Marv Sonne
From Farmington Hills, Michigan
Graduated from Wayne State University in 1969 and attended the University of Michigan Dental School graduating in 1973. Has been very involved with Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity. In fact, he was president twice.

Jason Merrithew
from Traverse City, Michigan
Graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1998 and attended the University of Detroit Mercy graduating in 2004. Jason is on the MDA Peer Review Committee and has been very involved with many volunteer programs including Guatemala. He published an article in the MDA journal titled "A Mission Trip to Guatemala: A Life Changing Experience for two Traverse City Dentists."

Steven Hall
From Jenison, Michigan
Graduated from Wheaton College and attended the University of Michigan Dental School graduating in 1982. Steven has been very involved with his community. One such service is being on the local school board for 17 years, four of which he served as president. Steve has served in Guyana every year since 2002. He has also been on a number of overseas dental mission trips.

Robert Eber
From Dexter Michigan
Graduated from Indiana University in both undergraduate school and dental school receiving his DDS degree in 1984 followed by a periodontal specialty at the University of Ohio. Robert has been involved with various dental and periodontal organizations and serving in all officer positions in the Midwest Society of Periodontics
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Above: Ron Paler, Steve Sul faro, Richard Christiansen, Jack Hinterman, Julio Rodriguez and Steve Harris

Above Top Right: Steve Harris
Above Bottom Right: Julio Rodriguez

The Michigan ICD met at the annual MDA Session in April for its business meeting. Deputy Regent Steve Harris chaired the event. Regent, Steve Sul faro, kept us up-to-date with an informative presentation.

Those with more than 25 years in ICD were honored. Several of the recipients made the meeting where they were handed their award by Ron Paler and Jack Hinterman.

ACD, PFA, ICD Joint Dinner

Last April the ACD, PFA and the ICD held a joint dinner. This presented a nice opportunity to meet fellow dentist and help build comradery upon one’s peers. Steve Harris spoke on behalf of the ICD.

Above: Ron Paler, Dan Murphy, Steve Sul faro, Julio Rodriguez and Steve Harris
Right: Steve Harris
U of DM Humanitarian Award

Alex Bae received the University of Detroit Mercy 2018 humanitarian award. Alex attended Kalamazoo College for his undergraduate education. He has been very involved with the Alpha Omega fraternity. He has been on numerous volunteering experiences including a trip to Guatemala. Alex has accepted a general practice residency in Denver and looks forward to living and working in Colorado.

Above: Daniel Murphy and Alex Bae
Above right: Gary Jeffers and Khashayar Azimi.

U of DM Leadership Award

On May 10th the University of Detroit Mercy had their awards ceremony. ICD sponsored two of these awards. The Leadership award was given to Khashayar Azimi. Khashayar attended the Virginia Commonwealth University for his undergraduate education. He was the class president all four years. During dental school he assumed the role of admissions ambassador helping with interviews and tours. He travelled to Guatemala with a volunteer group from the dental school for two summers. Khashayar will be starting a graduate periodontal program at the University of Detroit Mercy in July. He has been accepted into the Air Force and will enter the ranks as a captain to be a periodontist starting June 2021.

U of M Humanitarian Award

Jenn Cleary is from East Lansing, Michigan. She received her B.S. in Psychology at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor where she was a member of the women’s golf team. She served as co-president of Give Kids a Smile, the Jonathan Taft Honor Society, the UMSOD’s Victors for Veterans project, and as the chapter president of American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She has participated in global dental humanitarian trips to Jamaica and Greece. In July, she’ll be starting a residency in pediatric dentistry at the University of Michigan.

U of M Leadership Award

Sydney Sherman graduated from Hillsdale College During dental school, she was elected Vice-president of the School-wide Student Council, Vice-president and co-founder of the Orthodontics Club, and President of the Xi Psi Phi fraternity. She has presented posters at the International Association for Dental Research General Session and Exhibition and University of Michigan Research Days. Her volunteer interests include Give Kids a Smile, UMSOD Mouth Guard Clinic, Ann Arbor Food Gatherers, and Ronald McDonald House. After graduation, she will join The University of Iowa orthodontic residency program.
White Coat Ceremonies

Featured keynote speaker at the White Coat Ceremony at the University of Michigan was, ICD Fellow and MDA President, Debra Peters, and ICD 9th District Vice Regent, Dr. Steven Sulfaro. One meaningful statement Steve made was, "dentistry is hard demanding work but also very rewarding. It is a tough world out there and the challenges of this school will serve to help prepare you for what lies ahead outside these walls. The path without any obstacles usually leads to nowhere. If it was easy, anyone could be a dentist."

Above: University of Michigan White Coat Ceremony
Below: University of Detroit Mercy White Coat Ceremony

Michael Silveus, DDS, MS, senior consultant for the Academy of Academic Leadership, delivered the keynote speech at UDM. Michael Vilag, DDS, President of the UDM Alumni Board led the recitation of the Dental Professional Oath.

ICD Fellow Lisa Knowles Receives Alma College Award

Lisa Knowles, received the Smith Distinguished Service Award from Alma College. This award is presented annually to an alumnus who has assisted with student recruitment, provided career internships, visited the campus to speak to students and for serving on the college council.

COMING EVENTS — SAVE THE DATE — DETROIT

Joint Dinner ICD, ACD, PFA, Thursday May 2, 2019

ICD Complimentary Business/Breakfast Meeting, Friday, May 3, 2018