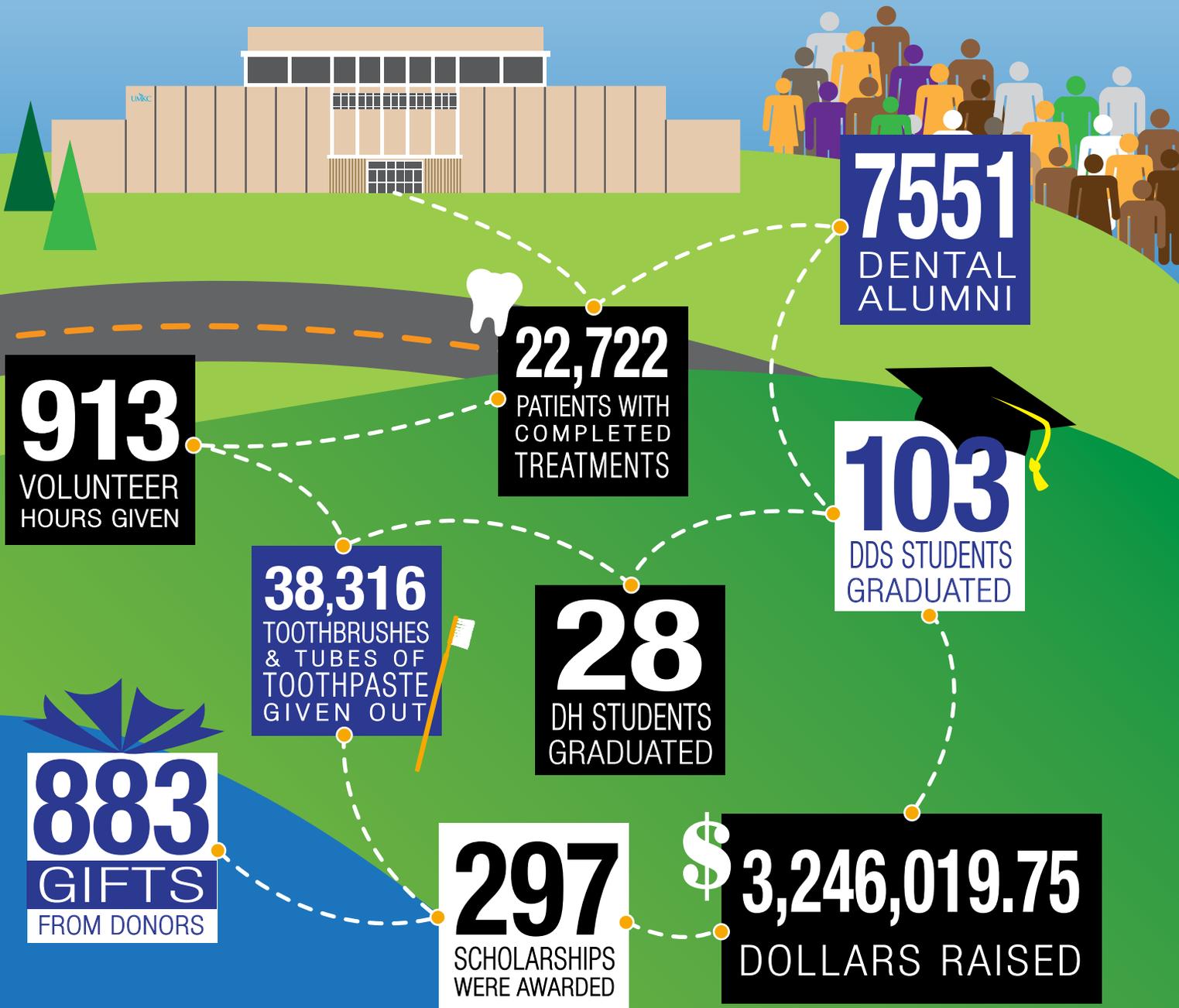


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Honor Roll of Donors

This has been a really good year for the Rinehart Foundation. We have continued to receive support from our alumni and friends for projects related to faculty, programs and students, and we have been fortunate that so many of you have given of your time as well to continue to help the School make an impact in dental education and the dental profession.

Additionally, this year we wrapped up the most significant gift in the School's history, receiving the final distribution from the Robert (DDS '49) and Mrs. Lucille Cowan estate. At this time next year, we will double the scholarship impact we have on our students because Dr. Cowan felt so strongly about his time here that he wanted to provide the same opportunity to others for years to come.

We continue to take our fiscal responsibilities seriously and have worked hard to steward your gifts to the best of our ability, allowing us to make progress in faculty support and renovations and ensure your hard work is put to good use.

We are pleased to share information about our projects, progress and philanthropy from this year. As always, we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your partnership and support, I know 2016 will be another great year!

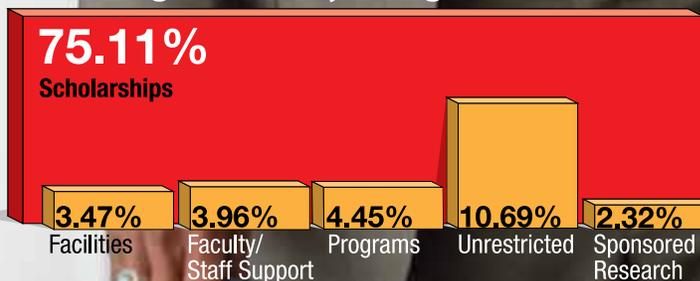
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Kenneth Connelly

(DDS Class of 2016) delivered the following speech at the 2015 Scholarship Recognition Ceremony. Kenny is one of 17 recipients of the 2015-16 UMKC Dental Alumni Golf Tournament Scholarship.

I am a 27-year-old fourth-year dental student from Peculiar, Mo. I have wanted to pursue dentistry since seventh grade. I underwent orthodontic treatment, and it changed the way I felt about myself by improving my self-esteem. I would like to continue this trend and instill happiness and self-confidence into each and every patient I have.

I am the second youngest of five siblings and the first to attend and graduate from college and am looking forward to earning my DDS degree next May. I must thank my beautiful wife, Tera, for her unyielding support. We've been married for four years, and she has been my safe haven as she has gone through all of my endeavors alongside me.

I am by no means the student who gets things right off the bat. I spend a lot of time studying, practicing, drilling, and working for everything that I have achieved. But at school I always have a smile on my face, and I do my best to help my classmates when I can: whether it's staying to help them with a patient or helping them break down a cube so they can make a meeting or have a 15-minute lunch break before their next patient comes in. I am known by some faculty as being that dentist that tries to serenade his patients, so my patients always get a warning from faculty before we begin treatment.

I cannot stand up here and not offer thanks to each and every one of you. I can't express in words the funny little dance I did upon seeing the scholarship line on my financial aid statement. Your dedication to the dental field knows no bounds and only reaffirms my dream of becoming a dentist. I hope one day that I can help future students the way you have helped us. So please remember, no matter how much you contribute, every bit helps us, and for that we are and will continue to be thankful.

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(DH Class of 2016) 2015-16 recipient of the UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association Defying the Odds Scholarship, which support students who have excelled in their pursuit of a career in dental hygiene while overcoming obstacles in their life.



I am a senior dental hygiene student. I want to thank you for making the Defying the Odds Scholarship available. I am married and have an adorable 2-year-old son, Evan, who means the world to me as well as the rest of my family. This scholarship will give me an opportunity to be more financially stable. It also encourages me to reach higher in my studying.

I am originally from Ukraine. I came to the U.S. in 2005 through a student language-and-culture exchange program. Dental hygiene is still a pretty new branch of dentistry in Ukraine, so I had no idea about it before I came here. I still need to explain to my family and friends in Ukraine what I will become in a year.

I know that this scholarship was established for students who have overcome obstacles in their lives and, despite all the odds, are striving to further their education. I must admit that it was a rocky and challenging time for me when I came to this country. My hard and persistent work helped me to adapt to the U.S.A. and eventually become a UMKC student.

I have not decided yet if I want to practice as a dental hygienist or pursue a master's degree after graduation. I have brilliant professors at UMKC who, I believe, will help me with this decision. For now, I plan to graduate successfully from this program in 2016.

Thank you again for giving a student like me this invaluable opportunity.

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Students, alumni and their families know all too well that being a dental, dental hygiene or graduate student is time consuming, mentally challenging and *expensive*. There's not much the School can do about the first two items, but thanks to the generosity our previous graduates have shown by endowing Class Scholarships, we can relieve some of the stress associated with the latter. Many of our classes have chosen to honor their classmates and compete against each other by creating a class scholarship. The following are the class scholarships currently endowed as of June 30, 2015 — 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.



Endowed Class Scholarships

Class of 2000 Scholarship Honors “Going Above and Beyond”

By David Suchman (DDS '00)

Four years after graduation, a few classmates and I started the Class of 2000 Scholarship. We felt one of the unique things about our class was our heavy involvement in community service and our core belief in the importance of giving back. Therefore, we wanted our award to go to a deserving student who goes above and beyond in giving back to the community. I couldn't be prouder of the students chosen for this scholarship and it is a joy to meet these deserving dental students at the annual Scholarship Recognition Ceremony.



1943 Sept Scholarship	\$16,281
1947 Scholarship	\$20,243
1949 Scholarship	\$21,845
1950 Scholarship	\$19,755
1956 Scholarship	\$15,189
1957 Scholarship	\$24,098
1958 Scholarship	\$18,064
1959 Scholarship	\$36,835
1960 Scholarship	\$33,957
1962 Scholarship	\$49,618
1963 Scholarship	\$23,503
1964 Scholarship	\$21,103
1965 - David L Moore Award	\$21,865
1965 - Steve Barber Fund	\$14,876
1965 Scholarship	\$45,381
1966 Scholarship	\$34,587
1967 Scholarship	\$69,815
1968 Scholarship	\$55,397
1969 Scholarship	\$27,701
1972 Scholarship	\$73,051
1973 Scholarship	\$53,052
1974 Scholarship	\$18,262
1975 Scholarship	\$19,859
1976 Scholarship	\$20,299
1977 Scholarship	\$59,857
1978 Scholarship	\$18,550
1979 Scholarship	\$49,774
1980 Scholarship	\$23,362
1981 Scholarship	\$33,610
1982 Scholarship	\$17,676
1983 Scholarship	\$35,983
1984 Scholarship	\$42,914
1985 Scholarship	\$32,705
1986 Scholarship	\$27,746
1988 Scholarship	\$23,260
1991 Scholarship	\$14,735
1992 Scholarship	\$19,579
1996 Scholarship	\$13,048
2000 Scholarship	\$17,043
*Class of 1970 Endowment Fund	\$163,859

**This class fund supports indigent care and clinical equipment.*

Class Scholarships Not Yet Endowed

The current minimum to endow a scholarship is \$10,000. Please consider making a gift to put your class one step closer to helping our students.

1948 Scholarship	\$5,000
1951 Scholarship	\$975
1952 Scholarship	\$5,530
1953 Scholarship	\$2,220
1954 Scholarship	\$6,593
1955 Scholarship	\$7,100
1961 Scholarship	\$4,275
1971 Scholarship	\$8,726
1987 Scholarship	\$5,892
1989 Scholarship	\$4,310
1990 Scholarship	\$1,100
1993 Scholarship	\$6,050
1994 Scholarship	\$8,300
1995 Scholarship	\$5,650
1997 Scholarship	\$1,200
1998 Scholarship	\$4,407
1999 Scholarship	\$5,225
2001 Scholarship	\$1,250
2002 Scholarship	\$7,200
2003 Scholarship	\$3,560
2004 Scholarship	\$1,000
2005 Scholarship	\$4,100
2006 Scholarship	\$850
2007 Scholarship	\$1,950
2008 Scholarship	\$600
2009 Scholarship	\$1,700
2010 Scholarship	\$300

There's No Skullduggery with These Skulls



We have gained some new friends through donations! Thank you to all the alumni who have donated their study skulls for current students to use in the anatomy lab. It has been fun to reminisce with alumni as they bring in their old study buddies. Some skulls have lived the life of luxury in plexi-glass houses up on bookcases overseeing office operations. Others tell the story of late night hours modeling veins and labeling cavities. One skull even came with a name: Robert Wehmuller (DDS '73) gifted the School with his friend, Yorick, named after the court jester's skull in *Hamlet*. Do you have any fun stories to share about your anatomy skull? We'd love to hear them. Send them to higginsre@umkc.edu and maybe you'll find yourself featured in the next *Explorer*.



Celebrates Generosity and Gratitude



The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Scholarship Recognition dinner Monday evening September 21, 2015, at the Student Union on the UMKC Volker Campus. Dean Marsha Pyle welcomed the audience and then Assistant Dean Richie Bigham 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.



New Scholarships in 2015

Drs. Richard and Patrick Briscoe Scholarship

This father, Richard (DDS '78), and son, Patrick (DDS '06), alumni pair felt strongly enough about their time at the School and their resulting careers to help others experience the same. Together they created this scholarship to assist dental students from the state of Kansas and continue the legacy of providing access to education that will benefit individuals and communities. ■

Compati Scholarship

Compati: to have compassion. One of the most important traits in a healthcare provider and one that John W. Nelson Jr. (DDS '82) wished to recognize in third- and fourth-year students. These awardees have demonstrated an understanding of compassion through their volunteerism or service. ■

International College of Dentists Scholarship

The Missouri Fellows of the International College of Dentists, the world's oldest and largest honor society for dentists, wants to help the next generation of dentists. Living their motto Recognizing Service and the Opportunity to Serve, these donors are hoping to assist dental students in the top 20 percent of their class. ■

Dr. Bruce W. Miller Scholarship

This scholarship to honor the memory of Bruce W. Miller (DDS '55) was established by his widow, Bonney, with the help of their children, Judith and Brian. In creating the fund, they are able to help dental students with financial need while honoring a man who contributed much to the profession. ■

Dr. James G. Nail Family Scholarship

The Nail family has a long and distinguished history with the UMKC School of Dentistry, and the importance of dentistry in their family is a tradition that James G. Nail (DDS '07) wants to make a reality for others. His scholarship will help a dental student who has a family member who is a dentist or a dental hygienist, with additional consideration for family members who graduated from UMKC. ■

Dr. Peter J. Spalitto Scholarship

Coming from a family that teaches hard work in everything they do and give back to the community in countless ways, Peter J. Spalitto (DDS '00) wants to make sure students with a similar work ethic receive a helping hand in dental school. His scholarship will help third- and fourth-year students who work hard but do not receive any other scholarships from the School of Dentistry, ensuring at least some aid on their way to promising careers. ■



Dear Colleagues and Friends,

Welcome to our annual donor recognition edition of the *Explorer!* As I have said many times, the UMKC School of Dentistry could not achieve the success we do without the generous support of our alumni and friends. That support allows us to not only sustain our level of excellence day-to-day, but also enables us to position ourselves to remain excellent in the future.

It goes without saying that our students are the focus of nearly everything we do: teaching and learning, research, and caring for our community. Every member of our staff, faculty, and student body contribute to our mission of preparing the best dentists and dental hygienists for the future of our profession.

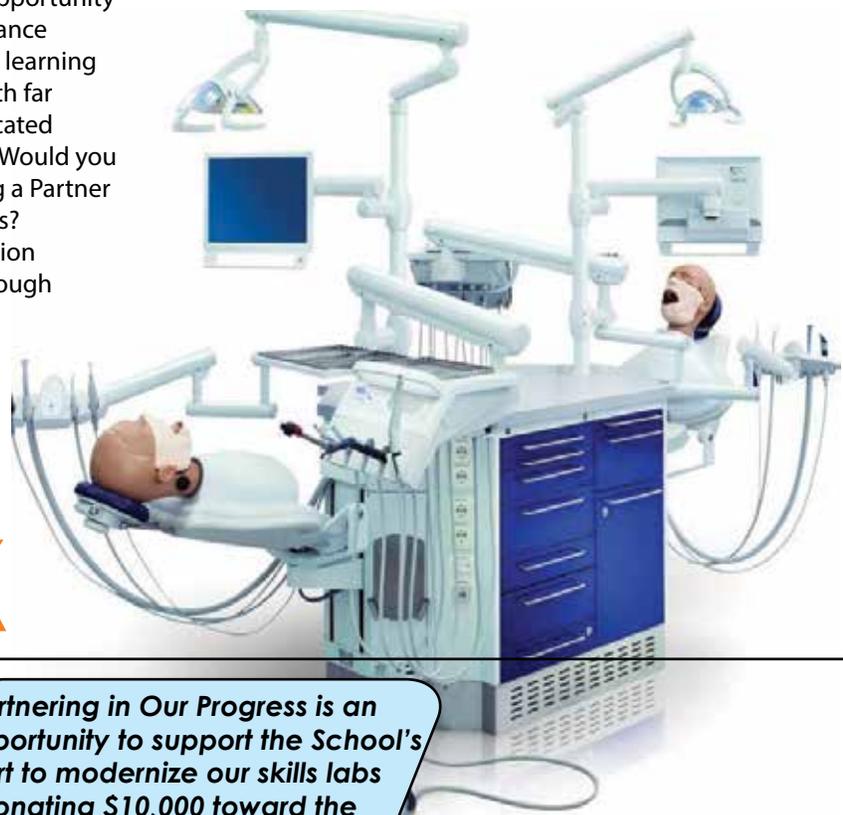
You, too, play a vital role in helping us support student learning! In order to position ourselves as a cutting-edge dental education institution of the future, we have selected as one of our priority projects the creation of a state-of-the-art skills laboratory (or pre-clinical laboratory). I have previously communicated our plans to outfit our present bench-based labs with sophisticated patient simulation operatories (see image below). I would like to reiterate that this project is vital to the future effectiveness of our students' mastery of clinical skills because it will allow us to utilize ultramodern equipment that is quickly becoming the industry standard. The units will provide our students an authentic learning environment early on that better simulates the ergonomics, patient positioning and operator instrumentation that they will encounter during their third- and fourth-year patient-based clinical experiences. Each patient simulator can be tied to a "patient" record with a treatment plan that students will work through to gain mastery and achieve competency. It is time for us

to move our pre-clinical laboratory to this "teaching/learning format of the future." Newly constructed or renovated dental schools are incorporating this technology in their skills labs, and candidates for dental school are now looking for this type of equipment and learning environment.

Many of us recall with fond memories our training labs equipped with "heads on a stick." That style of equipment served us well, but now we have the opportunity to greatly enhance each student's learning experience with far more sophisticated training tools. Would you consider being a Partner in Our Progress? Your contribution of \$10,000 through

a current gift or via a pledge over three years would help us make this important renovation possible! Each person who donates a patient simulator as a Partner in Our Progress will be acknowledged with an engraved nameplate attached to the unit.

I thank everyone who has helped us grow over the last year and hope that you will consider helping us



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Partnering in Our Progress is an opportunity to support the School's effort to modernize our skills labs by donating \$10,000 toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art patient simulation unit.

(Unit pictured is not the actual model the school has selected.)

in our plans to continue to deliver the best educational programming anyone could expect. Because of you, we are able to provide contemporary programs, scholarships and resources that enable us to meet our objectives. I want you to know that whether you have a special scholarship you enjoy supporting or you choose to help

us with a donation of your time and commitment, we value what you do for us! Thank you!



Dr. and Mrs. Ogilvie Are Partners in Our Progress

Partnering in Our Progress is an opportunity to support the School's effort to modernize our skills labs by donating \$10,000 toward the purchase of a state-of-the-art patient simulation unit.

When the dean envisioned a whole new lab experience, one with real-to-life interactions involving ergonomics — the opportunity to position a patient and a feeling of authenticity — it was clear the School of Dentistry was entering a new chapter of innovation and clinical excellence.

We knew this was a project our alumni would be excited about. What a big leap forward to move from "heads on a stick" to simulated patient interaction. This will be more than individual skills assessed in a vacuum, and our graduates will be better for it.

And we were right, alumni are excited! So excited they want to be partners and be a part of a new era. Jerry Ogilvie (DDS '73) and his wife, Annie, were the first to step forward and commit to purchase a simulator unit. With his knowledge of student skills in our AEGD program, Dr. Ogilvie saw what a large impact this project will have on student success. They both believe in it so much they wanted to help make it a reality.

“*When I returned to the School of Dentistry after 40 years in private practice, I was surprised to see that our pre-clinical training labs are essentially unchanged since my days as a student. Many other dental schools have more modern pre-clinical facilities. As a graduate instructor, I have seen this first-*

hand. It's evident to me that our School needs to catch up and keep up. We're in competition with other dental schools for excellent students.

That's the reason Annie and I pledged to support the purchase of a new dental patient simulator. My career began at UMKC and put our family on the road to a successful and rewarding life. We want our future graduates to have that same opportunity.”

— Dr. Jerry & Mrs. Annie Ogilvie

We hope you will join with the Ogilvies and others to help us provide this one-of-a-kind experience to all 109 students in the lab.



Congratulations

2016 Alumni Achievement Award Recipients

CHARLES F. SQUIRE, DDS,

has been selected by the UMKC Alumni Association to receive the 2016 Dental Alumni Achievement Award. After graduating from the UMKC School Dentistry in 1968, Dr. Squire completed a dental internship at the Wadsworth Veterans Administration Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kan., and earned a certificate in periodontics from the West Los Angeles V.A. Medical Center in 1972. He then served as staff periodontist at the V.A. Medical Center in La Jolla, Calif., from 1972 to 1974. A native of Fredonia, Kan., Dr. Squire returned to his home state to establish a periodontics practice in Wichita, Kan., that he has maintained since 1974. Not only has Dr. Squire served in numerous leadership positions with dental and civic organizations, he has been an invaluable asset to the boards of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association and the Dr. Roy J. Rinehart Memorial Foundation. He has been recognized by both the Wichita District Dental Society and the Kansas Dental Association as their Dentist of the Year, and in 2011 he was honored as the Dental Alumnus of the Year by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association.

Dr. Squire has a special interest in extending access of professionally provided dental care to Kansas residents who are elderly, mentally or physically impaired, or medically compromised and cannot afford dental therapy and lack eligibility for government-sponsored and other social network-provided dental care. He currently serves as president of the Dental Lifeline Network-Kansas (formerly the Kansas Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped) that administers the Kansas Donated Dental Services Program.

ASHLEY GRILL, RDH,

has been selected by the UMKC Alumni Association to receive the 2016 Dental Hygiene Alumni Achievement Award. Since graduating from the UMKC School Dentistry's BSDH Program in 1999, Ashley Grill's career path has been as varied as it is impressive. She served as adjunct faculty for the New Hampshire Technical Institute (2002-2009) and as faculty for the State Oral Health Collaborative Systems Grant for Southern New Hampshire Area Health Education Center (2004-2006). From 2007 to 2011 Grill served as a program manager and consultant for Northeast Delta Dental. During that time she managed their oral health program material development, various oral health-related projects, and represented the organization in a variety of community outreach efforts. In 2010 she joined the PEARL (Practitioners Engaged in Applied Research and Learning) network as coordinator (2010-2012) and then became clinic coordinator (2012-present). This practice-based research network in dentistry, which is sponsored by the NIH, brings together researchers and dental practitioners to conduct clinical studies during the course of routine patient care.

Articles about her work as a research hygienist and coordinator for the PEARL Network have appeared in national dental hygiene publications, and she has published articles in peer-reviewed scientific literature. She also has served on the faculties of CUNY New York City College of Technology (2012-2014) and New York University (2010-present). She is a frequent public speaker and regularly serves in leadership roles with professional organizations.

My Alumni Story

By Nathan Boles (DDS '2008), a general dentist at Blue Springs Dental Group in Blue Springs, Mo.



wanted someone to check my work. I had grown accustomed to someone knowledgeable watching over and helping me when anything was out of the ordinary.

The transition from graduation to practice was rapid. I was now supposed to be the smartest guy in the room. My colleagues at the office were experienced dentists, and they helped guide and mentor me into the practice. I was able to observe two completely different practice styles but still envision the type of practice that I was hoping to create. UMKC taught me what to look for, what to avoid and what to be skeptical of clinically. The curriculum provided me with the basic information I needed to practice, but interactions with faculty is where I gained my most lasting knowledge.

I appreciated hearing differing viewpoints from faculty as this was transformative in seeing a professor's inner thoughts versus a general directive. The professor's background, skills, strengths and personality could be perceived when a treatment plan was rendered.

In my early days as a new dentist it was comical dealing with new staff and trying to use new materials and equipment. How long should I schedule a crown prep? "No idea," I would say. "They gave me three hours to accomplish it in dental school and three hours to do the build-up."

My frame of reference for timing procedures was skewed initially. In preparing for private practice, most conversations revolve around how you would treat one situation, or how you would approach this patient's care — not as much about

how to delegate staff and time. UMKC provided me with a base of dental knowledge, and I was now combining that with managing my own practice and staff. Honestly, much of the learning process as a new dentist was taught through experiences with patients and conversations with other dentists.

Though my career has been short in nature compared to some, I have experienced many positives, challenges, and growth as a practitioner. Dentistry is now digital, more mechanized and should be more precise and repeatable. This doesn't mean it is easier but that it has changed how I treat patients. In my office I have two colleagues that I am able to share my successes and failures with. We learn from one another and this translates

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into success and humanizes our professional peaks and valleys. As we were taught in school, each patient and situation is unique; I have found that to also be true

with careers in dentistry. When reuniting with classmates at CE courses or conferences, we each have unique experiences to share, as well as challenges. It can be refreshing to share these challenges, so you don't feel alone in your experiences. Practicing dentistry has been a rewarding career for me, but not without some growing pains along the way. I am thankful for my education at UMKC, as I learned more than just dentistry during my four years.

I graduated right before the stock market correction of 2008. At that time the Kansas City Royals were terrible and my credit-to-debt ratio was equally horrendous. I was transitioning to private practice quickly, working in my hometown of Blue Springs, Mo. I was challenged with interviewing new staff, acquiring new dental materials, using different and newer machinery and having a life outside of dentistry. It was thrilling to practice dentistry, but other facets of dentistry were foreign to me. When I walked out of dental school and treated my first few patients in the real world, I

Want to share your Alumni Story? Submit a short narrative to Becky Higgins at higginsre@umkc.edu and you could be featured in an upcoming issue of the Explorer.

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Classes of the 2010s

Adam Bowen (DDS '10) is opening his own general dentistry practice, Bowen Family Dentistry, in Manhattan, Kan.

Ben Gallion (DDS '15) joined Jump Dental LLC, located in Bolivar, Mo., in July.

Matt and Robin Hildebrand

(both DDS '11) welcomed their second child, a baby boy, William Mark Hildebrand, in July.

Grant Olson (DDS '11) and his wife, Lauren, welcomed son Riley in April.

David (DDS '10) and **Emily** (DDS '12) **Mattingly** had a baby girl, Elyse Ann Mattingly, in May.

Nathan Schmidt (DDS '14) got engaged in June to Sara Woody, who is originally from Atwood, Kan., and has a 12-year-old-son, Kendrick. The wedding date is April 9, 2016. They are feeling very happy and blessed to have found each other!

Mack Taylor (DDS '14) moved from private practice to public health for the time

being. He is currently with SEMO Health Network. He also works as an adjunct faculty member with both UMKC and ATSU where he supervises and instructs students on rotation. He is still volunteering every month with Smiles of Hope, which is kind of like a miniature MOMOM for extractions, and has done volunteer work for MOMOM in Columbia, Mo.

Ashley and Max Weber (both DDS '10) welcomed their second child, baby girl Sunny Irene Weber, June 15.

Chet Welker (DDS '11) and **Ashley Holloway** (DDS '13) were married in April.

Classes of the 2000s

Kathryn (Nielson) Stanley (DDS '07) recently moved back to Overland Park, Kan., after completing a residency in Pediatric Dentistry at OHSU in Portland, Ore., and is happy to again be practicing near her family: Donald Nielson (DDS '74) and Daniel Nielson (DDS '02). She also recently purchased the pediatric practice of Glenn Hemberger (DDS '74) where he will continue to work part time.

Nellie Kim-Weroha (DDS '04) has twin boys that are starting first grade. In addition to having two office locations in Rochester, Minn., she serves as the secretary/treasurer for the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists and is also on the planning committee for the Midwest Society of Orthodontists and American Association of Orthodontists annual meetings. Dr. Kim-Weroha is also the immediate past president of the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association.

Classes of the 1990s

Bryan Kalish (DDS '96) was awarded the following this year: U.S. Army Dental Corps Chief's Exceptional Service and Leadership Award, the Surgeon General of the Army's System for Health Gold Award for the Go First Class Initiative on behalf of the Directorate of Health Care Operations for the U.S. Army Dental Command Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS), and the Facility-Based Healthcare (Hospitals and Clinics) Award for the Go First Class Initiative on behalf of the U.S. Army Dental Command.

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Jeffery Harrison (DDS '96) has been traveling to practices around the U.S. to train/consult for Biolase in addition to maintaining his private practice.

Daniel Thomas (DDS '90, MS Perio '92) was appointed by Governor Sam Brownback to the Kansas Board of Regents. He will serve a four-year term on the board that governs the state's six universities.

Classes of the 1980s

Craig Hollander (DDS '88) is finishing his year as president of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. For the past two years he has been the lead pediatric organizer for the Missouri Mission of Mercy and is looking forward to helping out at the 2016 MOMOM in Independence, Mo.

Deb Allison (DDS '87) has had a very memorable year, having been bestowed National Number 11504 by the National Ski Patrol. She is a member of the 2014 National Outstanding Large Patrol – Chestnut Mountain Resort. The National Ski Patrol currently has approximately

28,000 members serving over 650 patrols.

Mark Bentele (DDS '86) married Wendy Vasu in June. He recently became the orthodontist for the Cleft Lip and Palate Team at Children's Hospital Colorado. In addition, his office added a satellite location at Mirage Dental Clinic in Castle Rock, Colo.

Steve Irwin (DDS '84) has a daughter, Peri, who started at the UMKC School of Dentistry in August 2015.

Joy Wylie-Matthews (DDS '84) recently retired from her position as UMKC School of Dentistry Team 2 Coordinator and loved having a free summer! What's next is yet to be determined.

Classes of the 1970s

Susan Kaiser (DH '78) retired after working full time for 34 years in the same office. She then signed with a dental temp agency and has enjoyed working in different offices and learning different dental software systems. She and her husband still collect and sell painted-label soda bottles from the late 1930s

–1960s and go to about eight antique bottle shows a year. They also love to travel and go on cruises!

Steve Wolken (DDS '74) sold his practice to his sons, Chris Wolken (DDS '03) and Andy Wolken (DDS '08) but still enjoys practicing dentistry four hours a week. He also enjoys spending time with his 12 grandchildren.

Classes of the 1960s

Gary Grantham (DDS '69) and his wife, Cheryl, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their two sons and four grandchildren to Ixtapa, Mexico. Travel has always been one of their passions. They have visited



Dr. and Mrs. Grantham at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India.

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74 countries and all seven continents. Most of their travel has been since Dr. Grantham retired in 1998 after serving 30 years in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps. He is proud to have served his country as a Navy Captain for 14 of his 30 years with the Navy and Marine Corps. He was fortunate enough to be awarded the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, and two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals. Since retiring, he has been doing volunteer work as a naturalist leading nature and birding walks for several different organizations. Dr. and Mrs. Grantham at the Taj Mahal in Agra, India.

John Kiesendahl (DDS '67), UMKC adjunct assistant professor of dental morphology and occlusion in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences, was named the Laboratory Instructor of the Year in 2014 and 2015 from the Classes of 2017 and 2018, respectively. He received the 2014 Samuel E. Hayes Award for service and was the first recipient of the John Haynes Leadership Through Service Award presented at the Pouring from the Heart fundraising gala during



the 2015 Midwest Dental Conference. He also was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society. "I am grateful, honored and overwhelmed to have received these awards."

George Myers (DDS '65) and his wife, Andrea, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19, 2015. He is retired but still performs oral surgery at the local Volunteers in Medicine Clinic on Hilton Head, S.C., where they treat low income, uninsured people who live or work on Hilton Head or Daufuskie Island.

John Wittrock (DDS '60) brags that his classmate, Roger Felt (DDS '60), is still practicing and seeing patients at age 93. Dr. Felt has a practice in Layton, Utah.

In Memoriam

Elton A. Rose (DDS '46) Tulsa, Okla.

Ross Waltzer (DDS '46) Tulsa, Okla.

Rhame P. Wood (DDS '51) Jenkins, Okla.

L. Charles Larsen (DDS '53) American Fork, Utah

Bill Dalton Branstetter (DDS '54) Independence, Mo.

Walter H. Eylar (DDS '54) Kansas City, Mo.

Robert Lyle Bartheld (DDS '58) McCalaster, Okla.

Robert W. Hauetter (DDS '65) Kansas City, Mo.

Robert W. Newton (DDS '58) Shawnee Mission, Kan.

Colonel Jack D. Cox (DDS '64) Leawood, Kan.

Kamal N. Zakhari (DDS '71) St. Petersburg, Fla.

James Edward Spring (DDS '75) Warsaw, Mo.

William (Bill) Brockmann (Professor and PhD '04) Shawnee, Kan.

Correction

In the 2009 Fall edition of the Explorer, it was printed that Lawrence J. Johnston was deceased. He is still alive and practicing 2 days a week in Chambersburg, PA.

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Alumni and Development Office

Welcomes New Staff Members

To introduce you to your new Alumni/Development staff, we've included these fun facts.



Becky Higgins
Alumni Relations Manager

- **Best things about UMKC SOD:**
"The people! And their great stories about 'When I was in dental school...'. Apparently, exceptional education also involves wild and crazy times."
- **Best things about life away from work:**
"my husband our almost 2-year-old daughter"
- **Attended Kansas State University**
- **Fanatic for K-State Wildcats, KC Royals, and KC Chiefs**
- **(Not very) guilty pleasures:** "Dreaming of crafting and house projects during nap time. Eating anything with melted cheese"
- **Random fun fact:**
"I randomly collect mason jars, flip-flop-shaped magnets from places I've been, and cookbooks (although I don't really cook)."
- **Office phone and email**
(816) 235-2022
higginsre@umkc.edu



Deedra Bond
Office Support Assistant

- **Two-time UMKC alum:** BA-History and MBA
- **In between degrees** worked in the Big Apple (NYC) for five years
- **Best things about UMKC SOD:**
"I am beyond thrilled to be working at my favorite university as a part of the UMKC SOD team. Everyone is terrific! I especially enjoy having a wide variety of challenges every day."
- **(Not very) guilty pleasures:** "Walking, swimming, and playing fetch with my black labrador retriever. I could eat Mexican food every day for every meal"
- **Random fun fact:**
"I know how to tap dance!"
- **Office phone and email**
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Save the Date for These Future Alumni Events

Annual Alumni Opening Day at the "K"
(KC Royals first home game)
Monday
April 4, 2016

Midwest Dental Conference
April 7 – 10, 2016

Rinehart and Dental Alumni Association Board Meetings
Thursday
April 7, 2016

Pouring from the Heart Annual Gala
Thursday
April 7, 2016

Annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament
Friday
June 3, 2016

Invitations and/or information to follow.



Advanced Education in Periodontics

Dr. Keerthana Satheesh, director of the Advanced Education in Periodontics Program, reports that UMKC's perio residents had a busy summer session. Dr. Panagiotis Emmanouilidis, prosthodontist and clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences, led a lecture and hand's-on lab course on provisionalization of dental implants (a newer Commission on Dental Accreditation or CODA requirement) that enabled residents to make provisionals on three different dental implant systems. Dr. Satheesh and residents went through an 8-day intensive course in conscious sedation, yet another important CODA requirement.

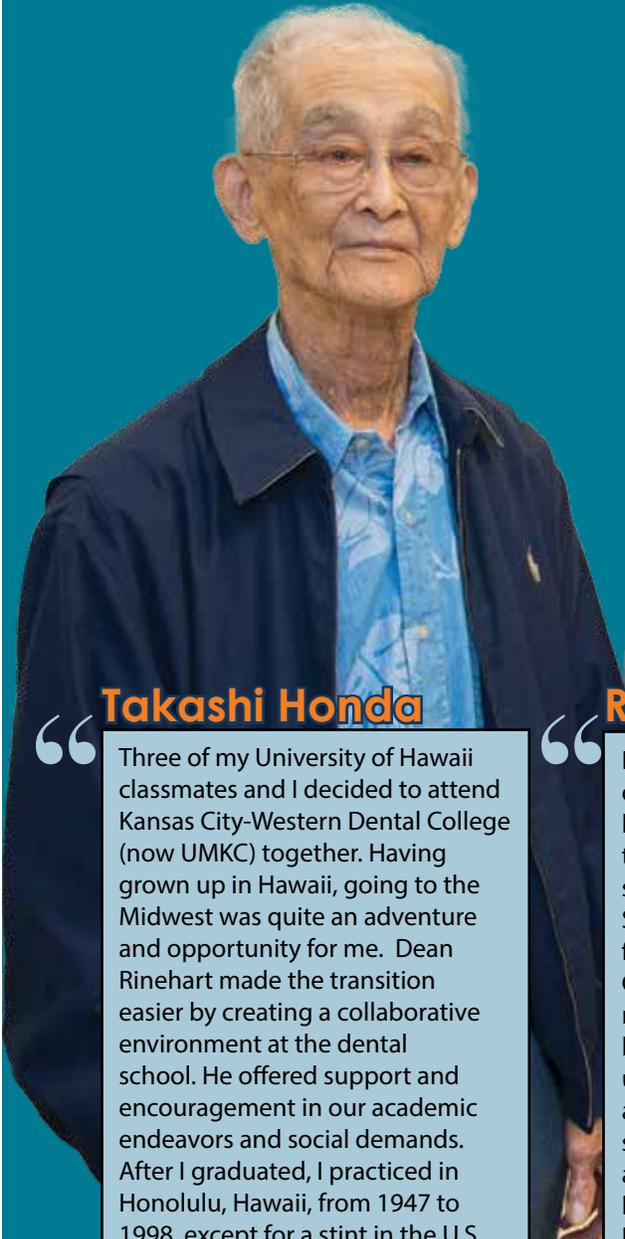
Pictured: first-year perio residents Jessica Scully (L) (DDS '15) and Kiran Arora (R) (DDS '12) practice oral sedation with Dr. Sascha Schubert, clinical assistant professor and director of the Pre-Doctoral Oral Surgery Program.

Three's Company for the Honda Family

Pictured: Brent Honda's (R), DDS Class of 2017, grandfather (L), Takashi Honda (DDS '47), and father, Randall Honda (DDS '78), visited UMKC to witness Brent receiving his white coat during the Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony in June 2015.



3 generations of the Honda family, who hail from Hawaii, share their thoughts on UMKC and Dentistry.



Takashi Honda

Three of my University of Hawaii classmates and I decided to attend Kansas City-Western Dental College (now UMKC) together. Having grown up in Hawaii, going to the Midwest was quite an adventure and opportunity for me. Dean Rinehart made the transition easier by creating a collaborative environment at the dental school. He offered support and encouragement in our academic endeavors and social demands. After I graduated, I practiced in Honolulu, Hawaii, from 1947 to 1998, except for a stint in the U.S. Army Dental Corp in Fort Riley, Kan., from 1951 to 1953. I made lifelong friends at UMKC. I have attended our class reunions every 10 years and always look forward to seeing my classmates there. During our 50th reunion, some of my classmates and I traveled to Branson, Mo., with our spouses for a few days. I will always be thankful for the opportunities my dental degree from UMKC has afforded me.



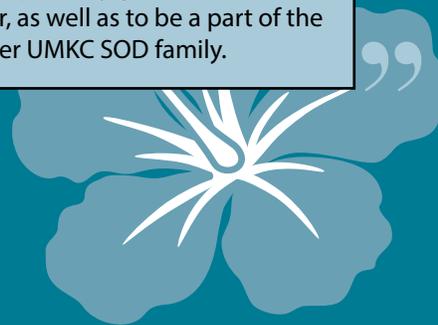
Randall Honda

I was studying at the University of Hawaii and majoring in the biological sciences when in my third year Dr. George Tanaka suggested I apply to the UMKC School of Dentistry early. I was fortunate enough to be accepted. Going to Kansas City would be my first time away from home by myself. I was greeted by the upperclassmen from Hawaii, and at that time most of the Hawaii students were staying at the same apartment complex. Getting to know people at UMKC was easy because everyone was friendly and you saw them eight hours a day, five days a week. The only thing really different was the weather. I had never seen snow before or experienced temperatures below 60 degrees. I graduated in 1978 and am still practicing. Now I'm just waiting for Brent to finish, so I can slow down.



Brent Honda

Despite growing up with a grandfather and father who are dentists, I never seriously considered dentistry as a career. Therefore, I decided to pursue a bachelor's and a master's degree in biomedical engineering. After I reflected on what I was looking for in terms of a career and life goals, I decided to apply to dental school. I didn't know too much about UMKC while I was applying, so it wasn't until I visited the School that I seriously considered attending. I was fortunate to be accepted, and after meeting both the Hawaii and Midwestern students, I decided to attend UMKC for my education. I appreciate the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of my grandfather and father, as well as to be a part of the greater UMKC SOD family.



Dr. Lynda Bonewald Receives National Award



Dr. Lynda Bonewald, UMKC Curators' Professor and director of the UMKC Center of Excellence in the Study of Dental and Musculoskeletal Tissues (UMKC CEMT), has long been recognized as one of the world's leading bone scientists; now that reputation has received special recognition from the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. The organization presented Dr. Bonewald with the William F. Neuman Award, its oldest and most prestigious recognition, at its annual meeting in October 2015 in Seattle, Wash. The award honors outstanding and major scientific contributions to associates and trainees in teaching, research and administration.

"I am very happy to be receiving this award, but at the same time I am humbled to be joining the leaders in our field who have received this award before me," said Bonewald, a past president of the society.

In 2012 UMKC received a five-year, \$8.3 million grant from the National Institute on Aging, part of the National Institutes of Health, to study the relationship between osteoporosis (loss of bone density) and sarcopenia (loss of muscle mass) as people age. The research is led by Bonewald and conducted by a multidisciplinary team of investigators from UMKC's Bone Biology and Muscle Biology research groups, part of the CEMT.



DH Grad Student Wins National Poster Competition

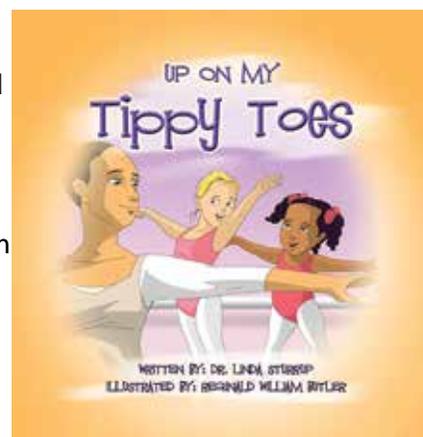
Danette Ocegueda's poster "Cultural Diversity in Dental Hygiene Curricula" took first place at the Dentsply Graduate Dental Hygiene Research Poster competition at the ADHA meeting in Nashville, Tenn., June 18, 2015. Ocegueda competed against other graduate dental hygiene students from across the country. This is the first time a graduate DH student from UMKC has placed first in the Dentsply competition. Part of her prize includes being sponsored to attend and present her poster at the ADA annual meeting in November in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Linda Sturrup Publishes Second Children's Book

Linda Sturrup (DDS '00), who practices general dentistry in Houston, Texas, recently published her second illustrated children's book, *Up on My Tippy Toes*. According to Dr. Sturrup, the book aims to encourage children to reach high for training in ballet or other fine arts. Beautifully illustrated by Reginald William Butler, *Up on My Tippy Toes* follows a young girl, Natalie Jean, as she attends her first dance class — and fails. Will she gain the strength to return?

"The fine arts teach children structure and discipline that cross over to the classroom and can help lead to a lifetime of success in any endeavor," said Sturrup, whose book series follows the exploits of main character Natalie Jean, a six-year-old, based on her own niece.

Dr. Sturrup and Butler published their first book, *A Sugar Bug on My Tooth*, in 2014. It also features Natalie Jean as she faces her fears about her first dental appointment, during which learns from the dentist that she has a SUGAR BUG!





Endodontics Department Completes Integration of New Instrumentation Technique

Starting this summer all 3rd- and 4th-year dental students in the clinic utilized the new, advanced Wave-One reciprocating file system and the Vortex Blue (Tulsa Dental Products) rotary file system. Also, electric motors and handpieces replaced the outdated air-driven endodontic handpieces. The Endodontics Department witnessed immediate results from the change, as canal transportation decreased and the ease of instrumentation increased quality in obturation. This multi-year evolution was designed and implemented by Robert Edwards (DDS '81 (pictured), clinical assistant professor, and the entire endodontics faculty.



TRANSITIONING INTO THE PROFESSION WITH WHITE COATS AND SCRUBS

Family and friends of the members of the DDS Class of 2017 and the DH Class of 2016 celebrated the students' academic progress into clinical dentistry at the annual Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony, held Friday, June 5, 2015, 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 9:00 a.m. and then introduced John Carney, president of the Center for Practical Bioethics, who delivered the keynote address on ethics and professionalism. The DH Class of 2016 and the DDS Class of 2017 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 Lonna Sletto and class faculty advisor Professor Sally Elledge. The dental students donned white coats (provided by donors to the Rinehart Foundation) 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.

106 COATS
28 SCRUBS



Stay Connected

The UMKC School of Dentistry Alumni Associations have enhanced their presence online! If you are active on social media, we would love for you to follow or "like" us. This will be a great tool for us to promote our outstanding alumni and their fantastic achievements along with updating you on Alumni news



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Area Researchers Form Consortium to Study Musculoskeletal Disease

In February 2015, after two years of planning, the Kansas City Consortium on Musculoskeletal Diseases and Disorders (KCMD) was born. The consortium brings together scientists and resources focused on the research of musculoskeletal disorders and diseases at the UMKC School of Dentistry, the Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences (KCU), and the University of Kansas (KU) Medical Center. This is the first formal agreement to conduct joint research between the health sciences schools of these three universities.

This initiative is the first of its kind in Kansas City and provides opportunities to combine the individual strengths and resources of the three health sciences schools to advance translational research.

Sometimes referred to as “bench to bedside,” translational research harnesses knowledge from the study of basic sciences to produce new drugs, devices and treatment options for patients. The goal of the partnership is to build medical research teams that will concentrate on ways to prevent and treat diseases of muscle, including neuromuscular disease and mineralized tissue, which includes teeth, cartilage, and bone. Not only could findings be applied to drugs, biomaterials and composite research, medical devices, diagnostics, and clinical imaging, but can also be

“The goal of this consortium is to build powerful research teams of basic to clinical investigators from our three institutions to discover new treatments and cures.”

expanded to veterinary practice and the diagnosis and treatment of animal dental and musculoskeletal disease.

The consortium is overseen by an executive committee comprised of Jeffrey Joyce, PhD, vice president for research at KCU; Richard Barohn, MD, vice chancellor for research at the KU Medical Center; and Lynda Bonewald, PhD, a UM Curators’ Professor at the UMKC School of Dentistry. Dr. Bonewald has stepped down in her capacity as vice chancellor for translational and clinical research at UMKC in order to serve as the founding director of the consortium. The directorship will rotate between each of the institutions every three years.

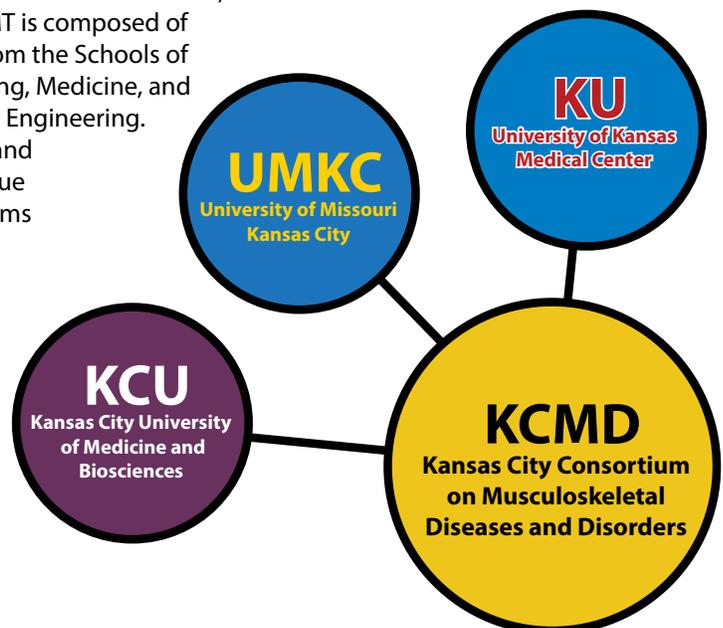
Dr. Bonewald also serves as the director of the UMKC Center of Excellence in the Study of Dental and Musculoskeletal Tissues (UMKC CEMT), which will be the major UMKC component of the KCMD. Established in 2009, UMKC CEMT is composed of investigators from the Schools of Dentistry, Nursing, Medicine, and Computing and Engineering. UMKC’s dental and mineralized tissue research programs are recognized nationally and internationally and have researchers with long histories of competitive federal

support for their work.

“The goal of this consortium,” says Dr. Bonewald, “is to build powerful research teams of basic to clinical investigators from our three institutions to discover new treatments and cures. These research teams will give our students opportunities to work alongside the researchers to understand and optimally treat musculoskeletal disease.”

The consortium has already formed a team to study bone regeneration/ infection and another team to study ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). A grant application has been submitted to the National Institute of Health for support of core facilities at UMKC and KCUMB.

The members of the External Advisory Board include: Dr. Paul Terranova, former vice chancellor for research at KU; Dr. Rob Krumlauf, scientific director of Stowers Institute for Medical Research; Dr. Wayne Carter, CEO of Kansas City Area Life Sciences Institute; and Dr. Roger Harris from MRI Global.





Jesse Smith Pursues Two Passions

Before arriving at the School of Dentistry in 2014 to begin pursuing his passion to become a dentist, Jesse Smith, had been pursuing his passion for racing cars — since the age of five. Smith became an award-winning race driver before the age of 10, winning his first of two National Quarter Midget Championships in 1998. He continued his winning ways through 2009 when joined Venturini Motorsports and raced at the Kentucky Speedway. He tied his career best Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) finish and made several other starts

with the Venturini team.

Today, as a second-year dental student, Smith gladly shares his unique life story to inspire other people to pursue their passions. In April 2015 he delivered the keynote address at the bi-annual regional conference of the Central Association of Advisors for the Health Professions, held at the Westin Kansas City hotel at Crown Center. Smith's racing background and message fit perfectly with the conference's theme, "Show Me Your Drive: Pacing Students Through the Pre-Health Speedway." More than 200 pre-professional

advisers were inspired by Smith's description of how the personal character and skills he developed on the race track have aided him in his academic track through pre-dental study and into dental school.

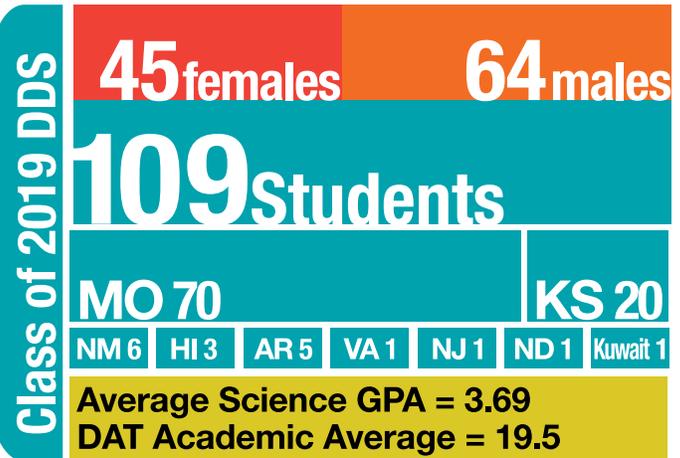
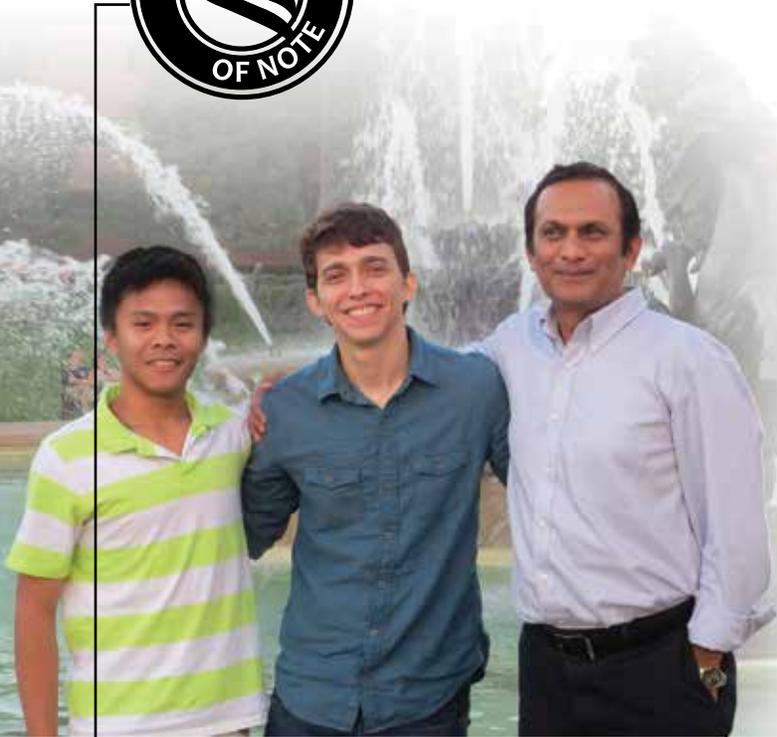
"The possibility of others learning from my experiences and using this information to live a better life is what I am all about," said Smith. "So, it was a great honor to represent the UMKC School of Dentistry at the CAAHP conference."

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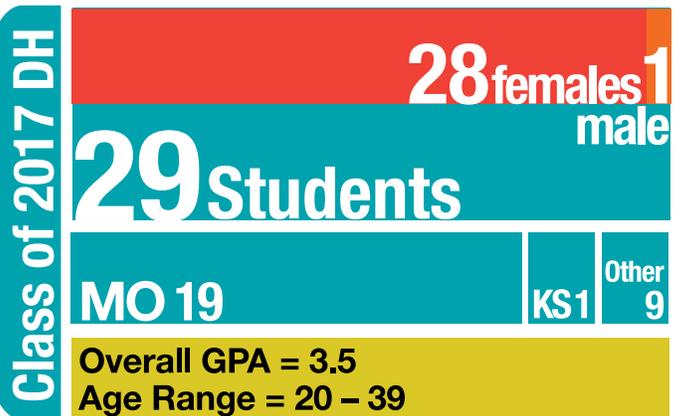
Say Hello to Your Future Colleagues

The School of Dentistry welcomed its newest students during orientation, August 20–21. As usual, we have an impressive group who will surely distinguish themselves as exceptional students and practitioners, as evidenced by the following data:



International Students Assist with Biofilm Research

The research lab of Dr. Carole McArthur, professor of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences and clinical professor at Truman Medical Center, took on a decidedly international flair over the summer as Ben Franco (L) (Philippines), Jamal Syed (R) (Bangladesh) and Rodolfo Coutinho (Brazil), assisted Dr. McArthur with her study of biofilm. Rodolfo summed up their experience, saying: "I've learned so much being part of this biofilm team at UMKC. Thank you all for teaching us so many things and for being so patient. I really appreciate the opportunity and all your help."



Legacy Students

The following first-year students self-reported relatives who attended UMKC SOD.

Missouri

Mahshidn Akhavan Farahani

Mahdokht A Farahani (DDS '09) Sister

Ron Baker

Robert Fuchs (DDS '82) Father-in-law
David Fuchs (DDS '05) Brother-in-law

Ryan Bogard

Richard Bernstein (DDS '73) Great Uncle

Rachel Brunker

Robert Brunker (DDS '79) Uncle

Richard Calvert

Jeffrey S. Heard (DDS '84) Uncle
John D. Heard (DDS '87) Uncle

Tyler Carron

Stephen M. Carron (DDS '83) Uncle
Philip F. Loida (DDS '10) Cousin

Grayson Ediger

Gordon Ediger (DDS '92) Father

Stacie Fechner

Robert Joseph Fechner (DDS '14) Husband
David Ries (DDS '08, Ort '10) Cousin-in-Law

Shaun Heier

Frank H. Amundsen (DDS '43) Grandfather

Kayla Hockersmith

Dustin Kruse (DDS '10) Cousin

Peri Irwin

Steve Irwin (DDS '84) Father

Brandon Kratz

Jason Wagle (DDS '97, Perio '99) Uncle

Michael Loida

Stephan Carron (DDS '83) Uncle
Philip Loida (DDS '10) Brother

Ryan Ochsner

Ronald W. Ochsner (DDS '81) Father

Johnna Thomas

Jonathan Thomas (DDS '04) Spouse
Joseph Thomas (DDS '89) uncle
Daniel Thomas (DDS '90, MS Perio '92) uncle
Donna Thomas (DDS '92) aunt

Karlton Smith

Justin Weststeyn (DDS '17) Brother-in-Law

Spencer Smith

Norman Smith (DDS '81) Father

Kansas

Andrew Watts

Douglas Watts (DDS '60) Grandfather
Dale Douglas Watts II (DDS '85) Father

Mariah Moxley

Mark Moxley (DDS '80) Father

Codie Bontz

Gerald Howell (DDS '60) Grandfather
Matt Howell (DDS '09) Cousin

Van Anh Nguyen

Tan H. Van (DDS '01) Uncle

Max Uyeda

Gregg Uyeda (DDS '89) uncle
Clyde Umaki (DDS '68, Perio '70) great uncle
Mike Umaki (DDS '09, Perio '11) cousin

Paul Levinsky

Evan Reed (DDS '08) cousin
Bridget Peoples (DH '07) cousin

Hawaii

New Jersey



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The 2016 Midwest Dental Conference will be jam-packed with advanced education programs, industry-leading innovations in the Exhibit Hall, and good times with classmates and friends.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

April 7th

**DR. DANIEL CRUZ MEMORIAL
LECTURE**
Charles Goodacre, DDS, MSD

**ARTHUR E. IWERSEN
PEDIATRIC SYMPOSIUM**
Kaneta Lott, DDS

**DR. PETER FEDI PERIODONTICS
LECTURE**
Georgios Romanos, DDS, PhD,
DMD

**DR. ROBERT ALLEN ORAL &
MAXILLOFACIAL LECTURE**

April 8th

Technology/Restorative
Tarun Agarwal, DDS

Communication
Bruce Christopher

Dental Hygiene
Karen Davis, RDH, BSDH

Lasers
Angie Mott, RDH

Perio

Martin Nager, DMD, FICD

**Medically Compromised
Patients**
Kevin Nakagaki, DDS

Cosmetic Dentistry
Steven Poss, DDS

Social Media/Marketing
Rita Zamora

April 9th

Restorative Workshop
Tarun Agarwal, DDS

Infection Control
Helene Bednarsh, DDS

Ethics
Larry Cook, DMD

Oral Medicine
Michael Glick, DMD

Technology/Holistic Health
Linda Meeuwenberg, RDH,
MA, FADIA

Nutrition

David Meinz, MS, RD, FAND, CSP

TMJ
Jeffrey Okeson, DMD

Smoking Trends/Diabetes
Victoria Patrouhova, RDH,
MHA

Cosmetic Dentistry Workshop
Steven Poss, DDS

April 10th

Oral Pathology
Tanya Gibson, DDS

Oral Surgery
Harold Kruger, DDS

Periodontal Therapy
Kimberly Miller, RDH, BSDH

EVENTS

**MDC isn't
all work and no play.**

Thursday

Swirl. Sniff. Sip. Support.
**Annual Pouring from the Heart
Benefit Gala**

Friday

Welcome Party

Friday and Saturday

Class Reunion Celebrations

**ADD APRIL 7-10, 2016
TO YOUR CALENDAR NOW!
YOU WON'T WANT TO
MISS THIS!**