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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

JOHN H. KOBBS, DDS, MS

2014 AAP FOUNDATION PRESIDENT



Dear Colleagues,

It has been my honor to serve as president of the AAP Foundation this year. 2014 brought many exciting advances to the Foundation — new awards, a new logo, and a brand new group of award recipients who are destined to change the specialty for the better.

As the AAP Foundation prepares to celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2015, we introduced a new anniversary logo to mark the occasion. We are proud of the more than \$4 million dollars we have awarded to further the specialty, and of the positive change we have been able to enact in academic periodontology. We hope you share in this pride.

The AAP Foundation was also honored to receive a 2014 William J. Gies Award for Achievement. The Gies Awards, named after dental education pioneer William J. Gies, PhD, honor individuals and organizations exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation and achievement in dental education, research and leadership.

Through a transformational gift from Dr. Jo Rummelhart, the AAP Foundation was able to initiate the Dr. James T. Mellonig Regeneration Research Award. Dr. Mellonig has served as an inspiration for so many, and we are honored to further his passion for regeneration through this new offering.

Thanks to a generous donation from BioHorizons, the AAP Foundation will begin offering a second Nevins Fellowship, the Nevins BioHorizons Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship. This award will help educators establish their careers by alleviating some of the burden of student debt.

So many were saddened by the loss of Dr. Robert S. Schoor, and many expressed their gratitude for his contributions to the specialty with gifts to the AAP Foundation. With those gifts, in memory of Dr. Schoor, the AAP Foundation was pleased to introduce the AAP Foundation Schoor Research Award.

The AAP Foundation was honored to support the Workshop on Enhancing Periodontal Health Through Regenerative Approaches hosted by the AAP this year. The Foundation's support of this workshop and the publication of its proceedings helped to advance understanding and practice of periodontal regeneration and tissue engineering, leading to better outcomes for patients. In addition to summarizing the state of the literature for each of five regeneration topics, this workshop facilitated the creation of Practical Applications reports in Clinical Advances in Periodontics. These reports will serve as a guide for dental professionals when determining treatment options to preserve patients' natural dentition.

As 2014 Teaching Fellow Julio Carrion says, "I teach without expecting rewards, but the fact that it happened is great — it's not just for me, but also for my family. I do it because I love what I do." Our 2014 award recipients join me in expressing our gratitude for your generosity. Your gifts to the AAP Foundation help passionate teachers and researchers pursue their dreams of academic careers. They are teaching the periodontists of tomorrow, who will go on to pursue their goals of better patient care for all. The donation you make today will have far-reaching effects in this generation and beyond. Thank you for trusting us to make the most of your philanthropic dollars.

Thank you to our board, committee members, leaders and donors. We couldn't do it without you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JH Kobbs". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and a cursive "Kobbs".

John H. Kobbs, DDS, MS

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Lillie Pitman, DMD



“The Foundation helps by giving opportunities to periodontists. I don’t see any better way of giving back than supporting those in need.”

LILLIE PITMAN, DMD

**DR. AND MRS. GERALD M. KRAMER
SCHOLAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
LILLIE PITMAN, DMD**

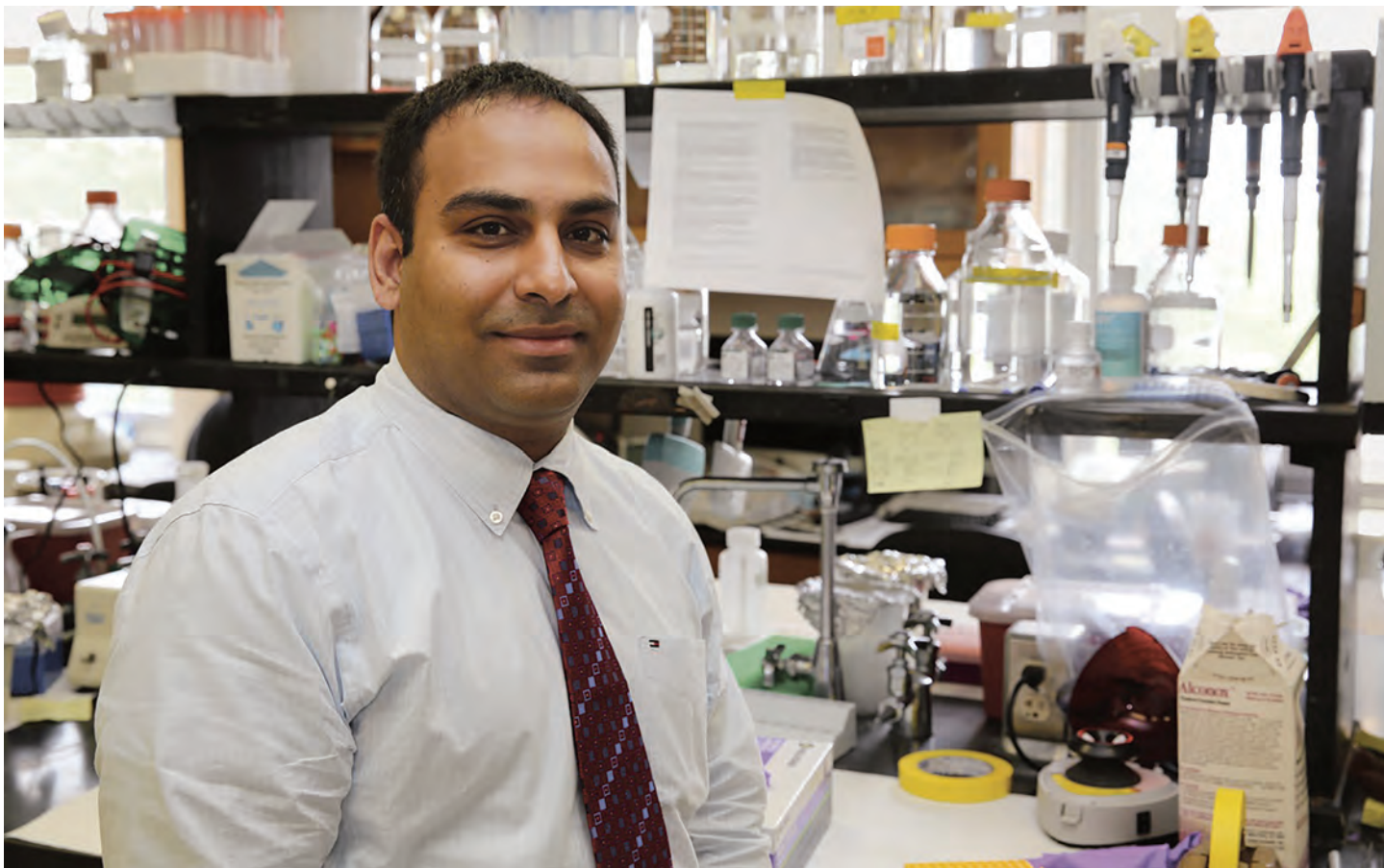
University of Alabama, Birmingham, Class of 2015

The 2014 Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence was awarded to Lillie Pitman, DMD. Dr. Pitman, originally from northern California, spent this year buying a practice, moving cross-country, getting established in a new town and learning all that comes with becoming a business owner. She completed her residency at the University of Alabama, Birmingham, while participating in many different volunteer activities, including organizing the UAB School of Dentistry American Cancer Society Relay for Life Fundraiser. Dr. Pitman says, “There were so many highly qualified finalists for the Kramer Award. I feel so fortunate to be the Kramer Award recipient.” Considering Dr. Pitman’s accomplishments, we’re not surprised at all.

Dr. Pitman and her husband were looking for a practice that was well-established and had a demonstrated commitment to care, quality and excellence. They were interested in becoming part

of a community, and wanted a place where they could eventually raise a family. For them, Fredericksburg, Virginia had it all. While she is focusing most of her efforts on her practice, Dr. Pitman is also planning to continue the Seattle Study Club her predecessor, Dr. Robert McGrail, has successfully established in Fredericksburg. She looks forward to contributing to her local community, being part of Fredericksburg and becoming a leader in the dental community. At the end of April her office is volunteering in a fundraiser that provides resources to a local, free medical and dental clinic.

Dr. Pitman says, “I really try to embody Dr. Kramer’s philosophy of striving for excellence in all that you do and caring for those around you. I live my life that way every day, and I’m so proud to be associated with the Kramer family and the AAP Foundation.” She believes strongly in giving and volunteering, and has volunteered in some capacity for most of her life. Reflecting on the AAP Foundation, Dr. Pitman states, “The Foundation helps by giving opportunities to periodontists. I don’t see any better way of giving back than supporting those in need.”



Srinivas Myneni, BDS, PhD

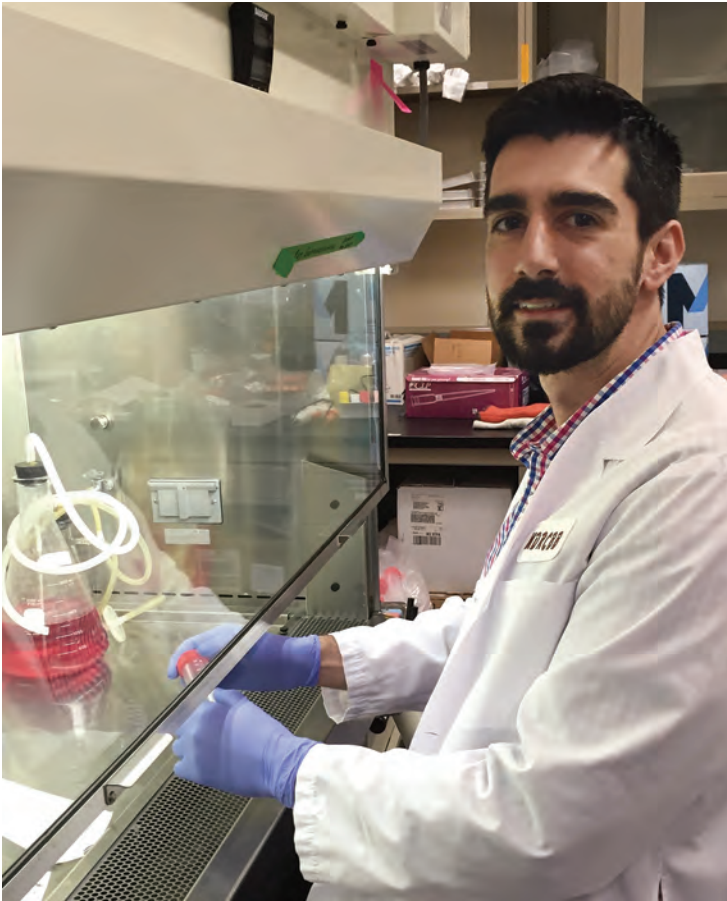
AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP **SRINIVAS MYNENI, BDS, PhD**

Assistant Professor, University at Buffalo

Receiving the Educator Scholarship Award gives Dr. Srinivas Myneni freedom to pursue his dreams. “I had lots of financial pressure during my residency,” he says. “Now I can focus my energy on teaching and research. I can see a brighter side of academia.” Dr. Myneni loves interacting with students and honing his personal teaching style. He is happy to find time for informal discussions with the students after class. Helping the seniors to feel comfortable with surgery through guided simulations on mannequins is an especially gratifying challenge.

One of Dr. Myneni’s goals is to bring basic science and clinical research together. He is studying the role of B cells in patients with diabetes and periodontal disease, and is also involved in a clinical project using intraoral electrotherapy to improve periodontal outcomes.

Academia is a long-term commitment for Dr. Myneni and he is grateful for long-term guidance from his mentor Dr. Sebastian Ciancio. He hopes to someday be a full-time tenured faculty member and to have the opportunity to contribute new knowledge and expertise to his chosen specialty. He says, “These awards play a big role in promoting periodontal education. They enable us to give back to the field and to help the public in general.” To the donors who made this award possible, Dr. Myneni says, “Thank you. I can’t thank you enough for the freedom this award has afforded me.”



George Kotsakis, DDS

**DR. D. WALTER COHEN TEACHING AWARD
AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP
GEORGIOS KOTSAKIS, DDS**

Assistant Professor, University of Washington

Scientists and teachers are not typically in the limelight. They need to be motivated by their own curiosity and love of learning. Dr. Georgios Kotsakis has always had a passion for discovery, but he credits the Dr. D. Walter Cohen Teaching Award and the AAP Educator Scholarship with giving him a special incentive to excel. "Receiving these awards was a very important push for me and the highest accolade I could hope to get for the work I've done," he says.

The awards have opened doors for Dr. Kotsakis. Upon graduating from the University of Minnesota, he quickly had several interviews lined up. He ultimately accepted an Assistant Professor role with the University of Washington. "The networking that the Foundation offers is something I could not have ever established by myself," he notes.

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GEORGIOS KOTSAKIS, DDS

An academic life provides the ideal environment for this enthusiastic researcher. Dr. Kotsakis loves the challenge of teaching undergraduate and graduate students in the periodontology clinic. He is also researching peri-implantitis to identify a process to decontaminate implant surfaces with agents that have selective cytotoxicity, and he is involved as a co-investigator in an NIH-funded study to develop methods for simultaneous assessment of multiple outcomes in dental research.

Dr. Kotsakis knows that AAP Foundation awards are not only important to him, but to the specialty as a whole. He says, "It's important to keep good periodontists in academia because we want to keep periodontics alive. We are pioneers in regeneration and implant dentistry and we have to keep striving for excellence if we're going to maintain and enhance our position in the dental community. Academicians will educate the new generation of periodontists, and we want to support the best and inspire them while helping them pursue academic careers."

Dr. Kotsakis is engaged to be married soon. As his wedding approaches, a secure future becomes increasingly important. He says, "It's very inspiring to see early on that people are giving me positive feedback and that leaders are supporting me. This early recognition is really defining my career path."

BUD AND LINDA TARRSON FELLOWSHIP

PATRICIA MIGUEZ, DDS, PhD

Assistant Professor

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Patricia Miguez credits the AAP Foundation with helping her stay in academics. “The Foundation has been pivotal in my professional development,” she says. “This is the third time the AAP Foundation has helped me. I received the 2008 Chasens Award and also a Fellowship to attend the American Dental Education Association Institute for Teaching and Learning in the health professions. Throughout the years, the AAP Foundation has pushed me, telling me they are here for me. I haven’t found this in any other entity. The Foundation is always there if I need it and I’m very grateful for that.”

Helping her students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill discover the connection between basic science and clinical applications is one of the most exciting aspects of teaching for Dr. Miguez. She explains, “I love the constant challenge of solving clinical problems through my extensive clinical training and understanding of oral biology, and then discussing with students. Seeking solutions for unsolved clinical questions in the laboratory fascinates students.”

Dr. Miguez is currently developing a translational research program in mineralized tissue maintenance and regeneration. She hopes to learn more about the role of extracellular matrix proteins in oral pathologies and bone regeneration as well as how natural compounds might prevent mineralized tissue loss. She is studying how botanicals and phytochemicals can modify bone and dentin matrix to prevent their loss. She believes this project dovetails with the public’s interest in natural substances that can be used to promote health. Dr. Miguez recently submitted a grant to the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to evaluate the role of a grapefruit extract compound on craniofacial bone regeneration. Later this fall she plans on submitting another grant on the role of a proteoglycan on bone maintenance.

Dr. Miguez emphasizes that each donor and each volunteer at the AAP Foundation makes a difference. She says, “The academic work environment can sometimes be very difficult, especially for young academicians. The AAP Foundation provided the encouragement I needed at a crucial time in my career. I was able to fund preliminary studies that hopefully will have a great impact in dentistry. I’ll never forget what Dr. Jack Caton, member of the Tarrson committee, said: ‘Patricia, I truly believe you will change the future of periodontology — just keep doing what you’re doing,’ and that’s just what I needed to hear.”

Patricia Miguez, DDS, PhD





Trever L. Siu, DMD, MS

AAP FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP TO THE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Each year, the AAP Foundation funds scholarships for periodontists to attend the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. Created for early- and mid-career faculty and private practice dentists interested in a new career in academics, the ADEA/AAL ITL is dental education's most comprehensive teacher training program. During the two-phase program, ADEA/AAL ITL scholars receive hands-on experience with key instructional tasks such as evaluating student competence, presenting lectures, planning courses, constructing tests, working with challenging students and providing feedback. In 2014, the ADEA/AAL selected 8 periodontists to receive the AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. They are: **Dr. Trever L. Siu**, Midwestern

University, **Dr. Sridhar V.K. Eswaran**, University of Texas at Houston Health Science Center, **Dr. Satish Kumar**, University of Southern California, **Dr. Roger M. Arce-Munoz**, Georgia Regents University College of Dental Medicine, **Dr. Nima Mirmadjlessi**, New York University College of Dentistry, **Dr. Harjit Singh Sehgal**, Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry, **Dr. Reginaldo Goncalves**, Laval University and **Dr. Brandon Coleman**, U.S. Army Advanced Education Program.

Dr. Siu states, "It was a privilege to have been chosen for the AAP Foundation scholarship. The scholarship offered a unique opportunity to attend an education seminar offered by the Institute for Teaching & Learning. The information garnered has improved my effectiveness as a dental educator and I am confident that everyone at my dental school has benefited." Dr. Kumar adds, "I learned a great deal from the experts in education about state-of-the-art best practices in teaching, learning and outcomes assessment by attending the Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. This program expanded my horizons as an educator, and the skills and knowledge I have gained will be directly applicable in my new role as a full-time faculty member at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. I am very grateful for this opportunity." Dr. Arce says, "The ITL was a great experience and a fantastic opportunity! I learned a lot about different teaching strategies, in particular how to use evidence-based approaches to teaching. I am very fortunate and grateful that the AAPF sponsored my ITL fellowship, which has had a significant effect on how I approach hands-on teaching from now on. Thank you AAPF." Dr. Singh says, "I am grateful to the AAP Foundation for this Institute for Teaching & Learning fellowship award. This program provides an excellent foundational knowledge in teaching and learning, and helped me develop cutting-edge teaching skills. It certainly afforded me an even bigger reward of being selected and awarded as a finalist for the esteemed faculty senate award for teaching at the Oregon Health and Science University." Finally, Dr. Goncalves adds, "The AAP Foundation fellowship to the ADEA/AAL ITL program allowed me to strengthen my academic career by preparing me to take up new challenges. Recently, I stepped up as postgraduate program director and reached the full professor academic rank." Congratulations to all of our fellowship recipients!

AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

ZHAO LIN, BDS, PhD

Assistant Professor

Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Zhao Lin finds inspiration in the accomplishments of his fellow grantees. “The Foundation has built up a very good system to help the young graduates and educators,” he says. “Working together, they can all serve to advance the profession. I look at the history of the awardees and they have done such great work for our specialty and community. I want to follow in their footsteps. The more who support the Foundation, the better it will be for our specialty.”

Initially, Dr. Lin recalls how he was uncertain about his ability to guide students. “I was unsure at the beginning,” he says. “It has been two years, and thanks to the support from my colleagues and students, I feel more confident now. I love teaching more and more since receiving the award; it was a huge encouragement for me. I enjoy my time with the students.” Currently he is directing a course entitled “Non-surgical Therapy for Periodontal Diseases” for second year dental students. After spending a lot of time with students in the classroom, preclinical exercises and clinics, Dr. Lin says, “I have a deeper understanding about the value and impact of education. The things our students learn at this stage of their education will have a significant impact on their future career, affecting how they treat patients and how they manage disease.” He wants to provide resources and guidance they need in order to build a solid foundation for their future.

In the area of research, Dr. Lin is studying novel technologies such as microvesicles and peptide/protein-based therapy for periodontal regeneration. He hopes that such research will provide new therapies someday.

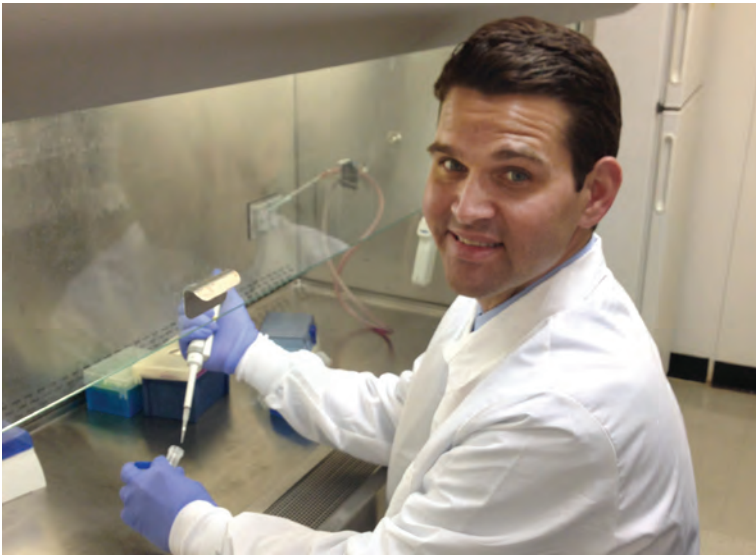
Dr. Lin is grateful to have the opportunity to do his “dream job,” being a clinician, educator and scientist. He says, “I have the opportunity to teach, unlike many who don’t have the luxury to stay in academia. I need to do the best job I can to motivate our students and share that passion with the next generation. I was fortunate to have many great mentors who supported, challenged and encouraged me. What I learned from them really shaped me into who I am today. I want to pass on what I have learned to my students, and encourage them to join our perio family, just as my mentors did for me.”

Zhao Lin, BDS, PhD



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AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP JULIO CARRION, DMD, PhD

Assistant Professor and Director of Periodontal Research
Stony Brook University

The AAP Foundation helped Dr. Julio Carrion realize his dreams. He says, “I’ve known since dental school that I wanted to pursue an academic career. As a clinician, I can directly improve the oral health of a limited number of patients, but as a teacher and educator I can indirectly influence the health of many more. The Foundation has taken the educational financial burden off my shoulders, allowing me to focus on being the best educator I can possibly be. In my academic role, I’m able to teach the students, serve the school, treat patients and

provide outreach to the community. I teach without expecting rewards, but the fact that it happened is great — it’s not just for me, but also for my family. I do it because I love what I do.”

As Director of Periodontal Research at Stony Brook, Dr. Carrion is studying the use of adult stem cells for periodontal and peri-implant bone regeneration. He hopes that this will lead to innovative treatment modalities. It took Dr. Carrion two years to launch his tissue engineering and periodontal regeneration laboratory. When that effort was completed, his next step was to develop local, national and international collaborations to enhance his research.

In addition to his scientific activities, Dr. Carrion teaches several didactic courses at the pre- and postdoctoral level. Guiding students on the path to success is as important to Dr. Carrion as helping them to learn. He is currently mentoring an international fellow from Egypt towards earning his Ph.D., and has supported students in their efforts to enter both dental school and postgraduate programs.

Dr. Carrion understands the pivotal role of generosity both in his profession and in his community. To this end, he created “Smiles for Hope,” a non-profit organization that provides free dental care to the underserved populations of Long Island, NY and Mexico. Dr. Carrion also serves as a pastor of his local church. In that capacity, he organizes efforts to reach people in need of counseling, food, clothing and dental care.

As much as he loves teaching and all of his related pursuits, Dr. Carrion’s three daughters make coming home the best part of his day.

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JAMES KATANCIK, DDS, PhD

THE CHARLES W. FINLEY VISITING SCHOLAR EDUCATION GRANT

The Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant was established to honor the memory of Dr. Charles W. Finley and all of the great periodontal leaders of the past, present and future. Grants of \$2,000 are awarded to accredited U.S. periodontal programs to offset honoraria, travel, promotion and seminars by speakers in periodontology. The grants must be matched by funds from each department or institution. Though the speakers spend the majority of their time with the periodontics department students and faculty, the grant requires that the speaker present a formal program to the entire dental school on a subject of interest. This year's recipients are the University of Illinois, Georgia Regents University, Harvard University, The University of Oklahoma and the University of Oregon.

Dr. Praveen Gajendrareddy, Director of the Postgraduate Program in Periodontics at the University of Illinois, Chicago, College of Dentistry, says, “We are very grateful for the AAP Foundation's Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant. The opportunity to interact with great mentors with renowned expertise in their fields serves as a valuable learning opportunity and a source of tremendous inspiration for our residents, students and faculty.”

Another Finley Grant was presented to Oklahoma University Health Science Center (OUHSC) Department of Periodontology to fund a program by Dr. Jon Suzuki. Dr. Suzuki presented to the graduate students and periodontal faculty members. Matching funds from their department and the available funds from the AAP Foundation gave them the opportunity to bring two more speakers to their periodontal graduate students and faculty. They were Dr. Jacques Nor from the University of Michigan and Dr. Guy Huynh-Ba from the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio. Dr. Jon Suzuki, Chair and Graduate Program Director, Periodontics, Temple University presented “Immunology for Periodontists — ABP Part I Board Review” and “Dental Treatment Planning for Patients on Biphosphonate Therapies.” Dr. Jacques Nor, Professor, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, presented “Stem Cells in Head and Neck Cancer” and “Stem Cells and Dental Pulp Engineering.” Dr. Guy Huynh-Ba, Associate Professor, Department of Periodontics, University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio, presented “Ridge Preservation and Timing in Implantology.” Dr. Eros Chaves, a Professor at OUHSC, says, “For the first time in OU graduate periodontal program history, we were able to expose our periodontal graduate students as well as our faculty to many high-quality presenters in one year. This was possible thanks to support from the AAP Foundation.”

Harvard University used their Finley Grant to bring Dr. David Cochran to their school. Dr. Cochran spent an afternoon with residents reviewing literature on the dental implant surface and gave a presentation on “Implant Surfaces and Osseointegration.” He then presented to nearly 40 residents and faculty members on the topic of “Implant/Abutment Design — Predictable Biologic Reactions.” Dr. David Kim, Associate Professor, Director of Postdoctoral Periodontology, and Director of Continuing Education at the Department of Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity, Division of Periodontology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, says, “The program was very well-received. The residents and faculty here at Harvard are looking forward to the next time they can invite Dr. Cochran to present.”

At Georgia Regents University, Dr. Kobi Stern, Director, Advanced Education in Periodontics, says, “We were very honored to receive the AAP Foundation Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar award. Dr. Tom Van Dyke was invited to speak at our 2014 Phil Hanes graduation lecture. This lecture is given as part of the graduation event by an expert in translational dental research of particular relevance to periodontology. In addition to the GRU Periodontics program graduates, faculty and residents, Ft. Gordon’s Periodontics

program residents and faculty, the GRU School of Dental Hygiene and other programs’ residents and faculty within the school are invited to attend. Dr. Van Dyke gave a fascinating lecture reviewing his many years of research on “The Basic Science of Periodontal Medicine: Principles of Resolution of Inflammation.”

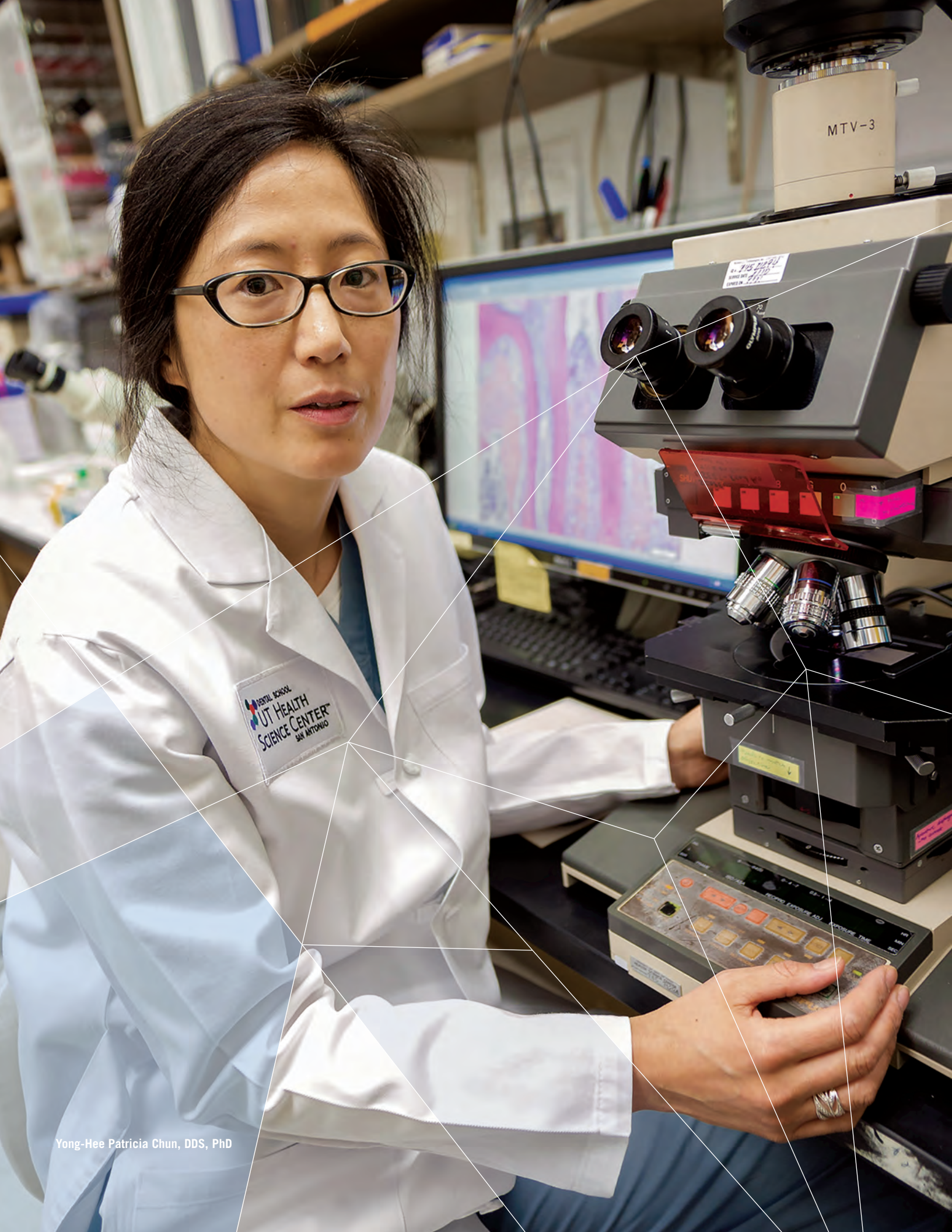
Dr. Van Dyke’s visit was of particular significance to department Chair Dr. Christopher W. Cutler who trained with Dr. Van Dyke when he was Chair of Periodontics at Emory University from 1987 to 1991. This visit was somewhat of a reunion for Dr. Van Dyke with the consulting part-time faculty who taught at Emory and now teach at GRU.

Dr. Stern says, “We are grateful for the support that the AAP Foundation provides through this wonderful award honoring Charles Finley to help bring such high-caliber speakers and researchers such as Tom Van Dyke.”

Dr. James Katancik, Professor and Chair of the Department of Periodontology at the Oregon Health & Science University adds, “We are very grateful to the Foundation and the availability of the Finley Award specifically for helping our program host a new and meaningful educational opportunity for our students and faculty.”



Presenters and participants at Georgia Regents University's 2014 Phil Hanes Graduation Lecture



Yong-Hee Patricia Chun, DDS, PhD



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YONG-HEE PATRICIA CHUN, DDS, PhD

SUNSTAR-AAP FOUNDATION RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

YONG-HEE PATRICIA CHUN, DDS, PhD

Assistant Professor

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

“I would encourage residents and faculty to apply for AAP Foundation awards. Don’t be discouraged if you don’t win the first time,” says Dr. Yong-Hee Patricia Chun. “The awards cover all stages of professional development.” Dr. Chun keeps her plaque on the wall in her office to remind her of the great support she has received from SUNSTAR and the Foundation. She is happy to be able to give back to her profession through teaching and research.

Dr. Chun is Assistant Professor in Periodontics and Cellular and Structural Biology at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She is studying the structure and function of ameloblastin, a molecule expressed in enamel formation and periodontal tissues. “We’re working on

understanding the molecular mechanisms for the development of enamel and periodontal structures,” she explains. She enjoys working with periodontics residents on these projects.

“Our ultimate goal is to regenerate enamel and periodontal tissues,” she says. Writing more manuscripts, competing for new grants and broadening the scope of her scientific investigations are all in Dr. Chun’s future. She’s also looking forward to the move to a brand-new clinic, which is certain to inspire the faculty and residents and improve their patients’ experiences.

Dr. Chun says, “AAP Foundation awards are hugely important to support the profession and the next generation of teachers and scientists in the area of periodontology. It does really make a difference in motivating and inspiring periodontists to contribute to the profession and to advance the field.”

RICHARD J. LAZZARA FELLOWSHIP IN ADVANCED IMPLANT SURGERY TAPAN KOTICHA, DDS

Assistant Professor

University of Michigan and University of Oklahoma

Dr. Tapan Koticha likes to be on the cutting edge, and teaching in the graduate program at the University of Oklahoma keeps him there. “It’s a lot of fun and a lot of action,” he says. “I learn along with the students. Literature review classes put me up-to-date with the newest research. When you teach, you never stop learning. It’s a constant flux of knowledge.”

Research is an important component of Dr. Koticha’s academic responsibilities. He is the principal investigator on a study of tissue biotypes using PBCT technology and intra-oral scanning to identify the incidence of trem-2 receptors in patients with chronic periodontitis compared to healthy patients. He is also working with anthropologists to identify whether there is a difference in the microbiome between ancient and modern civilizations. The interdisciplinary team hopes to discover what impact diet or the consumption of dairy products may have on oral health.

“There are fewer and fewer people interested in teaching in universities,” says Dr. Koticha, adding, “Having an award that supports you financially and recognizes your achievements goes a long way in motivating people to go into academics.” Dr. Koticha knows first-hand how important educators are in enhancing the specialty’s value throughout dentistry.



Tapan Koticha, DDS with AAP Foundation President, John Kobs, DDS, MS

“If periodontists don’t build the pipeline of educators, no one else will,” he says. “New dentists may not have the knowledge about what specialists do. It’s our responsibility to ensure educators are in place.”

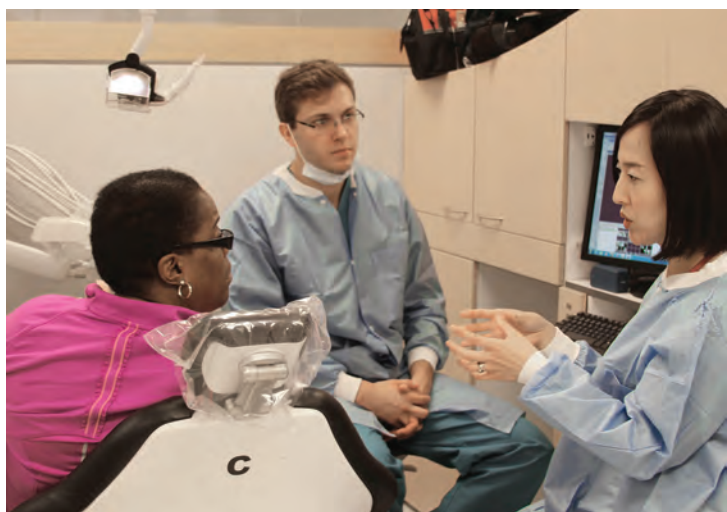
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HANAE SAITO, DDS, MS, CCRD



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NEVINS TEACHING AND CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

HANAE SAITO, DDS, MS, CCRD

Assistant Professor

Department of Periodontology, University of Maryland

“When I treat a patient, I am affecting one person. In academia, I’m impacting many more people,” says Dr. Hanae Saito.

Dr. Saito, who is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Periodontology at the University of Maryland, enjoys the variety

of teaching both pre-and postgraduate students. Watching how clinical experience makes textbooks and lectures relevant is gratifying for her. “You can see from the students’ faces that the things they learn in didactic training make sense when they do an actual surgery. I’m so excited to see the changes that happen on a daily basis,” she says.

As the principal investigator on a bone grafting project, Dr. Saito has the opportunity to bring even more diversity to her academic career. “I want to do a little of everything — teach, research, and see patients,” she adds.

Reflecting on her own training, Dr. Saito states, “Dentistry requires something beyond didactic-setting teaching. Someone has to guide the students chair-side to help them ‘get their feet wet.’ This is more than what you can find in a textbook.

I have been fortunate to work with great mentors and I strongly believe that I have to pass on what I have learned from them to the next generation.”

Dr. Saito believes that periodontists must continue to grow the specialty and expand their expertise through strong research and academic initiatives. She credits the AAP Foundation with taking the lead to achieve that goal. “The AAP Foundation has the power to help people still in their program make the decision to be in academia,” she says. Dr. Saito hopes to support that mission by being a role model for others who are inspired to pursue a lifetime of learning.

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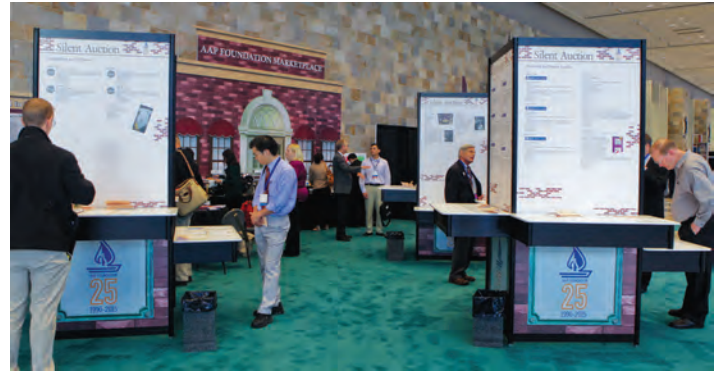
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Investments	355,408
	<u>\$ 1,180,797</u>

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AAP Regeneration Conference	100,000
Public Education	375,000
Program support activities	163,540
Annual Meeting programs	48,085
Outreach programs	461,079
Operations	224,079
	<u>\$ 1,797,459</u>

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