

American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation Update

The mission of the American College of Prosthodontists Education Foundation is to secure and steward resources with the aim of advancing prosthodontics. The ACPEF provides funding to support education, research and advancement of the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics.

The ACPEF continued to address its mission in 2012 in the following ways:

Support for Education:

- Continued funding of the digital resource library - Prosthopedia®. It serves as a critical resource for all practitioners and educators by providing educational programs, model content, and materials (digital photos, videos, presentations) critical to developing the best in educational programs from individual lectures, to courses and even entire curriculum. It also promotes best practices as a resource for all members.
- Hosted annual meetings of pre doctoral and post graduate prosthodontic educators on April 20-21 (Chicago) and during ACP Annual Session (Baltimore). (Approximately 120 educators attended the April meeting.)
- Provided support for American Student Dental Association at its annual session as part of an on-going initiative to attract pre doctoral dental students into the specialty of prosthodontics.
- Continued to support new graduate prosthodontic program development in schools of dentistry that currently have no program.

Support for Research:

- Provided research scholarships.
- Supported the John J. Sharry Prosthodontics Research competition at the 2012 ACP Annual Session.
- Supported the Young Innovator Annual Award.

Support for Advancement of the Specialty/Discipline:

- Sponsored the 2012 Postgraduate Student Support Program, a package of ACP educational resources for more than 600 prosthodontic residents, which introduces the community of prosthodontics and information necessary to maximize their training and education.
- Sponsored prosthodontic residents' attendance at the 2012 ACP Annual Session.
- Supported efforts aimed at increasing public awareness of the specialty during National Prosthodontics Awareness Week™.
- Supported the ACPEF Founders Society Award. This award was established in 2010 to recognize the founding members of the ACPEF Board of Directors and continues to recognize individuals who have served the specialty and the Foundation in exemplary ways.

Annual Appeal 2012:

The co-chairs of the 2012 Annual Appeal are Drs. Nadim Baba and Robert Humphries. All members were encouraged to donate to the Annual Appeal. Every ACPEF and ACP Board member donated this year. Funds from the appeal help offset operational expenses of the Foundation and support of the endowment fund.

Vision 2012 Capital Campaign:

Funding from Vision 2012 significantly decreases at the end of the year due to fulfilled commitments for 80% of its supporters. This program has produced important resources like Prosthopedia, the Dental Educators program, numerous growth initiatives in the specialty which have successfully increased the number of students, prosthodontic dental programs and College members, and fostered dental education and research. Perhaps the efforts most significant achievement is growing the endowment fund to nearly \$2.5 million. The ultimate goal of the Foundation's endowment fund is to establish a \$5 million corpus to support scholarships and general operations annually to ensure sustainability of the specialty and our efforts to impact its advancement.

Legacy Circle Planned Giving Campaign:

The ACPEF launched its "Legacy Circle" planned giving program at the 2011 Annual Session. A seminar featuring a planned giving expert from Loma Linda University was presented during the Annual Session in Scottsdale. This program offers members another opportunity to give back to the specialty of prosthodontics by remembering ACPEF in their wills, charitable trusts, etc. and outlines planned giving methods or vehicles for members to support the advancement of ACP, ACPEF and prosthodontics through their own legacy commitment.

ACPEF-ACP Leadership Planning Meeting:

The Foundation hosted a leadership planning meeting with ACP and ACPEF in January 2012 to discuss the College's future strategic vision for prosthodontics and its projected needs from its aligned partner. In follow up to this meeting, the ACP and ACPEF commissioned a joint two-part study to assess the needs and interests of the College's member prosthodontists and strategic aspects of funding the pursuits of such through the Foundation. The study formed the basis of the June 2012 Strategic Planning Retreat of the ACP Board of Directors and assisted the Foundation leadership in charting a tactical plan for 2013 and beyond.