



# Pitt Dental Medicine Update

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## White Coat Ceremony Welcomes New Students



*Dr. Thomas Braun and Dr. Dennis Ranalli shake the hands of incoming students.*

The 2006 White Coat Ceremony, held during the General Assembly on August 28th, gave incoming students a warm welcome to the School of Dental Medicine. Scaife Hall's auditorium was brimming with the new students, their families, seasoned students, faculty, staff and alumni. The well-attended event ushered in 80 first professional and 34 dental hygiene students.

Each student's white coat was donated and included a message from the sponsor. Sponsors include faculty, staff, alumni, students' family members and returning first professional students.

Dr. Dennis Ranalli, senior associate dean, was the keynote speaker. The ceremony also unveiled the school's Dental Registry and DNA Repository, the first-known repository in dental medicine worldwide.



*First professional class of 2010*



*Dental hygiene class of 2008*

## Upcoming Events



**Dental Dash 5 K**

**October 7, 2006  
Frick Park**

**Sponsored by Crest**



**Dental Alumni  
Association  
Homecoming Event**

**October 20, 2006  
Dave & Buster's at the  
Waterfront**

**Dental Alumni  
Association Annual  
Business Meeting and  
Continuing Dental  
Education Course**

**October 21, 2006  
Edward J. Forrest  
Continuing Education  
Center**

## ASDA Picnic Caters to a Variety of Guests



The American Student Dental Association Picnic attracted a large crowd on September 14th at the Veteran's Vietnam Pavilion in Schenley Park. From students and their family

and friends, to faculty and staff, all enjoyed the summer's end get-together.

### ADHA President to Visit

American Dental Hygienists Association President Margaret Green is scheduled to visit the school on October 2nd. During her visit, Ms. Green will address a variety of audiences including dental hygiene faculty and students and members of the Western Pennsylvania Dental Hygiene Association. Ms. Green will speak about the value of the dental hygiene profession and its future. Her presentation is titled "One Voice – One Vision."

Ms. Green is an alumna of the class of 1968 and was honored with the Distinguished Alumni Award – Dental Hygiene in 2000. She married Dr. Barry Green, an alumnus of the class of 1971. They currently reside in Newport News, Virginia.



**Margaret Green**  
President  
**American Dental  
Hygienists Association**

### Dental Education: Our Legacy – Our Future

The American Dental Association Foundation Board together with National Co-Chairs Drs. Cecile Feldman and Richard Haught and Honorary Chair Dr. Arthur Dugoni, namesake of the University of Pacific dental school, launched a campaign in July to raise awareness and support for dental education. The initiative, *Dental Education: Our Legacy – Our Future*, is pointed at addressing the needs of dental education today with the hope of preserving the profession for the future.

The campaign cites several key areas of need including faculty shortages, aging facilities and equipment, lack of diversity among faculty and students, tuition costs and student debt, escalating dental school costs coupled with lagging government support, access to care and education delivery. This national effort will assist other fundraising efforts by increasing awareness of issues in dental education. The School of Dental Medicine is one of 44 recipient partners of the effort which includes 17 facilitating partners such as the American Dental Association Foundation.

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