NEW STUDENT LEADERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

Bottom, from left: Sarah Catania, class president; Aivy Dao, class representative; Jill Patel, secretary; Michele Volchonok, Honor Board. Top, from left: James Castellino, Honor Board; William Svitko, Honor Board; Damien Ren, vice president; Ryan Britt, social chair; and Eric Valdes, treasurer

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The goals have been twofold: to better align Kornberg’s curriculum and clinical care delivery with the school’s new mission and with the new Commission on Dental Accreditation standards. And the process has been lengthy, beginning just after the last CODA site visit in March 2011.

Even before the formal self-study began, the school started implementing major changes. For instance, renovations in 2012 were the first phase of new integrated clinics. Then, once they were completed in 2013-2014, a comprehensive care model started to take shape. Next, a review of the new CODA standards propelled the school to develop three new requirements:

- Temple Objective and Structured Clinical Examination
- Practice-Management in Practice Program – asking students to visit private offices to study and write reports on the administration, scheduling, communication and financial processing in dental practice
- Science-in-Dental Practice Program – with Ted-Talk-like lectures on science relevant to dental practice (biological, clinical, health services, educational, and evidence-based); includes presentation of at least one scholarly poster at an annual day for all the school

Meeting bi-monthly from March till December, the Steering Committee reviewed findings and drafts from the subcommittees. Using the Strategic Plan and self-study process as a guide, the Steering Committee identified strengths and weaknesses in meeting the standards. The committee also decided what was needed for action plans and their timelines.

“We will be evaluated on new accreditation standards this cycle. So, even though the self-study officially started in 2016, we’ve been preparing to meet these new standards in many ways since 2011. For example, there is a new curriculum management process and a new outcomes assessment process, both of which are much more data driven and linked to each other.”

—Dr. Maria Fornatora, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

2016 SELF-STUDY
After all of that work, last January the formal self-study moved forward. As a first step, Dean Ismail appointed Self-Study Committee chairs: Dr. Maria Fornatora, associate dean for academic affairs, and faculty responsible for each of the nine relevant areas of CODA standards. The chairs then set a timeline for the self-study and assigned full-time faculty to nine subcommittees. The chairs also formed a Steering Committee from the subcommittees and their chairs.
Meanwhile, the Dean, Fornatora and John Moore, director of outcomes assessment, prepared for a mock site visit. The three of them reviewed drafts, suggested revisions to the subcommittee subchairs and developed appropriate documents. In early August the group invited three outside reviewers to Kornberg. Prepared to be highly critical as requested, they followed the same format that the official visit will use.

As expected, the reviewers identified additional strengths and weaknesses. In response, the school implemented five changes that reflected a purposeful engagement of students and incorporation of their feedback.

- A new method of competency assessment, based on the Progression towards Competency scale. It measures each student’s readiness to challenge a summative clinical examination. Determining a course grade by separating competency readiness from gaining more experience was new for faculty. Traditionally, they set minimal experiences before allowing students to challenge an examination.
- School-wide calibration for all competency examinations, based on passing tests after reviewing clinically oriented online presentations
- Additional competency assessments for restoration of a dental implant and placement of a stainless steel crown
- For evidence-based dentistry, introduction of a new online course for faculty calibration and new modules for lay and scientific evaluations
- New critical analysis evaluation form, based on Bloom’s taxonomy. It’s required for all fee-waiver requests for any procedure, regardless of the reason.

Looking back on the process and the progress that has been made, Dean Ismail says: “Importantly, the clinics now are steadily seeing more patients and providing more services. In fact, overall, continuous educational and academic improvement has been strong and consistent.”
INTRODUCING THE CLASS OF 2021

MEET THE NEW GRADUATE RESIDENTS

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

From left: Olsen Boci, DMD, Albanian University; Anh Tran, DMD, University of New England; Bita Sadeghio, DDS, University of Toronto; Ilhan Duygu, DMD, Istanbul University; Aarif Subzposh, DMD/Cert, GPR Resident Sacred Heart Hospital; Ali Kafashzadeh, DMD, University of Pennsylvania; Catherine Zhou, DDS, Temple University

PERIODONTOLOGY AND ORAL IMPLANTOLOGY

From left: Wilfred Cheng, DMD, University of Montreal; Armifa Mashkouri, DMD, Boston University; Joseph Mustazza, DMD, Temple University; James Wu, DMD, Tufts University

ENDODONTOLOGY

From left: Ruoxue Feng, DMD, University of Pennsylvania; Porth Koria, DMD, Western University; Stephanie Serrano, DMD, Stony Brook University; Lauren Shin, DDS, University of the Pacific; Stephen Rees, DMD, Temple University
They’re highly motivated, represent diversity, and about half are from Pennsylvania. They’re our newest high-achieving class, ready for Kornberg’s challenging and invigorating program.

**CLUSTER FOOD DRIVE BY THE NUMBERS**

Kornberg’s different patient clinics (Cluster 1, 2A, 2B, 3) and the pre-clinic, divided in half engaged in a friendly competition. Final numbers were:

- 75 - long sleeve/winter clothing
- 45 - winter jackets
- 30 - pants
- 82 - canned food
- 4 - blankets
- 53 - misc items (hats/gloves/socks)

All donations were sent to “Saving Grace Orphanage International Organization”

From top, left: Steve Britton, DMD, Rutgers University; Andrea Campoli, DMD, Temple University; Holly Gray, DMD, Temple University; Jennifer Mirman, DMD, Temple University; Michelle Schrader, DMD, Temple University; Nicholas Terrana, DMD, Rutgers University
STAFF

- Khadidrah Barco, senior billing representative in the Business Office
- Rasheeda Brennen, clerk IV in OMPMS
- Kiara Chavis, clerk IV in Instrument Management Service
- Lian Jones (*pictured top, left*), clerk IV in Pediatrics
- Quinda Rose, clerk IV - floater in Clinical Affairs
- Bridget Ryan, dental hygienist coordinator in Clinical Affairs
- Erica Santa, senior billing representative in the Business Office
- Nadiyia Smith, dental assistant II in Periodontology
- Jasmin Soto, clerk IV in the Call Center
- Shu Su, administrative specialist in Academic Affairs
- Andrew Tucker (*pictured top, right*), anesthesia assistant in the Sedation Center

FACULTY

- Andrea Bell, D.M.D.
dentist anesthesiologist and clinical assistant professor, Oral Maxillofacial Pathology, Medicine and Surgery.

- Maria Cordero-Ricardo,
D.M.D., M.S. clinical associate professor, Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health Sciences.

- Stanton Braid, D.M.D.
clinical associate professor, Oral Maxillofacial Pathology, Medicine and Surgery.

- Jeffrey Rodney, D.M.D.
associate professor, Restorative Dentistry.

- Sumant Puri, PhD
co-director of the new Oral Microbiome Research Laboratory and assistant professor of microbiology, Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health Sciences.
As more than 100 alumni and guests enjoyed the 2017 Temple Dental Reunion, May 5, at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, three distinguished alumni were honored for their exceptional service and accomplishments. Jason Bresler, DMD, ‘06, made the presentations to:

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• Bhaskar Savani, DMD, MSc, DTC, ’95, Business Award

• Mark Meraner, DDS, ’79, Service Award

The Bridge 7

MANUEL A. CORDERO INSTALLED AS AGD PRESIDENT

The Kornberg School of Dentistry congratulates Temple School of Dentistry alumnus Manuel A. Cordero, DDS, CPH, MAGD, ‘83, (pictured right) who was installed as president at the Academy of General Dentistry.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

From left: Dean Amid Ismail commends the contributions of Dr. Mark Meraner, who received the Services Award, while Dr. Jason Bresler and Dr. Alan Simkins add their congratulations.

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DR. DISHLER INDUCTED INTO GALLERY OF SUCCESS

Dean Amid Ismail congratulates Dr. Benie Dishler for being part of a select group featured throughout the year in the Gallery of Success exhibit at Mitten Hall.

Working with Pennsylvania’s underserved who need preventive and restorative dental care, Bernie Dishler, DDS, ’61, continues to meet the need through three nonprofit organizations, MOM-n-PA, HealthLink and Dental Lifeline Network. For this inspiring work and more, on October 12 he was inducted into Temple University’s 2017 Gallery of Success.
The Student National Dental Association (SNDA) hosted its 4th Annual TUKSoD Cares Toy Drive, co-sponsored by the Hispanic Students Dental Association (HSDA). Temple Dental received over 200 toy donations to benefit the Stenton Family Manor Homeless Shelter and New Vision UMC-Central Campus here in Philadelphia.

Established in 2017, The Temple University Dental Sedation Center is a state-of-the-art facility located on the first floor of Temple Dental’s old building. We perform dental treatment for those who want or need to be asleep for their procedure, tailoring a sedation plan specific to your needs or the needs of your child. Find out more about the Temple University Dental Sedation Center at: dentistry.temple.edu/sedationcenter or call 215-707-9400

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