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The event also celebrated 50 years of graduating periodontal classes at UKCD. Dr. Stan Saxe shared his memories of the faculty and students who had been part of the program. Film clips of the 35th Anniversary of the program were shown. These clips included comments from Drs. Al Morris, Harry Bohannan, Cliff Ochsenbein, and Gary Maynard. Saxe’s memories and the video clips reminded all attendees of the rich history of the program.

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The Return of the Periodontic Reunion

Dr. Jay Beagle

Dr. Stan Saxe

Dr. Mark Thomas

Perio Alumni Council Created
Throughout its history, UK Periodontics has had a strong alumni base. The Division wishes to engage its alumni further, and as a first step, created a Periodontic Alumni Council. The members of the Council are from a wide geographic area, stretching across the country.

The purpose of the Council is to:

- Engage graduates of the UK College of Dentistry Periodontics Division with the program and school
- Help to guide fundraising efforts to establish a Mark Thomas Fund
- Provide guidance to the Perio Program as needed

During 2016, the Council provided direction on two projects. The first was a reunion for perio alumni. The second effort was to develop a strategic plan for the program—see inside panel—to strengthen the quality and distinctiveness of UK’s Periodontology Program.

Periodontology 2016-2019 Strategic Plan
We are excited to share a brief look at our new strategic plan with you! By 2019, the Division aims to:

- Strengthen the quality and distinctiveness of the Periodontology Program.
- Increase the ability of the Periodontology Program to perform more complex and advanced periodontal and implant surgery.
- Increase the quality and quantity of applicants for the Periodontology Residency Program.
- Enhance the number and quality of opportunities for periodontal residents to participate in research.
- Build a strong alumni base with the alumni of the UKCD Periodontology Program.

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Periodontic Alumni Council Members

Frank Avason
Class of 2001
Denver, NC

Jay R. Beagle
Class of 1984
Indianapolis, IN

Walter E. Colon
Class of 2000
Tallahassee, FL

Charles E. Dyer
Class of 2005
Cypress, TX

Mark A. King
Class of 2012
Georgetown, KY

Fred Rosenberg
Class of 1972
Beechwood, OH

Holland Wright
Class of 2004
Albany, GA

Stacey Blume
Class of 2002
Cincinnati, OH

*Starting in 2017
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Dr. Marcus Abboud, Assistant Dean for Digital Dentistry, and Dr. Robert Misch, Associate Dean for Graduate Research, have planned, or are planning, digital cases. Further workflow/technology implementation is planned.

Periodontal Residents

Dr. Detai Liholiho graduated from the University of Hawaii School of Medicine in 1991, and after a year of surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, he went on to practice for several years in private practice. In 1998, he returned to the University of Hawaii School of Medicine to pursue a residency in periodontics, during which he served as a part-time faculty member. After completing his residency, he continued his practice in private practice and became a part-time instructor at the University of Hawaii. In 2004, he joined the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry as an associate professor and became a full-time faculty member in 2008.

Dr. Ryan Rubino graduated from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 2011, where he completed a concentration in implant dentistry. Following graduation, he worked as an associate professor at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, where he continues to serve as an associate professor. Additionally, he has served as the director of the Periodontics Residency Program since 2016.

Dr. Jeffrey Ebersole, who served as the Division of Periodontics at the University of Kentucky, recently retired from the position of director. He was previously the director of the Division of Periodontics at the University of Kentucky from 2008 to 2018. During his tenure, he oversaw the expansion of the division's clinical and research programs, as well as the implementation of new technology and educational initiatives. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontics and has received numerous awards for his contributions to the field of periodontics. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Periodontology and a fellow of the American College of Dentists.

In his role as director of the Division of Periodontics, Dr. Ebersole led the division in the development of new clinical and research initiatives, including the establishment of a new graduate program in periodontics. He also oversaw the expansion of the division's research efforts, including the establishment of new research centers and the development of new research collaborations. He is known for his dedication to education and excellence in clinical care, and his contributions to the field of periodontics have been widely recognized.

Dr. Reza Rezk is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and a fellow of the American College of Dentists. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Periodontology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral Implantology. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and has received numerous awards for his contributions to the field of periodontics. He is also a fellow of the American Academy of Oral Implantology and a fellow of the American Academy of Oral Implantology.