

2010  
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The  
Future  
is  
Bright

2010 was a year of transition for the AAP Foundation. Early in the year, a selection committee was tasked with finding a new Executive Director for the Foundation. After an exhaustive search and an intensive interview process, Dr. Robert A. Vitas was selected to succeed Dr. Sharon Mellor as the Foundation's new Executive Director.

Dr. Vitas brings extensive experience in association foundation management, including directing Healthy Smiles, Healthy Children: The Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. A Certified Association Executive and Certified Fund Raising Executive, Dr. Vitas earned his PhD in political science at Loyola University of Chicago and is a Visiting Scholar at Northwestern University. He has published four books and over two dozen scholarly articles, chapters, and reviews. He served as an enlisted man and commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve. The AAP Foundation is proud to welcome this proven leader into its ranks.

A year of new beginnings, in 2010 the AAP Foundation began to refine its Ambassador program, streamlined internal budgeting and financial reporting processes to improve board fiduciary responsibility, and continued planning for the future. Faced with a very slowly recovering economy, the Foundation still managed to award over \$242,000 to support the specialty's best and brightest who are educating future periodontists and performing cutting-edge research.

As a sister organization of the AAP, the AAP Foundation not only supports the specialty through scholarships and fellowships, but it also aligns its work with the goals of the AAP. This year saw a new level of collaboration between the two organizations through the formation of a Joint Task Force. This new committee of AAP and AAP Foundation leaders is working to assess the areas of greatest need for Foundation support.

Through the support of its donors, friends, and leaders, the AAP Foundation continues to carry out its mission to "improve the periodontal and general health of the public through increasing public and professional knowledge of periodontal diseases and their therapies, stimulating basic and clinical research to generate new knowledge, and enhancing educational programs at all levels to create opportunities in periodontal education and practice."

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**Jack G. Caton, DDS, MS**  
2010 AAP Foundation  
President



Letter from  
the President

# We're looking forward

Thank you to all who supported the future of our specialty with a gift to the AAP Foundation in 2010. I know that the economy hasn't rebounded as much as we would have liked it to, and that makes your commitment even more meaningful.

This year, with your help, we continued to carry out our mission and awarded much-needed funds to deserving periodontists who will shape the future of our specialty. We are grateful for the innovation, dedication, and hard work these individuals have shown. Their stories are told on the pages that follow, and I'm sure you will be seeing their names among those of other leaders in the field for years to come.

I am particularly proud of three accomplishments achieved in the past year and I want to single out Bryan Frantz for his commitment and work on these projects. The first was the recruitment of an outstanding Executive Director, Bob Vitas. The second was restructuring the audit and financial reporting

procedures to improve board fiduciary responsibility. Finally, I am proud of the establishment of an AAP-AAPF Joint Task Force in order to align the focus of the Foundation with the strategic plan of the AAP.

It has been an honor to serve as the AAP Foundation President this year. I have been inspired by the support you have shown your Foundation, and have taken pride in the work of those we help. We have set the stage for new projects that will strengthen the Foundation and our specialty, and help all of us achieve our goal of excellence in patient care. We're looking forward to a bright 2011.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jack', written in a cursive style.

Jack G. Caton, DDS, MS

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**OF ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS REPORT BEING INVOLVED IN ACADEMIC PERIODONTICS.**

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**OF AWARD RECIPIENTS ARE CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN RESEARCH.**

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recipient of the AAP Teaching Fellowship

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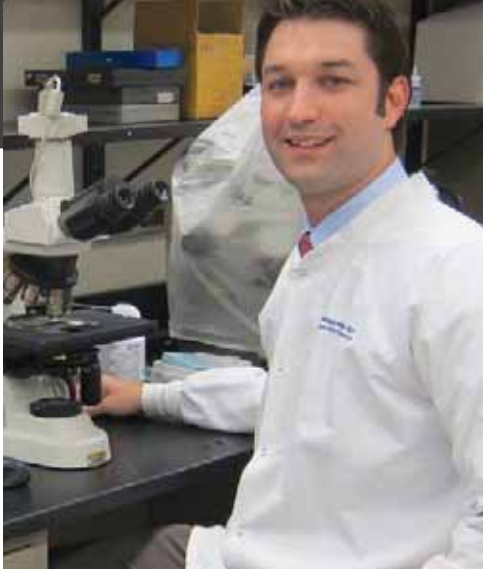


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Dr. Shaddox demonstrates a procedure for a student.

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Thiago Morelli, DDS, MS awarded the Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship



# Educators of our Future



Erwin Barrington, DDS

"I made my first gift because I thought it was the right thing to do. The AAP Foundation has gone way beyond anything we thought it could," says Erwin P. Barrington, DDS. A retired private practitioner and educator at the University of Illinois for 41 years, Dr. Barrington's generosity set the stage for the future of the AAP Foundation.

After serving as the President of the AAP in 1984, Dr. Barrington was part of a group of AAP leaders, including Dr. Charles Finley and Dr. Leonard Tibbetts, who believed that forming a Foundation would help to secure the future of the specialty. His dedication to education and enthusiasm for the Foundation inspired Bud Tarrson to make a lead gift of \$50,000, initiating the Foundation's Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship.

Dr. Barrington's significant personal contributions also helped the AAP Foundation on the road to success. Over the years he has served in several leadership roles within the AAP and the American Board of Periodontology, and has participated on many different AAP committees. Through his generosity, service, and years as an educator and practitioner, Dr. Barrington has served his specialty in every possible way.

These days, Dr. Barrington spends time with his wife of 53 years, Carol, and visits their three out-of-state daughters. He enjoys music, traveling to national parks, and photography. As he looks back, Dr. Barrington says he is "elated that the Foundation has done so well. It has proven itself, and it works. You must maintain a machine that's running well—if you don't, you're going to move backwards. The AAP Foundation is so important for the growth of periodontology as a specialty and as a part of the dental profession."

In order to keep the specialty strong and vibrant, we need to encourage and inspire educators. Each year, the AAP Foundation awards hundreds of thousands of dollars to this end. A complete list of all AAP Foundation awards can be found at [www.periofoundation.org](http://www.periofoundation.org).

## The Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship

The 2010 Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowships were awarded to **Erik Sahl, DDS**, and **Thiago Morelli, DDS, MS**. Dr. Sahl is a third-year student at Loma Linda University School of Dentistry. He currently spends three days per week in the resident clinic and two days per week teaching in the dental student clinic, while also lecturing to second-year dental students.

In addition to his studies and teaching responsibilities, Dr. Sahl is working on publishing a paper about bacteria culturing at different levels of the pocket with the *Journal of Periodontology*. He is also pursuing projects involving growth factors, soft tissue healing and surgical response, along with a retrospective chart analysis of bisphosphonates, looking for adverse reactions.

Dr. Sahl credits the Chasens award with "enabling me to spend more time on research data and protocols." He adds, "I am very grateful for this award. It has already served to further the education of dental and periodontology students."

Thiago Morelli, DDS, MS, is an adjunct clinical professor at the University of Detroit Mercy and a research fellow at the Michigan Center for Oral Health Research—University of Michigan. Dr. Morelli has studied the role of salivary diagnostics. During his

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periodontal training his research won the Balint Orban Memorial Award. Currently, he is involved in a murine and clinical project analyzing the microbial composition and immune-regulatory function of patients with chronic periodontal disease and rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr. Morelli acknowledges that "without this award, I would have to work in a private practice to pay back my student loans. I'm so grateful to the Chasens for this gift, and I hope to help others as the Chasens have helped me." He adds, "I want to change dental students' vision of our field. I feel good when my students enjoy periodontics more than they used to. I want to inspire their interest in our specialty."

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### 2010 AAP Educator Scholarship

“When we started working with patients in dental school, I realized that periodontics was the foundation for any successful long-term treatment,” says **Ioanna Tsolaki, DDS**, the AAP Foundation’s 2010 Educator Scholar.

Dr. Tsolaki, a second-year resident at The Ohio State University, is currently working with her program director, Dr. Dimitris Tatakis, on a research project focusing on soft tissue grafting. As part of her residency, she also teaches a half-day per week. “I very much enjoy working with students. I receive support and guidance from my instructors, and am trying to provide that same experience to the students who work with me,” she says.

When discussing her award, Dr. Tsolaki says, “Receiving this award was a great honor, and it is very encouraging to be recognized for one’s intention to continue in academics.” She plans to support the AAP Foundation, and encourages others to donate as well. She says, “The support provided by AAP Foundation scholarships will continue to make a difference. Such strong financial support ensures that new periodontists receive the best possible education and have the opportunity to make the best choices for their careers—especially if those career choices include being an educator.”

### AAP Teaching Fellowship

The 2010 recipient of the AAP Teaching Fellowship is **Luciana Shaddox, DDS, MS, PhD**. Dr. Shaddox is currently a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Periodontology at the University of Florida. She holds a dual appointment with the Department of Oral Biology.

Dr. Shaddox is currently researching the causes of aggressive periodontitis in children, the mechanisms of disease initiation and progression, immune response, microbial flora, and treatment response. She is in her third year of a National Institutes of Health grant for this project, and is also conducting a separate study of diabetes and periodontitis.

About half of Dr. Shaddox’s time is spent on research; the other half is spent teaching and mentoring. She is the course director of the Introduction to Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in Periodontology, and teaches over 200 students at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Shaddox says, “I’m very honored to receive this award. It helps to confirm that I’m on the right path. Since receiving this award, I have become more aware of how important our role as educators is in the lives of new dentists and periodontists, and what a privilege it is to serve in this capacity.”



Connie Drisko, DDS

When Connie Drisko, DDS, was a dental hygienist, she had no idea that she would eventually become the dean of the Georgia Health Science University College of Dental Medicine. Now in her eighth year at the school, Dr. Drisko and her team are six weeks away from opening a new dental school with a new periodontology clinic.

After returning to dental school, Dr. Drisko completed a general practice residency, during which she decided to pursue periodontology. She says, “I had no idea I was going to be in academia until I got into dental school and got hooked on research. I received an industry grant based on my periodontology residency research, and came in second in the AAP’s Balint-Orban competition. I started as a new faculty member with a clinical research grant.”

Dr. Drisko was active in the AAP when the Foundation was formed. She says, “All of the Foundation officers were outstanding members of the AAP, and they all made personal gifts. I believed in supporting the profession that had been so good to me, and giving to the Foundation was the best way to do that.” As the AAP Foundation has grown, Dr. Drisko says, “The Foundation has been very important in increasing the presence of periodontics in the educational arena. I see the impact of these awards firsthand. Your gift to the Foundation doesn’t have to be large. Make a pledge that you can pay over three to five years. Just get started and keep it up. Reflect on what your life would be like if you hadn’t had the opportunity to become a periodontist, and pay that forward.”

# “Our donations have a much any one of us would be able



**Paulo M. Camargo,  
DDS, MS**

Paulo M. Camargo, DDS, MS, feels that AAP Foundation awards create a sort of chain reaction. Those who receive awards encourage others to pursue academia and apply for awards, and the cycle propagates itself. As the 2002 Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellow, he should know.

Since receiving his award, Dr. Camargo has been working at UCLA, where he now serves as a professor and the predoctoral program director. His focus is on translational research, and he is currently studying bone and cementum biology, working on how prostaglandins can be used to grow mineralized tissues. Dr. Camargo is also beginning work on a model to study peri-implantitis in mice.

Dr. Camargo feels that he received many different benefits from his Tarrson Award. He says, “The Tarrson Award is a national award, given by the most respected organization in periodontics. It helped me become tenured, and has allowed me to develop relationships with other award recipients. Through these relationships, I have grown professionally and personally.”

In addition to his formal duties, Dr. Camargo has become more involved with UCLA as a whole, chairing the campus-wide planning and budget committee. He also completed an MBA and recently chaired the periodontics track of UCLA’s new dental curriculum.

Dr. Camargo recognizes the value of encouraging students to pursue academic careers, saying, “With dental education costing as much as it does, it is difficult for people to consider an academic job. By providing awards early in their careers, we are encouraging people to consider a path they would be far less likely to consider. The awards also help create awareness around how interesting and fulfilling a career in dental education can be.”

## Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship

“This recognition strengthened my determination to stay in academia; that’s why this award meant so much,” says 2010 Bud and Linda Tarrson Fellowship recipient **Bing-Yan Wang, DMD**. Dr. Wang is an assistant professor at the University at Buffalo.

Currently Dr. Wang’s time is spent teaching and doing research on bacterial interaction and bacterial-host interaction. She is mentoring graduate students, along with summer research students. In addition to teaching seminars and lectures, she also teaches in the clinic two days per week. Dr. Wang also serves on various committees at her school, including the infection control and bylaws committees.

Dr. Wang says, “I love academia. You can’t get the kind of interaction I get with my students from private practice. I’m honored and humbled to be the recipient of this award, and I’m grateful for the opportunity to contribute to science and clinical education.”

## AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions

In 2010, the American Dental Education Association / Academy for Academic Leadership selected five periodontists to receive the AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. They are:

**Angie Lee, DMD, MS:** Dr. Lee currently serves as an adjunct clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan. She says, “This course really helped me in terms of my approach with dental students. Now I’m giving students feedback before they see a patient, while

they’re seeing a patient, and after seeing a patient. I’m pointing out what they did right and what can be improved upon without being judgmental.”

### **Meggan Wehmeyer, DDS, MS:**

Dr. Wehmeyer is an assistant professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She says, “This program is perfect for new teachers. When we’re in school, we get lots of training in periodontology, but no training in education. This course helped me learn new teaching techniques, methods for dealing with different learning styles, effective lecturing, and more. I’m so grateful for this opportunity!”

### **Colonel Frederick C. Bisch, DMD, MS:**

“I learned so much from the course, but probably the most important was the need for continued feedback by our residents. I have implemented a more structured post-surgical mentor-resident review. These have been most valuable, and the residents really like them. I have also been able to share ideas from the course with my fellow mentors so we can all become

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better at getting key principles to our residents,” says Dr. Bisch. Dr. Bisch is the Army Periodontic Consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General, and the Director of the US Army Advanced Education Program in Periodontics.

**Paula A. Ortiz, DDS, MScD:** Dr. Ortiz is an assistant professor at Baylor College of Dentistry. She says, “The course was a great experience. It has given me the tools to improve my teaching skills and to better understand the needs of the new generation.”

**James A. Sarbinoff, DDS:** On Thursday,

April 14, 2011, after 30 years of private practice and two years as an assistant clinical professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, Dr. James Sarbinoff passed away. Dr. Vanchit John, chairman of the Department of Periodontics and Allied Dental Programs, says, “We at the Indiana University School of Dentistry are grateful that we had the opportunity to work with Dr. Sarbinoff and learn from his wisdom. He will be greatly missed by the entire IUSD family.”

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**Hector Rios, DDS, PhD**

“The Foundation has reached me not only through the scholarship I received, but through what I see happening every year. Academic dreams are becoming a reality. I have several friends and colleagues who have felt that support—it’s really working. People I know have been able to continue on their path because of Foundation support, and it motivates others who are exposed to it,” says Hector Rios, DDS, PhD, 2008 recipient of the AAP Educator Scholarship.

Dr. Rios is currently a tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan. His current research includes evaluating the value of potential periodontal biomarkers to identify susceptibility to periodontal disease. He has also initiated the first longitudinal clinical trial to validate laboratory findings. Finally, Dr. Rios is analyzing cell response to periostin, a protein molecule that may play a significant role in susceptibility to periodontal disease.

When commenting on his award, Dr. Rios says, “As I was approaching the end of my periodontal training, this award reinforced the career commitment I had made. After receiving the award, I understood that I was not alone—I had a supportive group of people behind me who believe that my work has value. In turn, I am encouraging my students to follow whatever career path they choose without compromising fundamental aspects of their lives.”

Dr. Rios strives to give back what he has been given. “I want to promote the value of academia,” he says, “and I want to be a role model to others through my work.”

“I’m grateful for what I have achieve, and I feel fortunate to the Foundation’s work.”



**J. Eric Herrington, DMD**

“My Kramer award lifted my spirits at a time when I could have been easily discouraged,” says J. Eric Herrington, DMD, a donor to the AAP Foundation and the 2004 recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence. He adds, “When I received the award, it was a tremendous honor, and the financial component was there when I needed it. I had just finished my residency, I had tremendous financial debt, and I was opening a practice from scratch. I found a building and started equipping it. I started with zero patients and zero referral base.”

Dr. Herrington has now been in practice in Meridian, Mississippi for seven years. The small-town atmosphere suits his practice and his family, a wife and two sons, ages 4 and 7. “All of my spare time centers on family activities like Boy Scouts, soccer, and baseball,” he says. Dr. Herrington’s interest in periodontology began in college when he interned at a local dental school. While in dental school, he worked in the University of Alabama’s Department of Periodontology and assisted with research every summer.

Dr. Herrington says, “Receiving the Kramer award helped me to appreciate the value of what the AAP Foundation does. I’m grateful for what I have had the opportunity to achieve, and I feel fortunate to now be able to contribute to the Foundation’s work.”



**Christopher Richardson, DMD, MS**

“When I won the Kramer award in 1998, I knew that at some point, I would give all of the monetary component back to the Foundation,” says Christopher Richardson, DMD, MS. Since then, Dr. Richardson has donated back to the Foundation nearly double what he received.

In addition to maintaining a full-time private practice, Dr. Richardson has served as a part-time clinical faculty member at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry for the past 13 years. He says, “I think it’s important to stay involved with the educational process, and I enjoy being around the residents.”

In discussing his commitment to the AAP Foundation, Dr. Richardson says, “At its core, the Foundation really wants to make sure the educational process for students and residents continues to be maintained at a level that trains periodontists appropriately and subsequently provides a high level of care for the public.” He also notes how the AAP Foundation has helped to recognize the contributions of leaders such as Dr. James Mellonig and Dr. Gerald Bowers.

Dr. Richardson urges his fellow AAP members to get involved in the Foundation’s work. He says, “Whether it is research from a Tarrson Fellow, an AAP Educator Scholar who has stayed in academia, or any one of many other contributions from Foundation award recipients, it is important to realize that the Foundation has an impact on everyday decision making in the private practice arena. Whether you realize it or not, you have reaped the benefits of the AAP Foundation’s work and it is vitally important to be a part of its continued success.”

J. Eric Herrington, DMD awarded the Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence

### The Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence

The 2010 recipient of the Dr. and Mrs. Gerald M. Kramer Scholar Award for Excellence is **Evelyn T. Huaman, DMD, PC**. Dr. Huaman is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, and currently works as a private practitioner in Merced, California. She says, “There are few specialists in Merced, and as a result, I see a lot of severe disease. With the money I received from my Kramer award, I was able to purchase implant systems and a 3-D cone beam. Before this purchase, patients would have to travel to Fresno or Modesto for this service.”

When discussing her award, Dr. Huaman says, “This award meant everything. It gave me confidence and made me want to give back to my community even more. These awards serve as an inspiration for students, and they are sincerely appreciated.”

Dr. Huaman is a donor to the Foundation, and encourages others to get involved, too. She says, “Our gifts to the AAP Foundation affect not only our profession, but also the communities in which we serve. Our donations have a much larger collective impact than any one of us would be able to accomplish alone.”

### The Gerald M. Bowers Endowment Fund for the American Board of Periodontology

Since its inception in 2001, the Gerald M. Bowers Endowment Fund for the American Board of Periodontology has provided regular income for the ABP.

# had the opportunity to to now be able to contribute

**Henry Greenwell, DMD, MS, and Louis F. Rose, DDS, MD,** are the current co-chairmen of the American Board of Periodontology. Dr. Greenwell says, "The ABP has managed to increase the accessibility of the board certification process to all interested practitioners and has made huge increases in the percentage of our specialty that is board certified. This progress has given us more credibility as a specialty and helps to ensure our continued status as an ADA-recognized specialty. The Bowers Fund provides much-needed operating income to ensure the professionalism, fairness, and availability of the exam to all."

Louis F. Rose, DDS, MD, adds, "The purpose of the Gerald M. Bowers Endowment Fund for the American Board of Periodontology is to ensure financial stability and growth for the Board. Board certification is the embodiment of professional excellence. Donations to the Bowers Fund have enabled our organization to become self-sufficient. We have been able to keep up to date with the latest innovations

in technology and scientific knowledge. With your continued generosity, our specialty will remain strong and advance into the future for years to come."

## The Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant

In 2010, the Charles W. Finley Visiting Scholar Education Grant was awarded to Creighton University to support a presentation made by Dr. Michael McGuire and Dr. Takashi Kumagai.

The Creighton Periodontal Symposium, held on April 9, 2010, was very well received by the 276 attendees. Dr. Michael McGuire, the keynote speaker, presented the topics: "There are No Facts About the Future, but Here is What We Know...A Vision of Periodontics in 2020" and "Tissue Engineering – Rewriting the Rules of Regeneration," along with Dr. Takanari Miyamoto, chairman of the Creighton Periodontics Department, and Dr. Takashi Kumagai, a private practitioner from Yamagata, Japan.



**Ron Tarrson, MBA**

Ron Tarrson, MBA, started his career at the John O. Butler Company in 1959, putting the rubber tips on toothbrushes with a hand-operated machine. During his tenure, he had the opportunity to learn every aspect of the company, from production and shipping to sales, marketing, and finance. In 1990, he retired from his role of president and CEO.

A son of the late E. Bud Tarrson, Mr. Tarrson had the opportunity to conduct business with many periodontists over the years. The Butler Company was one of the first commercial companies to have a booth at the AAP Annual Meeting, and the company's allegiance to the periodontal community was strong. Mr. Tarrson says, "Through the years, our company helped to support periodontal research through various dental schools. Our relationships became not only professional, but personal. I have made many close friends, and consider the members of the AAP one of the greatest groups of people with which I could be affiliated."

This is why, since 2007, Ron Tarrson has served on the AAP Foundation Board of Directors. "At this stage in my life," he says, "to be in a position to give back is one of the greatest rewards one can ask for. My father taught me that whatever we get, we need to give back twice that amount. It is gratifying to help people and organizations that can contribute to the betterment of society, and I believe the AAP Foundation does just that. It is an honor to be a member of the Board, and to be able to contribute and see the results of that philanthropy."

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“I’m able to involve myself in projects that I feel **will one day make an impact on how we practice regenerative dentistry.**”

Kevin Guze, DMD, DMSc recipient of the Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery, sponsored by Biomet 3i

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Jill Bashutski at the University of Michigan.

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# Researching our Future



**Darnell Kaigler, DDS,  
MS, PhD**

Ever since receiving the Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship in 2006, Dr. Darnell Kaigler's career has continued on a steady upward trajectory. He says, "When you decide to participate in research relative to private practice, there's a sacrifice involved. This award really gave me a jumpstart in my faculty career."

Dr. Kaigler is currently a full-time assistant professor at the University of Michigan Department of Periodontology and Oral Medicine, and serves in the same capacity for the Department of Biomedical Engineering. To keep his skills current, he engages in private practice one day per week.

It was his interest in research that first drew Dr. Kaigler to academia. He says, "Being in an area that is helping to further knowledge and change the way we do things, providing fundamental knowledge and further insight into the basic mechanisms of disease treatment and diagnosis is so fulfilling to me. Teaching helps me to give back, and gives me the opportunity to share the genuine joy I feel in academia." Dr. Kaigler is inspiring students to explore research through his work as director of the Research Pathway, a program for dental students who want to engage in research during dental school.

"Supporting the AAP Foundation's efforts to encourage those who commit to academia and research is integral to the advancement of the profession," says Dr. Kaigler. He adds, "These awards are instrumental in giving encouragement and helping young people understand that their work is being supported."

In order to keep periodontics at the cutting edge of scientific dentistry, support for periodontal research is essential. The AAP Foundation is proud to support young researchers.

## The Nevins Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship

The AAP Foundation's investment in **Jill Bashutski, DDS, MS**, began in 2005, when she was awarded the Tarrson Regeneration Scholarship. Dr. Bashutski rose to the top again when she was named the 2008 Lazzara Fellow and a recipient of the AAP Foundation Fellowship to the ADEA/AAL Institute for Teaching & Learning in the Health Professions. In 2010, after her first two years as a practicing academic, Dr. Bashutski once again has proven to be one of periodontology's brightest stars as the recipient of this year's Nevins Teaching and Clinical Research Fellowship.

Currently serving as a clinical assistant professor and discipline coordinator for undergraduate periodontics (predoctoral director) for the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Dr. Bashutski is conducting a clinical trial of the influence of vitamin D on surgical outcomes. She is also conducting a follow-up study on the effect of parathyroid hormone on dental implants, as well as several studies evaluating factors that influence implant esthetic outcomes. In addition to her research, Dr. Bashutski is the course director for the introduction to periodontology course for first-year dental students and the pharmacology course for graduate students. She also lectures and teaches dental students and graduate students in the clinic.

Dr. Bashutski acknowledges the auspicious timing of the award, saying, "The third and fourth years of teaching can be extremely challenging as you are faced with more responsibility but have less experience to draw from than more senior faculty. The support and recognition provided by the Nevins Fellowship at this critical juncture in my career has revived my enthusiasm and dedication to education as an emerging academician."

As she prepares to mentor her first master's thesis student, Dr. Bashutski notes how rewarding it is to give back. She says, "I benefited so much from the mentors I had, and I believe in paying it forward. My interaction with my students and the experience of watching them learn reinforce my commitment to teaching every day."

## The Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery, sponsored by Biomet 3i

"I can't begin to tell you the freedom this award has allowed me to pursue the training that I needed both in research and the clinical setting," says **Kevin Guze, DMD, DMSc**. Dr. Guze is the 2010 recipient of the Richard J. Lazzara Fellowship in Advanced Implant Surgery, sponsored by Biomet 3i. He serves as a postgraduate periodontal faculty member at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Department of Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity.

John Flynn, Global Director of Innovation, Education & Services at Biomet 3i says, "Biomet 3i is proud to sponsor the Lazzara Fellowship, and to play a role in the advancement of the specialty's most promising researchers. Through our partnership with the AAP Foundation, we hope to have a positive impact on periodontology for years to come."

# “People opened the door for me through scholarships and I would like to open that door for others.”

**Bashar Bakdash, DDS** Donor, AAP Foundation



**Bashar Bakdash, DDS**

When Bashar Bakdash, DDS, came to the United States from Syria in 1969, he didn't speak a word of English. "Back in those days," he says, "immigrants couldn't take loans. I relied on scholarship money for my education." It was this support early in his career that inspires Dr. Bakdash to give back today.

Since 1974, Dr. Bakdash has been working at the University of Minnesota. He has worked up to his current role of professor and director of the Division of Periodontology, and his long tenure at the school has allowed him to be part of the program's evolution. He has authored or co-authored over 100 publications in the areas of periodontics, public health, preventive dentistry, dental education, and information technology. Among numerous other awards, Dr. Bakdash was the 2005 recipient of the AAP Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics Award.

As the secretary-treasurer of the Minnesota Dental Association Foundation, Dr. Bakdash understands the need for philanthropy in periodontology. "People opened the door for me through scholarships," he says, "and I would like to open that door for others." Dr. Bakdash also recognizes the need for periodontal educators as mentors. He says, "I had a superb mentor in Dr. Henry Takei. When you come from another country, you don't know anyone; you have no history. I was fortunate to have someone behind me who believed in me – I treasure that relationship."

Dr. Bakdash encourages his fellow AAP members to "think about who will succeed us. Who is the future of our profession, both in practice and in education? Many schools are becoming marginalized. Your investment in education will most certainly pay off."



**Steve Harrel, DDS**

"Being an educator is a long-term continuing education course for me," says Steve Harrel, DDS. Dr. Harrel has been a part-time educator since 1976. "If you do the same thing over and over again in your practice," he says, "you fall into a rut. But if a resident asks you a question, you need to be able to give him a reasonable answer." Dr. Harrel is a private practitioner and a clinical professor at Baylor College of Dentistry Texas A & M Health Science Center.

Dr. Harrel was attracted to periodontics because he liked the idea of saving teeth. He had always been interested in research and appreciated the scientific aspect of the specialty. In addition to his teaching and practice, Dr. Harrel has also served on the AAP Board of Trustees, on the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs, and on the Foundation's Abram and Sylvia Chasens Teaching and Research Fellowship Committee. He is also a past president of the Southwest Society of Periodontists and the Texas Society of Periodontists.

Dr. Charles Finley, one of the founders of the AAP Foundation, was a mentor for Dr. Harrel. He says, "Dr. Finley was a true visionary, and strongly felt that the future of the specialty was in education. He convinced me of the fact that without education, our specialty will disappear. Contributing to the Foundation was in my own best interest, as well as in the best interests of our profession." Dr. Harrel encourages others to support the AAP Foundation as he has. "If you believe in periodontology," he says, "you need to support the AAP Foundation. The Foundation is the only long-term support we have."

Dr. Guze's current work is focused on bone regeneration. He is comparing platelet-derived growth factor and bone morphogenetic protein in vertical and horizontal ridge augmentations, looking at a new prominin peptide, conducting in vivo studies, and doing a retrospective analysis on implant failure. Over the past year, Dr. Guze has been clinically active in working on complex restorative cases, working directly with the restorative dentistry department on the finer details of restorative dentistry. Dr. Guze says, "I've had opportunities to teach and my research has been a very enjoyable part of my experience. I'm able to involve myself in projects that I feel will one day make an impact on how we practice regenerative dentistry."

Between being a husband and father to 3-year-old twins and a 5-year-old and his work, Dr. Guze says there is little time for anything else. This fall, however, he is planning a trip to Israel where he will work in a clinic that serves underprivileged children who represent Israelis of all faiths. "I consider it an honor to go there," says Dr. Guze. He adds, "It is expensive to go, but you come back a lot richer than when you went."

When commenting on his award, Dr. Guze says, "This award was pivotal for me. If I had needed to go into private practice to support my family, I don't know if I would have been able to jump back into academia. I have been given the time to discover what will work for me and for my family. This has been a career-changing gift."

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Christopher Richardson, DMD, MS  
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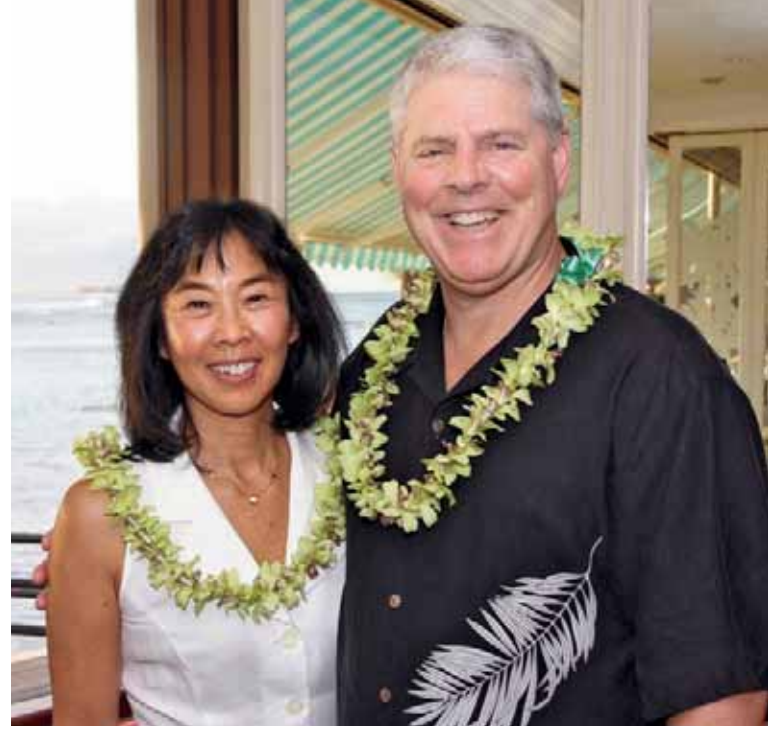
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Contributions and Pledges	\$398,445
Programming	\$25,502
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	\$1,405,626

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Scholarships & Fellowships	\$299,300
Program Support Activities	\$113,145
Annual Meeting Programs	\$112,981
Fundraising	\$297,490
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	\$953,765

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** **\$451,861**

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