

Award-Winners for Time Capsule Suggestions

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Fundamentals

- 1) Timothy Hill – Clinic List of Most Commonly Used Dental Materials
- 2) Alfa-Hadassa Capetillo: First to suggest handpieces & instruments

Most Creative

- 3) Brian Schnupp: Suggested we invite current students to write letters to their future selves, with the idea that they might be around to open their letters in 50 years.

Funniest

- 4) Adam Grimm: Dean John Valenza bobblehead

Most Bizarre

- 5) Dr. Gena Tribble – In the Oral Biology I course for the first-year dental students, Dr. Tribble collected saliva from all 103 students to measure volume produced, pH, etc. The saliva from all students was pooled and stored at 4 degrees. For the time capsule, she proposed filtering & sterilizing the saliva to hermetically seal 10 mls into a glass ampule.
- 6) Dr. Jennifer Kerr – A Mayan Calendar

Most Likely to Become Obsolete

- 7) Dr. Jay Welch was first to suggest including an iPhone or iPad
- 8) Traci Hayes suggested including Axium & MiPACS user guides

Most Likely to Still Be Around

- 9) Dr. Amy Ridall, Hanau Alcohol Torch (basically unchanged since the 1930s)
- 10) Dr. Veronique Delattre: First to mention Starbucks, suggesting the thing most likely to still be around is an empty Starbucks cup with lid, straw, and cardboard sleeve.

Students of Today

- 11) Laura Nelson – The video that was made for the incoming class of 2016
- 12) Terral Thurman: “A clicker, to show how we took attendance, answered surveys and practice questions during class.”
- 13) Dr. Herb Wade – Challenge coins presented to graduating classes in 2011 and 2012.

Our World in 2012

- 14) Diane Boudreau: First to suggest a CD with current music
- 15) Adrien Lewis: First to suggest that a newspaper be included.

Predictions

- 16) Eric Solberg, UTHealth AVP Academic & Research Affairs: Suggested including a can of Copenhagen and pack of Marlboros, explaining “Hopefully these products, so detrimental to dental health (as well as other health issues) will be gone when they open the time capsule the next time around.
- 17) Adam Grimm: For his predictions: “We’ll be growing new teeth from stem cells, and there will be an S. Mutans vaccine/inhibitor based on the ‘Keep 32’ molecule.”