Endodontic Clinic Renovation Campaign: Building Support in Recognition of Dr. Syngcuk Kim

The campaign for the renovation of the Endodontic Clinic at Penn Dental Medicine is well underway with plans to dedicate the state-of-the-art facility in honor of Dr. Syngcuk Kim, who has served as Chair of the Department of Endodontics for nearly 20 years.

“Dr. Kim has alone already raised $800,000 toward this $2.5 million project, and our goal is to raise $1 million by June 2012 to be able to get this project completed in his honor,” says Dr. Samuel Kratchman (GD’91), Clinical Associate Professor of Endodontics at Penn Dental Medicine. He and his fellow endodontic alumni — Drs. Jung Lim (GD’04) and Brian Lee (D’00, GD’04) — are leading fundraising efforts for the clinic renovation among the Penn Endo Graduate Alumni Group. “Dr. Kim has been not only a professor, but a mentor for many of us. We recognize his global accomplishments and are honored to be supporters of this renovation in his honor.”

The Endodontic Clinic renovation is one of the key projects of Phase 1 of the School’s 10-year Master Plan for facilities improvements. The Master Plan, completed last November, groups a series of capital projects over five phases. Plans for the Endodontic Clinic will transform the space into a modern clinic environment for optimum patient care and education; expanding into adjoining space, it will feature 23 chairs, two surgical suites, a consultation room, modular operatories with an operating microscope and computer at each chair, and a handicapped-accessible reception room.

“The Endodontic Clinic renovation is one of the best if not the very best endo program in the world, and we want to build a new clinic representative of this reputation.”

— Dr. Samuel Kratchman (GD’91), Clinical Associate Professor of Endodontics at Penn Dental Medicine

New Scholarship Fund Honors Dr. Arnold Weisgold

Dr. Arnold Weisgold (GD’65), Adjunct Professor, Department of Periodontics, and his wife, Marci, have helped to establish the cornerstone for a scholarship at Penn Dental Medicine for postdoctoral students in periodontal prosthesis. The Department of Periodontics has named the fund the “Arnold and Marci Weisgold Scholarship Fund for Postdoctoral Students in Periodontal Prosthesis.” The fund has been established in honor of Dr. Weisgold’s 50 years of teaching at Penn Dental Medicine. For more information on how to contribute to the fund, please contact Maren Gaughan, Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Relations, at gaughan@dental.upenn.edu.

The new endodontic clinic will be named for Dr. Syngcuk Kim, the Louis I. Grossman Professor of Endodontics, honoring his leadership and contributions to the Department of Endodontics.