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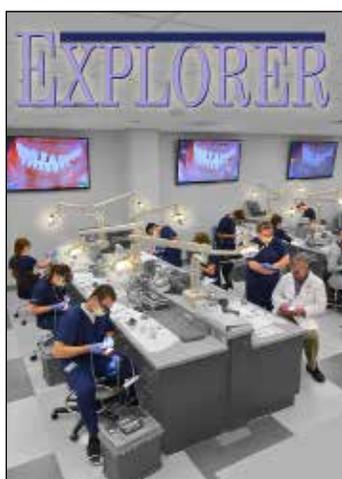


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Health Professions Students Share Inter-Professional Activities

Every day they report to their respective Hospital Hill buildings (located literally right next to each another): dental and dental hygiene students to the School of Dentistry, med students to the School of Medicine, pharmacy and nursing students to the Health Sciences Building. Yet, these diverse student bodies rarely, if ever, have an opportunity to get to know one another. That all changed on Feb. 22, 2014, when UMKC hosted its first Inter-professional Education (IPE) event featuring synchronized classes that blended all the Hospital Hill Campus professional programs and buildings. More than 560 UMKC

students and 70 faculty and staff members took part in the inter-professional instruction from 3–6 p.m. During the class, preassigned groups of students from seven disciplines — dentistry, dental hygiene, medicine, physician assistant, nursing, graduate nursing, and pharmacy — learned about patient safety and solved problems in small and large groups.

“This initiative is important in developing more collaborative practitioners as the health care environment changes,” said Dr. Marsha Pyle, dean of the UMKC School of Dentistry. “How each profession interacts will be predicated on holistic care, patient outcomes and safety, and increasing teamwork to facilitate those goals. We are pleased with the commitment of all the health professions schools in this endeavor.”

Dr. Michael McCuniff, chair of the Department of Dental Public Health and Behavioural Science, helped measure the outcomes of the event. “Surveys from the students,” he said, “showed that 69 percent agreed

or strongly agreed the IPE class was a good experience and that the small group experience was beneficial in understanding other healthcare professionals’ roles and responsibilities. They also reported that they enjoyed working with other healthcare fields and specifically on the impact that IPE can have on patient safety.”

UMKC hosted its second all-school IPE event on Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. According to Dr. McCuniff, the activities included a round-table exercise that required existing student IMPACTs to work through a patient case together to further develop their roles and practice the ethical delivery of care as a member of a team.



Message from the Dean



As the academic year approaches its midpoint, we'd like to take a moment to honor donors who have created a legacy for the future. The UMKC School of Dentistry has some special generous donors who have "paid it forward" through their generosity in endowing scholarships for future students. As the cost of dental education nationally continues to rise and remains a major concern among leaders in our profession, our alumni and friends have for decades been committed to helping future generations of dental professionals at our School. We have been way ahead of current trends and concerns by taking positive action. We have also taken measures to be judicious with tuition increases, which has maintained our recent history of significant value in our educational programming compared to other public institutions nationally. We have monitored our expenses and structure to improve our efficiency during challenging economic times. For these efforts, I must extend my thanks to our faculty, staff, and administrative team since they are always essential to our successes and progress. The sage advice of our many stakeholders, including

alumni and friends, is so valuable!

I want to acknowledge and thank our Dental and Dental Hygienists' Alumni Associations for their commitment to supporting the School's mission. They have each donated to scholarships, and they have contributed funding to support projects at the School that have improved our students' experiences in our programs. The Dental Alumni Association helped us with funding for improvements in the preclinical laboratories. We were able to install seventeen 70-inch HDTV monitors in the preclinical laboratories to improve sight lines and instruction in the labs. This has been a huge improvement for students. The Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association has provided \$15,000 in student scholarships for dental hygiene students. Thank you to our Alumni Associations for your support!

I thought you might enjoy knowing of the significant impact that our endowed scholarships have on our students' lives.

- We presently have 150 endowed scholarships for students, many of which were established by graduating classes, ranging from the Dental Class of 1943 to the Dental Hygiene Class of 2007. Many others are from individual donors who wished to honor someone special.
- In all we have 42 dental and dental hygiene graduating classes that have established endowed scholarships.
- Our past and current faculty have endowed six scholarships valued at over \$316,000.
- Thanks to the generosity of our scholarship donors, in 2014 the School was able to distribute \$578,000 in financial support to our students!

- In 2016, we will be able to distribute about \$1,000,000 in scholarships to dental and dental hygiene students due to the growth in the number and amount of our endowments!

As we look to the future, we intend to continue our commitment to the principles of scholarship and philanthropy to improve our students' experiences. There are many ways that each of you can have a positive impact on our current and future students. I hope that you might consider contributing to one of the projects and scholarships that we are working on.

A pressing need is to improve our preclinical laboratory space. Many of us recall learning with the "head-on-a-stick" equipment. Current technological advances and best practices for preclinical laboratory instruction of dental students during their first two years of school recommend the use of ergonomically correct patient "simulators" that more closely resemble contemporary clinical patient care. These units include upper body simulators, air-water syringes, suction apparatus, and high- and low-speed connectors. We would like to upgrade our preclinical labs to include this modern equipment. At \$10,000 per unit, this is a major investment in our educational resources. As you can see, this will be a significant improvement to our labs. Your gift in support of this worthwhile project will be invaluable.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marsha Pyle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Dr. Marsha Pyle

Facility Focus



The School is hard at work making improvements to its facilities, installing new technology and staying in the forefront of evidence-based innovation in order to attract the best and brightest students and to graduate well-prepared dentists, dental hygienists and specialists. The Innovation Center for Research and Education in Technology is open, and graduate orthodontics has unveiled a renovated teaching space. Now we are turning our eyes toward the second floor and the preclinical laboratory. Large format HDTV monitors have been donated and installed recently in the preclinical labs. Students have a better, up-close view of projects, examples and lessons. This is a

wonderful improvement to our facility.

Of course, an ongoing challenge in dental education is to keep preclinical training current with clinical practice. Advanced technology provides an opportunity to implement better methods of instruction that can increase our students' ability to master dental techniques, materials and equipment. With that in mind, the School has embarked on an effort to upgrade our preclinical labs with the following projects:

- No longer will students only have a mannequin head to practice with. We plan to provide them with the opportunity to work with ergonomically correct patient simulators. These units include

upper body simulators, air-water syringes, suction apparatus and high- and low-speed connectors.

- The room itself will be fully renovated to allow more space for the new technologies.

These state-of-the-art tools and new digital learning opportunities will continue to move us forward as one of the best clinical programs in dentistry. This renovation will cost \$1.2 million dollars. We have received our first gifts of \$25,000. Please consider helping us make this project a reality and helping our students stay on the cutting edge of dentistry.



School Welcomes New Students

Eagerness, enthusiasm and energy filled the School's corridors and classrooms Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, as the newest students — the DDS Class of 2018 and the DH Class of 2016 — took part in a variety of orientation sessions. On behalf of the Rinehart Foundation the School provided each student with their first pair of scrubs. These should come in handy as a new dress code takes effect this year, requiring students to wear scrubs at all times. The students were excited to join our ranks, and we took some extra time to get to know them when, on behalf of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association, we hosted our annual tailgate and Royals game on Thursday, August 28. We are confident they are going to be an excellent addition to the already stellar group of UMKC SOD alumni.

CLASS DATA

DDS CLASS OF 2018

- Applications = 858
- Total in Class = 109
- Average Science GPA = 3.68
- DAT AA = 18.93
- Average Age = 24.66
- Age Range = 21–45
- Female = 45/ Male = 64
- 200+ hours dental experiences
- 200+ hours community service
- Residency
 - Missouri (75)
 - Kansas (22)
 - New Mexico (3)
 - Arkansas (2)
 - Hawaii (2)
 - Oklahoma (2)
 - Ohio (1)
 - Texas (1)
 - Kuwait (1)

DH CLASS OF 2016

- Applications = 125
- Total in Class = 30
- Residency
 - Kansas = 12
 - Missouri = 18
- Average Science GPA = 3.32
- Overall GRA = 3.41
- Average Age = 23.5
- Age Range = 20–33
- Female = 30

LEGACY STUDENTS

Shawn Boehm
Missouri

Joshua Carr
Missouri

David Casteel
Missouri

John Ebeling
Missouri

Tandi Glouse
Missouri

Brianna Hallagin (DH)
Kansas

Julianna Harman
Missouri

Patrick Hooper
New Mexico

Andrew Kutina
Kansas

Margaret (Keith) Boehm
Wife (DDS '16)

Jeffrey Scott Heard
Uncle (DDS '84)

Brian Blalock
Uncle (DDS '87)

John Ebeling II
Father (DDS '83)

Tom Ward
Uncle (DDS '88)

Michael P. Glouse
Father (DDS '90)

Troy Hallagin
Father (DDS '97)

Sarina Tinnel
Cousin (DDS '05)

Jolynn Galvin
Mother (DDS '81)

Larry G. Kutina
Father (DDS '88)

Loren J. Kutina
Grandfather (DDS '61)

George F. Kutina
Great Grandfather (DDS '25)

Harry L. Lacy
Great Grandfather (DDS '17)

Robert E. Lacy
Great Uncle (DDS '62)

Jan M. Kutina
Aunt (DH '86)

Julie A. Kutina
Aunt (DH '81)

Glen Myers
Missouri

Brett Parrott
Missouri

Devon Pucel
Missouri

Rufus Riddle
Missouri

Ryan Riggs
Illinois

Brenton Ruopp
Missouri

Jesse Smith
Missouri

Kristen Todoki
Hawaii

Matthew Waite
Missouri

Gregory Wells
New Mexico

Jessica Whitford
Missouri

Terry Myers
Father (DDS '87)

Gloria Roberts
Aunt (DDS '88)

Mark Gilmore
Uncle (DDS '04)

Gregory Pucel
Father (DDS '82)

Paige Covington Riddle
Wife (DDS '11)

Daniel E. Riggs
Father (DDS '89, OMX '94)

Jan and Pat Ruopp
Mother & Father (DDS '76)

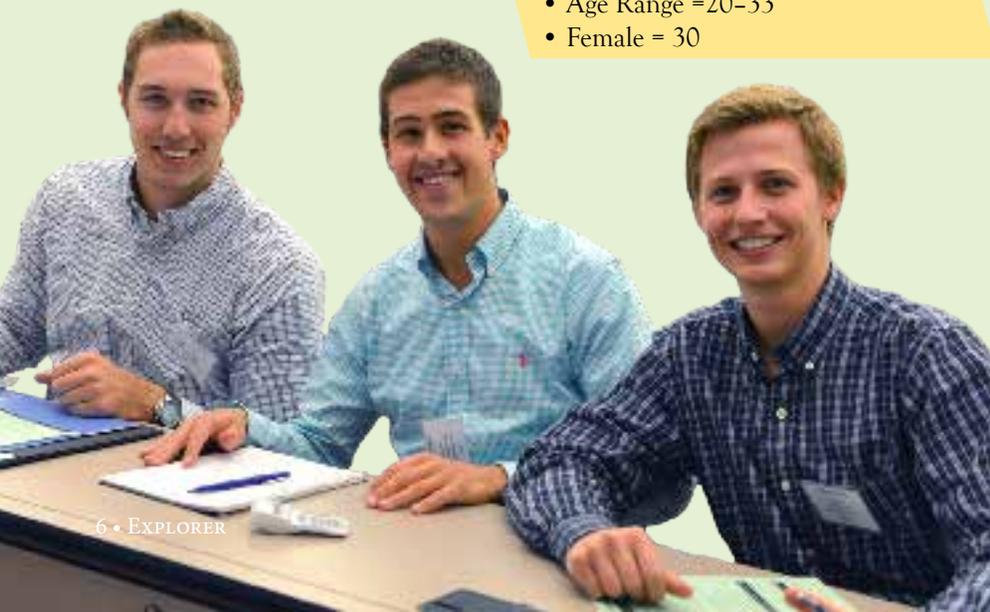
Jerry Cox
Uncle (DDS '79)

Lauren Todoki
Sister (DDS '16)

Bret Waite
Brother (DDS '14)

Kelly S. Wells
Sister (DDS '11)

Joshua E. Whitford
Brother (DDS '06)



Bridging American and Japanese Dentistry Since 2000

By Martin Peters, Coordinator of the Kanagawa Observership Program

In the fall of 2000 three intrepid Japanese dental students made their way to Kansas City, Mo., to begin building a bridge of friendship and cultural and professional exchange with the students and faculty at the UMKC School of Dentistry. In that first program, Ellie Suzuki, Susuhito “Jim” Okada, and Naoko “Nancy” Katsuragawa visited classrooms and clinics, attended a reception at the International Student Center, visited the School of Dental Hygiene at Johnson County Community College, visited the private dental clinic of Dr. Ron Burgmeier, and enjoyed the sights and sounds of Kansas City during the balmy days of early October. They had a memorable time, and they carried many stories and pictures back to Japan to share with their classmates and teachers at the Kanagawa Dental College in Yokosuka, Kanagawa, Japan, which last year became known as Kanagawa Dental University (KDU).

In the 14 years since, 10 more observership programs have brought 34 more students to Kansas City from Kanagawa. The common denominator of all of these visits is that, through a mix of

activities, the KDU students have experienced dentistry and dental education as they are practiced in the United States and, through both formal presentations and informal “shooting of the breeze,” they have communicated to their American counterparts what it is like to be a dental student in Japan.

The observership of 2014, serendipitously conducted in a lull between February’s flurries, gave an unforgettable Kansas City experience to Satomi Sugiyama, Shihomi Suzuki, and Miho Takayama (*pictured L-R*). Their experience included visits to Grad Perio, Grad Endo, Grand Rounds,

Faculty Practice, Children’s Mercy Hospital, and the pre-doctoral clinic Teams at UMKC SOD.

In addition to the glimpse of private practice that the observers got in Faculty Practice, they also visited the private dental clinics of two area dentists. They received a taste of the social lives of dental students, compliments of the association of UMKC SOD Hawaiian students, and they were treated to a fantastic reception at the home of Richie Bigham, the Assistant Dean for Student Programs, and his wife, Megan.



Students and KC Royals Team Up with “Team Smile”

Eleven third- and fourth-year dental students and three clinical faculty as well as UMKC/Penn Valley dental assisting students and Kansas City Royals players and coaches teamed up with Team Smile to deliver dental care to 300 area elementary school students at Truman Sports Complex, Friday, July 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The UMKC School of Dentistry student volunteer group, Students Take Action (STA), coordinated the School’s participation in this annual event. The event, sponsored by United Way, is organized by Team Smile, a nonprofit dental organization based in Kansas City whose “mission is to create connections between children’s service groups, dental professionals, professional sports organizations and their athletes.” Each year Team Smile partners with volunteers from the UMKC School of Dentistry to host events during the Royals baseball season, the Chiefs football season and Sporting KC’s soccer season.

Transitioning into the Profession with White Coats and Scrubs

Family and friends of the members of the DDS Class of 2016 and the DH Class of 2015 celebrated the students' academic progress into clinical dentistry at the annual Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony, held Friday, June 6, 2014, at Pierson Auditorium, located in the Student Success Center on UMKC's Volker Campus. Dr. Marsha Pyle, dean of the UMKC School of Dentistry, welcomed everyone promptly at 9:30 a.m. and then introduced Dr. Randolph Oliver, who delivered the keynote address on ethics. The DH Class of 2015 and the DDS Class of 2016 then took turns reading their respective Code



of Ethics, which were signed by each class member. Dental hygiene students were individually presented with scrubs by UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association President Tamra Hoffman. The dental students donned "white coats" before crossing the stage to be welcomed to the clinical phase of their education. Following the ceremony, participants and well-wishers adjourned to the School of Dentistry for a reception and tours of the building. The Rinehart Foundation and the UMKC Dental Alumni Association paid for the DDS students' coats as well as the reception.

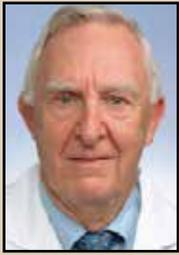
Recognizing Faculty and Staff Achievement

The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Faculty and Staff Recognition ceremony at Diastole, September 30, 2014. The event reaffirms the School's success in carrying out its mission of teaching, research and service, and that the School can boast of having some of the most outstanding faculty and staff in dental education. For a complete list of honorees' names and accomplishments, please go to www.umkc.edu/dentistry.

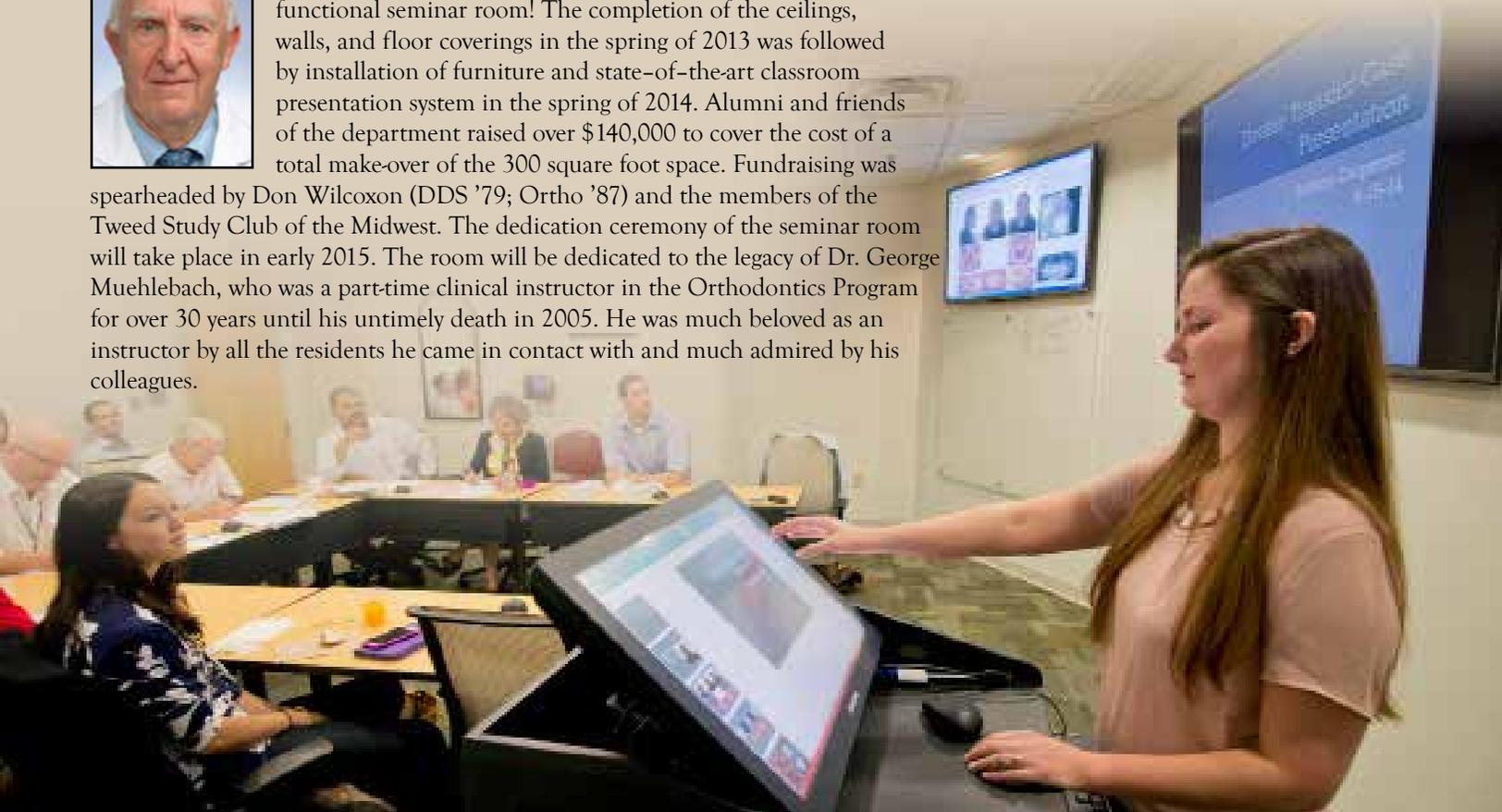


Renovated Seminar Room to be named for Dr. George Muehlebach

By Dr. Laura Iwasaki, Associate Professor and the Leo Rogers Chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics



After four years of tearing down and rebuilding, the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics has a fully functional seminar room! The completion of the ceilings, walls, and floor coverings in the spring of 2013 was followed by installation of furniture and state-of-the-art classroom presentation system in the spring of 2014. Alumni and friends of the department raised over \$140,000 to cover the cost of a total make-over of the 300 square foot space. Fundraising was spearheaded by Don Wilcoxon (DDS '79; Ortho '87) and the members of the Tweed Study Club of the Midwest. The dedication ceremony of the seminar room will take place in early 2015. The room will be dedicated to the legacy of Dr. George Muehlebach, who was a part-time clinical instructor in the Orthodontics Program for over 30 years until his untimely death in 2005. He was much beloved as an instructor by all the residents he came in contact with and much admired by his colleagues.



Summer Scholars Present Their Research

Each year, dental students who rank in the top one-third to one-half of their class are invited to apply to the Summer Scholars Program. The students who are selected receive a stipend and, more importantly, the opportunity to participate in research projects in collaboration with faculty mentors. During the nine-week program, students work in the School of Dentistry's state-of-the-art laboratories and clinics. Hands-on duties encompass a wide range of research tasks, such as conducting literature searches, preparing specimens, gathering data and analyzing results. At the end of the summer, students produce a research paper, give an oral presentation, and submit a research abstract for the next national meeting of the American Association for Dental Research, where they present their research results in a poster presentation. Upon successful completion of the program, students earn one credit hour of independent study. (Visit the School's Facebook page to view a complete list of the scholars, mentors, and projects.)

Pictured L-R: Michael Greaves, Nicole Ainsworth, Daniel Kirkpatrick, Jamie Ball, Joshua Farr, Dr. Mary Walker (Summer Scholars Program Director), Joshua Prather, Kaylee Bergman, Paul Harris, Laura Faulkner, and Paul Hechler (Students from DDS Class of 2016).



Alums Honored with 2015 UMKC “Alumni Achievement” Awards

Congratulations to both Toni Erickson and Dr. Bert Oettmeier for these well-



Toni Erickson



Dr. Bert Oettmeier

Dental Hygiene — Toni Erickson

Toni Erickson has been selected to receive the 2015 Dental Hygiene Alumni Achievement Award. Toni graduated from the dental hygiene program in 1993. She was an exceptional student, receiving the 1993 UMKC Outstanding Service Award from her peers and has continued her great works since becoming a practitioner. Upon graduation from dental hygiene, her journey started in clinical practice where she gained a reputation for her extensive knowledge and expertise. She returned to the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1995 to serve as a part-time clinical instructor in the Division of Dental Hygiene, a role she continues today. Many graduating classes have benefited tremendously from working with Toni, a master clinician, a businesswoman, and a role model. Toni has been recognized as Clinical Instructor of the Year and also was the recipient of the Dr. Robert Menchetti Junior Faculty Award in 2003. In addition to Toni's work with the Division of Dental Hygiene, she also worked in the School's Clinical Research Center from 2005 to 2011. She was awarded the Outstanding Service Award from the UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association (DHAA) in 2005 and has served our students and alumni in many positions, including president of UMKC DHAA and as president of the Sigma Phi Alpha Honor Society. In 2000 Toni established HealthStaff Dental Staffings Solutions, where she

serves as president and owner. With much hard work, she developed and implemented a successful business plan for temporary and permanent placement of dental professionals. Her business and marketing efforts have grown the company which has placed over 1,200 staff members in 60 dental offices. She is a worthy candidate of this honor and a perfect representative of the kind of dental professionals our program graduates.

Dental — Bert Oettmeier

Dr. Bert Oettmeier has been selected to receive the 2015 Dental Alumni Achievement Award. Dr. Oettmeier graduated from the School of Dentistry in 1978 and has spent his entire professional life serving our University, our School and organized dentistry at the local, state and national levels. While in dental school he received many academic awards, including: Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society and Psi Omega Fraternity National Council Scholastic Achievement Award. After graduation he began giving back by serving in every capacity with the Fifth District Dental Society of Kansas, which named him Chairperson of the Year in 1997 and Dentist of the Year in both 2001 and 2010. He received the Harry M. Klenda Award for Outstanding Council Service in 2010 for his Kansas Legislative efforts supporting patients' rights. Bert has served on the boards of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association and

eserved honors!

the Rinehart Foundation. He served as chair of the Rinehart Foundation from 2009 to 2011. His tremendous efforts in strengthening the Foundation's board led to his selection to serve on the UMKC Alumni Association Board of Trustees, where he continues to have a long-lasting impact.

Bert's talents have since become acknowledged at a national level. He held memberships on both the American Dental Association (ADA) Council on Dental Benefits Programs and the Revision Committee. He continues to be an ongoing consultant to the ADA Council on Dental Benefits. He is well-known and respected throughout the largest national dental organization.

Dr. Ottemeier currently serves as the national treasurer of the American College of Dentists, which represents ethics, professionalism, and the scholarship of learning. He truly has risen to the top of his profession. Locally, he has given tirelessly to our School, our University, the Kansas Dental Association, and to dentists and patients. Nationally, he has distinguished himself in the American College of Dentists and the ADA, all of which make him an excellent recipient of our 2015 Alumni Achievement Award.

Class Notes

Classes of the 1950s

Gerald K Johnson (DDS '59), Little Rock, Ark., retired 20 years ago. His wife, Jackie Knight (DH '58), died in 2007. Gerald has since remarried, to Linda Reeves in 2011. They enjoy farming and travel.

Classes of the 1960s

Richard Bennett (DDS '64), Emporia, Kan., retired Dec. 31, 2012. His son, Brenton, joined the practice in 1989, as well as Michelle Malone (DDS '10). "I am in good health. All of my nonessential organs are gone. My wife, Rosie, passed away four years ago. My father practiced dentistry for 50 years, counting the dental school years and years of active practice. We represent 135 years of dentistry. I couldn't be more proud. I have eight grandchildren, and I hope at least one goes for dentistry."

L. Jackson Brown (DDS '69), Leesburg, Va., has three sons (two lawyers and one physician) and 10 grandchildren (five girls and five boys). He just celebrated his 47th wedding anniversary. He's living life semi-retired: running a consulting firm with 20 years as a PHS officer, Director, Division of Epidemiology & Oral Disease Prevention; NICDR Director, Health Policy Analysis; and ADEA Editor, Journal of Dental Education. He has received the Distinguished Service Award from the ADA, Distinguished Service Medal from U.S. PHS, and Presidential Citation from ADEA. He was named the UMKC School of Dentistry's 2012 Alumnus of the Year.

Classes of the 1970s

Donald Nielson (DDS '74), Lenexa, Kan., reports that his son, Dan Nielson, graduated from the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency at Truman Medical Center. His daughter, Kate Stanley, is in a pediatric dentistry residency in Portland, Ore.

Mark M. Ortinou (DDS '74), Ballwin, Mo., has gone on mission trips to Kosovo twice a year for 14 years. He just welcomed his eleventh grandchild (seven girls and four boys) and has been married for 42 years.

David Robison (DDS '74), Willard, Mo., reports that his son, Damon, started UMKC School of Dentistry in August 2013.

Gary S. Traub (DDS '74), St. Louis, Mo., has three married children: one in New York, one in New Jersey, and one in Chicago. He has four grandchildren: two boys in New Jersey and two girls in New York.

Don A. Hatfield (DDS '79), Columbia, Mo., is chief of Dental Service at the Harry S. Truman Memorial VA Hospital in Columbia, Mo.

Arthur J. McMillion (DDS '79), Mobile, Ala., celebrated 30 years of marriage, Dec. 10, 2013, to Diane Royals McMillion.

Classes of the 1980s

Steven Irwin (DDS '84), Lee's Summit, Mo., reports that oldest his daughter, Taylor, graduated from MU in December 2012 in nursing and now works at KU Medical Center. His youngest daughter, Peri, is a junior at MU and is applying for early admission to dental school.

To read more class notes visit our website at www.umkc.edu/dentistry

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Every effort has been made to accurately list the name of each donor who supported the UMKC School of Dentistry from July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014. If your name is misspelled, omitted or incorrectly listed, we sincerely apologize. Please contact us at the Office of Alumni & Development, (816) 235-2060, so that corrections can be made.

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The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Scholarship Recognition dinner Monday evening September 15, 2014, at the Student Union on the UMKC Volker Campus. Dean Marsha Pyle addressed the audience in a video message, and Assistant Dean Richie Biggam presided over the recognition of the scholarship donors and recipients. The School distributed 297 awards to 160 students from 147 endowed scholarship funds, totaling nearly \$631,239. Additionally, 25 students received 29 awards from 13 regional and national scholarship funds.

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Thoughts on Goodness and Gratitude

By Alison Boyer, Dental Hygiene Class of 2015. Alison shared the following thoughts with the audience of the Scholarship Recognition Banquet to express her gratitude as a recipient of the Noveta Brown Scholarship and the Dr. James Herbertson Scholarship.



My life following high school was full of experiences that temporarily placed a hold on my dream of becoming a registered dental hygienist — completing two years of prerequisites, working full time as a dental hygiene assistant and an expanded functions dental assistant, purchasing a home, getting married, and having a beautiful daughter. As many of you in this room can relate, being a parent changes you. My daughter inspired me to refocus on my goal, and with the help and support of my husband, I applied to UMKC's BSDH program. I vividly remember the phone call saying I was accepted. This was it! All I could think of was how this was going to change my and my family's life.

Since starting the Dental Hygiene Program last fall, my husband and I have struggled financially, as many college students do. It is difficult to put into words what your scholarships and contributions provide, not just for my family and me, but for all my classmates. We often discuss how easy it is to get distracted from your coursework due to the stress of figuring out how you're going to pay tuition, your mortgage, or how you're going to buy new clothes for your child. The financial burden of me being in school is substantial, and I have you to thank for alleviating some of that burden.

I asked some of my classmates to write a few words about what your scholarships mean to them. Their letters included quotes such as: "scholarships help me breath a sigh of relief"; "scholarships help me as I struggle with juggling the daily tasks of studying, housework and child care at the same time"; and "scholarships greatly reduce the amount of debt that I incur while in school and will allow me to choose a job based on where I see the most need in my community rather than what will help me pay back my loans." These few words only begin to express our thanks for all you do for our School and its future alumni.

On behalf on my classmates, I want to say to each and every scholarship donor, thank you so much for your unparalleled generosity. All of you have contributed to students who you have never met or know very little about. You give out of the goodness of your heart, and we will all be forever grateful.

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A Part of Something Bigger Than Myself

By Solomuna Habtu (DDS Class of 2015)

Solomuna was one of two recipients of the Dr. John I. Haynes (BS '56, DDS '60, MA '71) Leadership Award, which was created in 2002 by the Trustees of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association to recognize and honor his achievements and service as a professor and chair of Pediatric Dentistry. Dr. Haynes passed away July 23, 2014. Solomuna sent this message of thanks to Dr. Haynes' wife, Judith.



Dear Mrs. Haynes,

I am so incredibly grateful to be receiving this scholarship in the name of someone so near and dear to many of us at the School of Dentistry. I came to know Dr. Haynes through the many social and educational events he organized. I had the opportunity to converse with him at the ADA Annual Session in San Francisco in October 2012. I was there doing a presentation with a classmate. We were totally surprised to see that Dr. Haynes had taken time out from the conference to stop by and see us present. He showed us a side of the School of Dentistry that was beyond the everyday grind of lectures, exams, and practicals. I was able to witness the great tradition of leadership in our School that Dr. Haynes personified. I found that I was a part of something bigger than myself.

My parents immigrated to the United States from Eritrea, which is located in East Africa. Through the love of kind strangers they were given a great opportunity to come to this country to have a better life. My brothers and I learned many great values and lessons over the years through my parents' example. Some of these included: do what is right, work hard for what we want, and get a quality education. English as a second language was not an obstacle for my parents: they still managed to go to school and get a college education. My dad became a pharmacist and my mom a social worker. From a young age my siblings and I were aware to not take anything for granted. I will never forget the sacrifices that my parents had to make and continue to make so that we could all get a college education to set us up for a boundless future.

I always knew I wanted to go into the medical field and that I loved to work with my hands. As early as high school I knew I wanted to become a dentist. As an undergraduate I began to shadow dentists at different offices. I felt a real connection at the public health facilities where I shadowed. I realized that this is where I am needed, and this is where I hope to offer my services after I graduate in May 2015.

I appreciate receiving the scholarship in the name of Dr. Haynes. It means so much to me. Thank you once again for being a part of my journey through the dental profession.

Sincerely,

Solomuna Habtu

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Lauren Todoki – DDS Class of 2016

SUZANNE ZUBER SCHOLARSHIP

Allie Childress – DH Class of 2015

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL STUDENT AWARDS

RICHARD ACKERMAN OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON SCHOLARSHIP

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Taylor Merklein – DDS Class of 2015
Anisha Patel – DDS Class of 2015
Jordan Reich – DDS Class of 2015
John Steffensen – DDS Class of 2015
Bradley Storrs – DDS Class of 2015
Kandace Yee – DDS Class of 2015

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Antony Jimenez – DDS Class of 2015

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Rebecca Kisling – DDS Class of 2015
Jessica Scully – DDS Class of 2015

DR. FRED H. ENLOE DENTAL SCHOLARSHIP

Caitlyn Farris – DDS Class of 2017

FOUNDATION OF THE PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP

Taylor Merklein – DDS Class of 2015

WILLIAM S. KRAMER AWARD OF EXCELLENCE (OKU)

Myles Davidson – DDS Class of 2015

MISSOURI DENTAL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

Albana Kallmi – DDS Class of 2015
Corey Hastings – DDS Class of 2016
Aaron Strange – DDS Class of 2016

DR. ROGER P. RUPP SCHOLARSHIP FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

McKinzie Jeffrey – DDS Class of 2015

R. LOIS SCOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Elizabeth White – DH Class 2015

SIGMA PHI ALPHA-ALPHA GAMMA ANNUAL CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP

Logan Ray – DH Class 2015

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Hattie Willard – DDS Class of 2018

CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS CONTINUE TO GROW

Many of our classes choose to honor their classmates and compete against each other by creating a class scholarship. The following are the class scholarships currently endowed – thank you very much for your generous gifts, each year they help us provide students with much needed assistance and make a lasting impact on the future of dentistry.

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| Class of 1943 Sept Scholarship | \$16,961 | Class of 1975 Scholarship | \$18,077 |
| Class of 1947 Scholarship | \$21,088 | Class of 1976 Scholarship | \$20,568 |
| Class of 1949 Scholarship | \$22,527 | Class of 1977 Scholarship | \$60,359 |
| Class of 1950 Scholarship | \$20,580 | Class of 1978 Scholarship | \$19,324 |
| Class of 1956 Scholarship | \$15,823 | Class of 1979 Scholarship | \$51,846 |
| Class of 1957 Scholarship | \$24,838 | Class of 1980 Scholarship | \$21,520 |
| Class of 1958 Scholarship | \$18,818 | Class of 1981 Scholarship | \$34,753 |
| Class of 1959 Scholarship | \$37,673 | Class of 1982 Scholarship | \$18,043 |
| Class of 1960 Scholarship | \$34,493 | Class of 1983 Scholarship | \$37,486 |
| Class of 1962 Scholarship | \$50,851 | Class of 1984 Scholarship | \$43,791 |
| Class of 1963 Scholarship | \$24,380 | Class of 1985 Scholarship | \$30,777 |
| Class of 1964 Scholarship | \$21,779 | Class of 1986 Scholarship | \$28,847 |
| Class of 1965 Scholarship | \$40,028 | Class of 1988 Scholarship | \$24,230 |
| Class of 1966 Scholarship | \$35,805 | Class of 1991 Scholarship | \$15,350 |
| Class of 1967 Scholarship | \$72,675 | Class of 1992 Scholarship | \$17,225 |
| Class of 1968 Scholarship | \$57,709 | Class of 1996 Scholarship | \$13,539 |
| Class of 1969 Scholarship | \$28,595 | Class of 2000 Scholarship | \$14,581 |
| Class of 1970 Scholarship | \$169,873 | DH Class of 2001 Scholarship | \$33,595 |
| Class of 1972 Scholarship | \$76,094 | DH Class of 2005 Scholarship | \$33,413 |
| Class of 1973 Scholarship | \$54,488 | DH Class of 2007 Scholarship | \$36,720 |
| Class of 1974 Scholarship | \$19,024 | | |

Additionally we'd like to recognize the classes who are on their way to joining the ranks.

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| Class of 1948 | Class of 1961 | Class of 1994 | Class of 2002 | Class of 2008 |
| Class of 1951 | Class of 1971 | Class of 1995 | Class of 2003 | Class of 2009 |
| Class of 1952 | Class of 1987 | Class of 1997 | Class of 2004 | |
| Class of 1953 | Class of 1989 | Class of 1998 | Class of 2005 | |
| Class of 1954 | Class of 1990 | Class of 1999 | Class of 2006 | |
| Class of 1955 | Class of 1993 | Class of 2001 | Class of 2007 | |

Alumni Host San Antonio Reception

San Antonio, Texas, offered another warm opportunity to gather together as proud graduates of the UMKC School of Dentistry. The Dental Alumni Association hosted an alumni reception on Friday during the ADA Annual Session. We had a great turnout! Thank you to everyone who had the chance to stop by during your busy conference schedule. We'll see you at next year's session in Washington, D.C.



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SCIENTIFIC SPEAKERS



THURSDAY ★ APRIL 9TH

Speaker TBD
DR. PETER FEDI PERIODONTICS
LECTURE

Carla Cohn, DMD
DR. ARTHUR E. IWERSEN
PEDIATRIC SYMPOSIUM

Jay P. Malmquist, DMD
DR. ROBERT ALLEN ORAL &
MAXILLOFACIAL LECTURE

Speaker TBD
DR. DAN CRUZ MEMORIAL
LECTURE

FRIDAY ★ APRIL 10TH

Amy Morgan
Brian Novy, DDS
David Little, DDS
Jeff Brucia, DDS
Uche Odiatu, DMD
Lou Graham, DDS
Craig Miller, DMD, MS
Marsha Voelker, RDH, MS
Michael McCunniff, DDS

SATURDAY ★ APRIL 11TH

Robert L. Frazer, Jr. DDS
Charles Blair, DDS
Gary Radz, DDS
Sergio Kuttler, BS, DDS
Jeff Brucia, DDS
David Little, DDS
Angie Stone, RDH, BS
Kathy Karwoski, RDH, MA
Judy Bendit, RDH, BS

SUNDAY ★ APRIL 12TH

Robert Talley, DDS
Robert L. Frazer, Jr, DDS
Sergio Kuttler, DDS
Timothy Donley, DDS

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