

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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Our dental students have been very active in pediatric dentistry activities. The student pediatric dentistry group teamed up with area dental professionals on October 1 for the Special Olympics Iowa MEDFEST held in Iowa City. The event helped prepare Special Olympics athletes for their upcoming competitions. At the Special Smiles station, volunteers provided oral health education and dental screenings, made protective mouthguards, and applied fluoride varnish for the athletes. Assisting the dental students from our department were Dr. Rebecca Slayton (DEO), Dr. Jerry Walker (professor emeritus and adjunct faculty) and Dr. Greg Dietz (first-year resident). The student pediatric dentistry group also participated in a large Halloween event at Sycamore Mall in Iowa City on October 30. They delivered oral health education and materials to the many children who paraded through in their Halloween costumes. The annual event has become a popular Iowa City tradition and the U of IA's pediatric dentistry students have been notable participants for several years.

Dr. Rebecca Slayton was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists during its 82nd Annual Convocation in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 10. The International College of Dentists is an honorary organization that recognizes outstanding and meritorious service to the profession and community. Nearly 300 U.S. dentists were inducted into the college at this year's ceremony. The International College of Dentists has chapters in more than 80 countries and has more than 11,000 members, including 6,500 in the U.S.

On November 4, the department sponsored an all-day continuing education course entitled "Pediatric Dentistry Boot Camp." The interactive course provided meaningful updates and instruction on traditional pediatric dentistry topics, including Behavior Management, Incomplete

Caries Removal, Pulp Therapy, Stainless Steel Crowns, Oral Health for Pregnant Women and Young Children, Psychological Theories of Motivation, Pediatric Oral Health Resources, Autistic Patient Considerations, and New Prevention Oriented Products. Presenters included Drs. Mike Kanellis, Richard Burke, Jr., Tad Mabry, Matt Geneser, Rebecca Slayton, Karin Weber-Gasparoni, and Mrs. Cathy Skotowski and Mrs. Gayle Gilbaugh. The course was very well attended with approximately 160 dentists, hygienists and assistants participating.



Brandon Rook (D2) and Samuel Christensen (D3) working at a Halloween event at Sycamore Mall.