



Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation

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Message from Your Alumni Association President

In late 2008 and early 2009, the Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation (JK OMSF) was created by Dr. Eric Geist. A 501(c)(3) was formed, \$173,000 of Katrina donations remaining in AAOMS were transferred to jumpstart JK OMSF, the foundation board was formed, and Dr. Jack Kent defined the purpose of the foundation and how it works by mail to all alumni and friends. This was repeated in our first newsletter, summer of 2010. The financial growth of the foundation and number of donors have been remarkable over the past three years and clearly shows an appreciation of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) training in New Orleans. Eighty-four donors, mostly New Orleans alumni, are now on-board with either a pledge with annual donations, or donations as the member wishes. Since their initial pledge, several members have increased their level of pledge. The board is so appreciative to all who are giving what they can, when they can. Our goal is to obtain gifts from the remaining 58 practicing alumni. In addition, your board is considering legacy gifts, as this seems to be a desirable avenue of giving to foundations.

In a nutshell, the JK OMSF was formed to promote, protect and advance the education standards of OMS residency training program in New Orleans. We know donors really feel responsible, enjoy the gratification and the tax benefit. Dr. Kent and other faculty have identified some of the reasons why your donations are so important.

1. Growth and preservation of faculty is critical. We know all who trained appreciate their past education and want to secure the very best for future LSU OMS trainees and faculty. State funding of faculty, nearly 100% of base salaries 20 years ago, is no longer available. Faculty pay lines are funded exclusively by the hospitals and remain amongst the lowest of the southern regional institutions. Supplementing faculty pay lines with small contributions may be necessary in the future. It has been difficult keeping pace with other program faculty pay lines.

2. Preservation of resident pay lines. The governor of Louisiana wants the state to get out of the hospital business and seeks public-private partnering of higher medical education and patient care. This means that inevitably our foundation will have to help support resident salaries as complete support of salary lines by private institutions is a concern going forward. LSU resident

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3. Resident support in other areas. The state previously supported resident travel to AAOMS meetings and other courses and vendors provided monies for resident books,. There is no more state or bone plate vendor support. The Peltier Chair and JK OMS Foundation must support the residents completely going forward.

4. Faculty Research. Our current faculty have to practice a day or two a week to maintain their teaching skills, provide appropriate patient experiences to train residents, and augment their low base salaries. There is little or no time for faculty research or supervision of resident research. Your foundation funds will be used to support the faculty/resident research goals by obtaining faculty who wish to do research and supervise resident research.

5. Equipment. There is always the need for funding. The school and OMS department has experienced two budget cuts this past year. Expenses for equipment are a low priority when all available funds are needed to maintain current faculty and support staff.

6. Low Salaries. The following excerpts from the Summer 2010 JK OMSF Newsletter are worth repeating, "During the past five years, several exceptional OMS, who wanted an academic career, were interviewed for our two vacant positions. They all declined and found opportunities in other institutions or private practice because of the low-salary structure. With a skeleton staff, there is little or no time for faculty research."

"Now is the opportunity for all LSU OMS graduates to give a small fraction of their practice earning back to the site of their training. It is so true that all of us are forever appreciative of the opportunity to enjoy our profession and its financial rewards. I sincerely hope your appreciation can be expressed with a worthwhile contribution to the training program and the current and future residents in training. I know our residents want to experience the educational opportunities during training that you enjoyed. When they finish, they hope that this training will enable them to realize the satisfaction of professional and financial rewards that you have realized."

HOW THE JK OMSF FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN WORKS

1. A steering committee of your fellow graduates was formed to assist the board of directors fundraising campaign.

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Message from OMS Alumni Association

Holiday greetings.

I wish I could say that there has been a lot of progress in terms of website development as well as increased interest in participation; however, there is not much to report. But I would like to recap some of the things that your previous dues have supported over the last few years. Currently we have a balance \$5080.58 in a First Citizens Bank non-interest-bearing checking account. I do feel that these dues have benefitted the program; administrative expenses, which have been minimal, include postage as well as labor to send out a mailing and newsletter of \$307.28 over the last five years. Website development has cost \$3633.50. We have underwritten the resident graduation banquet for \$2400.00, multiple alumni receptions in San Diego, Seattle and Philadelphia totaling \$8945.33 and the annual resident fishing trip in 2011 and 2012 in the amount of \$4000.00. The whole purpose of the alumni association, first and foremost, is to foster comradery between people who have a common heritage in the oral and maxillofacial surgery community. But secondly it is to help support the LSU OMS program which is increasingly being cut financially due to lack of State funds and dwindling corporate support. The federal government has really tied the hands of most companies now so that it is very difficult for them to contribute to

things they previously and gratuitously supported, such as the fishing trip, the resident banquet and even the annual meeting alumni dinner. So you see, there is certainly a worthwhile benefit to be a member of this association but it is not just membership that counts; it is active participation that is really what is needed. Once again I would like to call upon all alumni, not only for your financial support, but also for the support of those who are truly interested in seeing an organization like this flourish and to become viable for the future. Over the last 30 years there have been so many individuals who have benefitted from their training at LSU New Orleans and I really feel like it is their responsibility to give back to the program that trained them so well. You would not be successful had it not been for LSU. If you would like to help out, please contact me. I can be reached by email or phone. I am more than happy to welcome anyone who wishes to participate and take a very active role in this organization.

I wish you and your families the best during this Christmas season and into the new year.

Thank you,
Dale J. Misiek, DMD
President, LSU OMS Alumni Association

Message from JK OMS Foundation Secretary Treasurer

First of all I want to extend holiday greetings to all of you from the JK OMS Foundation. We are now into our 4th year and we are quickly closing in on the one million-dollar mark. Our current balance stands at \$928, 000. Our hope is to reach one million dollars prior to the April Pearls course. We would then plan to have a gala celebration honoring all of our generous donors with an appropriate recognition ceremony. For those of you with outstanding pledges, please consider donating toward the pledge in the next month or so to help meet our goal. For those of you that have not given, I hope that you will see the value in doing so.

The purpose of the JK OMS foundation is to promote, protect and advance the oral and maxillofacial surgery program at LSU in New Orleans. This not only benefits the program, but because these residents represent the future of our specialty, it also benefits

all of us, as alumni of such a prestigious program and as practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeons. The foundation board is dedicated to that mission; their hard work and efforts on behalf of the foundation are completely voluntary and without compensation.

The investment policy for the foundation was recently reviewed by our managers and our asset allocation was judged to be "very conservative". The board is currently considering a slightly higher equity position to move into the "conservative" category.

I wish you all the best for a peaceful and prosperous holiday season.

Eric T. Geist, DDS
Secretary Treasurer, JK OMSF

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Message from the New Chief

Dear alumni and friends of LSU New Orleans OMS,

After 23 years in Charlotte as part of a very special practice with great partners, I accepted the position of chairman of OMS at LSU. I will not lament the difficulties the department has endured since Katrina, but instead I would like to share a few lines regarding our future. The LSU HSC is going through a renaissance in many respects. On the physical side, the dental school reconstruction is almost complete and they have targeted March of 2013 for ground breaking on the new annex, which will provide OMS faculty practice space and two ORs. The new university hospital is becoming part of the skyline and will open in spring of 2015. In addition, a new VA hospital is under construction on the same land parcel, and a new cancer center is

under construction across the street. On the financial side, a new public/private financial management agreement was announced last week between LSU HSC and the Louisiana Children's Hospital Corporation (LCHC). LCHC will infuse funds to maintain the current graduate education, including OMS at LSU New Orleans. Another partnership between LSU and Our Lady of the Lake in Baton



Daniel Spagnoli, DDS, MS, PhD

Rouge has been ongoing for two years. Dr. Kent and I have meetings pending to determine our role in the transition to OLOL from EKL.

Just as our specialty has evolved, the vision I am proposing for this department before accepting the position includes maintaining our long history of core OMS procedures by Dr. Kent and faculty, while directing new and exciting emphasis in the near term. Our first step was to increase our training in pathology and oncologic surgery. Dr. Katrina Cordell, head of LSU Oral Pathology, is working with us to reformat and intensify the didactic portion of our pathology program. To further advance our resident education and scope of the department, B.J. Kim, a bright and talented young surgeon, who is participating in the OMS oncology and microvascular fellowship program with Drs. G.E. Ghali and David Kim in Shreveport, will join our faculty on July 1, 2013.

A second area of focus will be to improve our training in pediatric OMS. We had a good meeting with the administration at Children's Hospital and hope we can station a resident there for the increased experience in pediatric dental alveolar surgery in collaboration with the pediatric dental department, pediatric trauma, pediatric pathology and with the craniofacial team. I have reached out to two of our former faculty members, Dr. Randall Wilk, who has agreed to rejoin us part-time, and Dr. Demarcus Smith, whom I hope will join us soon to help mentor our residents in the areas of pediatric pathology and craniofacial surgery.

The third major fellowship area in OMS is facial esthetic surgery. We are very fortunate to have one of the best facial esthetic programs in the U.S. under the direction of Dr. Jon Perenack. We hope we can expand the esthetic program in New Orleans by developing an appropriate facility for esthetic surgery. And finally, an area of traditional importance which has taken on

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Message from the New Chief (cont.)

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a new significance in the area of restricted health insurance for some OMS procedures, is anesthesia training. We have submitted a proposal with Dr. Alan Kaye, the chairman of LSU Anesthesia, which will lead to the increased provision of general anesthesia, including nasoendotracheal intubation, in the clinics at the university hospital, the dental school and our faculty practice. The anesthesia in all of these cases will be provided by OMS residents under the supervision of anesthesia and OMS faculty. This experience will reinforce our current capabilities while expanding our scope on the use of inhalation-based balanced anesthesia in the office or clinic.

Our department must become a source of pertinent and credible research. We are working on proposals to continue our interest in tissue engineering including programs in basic science, alveolar ridge and reconstruction. In addition we will start a fracture-related study in the first quarter of 2013. We have had discussions within the industry that will lead to a series of studies related to evidence-based treatment of facial fractures. We will do all we can as a department to support OMS in Louisiana by collaborating with our alumni and colleagues, by increasing

educational opportunities within the state. The formation of the Pearls course by Dr. Kent and continuing the board review and cosmetic courses are examples. We will work closely with Dr. Ghali and the LSU HSC Shreveport program such that synergy between our two departments will make Louisiana the strongest state for OMS in the U.S. You will all receive an announcement soon regarding an educational day on January 26, 2013. We will have two periodontists and an orthodontist from Chicago lecture on soft-tissue development in the periimplant environment and on facilitated orthodontic surgical procedures. I realize this is a Saturday but it's free and it will be a great lecture. Feel free to invite your orthodontic colleagues.

As with any vision we need the help and support of our colleagues. I appreciate each of you and the opportunity to be the chairman of your department.

Sincerely,
Daniel Spagnoli, DDS, MS, PhD
Associate Professor and Chairman
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

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Message from the Old Chief

The foundation continues to grow with current members fulfilling their pledges and a few actually increasing their total pledges. We appreciate the contributions from other members who are making donations as they can. Thanks to over 80 alumni we now have a majority of alumni making donations. As Vice President Rigo Cornejo says we "might as well give to the JK OMSF to help reduce the amount you will have to give to OBAMA."

1. KEEPING IN TOUCH. Included in this newsletter is a form to update your addresses and contact numbers, etc. We really want to keep in touch with everyone. Throughout the year your LSU department has a need to contact you or provide your address to others in need of an OMS. Please fill out and return, even if there have been no changes.

2. PEARLS COURSE. Our first JK OMSF and alumni course last April was a huge success, thanks to your alumni association, LSOMS, vendors and donors. Watch for announcements and a brochure on PEARLS II, scheduled for the second weekend of April, 2013, in conjunction with the French Quarter Fest. Our dinner for the alumni and state OMS guys was a memorable event during last year's course and will be repeated with PEARLS II. This year's speakers include Bob Bosack on anesthesia, Brian Farrell on virtual planning in orthognathic surgery, Tony Pogrel on nerve injury, Jon Perenack on office non-surgical facial rejuvenation, G. E. Ghali on head and neck pathology, and George Mandelaris and Alan Rosenfeld on dental implants.

3. SAN DIEGO AAOMS DINNER. Thank you Lester Machado for sponsoring a memorable alumni dinner at the University Club Atop Symphony Towers. What an evening. Nearly 60 alums were present.

4. DEPARTMENT NEWS. With great pleasure the JK OMS Foundation welcomes Daniel B. Spagnoli, MS, PhD, DDS, as the new chairman of LSU Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery effective October 1, 2012. Dr. Spagnoli graduated from West Virginia Wesleyan College with a BS in biology and a minor in chemistry. He received his MS in anatomy and his PhD in anatomy from West Virginia University School of Medicine. He completed a

post-doctorate fellowship in cell biology at the University of Pittsburgh and graduated from West Virginia School of Dentistry with a DDS. He completed residency training in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Louisiana State University 1985-1989. Dr. Spagnoli is active in research related to growth factors and tissue engineering and has recently completed four research projects. He is an avid clinician with great interest in TMJ reconstruction, dental implants, and reconstruction of the mandible and facial bones.

Last June, three residents finished their training. Alfredo Arribas has joined the practice of Vernon Burke ('11) in El Paso, Texas. Brad Dickerson joined Ed Massett ('73) in practice in Slidell. And Waheed Mohamed is in a cosmetic fellowship with Howard Tobin in Abilene, Texas. They chose LSU and matched immediately following Katrina when times were tough. We are grateful.

5. CHEAP. As stated last year, the department wishes to create an ongoing Continuing Higher Education Activity Program (CHEAP) through the email. CHEAP is nothing more than you emailing to us a challenging case, pre- or post-treatment, for comment by our staff or any of the alumni. A brief history, photos and films should be sent to Michele mjaco2@lsuhsc.edu with a request to show to one or all of the staff and give us your permission to distribute to all your alumni. This may help you with your case, or give you an opportunity to brag a little, but most importantly it will serve as a conduit of information to the LSU OMS family. Over the years I have received cases from some of you and it has been a pleasure to respond. I learned a lot and hopefully the case donor did. I know all of you would profit from the material. So please let us hear from you.

Enjoy your holidays with family and friends.
Jack.

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2. The campaign goal of the JK OMSF is \$3.2 million.
3. Your contributions may be designated to one or both funds – (A) the foundation fund or (B) the chair fund. Monies contributed to the foundation fund are invested and controlled outside of LSU. Our goal is \$2 million. Monies contributed to the chair fund are also invested by your foundation but will be sent to an LSUHSC account so that a chair application to the state can be made. An \$800,000 contribution from the state will take our collected \$1.2 million to \$2 million. These monies would be controlled by the department through the dental school.

Your board is continuing to seek donors. We are optimistic that

more alumni will join the foundation and donate. We are also seriously looking at major corporate donors. As Eric Geist reports, we are close to one million and excited about our progress. Congratulations to Dan Spagnoli, our new chairman and congratulations to the new board members, Teresa Biggerstaff, Brian Farrell and Dan. I hope to see all of you at the next Pearls course.

Peace and joy to you and yours this holiday season.
Tooley Towns, DDS
President, JK OMSF