Division Achievements

Congratulations to the following members of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Anesthesiology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology for these 2010-2011 professional achievements!

Dr. Steve Ganzberg:
Elected president of the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology

Dr. John Kalmar
Named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the College of Dentistry

Dr. Bill Kaye
Dr. Susan Mallery
Dr. Natasha Furchtgott:
Chosen by the dental students at the College to receive clinical teaching awards reflecting their dedication and enthusiasm for education

Dr. Kelly Kennedy:
Awarded a COD Seed Grant as principal investigator for a project entitled “Critical size jaw bone defects: a porcine model and autologous stem cell delivery.”
Awarded a CCTS Research Grant as co-principal investigator for project entitled “Bone regeneration: an autologous cell transplantation, tissue engineering, and mechanical distraction approach.”
Received the Larry J. Peterson Young Educators Award

Dr. Kristin McNamara:
Successfully completed the required qualifying examinations and was certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Dr. Joel Weaver:
Distinguished Service Award from The Ohio State University
Farewell from Steve Ganzberg

From the cover of the Tira Dentes, you now know that I am leaving Ohio State after 17 years to take over the anesthesia residency at UCLA. I truly have deep regrets about this decision but know that it is the right move for me. So many factors went into this decision. One was the loss of our contract at Children’s Hospital to provide anesthesia in the Dental Surgery Center as this provided significant salary support. Another important reason was being able to go home to help my parents who are in their 90’s with no other children to help them. I love teaching the anesthesia and OMFS residents, and even the dental students!) so I am glad I will be able to continue an academic career at a great research institution.

It has been a true honor to serve as anesthesiology program director, taking over a position that my mentor, life father, best of friends, incredible role model and great anesthesiologist, Joel Weaver, once held. There are some people you can never repay for all they have done for you, personally and professionally. From the deepest part of my soul - Thank you, Joel.

I have also had the distinct privilege of having as my department chair for most of my tenure here at OSU a man of singular quality - Peter Larsen. Those of you who are reading this that do not know Dr. Larsen personally should understand that here lies a deep thinker, a man of the highest standards, and a teacher through and through. Some may question his methods but no one should question his motivation: To train the best oral and maxillofacial surgeons as professionals and as people. Thank you, Peter, for your support of me and the anesthesia program over all these years.

And Simon Prior. What a privilege it has been to work with such a fine anesthesiologist for whom the patient is always the most important matter. Simon, I would have you anesthetize me or my family for any procedure at any time. He is that good. I will miss the dry humor and sarcasm as only Dr. Prior can deliver it! Simon is a quality person from start to finish. He will continue to inspire residents to take it to the limit here at OSU.

As I depart, I wish to acknowledge our graduating resident, Dr. Cara Riley. She follows in our long line of Harvard Dental School graduates who have excelled at our program. She is a brilliant woman, beautiful and gracious always, and a fine anesthesiologist. Cara, congratulations on a job well done! To our incoming residents, Josh Perry and Sean Moezzi, welcome to OSU! I know you will find this program as stimulating as I did and I look forward to seeing you at meetings and hopefully at a UCLA rotation. To Josh Jackstien and Phil Yen, I will really, truly miss you guys. Some residents become your friends as well as your students. That’s Josh and Phil. I’m working on that UCLA rotation guys!!

Of course, the anesthesia residency is bigger than one person. As we move forward with new leadership, the program will only improve in ways we do not yet know. Thank you everyone for the most exciting professional journey of my life. I am truly blessed to have known all of you. Steven
From the Chair....

Pete Larsen

I am pleased to say that the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Anesthesiology is doing quite well. As you read this year’s submissions from the Pathology and Anesthesiology groups, it is clear that they have maintained a group of enthusiastic faculty and residents. The impact that they have on our OMFS residency program as well as pre-doctoral students and other residency programs is tremendous. I am proud to say that I believe that our Division represents the best possible synergy between these three related yet distinct specialties.

This year, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has experienced some changes. Erik Evans will take a new position at the University of Cincinnati. We will miss his experience and clinical skill. However, Greg Ness will also re-join the faculty, having been a member of the full-time faculty at the Medical College of Virginia for the past several years. Greg’s experience, leadership and scope of practice will be welcome. With Dr. Evans’ departure, the position of Program Director will be vacant and Dr. Ness will assume this role.

I am pleased that several of our faculty have been recognized for their teaching efforts by the students. Susan Mallery, Bill Kaye and one of our residents, Natasha Furchtgott, received student teaching awards.

We are excited as a College to have recruited a new Dean. Dr. Patrick Lloyd will begin his tenure as the Dean of the College of Dentistry on August 1, 2011. He most recently has been the Dean at the University of Minnesota. The College is fortunate to have recruited him to this important position. Of course in order for us to have a new Dean, our current Dean must leave. It is with sadness but great appreciation that we wish our current Dean, Carole Anderson, farewell. As many of you are aware, it was Dean Anderson who reappointed me as Chair of the Section a number of years ago. Under her guidance, we subsequently changed from a Section to a Division with better protection of the authority of the Chair. She revamped the Dental Faculty Practice, which is integral to our ability to recruit and retain faculty. Under her leadership, there has been an open door policy where I have always felt I could discuss the goals of our division with someone who cared. Dean Anderson has supported OMFS/Pathology and Anesthesiology. We extend our thanks and appreciation for what she has done.

I want to thank those alumni who are supportive of this program. Your kind words, encouragement, financial support, and pride of your association with OSU keeps us going.

On a personal note, Patty and I are finally taking advantage of the opportunities that are available when one’s children are “adults”. We are enjoying ourselves a great deal. Any time you are in Columbus, please let us know. We would love to see you.
Dr. Dale Baur is currently Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Dental Medicine. He is also Chief of OMFS at University Hospitals/Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. Prior to his current position, Dr. Baur retired as a Colonel after 21 years in the U. S. Army in 2007. His last assignment in the Army was at Eisenhower Army Medical Center at Fort Gordon, GA., where he was OMFS residency program director from 2003-2007. Dr. Baur is a graduate of CWRU School of Dental Medicine, and completed his OMFS training at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, TX. He later went on to complete a 2 year fellowship at the University of Michigan in Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. Baur’s areas of clinical interest are in tumor and reconstructive surgery of the head and neck. He also has interests in salivary gland tumors, surgical management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea, TMJ surgery, and cosmetic surgery of the face. He has published extensively in the peer reviewed literature, has written several book chapters, and is a co-editor of an Atlas of OMFS. He has served on the examination committee of the ABOMS since 2008, and is a member of the AAOMS committee on continuing education and professional development.

OSU bids well wishes to Dr. Erik Evans

After joining our faculty in 2006, it did not take long for Dr. Evans to be recognized as an important member of our faculty. Erik’s excellent training and approachability have made him a valuable teacher. Dr. Evans has decided to expand his academic career as he takes a new position on the full time faculty at the University of Cincinnati. We thank Erik for the years spent as our colleague here. Our full time faculty understands the dedication and sacrifice necessary to commit to an academic career. We thank Erik for his collegiality and hard work throughout his career at OSU, and wish him the very best in his new position in Cincinnati.
Denny Montgomery

Making a Real Impact....
Half of a day at a time

By Peter Larsen

Over the years, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has benefitted from the dedication of a group of part-time faculty. These faculty members have given of their time to teach dental students and residents in our clinics while others have taken call.

One man deserves special thanks. R. Denny Montgomery joined the full time faculty in 1983, and then the part-time faculty in 1987. Throughout my tenure as a member of the faculty of the Ohio State University, every Monday morning, Denny has provided his expertise to teach OMFS residents the art of out-patient general anesthesia. A few of our past residents were willing to provide me with their insight as to the impact that Denny had on their education. Their comments are below:

“Seventeen years later and I still remember with great fondness the times spent with Dr. Montgomery on Monday mornings in the clinic. It was a chance to step away from our other duties as residents and to truly practice and learn the art of in-office general anesthesia. Perhaps what I have grown to appreciate most was that Denny was ALWAYS there. As I now more fully understand the demands on your time by your own practice, partners, and family, I respect and value the time he graciously gave to us each week without fail.” Cindy Trentacosti-Franck

“Denny brought knowledge, wit and common sense to our anesthesiology training. Always in a good mood, Denny taught us how to enjoy Oral Surgery while working at the highest level.” Mike Stronczek

“I was fortunate to have trained with Dr. Montgomery as a resident. The residents looked forward to our Monday GA block where he continually emphasized the importance of being both safe and efficient. He was a great teacher and every week could find one more thing to make us better surgeons.” James Jacobs

In my role as an examiner and more recently, a Director of the American Board of OMFS, I am constantly reminded of the importance of quality anesthesiology training. I can truly say that our residents past and present have benefitted from Denny’s dedication.

Thank you Dr. Montgomery.
The OMFS Department in the National Maxillofacial Unit St James’s Hospital, Trinity College Dublin are very pleased with our link with the Ohio State University. It is a great opportunity to exchange ideas, learn from each other and for many of you in the US to see ‘Surgery in a 3rd World Country’. St. James’s Hospital was build as a Hospital for the Poor and those residents who have worked here will know how well it has progressed since then.

Dublin is an exciting capital city. It is a beautiful historic city and offers an opportunity to see the homes of poets, artists and historians in the small amount of free time the residents are given.

It is a very busy unit. We see 1,000 – 1,500 facial fractures / year, 70 – 100 oral cancers as well as 150 orthognathic cases. There is exposure to TMJ surgery, dentoalveolar and all other aspects of OMFS. There are 4 Consultants, 5 registrars and a clinical attachment from all over the world (Ireland, India, Sudan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the UK). There are a number of dentally qualified medical students who help with the on-call duties. We have recently been visited by the RCSI for accreditation for our FFDRC SI exam and the College was very impressed with the level of work, the education and training and more important the supervision provided by the 4 OMFS consultants presently in-post.

I believe it is a great learning experience for all. Dublin is an expensive city as are most capital cities to live and survive, but I still believe it is worth the effort. It is always great to hear from past Ohio State residents who have visited Dublin or Sunderland and I do my best to respond but I do understand how busy everybody is and long may that last.
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Joel M. Weaver, II, DDS, PhD

This spring, at the commencement of The Ohio State University, Dr. Joel Weaver was honored as a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. Joel was one of only two awardees. Below are excerpts from Dr. Gee’s remarks to the entire OSU stadium regarding Dr. Weaver’s accomplishments. And yes! Joel was even on the big screen.

Joel Weaver is emeritus professor in The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. The Akron native earned his bachelor of science degree from the Ohio Northern University College of Pharmacy in 1968 and his dental degree from The Ohio State University in 1972. After completing a four-year National Institute of Dental Research-sponsored residency in anesthesiology, including a PhD in pharmacology, he joined the university’s faculty in 1976 as assistant professor. He maintained a dual appointment in the College of Dentistry and the department of Anesthesiology in the College of Medicine. He practiced as a dentist anesthesiologist in the dental clinic and in the hospital operating rooms for more than 30 years before his retirement in 2007.

During his distinguished career at Ohio State, Dr. Weaver founded the first master’s degree residency in anesthesiology for dentists in the United States and became one of the preeminent leaders in the field of dental anesthesiology. While leading the way in changing practices to benefit patients, Dr. Weaver taught a generation of students who have gone on to practice dentistry in Ohio and worldwide. He was the first recipient of the Department of Anesthesiology’s senior resident teaching award in 1987, and in 2006 he received the College of Dentistry’s highest honor, the Postle Teaching Award.

Dr. Weaver is the national media spokesperson of the American Dental Association on the subject of anesthesia. He is past president of the three major organizations in his field: the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, the American Dental Board of Anesthesiology, and the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. Dr. Weaver received the Monheim Award from the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, the Heidbrink Award from the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, and the Horace Wells Award from the International Federation of Dental Anesthesiology Societies. In retirement, he continues to teach and provide anesthesia services in the operating rooms at the OSU Medical Center.

Division Research

Research encompasses a variety of areas relevant to the practice of our faculty. Dr. Ganzberg is directing several anesthesia studies that are focused on management of chronic orofacial pain and efficacy of deep sedating agents for surgical procedures. Dr. Kelly Kennedy is working in conjunction with an Orthodontic faculty member, Dr. Zong Sun, to identify strategies to preserve and augment alveolar bone without use of a second surgical site in a porcine model. The multicenter oral cancer chemoprevention clinical trial, which involves Drs. Larsen and Mallery, is making good progress with strong patient accrual and publications. Our incoming Chief Oral Pathology resident, Dr. Brent Martin has joined Dr. McNamara’s ongoing VELscope study evaluating the role of direct visual fluorescent examination in tumor margin delineation and routine screening of the oral cavity. Based on clinical and histopathologic findings, tumor margins are being evaluated on a molecular level to determine if genetic alterations are identified in VELscope positive (suspicious) margins. Oral Surgery, Pathology and Anesthesiology residents’ Masters projects remain a divisional strength and span the scope of research focus areas of their faculty advisors.
RV Walker

On April 28, 2011, the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery lost one of its champions, RV Walker. The impact that Dr. Walker had on our specialty has been well documented in the many commentaries that have appeared since his death. However, many of the members of the MLASOMS may not know that thirty years ago, Dr. Walker, having recently been elected as an honorary member of the "OSU Society of Oral Surgeons", attended the annual meeting of the membership as a guest speaker. This also marked the retirement of Morgan Allison. While looking through some of our archives, I came across a letter from RV to Morgan. As I read it, I could hear RV talking to Morgan as two friends would. Written on "Parkland" stationary and typed with a real typewriter, it was nostalgic to read. I have included it here. I hope that some of you who knew these men will enjoy the walk back in time and for those of you who were too young to have known either, you will appreciate the rich heritage of your program at The Ohio State University.

January 23, 1980

Dr. Morgan L. Allison
Professor and Chairman
College of Dentistry
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio 43210

Dear Morgan:

God! I am not easily humbled --- but your recent letter has just done it. This old profession and specialty of ours has been plenty neat to me, but being selected an honorary member of the OSU Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons takes rank with any recognition gives me. I am truly grateful for the OSU Society’s generous spirit in allowing me the privilege of becoming a Buckeye.

"Tiradentes" had me on the ropes. Dentes is easy enough, Dom is Latin for tooth or a toothlike structure and denies is simply its plural. Tira is something else, but it has to be from the French-Italian word, tirare, for pulling or, tirano, for pull. If "Tiradentes" is not "pulling teeth", I give up. But the only word that has reached our current English language from 'tirare' is tirade, a prolonged declamatory outpouring, as of anger. Somehow I doubt that "Tiradentes" is meant to be a declamatory outpouring of tooth. So you see, in becoming a Buckeye, I have cared enough about our journal title to look it up --- with thanks to Dr. Burland and Menser, Bank & Wagner.

Morgan, thanks for the compliment of becoming an honorary member of the OSU Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. I am genuinely touched --- but the tear in my eye really comes from a cinder.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Walker, D.D.S.
FAREWELL TO THE GRADUATING

Jeremiah Glosenger

My residency here at Ohio State has been both a challenging and rewarding experience. I agree with Dexter Fleming’s quotation of Charles Dicken’s: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” I have found that most people can only relate to residency life by what they have seen on “Scrubs” (for you residents out there, Scrubs is a TV show that you have been too busy to watch); only those who have gone through it can truly understand the depth of the challenge it can be; however, those who take this challenge on with a good attitude, humility, hard work, perseverance, and a proper perspective find the reward of learning and growing mentally, physically, emotionally, and professionally in ways that would not have been possible otherwise.

Because they understand the challenges best, other residents are generally able to demonstrate the most empathy and provide a necessary support system, without which, residency may not be bearable. I will truly miss the camaraderie and friendships I have enjoyed with each of the residents along this journey.

I am thankful for each of my attendings and for all they have endeavored to teach me. I hope to practice the specialty in such a way that they will be proud of what they have invested into me.

I’m grateful for all of our support staff who make this training program possible.

As I move on to North Dakota to practice it is very exciting for my family and I; however, the excitement is mixed with a feeling of deep sadness as I know how much I’ll miss all the friends I have here at The Ohio State University.
I remember asking my parents who Woody Hayes was while they helped me move from Virginia to Ohio five years ago before beginning my teaching internship. My dad laughed at me and said to never ask anyone a question like that at The Ohio State University. At that point I knew my life was about to change in many ways, realizing I would need not only to adapt to a fast-paced Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery training program but to also blend into the culture of Columbus, as well. What a difference five years makes. I was accepted into one of the best training programs in the nation, married a very kind and intelligent man, am expecting my first child this Fall, have met lifelong friends, have attended more OSU football than Virginia Tech games, and can now proudly say Columbus is officially my home and yes I do know everything about Woody Hayes. I can't express my gratitude and thanks to all of my surgical, anesthesia, and pathology attendings who have pushed and demanded only the best from me in my training these past five years. Memories of spending December nights learning model surgery yet having another resident to laugh with, or nights of trauma call while working with a resident to make it more enjoyable, or completing a challenging orthognathic case and realizing all of the pre-operative work as a team made it successful, are the little moments that make a tough five years rewarding. I am very fortunate to have such loving support from not only my husband Kris, but also my family in Virginia and North Carolina, who even would travel on Holidays to spend just a day with me while I was on call throughout my residency. These are also the little moments that have made my past five years here very memorable. I am truly thankful to have been accepted and now graduating from The Ohio State University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program. These personal and work experiences have been wonderful and I look forward to applying my training to the care of patients in the future.
Graduating Anesthesia Resident

Cara Riley

All good things must come to an end. It has been a privilege to work and learn at the Ohio State University, and I will greatly miss it. I feel as though I just arrived—it’s amazing how fast two years can pass—yet never have I felt so prepared for the next step in my life. This is a testament to the unparalleled faculty and residents with whom I have spent the last couple of years. I owe them all a tremendous amount of gratitude.

I am extremely fortunate to have been trained by legends. Drs. Weaver, Ganzberg, and Prior are at the forefront of dental/maxillofacial anesthesiology, and are also strongly dedicated to education and the advancement of our field. Furthermore, each one is a fantastic individual, and if I turn out to be even slightly the practitioner and person as any one of them, I am golden. The same can be said for my oral surgery faculty. Being part of their private practice each week was my favorite part of residency, and I will carry a little piece of each of them with me as I work out on my own.

I am impressed and inspired by my fellow residents, and hope some of their diligence, attitude, and humor rubbed off on me. I will miss the camaraderie of the resident’s room, yet I am excited for my classmates to move onto the next step and enjoy the products of their hard work. They deserve the absolute best.

My foundation is my family and friends, and they have worked overtime in terms of support and encouragement to help me achieve my goals. Their provision of balance, perspective, and well-timed hugs kept me afloat through all these years of training, and there are no words to express the depth of my thanks and love.

As one good thing ends, I am confident another will follow. Congratulations and best of luck to everyone!
WELCOME NEW ANESTHESIOLOGY RESIDENTS

Joshua Perry

Born and raised in a small farming community in Ohio. I was a member of 4-H for 9 years, where I raised and showed beef steers in several county and state fairs. I graduated from Miami University in 2006 with a BS in Exercise Science, and soon after moved to Columbus to work as a NSCA certified personal trainer for two different companies.

After one year, I attended The Ohio State University College of Dentistry and recently graduated with honors. I am thrilled to be able to continue my education at Ohio State and look forward to learning from and working with some of the great doctors that are a part of the OMFS and Anesthesiology programs.

In the little free time that I have had from the farm and school, I enjoy golfing, biking, shooting trap and sporting clays, and tailgating on football Saturdays. Go Bucks!

Shaheen Moezzi

Nevada born, I spent my youth under the Las Vegas neon lights, my college years in Reno and took advantage of everything the wild western state had to offer. While pursuing a degree in economics I took a Costa Rican detour for a semester to learn Spanish fluently, surf, and enjoy the slower pace of life.

Upon my return to the states and with my batteries recharged, I moved to Southern California and began dental school at USC. My brother, a stand up comedian, excellent roommate, and my unofficial social director provided much needed comic relief during my four years as a Trojan and frequently let me tag along with him backstage at the comedy clubs in Hollywood.

Although I will miss the scenery I will always have the memories and moving from the smog filled Los Angeles to Ohio to further my education is a breath of fresh air. I couldn’t be more excited about life as an anesthesia resident in Columbus!
The Oral Pathology Group continues to evolve! While we still consist of Dr. Carl Allen, Dr. Susan Mallery, Dr. John Kalmar, and Dr. Kristin McNamara, Dr. Kalmar was named Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Graduate Studies for the College in April. Congratulations, John! He continues to contribute to the teaching responsibilities of the group and signs out cases on the biopsy service. Speaking of biopsy service, Dr. McNamara successfully challenged the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology certifying examination last October, and she is now signing out cases as well. Kristin deserves additional congratulations, as she is now the proud mother of a new baby girl, born just a few weeks ago. Most recently, the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, was held in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There we learned that Dr. Kalmar had been elected to the position of Vice-President of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He will ascend the ranks to the presidency over the next 3 years, so congratulations again to John. Strangely enough, Dr. Allen will be Vice-President of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology this year.

Diagnostic Aspects. The biopsy service received 6,453 cases last year, which is almost identical to the previous year, but still fewer accessionations than we typically have seen over the past few years. The histopathologic education of our oral pathology residents is dependent upon the biopsy material submitted to our service by oral and maxillofacial surgeons such as you, and as we’ve said on many prior occasions, we greatly appreciate your support. For those of you within driving distance of Columbus, we can also provide assistance from a clinical standpoint for those difficult diagnostic or therapeutic problems arising in your patients.

Graduating resident

Christine Harrington

Graduate Program. With Dr. Kalmar now serving in the College administration, Dr. Allen has once again taken over as director of the graduate training program in oral and maxillofacial pathology. Our graduate program in oral pathology remains as one of only 12 such programs in the US, and it is one of the most active. Dr. Chris Harrington (our finishing 3rd year resident) and Dr. Brent Martin (our current 2nd year resident) presented papers at the AAOMP annual meeting in San Juan. The residents who will occupy the slots in our three-year program next year will once again be an exceptional group, and include: Brent Martin, 3rd year; Gisele Mainville, 2nd year; and the incoming 1st year - Amber Kiyani. Dr. Kiyani plans to be the first oral pathologist in the country of Pakistan, and is very enthusiastic about starting our program. She already has a cadre of oral and maxillofacial surgeons who have said that they will send their biopsies to her when she returns. Once again, we feel privileged to be able to work with such a talented group of individuals.

In summary, we feel that we continue to have one of the most active and productive oral pathology groups in the nation.
In February, I had the pleasure of participating in a 9 day cleft lip and palate mission to Guatemala with the Free to Smile Foundation (FTS). Collectively, we treated 37 patients, mostly primary cleft lip or palate repairs, but also a few lip and nose revisions. I had the privilege of working under 2 experienced cleft surgeons, Dr. Byron Henry of Northwest Oral and Facial Surgeons and cofounder of FTS, and Dr. Frank Virnelli, a plastic surgeon from Massachusetts. With their guidance, I gained experience in not only cleft lip and palate repair, but also with dissection, suturing, and general soft tissue management. It was especially advantageous to observe the same procedure performed repeatedly under such a short period of time, as I could research any questions that arose and have a chance to observe the same procedure the next day. The opportunity to travel to a third world country to perform surgery to correct congenital deformities in a population that would otherwise have limited access to care was incredibly rewarding. I also benefited from the chance to travel abroad during residency, to meet and work with new people, and to experience a new country and culture. Thank you to the OSU OMFS program and the Free to Smile Foundation for this wonderful opportunity.

I had been looking forward to my rotation to work with Professor Stassen in the Maxillofacial Unit at St. James’ Hospital in Ireland since admission into this program four years ago. Each year through training I heard about my senior residents’ experiences professionally and personally in Dublin. The anticipation to spend a month in a new culture while obtaining more surgical experience was very appealing and exciting to me. My month in March with the Maxillofacial Unit this year lived up to my expectations. Professor Stassen is a wonderful teacher and surgeon who invests a great deal of time and interest in making our rotation a good experience. New this year, Professor Stassen has three consultants in his team who have a wide training experiences ranging from craniofacial surgery to head and neck microvascular reconstructive surgery. The opportunities to operate on cases from the common mandibular fracture to reconstructing the mandible with a fibula free flap offers our residents a chance to not only learn new techniques but to participate in different surgeries we commonly do not perform in Columbus. The registrars at St. James were very friendly and accommodating and made sure I was able to see Dublin from their perspective with after work nights out to local pubs and restaurants. Days off on the weekend I was lucky to explore the country with my husband, mother, sister, and her boyfriend who came and stayed in Dublin with me. Having alumni donation to help finically support my trip overseas was very beneficial and appreciated. Professor Stassen spoke highly of the former residents and is looking forward to the rising chiefs’ trip overseas next year.
A native Buckeye, I was born in Greenville, Ohio and lived on a small farm near Laura. My family moved to the Buffalo, NY area when I was 5 years old, where I graduated from the Williamsville school system and earned a BA in Psychology from SUNY at Buffalo.

While completing the science requirements for admission to dental school, I worked at Bank of America, where I met Shauna, the love of my life. We were just married this past Memorial Day weekend, two weeks after my graduation from the University at Buffalo Dental School.

I enjoy boating, barbecuing, racquetball, and, of course, OSU football. I look forward to being a part of The Ohio State University Medical Center’s OMFS team.

It’s great to be coming back “home” to Ohio.

I grew up on the east coast of Canada in the relatively small, but beautiful city of Halifax. I moved to Toronto just over ten years ago, where I started my professional boxing career. My passion for boxing led me to try out for the Canadian Boxing Team at the Beijing Olympics. My number one supporter is my fantastic wife, Neelma, whom I have been married to for two years. We enjoy travelling and exploring new cultures. We are also avid followers of the Toronto Maple Leafs. After attending the University of Waterloo for my undergraduate studies in Biomedical Sciences, I moved to Cleveland to join the DMD Class of 2010 at Case Western Reserve University. During my teaching internship at Ohio State University, I have developed a fundamental understanding in the basics of OMFS. I am eagerly looking forward towards further developing and honing my surgical skills in the coming four years. I feel very fortunate to have matched to OSU because it is a place that fosters cooperation and collaboration among residents and attendings. It is exciting to be part of this enthusiastic team who is now my second family. Here’s to the next four years!
WELCOME NEW TEACHING INTERNS

Jeremy Hammond
My name is Richard Jeremy Hammond, I go by Jeremy. I grew up in the small town of Ellabell, Georgia located near Savannah. I started my college education at Truett McConnell College in Cleveland, Georgia and finished my Chemistry degree at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah. I attended dental school at the Medical College of Georgia, now known as Georgia Health Science University. I am happily married to the love of my life Christie. We have been married for three years. Christie and I met while doing mission work in China, teaching at an international school. We have a Westie named Jake who is all boy and finds a way to get into everything. I love playing golf whenever possible, even though four years of dental school has greatly impacted the skills which I like to think I had (due to lack of playing time). I also enjoy watching baseball, a game I played from the age of 4 to 20.

Keun Lee
I was born in Korea, and raised in Los Angeles, California. I was first introduced to Ohio when I went to dental school at Case Western Reserve University. Before dental school, I went to the University of California, Los Angeles, and majored in Biology. Since dental school, I have been in private practice. I have decided to come back for more training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery following my passion in life. Now, I am back in Ohio for my internship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. I am a huge Lakers' fan, and Kobe Bryant is my hero. If I were two feet taller, and had talent like Kobe in basketball, I would consider playing for Lakers. That's, of course, if I hadn't made it into dental school. In my spare time, I have been restoring a "classic" British automobile, my MG Midget. It will have to wait until I am done with my training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Jordan Davis
I was born in Omaha, NE while my father was attending dental school at Creighton University. At age one, I moved with my family to Idaho Falls, ID. This became the place I now consider to be my hometown. While growing up Idaho, I fell in love with rock climbing and playing the drums. As I entered my college years, I began to excel in competition climbing which lead to my sponsorship by a climbing company called "Mad Rock". My career in climbing was postponed for 2 years when I served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints in Berlin, Germany. Upon returning from my mission, I had the opportunity to play drums for several talented bands. This almost led me to a career as a drummer, until I decided to go to dental school. In 2006, I was married to my wife, Elena which is my most important achievement. In 2007, following the footsteps of my father, I returned to my roots in Omaha, NE. where I attended dental school at Creighton University.
Graduating Teaching Interns

Sufian Sheikh and Surbhi Sehgal
We wish to extend our thanks and gratitude to Surbhi Sehgal and Sufian Sheikh, who have been of tremendous help to us throughout the year. They have been instrumental in the education of our students in the Undergraduate Clinic, and have facilitated the care of our hospital and clinic patients. Surbhi will be entering private practice in Columbus, incorporating her internship experience and placing an emphasis on surgical care. Sufian will join us here at O.S.U. as an OMFS resident in July.

Thank you both very much for your tireless efforts. Please accept our very best wishes for your personal and professional success.

Graduating Implant Fellow
Henry “Hank” Blair
That was a great year. A very sincere thank you to the oral and maxillofacial surgery staff, residents, and implant clinic for letting me hang around for 12 months and training me in both the surgical and restorative aspects of implants. My patients and I will benefit greatly from the knowledge I gained here at OSU and feel it was a year well spent. I had a great time with my whole OHIO experience: football/basketball games, friendly mid-westerners and caught some pretty nice fish. Congratulations to the finishing residents Jeremiah, Courtney and Cara and best of luck in your future. Thanks again, I’m heading back to Atlanta, GA to continue my career in private practice.
MLASOMS Corporate Update

In 1968, the "Ohio State University Society of Oral Surgeons" was incorporated. Through the years, custody of the corporate documents was the responsibility of Morgan Allison, Gary Racey, Joel Weaver and most recently, Peter Larsen. Perhaps others were also involved, but the record is not clear. Several bylaws changes were adopted including a change of the name to the "Morgan L. Allison Society of Oral Surgeons" and then later the "Morgan L. Allison Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons". However, the legal entity never had its name changed on the original documents of incorporation filed with the State of Ohio.

Due to changes in the legal climate and reporting requirements relative to tax exempt entities, the membership authorized the officers of the corporation at our last meeting in June of 2010, to seek a legal opinion regarding the best way to bring the corporation into compliance with current regulations.

As the result of advice obtained from the corporate accountant and attorney, a new corporation will be formed, correctly reflecting the currently accepted name, the "Morgan L. Allison Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Inc." Proper documents have been filed with the State of Ohio and the Internal Revenue Service. Bylaws of the old corporation were used to establish the current Code of Regulations. No functional changes were made in the existing document however, some items such as "conflict of interest policy", and "indemnification of officers" which are now standard boilerplate requirements for corporate entities, were added. The officers of the corporation in consultation with Joel Weaver as an "ex officio" representative, determined that this was the best course of action. The "Ohio State University Society of Oral Surgeons" will be officially dissolved in time. Any questions regarding these decisions may be directed to the Executive Director of the Corporation, Dr. Peter Larsen. The officers and directors hope that this move will position the corporation to function properly in this new era of accountability.
# THE MORGAN L. ALLISON SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS

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### HONORARY MEMBERS

- Janet Allison
- Morgan Allison*
- William Brewer*
- T. William Evans
- Richard Scholl
- Glenn Reinbold
- Thomas Lapp
- John Patterson
- James Sparks*
- Thomas Butts
- Neil Luyk
- Jeffrey Sacks (Fellow)
- Bruce Fraser
- Neil Luyk (Fellow)
- Edward McDonnell
- Ken Barringer (Fellow)
- Christine Quinn (Anes)
- Frederick Dillard
- Jeffery Lee
- Megann Moses (Anes)
- Daniel Bower
- Moustafa El-Ghareeb
- Stephen Phillips (Anes)
- Eric Fox

### DECEASED

- Richard Hamilton
- Richard Sebastian
- Harold Von Wyl
- Donald Garsh
- Gary Maxwell
- Zale Smiilak
- Glenn Reinbold
- Thomas Lapp
- John Patterson
- James Sparks*
- Edward McDonnell
- Ken Barringer (Fellow)
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