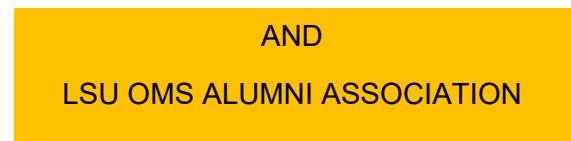


GREETINGS!



Tooley Towns, DDS

President JKOMSF

Dear colleagues, I hope everyone had a great holiday with their family and a successful year and may 2022 be just as good. The Foundation will soon have a new website thanks to the hard work of Michele Holmes and Wes Emison and a few others. Be sure to watch for it, a lot of work went into it. We had a successful year with our continued education courses, a total of 195 participants and a nice sum of money in the coffer. Teresa is planning an alumni party during the AAOMS meeting in New Orleans in September. I hope everyone can attend. She will be contacting you soon with information, please respond, this will make it easier for her and me to make arrangements. Also great news! As part of our mission to promote and support the LSUOMS program, the JKOMSF Board of Directors has agreed to provide funding for all senior residents that elect to take the ABOMS Qualifying Examination during their last year of Residency. This will remove a significant financial burden from the residents as they prepare for their future careers. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the AAOMS meeting this Fall and best wishes for the New Year. **Tooley**

Eric T. Geist, DDS

Alumnus of the Year, JKOMS Foundation and LSU OMS Alumni Association

What an honor to be chosen for this award. When I think about my time in Dental School, I am not exaggerating when I say my entire focus was on Oral Surgery. The fact that the name had recently changed to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery just made it even more enticing. I will never forget getting the "call" from Dr. Kent. His first words to me were "Eric, have you been accepted anywhere else" My answer to him was "No" although I had been accepted into another program. I was afraid that if I told him yes, he would tell me to go there. To this day, I have never asked him what he would have said and maybe I don't really want to know.

What is clear, is that he did accept me into the best OMS residency program in the country. The surgical training that we were so fortunate to undergo, could not be duplicated by any US program. This was not only true in terms of sheer case volume, but also in the quality of residents and staff that I was blessed to be able to work with. Everyone knows that we had an all-star faculty, but my fellow residents and the OMS residents I knew when I was in Dental School were some of the brightest people that I have ever known. Their dedication to excellence and willingness to share knowledge and techniques was an invaluable part of my educational experience.

My LSUOMS training delivered competency and confidence in virtually any scenario that I faced in private practice and in the Board Exams. It also led to my being selected to the Examination Committee of the ABOMS where I served for 6 years and was then elected to the ABOMS Board of Directors and ultimately served as President of the Board.



Residency: Jared and I with
Mike Zide and Jacob



Serendipitously, on completing my term on the ABOMS Board of Directors, I was elected as the District 3 Representative on the AAOMS Board of Trustees where I served for 3 years before being elected AAOMS Vice President and 2 years later was elected AAOMS President. LSUOMS alumni played a key role in my being appointed to multiple AAOMS committees prior to being elected to the Board of Trustees, among these were Ronnie Marks, Randy Malloy, and David Carlton.

It has also been very gratifying as JKOMSF secretary/treasurer to witness the response of my fellow LSUOMS residents in giving back to the program that has given each of us so much and to honor the man that played the major role in the program reaching the mountaintop.

To paraphrase a quote by the late Charles Kuralt: What is it that binds us to this place like no other, is it not the hallowed halls of old Charity Hospital, the smell of blood and alcohol emanating from the Emergency Room, the quiz bowls at the resident conferences, the racing back and forth from the hospital to the Dental School, the sabbatical in Baton Rouge, or the heat, humidity, unique cuisine, vibrant music and nightlife of New Orleans.

My sincere gratitude to the LSUOMS alumni and faculty for choosing me for this award and affording me an exhilarating career in the best surgical specialty in healthcare.

Beth and I at the
National
Championship game



Son Brian and wife Brittany



Son Jared, wife Kelly and
granddaughters: Taylor and
Sara Katherine

LSU OMS Alumni Profile**SLOAN M. MCDONALD, DDS '86**

In a recent email exchange, Jack reminded me that I was the first female OMS at LSU. He asked me to write a profile. I have reflected on his request and want to share several aspects of my LSU residency and wonderful career. With due respect to the "Me Too" movement I am indeed fortunate that my story is different and I thought it was time for me to speak out about the positive mentoring I received from men my entire career. My career was filled with male mentors of integrity. My father, uncle and high school chemistry and biology teachers were my first mentors. A high school counselor saw potential beyond my 2.4 GPA and limited self-confidence. He nominated me for a scholarship. This award flipped a switch and launched me into my freshman year of college reaching successes I had never experienced. As a dental hygienist, my first employer supported my desire to attend Dental School and adjusted his office schedule for me to take organic chemistry and physics for my prerequisites. Like a chapter out of Pygmalion, three Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons on faculty at the University of Pacific School of Dentistry took me under their collective wing. My goal was their goal. They laughed out loud when I told them none of the program directors who interviewed me knew any female Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons! The joke was on me, but

gender was never a criteria for my career choice. My LSU interview was the best. Kent, Zide, Kinnebrew and the residents. I had never seen anything like the ER at Charity. How could a candidate resist returning to a program where they were wiring up a broken jaw on a drunk covered with blood and vomit in 98% humidity with cockroaches crawling around the treatment room? As the plane left the runway in New Orleans headed for my next interview, woman's intuition told me I'd be coming back. 12 hours later a phone was handed to me and a man's voice on the other end said, "are you alone?" Thinking it was an obscene phone call I responded with, "who in the hell is this?" It was Jack Kent offering me a residency position as I waited for my final interview at another institution.

Embarrassment followed by elation! Before I knew it the airplane burped and I fell out into the land of beignets, Mardi Gras and coon-asses. For the first time I bought a car without my dad and found a place to live. I was excited to get started. Looking back, I think being the first female resident was an adjustment for all of us; residents and faculty alike. There was no instruction manual and I didn't want to be treated any differently than anybody else. It never occurred to me that sharing a call room with a bunch of guys might be considered a bit strange. Even if I had, I never would have mentioned it at that time. Later as a Chief Resident, I found my voice when my attending faculty was making sexual innuendos in surgery. In an exchange after a surgery where the comments were graphic, I let the individual know that his comments would not be tolerated and they needed to stop immediately. I think the individual thought he was treating me like the rest of the residents. Looking back, it was a teaching moment for both of us. My goal was to travel under the radar and learn as much as I could. I soon learned not all goals are easily executed and rather than being under the radar I became inadvertently familiar with both sides of the law. About my 6th week on service I had a Tulane Plastic Surgery faculty member arrested for assault and battery after he threw me against the wall in the emergency room. I was standing my ground over a mandible fracture that should have gone to OMS. A few months later I

was arrested and jailed in Metairie after accidentally putting my gun through the security scanner at the airport. I do not recommend doing this when you're going to meet your future mother-in-law for the second time! However, my soon to be sister-in-law wasted no time in sending me a "Get Out of Jail Free" Monopoly card! I tried to avoid adjustments to the status quo, but prior to my rotation in Baton Rouge, the previous resident came to me expressing concern about my safety in the apartment that the oral surgery residents used. With great reluctance I went to discuss this with Dr. Kent. We both decided I would go ahead with the regular apartment.

One night, while locking the apartment door on my way to the ER, I found myself on the ground with a knife at my throat. The thief made off with the breakfast goodies I was dropping off at the OMS clinic on my way to the ER. I let out a blood curdling scream and my hero turned out to be the ENT resident next-door! There was not a day in private practice that I was not grateful for the mentorship and training I received at LSU. I was well prepared to set up my office in a rural town and a community hospital with 30 beds where I took call every day for the first 10 years. My training earned me the respect of my medical and dental colleagues as well as my patients while my tiny town grew into a big suburb. Jack Kent, Michael Kinnebrew, Mike Zide, Jack Gamble, Dale Misiek, Richard K. Akin, Dave Carlton, Ken Knipe, Mike Block, Eric Geist, Wes Emison, David Blaha, Herb Stith, Tim Shahbazian, Lynn Phillippe and Mark Mitchell, you were my sources of learning, wisdom, experience, challenge, problem-solving, humor, compassion, empathy and friendship. Collectively you and LSU created an environment for me to be the professional I am today. Thank you.

Once back in California a warm welcome from my OMS colleagues awaited. An associateship with a stellar clinician and mentor, Dr. Larry Franz. Membership in the local craniofacial study group. An invitation to join the then Northern California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Board of Directors where I went on to be president, a delegate and a proponent for a unified California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial surgeons. After starting my own practice, a very talented referring dentist reached out to me during the time implants were controversial. We made a great team and led the

way for implant care in our community. He became the restorative advisor for my study club. Our Club was awarded the Seattle Study Club of the Year on the 25th Anniversary of the parent organization. It was a proud moment for all of our advisors and members. I am so grateful to all the male mentors in my life who contributed to my success. They were in my corner celebrating my achievements, strengthening my shortcomings and never asking more of me than to be my very best. To paraphrase Mike Kinnebrew, "no one cares about your anatomy, just get the job done". I also appreciate those who pushed back and did not give me a chance. You taught me headwinds and challenges in the crucible of surgical training make you stronger, smarter and a better surgeon not only in residency but life itself.

So you ask, "no female mentors?" Yes, my dear mother who died the second year of my residency at LSU. The one who bore the guilt of bearing a daughter with a cleft lip. She was my biggest cheerleader who recognized the real reason I wanted to be an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon before I did. Her passing taught me to be my own cheerleader and that the strength from a birth defect can be mighty. I retired from clinical responsibilities and sold my practice in January, 2021. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. We have a great group of individuals and my perspective and experience the second time around is helpful for the younger directors. We successfully took on Delta Dental this past year for their arbitrary reimbursement reductions. We are currently tackling state legislative anesthesia challenges designed to make in-office oral surgery safer. I anticipate 2022 will be busy in this regard.

The pace of my contributions to the Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation has been slower than I ever anticipated. I never planned to have children. As life would have it, I assumed a fiduciary responsibility for my disabled brother, his four children, and my two "bonus daughters". It is a joy to see six successful adults making their way in the world. Dan and I moved to the historic section of Reno and are living in a 1944 carriage house that is a six minute walk from the Truckee River, downtown, and our church. The only thing more refreshing than the change of seasons is a reduction of property taxes and the elimination of California state income tax! You are not

a success unless you bring others along with you. With that in mind Dan and I continue to work in our communities. I love to mentor and have guided seven individuals into dental school; two of which are oral and maxillofacial surgeons. We are active in the Lions Club for which I will forever be indebted to as it was this organization whose scholarship turned my life around. I'm grateful beyond words for this age and stage of life. I adored my career and could not have

been happier caring for patients, hosting a study club for 27 years and running a business. As the busy jam packed workdays have fallen away, my creativity is emerging from dormancy with writing, relearning the guitar, planning my garden, and cooking plant-based recipes in my kitchen. All of this happiness and success sprang from the amazing opportunity Jack Kent gave me at LSU so many years ago. My heart is full!

Sloan M. McDonald DDS

“Welcome to Tiger Stadium Coach Kelly “



LSU President William Tate IV, PhD (L) LSU Head Football Coach Brian Kelly (C) LSU Athletic Director Scott Woodward (R)

LSU OMS Alumni Profile

Lecturing at AAOMS Cosmetic CIG



JON D. PERENACK, DDS, MD '02

It is with great surprise that I mark this June/July as the 20th year anniversary of my completion of the LSU OMFS residency. Technically, in mid-2002 I was still one year away from freedom as I immediately entered a one-year cosmetic surgery fellowship after residency, yet still... twenty years. Dr. Kent asked me to provide something written to document my professional story for the newsletter; perhaps to offer some entertainment to those that already know, and possibly to provide perspective to those who are just beginning their journey.

I grew up in Canada, primarily western Canada, and attended the University of Alberta for my undergraduate degree. The U of A was a great school, about 25,000 students strong, and provided a good background in basic sciences. However, Edmonton, Alberta is cold in the winter, oftentimes dropping to -20 to -30 degrees Celsius. It was so cold that it was necessary to plug in the engine of your car at night so that the oil pan wouldn't freeze solid. During the winter it was dark, often 18 hours out of the 24-hour day. We were so far north that the sun would rise about 9am and start leisurely setting around 2 pm. Absolute nonsense. That was a no-go for me, and warmer weather and a southern location

clearly needed to be in my future. When I decided to apply for dental school, I included several US schools in my applications, and this ultimately led me to dental school education in Loma Linda, California.

One interesting experience I did take from my undergraduate days, that has served me well throughout my career, was my job waiting tables at a college pizza joint. 5 nights a week, and most Sundays during the day, I'd show up to sling pizza and serve beer (in an attempt) to save enough money for that expensive - US dental school tuition. Little did I know at the time, that dealing with the late-night drunk crowd, the Sunday after-church gang, and everything in between, would teach me indelible lessons in customer service and patience under pressure. Probably no better job exists combining that skill set and misery, while allowing an otherwise untalented student to save forty thousand dollars in under 8 months in 1992. Living wage, indeed.

Loma Linda Dental School was an interesting change. I was Canadian. I was (mostly) broke. I couldn't work off campus because of my immigration status. It was really a perfect storm to make someone work their ass off. I had to make at least enough money to pay for a couple of semesters' tuition each year so I found the only jobs I could get - jobs on campus: I was the hall monitor. I poured plaster molds for the prosthodontics department. Every Sunday I worked in the CE department as the slide carousel-changer guy (pre-Power Point obviously), and in my free time during the day, I worked the Phil Boyne Bone lab. As it turned out, this was fortuitous. Firstly, due to my job in the CE department, I was exposed on a weekly basis to some of the best lecture content in cutting edge dentistry. This reinforced my interest in education and always advancing my knowledge base. Secondly, the Phil Boyne Bone lab changed my life plans. My original strategy involved dental school followed by an orthodontic residency. However, working with Phil Boyne changed everything. For those who don't know, Phil Boyne was one of the Elder Gods of OMFS. (Similar, if

slightly inferior, to Dr. Jack Kent, yet older than, say, Ghali Ghali, who only qualifies as a Younger God) A few months of the old bone lab making histologic sections and assisting surgery in the BMP “testing” lab, and I had the surgery bug. It then became OMFS all the way, next stop residency.

The LSU residency interview was an odd sort of thing. It was January, during one of the few cold days in New Orleans when the LSU heating system couldn't keep up. I was wearing a (grey) suit I had obtained at a second-hand store that fit kind of snug in the back. All the other interviewees had apparently called each other ahead of time and had decided to synchronously wear their fitted, dark navy, Prada suits. Son of a Nutcracker! Along came the interview with Dale Misiek, Program Director. Dale has always been a large, imposing figure, never one to shy away from a well-timed F-bomb. My interview did not escape unscathed. Dale asked me what I wanted to do after residency, and I proceeded to regale him with the usual crap interviewees say about a “mixture of private practice and teaching”, which really, as it turned out, was prophetic. Dale was having none of it. His answer began, “You effing guys always come in here and say the same effing things”, and it kind of went downhill from there. Despite somewhat disheartened, I did note that the LSU residency held tremendous opportunity for someone who knew how to work. Even then, it was obvious that you could do a lot, of ANY kind of surgery you wanted, and as much as you wanted. It was a far cry from Mayo or Mass Gen. It was the opportunity I was looking for. As it turned out, Dale must have put in a good word, and I was in!

I think for all of us who go through the LSU OMFS residency, in retrospect at least, it takes on an almost mythical place in our hearts; with incredible high points, numerous ridiculous stories, and some equally nightmarish components.

Ultimately, I credit Dr. Kent with helping me choose the direction my career has gone. In my fifth year, after I had just given a scintillating 30-minute discourse on rhinoplasty during academic day, Dr Kent approached me and suggested that maybe I might enjoy a career in academics at LSU. I told him

that I wanted to do a fellowship in Cosmetics first. Dr. Kent told me he knew a guy. Just like that, after residency, (abbreviated version) I was off to west Texas with Howard Tobin to do a one-year fellowship in Facial Cosmetic surgery, to return to LSU teaching staff in July 2003.

Residents and fellows often ask me if a career in full-time academics was “worth it”. My answer always is that I have never regretted being involved in the education of our specialty. There's a definite sense of camaraderie. While not always as cordial as might be expected (the Reddy-Spagnoli academic day incident comes to mind), academics still creates a great learning environment. There are always other individuals to bounce ideas off. Ideally, you'll find mentors (in my case Jack Kent, Michael Block, and Randy Malloy) who help you connect and interact at a national level with AAOMS, ACOMS, and various committees. If you're involved with a specialized area of OMFS such as cosmetics, it affords an opportunity to lecture and spearhead research in your area. Not least of all, one gets to interact with residents. Most educators that I know say that they get just as much or more personal satisfaction from this than anything else. These are the things that make an academic career worthwhile.

As full-time faculty in 2003, the perpetual faculty churn that occurs within LSU offered me an opportunity to become program director by July of 2005. Regrettably, in August of 2005 Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans. The entire LSU Health Care system, along with the city, was completely disrupted for years to come. Maintaining some continuity of education was our priority for the residency. While most residents were transferred up to Baton Rouge, auxiliary sites were opened in Houma, Lafayette and Alexandria. A few residents were temporarily displaced to the programs in Shreveport and Jacksonville. The first distant learning proto-Zoom meetings were held for academic day. These were, of course, only temporizing measures, and I'm proud of the way our residents, faculty and staff responded. Remarkably, we only lost two residents to transfer to other OMS programs. As hospital locations and New Orleans began to come back online, we were able to shift our residents home.

Although it took almost 10 years, Katrina served as the catalyst that led to the opening of the new LSU Health Sciences Center / VA Hospital in New Orleans. An indirect result of Katrina was my development of a private cosmetic practice in Baton Rouge. For those who don't know, be advised that full-time faculty with private practices are the thing of a dental school Dean's nightmare. However, the hurricane had completely destroyed the LSU faculty practice which produced a large portion of faculty salaries, and the dental school was bleeding teaching staff at an alarming rate. Extreme times called for extreme measures, and the Dean at the time allowed the unthinkable to occur. While the cosmetic practice I joined was initially quite small, over the past 15 years we have grown it into 4 locations and are ranked in the top 50 producing practices (out of over 10,000) in the US by Allergan, the maker of Botox.

I remained program director from 2005 until 2014. During this period I saw Dr. Kent retire at least three times, and the arrival and departure of two other Department Chairs. In 2015, during the tenure of the third chairman after Dr. Kent, I finally left academics for full-time private practice in Baton Rouge. In 2018, I started a one-year facial cosmetic surgery

fellowship. In 2020, under more favorable LSU leadership, we were able to make the fellowship formally come under the LSU-OMS banner. Today, we are on our 4th fellow, with the 5th expected to start in July. The fellowship has helped to bring more cosmetic surgery experience back to the residency and should help to promote the expanded scope of OMFS that so many have worked hard to create.

About twenty years ago I met my wife Cherie, (my last year of residency) and we were married in 2006. It was a package deal sort of thing, and I simultaneously gained a son, Charley, and daughter, Brooke. Our son Piper was born in 2008. It's been a fast twenty years with Brooke, now a respiratory therapist, getting married just this last fall, and Charley starting his second year of law school. Piper is in grade 7 at Episcopal High School. We expect more great things in the years to come.

For the young OMS reading this, I hope that you're struck by some of the randomness in this story. Try to embrace the unexpected events that occur along the way. That, coupled with hard work, can lead to a truly rewarding life and career. For those older surgeons – it's been a fast twenty years, hasn't it?

Jon Perenack, DDS MD



Jon and Cherie at Cathedral Rock Sedona



The family at The Grand Tetons National Park

Earl P. Park, DMD MD

Acting OMS Chairman

Chairman's Corner - The LSU Core Foundation persists.



Colleagues, stormy times are not unfamiliar to us in the LSU OMS family. The school's administration approached me to take on the role of Acting Chair for our department and I accepted. For our team, this is a temporary position that will lay out a landing spot for the department chairman. The issues I was tasked to address have nothing to do with our *Core Foundation*.

In fact, our trauma numbers have reached pre pandemic levels and continue to grow despite Hurricane Ida. The NOLA orthognathic numbers have increased 100% year over year via Dr. Christensen's steadfast efforts. Dr. Zaid's Baton Rouge service has exponentially grown in case volume since last year; BR is a true broad scope practice as in one week a resident will do alveolar cleft, fibula flap microvascular, and esthetic anterior implants. Dr.

Dyess has become one of the favorite full-time faculty to operate within the clinics and OR. Our pathology service has increased 55% on benign pathology and 77% on microvascular reconstruction from 2020.

Moreover, our department is thriving and multiplying. Dr. Christensen has published over 17 articles within a 2 year span; he recently had a beautiful baby girl. Dr. Zaid continues to demonstrate that he is a national and international authority in head & neck surgery and microvascular reconstruction through lectureship at AAOMS and in Egypt; he has had another baby boy! Our part time faculty continue to provide invaluable guidance and mentorship: Drs. Block, Drongowski, Hornsby and Welch. The department has always been truly blessed with talent.

Of course, a special thanks to Dr. Misiek, who provides the institutional memory and cultural consistency for our residency program. A mastery of how residents have always learned, and a clear direction of how our trainees will learn for years to come. A great asset to LSU.

Indeed, Dr. Rob Laughlin has put us in an incredibly strong position, from which we continue to grow. The current moment calls for us to persist through our *Core Foundation*: Training residents through high quality and high volume care. That's how we honor the incredible tradition of LSU.

Peter Park

JKOMSF Newsletter History

Dear colleagues. I began the JKOMSF Newsletter nearly 12 years ago, shortly after our foundation was formed. Susannah Stacey Richard, Art Director at LSUSD, with assistance from Joanne Courville, MPA, Director of Alumni Relations, Advancement, and Publications at LSUSD, assisted me greatly in producing beautiful issues, mostly biannual, from 2010-2015. Stacey valiantly fought oral mandibular cancer for several years before succumbing to the disease in 2014. Since 2016 Michele Holmes, our department Coordinator of Academics, has artfully produced biannual issues to date. They are rich in color and style. Our alumni continually applaud Michele because of her devotion in producing the most decorative alumni newsletter on the planet.



Jack and wife Virginia

The primary goal of the JKOMSF newsletter is to unite our LSU OMS NO program with its Alumni through department and residency program news, alumni professional and personal news, and advance notice on courses. We have reached out to alumni encouraging them to contribute to the newsletter with News Bits, and have arbitrarily requested them to write a Profile. Alumnus of the Year have been selected by the Foundation Board and I have requested non OMS medical contributors to our program to write their own history. The Profiles were started by Eric Geist and I must say I had no idea that so many Profile Authors would reveal remarkable "writers talents ". Thank you all and a special thanks to department heads *Dan Spagnoli, John Neary, Mark Welch*, and Rob Laughlin, and to the officers, Tooley Towns, Dale Misiek, and Eric Geist, and board members for their yearly contributions to the newsletter. **This will be my last year directing the newsletter.** There is so much talent within the alumni, and as such I look forward to one or more of you to step forward and carry on with Michele this rich tradition.

Jack

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END OF AN ERA



*After 15 seasons,
161 wins and a
Super Bowl trophy,
Sean Payton
steps down
as coach of
the Saints, leaving
a monumental
legacy in his wake*

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OMS News Bits**Matthew Hearn '2004**

A month and ½ after I celebrated my 50th birthday with Dr. Ronald Achong (2005) I climbed Half Dome in Yosemite National Park. I did that hike when I was 35 years old and it was hard! It was harder at 50!!! In October, I went Antelope hunting in Wyoming

Beomjune (BJ) B. Kim, DMD.MD.FACS '2004

I have been working as Head and Neck Surgeon providing comprehensive head and neck cancer care at Cancer Treatment Centers of America, which is soon going to become City of Hope Cancer Center, a National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer center. I am hoping to start a fellowship here within the next couple years. It would be nice to know if there are any aspiring residents! :)

Joan Greco '1994

Calling all prior residents please submit at least one story from your days either at Charity or within the residency program. I would like to compile a book of all stories from the "hallowed halls of Charity Hospital"

Sergio Vendetti '1998

Hello Dr. Kent. It's time I caught up with the program and folks at the foundation. I feel badly I've been out of the loop for a long time.

Overall life and work have been great! I'm in my 15th year of the practice I started in Virginia Beach after some time in Maryland with a practice that didn't work out. I have a robust and broad scope of services with OMS and Cosmetic including skin care. The area here is tough as a resort town to start a practice but thankfully it has become successful. I've been blessed with a wonderful family including 2 kids in their teens and a loving wife.

I have always been thankful and immensely blessed to be a graduate of the residency program and many times over the years have encountered instances which remind me to the extent of training that I completed when getting a glimpse of other surgeons and their surgical background.

I hope all is well with you and your family and look forward to catching up more in the future!

Have a Merry Christmas!

Sergio



In Memoriam, A Sorrowful December, 2021

Dear Colleagues.

My very close friend Lionel Gold, DDS died December 21, 2021. Lionel and I served as back to back Presidents of ABOMS and were roommates for several years at the Drake Hotel in Chicago when serving as Directors of ABOMS. He was a speaker of both our LSU OMS Review Course and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Pearls Course. Dr. Gold was a world-renowned authority on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He was the Chairman of the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University, from 1980 – 1998 and was serving as Associate Professor at the time of his death. He was an Associate Professor at many Philadelphia Hospitals, contributed numerous textbook chapters and articles on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and served on several national boards. The below is the bio write up from Pearls IV 2015 brochure. **Jack**



Lionel Gold, B.A., D.D.S.

Professor

Departments of Pathology, Cell Biology, and
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Director of Research in the OMS Department

Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Medical College

Dr. Gold attended New York University Dental School, 1944-48, completed an Internship in Oral Surgery, Lincoln Hospital, NYC, Fellowship in Oral Pathology at University of Pennsylvania, Basic Science Studies in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Graduate School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania, 1950-1951. He completed his OMS Residency at American Oncologic Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. He is a diplomate of both the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is a Past President of ABOMS. He was Chairman, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, 1980-98. Dr. Gold has served as Editor of the Pathology Section of the Journal of OMS and Oral Surgery for 12 years and was on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Oral Surgery, Medicine and Pathology. Dr. Gold is the recipient of AAOMS Presidential Achievement Award, 2000, and Dedication of the AAOMS Annual Meeting to him, 2012.

Eric T. Geist, DDS, FACS

JKOMSF Secretary/Treasurer Report

I want to start by wishing all of you a peaceful and joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. The JKOMSF continues to enjoy a strong financial position and support OMS resident education within the LSUOMS department, as well as the LSU PEARLS and Board Review courses.

We have had significant donations since our last newsletter, "2021 was a very good donation year" thanks to all of the following and those who have completed their pledge. Special thanks to Jim McClung who has reached beyond the Diamond Level.

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Gerald Unhold: \$1000.00

Currently the valuation of our investment account with DeMeo stands at \$2,155,280.11, and our checking account balance at Progressive Bank is \$345,714.26, resulting in a total fund balance of \$2,500,994.37.

Eric T Geist DDS FACS



Jack Kent Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation

- MY GIFT _____ IS ENCLOSED
- I PLEDGE TO DONATE _____ OVER _____ YEAR

LEVELS OF GIVING

DIAMOND	OVER \$100,000
PLATINUM	\$50,000 - \$99,999
GOLD	\$25,000 - \$49,000
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BRONZE	\$ 5,000 - \$ 9,999
FRIENDS	LESS THAN \$5,000

SIGNATURE _____



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Here are the specifics:

- Donors must be age 70 ½ or older at the time the gift is made.
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It is important not to withdraw the funds before making a gift.
- Gifts cannot be used to fund a gift annuity or charitable remainder trust.
- Each donor may give up to \$100,000 per year.
- Gifts can be used to satisfy the donor's required minimum distribution.
- Donors who choose to exclude the distribution from income on their federal tax returns will not receive a charitable income tax deduction.

The JKOMS Foundation does not provide legal or tax advice. Please consult your own professional tax advisor about the best way to take advantage of this opportunity. Please call your tax advisor for professional advice.

Thank you,
Your JKOMSF Board of Directors

JKOMS FOUNDATION DEFERRED LEGACY GIVING COMMITMENT FORM

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Address is: _____ (Home)

_____ (Office)

Email: _____

_____ I have included the Jack Kent Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Foundation in my will.

I plan to give a gift of:

_____ Cash _____ Life Insurance

_____ Property Estimated Value: \$ _____

The gift transfer will occur at the time of my death or the death of my spouse, _____, in the event that I predecease my Spouse.

_____ The JKOMFS foundation is a nonprofit 501c corporation whose sole purpose is to promote the further education and support of the LSU OMS program, its trainees, and graduates. Legacy giving is an estate planning tool that many find helpful in reducing the tax burden on their survivors. If you are interested in how you might contribute and how contributing will help your family and future generations of LSU OMS residents, please return this form and a representative will contact you or send you written information on the details of this important estate planning too.

_____ I will send the JKOMSF a copy of the codicil or necessary modification to my will which describes my legacy gift

Signature: _____

Spouse Name (printed): _____

Spouse Signature: _____

JKOMS Foundation
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H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Have a great 2022 year!

