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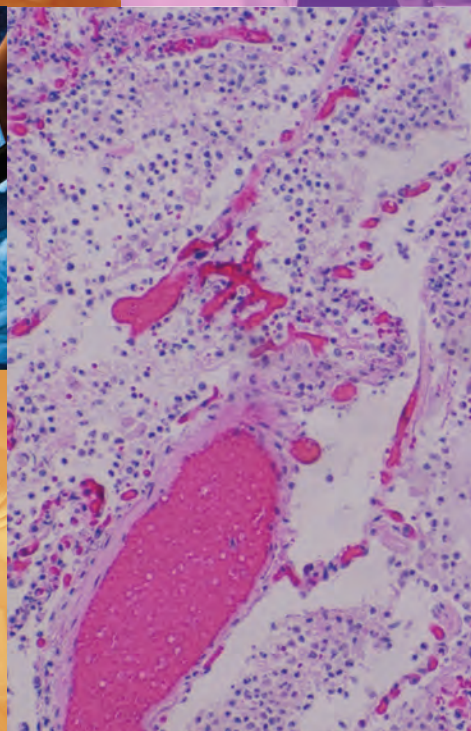
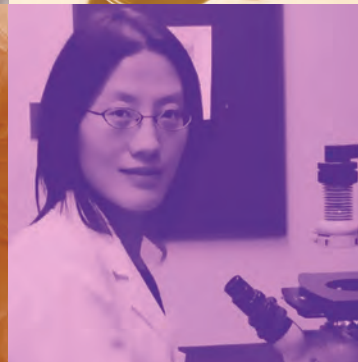
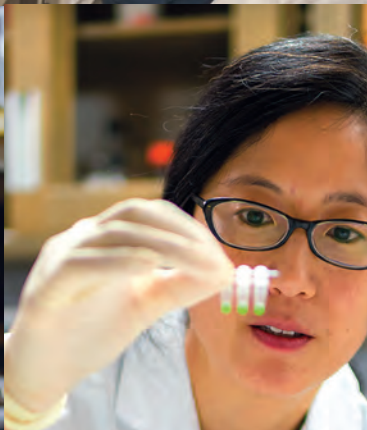
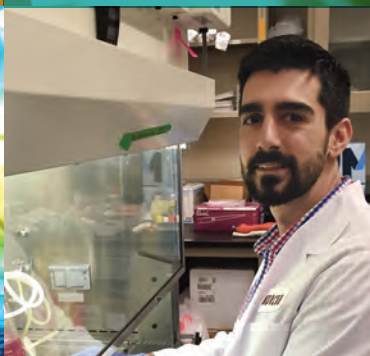
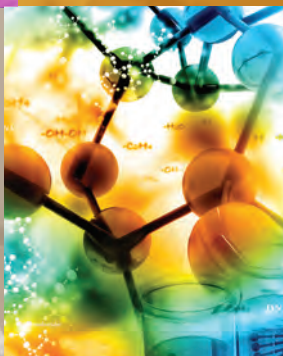
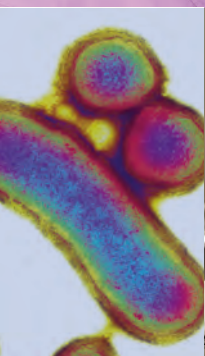
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Dear Colleagues,

The year was 1990. Madonna's "Vogue" and the New Kids on the Block "Step by Step" topped the pop charts. "The Simpsons" premiered on Fox TV. The first McDonald's opened in Russia. And the AAP Foundation was born.

In April of 1990, a visionary group of AAP leaders determined that a foundation should be established to support the specialty, and in November 1990, the AAP Foundation was officially incorporated. After its first year, the AAP Foundation held \$58,000 in assets. Today, our assets have grown to more than \$11 million. The AAP Foundation's awards portfolio has grown to distribute more than \$435,000 annually, and we have awarded more than \$4.5 million in awards since our inception.

The three full-time staff at the Foundation couldn't possibly accomplish this without the help of our volunteers. More than 300 individuals have served on our committees and Board of Directors over the past 25 years, along with more than 200 Ambassadors and Student Ambassadors. These dedicated individuals help spread the word about the Foundation's work, solicit funds, thank donors, develop strategic plans, and determine the best use of Foundation assets. Many former award recipients have now joined the ranks of Foundation leadership and are some of our most passionate advocates.

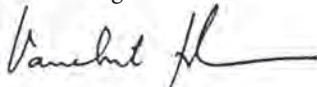
As a Foundation award recipient myself, I can personally attest to the impact Foundation awards have on those who wish to pursue an academic career. The Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship I received back in 2004 helped solidify my decision to teach and do research, but also inducted me into a society of fellow award recipients who have been there to support me in my efforts ever since.

Our 25th anniversary celebration was a true commemoration of how far we've come. Over the past year, we have updated our logo, produced a video that provides a snapshot of our 25 years (visit www.periofoundation.org and click on our YouTube channel to see it), hosted a virtual run to celebrate and raise awareness, highlighted 25 of our most influential award recipient researchers on our website, raised more than \$70,000 through the All-Star campaign, and had the best party ever with our Signature Recognition Event at Epcot.

Through the generosity of our donors and corporate partners, we have accomplished much in which we can all take pride. Our dedicated volunteers keep the wheels of the Foundation turning. And our award recipients continue to innovate, educate, and inspire.

It has been an honor to serve as the AAP Foundation's president over the past year. I appreciate the trust you have placed in us to strengthen the specialty, and I am grateful for my fellow volunteers and donors who pledge their resources to support our goals. I look forward to what we will be able to accomplish in the next 25 years, and I hope you will join me on that journey.

Kind Regards,



Vanchit John, DDS, MSD



VANCHIT JOHN, DDS, MSD
2015 AAP Foundation President



EDUCATION

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DR. ROGER ARCE

AAP TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

DR. ROGER ARCE

The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University

Support from the AAP Foundation was a bridge to larger grants and new networks for Dr. Roger Arce. He says, “It’s a great feeling of pride. This is my second grant from the AAP Foundation. The Foundation believes in me; I know it will open many doors in the future.” He also recently received a Faculty Development Program Award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for his research in periodontal immunology.

Dr. Arce loves the excitement of teaching, noting, “It’s never the same; it never gets boring. I teach dental students, residents, oral biology graduate students, people with dental backgrounds and non-dental backgrounds. It never becomes routine.” He is currently an assistant professor in the Departments of Periodontics and Oral Biology and hopes one day to become a tenured professor in periodontology. His interests include the immunology of periodontal disease and animal models of bone loss and periodontal disease.

A passionate scientist, Dr. Arce loves knowledge for its own sake. “It’s always about trying to find the next step in moving the field forward. The more we learn, the more we realize what we don’t know. There are so many new research findings we need to understand better. It really drives me to learn more,” he says.

Dr. Arce believes the AAP Foundation is critical to the specialty’s development. “It’s no secret that we’re facing challenging times. One way to protect the future of our specialty is to support the Foundation and ensure we continue the education of our future specialists. It’s a big part of protecting our specialty, and it’s very important,” says Dr. Arce.



1990

The AAP Foundation is born. We are incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization.



The first AAP Foundation Board of Directors



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DR. JENNIFER BAIN

2015 AAP TEACHING FELLOW

DR. JENNIFER BAIN

Interim Chair, Assistant Professor
University of Mississippi

The salary discrepancy between academics and private practice has not stopped Dr. Jennifer Bain from following her dream. She loves her chosen profession too much to allow for any barriers. Her recent fellowship and the scholarship she won in 2011 have enabled her to pursue her passion with the security that she'll be able to pay down educational loans. “People who have a heart for teaching will do it and not think twice about it. But the burden of student loan debt is increasing every year. The \$50,000 I received from the Foundation is a huge weight lifted off of my shoulders.”

Dr. Bain was recently named interim chair of her department. In her new role, she is investigating novel teaching methods such as adaptive learning as well as initiating new research projects. “I am currently working on a retrospective study to investigate the association between specific medications and the increase of implant failure,” she says. Dr. Bain's scientific interests are wide-ranging, and her challenge is finding the time to pursue them all. She hopes that her experience and expertise may one day lead to a position as a dean of academic affairs or dean of a dental school. Becoming more involved in organized dentistry and organizations like the AAP Foundation is also high on her list of future achievements.

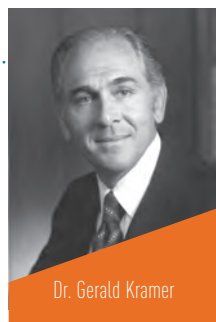
“I love teaching. It's a golden moment when I see a student start to develop the same passion I have,” says Dr. Bain. Her commitment to her profession is highly regarded by many. Since Dr. Bain's

1990

Mary Beth Whalen is hired as the first Executive Director of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation.

1997

The AAP Foundation introduces its first named award. The inaugural Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award For Excellence is awarded.



Dr. Gerald Kramer

1998

Through the generosity of the Tarrson family, the Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship is created.

appointment to the position in the School of Dentistry in 2014, she has received a full-time clinical faculty all-star award, a full-time clinical professor of the year in 2015, and earned the society's clinical science professor of the year award. Most recently, Dr. Bain was selected from a pool of university-wide nominees to receive the Regions Bank TEACH (Toward Education Advancement in Care and Health) Prize.

DR. D. WALTER COHEN TEACHING AWARD

DR. YAU-HUA YU

Assistant Professor, Tufts University

With every accomplishment, Dr. Yau-Hua Yu sees the door to academic success open a little wider. "This award is the first confirmation of strong support for me to keep going on an academic track. I will receive a fellowship from the American Academy for Dental Research next week. Each step leads to another level. I hope

to move forward with other funding and focus more on how to work with colleagues to teach periodontology in the department," she says.

Dr. Yu is currently studying the relationship between cardiovascular and periodontal disease. She is also involved in a project that has been going on for more than 20 years to study 23,294 women and the genetic components of periodontal disease.

Originally from Taiwan, Dr. Yu is proud to have recently received her United States citizenship. She believes the award helped her to secure her current faculty position and her academic career in this country. She has been able to step out of her comfort zone and continue on an academic track. Dr. Yu has an impressive list of ongoing priorities. Eventually, she hopes to establish a faculty group practice in the school, to complete her DMD

degree, and to do independent research with National Institutes of Health funding. Watching her students gain knowledge and understanding is an ongoing source of inspiration for her own academic journey.

Dr. Yu and her husband, a cardiology fellow, are kept busy by their three children, ages 11, 13 and 14. They spend lots of time outdoors and enjoy all kinds of physical activities. Going swimming or to the park or the gym are favorite pass-times.

"A small effort accumulates to a very important critical mass. You don't have to give a lot, but the critical mass goes to an individual awardee who is then able to pursue what is best for the specialty at that time. The awards encourage people and allow them to step out of their comfort zone and into the academic track," says Dr. Yu.

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DR. YAU-HUA YU

1999

Mary Beth Whalen retires as Executive Director of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation and Sharon Mellor is hired as the Executive Director of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation.



Dr. Sharon Mellor



**“Character over brilliance,
attitude over skill... This
phrase will stick with me
for the rest of my life.”**

DR. JEFF MCCULLOUGH

THE DR. AND MRS. GERALD M. KRAMER SCHOLAR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

DR. JEFF MCCULLOUGH

Private Practice, Los Alamitos, CA

Winning the Kramer Award was a fantastic experience for Dr. Jeff McCullough. “The impact that Dr. Kramer had on people’s lives is so apparent. To participate in that and represent what he represented is a true privilege. I hope I can carry his spirit forward,” he says.

“Character over brilliance, attitude over skill” is the message that Dr. Kramer gave his students, and it is an idea that Dr. McCullough has adopted in his own life. He notes, “The things that are within your control, like being on time, being prepared, having a strong work ethic, putting in a sincere effort, don’t require natural given talent. Patients depend on us to do what’s right for them. They want someone with high character and a positive attitude towards their field. This phrase will stick with me for the rest of my life.”

Dr. McCullough is in private practice in Los Alamitos, California. He also teaches part time at the University of California, Los Angeles. “I want to teach and maintain a close connection to the school, faculty, and colleagues,” says Dr. McCullough. He also enjoys the university’s collaborative and interdisciplinary environment. “If I have questions on oral pathology or radiology, I can speak to the faculty in those departments and improve my skills,” he says.

Along with providing quality patient care, service to others is another of Dr. McCullough’s priorities. He recalls, “In dental school, we had a very small class that was passionate about oral health outreach programs, particularly those

2000

The Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant is first awarded.



Dr. Charles Finley

2002

The Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship is introduced.



Dr. Abram and Sylvia Chasens

that involve pediatric and young adult populations.” Along with his classmates, Dr. McCullough helped to revive a number of outreach programs that had languished due to lack of interest. It was rewarding for him to see those initiatives improve and grow so that dental care could be more widely available.

Dr. McCullough values the Foundation’s role in encouraging clinicians to remain active in their profession, whether it’s through teaching or research, and to continually strive for excellence in the field.

AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP

DR. JEFF C.W. WANG

Clinical Assistant Professor
Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine
University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Outstanding patient care is the bottom line for Dr. Jeff Wang. All his research, teaching, and studies are directed toward advancing and enhancing patient care. “I hope to facilitate the communication and collaboration between basic and clinical scientists. We need more synergy for our

specialty and dentistry,” says Dr. Wang. He also extends his interest and expertise to interdisciplinary treatment, and believes that “we need to appreciate and work with other specialties to consolidate the role of periodontists within multidisciplinary patient care so we’re not isolated.”

Current projects include continuing his previous studies at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Forsyth Institute for Clinical Translation; harnessing natural signals that resolve inflammation as latest host modulation therapy for oral wound healing and regeneration, which was recently funded by the Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research (MICHR); novel periodontics-orthodontics interdisciplinary approaches for synergized accelerated adult orthodontics; and a customized oral hygiene therapy (COHT) initiative for both student and patient education. “This is a challenging part of predoctoral education. Most instruction is procedurally based, and there isn’t a focus on promoting patients’ long-term health and stability, which is our responsibility,” says Dr. Wang.

Inspired by his parents and many mentors, Dr. Wang’s dream was to become an academic. For him, Foundation funding represents much more than money. It provides the opportunity to be recognized within the profession. He says, “I’m really appreciative. The support from the Foundation greatly helped me to stay focused with a peaceful mind to pursue an academic career and get connected with many other inspiring colleagues and mentors. It is wonderful to know that there are many people who really care about the future of our profession. Every day I constantly think about how I can contribute to the field through education and research in order to put the bricks back into the Foundation. We are standing on the shoulders of giants. We should cherish what we have accomplished and foresee how our profession will grow, and how we can contribute.”

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DR. JEFF C.W. WANG

2004

The Richard J. Lazzara
Fellowship In Advanced
Implant Surgery is first
awarded.

Dr. Richard Lazzara



AAP EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIP**DR. AHMED EL-AWADY**

Resident, Augusta University

A special benefit came along with Dr. Ahmed El-Awady's Educator Scholar Award. He also gained a new sense of community with his colleagues and his specialty. "The American Academy of Periodontology Foundation is a wonderful idea. Giving inspires loyalty and belonging on the personal and human level. My mentors have helped me, and I want to give that gift to another specialist coming into their career," he says.

The second-year resident has a keen interest in microbiology and the reactions that occur between pathogens and immune

cells. He also teaches juniors in the clinic twice a week and is excited to introduce them to periodontology. Dr. El-Awady has discovered that questions and experiences from the clinic can effectively guide research activities. Helping people to take small steps toward a high level of skill is one of the challenges in teaching that he enjoys most. "For me, the best moment is when you succeed in explaining a very complex concept or procedure to a student," he notes.

Originally from Cairo, Egypt, Dr. El-Awady has made his home in Georgia for the last eight years. Along with his studies, he enjoys a family life that is filled with outdoor activities. Playing soccer with his ten-year-old son is a special favorite.

"Please pass my thanks along to all involved in the Foundation and the distribution of these awards," he says. "It's an amazing effort. I really appreciate it."

ADEA/AAL INSTITUTE FOR TEACHING & LEARNING IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

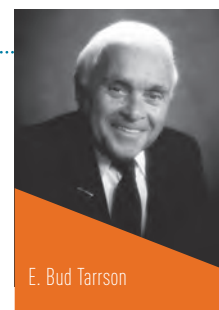
Each year, the AAP Foundation funds scholarships for periodontists to attend the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. Created for early- and mid-career faculty, and private practice dentists interested in a new career in academics, the ADEA/AAL ITL is dental education's 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 2015, the ADEA/AAL selected nine periodontists to receive the AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. They are: Wael H. Elmisalati, Marquette University; Pinar Emecen Huja, University of Kentucky; Martyn S. Green, University of Tennessee; Roya A. Mohajer, New York University; David K. Okano, University of Utah; Andre Paes Batista da Silva, Case Western Reserve University; Juan C. Rodriguez, University of Michigan; Rosemary Thomas, University of Texas-Houston; and Ioanna Tsolaki, Rutgers University.

When asked to comment on the program, Dr. David Okano says, "The

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DR. AHMED EL-AWADY**2004**

The E. Bud Tarrson Research Award in Oral Plastic Surgery is first awarded.



E. Bud Tarrson

AAPF grant that allowed me to attend the ADEA/AAL ITL program has been very important to my development as a new educator at the University of Utah School of Dentistry. As a former long-time clinician, the education I received during the ADEA/AAL ITL program allowed me to jump-start my career into academics. I am certain the skills I developed through this program will be applicable for years to come.”

“Just because we have been through many years of school doesn’t necessarily make us good teachers. The AAL/ITL fellowship encouraged me to be critical of my methods and expand my horizons on different, more effective teaching modalities,” says Dr. Martyn Green.

Dr. Ioanna Tsolaki states, “The ADEA/AAL ITL program is an absolutely necessary training for every dental educator. It is an excellent source of knowledge and inspiration that boosts one’s pedagogic efficiency and competency.”

“I enjoy the diversity of roles in my academic institution, as a clinician, an educator, a mentor, a leader, and a researcher, yet there are several challenges in executing these responsibilities to their full potential. The ADEA/AAL/ITL fellowship program provided the fundamental tools to become familiar with current educational concepts, the best clinical and didactic teaching practices in dentistry. This program had significant impact on my professional development and helped to advance my capabilities as a dental educator and mentor. I am grateful to the AAP Foundation for this opportunity,” adds Dr. Pinar Emecen-Huja.

When asked about her experience, Dr. Roya Mohajer says, “The ITL course

was an amazing experience. Not only were the lectures informative but due to the interactive nature of the program, it was a great chance to meet and network with other dental educators. I was able to meet general dentists, specialists from every discipline, hygienists, and basic

science faculty. Some were new to teaching while others were seasoned faculty, department chairs, and program directors. Overall the experience was invaluable and I recommend it to anyone already in education or wanting to get involved in dental education.”



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DR. DAVID OKANO

2005

The Tarrson Regeneration Scholarship is introduced.

2006

The AAP Foundation Fellowship to the Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions is introduced and the AAP Teaching Fellowship is created.

The AAP Educator Scholarship is first awarded and the AAP Foundation Education Fellowship funded by OMNI Preventive Care is introduced.



“It was a great event and we are so appreciative of the support we received.”

DR. WILLIAM GIANNOBILE

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 Colorado, Indiana University, University of Michigan, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

At the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), Dr. Frank A. Roberts presented on a very timely topic: The Role of Genetics in Oral Disease. Dr. Nico Geurs, professor and chair of UAB's Department of Periodontology, says, “The 2015 Finley Scholar program was very successful and was a great opportunity for our program to host an expert in the field of periodontology.”

Dr. Roberts is an alumnus from the UAB periodontology program and is a basic science researcher, teacher, and clinician, bringing equally important perspectives to his faculty position. He is the predoctoral program director in the Periodontics Department, director of the Regional Initiatives in Dental Education (RIDE) program at the University of

2008

The Tarrson Regeneration Scholarship is concluded and the AAP Foundation Education Fellowship funded by OMNI Preventive Care is concluded.

2009

The Nevins Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship is introduced.



Dr. Myron Nevins

Sharon Mellor steps down as Executive Director of the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation.

Washington School of Dentistry, and chief of periodontics at the Seattle Veterans Administration Medical Center. The program was presented to all the periodontology residents, faculty, and part-time faculty.

At Indiana University, Dr. Eros Chaves, chairman of periodontics at the University of Oklahoma made a presentation on "Dental Implantology: Crown Design for Long-Term Success" and "Creating Marketing Strategies in Periodontics." Dr. Vanchit John, chairman of the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs and associate professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry says, "Dr. Chaves' program was very well received. Students and faculty alike truly enjoyed his presentations."

The University of Michigan welcomed Dr. Mariano Sanz, who presented two lectures: "Modern Non-Surgical Periodontal Therapy: How Effective and Predictable Is It?" and "Surgical Protocols to Improve Implant Outcomes." Dr. Sanz spent a few days with University of Michigan students, including some hands-on clinical time. Dr. Will Giannobile, Najjar professor of dentistry and chair of the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, says, "It was a great event and we are so appreciative of the support we received. There were alumni, students, and faculty all involved with his seminars and interactions."

Dr. Charles Powell, chair of the department of Surgical Dentistry, chair of the Division of Periodontics, and director of Postdoctoral Periodontics at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, adds, "The University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine is grateful to the AAP Foundation for the Finley Award. It will enable us to bring unique, timely topics from well-known speakers to our students."



Dr. Frank Roberts with UAB faculty and students

2010

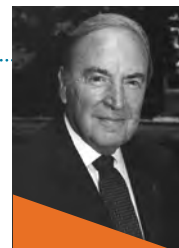
Robert A. Vitas joins the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation as its Executive Director.



Dr. Robert A. Vitas

2012

The Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship is concluded and the Dr. D. Walter Cohen Teaching Award, sponsored by Carestream Dental, is first awarded.



Dr. D. Walter Cohen



RESEARCH

THE AAP FOUNDATION SCHOOOR RESEARCH AWARD

DR. TYLER BORG

Private Practice, Denver, CO

“The research I am recognized for is bigger than I am,” says Dr. Tyler Borg. “It is the product of the faculty and all of the residents who work on the clinical aspects of those projects. Everything I know how to do is the result of someone else teaching it to me.” Dr. Borg is grateful that the Foundation encourages teachers and researchers with a passion for learning. “Every step of the way, the Foundation encourages research that is good for our profession. It’s critical to recognize those who advance research and education,” he says.

Since May 2015, Dr. Borg has been a partner at Colorado Gum Care, a private practice in Denver. His office is just one mile from where he grew up. Dr. Borg and his wife enjoy the skiing and the mountains of his home state. He also is a part-time assistant clinical professor at the University of Colorado. Dr. Borg hopes to stay in private practice, but also wants to maintain involvement at the university level. This young clinician is involved in a wide range of activities, but returning his patients to a state of good dental health is the most rewarding aspect of his work.

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DR. TYLER BORG

2013

The SUNSTAR-AAP Foundation Research Fellowship is introduced.

SUNSTAR

The Volpe Basic Science Research Fellowship, sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co., is created.

Colgate

2015

AAPF celebrates its 25th anniversary.



THE NEVINS BIOHORIZONS TEACHING AND CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

DR. SANGEETHA CHANDRASEKARAN

Predoctoral Periodontics Program Director
School of Dental Medicine, University of Colorado

“The Nevins Fellowship sets the platform for young academicians,” says Dr. Sangeetha Chandrasekaran. “It’s really a great honor to receive the award. People recognize your efforts more and financially it’s very helpful,” she adds.

Dr. Chandrasekaran is working on a project designed to identify the challenges students face and the obstacles that are preventing them from providing the highest quality periodontal care. Her goal is to continuously improve dental education and to make excellent patient care a priority.

Providing her students with a better learning experience is one of Dr. Chandrasekaran’s ongoing interests. She notes, “Periodontal education happens in a very limited time. I want to maximize the experience so the students will be proficient. I’m revising the curriculum and competencies. I’ve also restructured the surgical program to offer surgical experience for undergrads.”

“People choose academics because of a passion to teach. These awards are a huge relief, and the recognition motivates us to continue in academics. You need good periodontal educators so future dentists know how to treat and refer appropriately. It helps all of dentistry,” she says.

Dr. Chandrasekaran came to the University of Colorado in 2011, and she has grown along with the school. She hopes to hone her leadership skills so that she can be an even more active participant in her dental and academic communities.



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DR. SANGEETHA CHANDRASEKARAN

2015

The Nevins BioHorizons Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship is created.



The AAP Foundation Schoor Research Award is first awarded.



The AAP Foundation introduces PerioDash 2015.

Through a transformational gift from Dr. Jo Rummelhart, the Dr. James T. Mellonig Regeneration Research Award is introduced.



**THE NEVINS TEACHING AND
CLINICAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP****DR. HARLAN SHIAU**

Associate Professor, University of Maryland

Mentors play a significant role in Dr. Harlan Shiau's career, and he attributes his Nevins Fellowship to their guidance. "The investment others have made in me drives me. It encourages me and reminds me that I am making a difference," he says. The support Dr. Shiau has received inspires him to exceed his students' expectations, and to take extra time to ensure that they understand their cases and perform at the highest level. "The students are the best part of teaching. They have the passion, drive, and thirst for knowledge that reminds me why I'm doing what I'm doing," he adds.

He is also grateful for the opportunity to expand his academic horizons. "This award takes a bit of stress out of the continuing education I like to do. The faculty receive a stipend to travel to conferences and meetings, but that budget is quickly exhausted," he explains. Receiving the fellowship gives him the freedom to invest more in his professional development.

Dr. Shiau's areas of research interest involve collaborating with industry on clinical trials and studying the regenerative materials used in socket preservation. He believes that by investing in future leaders and their work, the AAP Foundation contributes to the innovation and development that keeps the specialty growing and secures its position in dentistry.

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DR. HARLAN SHIAU

Looking forward, Dr. Shiau is excited and hopeful that current pilot collaborations with his University of Maryland colleagues, using bacterial transcriptome approaches to study periodontitis, will yield independent funding streams. But for the time being, he is focused on finding the right balance between teaching, clinical research, and administrative responsibilities.

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"It was instrumental in becoming visible and recognized as a young academician in periodontics. The professional connections were very useful and last to this date. The financial assistance came at a crucial time. Altogether, I am still as thankful and appreciative as I was in 2002."

Paulo Camargo, 2002 Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship recipient

“My Kramer Award motivated me to strive for excellence in research, academics, and clinical practice. Once I had my own office, those values carried through my philosophy of care towards patients, staff, and the referral community.”

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“I have been teaching in the same place for my whole career of nine years. The award made this a simple and very viable choice to consider and pursue. I also appreciate the support that is behind this award. I am lucky enough to work with two colleagues in my department who have also received AAPF awards and I have been able to achieve so much more with them on my team. It’s really a wonderful honor.”

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“My perspective on this will never change. The AAP Foundation Educator Award helped me financially during a crucial part of my life and my gratitude is eternal. It has only strengthened my passion to return to academia and pursue life-long learning, teaching, clinical practice, and research.”

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“Having won both the Educator Scholarship as a resident and now the AAP Teaching Fellowship as a faculty member affords me the freedom to do what I am passionate about: education, research, and clinical practice in an academic setting. These awards have taken a great financial burden off of me and my family.”

Jennifer Bain, 2011 AAP Educator Scholarship & 2015 AAP Teaching Fellowship recipient

“I try to teach residents to strive for excellence in the care they provide, in their study of periodontology, in everything they do. The Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence is all about fostering that spirit.”

Thomas Johnson, 2008 Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award For Excellence recipient



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Clinical Lecturer, University of Michigan

Dr. Juan Rodriguez is keenly aware of the considerable effort and time needed to produce research. “Science just doesn’t happen. You have to invest in the people who will do the research and who will base treatment on sound principles. I now know the true value of the Foundation and how important it is for people to apply for awards, and to give back. What benefitted me today could benefit a future student who will keep the profession strong. As dentistry becomes more commercially driven, we must remain true to science,” he says. Dr. Rodriguez has a passion for patient-centered clinical care and loves academics. He would like to spend most of his time in clinical practice and continue to be associated with the university and remain up-to-date on trends in research.

Dr. Rodriguez’s Fellowship allowed him to focus on completing projects as well as to initiate a number of new studies. He is involved in translational research in the use of regenerative therapies as well as prevention and surgical therapies for peri-implantitis. He was also able to fulfill the requirements to become a fully licensed dental specialist in the United States.

As a new father, Dr. Rodriguez is especially grateful for Foundation support. He says, “I recently became a parent. I talk to my wife every other day about how fortunate I am to be able to focus on what I’m interested in without having to worry about income. The Foundation is a great resource for young and seasoned periodontists alike. This grant changed my career in a positive way. Donors should know that their generosity translates to scholarships and fellowships that will shape the future of our profession.”

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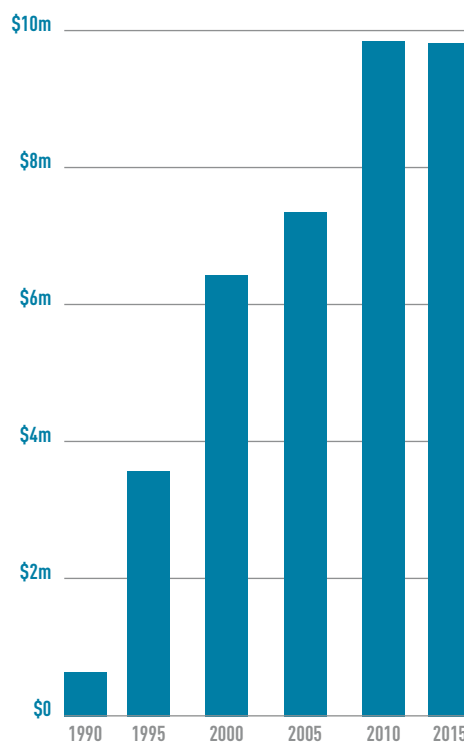
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Investment income was still strong despite major unrealized portfolio losses. I stress that these losses were on paper only and the value of our investments will bounce back. Meanwhile, actual interest and dividends were robust. Dental industry continues to expand its support, indicating that the AAP Foundation is able to inspire trust and confidence in what we do. The AAP Foundation stewards your dollars carefully and keeps operating expenses to a minimum so that maximum funding goes to our programs.

The AAP Foundation has continued its support of education and research, and is poised for new initiatives in 2016 and beyond. We have awarded almost \$5 million in support of our specialty since our founding in 1990, and are determined to continue our work into the next quarter century!

On behalf of our Board of Directors, volunteers, and staff, thank you for supporting our mission, our specialty, and the health of our patients for a quarter century.

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- Contributions and pledges totaled \$629,761.
- Actual realized investment income was \$455,351 on a portfolio of almost \$10 million in a challenging economic environment.
- Programming garnered an additional \$29,750 in revenue.

What do we do with your hard-earned dollars?

- \$406,784 granted in scholarships and fellowships reflect our unwavering commitment to periodontal education and research.
- AAP's Public Awareness initiative received a \$125,000 infusion from the Foundation.
- We also contributed \$35,000 to the first-ever Resident Symposium at the 2015 Annual Meeting.
- The AAP Foundation's Bowers Fund provided \$11,800 to the American Board of Periodontology as it works to raise the bar for our specialists.
- Program support activities expended \$159,242. Annual Meeting programs were \$57,157, and Outreach programs totaled \$444,592.
- Operational expenses were \$210,345 out of a total of \$1,449,920 in overall expenditures.

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