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## Chairman's Message

Welcome to the first edition of our departmental newsletter. I am grateful for this opportunity to

serve as the Chair and Residency director of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Pathology. This past year has been a steep learning curve for me on multiple levels. I found myself outside the comfort zone in many situations!

Despite the rapidly changing healthcare landscape and perennial budgetary pressures, we survived and in fact we had many accomplishments at the individual and departmental level. I am thankful and proud of my colleagues, residents, and the entire departmental staff for their hard work and diligence.



The primary goals of our department are training pre and postdoctoral students, maintaining a broad scope of clinical practice and serving the community. Since the beginning of OMS residency in 2008, the department is committed to producing outstanding residents with a broad scope of the specialty.



"Training residents has been such a rewarding experience for the department. Seeing them grow in their clinical skills from

the intern year all the way through graduation and achieving mastery makes it worthwhile.

## Alumni Corner / Save the Date

AAOMS alumni dinner on 10/12/2017

7<sup>th</sup> OMS graduation and Annual golf tournament on 6/28/2018

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## Departmental Updates

1. The 6<sup>th</sup> resident graduation was held on 6/22/2017. Our new graduates Dr. Griffin West is joining private practice with Hattiesburg, MS Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Dr. Wilson Jing is returning to naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, NC. We have graduated 12 residents since 2012.

2. Dr. Ron Caloss served as board examiner of ABOMS. Dr. Ravi Chandran has been inducted to Fellow of American College of Surgeons, FACS. Dr. Tina Woods achieved board certifications in Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology.

3. CODA accreditation completed in February 2017.

4. Dr. Pier Paulo Claudio joins the department as adjunct faculty. He brings extensive clinical and research experience in targeted chemotherapy and his addition fosters translational research. Dr. Ignacio Velasco is expected to start in the next few months. He adds Head & Neck Ablative and Microvascular expertise to the department.

5. Frazier Williams, PGY6 is presenting at the AAOMS, San Francisco meeting on Hemangiopericytoma. Multiple residents have attended Stryker and Zimmer-Biomet training modules last year.