

## **DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

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On June 30, we bid farewell to our four graduating residents. Three have ventured off into private practice. Dr. Aaron Blackwelder headed to Tyler, TX; Dr. Sean Vostatek to Colorado Springs, CO; and Dr. Brea Schmidt to Spencer, IA. Dr. Donald Chi plans to continue his academic studies here at the U of IA 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. Tyler Driggers, Christopher Myers, Terry Moniz and Jill Shonka. Dr. Driggers is a graduate from Creighton University, Omaha, NE. Dr. Christopher Myers is a graduate from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Dr. Terry Moniz is a graduate of Tufts University, Boston, MA. Dr. Jill Shonka is a University of Iowa 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; Matt Geneser; Natalie Ghosheh; Steven Kelly; Mike Mathews; Tom Maurice; Ed Rick; Brea Schmidt; Mike Stufflebeam; and faculty emeritus, Dr. Jerry Walker. We thank them for their generosity, dedication and commitment!

On July 31 and August 1, Drs. Mike Kanellis and Rebecca Slayton presented at the annual Iowa Society of Dentistry for Children (ISDC) meeting in Okoboji. The course was held at Arrowwood Resorts and was well attended by general dentists, pediatric dentists and staff. Dr. Kanellis provided an update on primary molar pulp therapy and behavior management. Dr. Slayton provided an update on the treatment of traumatic dental injuries and on “understanding your pre-teen and teen patients”.



(left to right) first-year pediatric dentistry residents: Drs. Tyler Driggers, Chris Myers, Terry Moniz and Jill Shonka.