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Message from the Dean



“A passion for one’s work and a defined set of core values are key initial ingredients for the developing leader.”

This is the time of year when many positive projects come to closure as our academic year winds down. We welcome our graduating classes of dental hygienists and dentists into the community of professional practitioners as our newest alumni. Our pride in their accomplishments is reflected in our high expectations for their continued professional growth and engagement with their patients, their professions and their communities. We look forward to witnessing the individual and collective good they will contribute to society during their lifetimes, and we anticipate how they will grow to become good leaders for the future of our professions.

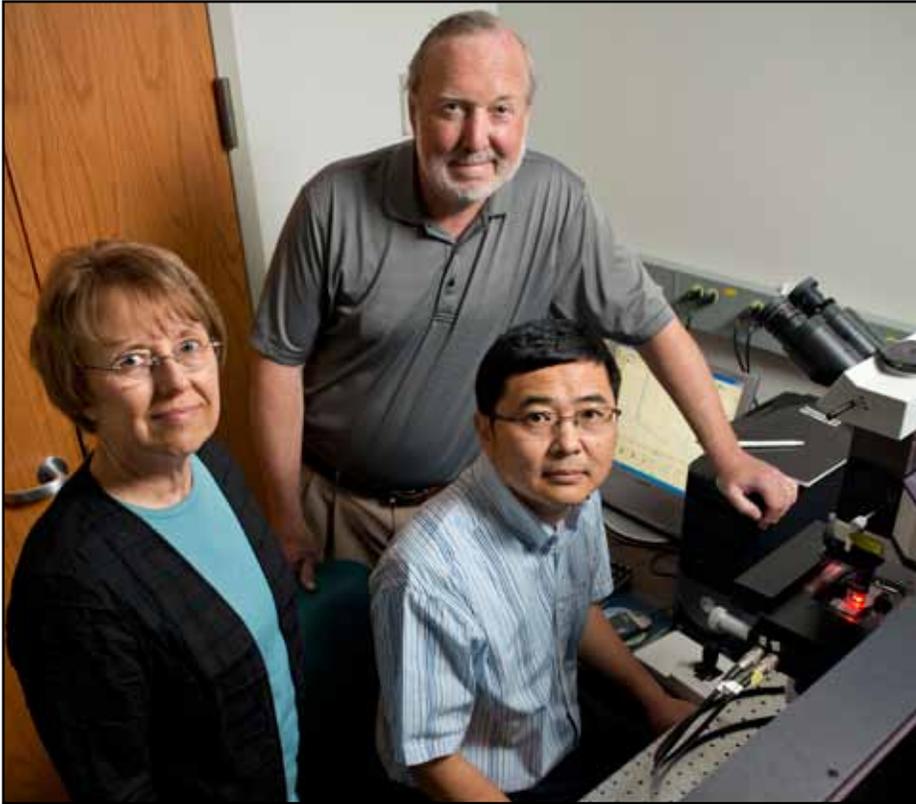
Leadership development and growth is not always an easy task. Sometimes it is easier to be a good follower than to face difficult decisions and projects. What does it take to develop the inclination and skills of leadership among our students, faculty and staff? Certainly, individuals must possess a desire to lead to become good leaders. But leadership represents a constellation of skills that can be developed. A passion for one’s work and a defined set of core values are key initial ingredients for the developing leader. It has been said that one must be reflective of oneself as a leader in order to be an effective leader of others. Instilling this self-reflective value in our graduates is critical to their future success as they assume the mantle of leadership in their respective professions. In demonstrating excellent self-reflection skills, new opportunities for personal growth emerge and outward efforts to engage others for their growth occur. Few people reach for the altruistic approach of “servant leadership” – that is, placing others over one’s self. Yet that opportunity is evident every day for each of us. Those excellent servant-leaders become apparent as they skillfully negotiate difficult problems and make a positive impact on their organizations and communities.

We were fortunate to have three important national leaders in the dental profession attend our annual Midwest Dental

Conference this year (see page 5). Their presence was important in several ways. It was a statement about professionalism since our work with our professional organizations (both dental hygiene and dental) is the foundation of valuable principles for our students, faculty and staff to be reminded of. All three individuals represent examples of excellent leaders. Mark Zust (DDS ’74), who represents the Sixth ADA District (including Missouri) as a member of the American Dental Association Board of Trustees, has been a local, state and national dental leader throughout his career. Dr. Robert Faiella, the current president of the ADA, has emerged as an exceptional leader through his years of service (through good times and bad) to local, state and national dental organizations. Dr. Ron Lemmo, the ADA Treasurer, has contributed greatly to dentistry through his service and leadership. (I must confess some prejudice, though, because Ron is my husband.) I admire all of them as friends, as role models, and as great leaders. Each has charted a path to develop his leadership skills as positive, decisive, collegial individuals who make a positive difference in our professional work. I also admire them for what they can accomplish and the way that they get results – through consensus building and skillful negotiation that relies on evidence and relevant data.

It is important for these national leaders to participate with us in our important events as a School. Opportunities for our students to engage in conversation and gain national perspectives on important issues for the dental professions helps to expand their views and thinking. One thing is certain, that the positive perspective of each of these leaders is an example of optimism and hope for our future. It is my hope that we can inspire our students to develop leadership skills during their entire careers at UMKC. What a positive reflection on them as individuals and on our School that can be! I thank these individuals for joining our conference where UMKC shines as a leader in dental and dental hygiene education.

Research Explores Radiation-Induced Changes in Tooth Structure

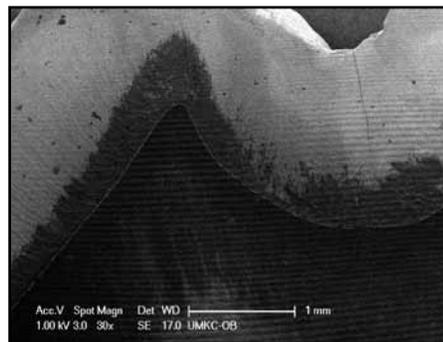


By Mary Walker, DDS, (Prosth '99), MS, (PhD '01), Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Programs

Most dental practitioners are familiar with the challenges of providing care to patients who have received radiotherapy to treat head and neck cancer. While the radiotherapy saves the lives of many of these patients, they face a lifetime of post-radiation complications that can include severe tooth breakdown, which can be very difficult to manage.

Unlike typical dental caries, post-radiation dental lesions start with shear fracture of enamel at sites exposed to occlusal loading and flexure (cervical, cuspal, incisal). Post-radiation caries has been linked to radiation-induced salivary gland damage and associated xerostomia, but evidence from a previous NIH-funded clinical study at UMKC (Dr. Mary Walker-PI) suggests a direct effect of radiation on the

dentition. Based on that information, the UMKC research team (Drs. Mary Walker, Yong Wang and Jeff Gorski) received funding for another NIH grant to understand possible radiation-induced changes in tooth structure.



The research project includes a systematic evaluation of tooth structure via innovative instrumentation and technology such as Raman microspectroscopy, atomic force microscopy/nanoindentation, confocal microscopy, and electron microscopy. Because the initial lesions start with

shear fracture of enamel from dentin, the research team is focused on evaluating the dentin-enamel junction (DEJ) and adjacent enamel and dentin prior to and after radiotherapy to potentially explain altered structure/function characteristics of radiated teeth.

In addition to evaluating teeth after therapeutic radiation, the study requires baseline information from non-radiated teeth, so the team has learned updated information about enamel and its interface with dentin. Based on our results, enamel is more complicated than what you likely learned in dental school. For example, enamel is not a homogenous material in content or properties. Instead, we reported a property gradient across enamel with outer enamel being harder and stiffer than inner enamel, and the gradient appears to be associated with differences in the crystalline structure. As part our investigation, we also detected a layer of enamel-associated proteins adjacent to the DEJ; this was a very surprising finding since enamel has been considered essentially devoid of protein. Even more significant, these proteins may be a key component in bonding enamel to dentin. So while this information is critical for our study in terms of focusing on targets that might be susceptible to radiotherapy, a better understanding of enamel and its interface with dentin is also valuable for developing restorative materials. One possible application might be developing porcelain with graded properties similar to enamel to address chipping problems currently seen with zirconia-based all-ceramic restorations. The outcomes from studies such as ours reinforce the importance and benefits of research teams that integrate basic scientists and clinician scientists to address clinically relevant questions.

Dr. Jacqueline Demko Reaches Out with *Inspiration and Transportation*



A guiding principle for Jacqueline Demko (DDS '98) is: "true beauty radiates from within, and the most beautiful smiles begin from the inside." She lives that philosophy inside and outside her three orthodontic practices in greater St. Louis, Mo. She began to extend her

reach in 2007 when she purchased a customized 8-passenger HUMMER to ferry students from 24 schools in Washington County to her practice and back. Since then she has dedicated one day a week to treating "HUMMER kids," whose families would otherwise be unable to access orthodontic treatment. She treats about 75 Washington County school kids a year.

"I've always been passionate," says Dr. Demko, "about ensuring that each family that chooses Demko Orthodontics leaves feeling that their overall life has been positively impacted by their time in treatment here."

So during her early years in practice, she applied that passion to establishing a rapport with her patients and their families that made them feel comfortable sharing stories about the challenges and difficulties in their lives. In response, Dr. Demko would describe how her father (also an orthodontist) had helped her overcome her own obstacles and hardships by telling her inspirational true stories that instilled strength and confidence in her. Patients and parents appreciated Dr. Demko's mentorship, so she decided to expand her efforts

to impact others the way she had been inspired by her father and patients.

Not long after Dr. Demko had the HUMMER program up and running, she launched another initiative to impact the lives of young people. Through CODE:SMiLE, a nonprofit organization she helped establish in 2008, Dr. Demko facilitates healthy dialogue and character building skills in young adults.

"CODE:SMiLE's goal," says Demko, "is to collaborate with inspirational mentors, parents and young adults to bring awareness that uniqueness and personal struggles, if harnessed properly, can to personal achievement and fulfillment."

In 2008 she organized and hosted the first CODE:SMiLE event and invited the families in her practice and the public to listen to inspirational stories told by three local celebrities: McGraw Milhaven (a local radio host), Heather Hawk (a nationally known health and fitness expert) and David Vabora (an NFL player). The event was a success, and Dr. Demko has built on that success.



She anticipates that about 1,000 5th through 7th grade students and their parents and teachers will attend the next CODE:SMiLE event on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2013.

CODE:SMiLE continues to seek partnerships and plan events to bring self-esteem and smiles around the St. Louis metro area and eventually worldwide. (See attachment of our event this year) Donations to CODE:SMiLE can be made by contacting Dr. Demko's office at 314-576-4955.



It's Almost Here

The renovation of the School's old records room to create the new Dr. Charles Dunlap Innovation Clinic is complete. We are installing the equipment right now. This new instructional space will provide our students with an experience that is practically unheard of in dental education. The Innovation Clinic will enable students to practice in an office setting complete with a team of staff, assistants and hygienists. Because students will have multiple chairs in use and will role play the issues they will face in their own practices, they'll be better prepared for life outside the School's walls. We would love to share our exciting addition with you in early September. Please keep an eye out for our ribbon cutting and feature in the next Explorer. Thank you for making this dream a reality.

ADA Officers Visit Midwest Dental Conference



The American Dental Association was well-represented at the 2013 Midwest Dental Conference. In attendance were (L-R): Mark Zust (DDS '74), ADA Trustee; Dr. Robert Faiella, ADA President; and Dr. Ronald Lemmo, ADA Treasurer.

Dr. Faiella and Dr. Lemmo graciously participated in “Meet and Greet” conversations Thursday afternoon during the Conference. They met with dental practitioners from 12:00–1:00 p.m. and with dental students from 1:00–2:00 p.m. at the Peppercorn Duck Club restaurant in the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel. Each

of the three ADA officials enjoyed visiting Kansas City and were impressed by the meeting.

“The most striking impression of the Midwest Dental Conference,” observed Dr. Faiella, “is the sense of community the attendees have through their association with UMKC, either as alumni, faculty, or family. The warmth and hospitality extended made my visit particularly enjoyable.”

Dr. Zust remarked that, “This meeting never ceases to amaze me. Even after years of attendance, the course content is stellar and the camaraderie is wonderful!”

And Dr. Lemmo, who is married to UMKC School of Dentistry Dean Marsha Pyle, remarked, “It is impressive that the UMKC School of Dentistry hosts this well-attended event each year. I enjoyed the continuing education content and getting to know some of the many faculty, staff, students and alumni that participate in this meeting.”

Enjoying an Enchanted Evening

More than 400 guests enjoyed an elegant evening of fine wine, exquisite food and a raucous auction at the 2013 Pouring from the Heart gala at the Westin Crown Center Hotel, Thursday, April 11. As is tradition, the Nigro brothers served as the auctioneers for the evening; and as usual, they whipped the audience into a bidding frenzy. Thanks and congratulation to Brian Sutton (DDS '05) for chairing this year's event, which raised approximately \$100,000 for the Oncology Dental Support clinic at the UMKC School of Dentistry.



This year's Pouring from the Heart auction items featured works by two well-known Kansas City artists: Jeff Hanson (“Heart of Provence” pictured) and Charlie Podrebarac.



During the cocktail hour, entertainment was provided by “The Bellomes”: Dave Sylvester (DDS '13) on piano and Bob Knapp (DDS '13) on sax.

Class Reunions

The class reunion celebrations at the 2013 Midwest Dental Conference spanned 65 years, from 1943S to 2008. Thank you to everyone who helped make these reunions a success! In addition to the reunion classes featured in these photos, other classes celebrating reunions included: Class of 1958, Dr. Bob Smith; Class of 1968, Dr. Charles Squire and Dr. John Killip; Class of 1978, Dr. Nick Rogers; Class of 1983, Dr. Michael McCunniff; Class of 1988, Dr. John Lawson; Class of 1993, Dr. Lawson Rener; Class of 2003, Dr. Michael LeBlanc; and Class of 2008, Dr. Nikki Christian.



Dr. Vic Wood and Dr. Al Rueb, Class of 1943S, returned to celebrate their 70th class reunion. They were recognized at the annual Alumni and Friends Recognition Breakfast on Saturday morning, April 13, during the conference.



Dr. and Mrs. Norman Buckman, Dr. and Mrs. George Hopkins, and Dr. and Mrs. Jim Dietrich attended the Alumni and Friends Recognition Breakfast to celebrate the Class of 1953's 60th class reunion.



◀ The Class of 1963 had approximately 25 classmates return to celebrate 50 years since graduation. Dr. Bob Peterson, Dr. Grant Cookson and Dr. Meigs Jones planned the festivities, which included a hospitality suite at the Sheraton and an exquisite dinner at The American restaurant.



▲ The Class of 1973 had a great turn out for their 40th class reunion, due to the hard work of class reps Dr. Jerry Ogilivie and Dr. Stan Hite. The highlight of their reunion was a dinner at the Sheraton when they roasted Dr. Charles Dunlap, much to the delight of his family (pic #130427_63). Contributors to the roast were Dr. David Moore and Dr. Charles Cobb.

Rinehart Foundation Introduces Benefactor Pins



\$100,000+

Larry Fujioka (DDS '79) has supported the School of Dentistry in many ways since his graduation. But his most significant effort has been his recent commitment to the Oncology Dental Support Clinic. Through his endowment the clinic will continue to make a difference in the lives of patients who need it most and often cannot afford it themselves.



Since the inception of the Roy J. Rinehart Foundation many of our alumni have provided unwavering support, and this year the Foundation wishes to recognize the strong commitment to our dental school and its future. For many decades the Foundation has presented a Rinehart Medallion to donors who have given \$10,000 or more. These are symbols of our gratitude and are proudly worn by the recipients at the Midwest Dental Conference each year. But often, the giving doesn't stop there: Long after they've received that initial recognition, our incredible alumni continue to support the UMKC School of Dentistry. Because of the support of our graduates and friends, the School does not just graduate dental practitioners; it graduates the

best dental practitioners. The School does not simply employ faculty; it employs the best faculty. Our donors enable the School to make invaluable contributions to the greater good of the dental profession through research, scholarship and service.

This year, for the first time, the Rinehart Foundation recognized donors whose ongoing giving has exceeded the medallion level. During the annual Alumni and Friends Recognition Breakfast on April 13, 2013, the Foundation acknowledged gifts of more than \$25,000. The Foundation has commissioned custom-designed lapel pins to bestow on benefactors who have achieved the following levels of giving: \$25,000-\$49,000, \$50,000-\$99,999 and above \$100,000. This legacy of giving is remarkable, and it was truly heartwarming to publicly acknowledge these individuals' generosity. These pins will be delivered by our staff over the next few months with our gratitude.

Thank you to the many donors who are receiving pins this year (list below). We hope you will wear your pin with pride to the many dental gatherings you attend in your area. Here we have pictured the pins and an example of the dedicated donor recipients:



\$50,000-\$99,000

Chuck Squire (DDS '68) selflessly gives of his time, talent and treasure to the School. We are thrilled to recognize his lifetime of giving with a small token of our appreciation. His support of our newest faculty position shows his understanding of the importance of attracting and retaining the best in dental education to mold our incoming classes.



\$25,000-\$49,000

Dustin Burleson's (DDS '04, Ortho '06) recent gift to Practice Management is a testament to our new program. He is a living example of good business management in his own practice. His interest in helping us provide practice management skills as part of our curriculum lets us know we are setting our students up for success.



A Charitable IRA Can Help You Help the School

The charitable IRA is back for 2013. Are you 70 1/2 or older? If you are, you can give up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to UMKC without having to pay income taxes on the money. For more information, please contact your tax professional or call Hilary Wheat at 816-235-2173.

Dental Hygiene Announces New Scholarships



The annual UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association (DHAA) luncheon and business meeting during the Midwest Dental Conference is always a joyous affair filled with fanfare, friendship and special announcements. The highlights of the 2013 MDC DHAA luncheon, Friday, April 12, included the official introduction of two new endowed scholarship funds.

The "Centennial Scholarship" honors the dental hygiene profession's 100th anniversary celebration in 2013. To fund this scholarship the UMKC DHAA board contributed \$1,200 to kick off a fundraising campaign to raise a total of \$20,000 that would be matched by a scholarship initiative sponsored by the UMKC Foundation.

The other endowed scholarship honors Sherry Burns, RDH, MS, who has enjoyed a distinguished professional career spanning four decades with extensive experience as a clinician, educator, researcher, author, and community dental hygienist. Sherry completed an MS degree in dental hygiene at UMKC in 1972 and served as an associate professor in the UMKC Division of Dental Hygiene from 1972 to 1979 and from 1983 to 1987, and in the Department of Periodontics from 1987 to 1990.

Even though Sherry departed from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 1990 to join the Hu-Friedy Mfg. Co., where she now serves as the senior global education consultant, she never lost touch with UMKC. She and her colleague, Jan Haun, (DH '81), pioneered the development and presentation of small group "hands-on" continuing education courses for members of the "dental team," primarily at the UMKC School of Dentistry Department of CDE. Sherry is well-known for her engaging and entertaining approach to sharing her extensive knowledge of instrument design, sharpening and clinical techniques. She is the originator of the design concept for the After Five® currettes and the simplified sharpening strategy known as "It's About Time to Get on the Cutting Edge." Her most recent creative efforts contributed to the innovative concept of the Satin Swivel™ Ultrasonic Insert and the Gracey 17/18 curette.

Sherry's long-time friend and colleague, Maxine Tishk, served as a guiding force in the fundraising effort to establish the scholarship. At the present time, more than \$31,000 has been donated to the endowment.

My 50-Year Friendship with Sherry Burns

By Professor Emerita Maxine "Pidge" Tishk

Sherry Burns is a national and international treasure in dental hygiene, as evidenced by her lengthy and stellar professional career. Sherry's professional achievements and accomplishments have indeed enriched and provided an enduring legacy for the dental hygiene profession. This legacy will continue to live on through the generosity of the UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association and the robust outpouring of support from her loving family, dear friends and professional colleagues in initially funding the newly endowed DH scholarship in her name.

It was a distinct honor for me to help "launch" the initial fundraising efforts for Sherry's scholarship along with Kim Bray, Jan Haun, Hilary Wheat and so many other dedicated friends of Sherry's. She truly epitomizes the expression "to know her is to love her!" Our friendship spans close to 50 years, dating back to Sherry's undergraduate education at the University of Michigan where she was a student of mine in Pre-Clinic and I was pursuing my Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene Education. I was then fortunate some years later to recruit Sherry to UMKC where she received her Master's Degree in Dental Hygiene Education. She is recognized throughout the United States and Asia for her expertise in presenting clinical instrumentation and hands-on coursework for both dental hygiene and dental professionals. It was definitely "a labor of love and respect" for me to help establish this much deserved honor and tribute to Sherry.

2013 Dental Alumnus of the Year

Steven L. Hechler, DDS, MS

Dr. Hechler has distinguished himself at the UMKC School of Dentistry in a variety of ways. He finished at the top



of his UMKC dental class in 1984 and went on to earn a certificate of orthodontics and master's degree in biomedical sciences at the Mayo Graduate School of Medicine in Rochester, Minn., from 1984 to 1987. In 1991 the UMKC Dental Alumni Association (DAA) selected Dr. Hechler to be the first recipient of its "Young Alum of the Year" award.

Dr. Hechler has been an avid participant in the UMKC DAA's Recent Graduate Committee, helping to organize professional development programs and social activities to benefit UMKC students. He has served on the boards of the School's Dr. Roy J. Rinehart Memorial Foundation and the Dental Alumni Association, including a term as DAA president in 2005-2006. His service to organized dentistry includes serving as president of the Greater Kansas City Society of Orthodontists (1990), president of the Kansas Association of Orthodontists (2002-2003) and as secretary (2011-2012) and treasurer (2012-2013) of the Kansas Dental Association. Throughout his career he has regularly presented lectures for the UMKC Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics as well as numerous professional organizations. Dr. Hechler's eldest son, Ben, graduated from the UMKC School of Dentistry at the top of his class in May 2013 and plans to enter the Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery program at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

2013 Young Dental Alum of the Year

Christopher Haggerty, DDS, MD

Dr. Christopher J. Haggerty's roots in Kansas City run deep. Not only is he a native of Kansas City, Mo., he attended



UMKC and earned a BS degree in biological sciences in 1998 and his DDS degree in 2002. He then left town for a while to complete a combined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/MD integrated residency at Louisiana State University-New Orleans School of Medicine in 2005 and an internship in general surgery/neurosurgery at Louisiana State University Medical Center Charity Hospital in New Orleans in 2006. After receiving his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery certificate from Louisiana State University in 2008, he returned to the Kansas City area to practice. In 2011 he established Lakewood Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in Lee's Summit, Mo. Before exiting Louisiana, however, Dr. Haggerty was awarded the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Community Service Award in 2006 for his actions during hurricane Katrina. He is the current president of the Greater Kansas City Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Society and the Eastern Jackson County Dental Society.

CLASSES OF THE 1940s

Denis Teraoka, DDS '43S, (*Honolulu, Hawaii*) has retired and lives in a senior community, Kahala Nui.

W. Victor Wood, DDS '43, (*Nixa, Mo.*) celebrated his 70th year since graduation from the UMKC School of Dentistry at the 2013 Midwest Dental Conference. He'll celebrate 72 years of marriage. "God has been good to us."

Price Gibbons, DDS '46, (*Pratt, Kan.*) suffered a stroke in 2008. He was recovering and learning to walk again at home, but that became too much and he entered a rehab-rest home facility. He passed away Dec. 15, 2012.

CLASSES OF THE 1950s

Charley Baker, DDS '53, (*Norman, Okla.*) was 86 years old when he passed away. His wife, Phyllis, says she is alive and well at age 86. They have four married children, 11 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren. They travelled overseas seven times, and Charley did dentistry on the poor using straight chairs and flashlights and helped spread the gospel of Jesus Christ.

William R. Dannahower, DDS '53, (*Ft. Pierce, Fla.*) served 12 years on the Florida Board of Dentistry and three as chairman. He was mayor of Ft. Pierce, Fla. for 14 years. He received the Service Award for the Florida Dental Association in 1983 and the U.S. Public Health Service Award in 1966. His wife, Lucia, passed away in April 2008.

John Dietrich, DDS '53, (*Mission Hills, Kan.*) says he is enjoying retirement and still playing golf. He and his wife went to Greece and Turkey and cruised the Greek Islands this year. He's also enjoying their five grandchildren in Kansas City and Boulder, Colo.

Troy Garrett, DDS '53, (*Mountainburg, Ark.*) retired in 1987. His hobbies

include growing, showing and judging roses. He recently moved to Arkansas.

Robert Menchetti, DDS '58, (*Kansas City, Mo.*) was the AAS Rep for 10 years. He also served as the treasurer of the Rinehart Foundation for 15 years. For his service and philanthropy, he has received two Rinehart Medallions. He was on the faculty of the UMKC School of Dentistry and held the position of Team 1 coordinator for 10 years. In 1996 he was recognized by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association as the Alum of the Year.

CLASSES OF THE 1960s

Grant Cookson, DDS '63, (*Parkville, Mo.*) retired in 1997 and is enjoying each and every day. He helped plan the Class of 1963's reunion at the Midwest Dental Conference in 2013.

Howard Eppinger, DDS '63, (*Loudon, Tenn.*) says he loves the Smokies and the weather is great most of the time. He plays golf two to three times a week and is doing some woodworking. His wife, Pat, reads a lot, works puzzles and shops. He says Tennessee is a great place to live and retire.

Thomas Hoynes, DDS '63, (*Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.*) retired from private practice in 2000 after 37 years. He is currently a senior trustee of the Missouri Archaeological Society. His archaeological specialty is "Late Archaic Sedalia Phase" circa 1500 B.C.

Ron Riley (*center*), DDS '64, UMKC clinical assistant professor of endodontics, was presented with the UMKC Elmer F. Pierson Good Teaching Award by UMKC Chancellor Leo Morton (*L*) and UMKC Alumni Association President Jerry Lonergan (*R*) at the "Celebrating Excellence" ceremony, Tuesday, April 9, 2013. The honor is awarded annually to an outstanding teacher in each of

these academic units: the Schools of Dentistry, Law and Medicine and the Bloch School of Management.

Peter Robinson, DDS '66, (*Winnetka, Ill.*) is teaching periodontics part-time at the University of Illinois-Chicago and holds the position of professor of periodontics at the University of Illinois. His other accomplishments include dean emeritus and professor emeritus at the University of Connecticut.

Bob Gross, DDS '68, (*Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.*) retired last year from his oral and maxillofacial surgery practice. He spent 15 years in academics at the University of Connecticut Medical Center and LSU Medical Center.

Thomas Munger III, DDS '68, (*Anchorage, Alaska*) still maintains two offices by himself. One office is located in Anchorage and one in Homer. He enjoys fishing at Homer.

Classes of the 1970s

Jerry Cash, DDS '73, (*Springfield, Mo.*) has a daughter, **Tara Cash** (DDS '06, Ortho '08), who is now in practice and a partner in Cash Family Orthodontics. Tara is doing cleft palates (thanks to a great education). Jerry is doing orthodontic research on twins.

James Cocklin, DDS '77, (*Eagle River, Ark.*) retired on March 31, 2013, after seven years of private practice and 29 years of active duty in the U.S. Air Force. He had assignments at bases all over the United States as well as overseas in Okinawa, Panama, and Germany. He finished his career as the commander of the 673rd Dental Squadron at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska. In July 2013 he and his wife, Kathie, plan to move to Forest, Va., to be closer to their grandchildren.

Joe Creech (*pictured*), DDS '78, (*Pedro '80, Gilbert, Ariz.*) is the director of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

He will become president of ABPD in May 2013. He is also the director of Pediatric Dentistry at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

Jerry Schafers, DDS '78, (St. Louis, Mo.) has won numerous gold, silver and bronze medals in Senior Olympic Volleyball. He played on the #7 ranked team in the nation in 2009. His youngest daughter, Allison, is attending optometry school at UMSL.

Classes of the 1980s

Ann Barber, DDS '83, (Leawood, Kan.) sold her practice in 2008 due to disability. She and her husband, Dr. Alan Barber, do medical mission work with his foundation True North Missions, which serves Guatemala.

Remy Eussen, DDS '83, (Ridgefield, Wash.) has been happily married for 27½ years and has four beautiful daughters and four cats. He loves the Northwest but misses Kansas City and the BBQ. He says "thank you to the UMKC School of Dentistry for all you've given me!"

Kurt Loveless, DDS '83, (Lubbock, Texas) and his wife, Paula, have been together for 33 years. They have three grown children and one daughter-in-law. At any given time, the kids could be anywhere around the world. He has been in private practice in Lubbock since 1984. He has been very active with the Texas Dental Association, completing numerous leadership positions with his local dental society and serving recently as the chairman of the Texas Dental Association Smiles Foundation. Kurt has been appointed as an advisor to the L.D. Pankey Dental Foundation. He enjoys bicycling, golfing, aviation, photography and gardening.

Gregory Dale, DDS '86, (Kansas City, Mo.) is proud to say his daughter, Stephanie, married in August 2012 and is expecting twins in August 2013. His

wife, Joanna, received an award for 25 years of service at Children's Mercy Hospital.

CLASSES OF THE 1990s

Beth Gehring, DDS '93, (Grain Valley, Mo.) joined the dental staff of Truman Medical Center-Lakewood, Mo. She is the dentist for the Independence School Project's Mobile Dentistry team. They provide preventive and restorative treatment as well as dental health education for children in the Independence School District.

Gordon Kanemaru, DDS '93, (Wahiawa, Hawaii) has been a UMKC Dental Alumni Association Trustee for the past 18-20 years. He is now serving as president of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association.

Frank Sharp, DDS '93, (Springfield, Mo.) had his 20-year class reunion and his 19th wedding anniversary in June 2013. His daughter, Meredith, is turning 15 and his son, John, is turning 12. He is spending a lot of time on the basketball court and golf course with both kids.

Colleen Nguyen, DDS '98, (Kansas City, Mo.) completed training and is certified as a bioesthetic dentist.

CLASSES OF THE 2000s

Daniel Heard, DDS '03, (Sherwood, Ark.) will celebrate seven years at Central Arkansas Family Dentistry in August 2013. He will have been married for 16 years in July 2013 and has three kids: Grace (10), Leigha (8) and Noah (4).

John Humphrey Jr, DDS '03, (Kansas City, Mo.) says he and his wife, Charity, have two beautiful kids: Hudson (4) and Lola (2). They will be opening a new practice in 2013 and can't wait!

Brent Mayginnnes, DDS '03, (Salina, Kan.) sold his practice in Overland Park, Kan., and moved to Salina. He joined Discover Dental Center in Salina

and practices with Drs. Earl and Gary O'Hara.

J. Reese Graue, DDS '08, (Liberty, Mo.) has two sons: Jack is three years old and Joseph was born in June 2012. Dr. Graue practices in Gladstone, Mo.

Julia Skidmore, DDS '08, (Overland Park, Kan.) is married to Breck Skidmore, and has two sons: Evan (born in May 2010) and William (born in June 2012).

Katie Watson (Kiddoo), DDS '08, (Kansas City, Mo.) had a son, Landon, in December 2010 and opened her own practice in Overland Park, Kan., in September 2012.

Michael Umaki, DDS '09, MS Perio '11, (Honolulu, Hawaii) successfully challenged the American Board of Periodontology Examination and is now a Diplomate of the American Board.

Max Weber, DDS '10, and **Ashlee Weber (Williams)**, DDS '10, Ortho '12, (Kansas City, Mo.) welcomed their son, Cash, in May 2013.



Paul (Mike) Cady, MS Perio '11, (Pocatello, Idaho) is practicing periodontics in Pocatello, Idaho.

Adam McClellan, MS Perio '11, (Overland Park, Kan.) is practicing periodontics in Overland Park.



Student Brings “Discover Kansas City and Dentistry” Theme to Life

The graphic representation of the 2013 Midwest Dental Conference theme, “Discover the Best of Kansas City and Dentistry,” was designed by Travis Tegerdine, a member of the DDS Class of 2016. Tegerdine’s ingenious design superimposes Kansas City’s iconic downtown skyline across a field of teeth.

“I began thinking about what represents Kansas City’s fingerprint,” said Tegerdine. “I decided (and I think this goes for any city) that it is its skyline. But I still needed to figure out a way to incorporate the dental half of the design. What better way to represent dentistry than with teeth, so I just merged the skyline and teeth images together. I’m already thinking of things to do for next year’s T-shirt.”

In Memoriam

Frances M. Peak	Grinnell, Iowa	BSDH 1934
Richard B. Focht	Waianae, Hawaii	DDS 1939
Ralph W. Dimond	Lamar, Mo.	DDS 1943S
Joseph M. Cassidy	Topeka, Kan.	DDS 1946
Price A. Gibbons	Pratt, Kan.	DDS 1946
Pete H. Nishimura	Honolulu, Hawaii	DDS 1947
Curtis J. Vague	Laguna Niguel, Calif.	DDS 1947
Harve R. Varner	Colorado Springs, Colo.	DDS 1947
Donald M. Williams	Prairie Village, Kan.	DDS 1948
Galen L. Callender	Arvada, Colo.	DDS 1949
Gerald F. Marsico	Denver, Colo.	DDS 1949
Ralph H. Reed	Auburn, Wa.	DDS 1950
Charley F. Baker	Norman, Okla.	DDS 1953
Thomas L. Day	Augusta, Kan.	DDS 1953
Hal G. Riddle	Amarillo, Texas	DDS 1953
Warren R. Kelley	Winfield, Kan.	DDS 1954
Vincent J. O’Shell	Beaumont, Texas	MSD 1954
Robert P. McGraw	Lees Summit, Mo.	DDS 1955
Richard C. Porch	Overland Park, Kan.	DDS 1955
Joseph R. Wammack	Springfield, Mo.	DDS 1955
Charles W. Cotton	Springdale, Ariz.	DDS 1956
Hugh N. Guinn	Chandler, Ariz.	DDS 1956
D. Dean Ray	Sun City, West Ariz.	DDS 1956
Jesse L. Harris	Wichita, Kan.	DDS 1957
Robert L. Deveny	Monroe, La.	DDS 1958
Edward Y. Hirashima	Mililini, Hawaii	DDS 1958
Henry Ray Morrison	Lees Summit, Mo.	DDS 1958
William Paul Sommer	Tulsa, Okla.	DDS 1958
Larry E. Shelton	Tulsa, Okla.	DDS 1960
Wayne A. Belser	Lee’s Summit, Mo.	DDS 1961
Thomas D. Ellis	Wichita, Kan.	DDS 1961
Robert Seniff	Guilford, Conn.	Ortho 1961
Wayne A. Jenkins	Sitka, Ark.	DDS 1962
Don A. Beene	Platte City, Mo.	DDS 1963
Larry L. Slaten	Junction City, Kan.	DDS 1964
Floyd R. Harris	Fayetteville, Ark.	DDS 1966
Valerie F. Hall	Overland Park Kan.	BSDH 1967
Richard B. Devine	Prairie Village, Kan.	DDS 1968
Boyd W. Harris	Fayetteville, Ark.	DDS 1968
Gale L. Jeffries	Boulder City, Nev.	BSDH 1968
Larry R. Kerns	Jefferson City, Mo.	DDS 1968
John C. Clark	Corrales, N.M.	DDS 1970
Joseph L. Charleville	St Louis, Mo.	DDS 1971
Raymond P. Krob	Oklahoma City, Okla.	DDS 1971
Richard D. Arellanes	Bernalillo, N.M.	DDS 1974
Mark W. Harris	Excelsior, Minn.	DDS 1978
J. Michael Jones	Glendale, Ariz.	DDS 1978
Brian D. Shelton	Columbus, Ga.	DDS 1978
Patrick A. Thompson	Joplin, Mo.	DDS 1980
Jack D. Earley	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Ortho 1981
Kelly D. O’Neal	Colorado Springs, Colo.	DDS 1981
Norman G. Uesato	Honolulu, Hawaii	DDS 1988

Congratulations, Classes of 2013



The pomp and circumstance of the 2013 UMKC School of Dentistry commencement ceremony moved graduates and well-wishers to tears and cheers as 155 students crossed the stage at Swinney Recreation Center to receive their diplomas, Saturday evening, May 18. The School conferred 102 Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees, 31 Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degrees, 22 Graduate Dental Certificates, and seven Master of Science in Oral Biology degrees. Six dental students received commissions to branches of the U.S. armed services. Dr. John Rapley, Professor and Chair of the Department of Periodontics, and Professor Nancy Keselyak of the Division of Dental Hygiene were honored for their outstanding contributions to the development of the members of the Dental and Dental Hygiene Classes of 2013.

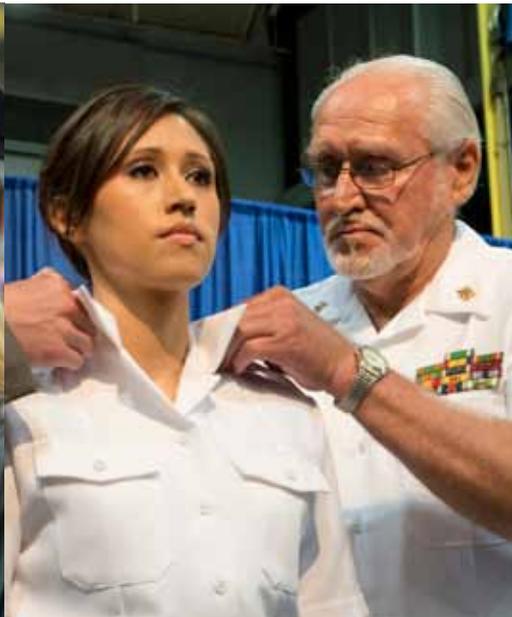
DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY RECIPIENTS

Saher Ahmed
 Anthony A. Altomare
 Jeffrey P. Anglim
 Anne Elizabeth Atha
 Ryan Austin
 Jaden D. Bailey
 Jason Robert Baker
 Kelly Marie Balch
 Elizabeth Marie Barrett
 Joseph R. Basnett
 Cale Patrick Beasley
 Farima M. Behnami
 Charlotte Maureen Best
 Brandon Betsworth
 Ellen Zust Blattel
 James Arthur Burneson
 Clark C. Chaney
 Jenna L. Chase
 Samantha Alexandria Clark
 Holden Lee Correll
 Andrew Paul Cox
 Madelyn Diekemper
 Jason C. Edwards



Jessica Ehlinger
 Jennafer Chari Feigenbaum
 Jeremy Frith
 Nicholas Jordan Fujii
 Christopher G'Sell
 Benjamin Golik
 Stephanie L. Graham
 Kimberly Ann Granzow
 Amy M. Greenspan
 Michael Gu
 Peter M. Guirguis
 Raechelle L. Hansen
 Benjamin Lewis Hechler
 Kelly George Hendricks
 Andrew E. Hinojosa
 Ashley Victoria Holloway
 Garrett K. Huck
 Troy Allen Hutinger
 Alan M. Johnson
 Whitney Teal Johnson
 Nelson C. Kanning
 M. Chase Kelly
 Jessica Marie Kepler
 Robert Duaine Knapp
 Amy Marie LeCave
 Thomas Steven Levine
 Anna Hallie Lillmars
 Emily Louise Longwith
 Jamie Diane Lundy
 Andy Luong
 Nichole Rinae Madison
 Derek J. Magers
 Olga Martinez
 Salome Kirit Masrani
 Thomas J. Mazuranic

Jacob Paul McLaughlin
 Philip William Meehan
 Dhaniale R. Miller
 Katherine Rosemary Milles
 Rasha Mohammed Ali
 Jessica Marie Monroe
 Beth Renee Morrey
 Bryan Lee Nagle
 Katie L. Neidig
 Lesley R. Nellor
 Kristin M. Oliver
 Susan Hyweon Park
 Darpana Nilam Patel
 Neena Bharat Patel
 Robert C. Patton, III
 Omar A. Pereyra
 Daniel J. Pinkston
 Heather Elise Prather
 Bradley James Rachow
 Kristen Wellemeyer Sander
 Jacquelyn R. Sloop
 Hunter R. Smart
 Jonathan Barclay Smith
 Andrew Spiguzza
 Fallon Leigh Stiens
 Kevin Joseph Stock
 Scott Michael Stringer
 Nathan Walter Suter
 Emily G. L. Sutherland
 Amanda Swanson
 David Knight Sylvester, II
 Tiffany Marie Teegarden
 Molly E. Tegerdine
 Jaclyn Raquel Thomure
 Matthew James Tippin



Melissa Liu Fish Trumbo
Erin Mariko Uwaine
Amber Michelle Abel Valentine
Emilee Jean Wentz
Nicholas David White
Shannon D. White
Erin P. Williams
Nathan Edward Woodward
Casey LaRae Zook

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
IN DENTAL HYGIENE
RECIPIENTS**

Emily Nicole Arnold
Emma Elizabeth Arnold
Elissa M. Black
Michelle Lynn Booth

Julian Hannah Borusiewich
Bridget Brocato
Meghan Christine Cox
Kayla L. Fleshman
Andrea Diane Granbois
Emily Anne Haun
Jaime R. Hofmeister
Diana Renee Johnson
Tyler Koehn
Megan Kupchin-Mays
Jordan Taylour Lee
Kallie Leicht
Kelly McCunniff
Michelle Lynn Pope
Victoria Rowena Redford
Christina Shea Repuyan
Erin Marie Ridgely
Tara Salmon
Savannah Rae Small

Lindsay Brianna Swartley
Stephenie Cathereen Terpack
Lena Danielle Uebinger
Natalie Villaflor
Kathleen Marie Warner
Ashton Nicole Wilbers
Erica Marie Williams
Chelsea M. Wright

**GRADUATE DENTAL
CERTIFICATES
Advanced Education in
General Dentistry**

Dean A. Elledge, D.D.S., M.S.
Hollie Pfeffer Flack, D.D.S.
David Jackson, D.D.S.
David Rainwater, D.D.S.
Matthew Schneider, D.D.S.
Eric Tolliver, D.D.S.
Scott White, D.D.S.

Endodontics
Matthew Godfrey, D.D.S.
Candice Perry, D.M.D.

**Oral and Maxillofacial
Surgery**
Justin Labart, D.D.S., M.D.
Daniel Nielson, D.D.S.
Brett Sullivan, D.M.D.

**Orthodontics and
Dentofacial Orthopedics**
Lauren Gossett, D.D.S.*
Genavieve McGivern,
D.D.S.*
Ashlee Williams-Weber,
D.D.S.*

Periodontics
Paul Cady, D.D.S.*
Adam McClellan, D.D.S.*

**ORAL BIOLOGY M.S.
DEGREE**
Lauren Gossett, D.D.S.*
Genavieve McGivern,
D.D.S.*
Ashlee Williams-Weber,
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UMKC Honors Tammy Woods with “Chancellor’s Education First Award”



A faculty member once asked how Tammy Woods managed to be so positive all of the time. Tammy, who is a member on the clinic’s DAU staff, responded that when she wakes up in the morning, she has a choice whether to be in a good mood or a bad mood. She chooses to be in a good mood. Because of that positive attitude Tammy was honored as the 2013 recipient of the Chancellor’s Education First Award during the “Celebrating Excellence” Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony, held April 9, 2013, at UMKC’s Student Union. The award program is an annual tradition for recognizing the exceptional achievements of the UMKC faculty and staff.

Tammy was nominated by SOD Staff Council President, Tara Lane, after winning the UMKC School of Dentistry Customer Service Award. According to Tammy, “Being selected for the Chancellor’s Education First award has been a dream come true. My 29 years of experience in the dental field was inspired by a well-known maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Brett Ferguson, at the age of sixteen during my summer assistant job at Truman Medical Center. Working for the UMKC School of Dentistry as a Dental Auxiliary Utilization teacher’s assistant, I’ve had the chance to teach and encourage dental students

by giving all my dental knowledge to help them be truly confident in themselves and to build a strong dental practice for their future success.”

Tammy will receive a \$1,500 stipend and a commemorative wall plaque courtesy of the Chancellor’s office. Only one recipient is selected annually. Criteria for the award include that the recipient consistently demonstrate certain qualities within the scope of their work performance. Some of these qualities include: recognizing that students are integral to everything we do; promoting and fostering research and sharing of knowledge; encouraging students to identify and reach their true potential; and being committed to lifelong learning.