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## Alumni Endow Chair in Practice Management

Four years may sound like a long time, but for dental educators, that never seems to be enough time to teach dental students all they need to know before they graduate. Because time is limited, one subject that traditionally takes a back seat to clinical education is practice management — the business side of being a dentist.

That's going to change at the UMKC School of Dentistry, thanks to donations from Gary McCabe Ross (DDS '80), Albuquerque, N.M.; Charles Squire (DDS '68), Wichita, Kan.; and Onas Johns (deceased), Springfield, Mo. Their combined gift of \$1.5 million has enabled the School of Dentistry to establish an Endowed Chair in Practice Management.

The person appointed to the position will be charged with the task of moving practice management education from the back seat to the passenger seat of the dental curriculum. The endowed chair will develop a curriculum that prepares students for careers in private practice dentistry, oversee the delivery of the curriculum and manage the day-to-day operations of the dental school's Innovation Clinic (see "Message from the Dean," page 2). The classroom portion of the curriculum will focus on exposing students to the realities of running a dental practice, such as how to finance a practice, manage debt and set realistic financial goals. Students also will learn how

to handle personnel matters like hiring, training and firing staff; create a budget; handle payroll; manage purchasing and evaluate contracts.

The Innovation Clinic will operate just like a small dental practice and enable students to build both their clinical and business skills. Because the Innovation Clinic will work with private industry to outfit the operatories with the most up-to-date equipment possible, dental and dental hygiene students will gain first-hand experience with the latest developments in dental treatment options. Students also will be involved in the execution and evaluation of the clinic's day-to-day operation. "Since the school's inception in 1881, we've been educating excellent dental clinicians," said Dr. Marsha Pyle, dean of the UMKC School of Dentistry. "By establishing a faculty position and a facility dedicated to practice management, we're making an unprecedented commitment to preparing our graduates to be both excellent dentists and successful business people."

(L-R) Margit Squire, Dr. Charles Squire, Dr. Gary Ross, Stephanie Ross & Dean Marsha Pyle



# Message from the Dean



Marsha A. Pyle, DDS, MEd

**“We are so grateful to two visionary alumni, Gary Ross (DDS '80) of Albuquerque, N.M., and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Squire (DDS '68) of Wichita, Kan., whose financial support, combined with a previous gift from the late Dr. Onas Johns (DDS '32), established the \$1.5 million endowment.”**

The announcement in April of the establishment of an Endowed Chair in Practice Management has stimulated tremendous excitement about our plans to further develop our practice management curriculum. We are so grateful to two visionary alumni, Gary Ross (DDS '80) of Albuquerque, N.M., and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Squire (DDS '68) of Wichita, Kan., whose financial support, combined with a previous gift from the late Dr. Onas Johns (DDS '32), established the \$1.5 million endowment. Their generosity ensures that funding for a faculty position in Practice Management will be supported in perpetuity, thus reinforcing the importance of this aspect of the School of Dentistry's curriculum. Additionally, the Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association has donated \$25,000 to this endeavor.

As a part of this project we have created a partnership with an industry group, the Center for Research and Education in Technology (CRET), to establish an Innovation Clinic where students can further hone their clinical skills while experiencing practice management in the real-world context of operating a small business. Providing students with the opportunity to work with the latest equipment and technology and to study the scientific evidence for their efficacy and use will surely help our students in their business and clinical decision making. In this challenging economic environment and with the level of debt our students have upon graduation, the importance of understanding the scientific and business bases of their decisions is elevated to a new level.

The industry group has agreed to equip seven operatories for the clinical facility in a space on the first floor adjacent to our Special Patient Care clinic. Plans for remodeling the space will go forward once specific funding sources are identified for that purpose.

The practice management curriculum and the science and technology of the most recent advances in dentistry will be brought together across the four-year dental curriculum. We anticipate that both dental and dental hygiene students will rotate through the Innovation Clinic, further enhancing their cooperative learning experiences. This is an all-encompassing project that will significantly enhance the professional training of our students. It will provide them with a unique opportunity to learn advanced skills in a contemporary environment.

Indeed, this project will continue to distinguish the UMKC School of Dentistry as an institution that remains on the cutting-edge of dental education. This curriculum and clinical project will provide our students with additional value in their educational experience, preparing them in new and exciting ways for modern practice.

We are grateful to those individuals and organizations that have joined the School in its mission of providing relevant, innovative educational programming. We are continuing to raise funds to get this project up and running. Start-up funding will help us operationalize the project quickly. We will need expert staffing for this facility, and I invite you to join us in making this project a reality by considering a donation toward its start-up costs. You can be sure that a donation to this project will help our current students experience this wonderful project before their graduation.

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More than 3,600 people came to Kansas City to attend the 2011 Midwest Dental Conference, Thursday through Sunday, April 7–10. The annual Thursday night formal fundraiser, Pouring from the Heart, was again a huge success, raising over \$100,000 to support the School of Dentistry's Oncology Dental Support Clinic. Approximately 250 alumni and their families and friends attended the Rinehart Breakfast, which included the announcement that Dr. Gary McCabe Ross, Dr. Charles and Margit Squire and (deceased alum) Dr. Onas Johns had donated \$1.5 million to endow a Chair in Practice Management.



# MIDWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE

As always, conference goers discovered what's new in dental equipment, materials and services at the Technical Exhibits, which hosted approximately 100 vendors. Another conference highlight was the Friday night Welcome Party, which showed 500 people a good time with the help of the KC Chiefs cheerleaders and mascot, KC Wolf.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR NEXT YEAR'S MIDWEST DENTAL CONFERENCE: APRIL 12 -15, 2012.**



## CLASS OF 1961

Among the many graduating classes hosting reunions, the members of the DDS Class of 1961 stood out with almost half (37) of their class in attendance. Twenty-seven of them deserve special praise for rising bright and early Saturday morning to attend the Rinehart Recognition Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. — a record! “It was a glorious and moving moment to see everyone standing at the front of the hall; you could see how proud everyone was to be a member of the Fighting Hundred!” Their hospitality room at the Hyatt Hotel turned out to be a great place to mingle and catch up on everyone’s news. The weekend wrapped-up with cocktails and dinner at the American Restaurant. “Everyone enjoyed the camaraderie, reconnecting with friends, injecting humor and laughter to the lively atmosphere which prevailed throughout the evening.”



## CLASS OF 1981

### Other classes celebrating their reunions were:

- Class of 1966 • class reps Dr. Sam Hayes & Dr. Eric Johnson
- Class of 1971 • class rep Dr. Stephen Haught
- Class of 1976 • class rep Dr. Jim Theilen
- Class of 1981 • class rep Dr. Connie White
- Class of 1986 • class rep Dr. Mark Armfield
- Class of 1991 • class rep Dr. Rick Winburn
- Class of 1996 • class rep Dr. Jim Dixon
- Class of 2001 • class rep Dr. Matt Niewald
- Class of 2006 • class rep Dr. Amy (Rhodes) Hahn

# Alumni Achievement Awards

## Dr. Charles F. Squire

DDS '68



### *2011 Dental Alumnus of the Year*

Dr. Chuck Squire has dedicated his life to improving the lives of others. As an accomplished periodontist practicing in Wichita, Kan., since 1974, he has delivered exceptional oral health care to countless patients; as a conscientious professional he has contributed to the advancement of dentistry by devoting his time and talents to a variety of professional organizations; and as a caring person he has acted as a tireless advocate for people with special needs. Dr. Squire currently serves on the board of the School of Dentistry's Rinehart Foundation and as the secretary of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association. He also serves as president of the Kansas Dental Lifeline Network (formerly the Kansas Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped) that administers the Kansas Donated Dental Services Program.

## Kelly A. Rodgers Suchman

DDS '00, AEGD '01



### *2011 Young Alum of the Year*

A Kansas City native, Dr. Suchman lives and practices in Lee's Summit, Mo. She volunteers her time and services with Donated Dental Services, a program of Dental Lifeline Network that provides care to patients who are permanently disabled, critically ill, or elderly and have no financial resources with which to access dental care. She also participates in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry (AACD) Charitable Foundation's Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program. She has been a board member of the Greater Kansas City Dental Society and is currently serving as president-elect.



## Paulette Spencer

DDS '78, PhD '93



### *UMKC Alumni Achievement Award*

Dr. Paulette Spencer is known internationally for her work in bioengineering. A Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, Dr. Spencer's work focuses on the interface of tissue-materials interactions. Spencer is director of the University of Kansas Bioengineering Research Center and Ackers Distinguished Professor of Mechanical Engineering. Previously she served on the School of Dentistry's faculty as a Curators' Professor and the director of the UMKC Center for Research on Interfacial Structure and Procedures (UMKC-CRISP). She joined UMKC's faculty in 1988, and from 1999 to 2007 held a joint appointment in the Departments of Oral Biology and Pediatric Dentistry.

## Ann Battrell

RDH, MSDH '07



### *UMKC Dental Hygiene Alumni Achievement Award*

Ann Battrell has served as the executive director of the Chicago-based American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) since July 2005. She is the first registered dental hygienist and the first former ADHA president to serve in this position. As executive director, Battrell represents ADHA to governmental bodies, educational institutions, other related associations and corporate partners. She also oversees a host of staff programs from membership recruitment to consumer awareness, as well as the comprehensive responsibilities for all elements of ADHA's operation. As the largest association representing the professional interests of the more than 150,000 registered dental hygienists in the United States, ADHA operates an annual budget of more than \$6 million and has approximately 40 employees. Battrell served as ADHA president from 1996 to 1997 and joined the association's staff in June 2000 as manager of education.





*At the ADHA reception honoring Maxine Tishk: (L-R): Jennifer Pieren, UMKC MS Degree Completion graduate student (she placed second in the ADHA Graduate Student Table Clinic Competition); Tanya Villalpando Mitchell, RDH, MS, associate professor and director of Graduate Studies, UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene; Maxine Tishk, professor emeritus, UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene; and Carrie Hanson, RDH, MA, assistant clinical professor, UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene*

# Reflections from a Dental Hygiene Education Pioneer

**Editor's note:** Maxine Alper Tishk, RDH, MS, served on the UMKC faculty from 1968 to 1999. She established one of the nation's first Master of Science in Dental Hygiene Education degree programs in 1969, and later in her career became an enthusiastic advocate of distance education. Maxine was honored as the second recipient of the Dimensions of Dental Hygiene's Esther Wilkins Lifetime Achievement Award at a reception sponsored by Colgate on June 16, 2011, during the American Dental Hygienists' Association's 88th Annual Session in Nashville, Tenn. When asked to comment on her 40-year career, Maxine offered the following thoughts.

"WHAT am I most proud of in my DH career? Given the awards, my love for China, presentations at ADHA and beyond — all have been wonderful happenings in my life! But, I am most proud of my Grads, each and every one of them! They are and always will be my real HEROES and the incredible ACHIEVERS! They are 'the story'!

"You only had to walk around the ADHA Annual Session events and activities in Nashville to find a continuous smile on my face that simply told it all in relation to how I felt about our Grads! Nashville was 'abuzz' about so many of our UMKC Grads! As I said at the Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony, the individual and collective accomplishments and achievements of our UMKC graduates is what is most heartwarming and memorable to me!

"There is something else that I am ecstatic about related to my career! I wanted to live long enough to hear those

"magical words" from Graduate and Degree Completion students that they completed their respective program(s) via distance education! I met several wonderful young women from the UMKC Graduate Program in Nashville. They each had a story about their distance education pathway. I loved it! I knew distance education was going to be a viable futuristic educational pathway for dental hygienists who were anxious to pursue a Degree Completion Program and ultimately earn their graduate degree.

"I have often said that if there is anything I wish to be remembered for in my dental hygiene career, it's that I made a difference in our society and contributed in a meaningful way. That was and always has been my primary goal in my dental hygiene career! I am eternally grateful to UMKC for enabling me to contribute to a profession that I truly love."

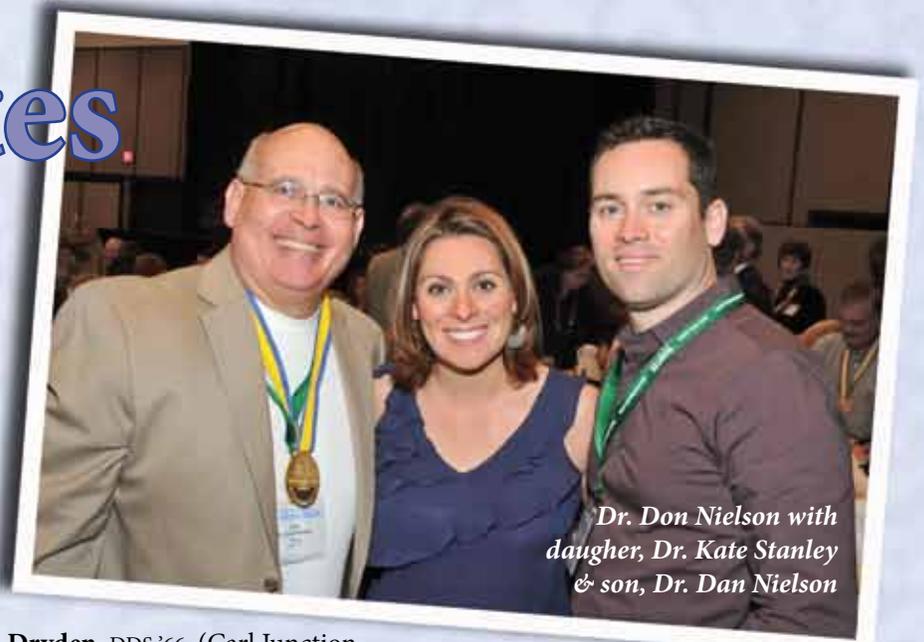
# ClassNotes

## Class of 1939

- **Bernard Dietz**, DDS '39, (Pt. Richard, CO) says he is always happy to hear about his classmates of 1939. He has been retired since 1980 and is living with his daughter and her husband. He states he is looking forward to his 97th birthday on September 3, 2011.

## Classes of the 1960s

- **Michael Dean Byers**, DDS '60, (Topeka, KS) retired in December, 2004. His wife passed away June 10, 2010. Since then he has done volunteer work with Retired Dental Service that provides dental care in El Salvador and Panama.
- **Carol J. Scheierman**, DH '61, (Sutton, NE) reports that she and her husband have been Texas snowbirds for 14 years in Corpus Christi. They get to spend time with their daughter Kristi and family during the cold Nebraska winters. "Many treasures of the days being a dental hygienist have passed but the memories will last a lifetime."
- **Hershel L. Stroud**, DDS '61 (Topeka, KS) was appointed by Governor Kathleen Sebelius as Kansas Liaison to the National Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission 2005-2010.
- **R. Keith McDaniel**, DDS '61, (Missouri City, TX) is 90% retired. He is Professor Emeritus, University of Texas of the Houston Dental Branch. He is a part time Clinical Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston in the Oral Surgery Department.
- **Robert Howard Tilley**, DDS '63 (Morganton, GA) retired in 1999 to the mountains of North Georgia. He and his wife, Karen, are active in the First Baptist Church. They also volunteer at a dental clinic for the poor sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Association. They have two children, boys 50 and 47 years old and four grandchildren.



Dr. Don Nielson with daughter, Dr. Kate Stanley & son, Dr. Dan Nielson

- **Jim Dryden**, DDS '66, (Carl Junction, MO) recently retired from UMKC School of Dentistry as the chair of the Endodontic Department. He is now practicing part-time in Joplin, MO.
- **Howard Dean Schneider**, DDS '69, (Wellington, KS) enjoys visiting with family and friends. They also plant a large garden and in the last year have hunted and fished four continents with plans for more next year. "Life is good."

## Classes of the 1970s

- **L. Wayne Goodin**, DDS '70, (Springfield, MO) received a first place award in a writing contest sponsored by the Heartland Writers Guild in the full length book fiction category. He entered the *Epiphany Crystals* and won!
- **Larry Hargreaves**, DDS '71, (Topeka, KS) is married with four children ages nine to 37. He is still practicing full time. He spends one month each year in the Philippines and Thailand working in a Philippine orphanage. They fish several times a year in the Florida Keys.
- **Perry "Gene" Hundley**, DDS '71, (Kansas City, MO) was forced into retirement in October 2008 after a diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. He had surgery and has been having oral or IV chemo and radiation since. He is still getting out and about and doing some temping as well. He would love to hear from any of his old friends.
- **Jeanne (Olson) Dray**, DH '71, (Tucson, AR) was a hygienist in private practice and taught at a dental school (IUPUI). She taught nutrition in private practice and at KSU. She is no longer a "human doing but a human being." She is now an inventor. She has published her first Christian board game for children. She says she is getting downloads from God for her second game. She has found her true calling and thinks teaching and hygiene prepared her for her new career.
- **Don Nielson**, DDS '74, (Olathe, KS) tells us that his son **Dan Nielson** ('02) is an oral surgery resident at Truman. He and daughter **Kate Stanley** ('07) are in practice together. New granddaughter, Sabrina, is the 7th grandchild. He also was awarded a Rinehart medallion at the annual Recognition Breakfast during the Midwest Dental Conference.
- **Steve Modelevsky**, DDS '78, (Jonesboro, AR) is looking for a place to hunt monster Kansas whitetail deer. He can trade excellent Arkansas hunting or continuing education in all phases of implants.

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## *Classes of the 1980s*

- **Jolynn Galvin**, DDS '81, (Albuquerque, NM) practices in Albuquerque with no thought of retirement as they have a son in college. She and husband Steve have an old vehicle obsession. They own a 1950 Chevy 2-door sedan, a 1964 Plymouth Barracuda and a 1945 Federal concrete mixer truck.
- **Greg Swartz**, DDS '81, (Centralia, MO) has five grandchildren. He started the foundation, Smile Rwanda, (smilerwanda.org) to help with dental equipment, supplies and education in Rwanda. Twin daughters are both dentists in North Carolina.
- **Craig Herre**, DDS, '81 (Leawood, KS) will be president of the Kansas Dental Association in 2012-2013 and is currently the vice-president. He practices with his son, **Tim** (UMKC '08) and brother, **Scott** (UMKC '88). He has been in Leawood, KS, for 30 years.
- **Kevin Cummings**, DDS '82, (Lee's Summit, MO) reports his son **Matthew Cummings** (UMKC '07) and his wife, **Tabitha Strain- Cummings** (UMKC '07) welcomed their first child in March 2011. They recently returned to Kansas City after practicing in Seattle, WA, to join his practice in Lee's Summit. This is his first grandchild. He thinks possibly a member of the Class of 2038.
- **Cyrus Tenn**, DDS '86 (Honolulu, HI) received Delta Sigma Delta Supreme Chapter Distinguished and Meritorious Service Award in Orlando, FL, 2010. He was also nominated to Supreme Worthy Master, after 21 years of serving as Hawaii Chapter Representative.

- **Rob Tait**, DDS '87, (Grandview, MO) along with classmates, **Dr. Terry Myers** and **Dr. Michael McCunniff**, founded the New Outreach Dental Clinic in Belton, MO. Upon opening July 5, their Research- Belton Foundation Coalition will oversee the operations for Dental Services provided to the children of Cass County, MO.

## *Classes of the 1990s*

- **Kirby Lee Buzard**, DDS '94, (Kansas City, MO) has two daughters: Madison born in 2000 and McKenzie, born 2003.
- **Daniel J. Thomas**, DDS '92, (Mission Hills, KS) was honored in the Professional of the Year Award category at the Asian American Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City's annual "CelebRASIAN Award Gala".
- **Clifford T. Wong**, DDS '97, (Rocklin, CA) married Amber Townsend in 1998 in Kansas City and practiced general dentistry for two years in San Diego, CA. He entered an endodontic specialty program at CWRU and completed the program in 2003. He opened his own practice in Rocklin, CA, called Aloha Endodontics. They have two children Ella ('04) and Grace ('06) that keep them busy along with the practice, which is in its 6th successful year.
- **Brian & Rebecca Drew**, DDS '98 & RDH '96, (Shawnee, OK) welcomed Sarah Elizabeth on July 17, 2010. They also have four other children: Adam, Noah, Luke and Rachel. Brian is a member of the Oklahoma Dental Association Council on Governmental Affairs.
- **Bryan G. Foote**, DDS '98 (Columbia, MO) just finished a five-year term as MDA Trustee for the Central District and finished a four-year rotation as Delegate to the ADA. He also was inducted as a Fellow in the American College of Dentists.

## *Classes of the 2000s*

- **Jack Huddart**, DDS '01, (Kansas City, MO) is the 2011 president of the Greater Kansas City Dental Society.
- **Jessica Nieva Whitehead**, DDS '01 (Fenton, MO) owns a private practice, Fenton Family Dentistry. She is married to Abram Whitehead and has two daughters: Alexandria Jane (2) and Annabella Joy (Feb '11).
- **Valerie Whitmer**, DH '03, (Stewartsville, MO) is celebrating her 12-year wedding anniversary with husband Brian. She has been working part time for Dr. Scott Nelson and Dr. Bill Fricke in St. Joseph since 2003. She enjoys being an assistant coach of five-year-old Eli's soccer team and watching him play t-ball. She is excited about three-year-old Laine's gymnastics performances.
- **Wesley Christian**, DDS '04, (Blue Springs, MO) married **Nikki Gross**, DDS '08. They welcomed their first child, Henry James Christian, in November 2010.
- **Nicholas Bell**, DDS '06, (Tampa, FL) founded a 5013c charity, "Dentists for Autism Awareness".
- **David Hart**, DDS '06, (Great Bend, KS) married Kelly Hart in 2006. They have two children: son Zachary, born August, 2008 and daughter Addison, born June, 2010.
- **Lauren Andreas**, DDS '09, (St. Louis, MO) plans to marry **Mike Dostal** (DDS '09) on November 19, 2011. Mike will be busy setting up his practice in Kansas City while Lauren will be pursuing a public health career at Samuel Rodgers. Although they will greatly miss living in Denver, they look forward to being closer to family and friends.

# InMemoriam

**Eli H. Mullinax**, DDS '35  
Golden, Colo.

**Robert W. Herr**, DDS '39  
Chesterfield, Mo.

**William A. Johnson**, DDS '41  
Canyon Lake, Texas

**B.J. Shadid**, DDS '41  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Mike J. Baba**, DDS '43J  
Wichita, Kan.

**Richard H. Hamilton**, DDS '43J  
Topeka, Kan.

**Richard M. Haun**, DDS '43J  
Lawrence, Kan.

**James L. O'Brien**, DDS '43J  
Tulsa, Okla.

**Hubert L. Crawford**, DDS '43S  
Tempe, Ariz.

**George Kirschbaum**, DDS '43S  
Leawood, Kan.

**Jack L. Greene**, DDS '44  
Leawood, Kan.

**Edward H. Hamamura**, DDS '45  
Honolulu, Hawaii

**LeGrand R. Curtis**, DDS '46  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**Jack W. Robinson**, DDS '46  
Miami, Okla.

**Edwin L. Wilson**, DDS '46  
Pauls Valley, Okla.

**Charles S. Anderson**, DDS '49  
Claremont, Calif.

**Darrell D. Church**, DDS '49  
Springfield, Mo.

**Robert E. Cowan**, DDS '49  
Branson, Mo.

**Ralph B. Campbell**, DDS '50  
Charlotte, N.C.

**James W. Jones**, DDS '50  
Mission, Kan.

**Walter Washburn Jones**, DDS '50  
McPherson, Kan.

**Michael S. Zoradi**, MS '50  
Sacramento, Calif.

**Ralph Guilfoil**, DDS '51  
Kansas City, Mo.

**Robert R. Needham**, DDS '51  
Lees Summit, Mo.

**Bascum C. Pippin**, DDS '53  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Dick H. Johnson**, DDS '54  
Orem, Utah

**James M. Liggett**, DDS '54  
Littleton, Colo.

**Anabel L. Wilson**, DH '54  
Jefferson City, Mo.

**William R. Aylmer**, DDS '55  
Sun City, Ariz.

**William H. Harris**, DDS '55  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Clarence O. Nauman**, DDS '55  
Lawrence, Kan.

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Blue Springs, Mo.

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Bountiful, Utah

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Ft. Smith, Ariz.

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Santa Fe, N.M.

**Glen N. Gill**, DDS '57  
Bowling Green, Ken.

**Harold C. Reid**, DDS '57  
Liberal, Kan.

**Robert E. Thompson**, PED '57  
Blue Springs, Mo.

**Ben H. Benson**, DDS '58  
Woodward, Okla.

**Jerry W. Crook**, DDS '58  
Clovis, N.M.

**George E. Tiller**, DDS '58  
Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

**Paul D. Watkins**, DDS '58  
Pauls Valley, Okla.

**Beverly I. Walker**, DH '59  
Ashland, Ore.

**A. Richard Rody**, DDS '60  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

**Sidney W. Scorse**, DDS '60  
Galena, Kan.

**Victor D. Hildinger**, DDS '61  
Plano, Texas

**Jardon Strnad**, DDS '61, MS '62  
Overland Park, Kan.

**Ronald G. Strouse**, DDS '61  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Dale D. Dickson**, DDS '62  
Camdenton, Mo.

**John C. Rosnik**, DDS '62  
Parker, Colo.

**William L. Searce**, DDS '63  
Lawton, Okla.

**Sidney W. Scorse**, OMX '63  
Galena, Kan.

**Robert M. Spurlin**, DDS '64  
Berryville, Ariz.

**Juan R. Diaz**, DDS '66  
Miami, Fla.

**Edward Gene Neubauer**, DDS '68  
Blue Springs, Mo.

**Robert D. Hague**, DDS '74  
Peabody, Kan.

**Harvey W. Shaw Jr.**, DDS '79  
Lenexa, Kan.

**Kathy L. Vasquez**, DH '89  
Highland Ranch, Colo.

**Douglas W. Coffelt**, PER '94  
Carmichael, Calif.

**Stephen D. Akimoto**,  
DDS '95, AEGD '97  
Kansas City, Mo.

*Current as of June 22, 2011*

# CONGRATULATIONS



Tears flowed and cheers echoed at Swinney Recreation Center as 154 graduates crossed the stage to receive their degrees during the School of Dentistry's 2011 commencement, held Saturday, May 7. UMKC Provost Gail Hackett, Dean Marsha Pyle and other dignitaries conferred 36 Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degrees, 98 Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees, 14 Graduate Dental Certificates, and six Master of Science in Dental Hygiene degrees.

# CLASSES OF 2011

## ***Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene***

Brittany D. Appel  
Margaret Elizabeth Baker  
Teddy Byler  
Betsy Cornelius  
Shannon Crawford  
Madison Claire Daniel  
Ashley Davis  
Kayde M. Geisbauer  
Laura Marie Gigstad  
Julie Guidry  
Brenton Joseph Gummingier  
Marissa Jane Hanneman  
Hyun Ah Kim  
Brittani Leigh Koehler  
Danielle Mignon Lasater  
Melissa Ann Lewis  
Natallia MacDonald  
Pamela Mandola-Duncan

Angela Kay Mayes  
Robin P. Meyer  
Ann Louise Nordquist  
Ashley Patton  
Natasha Ululani Reid  
Hillary Ann Rice  
Nicole Roth  
Christine T. Shost  
Cassandra Strong  
Jessica Lynn Sutherland  
Michelle L. Talbott  
Carmen E. Titus  
Megan Lynn Titus  
Kristy Lea Vannoy  
Kalee Vertin  
Kristen Wegman  
Kara Wells  
Lauren E. Zelle

## ***Doctor of Dental Surgery***

Adelaide Allen  
Amy Suzanne Bagley  
Ryan John Baker  
Matthew M. Barker  
Joseph William Barnhart  
David Stanley Beck  
Cody Bell  
Patricia Jenny Bertz  
Anna Renee Boone  
Samuel J. Borgmeyer  
W. Cory Brooks  
David M. Brown  
Bernard G. Bruns  
Alyssa Lyn Butler  
Gregory Calloway  
Adela Casa  
Deedra Ann Clark  
John A. Deakins  
Dana Deardeuff

Jerad C. Divine  
Allyson Finley Dodds  
Scott Jacob Driver  
Jonathan W. Edwards  
Eric Fayziev  
Koby R. Ferguson  
Daniel R. Gilstrap  
Ryan P. Grieves  
Megan M. Guhl  
Christopher John Guilfooy  
Marina V. Hampton  
Richard Hannah  
Daniel R. Hartwig  
Adis Hasanagic  
Heather Rae Hassell  
Natalia V. Henbest  
Matthew W. Hildebrand  
Robin N. Huenergardt  
Hiep Thi The Huynh  
David Aaron Jackson

Jay D. Jensen  
 Cameron R. Johnson  
 Emily Judith Johnson  
 Kristin Eliza-Lee Kaelke  
 Kyle Coleman Kepler  
 Eric Robert Klumb  
 David Ronald Koepsel  
 Ryan L. Kohlmeier  
 Melissa E. Kusiak  
 Megan E. Lenahan  
 Wen Liao  
 Carl R. Liebhart  
 Michael Link  
 Robert E. Masterson  
 Blake T. K. Matsuura  
 Elizabeth S. Melenbrink  
 Michael Menolascino  
 David A. Mitts  
 Sara Monrad  
 Ryan Alan Moore  
 Andrea Ellen Morris  
 Logan Lee Morse  
 Lorna Sue Murray  
 Philip Gordon Newkirk  
 Brian Randall Niehaus  
 Annette M. Ogunnowo  
 Grant Olson  
 Heather Nicole Perdue  
 Hollie Elizabeth Pfeffer  
 Behnaz Raisdana  
 Brian Andrew Reavley  
 Paige Covington Riddle  
 Megan Lacie Rondeau  
 Kyle Landry Samples  
 Cory Greer Scanlon  
 Jeffrey D. Seaman  
 Blake B. Setien  
 Brent Barrett Setien  
 Nathan Seyer  
 Tong Phillip Shin  
 Kyle Michael Shull  
 Beena V. Skaria  
 Grant Snider  
 Micah Lynn Snyder  
 Gordon Rodney Stanger  
 Joy A. Steen  
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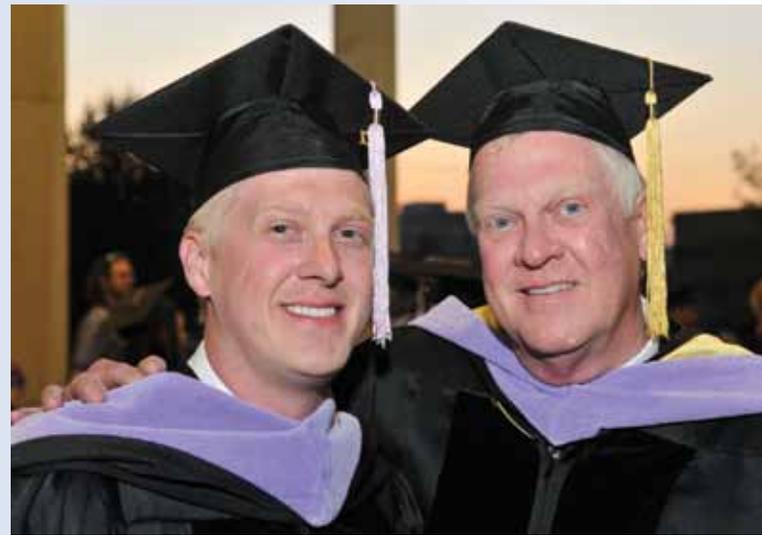
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*A Legacy of Legacies*

This year continued a tradition that was inaugurated at last year's ceremony: parents who are themselves graduates of the UMKC School of Dentistry performed the hooding of their respective graduating sons or daughters.

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**1** **UMKC School of Dentistry Website**  
"News and Announcements" (right side of page)  
<http://dentistry.umkc.edu>

**2** **"Friend" Us on Facebook**  
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/UMKC-School-of-Dentistry/159840524494?sk=wall>

**3** **YouTube Videos**

- Shear Madness 2011  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHFJPcMAIHE&feature=youtube\\_gdata](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHFJPcMAIHE&feature=youtube_gdata)
- Give Kids a Smile 2011  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dzcJWKwmc1Y&feature=relmfu>
- "I've Got a Filling" – UMKC Dental School Talent Show  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBuA3AMrzuk>

