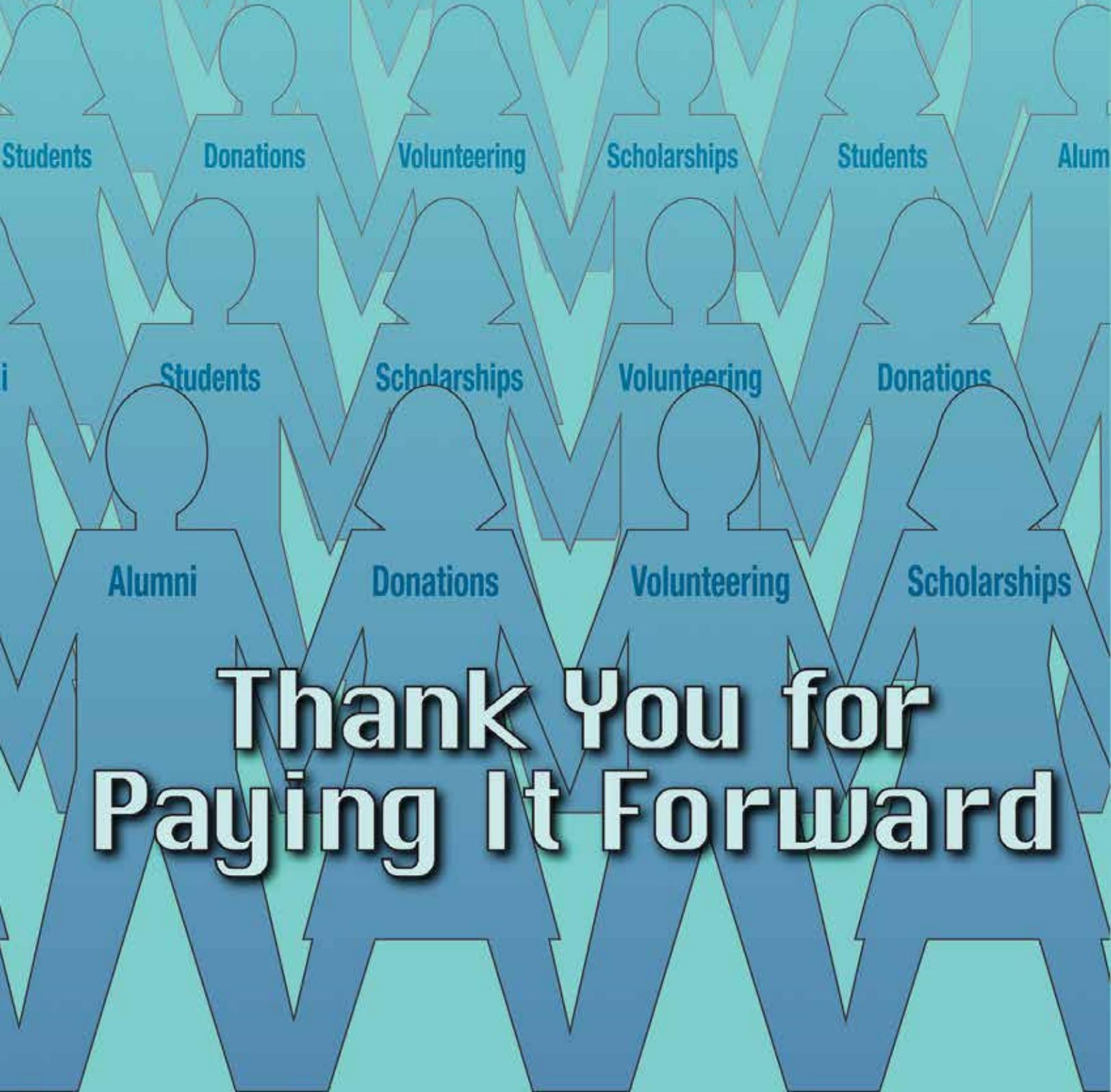


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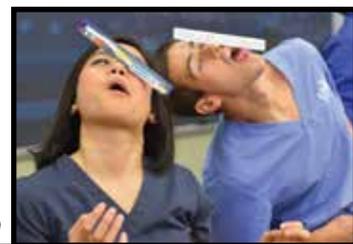
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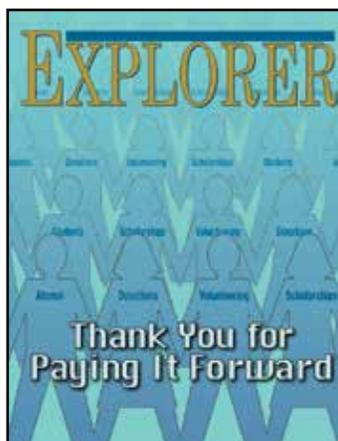


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Dear Colleagues and Friends,



In this issue of the *Explorer* we take time to say “Thank you!” to the many alumni, friends, faculty, staff and students who devote their time, talent and resources to doing good and to giving back to society by “paying it forward.” The spirit of generosity and sacrifice exemplified by our dental school community makes me immensely proud. As with the popular TV program, *The List*, we have our own outstanding groups of volunteers, special activities and people to be grateful for because they, in groups and individually, contribute much to making our world a better place. We acknowledge many of them in this issue!

Those we recognize in this edition have provided their time and financial support to help us continue to grow the strength and impact of our programs. Without this generous support, achieving our mission would be impossible! We have done our best to recruit, develop and advance faculty, staff and the best

students. We have brought on board and promoted some of the most talented faculty and leaders anywhere! For that, I am extremely proud. We have recently promoted one of our own, Dr. Keerthana Satheesh, as the new chair of the Department of Periodontics and hired another exceptional board certified periodontist, Dr. Scott Gruwell, to direct our Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. You will note the many leadership roles and accolades that our faculty and staff members have accomplished recently. They are a reflection of the quality of the individuals that work to train and develop the next generation of dentists, dental hygienists and advanced education graduates from our programs.

In service to the community, a number of faculty, staff, students and pre-dental students volunteered their time at the 2016 MOMOM event last summer in Independence, Mo. It was an honor to be a part of such a humbling event. Personal stories from the patients we serve reflect our community’s needs as well as the gratitude the patients have expressed for the opportunity to improve their oral health. I received some terrific, unsolicited feedback about the great job our students did at this event.

We cannot accomplish our ongoing goals, projects and improvements for our institution and programs without your help. We hope that you will join us this

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next year in supporting the important projects that help to keep us on the cutting edge of our profession. I hope that you enjoy reading about the many ways our dental school community takes care of the oral health needs of Kansas City and beyond! These are the people who, every day, make a positive impact and pay it forward to those most in need. From new citizens to new specialty diplomates, to leadership trainees, and national leaders, we are grateful that our alumni, faculty, staff, students and friends all call UMKC their dental home!

Thank you for what you do for us!

Sincerely,
Marsha



Alumni Paying It Forward Through **Philanthropy**

Victor Wood (DDS '33)

Dr. Wood graduated from the Kansas City-Midwest Dental College in 1943, completing the program in three years. He served three years as a dentist in the U.S. Navy during WWII and then returned to his home town of Nixa, Mo., where he opened his own practice and worked until 1973. As a regular attendee of the Recognition Breakfast at the Midwest Dental Conference and a consistent annual giver to the Rinehart Foundation, Dr. Wood and his wife of 73 years, Lavinia, continue to show their love of dentistry and desire for others to have the same experience. Dr. Wood is living proof that consistent giving makes a big impact over time. In recognition of his years of generosity, Dr. Wood was awarded the Rinehart Medallion, named for Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, dean of the School from 1928-1957. All donors are important to the School and we couldn't continue to our work without alumni like Dr. Wood.

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Honor Roll of Donors

This has been a fantastic year of giving. We have been lucky that so many people have given of their hard earned money to help benefit our students through scholarships and equipment that impact their daily education. Others have given with their time by sitting on boards and committees and putting in extra hours for the conference, alumni events and special requests as needed. Still others have given of their expertise by spending time educating students on clinical skills or practice management when there are many other ways they could have spent their free time.

All of these givers are an invaluable part of the intricate web we weave to provide a world class education and learning experience. Thank you to each of you who have payed it forward in some way – we couldn't have done so much without you.

Through our joint efforts this year we have continued our careful management of gifts, provided innumerable scholarships to grateful students and worked on a project to replace the hand-pieces and motors in the clinic to continue the improvement of our facility.

We are pleased to have this chance to share our progress with you in the magazine and hope you will find it enlightening and inspiring and that it will strengthen your resolve to help us continue our progress.



Jerry Ogilvie

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Scholarship Recognition Dinner —

A Celebration of Generosity and Gratitude

The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Scholarship Recognition dinner Monday evening October 10, 2016, 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 210 awards totaling nearly \$616,966. Additionally, students received \$72,000 in awards from regional and national scholarship funds. Over 240 people were in attendance at this wonderful celebration of both students and donors.

New Scholarships

Dr. William Brockmann Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship was established by Dr. Brockmann's (PhD '04) family, friends, colleagues and students to honor his memory. A professor at the UMKC School of Dentistry who taught pharmacology, Dr. Brockmann epitomized what it means to be a life-long learner, both in his professional life and personal life. This scholarship is presented to students who have a positive attitude and who are patient-centered, quality-oriented, caring, and aspire to learn without limits.

Dr. David K.H. Dung Scholarship

The Dr. David K.H. Dung (DDS '58) Scholarship was established by his family in his memory to honor his long association with the UMKC School of Dentistry and the UMKC alumni of Hawaii. He leaves a strong legacy of connection and service to the School, and this scholarship will serve to help other students in need enjoy similar long and successful careers in a field that was important to him.

Dr. William J. Friend Scholarship

Mrs. Mary Friend (DH '81) established this scholarship in honor of her late husband, Dr. William J. Friend (DDS '62). Mary was able to fulfill his wishes and assist students by providing third- and fourth-year students with aid on their way to promising careers. Knowing there are never enough scholarships to go around, the Friends also wanted to assist a student who isn't receiving another award.

Larry Magnuson Scholarship for Competent and Caring Dentistry

This scholarship was established in Larry's (DDS '67) memory by his sister, Carolyn, to honor his dedication to dental health. Competent and caring were the perfect words to describe Larry. He spent his career in rural southeast Kansas serving the local residents and contributing to his community. It is a hope that recipients will also be actively involved in serving their patients and communities.

Andrea L. Roark Scholarship

Created by her family and friends, this scholarship honors Andrea's (DDS '02) life and her dedication to those less fortunate. Recipients of this award must demonstrate leadership skills and a dedication to community service in addition to being academically successful. The family looks forward to assisting these dedicated and well-rounded students in continuing the good works that Andrea cared about during her life.

Class of 2014 Ji Blanchfield Memorial Scholarship

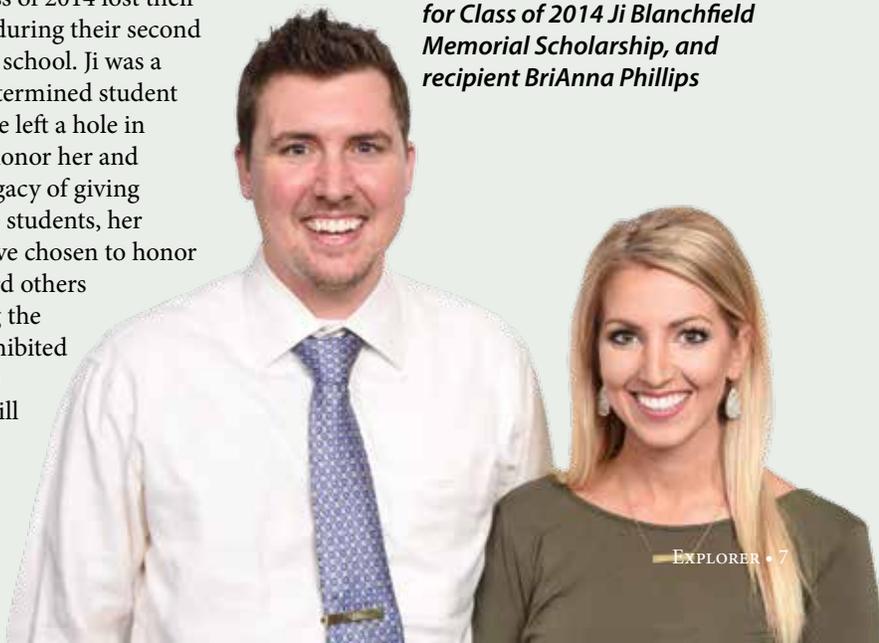
The DDS Class of 2014 lost their classmate, Ji, during their second year of dental school. Ji was a bright and determined student whose absence left a hole in the class. To honor her and begin their legacy of giving back to future students, her classmates have chosen to honor her and reward others for possessing the qualities Ji exhibited each day. This scholarship will help second-year students who are academically

successful and involved in a student organization.

Dr. Robert and Lucille Cowan Scholarship

The largest gift in School of Dentistry history, the \$10 million received from the Cowans upon their passing, will leave an indelible mark on the School and its graduates for decades to come. The Cowans didn't live large or boast of their wealth; instead, they worked hard and gave back where they could. It was their wish to help dental students achieve the same kind of success in a career that had brought them so much joy. This gift will almost double the amount of scholarships the School is able to award students, and the impact of that contribution in the coming years is incalculable. The Cowans sincerely hoped that their gift would inspire recipients to give back themselves after "they've been out of school for a few years and have a family and accumulate a little money."

Dr. Andrew Bruening, Class Rep for Class of 2014 Ji Blanchfield Memorial Scholarship, and recipient BriAnna Phillips



Endowed Class Scholarships Continue to Grow

1943 Sept Scholarship	\$15,787
1947 Scholarship	\$19,630
1949 Scholarship	\$22,350
1950 Scholarship	\$19,156
1956 Scholarship	\$14,728
1957 Scholarship	\$23,367
1958 Scholarship	\$17,516
1959 Scholarship	\$37,902
1960 Scholarship	\$35,008
1962 Scholarship	\$56,140
1963 Scholarship	\$22,898
1964 Scholarship	\$20,463
1965 - David L Moore Award	
1965 - Steve Barber Fund	\$13,816
1965 Scholarship	\$46,856
1966 Scholarship	\$37,534
1967 Scholarship	\$68,826
1968 Scholarship	\$53,932
1969 Scholarship	\$27,076
1970 Scholarship*	\$159,256
1972 Scholarship	\$70,834
1973 Scholarship	\$52,317
1974 Scholarship	\$17,708
1975 Scholarship	\$19,257
1976 Scholarship	\$25,887
1977 Scholarship	\$61,809
1978 Scholarship	\$17,987
1979 Scholarship	\$48,265
1980 Scholarship	\$23,201
1981 Scholarship	\$32,908
1982 Scholarship	\$17,510
1983 Scholarship	\$34,892
1984 Scholarship	\$42,388
1985 Scholarship	\$32,775
1986 Scholarship	\$29,321
1988 Scholarship	\$22,554
1991 Scholarship	\$14,342
1992 Scholarship	\$20,597
1996 Scholarship	\$14,034
2000 Scholarship	\$18,865
Class of 2014 - Ji Blanchfield Scholarship	\$11,109

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Class Scholarships Not Yet Endowed**

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	\$4,925
1971 Scholarship	\$8,726
1987 Scholarship	\$5,942
1989 Scholarship	\$4,310
1990 Scholarship	\$1,100
1993 Scholarship	\$6,050
1994 Scholarship	\$8,300
1995 Scholarship	\$7,650
1997 Scholarship	\$1,200
1998 Scholarship	\$4,407
1999 Scholarship	\$5,425
2001 Scholarship	\$1,750
2002 Scholarship Heidi Garren Evans Scholarship	\$7,200
2003 Scholarship	\$3,560
2004 Scholarship	\$1,000
2005 Scholarship	\$4,200
2006 Scholarship	\$850
2007 Scholarship	\$1,950
2008 Scholarship	\$600
2009 Scholarship	\$1,700
2010 Scholarship	\$300

**When your class fund reaches \$10,000, we look forward to making your first award



Alumni Paying It Forward Through Generosity

Emily Day (DDS '02)

Dr. Day has continued to give back since her graduation. As she explains, "I was a recipient of alumni sponsored scholarships each year in dental school. I was so thankful for these generous scholarships. It is my pleasure to now be a donor and pay it forward for a current student." We hope this legacy of giving will continue to inspire today's students so these important traditions will live long into the future.

Congratulations

to our 2017 UMKC Alumni Achievement Award Winners. This honor is bestowed upon one dental and dental hygiene alumnus each year who has achieved notable success and rendered outstanding service to the community. Meet this year's honorees as described by their peers and colleagues.



Dr. Jane Atkinson
DDS '81

2017 Alumni Achievement Award – Dental

Dr. Atkinson's nominator writes, "[Dr. Atkinson] has had an impressive career with the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C., where she has treated significantly ill patients, gained tremendous knowledge of their diseases, and supported future research to one day alleviate these maladies affecting our nation's youngest patients. She is indeed worthy of this distinguished honor.

She began her studies at the UMKC School of Dentistry, where she graduated with her DDS degree in 1981. She then attended the University of Maryland, where she spent a year serving a general practice residency at the University of Maryland Hospital. Following a four-year period in private practice, she began her affiliation with the National Institute of Dental Research as a dental staff fellow. She attained her certificate in Oral Medicine in 1988 and a certificate with commendation in Clinical Research in 2004.

Through her many accomplishments at the Institute, including a guest researcher position at Humboldt University in Berlin, Germany, she rose to be director of the Oral Medicine Training Program. In this role, she taught and guided many future health professionals to care for our most vulnerable patients beyond the walls of the Institute.

Dr. Atkinson's leadership and professional skills then led her to the University of Maryland, where she served as a full professor and assistant dean of Clinical Affairs for four years. Her love of the Institute, though, brought her back to their leadership ranks in 2004. She has served in various capacities, including her current directorship position at the NIH Center for Clinical Research.

She has spent a lifetime sharing her knowledge nationally and internationally through presentations, research, publications, and book chapters. Her work has expanded horizons for the treatment of HIV infected patients, particularly children, and has opened new doors in the treatment and diagnosis of salivary gland disorders across all patient populations. She has truly changed the lives of patients who suffer from these diseases.

Dr. Atkinson stands apart in her worldwide contributions to teaching, science, treatment of critically ill patients, and research. She is so worthy of this wonderful recognition!"



Dr. Mary Elizabeth Kaz
BSDH '86, MS '87

2017 Alumni Achievement Award — Dental Hygiene

Dr. Kaz's nominator writes, "When I look at the list of Liz Kaz's professional accomplishments, I am proud to have her as one of our alumni and extremely proud to be able to nominate her for the UMKC Dental Hygiene Alumni Achievement Award. Liz has been in dental and dental hygiene education since she earned her MS degree in Dental Hygiene Education from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1987.

Liz was an early adopter of the use of distance technology to deliver dental hygiene education to parts of states with areas underserved by dental hygienists. [Her CV illustrates] she took the lead in developing and leading one of the first dental hygiene programs delivered via distance throughout the state of Wisconsin. Liz was then recruited to the Phoenix area where she helped develop an innovative approach to delivering dental hygiene education in the Maricopa County Community College District. Liz has experience in developing curricula at a new dental school. She joined the UMKC faculty in 2015, serving our dental hygiene program and directing our continuing education program.

In terms of professional service, Liz has been active within the licensure community as well as the accreditation community. She currently serves on the Predoctoral Review Committee of the Commission on Dental Accreditation. She just completed a term on the National Board Test Construction Committee on the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations. She also just finished a term on the Dental Hygiene Board of the Arizona Board of Dental Examiners. These are highly sought after positions, and those appointed to serve have the respect and trust of their colleagues for their commitment to excellence and high ethical standards. Liz has made many contributions to dental hygiene education and is a credit to her alma mater. It is an honor to recommend her for this award."

CLASSNOTES

Class notes can be submitted on line at <http://dentistry.umkc.edu/asset/forms/classnotes.asp>

Classes of the 2000s

Terry (Storey) Gonzales (DH

'12) got married in 2012. She has a grandson born in August 2015 and a granddaughter in September 2016!

Katie (McCaa) Hiegert (DDS '12) married **Aaron Hiegert** (DDS '10) on June 8, 2012, right after graduating from dental school. They now have two sons: Aaron and Jacob. Katie is a pediatric dentist and Aaron is dental director of Denver Health.

John Poston (DDS '12) and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed their first child, Grant Brown Poston, into the world on May 1, 2016.

Nicole Boxberger Christie (DDS '07) was married June 25, 2016, in New Orleans, La., where she and her husband, Josh Christie, reside.



Pictured L-R: Brigette Koetter (DDS '07), Rachael Graue (DDS '07), Nicole Boxberger Christie (DDS '07), Sara (Young) Bauer (DDS '07), J.B. White (DDS '07)

Neil Dean (DDS '04) has a pediatric practice in McKinney, Texas, and his wife, **Melissa Tricamo Dean** (DDS '02) works part time as a periodontist. They have two girls: Brooklyn (5) and Catherine (2).

Classes of the 1990s

Matthew Turner (DDS '91) sold the horse farm and moved to the golf course. He traded the tractor for a golf cart and loves it! His son, Ethan, graduated in 2016 with an MBA in finance, and his daughter, Emily, will graduate in 2017 with a BA in studio

art/art history. He and his wife, Shawn, have been married for two years!

Farrah Zaery's (DDS '91), son, Arshia, was 2½ years old when she started dental school, is now a dentist and has 2 ½ year old twin girls. Farrah and her eldest son practice dentistry together, and her youngest son is in his third year at UCLA School of Dentistry. Dr. Zaery is still married to her husband of 33 years.

Abbie McKight (DDS '97) hired a new associate, **Megan Konz** (DDS '16), on June 15, 2016. Megan joined the practice as Abbie's partner after **Lynne Schutte** (DDS '83) retired this fall.

Jennifer Pottinger (DDS '97) welcomed Reagan Lynn Pottinger on May 2, 2012.

Ed Stephens (DDS '97) just celebrated his fifth anniversary of being in his new office. He says his staff and patients still love it. He also just celebrated the second anniversary of working with **Tom Mooney** (DDS '92) and having one of his satellite locations out of their office. Dr. Stephens says it sure is great working with an old friend.

Cathy Taylor-Osborne (DDS '97) was inducted into the American College of Dentists this fall at the ADA meeting. Currently she serves as the director of the Bureau of Oral Health at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Classes of the 1980s

Norman Smith (DDS '81) has successfully performed over 33,000 root canals and he still enjoys it!

John W. Tabash (DDS '81) received his MS degree in oral biology and certificate in orthodontics from Loyola University School of Dentistry in Chicago in 1983. He retired from orthodontics after 31 years in private practice on December 30, 2014. He is enjoying retirement and is learning piano, chess, photography, and

improving his golf game and traveling. He is also doing volunteer work with the poor through his parish. He has been married for 30 years to Mary S. Tabash, BS, RDH, who still practices hygiene on a limited basis. They have two children: John, a 25-year-old financial analyst in Florida, and Julie, a 27-year-old married opera singer and university instructor who performs throughout the country. Dr. Tabash says that he is "blessed with a happy, healthy life, family and retirement."

Earl Larson (DDS '82) will be serving as the GSLDS Trustee to the MDA starting in November 2016.

Jon Majers (DDS '82) had his first grandchild, Conner, born this year.

Frank Schmidt (DDS '82) is still in general practice in Branson, Mo.

John Hay (DDS '87) and his wife, Megan, welcomed their first grandchild, Carter James Johnson, on Dec. 24, 2015.

Terry Myers (DDS '87) has a son, Glen, who is a third-year dental student at UMKC and in the Air Force. His daughter, Katie, is studying international business at Loyola in Chicago.

Mark Scantlan (DDS '87) has served as president of the Southwest Counties District of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society for over 15 years now and has been nominated for the 2017 VP of the GSLDS. He has also received an ADA Humanitarian award for overseas missions to India, Kenya, Senegal, Honduras, and Guatemala. With five kids and eight grandkids, he stays very busy!

Lendall Shell's (DDS '87) son, Ryan, is working on his PhD in paleontology, and his son, Alex, is finishing his senior year at the University of Arkansas and then will go on to law school.

Classes of the 1970s

Norman Waitley (DDS '71) retired from medical practice (anesthesiology)

in 2015. He and his wife are enjoying the achievements of their four kids who have provided them with 10 grandchildren, the youngest of whom is 12.

Tatiana Graham (DDS '07) maintained a private practice for five years in Harrisburg, Pa. Her family then moved to Tampa, Fl for her husband's job. She then took a year off and had her third child. In 2013 her family moved back to Missouri to her husband's hometown of Joplin. Tatiana took a position at ACHE Dental, a charitable dental organization, as the dentist in their school program which served in schools throughout the SW MO area. She decided to take more time off when she had her fourth child. During that time she homeschooled her oldest son for two years. He is going to a private school this year and she is going back to work as a dentist part-time and continue her full-time job as a mom.

Larry McDonald (DDS '72) retired in 2010. He has two sons and one grandson. He will have been married to his wife, Anne, for 50 years on June 17, 2017.

Donald Rennard (DDS '72) plays lots of tennis these days and does a little traveling. His son, Jon, was married three years ago.

Dale Schutte (DDS '72) retired from practice in September 2013.

Richard Gilman (DDS '77, MS '80) retired in February 2016 and is now teaching part time in the UMKC Department of Periodontics.

John Waldron (DDS '77) sold his practice in April 2013 and worked part time two days a week until July 2017, when he fully retired from being in private practice for 36 years.

Classes of the 1960s

Harlo Donelson (DDS '62) still goes to the office three days a week. He loves what he does and is afraid of idle time. He wishes his best to his classmates.

James Dryden (DDS '66) is still practicing endodontics part-time in Joplin, Mo. He taught at UMKC SOD from 2000–2011 and served as chair of the Department of Endodontics. He is still married with three sons and one grandson.

Richard McKinney (DDS '64) retired from private practice after 52 years on June 30, 2016. He and his wife, Carol, will be traveling, playing golf and taking care of their two homes, one of which is in the mountains!

Newton Jones (DDS '67) retired on Jan. 28, 2005.

John Kiesendahl (DDS '67) received the Lab Instructor of the Year award from the Class of 2019 at the UMKC School of Dentistry.

Jerry Nossaman (DDS '67) is retired, widowed, traveling and writing.

Paul Rebeck (DDS '67) is still living and having great years with his delightful wife!

Russell Tabata (DDS '67) is practicing a half day per week. He is enjoying trying to spend time with his eight grandchildren and looking forward to visiting with classmates in April 2017 at their 50th class reunion!

Robert Ward (DDS '67) retired five years ago. He is currently splitting time between Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Highland Ranch, Colo. He is enjoying hunting, fishing, golfing, camping, hiking, and traveling to his grandkids' football and track meets.

Joe Weaver (DDS '62) is still playing tennis every day on his court in his back yard. He also travels to Europe every spring and every fall and is fluent in German and French!

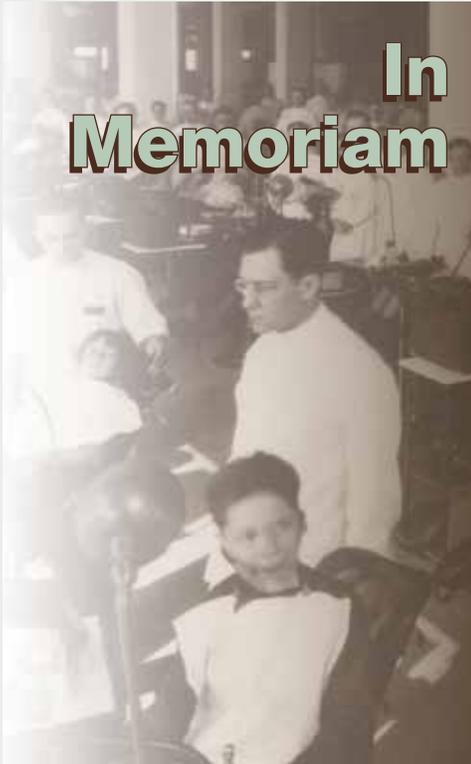
Ralph Younger (DDS '67) and his wife, Lynda L Younger, in 2016 provide \$10,000 for a scholarship fund for the benefit of the UMKC School of Dentistry.

Classes of the 1950s

Ted S. Hine (DDS '52) has quite the interesting family legacy. There are so many dentists in his family that he says family reunions are like dental meetings! His dad, Dr. Otto Hine, graduated from Western Dental College in 1915 (a predecessor of UMKC School of Dentistry). His crown and bridge instructor was Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, who was also Dean of the School when Dr. Ted Hine attended. His wife's father, Dr. John Haddock, graduated from the newly merged Kansas City-Western College in 1924. Two of his wife's sisters married UKMC School of Dentistry grads: **R.G. Bowers** (DDS '53) and **Robert Schick** (DDS '59). Dr. Hine's son, **Dr. Craig Hine**, graduated from UMKC School of Dentistry in 1995. Dr. Bower's son, Dr. Brandon Bowers, and Dr. Schick's son, Dr. Rob Schick, both graduated from the Oklahoma School of Dentistry in 1976 and 1998, respectively. Dr. Brandon Bower's daughters kept the family tradition alive: Blair Bowers graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Dentistry in 2010 and her sister, Lauren, graduated from there in 2014. Dr. Hine, his dad and his son returned to their hometown, Muskogee, Okla., to practice. His son, Craig, is now in Tulsa. Dr. Haddock and the Bowers are in Shawnee, Okla., and the Schicks are in Duncan, Okla. What a great legacy to pass on to even more generations to come!

Marvin Hoffman (DDS '57) and his wife, Skip, are still active physically and socially with community activities in Minot, N.D.

Charles (Bill) Neale (DDS '57) retired from practice in 1996 and was elected County Coroner that same year. He has continued with that position and will retire again on December 31, 2016.



In Memoriam

Kenneth William Blomeyer (DDS '53)

William (Bill) Clifton (DDS '51)

J. Howard Downs (DDS '68)

John B. Flickinger (DDS '54)

Ronald E. Gier (faculty)

Charles L. Graves (DDS '61)

Leo Victor Heiman (DDS '56)

Carl W. Herre, Jr. (DDS '53)

Norman W. Hildreth (DDS '50)

John Stephens Hollyman (DDS '40)

William (Bill) Killoy (faculty)

Leonard L. Lausten (Faculty)

Bob E. Martin (DDS '53)

Dorsey Moore (DDS '59)

Ronald Moreschini (DDS '49)

Gary N. Moyer (DDS '71)

Keith Thomas Murray (DDS '82)

Aleza G. Myer (DDS '91)

David Roberts (DDS '62)

Aaron Dean Reilender (DDS '99)

Kenneth Richard Russell (DDS '57)

Robert E. Smith (DDS '58)

Don J. Thompson (DDS '61)



Alumni Paying It Forward Through Service

Mele Nunemaker (DDS '77) and Jeremy Bowen (DDS '07)

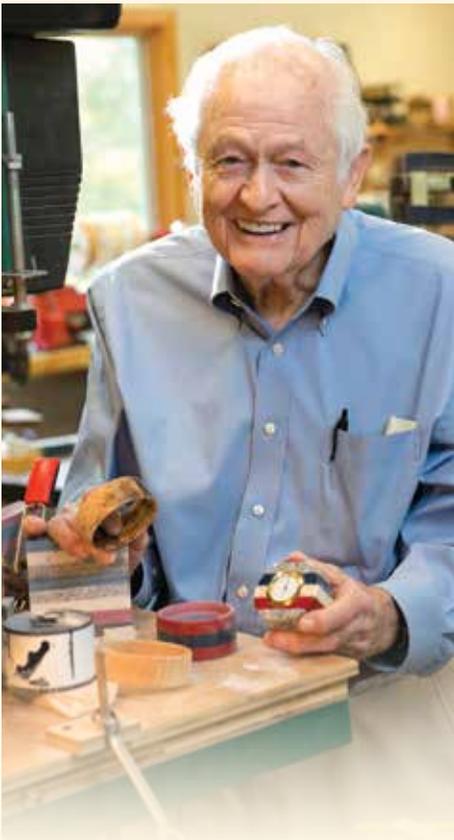
Dr. Nunemaker and Dr. Bowen served as the co-chairs of the Missouri Mission of Mercy held last summer in Independence, Mo. Their time and dedication helped to treat 1,513 patients in two days by organizing 1,100+ volunteers, including 200+ dentists as well as hygienists, assistants, medical staff, students and technicians (many of whom were also alumni). The Missouri Mission of Mercy is a large-scale dental clinic that provides free oral healthcare to patients of all ages who cannot otherwise afford access to care. It is outstanding alumni like Drs. Nunemaker and Bowen who continue to show the best of the UMKC School of Dentistry and give a glimpse into what great alumni graduate from this school.

Lyndal G. Holmes (DDS '65, MS '76)

Dr. Holmes has been actively involved with City Union Mission in Kansas City, Mo., since he established its dental program 12 years ago. "For 92 years," Dr. Holmes said, "the City Union Mission has sheltered the homeless of Kansas City without receiving any city, state or federal funding; instead, a community of donors enable the Mission to provide shelter for hundreds of men, women and children each night and provide 1,000 hot meals a day." Dr. Holmes is especially grateful to all the oral health professionals who have donated their time and services to treat patients referred to them from City Union Mission. "I have written hundreds of letters asking my dental colleagues to volunteer to not just restore a mouth but to help restore the self-image of a whole person. Some said they would accept one patient a year, some said one patient a month. I was astounded when one dentist said, 'As many as it takes.' Also, Mallow-Tru Dental Studio

has generously done all our lab work (free of charge) for 12 years. Together the dental community has provided hundreds of thousands of dollars of care that has helped people turn their lives around. If you're in need of a mission, I invite you to contact me (holmeslg@umkc.edu) and join our Mission. "





A Woodworking Wonderland

Paul Kincaid (DDS '45) has had many loves in his lifetime: his wife, Mary Bess, who was also his high school sweetheart; his two sons; his five grandchildren; his profession; his patients and virtually anyone he meets. But since the passing of his beloved wife in January 2011, Dr. Kincaid has rekindled another love — woodworking. He specializes in transforming exotic woods from around the world into stunning wooden bracelets. However, creating these objets d'art is only half the fun, the other half is the delight he takes in giving them away. He has given away hundreds of his creations to relatives, friends, patients and even random strangers whose day Dr. Kincaid thinks might need brightening with a random act of art and kindness.

After marrying Mary Bess in 1944 and graduating from the UKC School of Dentistry in 1945, Dr. Kincaid arrived in Lawrence, Kan., and set up his dental practice. Although he didn't really plan to, he would come to love dentistry and serving his patients so much that he would continue practicing in Lawrence for the next 70 years. He officially retired on his 95th birthday in January 2015. One of the many reasons he loved working so much was the addition of his son, Charles (Charley) Kincaid (DDS '76), who joined the practice in July 1976. Now, Dr. Kincaid may not be able to indulge his love for people through the art and science of dentistry, but he has definitely developed a satisfying alternative through the art of woodworking.



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Extended Care Permit III Training Course – Online & Lab

Cindy Amyot, RDH, EdD, and Kylie Austin, RDH, MSDH

Spring Semester: January – May 2017

Deadline to Enroll: January 20, 2017

Minimal Enteral Oral Sedation and Emergency Procedures

Thaer Daifallah, DDS, and Matthew Hlavacek, DDS, MD

Friday & Saturday, January 20 & 21, 2017

Management of Prescription Opioids to Reduce Abuse

Steven Waldman, MD, JD

Friday, February 3, 2017

Nitrous Oxide for the Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant

Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS, and Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS

Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25, 2017

Parenteral IV Sedation Re-Certification Course and Emergency Procedures

Thaer Daifallah, DDS, and Matthew Hlavacek, DDS, MD

Friday & Saturday, March 10 & 11, 2017

Infection/Exposure Control in the Oral Healthcare Setting

MaryJane Bruning, RDH

Friday, May 12, 2017

Oral Surgery for the General Dentist

Friday, June 23, 2017

Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists

(Summer Session Only)

Liz Kaz, RDH, EdD, and Kenneth Frick, DDS

Friday–Sunday, July 28–30, 2017

Practicing Dental Hygiene Public Health Safety Net

(Online)

Cindy Amyot, RDH, EdD, and Kylie Austin, RDH, MSDH

Fall Semester: August – December 2017

Deadline to Enroll: August 10, 2017

CEREC Hands-On Course

Cynthia Petrie, DDS, MS, FACP; Moid Karwaa, DDS, MS; and Lance Godley, DMD

Friday, October 6, 2017

Disaster Response and Forensics for the Dental Professional

Tracy Brookshire, BSDH

Marsha Voelker, CDA, RDH, MS

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Nitrous Oxide for the Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant

Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS, and Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS

Friday & Saturday, October 20 & 21, 2017

To register, call UMKC Continuing Dental Education: 816-235-2142

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Proud to Be an American . . . Finally



On Thursday, August 11, 2016, Dr. Rebeca Weisleder, a clinical associate professor in the Department of Endodontics, stood before a judge in the Kansas City Municipal Court and swore her allegiance to the United States of America and officially became a naturalized citizen, thus bringing one chapter of her life to a close while beginning another.

“Before the ceremony,” said Dr. Weisleder, “I was very excited to see that a journey that took me 11 years to complete was coming to an end. During the ceremony I felt that I was blessed to have been able to accomplish this, especially since so many people are not able to. I was also very happy that the whole Department of Endodontics was there to support me. I am proud to be an American!”

Dr. Weisleder was born and raised in Mexico City. She attended dental school at the Universidad Autonoma de Mexico in Mexico City. She later completed a preceptorship in endodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She returned to Mexico City and practiced for 16 years while also teaching at her alma mater and the Universidad Tecnologica de Mexico. In 2005 she returned to the United States to earn a certificate in endodontics at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. After earning a master’s degree in education and instructional design from the University of Houston, she joined the faculty in the UMKC Department of Endodontics.

School of Dentistry News of Note

Richie Bigham, assistant dean of Student Programs, is serving as a workshop trainer for the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Holistic Review Workshop program, which aids dental institutions in addressing and reviewing admission policies, procedures and practices.

Robert Blundell (BS ’75, DDS ’79), clinical assistant professor and chair of the Department of Endodontics, was honored with the Elmer F. Pierson Good Teaching Award in Dentistry at the 2016 UMKC Celebration of Excellence Faculty and Staff Awards event on Tuesday, April 26, in Pierson Auditorium.

Brett Ferguson (DDS ’81, DOMX ’90), a longtime chair of the UMKC Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, accepted the Health Equity Award from the Black Health Care Coalition at the Intercontinental Hotel, August 19, 2016. Also, Dr. Ferguson is among the first group of oral surgeons to be inducted into the American College of Surgeons.

Vesna-Lea Ferrer, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, received the 2016 James A. McNamara Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. Dr. Ferrer’s application consisted of four developmental plans for education, teaching skills, clinical skills and research. Her research project is entitled “Learning objectives for predoctoral orthodontics curricular content in the level of growth and development.”

John K. Kiesendahl (DDS ’67) participated in the Dental Morphology/Occlusion section of the National Board Review Live Webinar in November 2015 under the direction of Associate Dean Dr. Cindy Amyot. He also received the Lab Faculty of the Year award from the DDS Class of 2019.

Valorie Moore-Porter, business support specialist II, has taken on the additional responsibility of serving as Staff Development Leader to work with the leadership of the Staff Council to plan development activities for the dental school staff.

Pam Overman (DH ’72, MS ’80), associate dean for Academic Affairs, has been honored with the Esther Wilkins Lifetime Achievement Award. The award, presented by the publication *Dimensions in Dental Hygiene* and sponsored by Colgate, is founded on the values embodied by Esther M. Wilkins, BS, RDH, DMD, known as the “matriarch of dental hygiene.”

John Rapley (DDS ’73), professor and former chair of the Department of Periodontics, was honored with the Missouri Governor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 2016 UMKC Celebration of Excellence Faculty and Staff Awards event held Tuesday, April 26, in Pierson Auditorium.

Julie Sutton, assistant professor in the Division of Dental Hygiene, **Melynda Meredith** (DDS ’07), assistant clinical professor in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences, and **Dr. Vesna-Lea Ferrer**, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, have been selected to participate in the 2016-17 cohort of the UMKC/UM Faculty Scholars Program, which is designed to support the efforts of the University to acclimate and retain new faculty.

Connie White (DDS ’81), director of Patient Relations and assistant dean for Community Relations and Communication, was elected as the new national secretary of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) at its annual meeting last summer in Boston, Mass.

CORRECTION: Jeff Primos, director of Business Affairs, earned his MBA degree in 2011, not “recently” as was reported in the summer 2016 Explorer.

School Shines in Innovation Competition



Dr. Cynthia Amyot



Dr. Bonnie Branson



Dr. Marsha Pyle

The UMKC School of Dentistry was awarded second place at the 2016 ADEA Commission on Change and Innovation conference in New Orleans, La. This year's meeting, titled "Thinking Innovatively," hosted a competition among the 34 schools in attendance to creatively present an innovation from the attendee's school. For Round One — "Learning How to Assess Innovation" — Dr. Bonnie Branson, professor and director of External Rotation Sites in the Department of Dental Public Health and Behavioral Science, along with Dr. Cynthia Amyot (DH '92, MS '93), professor and associate dean for Instructional Technology and Faculty Development, and Dr. Marsha Pyle, dean of the School of Dentistry, prepared a poster highlighting the School's proposal to establish a satellite dental program at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo. Dr. Branson represented UMKC in all three rounds of the competition. Ten finalists from Round One advanced to Round Two ("Making Your Case for Innovation") during which a panel of dental education experts determined the top three innovative ideas. The Final Round ("Innovation Stadium") challenged the finalists to compete in an innovative skills game highlighting their ability to think creatively in the moment. As the second-place winner, UMKC was awarded \$3,000 that will go toward funding the satellite dental program.

The poster, presented at the 2016 ADEA CCI Liaisons Summer Meeting in New Orleans, LA, details a proposal for a satellite dental program at Missouri Southern State University. It includes sections for Abstract, Objectives, Methods, Implementation and Evaluation Strategy, Financial Details, and a table of financial projections. A central diagram shows a circular flow of components: Technology, Faculty, Patients, and Community, all contributing to the program's success.

Year	Revenue	Expenses	Net Income
Year 1 (2017)	\$1,000,000	\$800,000	\$200,000
Year 2 (2018)	\$1,200,000	\$900,000	\$300,000
Year 3 (2019)	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000
Year 4 (2020)	\$1,800,000	\$1,100,000	\$700,000
Year 5 (2021)	\$2,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$800,000



Faculty Paying It Forward Through Volunteering

Michael McCunniff (DDS '83) and **Eric Gottman** (DDS '04)

Dr. McCunniff serves as chair of the Department of Dental Public Health and Behavioral Science and Dr. Gottman serves as Team 2 coordinator. While they wear many hats and are invaluable to the School in their faculty capacity, they also volunteer their time to lead our Recent Grads committee and are essential to the student experience. This committee engages current students in order to encourage young alumni participation. Drs. McCunniff and Gottman do everything from welcome students at Orientation, sell baseball tickets outside the canteen at lunch, organize the recent grad party at MDC, direct traffic at Alumni Association sponsored Practice Management Sessions, to leading our student volunteers at Pouring from the Heart. They give of their time so that students will have fond memories and will move forward leaving a positive legacy of UMKC out in their communities.



Student News of Note

- **Caren Abraham** (DDS Class of 2017) and **Caroline Zeller** (DDS Class of 2017) were selected as Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Honor Recipients. This recognition honors the truly unique students who maintain high scholastic performance while actively participating in leadership and service to the community and our University outside of the classroom.
- Former periodontics residents **Dr. Jonathan Thomas** (DDS '04, Perio '07), **Dr. Paul Michael Cady** (Perio '12) and **Dr. Amon Holt III** (DDS '12, Perio '14) became Diplomates the American Board of Periodontology in 2016. Dr. Thomas is in private practice in the Kansas City area, Dr. Cady is in private practice in Pocatello, Idaho, and Dr. Holt is in practice in Lawrence, Kan.
- **Matt Saxon** (DDS Class of 2018) published his article “Diabetes and Oral Health: The link is real” in the most recent issue of *Mouth*, the Journal of the American Student Dental Association. To view the publication and Matt’s article, visit the magazine’s website.
- **Jessica Sliger** (DDS Class of 2018) was selected as a 2016 Dental Trade Alliance Foundation Scholarship winner. Each U.S. dental school dean may nominate one student from their school for the award. The Dental Trade Alliance then selects ten students to honor with the award.



Congratulations, Division of Dental Hygiene

The UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene was selected as the winner of the Colgate Academic Recycling Contest for the 2015–2016 academic year. DH students collected an astounding 32,998 pieces (653.74 pounds) of oral care waste and raised a total of \$854 (including a \$200 match from Colgate) for Dental Hygiene Indigent Care, enabling them to pay it forward to patients in need! As the winner of the project, the School will receive a park bench (complete with a commemorative plaque) made from recycled materials.

In announcing the award, Janette Delinger, RDH, MSDH, FAADH, Midwest Academic Manager, Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals, wrote, “I challenged the 2016 class to win this bench and boy did they run with it. As an alumna of UMKC and the lead for this project, I could not be more proud!! I know personally how much effort the DH students put into this project, giving it their heart and soul to making a difference in the sustainability efforts as well as their passion for raising funds for the Rinehart Foundation.



Ceremony Celebrates Students' Transition to Clinical Care

Members of the DDS Class of 2018 and the DH Class of 2017 were welcomed to the clinical phase of their educational programs during the annual Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony, held Friday, June 3, 2016, at Pierson Auditorium, located in the Student Success Center on UMKC’s Volker Campus. Dr. Craig Whitt, Rinehart Professor and Chair of the UMKC Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, welcomed everyone before introducing the keynote speaker, Brenda Sharp, President and CEO of the REACH Healthcare Foundation. The members of the DH Class of 2017 and the DDS Class of 2018 took turns reading their respective Code of Ethics, which were then signed by each class member before he or she crossed the stage to receive a white coat (DDS students) or scrubs (DH students). Dental hygiene students were individually presented with scrubs by UMKC Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association President Kelly Dold and class faculty advisor Professor Marsha Voelker. Dental students donned white coats presented by their team coordinator. Following the ceremony, participants and well-wishers adjourned to the School of Dentistry for a reception.

Admissions Enhancement Program Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

In May 2016 four members of the 2011 inaugural session of the School's Admissions Enhancement Program (AEP) graduated from UMKC with their DDS degrees. At the end of summer, 2016, 12 more prospective dental students (pictured) from diverse backgrounds completed the fifth installment of the Admissions Enhancement Program.

AEP is an innovative summer program created by the UMKC School of Dentistry to attract and cultivate culturally diverse admission candidates by strengthening their foundational knowledge, academic skills, and familiarity with the dental profession. Since its inception, more than 70 prospective dental students have participated in the AEP. Over half of all AEP participants have been admitted to the UMKC School of Dentistry. To learn more about the program, visit dentistry.umkc.edu/aep/.



School of Dentistry Paying It Forward Through **Giving Back**

Since its inception in 1881, the UMKC School of Dentistry has been contributing to the dental profession and the community of Kansas City and beyond through teaching, clinical care, research and service. Here is a (2014–2015) statistical snapshot of how that mission is being fulfilled today:

- \$606,950 in uncompensated care provided by the School
- 38,316 complimentary toothbrushes and tubes of toothpaste distributed
- 913 volunteer hours donated
- 150 underserved children received free dental care from the Give Kids a Smile program



STA “Minute to Win It” Fundraiser a Huge Success

The annual Students Take Action (STA) fundraiser featured a new format this year. The usual Shear Madness head-shaving event was transformed into March Madness with a Minute to Win It themed competition, held Thursday, March 24, 2016. All monies raised from the competition, food sales and donations, were dedicated to paying it forward to the Indigent Care Fund. This fund is a blessing to patients at the School who cannot afford the treatment they need. Students Take Action was founded in 1998 by a group of dental and dental hygiene students dedicated to compassion and camaraderie through community service.



Incoming Class of 2020 — Another Excellent Year!

Demographic Data (DDS)

Class of	Age Range	Re-applicants	Asian	African-American	Hispanic
2016	21-44	25	12	3	2
2017	21-40	26	10	4	4
2018	21-45	18	7	1	3
2019	20 – 44	19	12	3	5
2020	21-34	23	20	3	5

Class of	Native American	Caucasian	International (Kuwait)	Bi-Racial	Did Not Report
2016	1	81	0	8	2
2017	1	84	0	5	2
2018	1	86	1	8	2
2019	0	82	1	6	0
2020	0	69	4	7	1



Academic Data (DDS) Class of 2020

Science GPA	3.65
Overall GPA	3.6
DAT Academic Average	19.3
Community Service Average Hours	200+
Dental Experience Average Hours	200+
Percentage Class Worked in Dental Office	32%
UMKC SOD Legacy	19

Geographic Data (DDS) Class of 2020

Missouri*	63
Kansas*	25
New Mexico*	5
Hawaii*	3
Arkansas*	2
Kuwait*	4
Virginia	1
Arizona	1
California	1
Illinois	3
Tennessee	1

* Indicates an admissions agreement

Dental Hygiene Bachelor of Science (DHBS) Class of 2018

Gender	29 females & one male
Geographic data	Missouri = 23 Kansas = 7
Overall GPA	3.4
Age Range	20–36
Average Age	24
Average Age	24

Bachelor of Science Dental Hygiene Degree Completion (BSDHDC)

Geographic Data	MO = 6 KS = 2 CA = 1
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MS in Dental Hygiene Education (MSDHE)

Geographic Data	MO = 2 KS = 1 IL = 1
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Incoming “Legacy” Students

Samantha Ackerman Father	Thomas Jordan (DDS '81)
Stephen Beck Father	Mark Beck (DDS '80)
Kristen Begley Father	Randal Begley (DDS '91)
Mohammad Behbehani Father	Dr. Faraj Behbehani (DDS '96)
Matthew Feigenbaum Sister Father	Jenna Feigenbaum (DDS '13) James Feigenbaum (DDS '86)
Henry Hoffman Grandfather Father Uncle	William E. Hoffman (DDS '64, Ort '66) Kurt Hoffman (DDS '94, Ort '96) Robert Deay (DDS '94, AEGD '95)
James Kleoppel Cousin	Louis Pollina (DDS '97)
Christopher Lippold Mother Stepfather	Cathleen M. Taylor-Osborne (DDS '97) James Osborne (DDS '72, Ort '76)
Jeffrey Martin Father Uncle Uncle	Alan Martin (DDS '82) Steve Martin (DDS '80) Philip Martin (DDS '86)
Veeshesh Patel Brother	Samip Patel (DDS Class of 2016)
Joel Piper Brother	Josh Piper (DDS Class of 2018)
Cole Prstojevich Father	Steve Prstojevich (DDS '86)
Michael Rehme Jr. Father	Michael Rehme Sr (DDS '83)
Benjamin Shanker Father	Bradley Shanker, (DDS '85)
Scott Sullivan Father	Stuart Sullivan, (DDS '83)
Spencer Twaddle Father Brother	Bruce Twaddle (DDS '83) Teal Twaddle (DDS '15)
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Shahnawaz Yousaf Sister	Sana Yousaf (DDS Class of 2016)

Where are our Class of 2016 graduates?

Traditionally, the *Explorer* has published information only about the School's incoming students. With this issue, we will begin to also include information about our newly minted graduates in order to monitor how their choices may or may not change over time.

Practice Setting	# Graduates	Percent of Class
Solo Private Practice	5	4.9
Group Private Practice	30	29.4
Corporate Dental Practice	9	8.8
Public Health	17	16.7
Military	2	2.0
Advanced Ed. Program (Residency or Fellow)	38	37.3
Hospital	1	1.0
Total	102	100.0



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