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Dr. Frank Catalanotto is currently a Professor of the Department of Community Dentistry and Behavioral Science at the UF College of Dentistry. He graduated from the College of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in 1968 and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in pediatric dentistry at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Children's Hospital Medical Center in Boston. He has been on the faculty of five dental schools including UFCD where he served as Dean from 1995-2002. While Dean, he initiated the UF Statewide Network for Community Health to provide increased community based educational opportunities for dental students and residents, while also significantly increasing access to oral health care for underserved patients.

Dr. Catalanotto has active in dental education, research and advocacy organizations for much of his career. He has been a member of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) National Affairs Committee, the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Legislative Advisory Committee including several terms as chair, and founding chair of the Legislative Advocacy Committee of Oral Health America (OHA), where he also serves as Chair of the Board of Directors, effective January 1, 2015 thru December 31, 2017. He served on the ADEA Administrative Board of the Council of Deans, the ADEA Board of Directors as vice-president for Deans and as President of ADEA from 2002-03. He has recently been elected as a member of the Board of Directors of the ACORN Clinic and as a member of the Alachua County Health Care Advisory Board.

Dr. Catalanotto is the co-author of more than 90 scientific publications and has been the principal investigator or co-investigator for numerous federal, state and foundation grants totaling almost \$11,000,000 in external funding since returning to a faculty position at UFCD after stepping down as Dean in 2002. His academic and professional interests include community based dental education, ethics/social responsibility, advocacy for health care reform and access to dental care. Dr. Catalanotto and his faculty colleagues currently have funding for health services research related to access to dental care and three major grants from HRSA. These grants are focused on enhancing predoctoral dental education with a focus on public health, access to oral health care, health care disparities, cultural competency, faculty development and improving pedagogy and enhancing the oral health workforce in Florida. His current advocacy efforts are focused on the new emerging workforce models in collaboration with the Kellogg Foundation and the PEW Children's Oral Health Initiative. He is happy to report that there is life after being a dental school dean.