Gracious Gifts of Talent and Time

(L-R) Kurt Hoffman (DDS '94, ORT '96), Toni Erickson (DH '93), Bob Menchetti (DDS '58), John Kiesendahl (DDS '67) and Jerry Ogilvie (DDS '73) are just a few of the many part-time and volunteer faculty who selflessly devote their time and talents to helping the UMKC School of Dentistry educate exceptional practitioners and deliver outstanding clinical care. (See page 3.)
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Jim Bond (DDS ’66), Paso Robles, Calif., retired from dentistry after 35 years of general practice. He now owns J. Bond Cellars & Vineyard. If you are on Hwy 101 passing through Paso Robles, Calif., (central coast), you’ll find his vineyard located two miles east of 101 on Hwy 46 east. Should you be interested in wine, they would be glad to give you a vineyard tour and wine tasting. You can visit them online at www.jbondvineyard.com.

Peter Robinson (DDS ’66), Winnetka, Ill., received the title of Dean Emeritus from the University of Connecticut in 2007 and Professor Emeritus in 2009. He moved from Connecticut to Winnetka, Ill., in 2010.

Ken Rowan (DDS ’71), Jefferson, Mo., is a busy man. He’s president elect of the Charles Tweed International Orthodontic Foundation, an examiner for the American Board of Orthodontics, a recipient of the Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation Merit Award, and a member of the Helias High School Hall of Fame. He’s been married for 37 years and has one daughter and three sons.

Richard “Dick” Willits (DDS ’71), Overland Park, Kan., has been married since 1967 — wow! He has two kids and three grandkids. He’s still practicing in Overland Park, Kan., and his 4-year-old “new” office keeps him hopping. Dick has a partner and staff of nine. He was one of the KC Magazine Dentists of the Year for 2010.

John W. Tabash (DDS ’81) has been in private practice as an orthodontist for 28 years. John has been honored by The Best Dentists in America, America’s Top Dentists and Top Dentists in St. Louis in the field of orthodontics and dento-facial orthopedics for numerous years. He has been happily married for 25 years to Mary, and they have two children. Their daughter Julie (22) is a senior at Northwestern University. Their son John (19) is a sophomore at the University of Chicago, where he is studying economics and playing football.

Jerry Paz (DDS ’81), Warrenton, Mo., has been married to Barbara for 25 years and has seven kids and six grandkids. He’s been volunteering at a dental clinic in Haiti since 1994 on the island La Gonave. For information about volunteering, visit www.feedinghaiti.com.

Jim Otten (DDS ’81), Lawrence, Kan., is practicing restorative dentistry full time. He recently achieved Alumni Fellowship in ACD as well as membership in the America Academy of Restorative Dentistry. He also serves as a provost and lead faculty at the Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Connie L. Head (DDS ’86, DH ’81), San Diego, Calif., announces that Brandon, the son she had two weeks after graduation, is going to dental school! The daughter she had during her junior year is getting married and finishing grad school! They remember and miss their husband/father/hero, Capt. John Pierce (DDS ’82, Adv. Prosth ’93), who died in June 2008.

John Sauer (DDS ’91), Cape Girardeau, Mo., has a son, John Paul (5). What a joy! John is the district director of the Southeast Missouri Football Officials Association and crew chief for official crew #12. He was Tunica Dental Meeting chairman in 2010, with 400+ in attendance.

Matt A. Niewald (DDS ’01), Lee’s Summit, Mo., serves as president of the Missouri Dental Association and 6th District Representative on the ADA Committee on the New Dentist.


To read more news about your classmates and colleagues, visit Class Notes online at http://dentistry.umkc.edu/alumni/index.shtml

**DR. JOHN W. M. CARTER RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR**

Dr. John W.M. Carter (DDS ’78) was presented with the Dr. Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award by the American Board of Orthodontics at the annual session of the American Association of Orthodontics in Boston, Mass., on May 2, 2009. This award recognizes an individual for outstanding dedication and achievement of the ideas and mission of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Carter was president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. He received their Silver Medal Award of Merit in 2007. He completed his year as president of the Kansas Association of Orthodontists in 2008. In addition to practicing orthodontics in Overland Park, Kan., he also has served as the orthodontic consultant for the Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies Team at the University of Kansas Medical Center’s Department of Plastic Surgery for the past 10 years.
Stacie Sueda, DDS Class of 2014
Suzanne Zuber Scholarship
Erin Dawson, DH Class of 2012
Allison Laber, DH Class of 2012
Melanie Weathers, DH Degree Completion
Regional and National Student Awards
Richard Ackerman Omicron Kappa Upsilon Scholarship
Natalia Henbest, DDS Class of 2011
Angela Williams, DDS Class of 2011
American College of Dentists, Kansas City Midwest Section Scholarship
Natalia Henbest, DDS Class of 2011
American College of Dentists Missouri Section Scholarship
Daniel Gilstrap, DDS Class of 2011
Megan Lenahan, DDS Class of 2011
Chris Vogel, DDS Class of 2011
Angela Williams, DDS Class of 2011
Delta Dental of Arkansas Scholarship
David Rainwater, DDS Class of 2012
Delta Dental of Missouri Scholarship
Jenna Rogers, DDS Class of 2014
Dentsply Grand Prize Table Clinic Award.
Adelaide Allen, DDS Class of 2011
Allyson Sundby, DDS Class of 2011
Dr. Fred H. Enloe Dental Scholarship
Zachary Jarrett, DDS Class of 2014
Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship
Adis Hasanagic, DDS Class of 2011
Greater Kansas City Dental Society Scholarship
Kyle Shull, DDS Class of 2011
William S. Kramer Award of Excellence (OKU)
Megan Lenahan, DDS Class of 2011
Missouri Dental Foundation Scholarship
Christopher Guilfoy, DDS Class of 2011
Hollie Pfeffer, DDS Class of 2011
Kyle Shull, DDS Class of 2011
Ashley Patton, DH Class of 2011
Dr. Roger P. Rupp Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Megan Rondeau, DDS Class of 2011
R. Lois Scott Scholarship
Ashley Patton, DH Class 2011
Sigma Phi Alpha-Alpha Gamma Annual Chapter Scholarship
Melissa Lewis, DH Class 2011
United States Army Professions Scholarship Program
Jacob Anderson, DDS Class of 2014
Sean McAnarney, DDS Class of 2014
United States Navy Professions Scholarship Program
Robert Fechner, DDS Class of 2014

In Memoriam

William Alexander, DDS 1945
Bella Vista, Ark.
Harry Ishida, DDS 1948
Honolulu, Hawaii
George Menkoff, DDS 1949
Tulsa, Okla.
Edward Shanahan, DDS 1951
Coffeyville, Kan.
Henry Fricke, DDS 1952
St Joseph, Mo.
Arthur Tanner, DDS 1956
Boulder, Colo.
Deloit Wolfe, DDS 1956, ORT 1958
Missoula, Mont.
Rex Wagner, DDS 1957
Albuquerque, N.M.
Michael Morgan, DDS 1967
Shawnee, Okla.
Jan Heidbreder, DDS 1971
Castle Rock, Colo.
Henry Moore, DDS 1971
Walnut Creek, Calif.
Gary Etzen, DDS 1975
Olathe, Kan.
Fred Inman, DDS 1977
Ward, Ark.
Robin Potter, DDS 1979
Shawnee Mission, Kan.
Why Are Dental Scholarships Important

The answer to that question is quite simple: a dental education is very, very expensive. If you’re a dental practitioner, this is probably not news to you. You can probably remember the financial challenge that you and your classmates experienced during your dental school days.

Today a dental education costs approximately $135,000 for Missouri residents ($245,000 for non-residents). But, as dental graduates know all too well, those numbers do not tell the whole story because that cost comes at a time when dental students have already incurred the cost of their undergraduate education. Such financial obstacles are more than many well-qualified, highly motivated students can overcome.

Operating costs for dental schools are among the highest on university campuses. Unlike medical schools, where scientific and clinical costs are shared with local hospitals, dental schools are on their own to cover their expenses. At the same time, federal and state support of higher education continues to decline at a dramatic rate, causing dental schools to rely more heavily on tuition, clinical income, and philanthropy.

The UMKC School of Dentistry is committed to the belief that prospective students should be judged on their academic excellence and their dedication to dentistry — not on their ability to incur the expenses of a dental education. Because so many of the school’s alumni and friends have stepped forward to endow student scholarships, UMKC has been able to put that belief into action. Our donors have endowed 118 separate scholarship funds which generated $764,463 in scholarship awards this fall. To put the growth of UMKC scholarships in perspective, it’s helpful to realize that the school awarded only $35,500 in scholarships for the 1989-90 academic year.

Our donors have given scholarships for a variety of reasons, including:
- To memorialize a loved one
- To honor a favorite professor
- To support a particular department
- To give something back to the school and profession that have enabled them to have successful careers
- To create a lasting memory of their graduating class

Whatever the inspiration, scholarships place a dental education within reach of more students, enabling them to lead productive and fulfilling lives and to provide excellent oral healthcare to the people of our communities.

In a multitude of ways, an endowed scholarship is a self-perpetuating act of kindness. The principal of the fund is invested for long-term growth to ensure perpetuity. A minimum donation of $10,000 is required to establish an endowed scholarship, but the $10,000 can be given over a period of time. If you’d like to learn more about a lasting legacy that will benefit generations of future students, please call Dr. Nan Evason, Director of Major Gifts for the Rinehart Foundation of the UMKC School of Dentistry, at (816) 235-2095.
It goes without saying — although I say it proudly every chance I get — the UMKC School of Dentistry is blessed with a terrific faculty. Whether they’re holding forth in a classroom, offering hands-on guidance in the lab or overseeing a procedure on the clinic floor, our faculty do a magnificent job of transforming the raw talent of our students into the exceptional skills that are the hallmark of UMKC graduates. Even though all our faculty play an equally vital role in the success of our students’ transformation, there is one particular group of educators within our ranks that I’d like to single out for some well-deserved recognition and appreciation. I’m referring to our part-time and volunteer faculty. They bring a unique perspective from their private practices that help our students gain practical knowledge from generalists, specialists, and other content experts. The time these individuals spend at the school may be limited, but their impact on our educational and clinical programs is immeasurable.

Their contributions to the success of our mission are so great, in fact, that I’m not sure we could get along without them. Indeed, it would be impossible to expose our students to the depth and breadth of knowledge that we do, if not for the willingness of these practitioners to spend their valuable time sharing the expertise they’ve developed during their years of practice. Their dedication to keeping their commitment (they seem to never miss their appointed time) and their devotion to their students’ success (they are immensely patient and conscientious) are truly remarkable. It doesn’t seem to matter if they’re here for their first day or their second or third decade, they exude an enthusiasm that is infectious. I know that our students sincerely appreciate the undivided, individualized attention they receive from these extraordinary educators.

Occasionally the school enjoys an extra special surprise from our part-time and volunteer ranks when one of them chooses to join the faculty full time. Because these faculty members are experienced in the ways of the school, they literally hit the ground running when they begin working full time. Some of our present faculty who’ve made the leap from part-time to full-time include: John Killip (DDS ’68), assistant dean for Student Programs; Kirk Weber (DDS ’83), Emergency Clinic; John Stone (DDS ’80), General Dentistry; and Gary McReynolds, (DDS ’72), Restorative Dentistry.

There is no area of the school where part-time and volunteer faculty’s commitment of time and effort has not positively impacted the future practitioners of our profession! For some, the commitment has meant decades of volunteering at the school.
Scholarships continued

Carly Knewtson, DH Degree Completion Program
Melissa Lewis, DH Class of 2011
Jordyn Sharp, DH Class of 2012
Kari Tuchman, DH Class of 2012

Dr. Mike R. and Jerrie Roney Memorial Scholarship
Olga Martinez, DDS Class of 2013
Salome Masrani, DDS Class of 2013
Kristen Wellemeyer, DDS Class of 2013

Dr. Norman L. Schwartz Memorial Scholarship
Allison Sunday, DDS Class of 2011

James S. and Katheryn W. Taylor Scholarship
Emily Taylor, DDS Class of 2014

Maxine Tishk Scholarship
Dale Corrigan, MS DH Education Program
Jennifer Pieren, MS DH Education Program

UMKC Dental Alumni Association Scholarship
Adela Casa, DDS Class of 2011
Anna Boone, DDS Class of 2011
Scott Driver, DDS Class of 2011
David Jackson, DDS Class of 2011
Blake Matsuura, DDS Class of 2011
Rachel Yamakawa, DDS Class of 2011
Olga Martinez, DDS Class of 2013
Jared Montano, DDS Class of 2013
Omar Pererya, DDS Class of 2013
David Sylvester, DDS Class of 2013
Kristen Wellemeyer, DDS Class of 2013
Ellen Zust, DDS Class of 2013
Ashley Asano, DDS Class of 2014
Justin Barnhart, DDS Class of 2014
Kyle Barry, DDS Class of 2014
Michelle Bhaskar, DDS Class of 2014
Jiraporn Blanchfield, DDS Class of 2014
Brandon Doerr, DDS Class of 2014
Paul Edgerley, DDS Class of 2014
Timothy Fillman, DDS Class of 2014
Madeline Held, DDS Class of 2014
Jessica Hill, DDS Class of 2014
Andrew Kerlage, DDS Class of 2014
Greg Lohr, DDS Class of 2014
Rachael Maerz, DDS Class of 2014
Philip Montoya, DDS Class of 2014
Julie Mummm, DDS Class of 2014
Naureen Ridge, DDS Class of 2014
Emily Taylor, DDS Class of 2014
Philip Tippin, DDS Class of 2014
Michelle Tobben, DDS Class of 2014
Kristin Davis, DH Class of 2011
Hyun Ah Kim, DH Class of 2011
Angela Mayes, DH Class of 2011
March Bilbao, DH Class of 2012
Allison Kessler, DH Class of 2012

UMKC Dental Alumni Golf Tournament Scholarships
Amy Bagley, DDS Class of 2011
Kristin Kaehrke, DDS Class of 2011
Logan Morse, DDS Class of 2011
Philip Newkirk, DDS Class of 2011
Micah Snyder, DDS Class of 2011
Tyler Aholt, DDS Class of 2012
Brianna Ganson, DDS Class of 2012
Lisa Dugan, DDS Class of 2012
Amy Gensweider, DDS Class of 2012
Kelly Hendricks, DDS Class of 2013
Alan Johnson, DDS Class of 2013
Kelly Wells, DDS Class of 2013
Shannon Crawford, DH Class of 2011
Hillary Rice, DH Class of 2011
Megan Norman, DH Class of 2012
Leslie Samford, DH Class of 2012

UMKC Dental Hygiene Professional Scholarship
Christine Shost, DH Class of 2011

UMKC Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association Scholarship
Ashley Davis, DH Class of 2011
Brittani Koehler, DH Class of 2011
Danielle Lasater, DH Class of 2011
Jessica Sutherland, DH Class of 2011
Bethany McCowan, DH Class of 2012
Julia Goma, DH Degree Completion
Kim Langwell, DH Degree Completion
Jennifer Pieren, MS DH Education Program

UMKC School of Dentistry Second Century Fund Scholarship
Amy Lecave, DDS Class of 2013
Thomas Mazurancic, DDS Class of 2013
Daniel Pinkston, DDS Class of 2013
Nicholas White, DDS Class of 2013
Christine Shost, DH Class of 2011

UMKC School of Dentistry Sterilizer Monitoring Service Scholarship
Nicholas Fujii, DDS Class of 2012
Omar Pererya, DDS Class of 2012

Molly Winkelmann, DDS Class of 2012
UMKC Trustees Anniversary Scholarship
Heather Rowden, DDS Class of 2013

University Dental Study Club Scholarship
Scott Driver, DDS Class of 2011

Dr. Ronald M. West Memorial Scholarship
Jacob Anderson, DDS Class of 2014
Michael Doherty, DDS Class of 2014
Philip Montoya, DDS Class of 2014
Andrea Rice, DDS Class of 2014
Dr. Frank W. and Dr. John C. Windle Award for Graduate Periodontics
Dr. Nabil Beaini, Periodontics Program Resident
Dr. Marcus Blue, Periodontics Program Resident
Dr. Michael Umaki, Periodontics Program Resident
Dr. Haw Tung and Gilberte Wong Scholarship
Blake Matsuura, DDS Class of 2011
Rachel Yamakawa, DDS Class of 2011
Kenneth Choy, DDS Class of 2012
Nicholas Fujii, DDS Class of 2013
Erin Uwaine, DDS Class of 2013
Ashley Asano, DDS Class of 2014
Jon Ozaki, DDS Class of 2014
Scholarships continued

Keuner Humanitarian Award
Laura Davies, DDS Class of 2011
John and Kathy Killip Scholarship
Adelaide Allen, DDS Class of 2011
Jerad Devine, DDS Class of 2011
Dr. Frederick J. Knapp Memorial Scholarship
Tyler Webb, DDS Class of 2011
Dr. Vere and Mrs. Mae Lane Scholarship
Daniel Fernoud, DDS Class of 2012
Seth Rush, DDS Class of 2013
Dr. Ralph Lopez Scholarship
Addie Allen, DDS Class of 2011
Seth Rush, DDS Class of 2012
Daniel Pernoud, DDS Class of 2011
Lane Scholarship
Dr. Albert J. and Mary W. Monsees Scholarship
Addie Allen, DDS Class of 2011
Scott Driver, DDS Class of 2011
Heather Perdue, DDS Class of 2011
Megan Rondeau, DDS Class of 2011
Grant Snider, DDS Class of 2011
Nicole Stevens, DDS Class of 2011
Christopher Vogel, DDS Class of 2011
Megan Westrich, DDS Class of 2011
Angela Williams, DDS Class of 2011
McClain Woolsey, DDS Class of 2012
Monsees/Nelson Scholarship
Adela Casa, DDS Class of 2011
Natalia Henbest, DDS Class of 2011
Matthew Hildebrand, DDS Class of 2011
Stephen Dove, DDS Class of 2012
Midwest Dental Conference Scholarship
Robin Huenegardt, DDS Class of 2011
Danette Ocedgueda, MS in Dental Hygiene Education
Dr. John J. Miller Scholarship
Ryan Grieves, DDS Class of 2011
David Jackson, DDS Class of 2011
Emily Johnson, DDS Class of 2011
Nichole Stevens, DDS Class of 2011
Dr. Albert J. and Mary W. Monsees Scholarship
Addie Allen, DDS Class of 2011
Scott Driver, DDS Class of 2011
Heather Perdue, DDS Class of 2011
Terry and Kathleen Myers Scholarship
Brett Cotham, DDS Class of 2012
Dr. Pamela Overman Scholarship
Ashley Patton, DH Class of 2011
Trudy Parker Scholarship
Brent Gumminger, DH Class of 2011
Rachel Rasmussen, DH Class of 2012
Dr. D.L. Powell Scholarship
Koby Ferguson, DDS Class of 2011
Amon Holt, DDS Class of 2011
Robin Huenegardt, DDS Class of 2011
David Jackson, DDS Class of 2011
Michael Link, DDS Class of 2011
Elizabeth Melenbrink, DDS Class of 2011
Megan Rondeau, DDS Class of 2011
Allison Sundby, DDS Class of 2011
Tyler Webb, DDS Class of 2011
Shan Wilson, DDS Class of 2011
Bradley Green, DDS Class of 2012
Jeff Kohlmeier, DDS Class of 2012
Susan McDonald, DDS Class of 2012
Kathleen Murray, DDS Class of 2012
Molly Winkelmann, DDS Class of 2012
McClain Woolsey, DDS Class of 2012
Ann Arha, DDS Class of 2013
Thomas Mazuranic, DDS Class of 2013
Jacquelyn Sloop, DDS Class of 2013
Ryan Bland, DDS Class of 2014
Matthew Greaves, DDS Class of 2014
Dean Michael J. Reed Scholarship
Patricia Bertz, DDS Class of 2011
Melissa Kusiak, DDS Class of 2011
Ida and Harry Reed Scholarship
Ryan Bland, DDS Class of 2014
V. Leroy Riley Dental School Scholarship
Grayson Burgardt, DDS Class of 2012
Rinehart General Scholarship
Fallon Stiens, DDS Class of 2013
Jaclyn Thomure, DH Class of 2013
Melissa Brown, DDS Class of 2014
Zachary Brown, DDS Class of 2014
Adam Burnett, DDS Class of 2014
Stephanie Chambers, DDS Class of 2014
Whitney DeForest, DDS Class of 2014
Matthew Greaves, DDS Class of 2014
Kara Wells, DH Class of 2011
Lonna LaRock, DH Class of 2012
Myrtle Rinehart Scholarship
Dhannie Akers, DDS Class of 2013
Samantha Clark, DDS Class of 2013
Jason Edwards, DDS Class of 2013
Jenner Feigenbaum, DDS Class of 2013
Raechelle Hansen, DDS Class of 2013
Amy Lecave, DDS Class of 2013
Hailie Lillmars, DDS Class of 2013
Nichole Madison, DDS Class of 2013
Olga Martinez, DDS Class of 2013
Salome Masrani, DDS Class of 2013
Thomas Mazuranic, DDS Class of 2013
Philip Meehan, DDS Class of 2013
Beth Morrey, DDS Class of 2013
Daniel Pinkston, DDS Class of 2013
Jessica Stark, DDS Class of 2013
Kevin Stock, DDS Class of 2013
Nicholas White, DDS Class of 2013
Molly Winkelmann, DDS Class of 2013
Ellen Zurst, DDS Class of 2013
Alice Rogers Memorial Scholarship
Kayde Geisbauer, DH Degree Completion Program
Words from the Heart

Below are comments from a random sampling of the many part-time and volunteer faculty who selflessly devote themselves to the betterment of the UMKC School of Dentistry and the lives of its students, patients and faculty.

Connie White (BA ’77, DDS’81), associate professor of General Dentistry, encouraged me to work with the aesthetic dental clinic because I have advanced training in cosmetic dentistry. I love working with the students and the other faculty. I've enjoyed getting to know practitioners I'd heard about but did not know. I'm honored to be able to work with them.

—I love teaching! My heart is at the School, and teaching gives me an excuse to be here. Being around younger people keeps me on my toes. It's very gratifying to know that I am teaching students to do a procedure faster and easier. I can see their pride and satisfaction on their faces. It makes my day!

—Mark Mosier, DDS ’85
Part-time faculty for one year

I love teaching with the School's dental hygiene program because I get to see the students grow. It's also a joy for me to work with the School's faculty and staff.

—Sally Elledge, DH ’83, MS ’84
Part-time faculty for 20 years

The students are interesting and fun. They keep dentistry new and interesting for me. UMKC's students are consistently impressive. Just when you think you've had the best class possible, a new batch comes in that's just as good.

—Lauren Carr, DH ’80, DDS ’86
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On Friday June 4, 2010, the UMKC School of Dentistry hosted its first Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony. The annual event celebrated the transition the DDS Class of 2012 and Dental Hygiene Class of 2011 were making as they entered the patient-care stage of their education during the 2010-2011 academic year. A crowd of about 500 family members and friends gathered in Pierson Auditorium on UMKC’s Volker campus to witness the ceremony.

Following welcoming remarks by Dean Marsha Pyle, Dr. Jack Nelson (DDS ’82), immediate past president of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association, and Dr. Bonnie Branson, president elect of the Missouri Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association, took turns at the podium to recognize the students’ academic accomplishments and charge them with maintaining the highest ethical standards throughout their personal and professional lives.

Classmates, family, friends and faculty looked on as class representatives of the dental and dental hygiene classes read aloud the Code of Ethics document that each class had drafted. Each member of the dental hygiene class mounted the stage, signed their class’s patient care-centered code, and proceeded to the end of the stage where they were formally presented with a new set of scrubs by Professor Kim Bray (DH ’86, MS ’88) and Dee Dee Arps (DH ’96), president of the UMKC Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association.

The members of the DDS Class of 2012 then took turns crossing the stage to sign their Code of Ethics document and then don their very own white coat with assistance from R. Wayne Thompson (DDS ’67, MSORT ’72), representing the UMKC Dental Alumni Association, Connie White (DDS ’81, GEN ’89), representing the American College of Dentists, and Tim Taylor (DDS ’81), representing the International College of Dentists.

John Killip (DDS ’68), assistant dean for Student Programs, noted that “One of the most repeated comments of the afternoon was how proud the students looked in their white coats and how they seemed to walk with a professional swagger once the coats were over their shoulders.”

The Code of Ethics of each class have been framed and are hanging at the entrance to the Dr. Robert and Mrs. Lucille Cowan Center for Clinical Care, the school’s patient care area, as a daily reminder to the students of the importance of maintaining ethical standards throughout every patient care appointment.

The 2011 Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony is scheduled in Pierson Auditorium on Friday, June 3.
Class of 1981 Scholarship  
Arthur Unruh, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1982 Scholarship  
Nichole Stevens, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1983 Scholarship  
David Mitts, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1984 Scholarship  
Ryan Kohlmeier, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1985 Scholarship  
Stephanie Chambers, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1986 Scholarship  
Whitney DeForest, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1988 Scholarship  
Matthew Greaves, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1991 Scholarship  
Greg Lohr, DDS Class of 2011

Class of 1992 Scholarship  
Maxwell White, DDS Class of 2011

John B. and Frieda R. Cobb and Oscar E. and Ingeborg M. Peterson Scholarship  
Phillip Mecham, DDS Class of 2013

Katie Niedig, DDS Class of 2013

Charles M. Cobb Graduate Periodontics Award  
Dr. Marcus Blue, Periodontics Program Resident

Dr. Daniel L. Cruz Memorial Scholarship  
Dr. Max Weber, TMC Lakeside General Practice Resident

Dental Alumni Memorial Scholarship  
Jeffrey Seaman, DDS Class of 2011

Dental Hygiene Golden Jubilee Scholarship  
Ashley Davis, DH Class of 2011  
Lindsay Leake, DH Class of 2012  
Adam E. Ericsson Scholarship  
Laura Davies, DDS Class of 2012  
Erin Maille, DDS Class of 2012  
Jason Baker, DDS Class of 2013  
Charlotte Best, DDS Class of 2013  
Natalia McDonald, DH Class of 2011

Dr. George Aden Esterly Scholarship  
Anna Boone, DDS Class of 2011  
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Editor’s note: In March 2007 and 2008 Gerry Barker (UMKC School of Dentistry (SOD) professor emerita) and her husband, Dr. Bruce Barker (UMKC SOD professor emeritus), Dr. Karen Williams (MS ’85) (former UMKC SOD professor and director of Clinical Research), Randolph Oliver (DDS ’82) (periodontist in Prairie Village, Kan.) and Andy Geoghegan (retired professor of psychology, Metropolitan Community Colleges) participated in dental-educational mission trips to rural Haiti. Their experience in Haiti inspired them to get involved with Gordon Parks Elementary Charter School in Kansas City, Mo., and help the school implement a comprehensive oral health program for its students. This is their story.

Because of the contributions of all the talented and generous volunteers, the students at Gordon Parks Elementary School are smiling a little brighter.
After we had volunteered in Haiti and then decided to get involved with the oral health needs of underserved residents in our community of Greater Kansas City, we had to find a place where we could be of service. We were familiar with the inspiring work Gordon Parks Elementary School was doing with children living in the urban core of Kansas City, Mo., so we approached the school’s staff and board with our ideas. They welcomed our assistance enthusiastically. Throughout the year, Tysie McDowell-Ray, the principal at Gordon Parks, was a tremendous help to us. She is truly an inspiring leader and a fearless advocate for her students and staff.

Our next step was to meet with the teachers and staff to learn how we could most effectively address the oral health needs of their students. We also gathered information during enrollment day in August 2009, when four UMKC dental hygiene students helped us interview the parents and caregivers of 134 children. We discovered that everyone — parents, teachers and staff — were very supportive of the school’s desire to help improve the children’s oral health through education and care.

With guidance from Kim Bray (DH ’86, MS ’88), director of the UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene, we received a grant from the UMKC Dental Hygienist’s Alumni Association to purchase 127 books and two DVD video series from the ADA for the library and each classroom at Gordon Parks. By early fall, the teachers were putting the goals of the oral health program into practice. The art teacher, Barb Kuelpfel, had students create 3-D facial portraits with an emphasis on the mouth after she read them the book, Open Wide: Tooth School Inside, by Laurie Keller. Second grade teacher Bethany Lefholz Raimo created a tooth brush storage area for her classroom and the children agreed to give up the last five minutes of their mid-day recess to brush their teeth.

John Haynes (BA ’56, DDS ’60, MA ’71),
The following four scholarships were awarded for the first time in 2010:

**Dr. Gregory K. Johnson Scholarship**
Dr. Gregory K. Johnson, a 1976 UMKC School of Dentistry graduate, joined the UMKC dental faculty in 1998 following his retirement from the United States Navy Dental Corps. His scholarship was created to assist senior dental students from rural Kansas who have expressed an interest in practicing dentistry in a rural community. This year’s award was given to Ryan Kohlmeier, DDS Class of 2011.

**Dr. Ray O. Esquibel Scholarship**
Dr. Ray O. Esquibel graduated from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1963. This scholarship honors the sacrifice he made for his family by going to dental school. Dr. Esquibel was able to go to college only because he had earned a basketball scholarship. He graduated with a degree in physical education and became a teacher. Being married and with two children, he decided he needed to be able to do more for his family. With the help of his brother-in-law, Dr. Alfred Lopez, and Dr. Ralph Lopez, he returned to college to complete his prerequisite classes and then applied and was accepted to dental school. Dr. Esquibel’s decision to change career paths enabled him to give his family a better life. He’s had two sons follow in his footsteps and graduate from the UMKC School of Dentistry. This year’s award was given to Kyle Shull, DDS Class of 2011.

**The Schupp Family Scholarship Fund**
This scholarship was established by Dr. Barbara and Michael Schupp to support fourth-year dental students who plan to pursue careers as public health dentists. Dr. Schupp practiced dental hygiene for 28 years before earning her DDS degree in 2009 at the UMKC School of Dentistry. She has worked in public health most of her career and has a passion for caring for those less fortunate. This scholarship is named for all those who supported and encouraged her to reach her goal, especially her husband, Michael. This year’s award was given to Kyle Shull, DDS Class of 2011.

**G.N. and Edna McDavid Dental Scholarship**
Dr. Gaillard N. McDavid practiced in Fredricktown, Mo., from 1919 until two years before his death in August 1974. Dr. McDavid was the typical “old-fashioned country dentist”: his hours matched the needs of his patients, and his fees for services matched his patients’ means. The McDavid family lived a comfortable but prudent lifestyle. Dr. McDavid preferred walking to driving, and two years before his death he gave up the keys to his car, a 1947 Plymouth with only 20,000 miles on the odometer. This year’s awards were given to: Saher Ahmed, Richard Alvarez, Charles Arthur, Jaden Bailey, Jason Baker, Kelly Balch, Joseph Barnhart, Elizabeth Barrett, Kyle Barry.

The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony in Pierson Auditorium on UMKC’s Volker Campus, Monday evening, September 10. Thanks to the generosity of the school’s alumni and friends who have endowed 118 separate scholarship funds, the school was able to distribute 462 monetary awards (totaling $764,463) to 291 dental, dental hygiene and advanced education students. The ceremony also included the recognition of 20 students who received 25 awards from 16 regional and national scholarships.
As you’ll note in the top chart, 36 dental classes have contributed $10,000 or more to endow student scholarships named after their graduation class. (The Class of 1965 deserves special recognition for endowing three separate scholarships.) These class scholarships stand as a testament to the extraordinary appreciation and gratitude their donors have for the UMKC School of Dentistry and the dental profession. Thanks to their generosity, the class scholarships provided 39 students with financial support for the 2010-2011 academic year. The number of scholarships and recipients should continue to grow as 25 additional dental classes, shown in the bottom chart, continue their efforts to endow scholarships of their own.

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UMKC professor and former chair of Pediatric Dentistry, arranged for Gordon Parks students to receive treatment in the dental school’s Lowry Pediatric Clinic. By the end of the school year, 50 children had received complete dental care at the UMKC School of Dentistry. Gordon Park Elementary School continues to send students to the Lowry Clinic every Thursday.

In December, John Cottrell, director of Minority and Special Programs at the School of Dentistry, arranged for minority dental students from the UMKC chapter of the Student National Dental Association/Hispanic Student Dental Association Chapter to present programs to kindergarten through second grade classrooms. In February 2010, two senior dental hygiene students presented classroom programs to children in third through fifth grades, using materials from the National Children’s Oral Health Foundation, which sponsors a dental health curriculum called “Tooth Fairy Island.”

Only a few of the more than two dozen volunteers from the UMKC School of Dentistry and the local community who made these phenomenal accomplishments possible have been mentioned here. To see the names of all the people who helped make the oral health program at Gordon Parks a success and to view a slide show of the Gordon Parks and Haitian outreach projects, please visit the UMKC School of Dentistry website: http://dentistry.umkc.edu/.

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We discovered that everyone — parents, teachers and staff — were very supportive of the school’s desire to help improve the children’s oral health through education and care.
Dr. Mark L. Johnson has been named the new chair of the Department of Oral Biology, replacing Dr. J. David Eick who had retired after serving in the position since 1991. Dr. Johnson joined the UMKC Oral Biology faculty in 2005 as a tenured professor. A native of Minnesota, Dr. Johnson attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned a BS degree and a PhD in biochemistry (the latter through the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester in 1980). He then served as an NIH postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Cell Biology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, from 1980 to 1983. His subsequent academic career includes faculty positions at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the University of Akron and Creighton University. Dr. Johnson has long-standing interests in the molecular basis of human disease, and for the past dozen years has focused on the molecular genetics of osteoporosis. While at the Creighton University Osteoporosis Research Center, he and his research group localized the gene for high bone mass (HBM) trait to chromosome 11 (11q12-13); and in collaboration with industry partners, Genome Therapeutics (now Oscient Pharmaceuticals) and Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, identified the HBM causal mutation in the Lrp5 gene. His research at UMKC is focused on understanding how Lrp5 and the HBM mutation function to regulate bone mass through mechanical loading of the skeleton.

“We believe that by understanding the role of LRP5 in regulating the bone formation response that we may be able to develop new anabolic agents that can be used to treat and possibly cure osteoporosis,” says Dr. Johnson. The research programs within the Department of Oral Biology promote an interdisciplinary approach to investigating three major areas: Biomaterials/Bioengineering, Mineralized Tissue Biology, and Translational and Clinical Research. Total grant funding for the Department of Oral Biology for the last fiscal year was over six million dollars. The department employs 16 faculty investigators who are supported by 22 academic personnel.
Dr. Mary Walker has been selected to serve as assistant dean for Graduate Programs and Research at the UMKC School of Dentistry. Dr. Walker will be responsible for the graduate educational and dental specialty programs. She’ll also oversee the planning and growth of the school’s research program, which encompasses basic science, translational and clinical areas of focus. Walker says that one area of special interest will be program development and outcomes that will help the school achieve its goal of developing and sustaining high quality, cutting-edge educational programming. She’ll also concentrate on ensuring continuous growth of the school’s research enterprise while unifying school-wide research endeavors under one umbrella.

In addition to serving as assistant dean for Research and Graduate Programs, Dr. Walker is a professor in the Departments of Oral Biology and Restorative Dentistry. She holds a DDS and a PhD and also completed a prosthodontics specialty residency. Dr. Walker is the director for the school’s PhD and MS Oral Biology degree programs. She also teaches biomaterials to both pre-doctoral dental students and graduate dental specialty residents. Before joining the UMKC faculty, she was a faculty member of the College of Dentistry, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Prior to her academic career, Dr. Walker was in private practice.

Her research focus is translational and clinical research and clinically-relevant evaluations of numerous dental biomaterials. One of her research projects is an NIH/NIDCR-funded study related to the effects of cancer radiotherapy on tooth structure. Understanding the mechanism(s) responsible for radiotherapy effects on the dentition and the altered structure/function characteristics of radiated teeth should lead to improved preventive and restorative treatments for oral cancer patients post-radiation.

Current funding for research at the School of Dentistry is approximately $6M. The three focus areas for research include: Biomaterials/Bioengineering, Mineralized Tissues Biology, and Translational/Clinical research. Specific research projects are related to topics such as temporomandibular disease, osteocyte function, dentin adhesive durability, development of low shrink composite materials, cherubism, and osteoporosis. In addition, there are various corporate funded short-term research studies for oral healthcare products.
Dr. Vincent Lutterbie, Clinical Assistant Professor, Special Patient Care and the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine
Although Dr. Lutterbie’s academic appointment is in the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, his job will be to deliver care to patients in the school’s Special Patient Care clinic. His primary responsibility will be to work with patients who are about to receive or have completed cancer treatments. He’ll also deliver care to pre- and post-transplant patients, as well as other patients with complex medical conditions. Dr. Lutterbie earned his BA degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia and his DDS degree from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1980. After graduation he maintained a private practice in Hannibal, Mo., from 1980 to 1988. From 1988 until 2010 he worked as the dental chief at Marshall Habilitation Center in Marshall, Mo., where he provided comprehensive dental care to developmentally disabled individuals.

Dr. Jennifer Melander, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Oral Biology
Dr. Melander earned a BS degree (2003) and an MS degree (2005) in biological systems engineering at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Her master’s thesis was titled “Adaptive Reconstruction of Ultrasonic Signals for Imaging Teeth.” From 2006 to 2010 Dr. Melander earned her doctoral degree as a member of the Interdisciplinary PhD program in the UMKC Department of Oral Biology. To satisfy the program’s interdisciplinary component, she pursued oral biology as her coordinating discipline and engineering as her co-discipline. The title of her dissertation was “Evaluation of Silorane System for Use in Stabilization of Traumatic Bone Injuries.”

Dr. James Rokos, Assistant Professor, Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine
Dr. Rokos is a recent graduate of the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry’s Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Advanced Education Program, and the 2010 American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Shafer Award recipient. His master’s thesis, entitled “Immunohistochemical Evaluation of Sex Steroid Hormones in Sicca Syndrome,” explored the pathogenesis of Sjögren’s Syndrome. Prior to entering into his oral pathology training, Dr. Rokos enjoyed a successful private practice in general dentistry for 17 years in Albemarle, N.C. He received his DDS degree with
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distinction from UNC in 1990, and in 1991 Dr. Rokos successfully completed a General Practice Residency in San Antonio, Texas. He served as a public health dentist in North Carolina prior to entering into private practice. He graduated cum laude from Duke University, earning his BS degree in zoology in 1983.

Marie Thompson, Dental Librarian
Marie served for over 20 years at Saint Luke’s Hospital Health Sciences Library, primarily in the position of librarian. She began her tenure at St. Luke’s as a media specialist in support of the Nursing College and Medical Education Curriculum. Upon completing her master’s degree in library science from the University of Missouri, she was promoted to librarian and soon initiated an educational outreach to the College of Nursing to provide training in database searching and research skills. When the College of Nursing moved off the hospital campus, Marie fulfilled the position of Library Liaison to the College. She represented St. Luke’s in the Health Sciences Library Network of Kansas City and was elected to serve in leadership positions for the organization. Marie holds a BA in English from UMKC. She also completed a four-year certificate program in education for ministry at the School of Theology, University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., and continues to serve as adjunct faculty for the School of Theology in their distance education program.

Dr. Yesim Tunkuc, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry
Dr. Tunkuc comes to UMKC from New York University College of Dentistry. She began her academic career with NYU College of Dentistry in 2003 as a postgraduate teaching fellow after she finished the International Advanced Study Program in Prosthodontics at NYU. Her other academic appointments at NYU have included clinical assistant professor, senior clinical research fellow and clinical research assistant. In addition to serving on the NYU faculty, Dr. Tunkuc has also been an NYU graduate student. She completed her MS degree in clinical research in 2005 and earned her certificate in the Advanced Education in Prosthodontics Program in the summer of 2010. In 2008 she was honored with an Excellence in Prosthodontics Teaching Award. She earned her DDS in 1996 from Istanbul University, in Turkey, and practiced privately in Istanbul until 2001.

Dr. Cynthia Amyot, professor and director of Distance Education and Faculty Development at the School of Dentistry, added another job title in July 2010 when she became UMKC’s interim associate vice provost for Online Education. Dr. Amyot has been splitting her time between the two positions.

In her new position, Dr. Amyot will help establish a comprehensive online education strategy for UMKC. She’ll work with an advisory committee to continue developing UMKC’s plan for advancing e-learning. Another task will be to assist with faculty development programming related to online teaching and learning. She’ll also ensure that online course development supports current needs of online degree completion programs in dental hygiene and nursing.

Dr. Amyot has been a full-time faculty member at UMKC since 1993, serving three years as director of Graduate and Degree Completion Studies and five years as director of the Division of Dental Hygiene. She has received numerous distinguished teaching awards from the School of Dentistry and was the recipient of the Elmer Pierson Outstanding Teaching Award in 2006. Dr. Amyot has earned four degrees from UMKC: she received her doctorate of education in 2003, an educational specialist degree in 2000, a master of science degree in dental hygiene education in 1993 and a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene in 1983.

Cynthia Amyot Takes On New Role
Charles (Charlie) Dunlap (DDS ’60) has retired with the rank of professor emeritus after 46 years of service. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Dunlap was serving as the Rinehart Professor of Dentistry and chair of the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine. He also held an appointment as professor of medicine at the UMKC School of Medicine. Dr. Dunlap joined the school’s faculty in 1964 after serving in the U.S. Army Dental Corp. He became board certified in 1967 and served as president of the American Board of Oral Pathology in 1980. He served as president of the American Academy of Oral Pathology in 1980-81. From 1978 to 1985 Dr. Dunlap served as chair of the Council on Dental Education. He served three terms as a member of the UMKC Faculty Senate and two terms as chair of the UMKC Faculty Council. He’s also served on a variety of service committees at the UMKC School of Dentistry. He has been honored as a recipient of the school’s Outstanding Teacher Award 26 times and the Distinguished Teacher Award 19 times. The UMKC Dental Alumni Association honored him as the 2009-2010 Alumnus of the Year.

Ann Marie Corry retired from the Dental Library in May 2010 after 40 years of service. She has accepted a new position at the School of Dentistry as a part-time adjunct faculty. She can be reached by email at corrya@umkc.edu or by phone at 816-235-2127.

Miguel Rico (DDS ’80) has retired from the Department of General Dentistry as a clinical associate professor, a position he had held since joining the faculty in 2000. Before arriving at the UMKC School of Dentistry, Dr. Rico served in a variety of positions with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He earned a DDS degree from the University of San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia, in 1965, and he earned a DDS degree from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1980. Dr. Ricos earned numerous awards during his career in the Public Health Service, and was honored as Professor of the Year at the UMKC School of Dentistry in 2001.
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**Prof. Kim Bray,** Division of Dental Hygiene: serving as ADEA DH Educators Section Chair Elect

**Dr. Laura Iwasaki,** Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics: elected as vice-president of the Craniofacial Biology Group of the International Assoc. for Dental Research; completing the UM Leadership Development Program

**Prof. Nancy Keselyak,** Division of Dental Hygiene: elected to Vice President of the Supreme Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha

**Dr. John Killip,** Office of Student Programs: serving on the Gies Foundation Board of Trustees, ADEA Minority Affairs Advisory Board and as Section Secretary, as well as the ADEA Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Special Interest Group

**Dr. James Kulild,** Director, Graduate Endodontics: serving as Vice President, American Association of Endodontists (AAE); Board of Trustees, AAE Foundation; Board of Directors, AAE; Executive Committee, AAE; Chair, AAE Corporate Relations Committee; Chair, AEE Intellectual Property Committee; Editorial Board, *Journal of Endodontics*; Scientific Advisory Board, *Journal of Endodontics*

**Dr. Vandana Kumar,** Oral Pathology, Radiology & Medicine: recipient of the 2009 - 2010 Robert Menchetti Junior Faculty Award

**Prof. Tanya V. Mitchell,** Division of Dental Hygiene: selected to participate in University of Missouri’s Leadership Development Program (LDP)

**Dr. Pam Overman,** Associate Dean, Academic Affairs: serving as Councilor of the ADEA Section on Academic Affairs

**Dr. Joseph Parkinson,** QA/Clinical Programs: recipient of the Gary Newman Award for Faculty Leadership

**Dr. Doug Pearson,** Team 1: recipient of the Dr. Samuel E. Hayes Award for dedication and outstanding service

**Dr. Chris Rice,** DPH&BS: serving on the Board of Office Safety and Aseptic Procedures (OSAP), and the test construction committee for Dental Assisting National Board (DANB)

**Dr. Connie White,** General Dentistry: induction into the International College of Dentists and election as the Trustee of Region VI for the National AGD
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Dr. John Bellome, Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry: recipient of the 2010 Elmer Pierson Good Teaching Award

Dr. Robert Wilson, General Dentistry: recipient of the 2009 - 2010 David Moore Teaching Excellence Award

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Dr. Bonnie Branson, Division of Dental Hygiene: promoted to the rank of full Professor

Dr. Eileen Cocjin, Pediatric Dentistry: appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Shara Dunlap, General Dentistry: promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor

Dr. Sharon Furby, General Dentistry: promoted to the rank of Clinical Associate Professor

Dr. Laura Iwasaki, Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics: granted continuous appointment (tenure)

Dr. Mark Johnson, Oral Biology: appointed Chair of the Department of Oral Biology

Dr. Jeff Nickel, Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics: granted continuous appointment (tenure)

Dr. Rich Prine, General Dentistry: appointed Team 3 Coordinator

Prof. Melanie Simmer-Beck, Division of Dental Hygiene: promoted to the rank of Associate Professor with continuous appointment (tenure)

Dr. Mary Walker, Oral Biology/Restorative Dentistry: appointed Assistant Dean of Graduate Programs and Research

Dr. J. Craig Whitt, Oral, Path., Radiology & Medicine: promoted to the rank of Full Professor, and appointed Chair of the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology & Medicine

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