and their ability to stimulate regeneration of a true periodontal ligament apparatus under certain conditions.

The Foundation's ***E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery*** was created to encourage periodontal research in oral plastic surgery. It awards $1,000 for the best paper on clinical oral plastic surgery published in a peer-reviewed journal during the previous year. In 2007 the AAP Foundation presented the E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery to Drs. Kenneth Erley, Gary Swiec, Robert Herold, Frederick Bisch, and Mark Peacock for their article "Gingival Recession Treatment with Connective Tissue Grafts in Smokers and Non-Smokers," which was published in the *Journal of Periodontology*. Drs. Erley, Swiec, Herold, Bisch and Peacock were all with the US Army at the time of the research, which was conducted at US Army DENTAC, Fort Gordon, Georgia.

## RESEARCHERS FAN THE FLAMES OF KNOWLEDGE

### Pamela McClain, DDS



Three-time recipient of the R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award (1989, 2004, 2006), Dr. Pamela McClain sees great promise in regeneration. Reflecting on the 2006 Robinson award for a large, multi-centered controlled trial that focused on platelet-derived growth factor to stimulate bone regeneration, she says, "Foundation support for this award shows support for research that will have a huge impact on our patients. Growth factors and chemical inducers that promote regeneration show great promise. Within 10 years, tissue-stimulating proteins that encourage the body's natural ability to regenerate bone and tissue will be a major component of what we offer our patients," she predicts.

### Robert Genco, DDS, PhD



"We in periodontology have been at the forefront of regeneration for more than 20 years, and are now at the forefront of the oral-systemic relationship as well. We need highly trained, motivated scientists to translate laboratory findings to chairside. The Foundation's focus on recognition and support of translational and clinical research is vital," says Dr. Robert Genco.

He feels that the recognition Foundation research awards confer goes a long way toward developing the next generation of researchers. "The recognition that comes with the R. Earl Robinson award and the E. Bud Tarrson oral plastic surgery award tells the community at large that the Academy and the Foundation recognize good research. The fellowships and scholarships, such as the Tarrson Regeneration Scholarship and Lazzara Fellowship, make the research possible by funding emerging young scientists," says Dr. Genco. He points to Tarrson Fellowships, now in their 10th year, as an example of the ongoing benefits of Foundation support: "This has clearly contributed to their careers, enabling them to remain as full-time faculty and to pursue an active research program."

The ***R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award*** was established to encourage research in periodontal regeneration. It is presented by the AAP to the authors of the peer-reviewed published paper considered to have made the greatest contribution to knowledge of periodontal regeneration in a calendar year. The Award is funded by the AAP Foundation. In 2007, the award was presented to Samuel Lynch, DMD; Philip T. Lavin; Robert Genco, DDS, PhD; William Beasley; and Leslie Wisner-Lynch, DDS for their paper "New Composite Endpoints to Assess Efficacy in Periodontal Therapy Clinical Trials," published in the *Journal of Periodontology*. The Foundation also encourages research by offering the $15,000 ***AAP Foundation Education Fellowship Funded by OMNI Preventive Care***. In 2007 that award was made to Melanie Campese, DMD, who is in the Master of Science in Dentistry program (MSD) and is also pursuing her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Periodontology at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine.



Melanie Campese, DMD

Foundation research support specifically directed toward the areas of regeneration and oral plastic surgery has brought attention to some particularly promising findings that hold promise for more effective treatment in the near future.

## Timothy Blieden, DDS, MS, PhD



Continued encouragement of regeneration research can lead to significant strides in patient care. One example of this can be found in a paper published in the *Journal of Periodontology* that examined the effect of the IL-1 genotype on the outcomes of periodontal surgical regenerative treatment with bone-replacement grafts. Dr. Timothy Blieden, clinical associate professor in periodontics at the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center, as one of the authors of the paper awarded the 2005 Robinson Award, explains that the research focused on diagnostic testing to see if a particular genotype affects the outcome of bone replacement grafts. "The result of our research was that it did not."

Just as important in Dr. Blieden's eyes is the fact that the lead author on the paper, Dr. Oren Weiss, was a former student and young faculty member. "Foundation encouragement of research has a significant impact. Recognizing work performed by a young clinical investigator can jumpstart their careers. It's this kind of recognition and support from the Foundation that will encourage young faculty members to stay in the game. If they stay in, they may ultimately land in a leadership position at the university, and strengthen the influence of our specialty in the university."



The investments made by donors in the AAP Foundation have realized tremendous returns, resulting in a stronger specialty. The Foundation supports innovative continuing education programs designed to enrich the knowledge of the dental professional team, enables the American Board of Periodontology to keep board certification accessible, and recognizes the best and brightest of the new practitioners.

## Building a Stronger Specialty

## FOSTERING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A STRONG SPECIALTY

The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation helps to build a strong specialty. Its awards bring to the fore the specialty's commitment to excellence, and its many contributions to the dental profession and to the health of patients. The Foundation further strengthens the specialty with programs that support continuing education and professional development for all periodontists and the sharing of knowledge with the entire dental professional team.

The Foundation's first named award, the ***Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence***, singles out young periodontists who early in their careers exemplify outstanding personal and professional accomplishments. First presented in 1997, the $10,000 cash award is given each year to a third-year periodontal student who demonstrates personal motivation for excellence in both character and academic achievement. Evidence of leadership, community involvement, and concern for the needs of others, is also weighed when considering candidates for the award. In 2007, the Kramer Scholar Award was given to Eric Kerr, DDS, MS, of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Kerr notes Dr. Kramer's legacy of "selfless service to others and pursuit of excellence in all aspects of his life," as inspiring his own desire to be remembered for giving back to his specialty, and for striving to improve the health and quality of life of his patients. Dr. Kerr's research activities include research performed under a multi-institutional NIH grant on the relationship of periodontal disease and pre-term, low birth weight babies; in 2007 he also placed second in the John F. Prichard Graduate Research Competition. At UNC, Dr. Kerr has served on the school's outcomes assessment committee and has been a clinical instructor and clinical teaching assistant. Dr. Kerr has given of his time to oral health screenings and a regional farm project that uses crops to help the less fortunate.

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### Joseph Gian-Grasso, DMD



Dr. Gian-Grasso is deeply committed to the specialty. "Periodontology is what I do. It is who I am. My career has been so rich in terms of dollars and in personal satisfaction that it is natural I support it," he says. "Each periodontist has to look deeply into themselves and try to appreciate what's been given to them when they are faced with the opportunity to give."

He notes that the Foundation makes it possible to make an extraordinary contribution to the specialty, and one that generates years of returns. Calling to mind the impact of the Kramer award: "Dr. Kramer was my department chairman so it's a particular pleasure to see the many contributions the Kramer scholars are making to our specialty."

### Henry M. Swenson, DDS



A long-term supporter of the Foundation, Dr. Swenson made his first gift to the Millennium Campaign, which supports the Finley Visiting Scholar Program.

Dr. Henry Swenson has maintained his private practice for 60 years and has served as a part-time instructor at Indiana University since 1945. Dr. Swenson has seen the rapid growth of the specialty and of periodontal education. "Students are so well prepared now but to continue we need more trained faculty on a full-time basis. That's where the Foundation fills a void, with its awards and fellowships. We have a good example of that right here at Indiana, with Dr. Vanchit John (2004 Tarrson Fellow who is now Director, Pre-doctoral Periodontics at the school)."

In his spare time, Dr. Swenson takes to the air as a ham radio operator (he received his license in 1955) and as a pilot. He received on his sixteenth birthday his first flying lesson and started flying in 1932, taking off from Roosevelt Field in New York in an OX-5 Bird biplane. These days he flies an Ercoupe. "It is docile and forgiving, which is what a person 91 years old should be flying." He has also restored eight vintage aircraft, and built another. Not surprisingly, on the ground, he and his wife Theresa sport a car with the licence plate TOP GUM.

Over the past 11 years, Kramer Scholars have made significant contributions in the organizational, research, and academic arenas. For example, Chris Richardson, DMD, MS, the 1998 Kramer Scholar, was instrumental in beginning a study club which is gathering data on implants placed by each of the eight study club members over a 10-year time frame. They are tracking success rates, tissue response, and aesthetics. Dr. Richardson anticipates that within two years they will have a study ready for publication. "Having this kind of data from private practice experience, including thousands of patients over a long term, will be very meaningful." Dr. Richardson is in private practice in Richmond, Virginia, and also teaching part-time at the Virginia Commonwealth University-Medical College of Virginia School of Dentistry.


Chris Richardson, DMD, MS

Diego Velasquez, DDS, MSD, the 2001 Kramer Scholar, is starting a pilot clinical research project on allograft blocks for implant site development. "My patients are my priority. Periodontology is the only dental specialty where treatment can bring about positive changes in a patient's systemic health and, by extension, their quality of life. It's a privilege to be able to do this," he says.

Jeffrey Kopman, DDS, MMSc, selected as the Kramer Scholar for the year 2000, now serves on the Foundation Board of Directors. He is chairman of Next Generation Dental Study Club, a 45-member group that includes all specialists as well as general dentists. "By interacting with all specialties, we are able to demonstrate the importance of periodontology to the interdisciplinary team and to enable the team to provide the highest level of patient care. It is really an opportunity to educate the dentists regarding the value of incorporating periodontology in their treatment plan," he says.

## Sharon Bannister, DDS



"Any time you concentrate on education and getting people excited about board certification, you are strengthening the specialty," says Colonel Bannister, Commander, 6th Dental Squadron, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida. A Kramer Scholar finalist in 2002, Dr. Bannister has continued the high performance trajectory she was on then. "The specialty is advancing so rapidly that you need to ask yourself, 'What am I doing to keep up with the change?' You are in danger of stagnating professionally if you don't focus on continual education —including the board certifying process—which helps you to grow professionally and move along with our specialty."

Dr. Bannister says that of the nine assignments she's had in her 15 years with the military, teaching at Wilford Hall Medical Center was the most gratifying. "Turning young students into periodontists who are super charged about the specialty is extremely gratifying. I think every periodontist should seek the opportunity to teach, even part-time. An added benefit to teaching is personal growth, keeping on the cutting edge of periodontics, which in turn helps you to give better care to your patients."

## Kent Palcanis, DMD



Dr. Palcanis emphasizes the importance of periodontics in academics for maintaining a robust academic presence. "We are not as involved in the general dental curriculum to the degree that we once were and we need to turn that around if we want to maintain a strong specialty. Who better to teach general dentists, hygienists and our residents about periodontology than periodontists themselves?"

As associate dean at the University of Alabama (UAB) School of Dentistry and professor in the Department of Periodontology, Dr. Palcanis backs his commitment to periodontal education with decades of direct experience. He was also principal investigator for an NIDCR grant awarded to the School of Dentistry, UAB on oral health research curriculum innovation. "My part was to try to bring more people into academia," he explains. "We started a DMD/PhD program, an Academic Career Club and we also focused on infusing the curriculum with evidence-based information.

***The Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grants*** are awarded each year to selected periodontal programs as matching funds to help support a formal presentation by an acknowledged leader in the field. The presentation is made to faculty and students and must address a subject of value to the entire dental professional team. The Finley Visiting Scholar program honors one of the specialty's great educators by expanding the reach of periodontal knowledge and reminding all dental professionals of the value periodontal care brings to the total oral health picture. In 2007, Finley Visiting Scholar Grants were made to Harvard School of Dental Medicine for a presentation by Dr. Robert Genco; Indiana University School of Dentistry for a presentation by Dr. Gerald M. Bowers; Louisiana State University School of Dentistry for a presentation by Dr. Mike Pikos; and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine for a program by Drs. Cy Evian and Arnold Weisgold.

Roy Page, DDS, PhD, Associate Dean, Research Center in Oral Biology, and Emeritus Professor Periodontics and Pathology at the University of Washington, has twice been the presenter of a Finley Visiting Scholar Program. The caliber of his presentations, and their relevance to the entire dental professional team, exemplify the value of the Finley programs. In 2003, Dr. Page was invited to be the University of Pittsburgh Finley Scholar, followed two years later by an engagement at Ohio State University. In both instances, he was invited to share his knowledge regarding the latest developments in periodontal risk assessment.

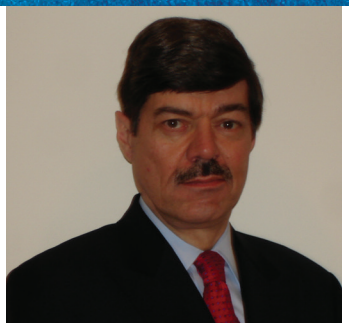


Roy Page, DDS, PhD

"Risk assessment is having a major impact on the specialty," says Dr. Page. "It is integral to periodontal diagnosis and treatment." Since 2003 he has been part of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Working Group on Surveillance Measures for Periodontal Disease. In addition to his work on risk assessment, Dr. Page is conducting research on a vaccine for use against gram-negative infections, such as periodontitis. The vaccine has proven effective in primate studies.

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### Michael Breault, DDS



Michael Breault sees support for periodontal education as an imperative. "The future of our specialty is in education," he says, "and donating time and money helps to secure that future." Dr. Breault currently teaches at a local general practice residency, and he foresees a further commitment to education by way of donating a day or two each week to teaching in his retirement. He sees this as a way of giving back, a value he learned from Dr. Abe Chasens when Dr. Chasens was his program director at Fairleigh Dickinson University. "Dr. Chasens was always a gentleman, respected and respectful," recalls Dr. Breault. Dr. Breault has honored his role model with a donation to the Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship Fund.

### Simon Bernstein, DDS



Like many early-career periodontists, Simon Bernstein is fulfilling significant financial commitments. Yet he has no hesitation about stepping up to the plate to support the specialty with a donation to the Education Action Fund, a pledge he made two years ago, while he was a student in the University of Michigan program. "Although my career was still ahead of me, I knew I would receive many benefits from my educational experience, including my clinical training and the opportunity to interact with tremendous mentors in the field. I felt a responsibility to pay it forward."

After graduation, Dr. Bernstein joined a private practice in Swampscott, Massachusetts, where he works with Drs. Gary Reiser, Roger Wise, Jim Hanratty and Myron Nevins. He appreciates the willingness with which his mentors, including Dr. Hom-Lay Wang, his program director at the University of Michigan, have shared experiences, advice and guidance. Dr. Bernstein uses this instruction and coaching to enhance his daily work and to develop ways to coach others. Dr. Bernstein acknowledges that support of the AAP Foundation is important to the current and future state of the specialty.

The Foundation also supports lifelong continuing education for periodontists with Seibert grants. The grants honor the memory of Dr. Jay S. Seibert, who innovated or refined several commonly used periodontal surgical techniques and was considered at the forefront of aesthetic periodontal therapy. Seibert awards have been made to support video surgery sessions and other exciting AAP Annual Meeting continuing education activities.

Professional excellence is further supported by board certification, and since 2001, with the launch of the ***Gerald M. Bowers Endowment Fund for the American Board of Periodontology***, the Foundation has lent support to the ABP for the expansion of certification opportunities. Since then, a growing number of periodontists have become board certified, passing rigorous written and oral exams. A strong certifying board demonstrates the unique knowledge base and skill sets the specialty brings to dentistry, and the high expectations periodontology places on its practitioners. By the close of 2007, the Bowers Endowment Fund for the ABP stood at more than $2 million.

Robert Schallhorn, DDS, notes the critical role of the Foundation in building a strong and enduring specialty. "The Foundation enables us collectively to do what we could never do individually. Although its work is multi-faceted, the Foundation's underlying theme is the same: working proactively to provide financial support to all of those activities, especially education, research and a strong certifying board, that help us to provide the best care possible to our patients."

## Jeffery Thomas, DDS



Jeffery Thomas maintains a full-time private practice New Bern, North Carolina, and is a part-time instructor in the graduate periodontics department at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, where he sees up-close the impact of Foundation awards targeting education. "When Patricia Diaz, who was in the program at Chapel Hill, received the Foundation's AAP Educator Scholarship in 2006, I was just so proud of her. We have to make it possible for people of her caliber to stay in periodontal education." Dr. Thomas sees that a sizable award, such as the Educator Scholarship, can push young periodontists who are conflicted about an academic career because of financial obligations, over the edge and into teaching. As a practitioner for more than 20 years, he also looks at the long term challenge: "We need to keep at this, encouraging educational talent with financial incentives and also by recognizing them and linking them in closely with the Academy and the Foundation, and with other seasoned academicians. There's no quick and easy solution to periodontal education."

## Leonard Tibbetts, DDS



Leonard Tibbetts fears that without support for periodontal educators, the specialty will lose its influence in academia. Dr. Tibbetts served on the original committee that explored the possibility of a Foundation specifically for periodontology and "After looking into this, we decided we couldn't afford not to do it. A foundation would allow us to do many things that are important for the specialty, most importantly raising and dispersing funds for education and research." Dr. Tibbetts served as the Foundation's first president and saw its first fund-raising effort, the General Endowment Fund, reach its $5 million goal. Looking to the future of the Foundation's role in strengthening the specialty, he observes, "The Foundation must remain vibrant and able to change to be germane to the issues at hand, such as the one we now face in education. With adequate support, it can do that." Dr. Tibbetts and his wife, Mary Jane, support the General Endowment Fund, and the Education Action Fund, and are members of the Millennium Society, which provides matching funds to periodontal training programs for the Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar program.



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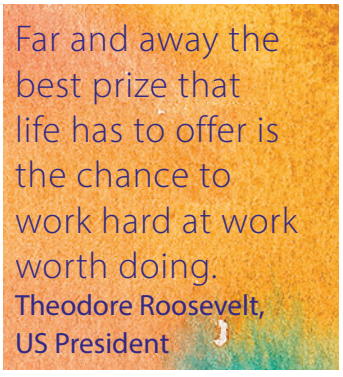
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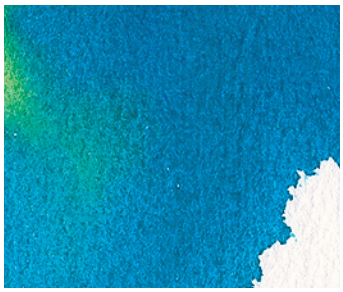
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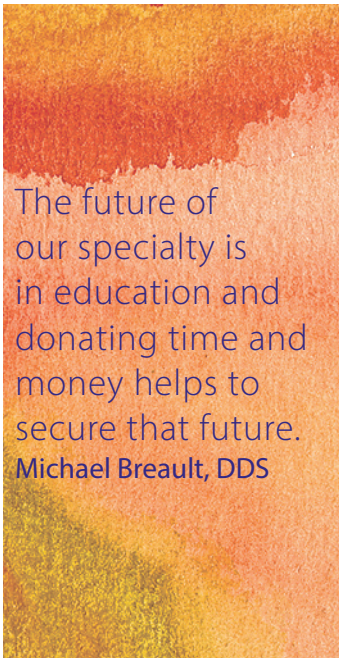
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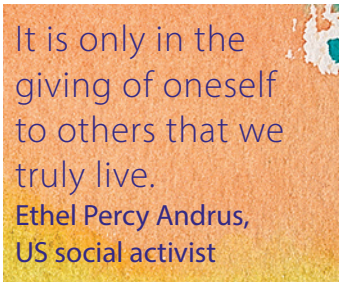
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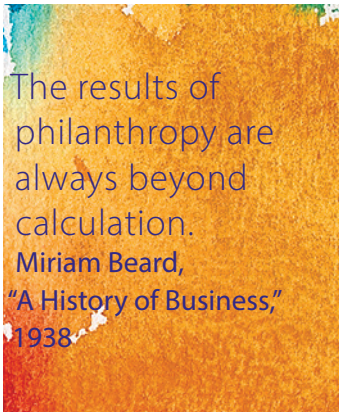
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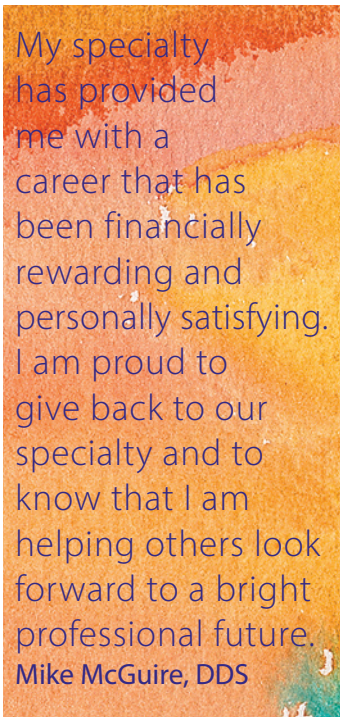
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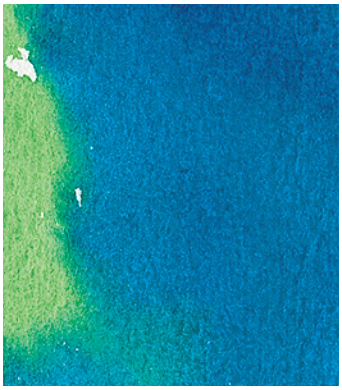
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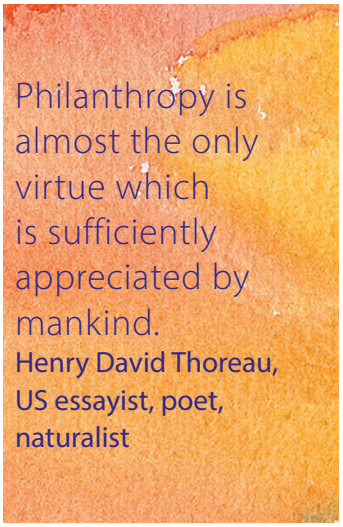
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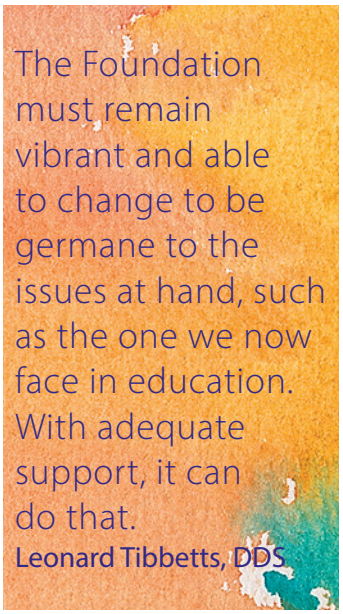
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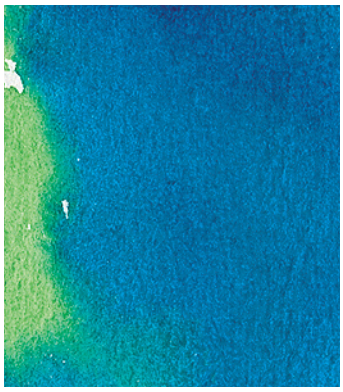
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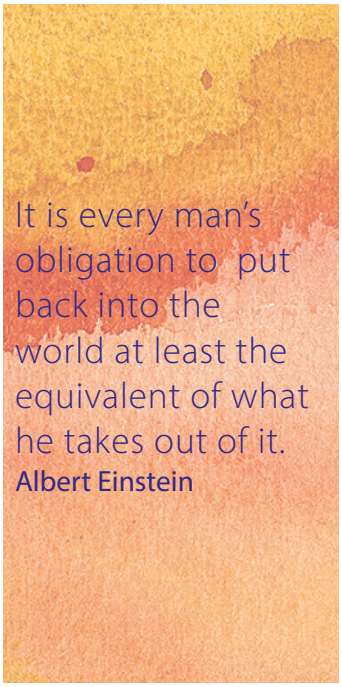
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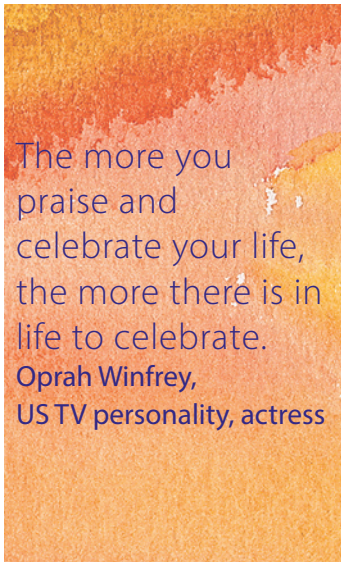
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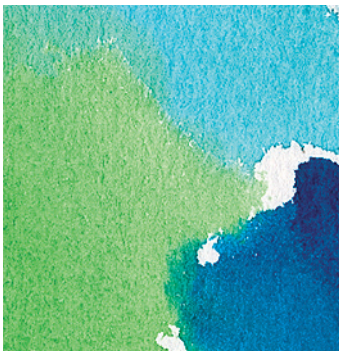
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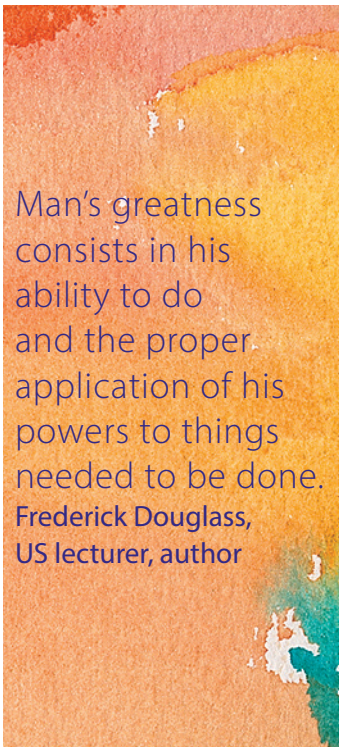
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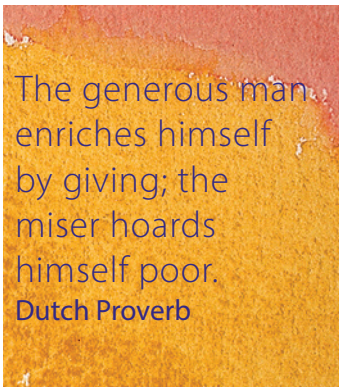
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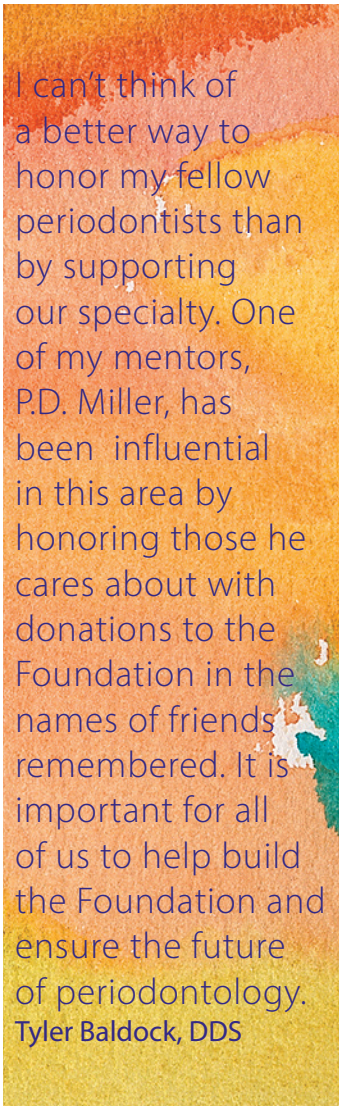
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## American Academy of Periodontology Foundation
## Statement of Activities (For the year ended December 31, 2007)

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SUPPORT AND REVENUE:** | | | | |
| Contributions and pledges | $ 218,884 | $ 981,232 | $ 353,528 | $ 1,553,644 |
| In-kind contributions | 36,745 | – | – | 36,745 |
| Meals and social functions | 27,846 | – | – | 27,846 |
| Realized gain on sale of investments | 346,864 | 247,367 | – | 594,231 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | (373,771) | (291,870) | – | (665,641) |
| Dividend and interest income | 475,968 | 267,983 | – | 743,951 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 536,206 | (506,206) | (30,000) | – |
| Total support and revenue | $ 1,268,742 | $ 698,506 | $ 323,528 | $ 2,290,776 |
| **FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:** | | | | |
| Program | $ 593,797 | $ – | $ – | $ 593,797 |
| Management and general | 407,000 | – | – | 407,000 |
| Fundraising | 420,861 | – | – | 420,861 |
| Total functional expenses | $ 1,421,658 | $ – | $ – | $ 1,421,658 |
| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** | $ (152,916) | $ 698,506 | $ 323,528 | $ 869,118 |
| **NET ASSETS,** Beginning of year | 1,058,593 | 1,281,759 | 8,113,879 | 10,454,231 |
| **NET ASSETS,** End of year | $ 905,677 | $ 1,980,265 | $ 8,437,407 | $ 11,323,349 |

## American Academy of Periodontology Foundation
## Statement of Activities (For the year ended December 31, 2006)

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **SUPPORT AND REVENUE:** | | | | |
| Contributions and pledges | $ 168,157 | $ 225,066 | $ 407,218 | $ 800,441 |
| In-kind contributions | 34,948 | – | – | 34,948 |
| Meals and social functions | 63,364 | – | – | 63,364 |
| Realized gain on sale of investments | 65,119 | 13,152 | – | 78,271 |
| Unrealized loss on investments | 598,791 | 88,958 | – | 687,749 |
| Dividend and interest income | 430,629 | 59,984 | – | 490,613 |
| Net assets released from restrictions | 120,576 | (120,576) | – | – |
| Total support and revenue | $ 1,481,584 | $ 266,584 | $ 407,218 | $ 2,155,386 |
| **FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES:** | | | | |
| Program | $ 486,991 | $ – | $ – | $ 486,991 |
| Management and general | 348,793 | – | – | 348,793 |
| Fundraising | 374,811 | – | – | 374,811 |
| Total functional expenses | $ 1,210,595 | $ – | $ – | $ 1,210,595 |
| **CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** | $ 270,989 | $ 266,584 | $ 407,218 | $ 944,791 |
| **NET ASSETS,** Beginning of year | 787,604 | 1,015,175 | 7,706,661 | 9,509,440 |
| **NET ASSETS,** End of year | $ 1,058,593 | $ 1,281,759 | $ 8,113,879 | $ 10,454,231 |

## American Academy of Periodontology Foundation
## Statement of Financial Position (December 31, 2007 and 2006)

### ASSETS

| Assets: | 2007 | 2006 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 559,133 | $ 151,626 |
| Pledges receivable | | |
| - Endowment fund | 233,271 | 216,128 |
| - Kramer scholarship fund | 8,993 | 13,113 |
| - Gerald Bowers fund | 171,403 | 375,325 |
| - Chasens fund | 1,000 | 3,100 |
| - Education action fund | 129,915 | 77,341 |
| - Education endowment fund | 86,971 | 51,101 |
| - Other | 534,261 | – |
| Accounts receivable | 9,000 | 12,000 |
| Prepaid expense | 576 | – |
| Investments | | |
| - Cohen trust investment | 54,035 | 52,621 |
| - Corporate debt securities | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| - Corporate equity securities | 9,886,365 | 9,857,597 |
| Cash surrender value - Life insurance | 50,000 | 50,000 |
| Beneficial interest in split-interest agreement | 129,795 | 111,500 |
| Total assets | $ 11,855,718 | $ 10,972,452 |

### LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

| Liabilities: | | |
|---|---|---|
| Accounts payable | $ 294,495 | $ 272,413 |
| Gift annuity obligation | 237,874 | 245,808 |
| Total liabilities | $ 532,369 | $ 518,221 |
| **Net Assets:** | | |
| Unrestricted | $ 905,677 | $ 1,058,593 |
| Temporarily restricted | 1,980,265 | 1,281,759 |
| Permanently restricted | 8,437,407 | 8,113,879 |
| Total net assets | $ 11,323,349 | $ 10,454,231 |
| Total liabilities and net assets | $ 11,855,718 | $ 10,972,452 |

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