On June 30th, 2019, Dr. Robert D. Marciani retired as professor of surgery and chief of the section of Oral and Maxillary Surgery at the University of Cincinnati. This lifelong educator and career academic surgeon has decided to hang up his spurs and move to Nashville, TN with his family.

Dr. Marciani obtained his dental degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1966. He served the nation as a general dentist in the US Air Force in Tripoli, Libya, soon after. In 1968, he began his residency training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Detroit, MI. Following his training, Dr. Marciani joined the University of Kentucky in Lexington as a faculty member and VA staff member. There, he rose to the ranks of a tenured full professor and spent 29 years in various capacities in service to UK OMS. He was director of the OMS residency program for five years and subsequently chair of the Division of OMS until 1999.

In 1999, he moved to University of Cincinnati as the chair of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Over the course of the next 20 years, he had reshaped the legacy and culture of the oldest residency training program in OMS in the US. He was successful in recruiting many more new faculty and increasing the size and stature of the residency both within the hospital and nationwide.

Over the course of his illustrious career, Dr. Marciani authored over 100 papers, abstracts and book chapters, and he co-authored three textbooks in oral and maxillofacial surgery. He has lectured extensively all over the world on oral and maxillofacial surgery related topics including facial trauma, head & neck infections, orthognathic surgery, necrotic conditions of the facial skeleton, and dental implants. Dr. Marciani presented the Philip Maloney Trauma Lecture at the AAOMS annual meeting and served as visiting professor and William Ware Lecturer at the University of California, San Francisco. He is a recipient of the William J. Gies Foundation Award in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Marciani was selected as the recipient of the 2010 OMS Foundation Torch Award, the highest award bestowed by the Foundation in recognition of an individual who has provided exemplary service and made significant contributions in fostering the purposes of the Foundation. The Award is granted only when deemed appropriate.

In 2019, Dr. Marciani was awarded the “Sustained Excellence Award” by the University Hospital for providing clinical leadership over time, consistently leading by example, taking on difficult assignments, and promoting innovative approaches to longstanding issues. This person is recognized outside of his/her specialty and unit, either as a leader/champion or behind the scenes removing obstacles and barriers.

Between the two residency programs, Robert Marciani has trained just over 100 OMS residents. These surgeons continue to carry his torch forward in all corners of the country.

In June 2019, as a part of his retirement, a gala was organized in Cincinnati to celebrate the career of this educator, leader, surgeon, life-long UK basketball fan. Some pictures from that event are included in this newsletter.
Photos from the Farewell Gala for Dr. Robert Marciani
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Meet Our New Faculty

**Name:** Hether Khosa, DDS

**Where you are from:** Originally from India, raised in New Delhi

**Dental school:** Indira Gandhi Government Dental College & Hospital, J&K, India

**Residency:** University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore

**Family:** Immediate family comprising parents and a younger sister continues to be based in India.

**Personal interests:** Outside of work, I enjoy writing, reading, road trips, spending time with family

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**Name:** Wallace S. McLaurin, DMD

**Where you are from:** Brandon, Mississippi

**Dental, medical college:** University of Mississippi

**Residency:** University of Cincinnati

**Family:** Wife - Kelty McLaurin - pediatric dentist; Son - Wallace Sigmon McLaurin, Jr.

**Personal interests:** Spending time with my family, cycling, tennis

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**Name:** James Alexander Phero, DDS, MD

**Where you are from:** Born in Cincinnati, Ohio. Last 10 years in Chapel Hill, North Carolina

**Dental and Medical School:** University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**Residency:** University of North Carolina Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Family:** Brittany Phero (wife), Luke Phero (son, age 4), George Phero (son, age 1)

**Personal interests:** Spending time with my family, Alpine skiing, tennis, golf, hiking

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Meet the New Chief of OMS at UC – Deepak Krishnan DDS, FACS

In July 2019, the Dean of the College of Medicine appointed Deepak Krishnan DDS, FACS as the new chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Krishnan has been a member of the UC Surgery faculty since 2008, and has been the director of the residency program since 2010. He is currently associate professor of surgery and will be serving as the chief of OMS at UC Medical Center and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Krishnan obtained his dental degree from Bangalore University, India, and trained in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Emory University’s College of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Upon completion of residency, Deepak pursued further fellowship training in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery focusing on orthognathic surgery at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada.

He currently serves on the Committee of Education and Training (CET) of the AAOMS and is the chair of the special committee on Emerging leaders in OMS. He is also a consultant to the AAOMS Committee on Anesthesia (CAN) on Simulation in Anesthesia.

He is a past-president of the Ohio State Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the president of the Ohio Dental Society of Anesthesiology. He is an examiner for the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Krishnan was in the first class of single degree oral and maxillofacial surgeons that were recognized as Fellows of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Krishnan follows a line of luminaries that have held this prestigious position as chief of OMS at UC:

- 1913 -1918 John Ross Callahan
- 1920 -1934 John Becker
- 1934 -1960 Robert Schell
- 1960 -1972 Raymond Gilby
- 1972 -1990 William Grau
- 1990 -1993 Dan Crocker
- 1993 -1999 Robert Horton
- 1999 - 2019 Robert Marciani
- 2019 - Deepak Krishnan

Deepak Krishnan DDS, FACS
Our Current Residents

Brandyn Herman, DMD (Chief)
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
School of Dental Medicine

Lon Hinckley, DDS (Chief)
University of Nebraska Medical Center
College of Dentistry

Benjamin Noblitt, DMD (Chief)
University of Connecticut
School of Dental Medicine

Nicholas Broccoli, DDS (PGY3)
Virginia Commonwealth University
School of Dentistry

Michael Rechtin, DMD (PGY3)
University of Kentucky
College of Dentistry

Payal Verma, DMD (PGY3)
University of Pennsylvania
School of Dental Medicine

Guntas Kakar, DDS (PGY2)
UCLA
School of Dentistry

Tony Montgomery, DMD (PGY2)
University of Louisville
School of Dentistry

Yotom Rabinowitz, DDS (PGY2)
SUNY Buffalo
School of Dental Medicine
Our Current Residents

Chad Curtis, DDS (PGY1)
Columbia University
College of Dental Medicine

Jaehee Hong, DMD (PGY1)
Case Western Reserve University
School of Dental Medicine

Justin Kirkwood, DMD (PGY1)
University of Pennsylvania
School of Dental Medicine

Soroush Samimi, DMD (PGY1)
Tufts University
School of Dental Medicine