

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

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Our residents have been very busy not only in our departmental clinics but also traveling to CE courses. On September 19, Drs. Vanessa Axelsen, Kyle Beulke, Sam Christensen, Diana Pelzer and Julie Smith traveled to St. Paul, MN for the 8th Annual Robert J. Feigal Symposium entitled “Advances in Pediatric Restorative Dentistry.” And then on October 24-26, residents Drs. Kyle Beulke, Diana Pelzer, Julie Smith and Peter Stanley traveled to Denver, CO and attended the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Contemporary Sedation Course.

First-year pediatric dentistry resident, Dr. Diana Pelzer, helped provide dental care to several children on September 27 in Waterloo, IA with the Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM). Also helping at IMOM from our department were Dr. Mike Kanellis and DeAnna Holder.

On October 9, Dr. Tad Mabry was inducted as a fellow in the American College of Dentists (ACD) at their annual meeting. The ACD is the oldest major honorary organization for dentists and has a long and distinguished association with leaders and leadership. Its members have exemplified excellence through outstanding leadership and exceptional contributions to dentistry and society. Membership in the ACD is by invitation only. There are over 7,400 fellows, active and retired. Fellows are selected based on their contributions to organized dentistry, oral health care, dental research, dental education, the profession, and society. Less than 3.5% of all dentists are fellows of the American College of Dentists. Congratulations Dr. Mabry!



(Left): Photo of Dr. Mabry following the American College of Dentists Convocation.

On Saturday October 25, Drs. Matt Geneser, Vanessa Axelsen, Annie Fencel, and Ms. Gayle Gilbaugh participated in a Hemophilia Outreach Clinic for the Amish community. The clinic was held at the Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare Clinic in Oelwein. As a member of the University of Iowa Regional Hemophilia Treatment Center, the pediatric dentistry staff provided screenings, education and referrals for children and adults with hemophilia. This outreach activity always provides a unique cultural experience for everyone involved.

On November 21, the department sponsored the “Arthur J. Nowak Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture in Pediatric Dentistry.” Dr. Paul Moore DMD, PhD, MPH from Pittsburgh, PA presented a full day continuing education course entitled “Update in Local Anesthetics and Analgesics.” The purpose of the “Arthur J. Nowak Distinguished Visiting Professorship” is to bring top scholars to the University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry to interact with residents, faculty, and practicing dentists. Dr. Moore’s three-day visit included several opportunities for residents and faculty members to meet with Dr. Moore in small groups or individual settings. An evening social gathering was also held at Dr. Weber-Gasparoni’s home.



(Left): Dr. Arthur Nowak
and Dr. Paul Moore at the
Arthur J. Nowak
Distinguished Visiting
Professor Lecture in
Pediatric Dentistry.