## **Department of Pediatric Dentistry**

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On June 30<sup>th</sup> we bid farewell to our four graduating residents. Dr. Natalie Ghosheh joined her father, Dr. Fred Cheung, in his pediatric dentistry practice in Dubuque and will be helping us out part-time as an adjunct faculty member. Dr. Bob Gregorsok joined his wife, Dr. Kelly Ruehs, in her practice in Cedar Falls. Dr. Bryce Goebel returned to Bismarck, South Dakota to join his father's practice. Dr. Yousef Yousef plans to continue his academic studies in pursuit of a PhD in oral sciences. We wish all four of them continued success and happiness as they embark on their pediatric dental careers.

We welcomed four new residents, Drs. Raquel Jham, Kelli Jobman, Cody Johnson, and Matt Pyfferoen. Dr. Jham is a 2000 graduate from the School of Dentistry of Valencia in Valencia, Brazil. She also received her American DDS from the University of Colorado in 2008. Dr. Kelli Jobman is a 2008 graduate from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Cody Johnson is a 2008 graduate of the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. Dr. Matt Pyfferoen is a University of Iowa 2008 graduate.

As the new academic year begins, we would like to acknowledge all of our adjunct faculty members who will assist us throughout the year teaching D-3 students and pediatric dentistry residents in the clinic. This year we are fortunate to have Drs. Erik Balster, Polly Iben, Natalie Ghosheh, Steven Kelly, Matt Kubovich, Mike Mathews, Tom Maurice, Ed Rick, Mike Stufflebeam and faculty emeritus, Dr. Jerry Walker. We thank them for their generosity, dedication and commitment!

Ms. Anita Forbes, Administrative Assistant, was recognized at the annual All College Conference on August 18<sup>th</sup> for her 30 years of employment and service to the

College of Dentistry. Over the years, Ms. Forbes has graciously guided many a dental student, resident, staff and faculty member and she continues to be instrumental in helping the department run smoothly on a daily basis. Ms. Forbes manages everything from personnel issues and paperwork to juggling faculty schedules and grant accounts. We are extremely grateful for her years of commitment and service to the department and look forward to many more years to come! Congratulations, Ms. Forbes!

It is with great sadness that we report that we lost one of our valued dental assistants, Lisa Jackson, who passed away on July 5<sup>th</sup>. For the three years that Lisa worked in our department, we were extremely fortunate to be blessed by her energy, enthusiasm, wit and keen sense of working with children. Our sympathies and prayers go out to Lisa's family.



First year residents Drs. Cody Johnson, Kelli Jobman, Raquel Jham, DEO/Graduate Program Director Dr. Rebecca Slayton and first year resident Dr. Matt Pyfferoen.