



# MDC 08

## Midwest Dental Conference

The Midwest Dental Conference is always the highlight of the year for the UMKC School of Dentistry and its alumni and friends. It is the only time of the year when 3,700 dental professionals gather in one location for four days to learn at the scientific sessions, to join with classmates at class reunions and to get together with friends at the many social events.

This year was no exception. The conference kicked into high gear Friday evening with the all-conference Welcome Party. Over 400 conference goers turned out to celebrate with some very special guests: the Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders, KC Wolf, Sluggerr from the Kansas City Royals, and Wizards goalie Kevin Hartman. The Recent Grad party followed with music by "The Metal Chapter," whose band members are dental students or recent grads.

The scientific sessions featured topics that ranged from "Implant Prosthetics and Basic Surgery" by Dr. Samuel M. Strong, to "The Forever Young Diet and Lifestyle" by Dr. James and Joan O'Keefe. In addition to the fascinating scientific sessions, attendees also were able to learn about some of the latest developments in dentistry at the 140 technical exhibits.

The 12 class reunions ranged from 1943S and J to 2003. Everyone agreed it was great to see classmates and friends and catch up on their families, practices and retirement.

We hope to see everyone again at next year's Midwest Dental Conference, March 26-29, 2009. ■