

DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Cathy Skotowski

We are happy to announce that Dr. Karin Weber-Gasparoni has been appointed as the department executive officer of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry effective April 1. In Dean David Johnsen's announcement, he emphasized that "Dr. Weber-Gasparoni brings to the position a strong combination of teaching, research, patient care, national perspectives, and understanding of the Department and College." Our department is very excited Dr. Weber-Gasparoni has accepted this challenge! She is a tremendous leader whose passion, dedication and commitment to the profession, her patients, students, and colleagues are truly exemplary! Congratulations, Dr. Weber-Gasparoni!

Ms. Katie Nagel (third-year dental student) presented a table clinic at the IDA annual meeting in Iowa City on May 4 entitled "Oral Health Information for Pregnant Women" and received second place honors in the student division. Ms. Cathy Skotowski is the faculty mentor for this project which received its initial funding from a Delta Dental Foundation mini-grant.

Mr. Justin Anderson (second-year dental student) received third place honors for his table clinic entitled "Factors Affecting Appointment-Keeping Behavior in Iowa Pediatric Dental Practices." Dr. Mike Kanellis is the faculty mentor for this project. Ms. Cathy Skotowski also presented a table clinic entitled "Oral Health Resources for Children." The IDA table clinic sessions offer a unique opportunity for College of Dentistry students, residents, and faculty to interact with the dental assistants, hygienists, and dentists of Iowa.

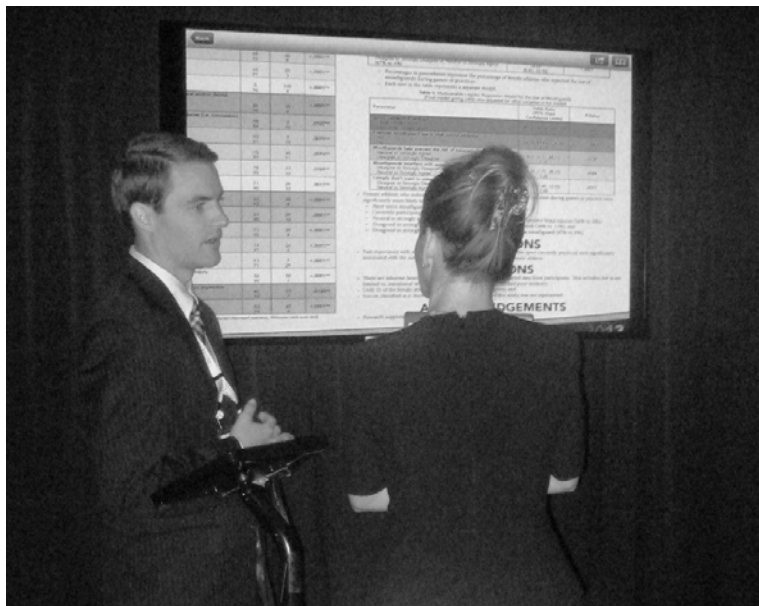
Fourth-year dental student Vanessa Axelson recently was awarded the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Certificate for Outstanding Senior Undergraduate Award in Pediatric Dentistry. We are happy she will soon be entering our residency program.

Ms. Gayle Gilbaugh was awarded a \$4,560 Delta Dental grant for a project entitled “Oral Health Training for Caregivers in Residential Settings.” Ms. Katie Anfinson (third-year dental student) and Drs. Matt Geneser and Karin Weber-Gasparoni will be collaborating on the project.

The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) held their 66th annual session in Orlando, FL May 24-26. All four of our second-year residents, Drs. Greg Dietz, Drew Goebel, Kelly Jones and Treagan White, presented their research in the graduate poster division.

Six Iowa graduates (Drs. Tyler Driggers, Terry Geneser, Raquel Jham, Kelli Jobman, Chris Myers, and Jill Shonka) were acknowledged by the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry as having successfully completing their oral clinical exams. The College of Diplomates’ installation ceremony was held May 25. Congratulations, new diplomates!

As usual, on Saturday evening of the AAPD meeting, an Iowa reception was well attended by Iowa alumni traveling from all over the US. The evening provided an opportunity for alumni, current residents and faculty to reminisce, share good times, and of course, sing a rendition of the Iowa Fight Song!



Dr. Drew Goebel (left) discussing his poster with a judge at the AAPD annual meeting.



Dr. Treagan White (left) discussing his poster with a judge at the AAPD annual meeting.



Ms. Katie Nagel at her IDA table clinic. She received second place honors in the student division.