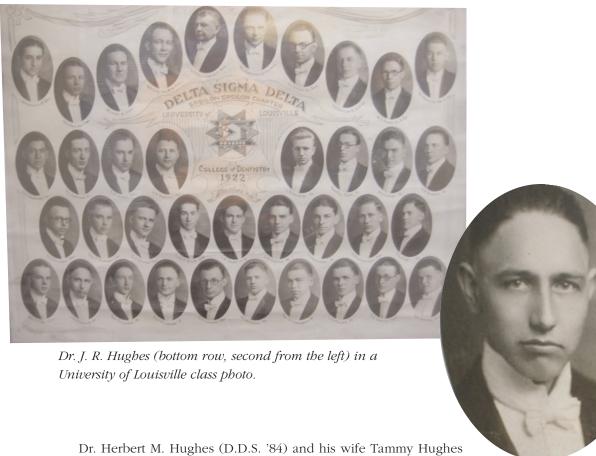
## **Alumni Legacies**

## The Hughes family



Dr. Herbert M. Hughes (D.D.S. '84) and his wife Tammy Hughes (B.S. '84) started a proud tradition of dental education at the VCU School of Dentistry, but they weren't the first in the Hughes family to take an interest in dentistry.

Dr. J. R. Hughes, Dr. Herbert M. Hughes' grandfather, studied dentistry at the University of Louisville College of Dentistry in 1922. He practiced general dentistry in Kentucky and then Tennessee for more than 50 years, and his home office was equipped with the traditional foot pedal drill.

Dr. Herbert H. Hughes followed in the footsteps of his father, Dr. J. R. Hughes. He earned his dental degree from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and specialized in orthodontics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. Dr. Herbert H. Hughes established an orthodontics practice, Hughes Orthodontics, in Alexandria, Virginia in 1958 and practiced there for more than 30 years until his retirement in 1988.

In 1986, Dr. Herbert M. Hughes joined his father at Hughes Orthodontics. He had grown up around dentistry and, as a teenager, shadowed his father, assisted chairside and helped with labwork. Dr. Herbert M. Hughes received his undergraduate degree in biology from the University of Richmond in 1980 and then attended the VCU School of Dentistry. He met his wife Tammy in



(Left to right) Dr. Herbert H. Hughes, Dr. Justin Hughes and Dr. Herbert M. Hughes at Justin's 2009 graduation from Wake Forest University.

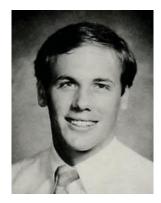
the hallways of the dental school, where she was studying to become a dental hygienist. Both graduated in the Class of 1984, and then Dr. Herbert Hughes pursued a specialty in orthodontics at Boston University.

Dr. Herbert M. Hughes has been in private practice for the past 27 years and is proud to follow his father in treating generations of families within the Northern Virginia community. In addition to his practice, Dr. Herbert M. Hughes plays an active role in the Northern Virginia Orthodontic Study Club and currently serves as its president. He also is the president-elect of the Virginia Association of Orthodontics.

Now Dr. Herbert M. Hughes is proud to see Justin Hughes, the oldest of three sons, graduate from the VCU School of Dentistry. The new Dr. Justin Hughes (D.D.S.'13) graduated from VCU in May and will pursue a General Practice Residency at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York City beginning in July. Right after graduation,

he married a fellow VCU grad, Laura Pickard (B.S. '12), whose parents, Keene Pickard (B.S. '79, M.S. '84) and Kimberly Pickard (B.S. '82), also are graduates of schools on the MCV Campus. Dr. Justin Hughes, the fourth generation dentist, plans to apply to orthodontic residency programs in hopes of one day joining his father in private practice and continuing the Hughes family's proud tradition of more than a century of dental service.

Dr. and Mrs. Herbert M. Hughes are extremely proud of their son as well as their connection to VCU. "Who knows, maybe we'll have a fifth generation dentist attending the VCU School of Dentistry in the future."



Dr. Herbert M. Hughes