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### Did You Know?

We have revamped our website! Check us out at [www.pediatricdentistry.vcu.edu](http://www.pediatricdentistry.vcu.edu).

### AAPD Orlando, Florida!

You are invited to the VCU/ MCV Alumni & Friends Reception at the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Meeting in Orlando, FL to be held on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 pm at The Walt Disney World Swan & Dolphin Resort Dolphin Hotel-Oceanic.

Please come by and say hello to new and old friends, and congratulate our ABPD Richard C. Pugh awardees, Andrew Zale and Belinda Campbell, along with our 2013 graduating residents, Bushra, Dana, Kristin, David & Barrett. RSVP to Elaine at [eishaw@vcu.edu](mailto:eishaw@vcu.edu).

## A Note from the Chair

Dear Friends,

We have completed another successful school year in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

This year brought with it many positive changes. There have been numerous awards, research presentations, publications and a much needed growth of our clinical practice here on the MCV Campus. We continue to expand upon our partnership with Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU and the Dental Clinic on Brook Road.

The Pediatric Dentistry Board of Advisors continues to provide input to our department from our alumni and friends. Our most exciting news is the announcement of an emerging professorship to achieve excellence today and honor two pillars of the department that have helped make where we are today possible. We currently are in the leadership gift phase of the campaign for the Frank H. Farrington and Arthur P. Mourino Professorship Fund. Dr. Carl Atkins, '83, initiated this fund with his gift of \$60,000 that has

also been supported by a gift of \$50,000 from Dr. Randy Adams, '80. They ask for the support of alumni and friends in making leadership gifts as they have. Ed Kardos from our development office will be contacting you to give updates on how we are doing, and please feel free to contact Carl, Randy or myself.

We look forward to continued growth and many more positive changes. If you have not been back to your alma mater, I encourage you to visit us to see these improvements for yourself. As you can see from this newsletter, we have had some wonderful achievements recently and much more to accomplish.

The Department of Pediatric Dentistry would not be successful without you, our alumni and friends. I welcome your feedback, thoughts and input regarding our newsletter, our website and the program in general.

If you have news that you'd like to share with the rest of the alumni or stories you'd like to see covered in



our newsletter, please feel free to submit topics to Angela French at [aefrench@vcu.edu](mailto:aefrench@vcu.edu). Thank you for your kindness and support.

Best Wishes,

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## Awards

### Dr. Peters Receives the AAPD Harris Fellowship

Dr. Barrett W. R. Peters, a current second-year resident, has been selected as the recipient of the Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. The name of his project is "The Impact of Medicaid Reform on Dental Practice Settings." He is the first resident from the VCU Department of Pediatric Dentistry to be selected as a Harris Fellow.

Dr. Peters received his bachelor's degree from Hampden-Sydney Col-

lege and then worked for a number of years before pursuing his D.D.S. from the VCU School of Dentistry.

Dr. Peters will be using his fellowship year to work on projects advancing the research goals of the AAPD as defined by the Council on Scientific Affairs and the Pediatric Oral Health Research and Policy Center Advisory Board.

He has a strong interest in health policy and will be able to use prior experiences gained through participation in organized dentistry and numerous lobbying efforts. Dr. Peters' understanding of how research

helps form policy within professional organizations will be particularly useful.

Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: The Foundation of the AAPD and AAPD past-president, Dr. Paul S. Casamassimo created the Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellowship to provide an opportunity for residents and new graduates to participate in governance and advocacy activities.



## Introducing Our New Residents

*Brian Burke* earned his D.M.D. from Temple University and went on to complete a General Practice Residency at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C.



Over the past 15 years, Dr. Burke has secured robust clinical experiences working with children in private practice offices, public health clinics and corporate enterprises.

When he's not enjoying time with his wife and two young daughters, his personal interests include travel, tennis, ice hockey and skiing.

*Jo Koontz Cronly* grew up in Culpeper, Virginia on a dairy farm. She attended the University of Virginia, where she majored in biology and English.



Dr. Cronly received her Masters of Science in physiology at VCU and then attended the VCU School of Dentistry and graduated in 2012.

She is newly married to John Cronly and loves to take Barre classes and sleep in while her husband hunts .

*Erika Lentini* earned her B.S. in biology from the University of Georgia, graduating in 2006.



She worked for a year as a horse trainer and assistant manager at a fox hunting and eventing farm before attending the Medical College of Georgia School of Dentistry finishing in 2011. For the year prior to residency, she worked in public health in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Lentini is engaged to Nathan Webb, a recent addition to the VCU OBGYN faculty. She enjoys spending her free time cooking, gardening and riding horses.

*Marcela Mujica* is from a small town in the south of Peru. After completing her dental education in Peru, Dr. Mujica lived in Charlotte, North Carolina working as a dental assistant and dental hygienist in a Pediatric dental office. She then completed the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine's Program for Advanced Standing Students in 2012. She is now pursuing the dream of her life at VCU—to become a pediatric dentist!



She likes to spend her spare time with her husband enjoying good food, friends, family and traveling around the world experiencing different cultures.

*Tiffany Williams* was born and raised in Richmond and was educated within the Richmond Public School System.

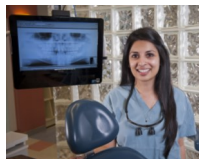


After graduating with a Bachelor of Science in biology from Spelman College in Atlanta, Dr. Williams received her D.D.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2010. Following graduation, she trained at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte as a first-year General Practice Resident and spent a second year of post-graduate training at Jacobi Medical Center in Bronx, New York as chief resident.

Dr. Williams currently is a first-year pediatric dental resident at VCU. She is very happy to be back in her hometown providing oral health care services to an area in which she is very familiar.

### A Star Among Us

Congratulations to *Dr. Bushra Bhatti* who recently received a STARS award. The values of the STARS program are Service, Teamwork, Attitude, Respect and Stewardship, and the program recognizes employees who have demonstrated STARS qualities above and beyond normal expectations. According to the nomination from the patient's mother, Dr. Bhatti took the time to care for the pediatric patient who was fearful of being in the dental chair by demonstrating each procedure to the patient and allowing the patient to try each procedure on "practice teeth." The patient stayed calm and happy, and Dr. Bhatti's consideration left a lasting impression.



### New Arrivals

*Dr. and Mrs. Barrett W. R. Peters* are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Truitt D. W. Peters, on August 9, 2012. Truitt joins her brother Lochlan. T. R. Peters (2). *Dr. and Mrs. Brian Burke* are pleased to announce the birth of a daughter, Madeline Gloria Burke, on January 2, 2013. Madeline joins her sister, Marisa Burke (2 1/2).

## Awards (continued from page 1)

### VCU Named 2013 America's ToothFairy Affiliate of the Year



The National Children's Oral Health Foundation: America's ToothFairy (NCOHF) announced that the VCU School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry has been named the 2013 Affiliate of the Year.

Presented annually to a member of the America's ToothFairy Affiliate network, the Affiliate of the Year Award recognizes exemplary commitment to eliminating pediatric dental disease.

### Department Accomplishments

*Dr. Husson* was the winner of the Healthy Smiles Healthy Children Foundation NuSmile Graduate Student Research Award for her project "Evaluating Dental Surgery Post-Operative Pain in Children Following General Anesthesia" at the AAPD Annual Session in May.

*Dr. Husson* successfully completed her oral boards to achieve Diplomate Status with the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

*Dr. Brickhouse* was appointed as a fellow to the AAPD Pediatric Oral Health Policy and Research Center.

*Dr. Berry* was selected as chair of the faculty for the VCU School of Dentistry.

### ABPD Richard C. Pugh Achievement Award

Congratulations to two of our recent graduates *Dr. Andrew Zale* and *Dr. Belinda Campbell* for receiving Richard C Pugh Achievement Awards for scoring in the top 3 percent on the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry Qualifying Exam.

Help us celebrate at the VCU reception in Orlando!

## Strategic Planning and Fund Development

### How the Generosity of Others Shapes Our School

Support plays a vital role in ensuring current students and residents have the best opportunities for clinical experiences and conducting research essential to the development of the specialty.

Each gift raises the participation rate, which is a key factor in rankings of programs and applications for grant funding.

Higher rankings improve the competitiveness of applications, allowing us to attract the best qualified applicants.

Giving is an indicator of the value you place on your educational experience and your legacy.

### Faculty Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry Fund

In 2006, the VCU Department of Pediatric Dentistry established the fund, which enhances the department's ability to be competitive and recruit and retain excellent faculty needed to advance the field of pediatric dentistry through scholastic activity, teaching and the application of clinical science.

The Nunnally Charitable Lead Trust was the fund's founding donor with an initial gift of \$250,000.

#### **\$476,000: Uses for the last fiscal year (\$21,000)**

AAPD Annual Session for six faculty (\$14,000)  
 ABPD Oral Examination for Dr. Husson (\$2,800)  
 Electronic Dental Record Research Consortium for Dr. Berry (\$1,500)  
 AAPD Healthy Smiles Healthy Children Kellogg Executive Leadership Program for Drs. Brickhouse and Wunsch (\$2,000)  
 ADEA/IADR for Drs. Piscitelli and Berry (\$3,000)

### Pediatric Dentistry Residents Endowment

The Pediatric Dentistry Residents Endowment was initiated by Arthur Mourino, professor emeritus in the VCU School of Dentistry. Virginia's pediatric dentists, School of Dentistry alumni and friends of the school generously matched Mourino's original pledge.

Mourino created the fund to help bolster the VCU School of Dentistry's Pediatric Residency Program and make it more competitive. The fund provides critical resources for



residents, such as educational materials, research support, enhanced stipends, attendance at regional and national conferences and sponsorship of lectures or continuing education courses by renowned speakers.

#### **\$279,000: Uses for the last fiscal year (\$13,400)**

In-service Exam for in-going and out-going residents (\$1,200)  
 ABPD Qualifying Exam for 2nd year residents (\$3,500)  
 AAPD Annual Meeting for Poster Presentation (\$5,000)  
 Airway Workshop in the VCU Center for Patient Simulation (\$1,500)  
 AAPD/AO Joint Symposium: Age Appropriate Treatment on the Developing Occlusion: Common Problems (\$1,000)  
 AAPD/AE Joint Symposium: Contemporary Management of Traumatic Injuries to the Permanent Dentition (\$1,000)

### Children's Dental Endowment Fund

The fund was created in 2002 by Pamela Regimbal, a 1986 graduate of the VCU School of Dentistry. Regimbal is the treasurer for the MCV Orthodontic Foundation and serves on the VCU School of Dentistry Board of Advisors. The purpose of the fund is to support projects focused on youth. The fund provides dental services to needy children, supplies for community outreach programs specifically for children and educational resources



for VCU dental students to teach children about oral care.

#### **\$28,000: Uses for the last fiscal year (\$2,000)**

Pediatric Dentistry Clinical Digest by Dr. Piscitelli (\$1,000)  
 Given to Part-time faculty as a reference manual for the clinic  
 Given to all residents for their orientation to teaching dental students  
 Given to D3 and D4 students upon starting clinical rotations  
 Charitable care for children (\$1,000)  
 Craniofacial patients  
 Give Kids a Smile Day

### Clinical Digest

Dr. William Piscitelli has published the 2nd Edition of his Clinical Digest. The digest was designed as a resource for students in clinical protocol in order to prevent, diagnose and treat diseases and developmental anomalies of the oral cavity in the pediatric patients. The digest was made possible with the support of the Regimbal Children's Dental Endowment Fund.

## In the Spotlight

### Continuing Our Pediatric Dental Education

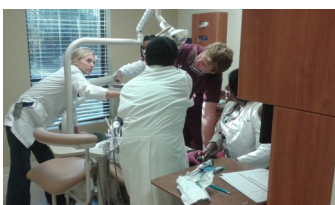


Dr. Erika Lentini and Dr. Barrett Peters participated in a free two-day continuing education course for actively practicing general dentists wishing to improve their skills in caring for children with special health care needs and very young children (under three-years-old).

Kami Piscitelli, representing The Virginia Department of Health, in collaboration with the Virginia Dental Association and the Virginia Dental Association Founda-

tion offered this course. Dr. Matthew Cooke, a pediatric dentist and the Director of Healthy Athletes, Special Olympics of Virginia, presented a lecture on an overview of special health care conditions, patient behavioral management techniques, infant oral health assessment and prevention, and sedation.

Drs. Lentini and Peters helped the participants practice what they learned in a hands-on clinical session following the lecture.



### Hands Across America with VCU Pediatric Medicine

Dental health is a major issue in South America secondary to poor water quality, limited access to toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental care. This past August 2012, the VCU School of Dentistry Department of Pediatric Dentistry donated 300 applications of 5% sodium fluoride to a medical mission trip to Cuzco, Peru. The medical mission was organized by Hands Across the Americas, located in Maryland, and Partners for World Health, located in Maine.

The topical fluoride was used primarily on children and their parents who visited the travelling clinic. Many young children had terrible cavities and even decayed and missing teeth. Applying the fluoride was easy even as the children waited in line on the stairs, on the

sidewalk, under tents and in their mother's arms. Thank you so much for your donation and contribution to beautiful smiles halfway around the world.



Dr. Simran Kalra, a VCU Pediatric Residency Graduate, applied fluoride to Pascual, a young patient in the small town of Coorca.



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**Faculty News**



Dr. Elizabeth Bortell has joined the Department of Pediatric Dentistry as a full-time faculty member. She is an assistant professor in the department after serving as an affiliate faculty member for over two years.

Dr. Bortell received her B.S. in biology from VCU in 1995. She then went on to dental school at the Howard University College of Dentistry and earned her D.D.S. in 1999. She stay on at Howard University and completed her pediatric residency in 2001.

She then returned to her hometown of Richmond and be-

came the director of pediatric dental services at the Children's Hospital of Richmond where she has practiced for the past 11 years.

She enjoys travel, chocolate and spending time with her husband and four-year-old son. We are very excited to have her join us!



**Alumni and Friends**

Please send us news about your practices, personal and professional achievements, babies, grandchildren, etc. to Angela French at [afrench@vcu.edu](mailto:afrench@vcu.edu). You may see it in a future newsletter!

**In the Spotlight**



Wise Mission of Mercy Project: (left to right) Dr. Erika Lentini, Dr. Dana Doan, Dr. Jo Cronly, Dr. Elizabeth Berry.



Dr. Carl Atkins and Dr. Elizabeth Berry continue to serve the department through projects with Mission of Mercy and Give Kids a Smile Day.



AAPD Lobby Days