

Ceremony Remarks

Ladies and gentlemen, family and friends – it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the VCU School of Dentistry. We are among two of dentistry's great minds today, and I am honored that these men have lent their namesakes to our school. They are life-long educators, long-time supporters of our school, and they've been collaborators and friends for almost 50 years. Please join me in a round of applause for Dr. Gary Maynard and Dr. Dick Wilson. I also want to thank Mrs. Sally Maynard and Mrs. Betty Ann Wilson for helping us to make this special day possible – thank you both.

Before I delve into the history of Dr. Maynard and Dr. Wilson and their involvement with the school, I want to tell you a little bit about where you're sitting right now. As of today, this is officially the J. Gary Maynard Jr., D.D.S. and Richard D. Wilson, D.D.S. Clinic, but until recently, we simply called it the Grad Perio Clinic. This clinic was designed to be an advanced, state-of-the-art facility for modern clinical education. As Dr. Maynard and Dr. Wilson have expanded the limits of dental education as trailblazers in their fields, we thought it only fitting to dedicate this cutting-edge clinic in their honor.

Dr. Maynard came to us by way of the University of Kentucky and graduated from our School of Dentistry in 1962 – in fact, we'll welcome him back in a little less than a month to celebrate his golden anniversary at reunion. He served the Department of Periodontics as professor and adjunct faculty for many years and continues to inspire our predoctoral students and residents. Dr. Maynard held numerous esteemed positions such as president of the American Academy of Periodontology, founder and president of the Virginia Society of Periodontists among others. He also was inducted into the VCU School of Dentistry Medallion Society for his extraordinary leadership and commitment to the school.

Dr. Wilson received his DDS degree as a member of Temple University's class of 1958 – but we still like to think of him as one of our own. He came to our school as a professor in the 60s and worked alongside with Dr. Maynard and former dean Dr. John DiBiaggio to establish the school's Department of Periodontics. His resume is equally impressive and includes appointments to many highly respected organizations within the profession including the American Dental Association, the American Academy of Periodontology, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Maynard and Dr. Wilson were very accomplished on their own, but they made major waves when they started working in cooperation. They bridged the divide between periodontics and restorative dentistry to push the limits of their common ground in the field of implantology. They delivered ground-breaking lectures and courses across the country and internationally to students, residents, educators and practicing dentists alike. This innovative thinking and inclusive partnership is the lasting legacy that Dr. Maynard and Dr. Wilson have shared with us. You inspire all of us, and your important legacy will be carried on through the many students and residents whose lives you have touched.

Earlier this year, Dr. Jim Revere approached me about naming this clinic in honor of his colleagues and personal friends, Dr. Maynard and Dr. Wilson. I was happy to lend my support, but we wanted to take it even a step further. That's why we've decided to create a

new fund and a new campaign to support implantology in the related departments of our school. This fund will support interdisciplinary teaching, research, and patient care excellence.

Again, I want to thank you taking the time to spend your day with us for this special dedication. Now I'd like to introduce you to Dr. Tom Waldrop, our **Director of Graduate Periodontics**. Following Dr. Waldrop, Dr. Sam Malkinson, third year periodontics resident will speak.

Official Dedication Statement

It is an honor and a privilege to officially announce that this space, as approved by the Virginia Commonwealth University Board of Visitors, will henceforth be known as the J. Gary Maynard Jr., D.D.S. and Richard D. Wilson, D.D.S. Clinic at the VCU School of Dentistry. Thank you all for joining us to celebrate! If you have time to stay around, I encourage you to take a look inside the clinic. There will be residents on hand to act as your tour guides. Thank you!