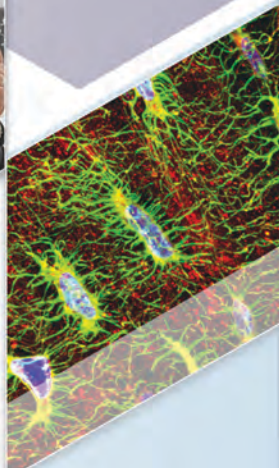


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Dear colleagues and friends:

We live in interesting times. Amid the challenges we face as a country, we also face stressors in our profession and across higher education. The economic changes in dental practice in the last 10 years have led to differentiation in the market trends for our graduates. In 2017, graduates and their practice options are different than they were 20 or more years ago. Partially driven by changing practice patterns, disease patterns and access to third party payments, consumers are utilizing dental services differently.

In higher education, our pressures stem from policy on all levels and are directly tied to state economics and the parsing of limited dollars in a fixed pie of resources. With budget cuts proposed to NIH funding, the value of intellectual growth in science may be threatened at a time when the scientific underpinnings of our profession must be preserved. At the School of Dentistry, we strive each day to be resourceful, to operate with efficiency, and to make wise decisions that preserve our mission to educate bright, talented young people in general dentistry, dental specialties and dental hygiene. It seems that in all aspects of our work, we are required to do things differently to imagine and implement new means of achieving our goals. In this time of scarce resources, we work to continue to distinguish our programs and to provide our faculty, staff and students opportunities to shine. They most certainly do! For instance, despite the competitiveness of NIH funding, our researchers continue to be successful in securing financial support for their extraordinary work. Also, we have hired individuals who will extend our research and clinical expertise in new, exciting directions, meshing with the foci of our existing faculty.

Change is the new normal; yet, in these times of change and challenge, we are also rich! Our talented and committed faculty and staff resolutely advance our educational goals, enabling our students to shine bright in their achievements on their path to graduation.

You, our alumni and friends, support the School in many ways, for which we are exceedingly grateful. More than ever, the support that you generously share with us helps us meet our goals to have the best programming and to educate the best dentists and dental hygienists for the future. As we focus on special projects representing our priorities, your assistance and advocacy at all levels continues to help us make progress in improving educational resources and achieve facilities upgrades. Thank you for your continuing support of the School!

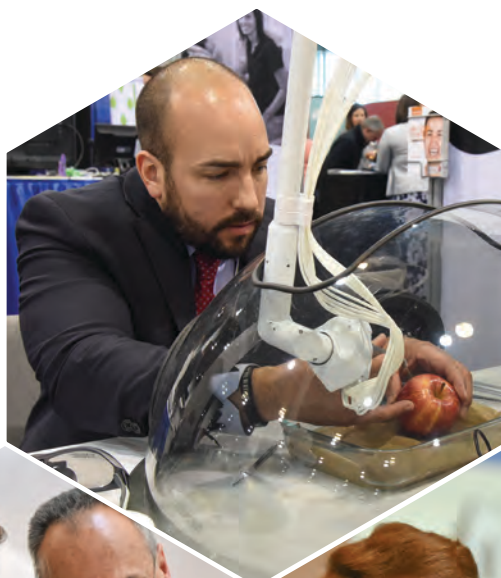
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MDC 2017 WAS THE PLACE TO BE

Over 3,700 alumni, friends, students and exhibitors CONNECTED at the 2017 Midwest Dental Conference, held April 6 - 9. The busy weekend was full of scientific sessions, class reunions, exhibit hall shopping, donor recognition, and fun times for all.

With this year's conference theme, CONNECT, came the opportunity to "connect" in new ways. The Conference has always and will always be a great way to reconnect with classmates and colleagues, connect learning with fun, and connect business with innovations in the Exhibit Hall. But this year we also offered ways to connect by offering space on the reunion boards to share memories and favorite stories from school, and we created special photo spots to capture connections made at the Conference.



Visit our Facebook page to look at all the connections that were made.

POURING FROM THE HEART



Thursday at MDC 2017 connected patients in need with financial support they desperately require at the Pouring from the Heart benefit gala. The ballroom overflowed with attendees who were treated to five courses of exquisite eats, professionally paired with sensational wines; once in a lifetime live auction packages, like a golf trip to Ireland; and some fun and games to win a wine fridge and in-home wine tasting. Together with Goetze Dental and event sponsors, the UMKC School of Dentistry's Rinehart Foundation raised nearly \$56,000 to help indigent patients that come through the UMKC clinic doors and cannot afford the critical dental treatments they need. Guests at Pouring from the Heart were impacted by a story of how this amazing care changed a patient's life and greatly influenced her ability to enjoy everyday activities we take for granted, like eating solid foods and smiling at grandchildren. As a result, one of our amazing students gained a patient for life and a passion for helping others.

During the night's festivities, the third annual John Haynes Leadership through Service Award was presented to Dr. John Killip for his selfless giving and dedication to the School, students, and education. The award is given to someone who possesses the qualities the late Dr. Haynes exemplified, and Dr. Killip is a shining example of this.

Thank you to all who supported such a wonderful cause, and we look forward to another great event next year.



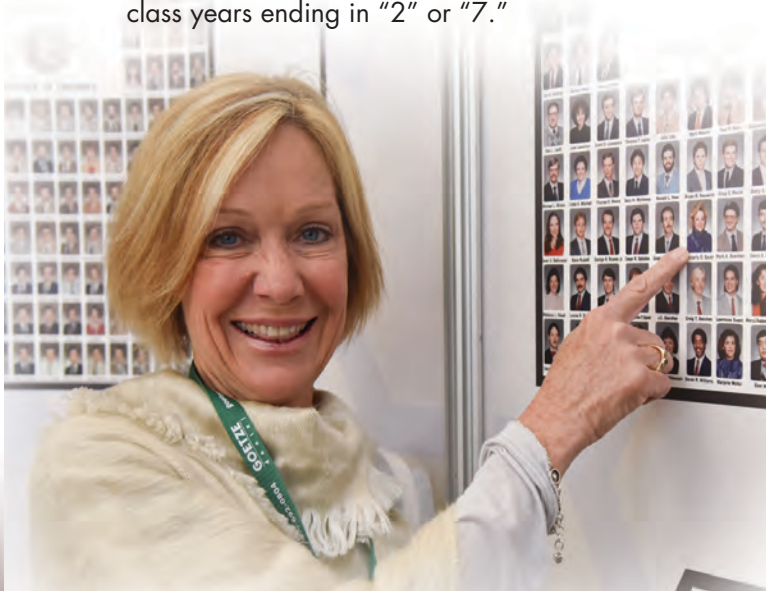
WELCOME PARTY & REUNIONS



Another highlight of the conference is the Friday night Welcome Party where attendees reconnect with classmates and colleagues. As always, attendees enjoyed good food and good fun. KC Wolf, the Kansas City Chief's mascot, entertained the crowd along with the green screen photo booth (featuring pictures from the School's past) and fun, inflatable dental tools. Following the Welcome Party many of the attendees participated in their class reunions. Classes celebrating big milestones were the Class of 1967 celebrating 50 years in the profession and all class years ending in "2" or "7."



Class of 1962



Class of 1967

RECOGNITION BREAKFAST

It was such a treat to see such a large turnout of the Class of 1967 at the Rinehart Foundation Recognition Breakfast on Saturday morning. With a whopping 33 members and their guests in attendance, it was a room full of great stories and memories! Also honored at the breakfast were Reese Graue (DDS '08), 2017 Young Alum of the Year, as well as alumni who have made significant gifts to the Foundation and achieved lifetime giving milestones of \$10,000+, \$25,000+, \$50,000+, and \$100,000+. It was a pleasure to have them all in one room and recognize them for their efforts. Alumni with such a strong connection to the School are why the Foundation is able to support so many projects that are important and vital to the students, faculty, and school.



EXHIBIT HALL CONNECTIONS

Attendees were able to connect with industry experts in the Exhibit Hall. Over 100 companies filled the aisles with everything from equipment, to financing options, to supplies, to marketing solutions. Over 75 product categories were represented. Attendees packed the hall to learn the latest and greatest in products available. Back this year was a Friday afternoon popcorn break for attendees to enjoy a snack while perusing the booths, and on Saturday morning attendees enjoyed hot coffee and hot deals at a complimentary coffee bar. Attendees also enjoyed over 80 table clinics presented by students. Thank you to the participating exhibitors!

As always, the Midwest Dental Conference was a great time to reconnect and refresh. Don't miss next year's Conference, April 5-8, 2018!



 Visit the [UMKC Dental Alumni Facebook page](#) to enjoy more photos of the 2017 Midwest Dental Conference.

GOING FOR THE GREEN

WE HIT THE GREENS FOR GREEN! THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PLAYERS AND SPONSORS FOR A GREAT DAY OF GOLF WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS!

*Chris Elliott,
representing
Goetz Dental*

Golfers enjoyed a fantastic day on the course at the UMKC Dental Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament, Friday, June 2, at Shoal Creek Golf Course. Attendees were treated to food, fun, and some antics by way of wingspan drawings, putting contests, and a few mulligans.

Since its start, the Annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament has raised over \$250,000 for student scholarships. Thank you to the steering committee, led by Dr. Joe Spalitto with help from Dr. Chad Barth, Dr. Wes Christian, Dr. Reese Grave, Dr. Phillip Gravino, Juliana Harmon, Dr. Michael McCunniff, Joel Piper, Josh Piper, Paul Riddle, and Paula Rodriguez.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE "PAR-TEE" NEXT YEAR! SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT ON JUNE 1, 2018.

f Visit the UMKC Dental Alumni Facebook page to enjoy more photos of the golf tournament.

A ROYAL DAY FOR THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Dozens of enthusiastic alumni, faculty, staff, students, and their families and friends turned out for the KC Royals' opening-day game against the Oakland A's, Monday, April 10, 2017. As has been customary since 1988 — when the late John Haynes (BS '56, DDS '60, MA '71) organized the first opening day outing — the UMKC faithful have enjoyed a pre-game, parking lot picnic hosted by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association. Even though the Royals fell to the A's 2-0, the day was a big win for the UMKC contingent.

f Visit the UMKC Dental Alumni Facebook page to enjoy more photos of the School's day at "The K" (Kauffman Stadium).



Adam C. McClellan (DDS '10, Perio '12) of Periodontal Care, P.A., and office administrative assistant Tamara Bryant.

IN MEMORIAM

Phillip G. Barkett
DDS '60

Arthur L. Byrd
DDS '58

David G.
Christensen
DDS '70

Thomas E. Emery
DDS '62

A. C. Edwards
DDS '70

Robert J. Gilkerson
DDS '73

Wayne L. Harvey
DDS '57

P. D. Harutun
DDS '62

Ray Hailey, Jr.
DDS '46

Robert C. Hill
DDS '66

Seiji Kondo
DDS '54

Benjamin E.
Kaufman
DDS '45

Jerry M. Kehr
DDS '62

James G.
McCartney
DDS '76

Luetta M.
Mahavier
BSDH '56

Kenneth D. Parks
DDS '55

Charles D.
Robertson
DDS '50

Patricia
Anne Poore
BSDH '56

Jack B. Rudd
DDS '65

Willis R. Esau
DDS '57

Joseph C. Schulte
DDS '44

Anton P. Soldan-Els
DDS '60

Jay G. Sekavec
Professor Emeritus
DDS '67

Leslie Young Jr.
PROS '70

James Trout
Professor Emeritus
DDS '67

Ken L. Palmer
DDS '80

Henry Lloyd
Buikstra
DDS '60

CLASS NOTES

CLASSES OF THE 1950s

Robert Lindsey (DDS '52) reports that "Mary died in July 2009. I've been living alone since, but doing well. I developed congestive heart failure in March 2016, and take meds and limit outside activities. I'm still active in local community government, still drive, no pain, eye sight and hearing are okay."

Robert Morrison (DDS '57) retired in 2006, and since last year has been living at the Wesley Towers retirement community in Hutchinson, Kan.

William Slagle (DDS '57) currently serves as professor and dean emeritus of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and as professor and associate director of the Center for Dental Education, University of Arkansas for Medical Science.

CLASSES OF THE 1960s

William D. Neal (DDS '62) reports that Janice passed away on July 29, 2014.

Joe Weaver (DDS '62) still plays tennis every day on the court in his backyard. He still goes to Europe every spring and every fall. He's fluent in French, Italian and German.

Thomas Nelson (DDS '62) is "still married to my beautiful wife, Marcia. We have three kids: Lee Foster, Ted Nelson, Lynne Hall; eight grandkids; and one great grandkid due in October. Happily retired, playing golf, traveling, and working in the yard."

Lyndal Gray Holmes (DDS, MS '65), adjunct associate professor of UMKC Periodontics, is in his 45th year of teaching periodontology at the UMKC School of Dentistry. Dr. Holmes joined the faculty following five years of practice in Kansas City, which was preceded by three years of service in the U.S. Army that included active duty in the Central Highlands of Vietnam.

Dick Powell (DDS '67) Dick retired 18 years ago and enjoys living in Surprise, Ariz.

Keith Likreutziger (DDS '67) retired from Ochsner Medical Systems, Department of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in 2013. His daughter, Dr. Katherine Boungoten, works with infection control in New Orleans, La. His son, Joseph Kreutziger, is a middle school principal and administrator in the Birch Wather Lenox School, Manhattan, N.Y.

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

Charles J. Purma II (DDS '67) is still practicing dentistry part time.

CLASSES OF THE 1970s

Joseph Spalitto (DDS '72) was reappointed as Drug Commissioner of Jackson County by Frank White. He was installed as Exalted Ruler of Elks Lodge 26, the home lodge of Harry S. Truman.

James Parrott (DDS '72) retired from the UMKC School of Dentistry faculty on Jan. 1, 2016, and continues to volunteer one day per week.

Ronald Wright (DDS '72) served in the Army and was stationed in Iraq, 2008–2009. He retired from private practice August 15, 2013.

Jerry Cash (DDS '73) reports that he has four grandchildren and one foster child. "Both Shara and our daughters are now working in our office, Cash Family Orthodontics. Shay Cash is an attorney."

Bill Boyce (DDS '73) is still practicing and loving it. "I have five grandsons that are a delight. My wife, Marilyn, and I have been married for 48 years and are doing well!"

David Hamel (DDS '77) and his wife, Cheri, recently celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. Currently he serves on the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs. He still enjoys golf as a hobby and is loving their 20-month-old grandson!

H. John Scanlon (DDS '77) is still working. He has a daughter who is a 2011 DDS UMKC grad.

Lon R. Vetter (DDS '77) retired June, 1, 2016. He has five grandchildren. He has appeared in *Who's Who* (2012–13) and *417 Magazine* (2012–2014).

Mark Milda (DDS '77) reports that he “is semi-retired after 39 wonderful years of general practice. Cheryl and I have been enjoying traveling (Germany, Italy, and Ireland recently). I'm continually working on my golf game and also visiting our grandchildren in California and Maryland.”

David May (DDS '77) serves as the assistant director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Wichita State University (8th year). He retired in 2013 after 22 years of practicing periodontics.

Paul E. Miller (DDS '77) is serving as president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, 2016–2017.

CLASSES OF THE 1980s

Earl Larson (DDS '82) will be serving as the Greater St. Louis Dental Society (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 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 and has been nominated for the 2017 VP of the GSLDS. He has also received an ADA Humanitarian Award for his 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.

Stephen Matthews (DDS '87) reports, “The adjacent space to my office became available and I'm expanding and adding a new dentist and a couple more dental hygienists. Instead of slowing down, I'm picking up. (Actually, I hope to slow down.)”

Melodee Armfield (DDS '87) has a grandbaby, Sylvie Vera Dye. Melodee continues to work three days a week at the dental office. “I hear you have to start young.”

CLASSES OF THE 1990s

Allison Potter (DDS '97) is married with two children and has a private practice in Lebanon, Mo.

Roger Lee (DDS '97) married Karen in September 2012. They were expecting a baby boy in October 2016.

M. Conrad Journee (DDS '97) has served as a past director of Greater Kansas City Dental Society (GKCDS), a past MDA delegate, a board member of MDIS, a WREB

examiner, and a CRDTS examiner. He is a Woodbadge recipient, an ADA Diversity in Leadership member, and continues to travel the world.

CLASSES OF THE 2000s

Younes Tabrizi (DDS '07) has a 4-year-old daughter and owns a practice in El Dorado Hills, Calif. “Working hard!”

Brenton Reavley (DDS '07) earned Endodontic Board Certification in 2015.

David Ewing (DDS '07) served as a dentist for the USAF from 2007 to 2011, earning the rank of Captain. He's been working for Swope Health Services since 2011.

Michelle Fielden (DDS '07) opened her own practice in December 2010. She just expanded and added new technology. Michelle will celebrate 24 years of marriage on August 16.

Guy Gross (DDS '02) has been named to the clinical faculty for Osteo Ready Implants. He's spent the past several years lecturing in addition to teaching hands-on implant placement, restorative and bone grafting.

Mark Harwood (DDS '02) married Ashley on June 18, 2016.

Lauren Bales (DDS '02) and her husband, Bernie, are settling into country life on their property outside of Mountain Grove, Mo. Their son, Jacob, will graduate this year from Waldorf College (Forest City, Iowa) with a degree in sports management. Their daughters, Ann and Abbey, are continuing their college educations at KU and UCM, respectively.

Chad Bulleigh (DDS '02) had twins in June 2016 (a boy and a girl) who join their 2-year-old sister.

Class Notes Continues ▶

CLASSES OF THE 2010s

Brianna Ganson (DDS '12) has two children: Knox (4) and Brinkley (2). She owns her own practice, Happy Teeth Dentistry, in Overland Park, Kan.

Amy Gensweider (DDS '12) married Cam Salyers in April 2016. She started a Pediatric Dental Residency at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in 2016.

Brad Green (DDS '12) is a dentist anesthesiologist with CarePoint Anesthesia Group.

Jake Kirby (DDS '12) is a dental partner with his brother-in-law, **Jerod Crawford** (DDS '09), and sister-in-law, **Ana Crawford** (UMKC faculty), at Copeland Creek Dental. They were awarded a local Dental Office of the Year award in 2015. Jake's wife, Jamie, is a physician at Trinity Mother Frances. They have a 6-year-old boy, Beau, a 3-year-old boy, Luke, a 17-month-old foster baby girl, and a 6-week-old boy, Ben.

Seth Rush (DDS '12) completed his periodontal residency in 2015 and purchased a periodontal practice in Kansas City in 2016.

Tyler Slaughter (DDS '12) says, "Since graduating we've opened our own practice and were voted City's Best Dentist office. We have a 4-year-old and a 2-year-old."

Brett Sullivan (OMX '13) and **Dr. Jeff Gorski**, UMKC professor of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, enjoyed a chance encounter during Thanksgiving weekend in 2016 while they were vacationing with their families in the Oregon wilderness at Black Butte Ranch. Brett had been a student of Dr. Gorski at the School of Dentistry, so they were both thrilled to reminisce about old times and catch up on what's new.

STAY CONNECTED: UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

New Student Welcome Game at "The K"

Monday, August 21, 2017

Rinehart/Alumni Board Meeting

Sunday, October 8, 2017

UMKC School of Dentistry Scholarship Banquet

Monday, October 9, 2017

ADA Reception – Atlanta, Ga.

Held in conjunction with the ADA Meeting
Thursday, October 19, 2017

St. Louis Reception

Held in conjunction with Mid-Continent Dental Congress
Thursday, November 9, 2017

For more information about alumni events and news, visit:

<http://dentistry.umkc.edu/alumni>.



You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

ABOUT REDTIRE

RedTire (an abbreviation of Redefine Your ReTirement), a non-profit organization that matches qualified alumni from any regional college or university with businesses whose owners are looking to retire, reports that it is currently assisting 27 UMKC School of Dentistry alumni, and it has successfully transitioned 10 alumni-owned practices from old to new ownership in the last 18 months. The RedTire program is part of the University of Kansas "Entrepreneurship Works for Kansas" initiative, which is "designed to ameliorate the closing of viable rural businesses due to the lack of a successor or exit strategy." For more information visit their website at redtire.dept.ku.edu.

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Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists *(Summer Session Only)*

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

Friday-Sunday, July 28-30, 2017

Tuition: \$1,195 ■ 24 Credit hours ■ Course 1708

Practicing Dental Hygiene Public Health Safety Net *(Online)*

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

Fall Semester: August - December 2017

Deadline to Enroll: August 10, 2017

30 Credit hours ■ Course 1709

Disaster Response and Forensics for the Dental Professional

Tracy Brookshire, BSDH, & Marsha Voelker, CDA, RDH, MS

Saturday, September 9, 2017

Tuition: \$200 ■ 6 Credit hours ■ Course 1710

CEREC Hands-On Course

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

Friday, October 6, 2017

Tuition: \$300 ■ 6 Credit hours ■ Course 1711

Nitrous Oxide for the Dentist, Dental Hygienist & Dental Assistant

Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS, & Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS

Friday & Saturday, October 20-21, 2017

Tuition: \$500 ■ 16 Credit hours ■ Course 1712

Extended Care Permit III Training Course – Online & Lab

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

Spring Semester: January – May 2017

Deadline to Enroll: January 20, 2017



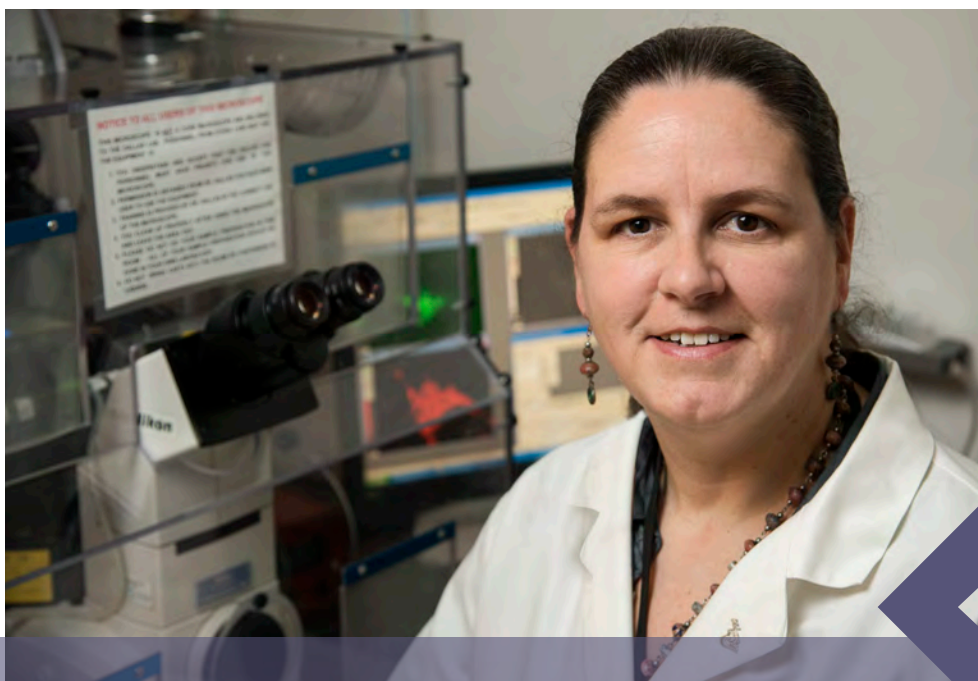


(L-R) Drs. Pamela R. Overman, Christopher J. VanNess, Cynthia C. Gadbury-Amyot, Marsha A. Pyle

Journal Article Ranked in “Top 10” by JDE

The editor of the *Journal of Dental Education* selected an article written by UMKC School of Dentistry faculty as one of its Top 10 articles in 2016. Dean Marsha A. Pyle, Associate Dean Cynthia C. Gadbury-Amyot, Assistant Research Professor Christopher J. Van Ness and Associate Dean Pamela R. Overman wrote “Which Way to Lean? A National Study of Women Dental Faculty Members’ Career Aspirations and Choices.” Karen P. West, dean of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine, was a co-author.

Editor Nadeem Karimbux, who is also associate dean for academic affairs at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, selected the article based on quality, topic area and design of study. The *Journal of Dental Education* is a peer-reviewed monthly journal that publishes a wide variety of educational and scientific research in dental, allied dental and advanced dental education. Published since 1936, it is internationally recognized as the premier journal for academic dentistry.



School of Dentistry Awarded NIH Grant to Study Bone Loss

Dr. Sarah Dallas, professor, Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, has been awarded a two-year, \$428,765 grant from the National Institutes of Health to support her research “Extracellular Vesicle Mediated Cell-Cell Communication in Bone.” Her research is relevant to public health as it will investigate a newly discovered mechanism by which bone cells may signal (talk) to each other by releasing small membrane-bound particles called vesicles, which are packed with molecules that alter the behavior of a recipient cell that takes up the vesicles.

Dr. Dallas explained, “We have discovered that a specialized cell in bone, the osteocyte, releases these small vesicles and may use them to control the activity of bone forming and bone resorbing cells and to amplify responses to signals that promote bone formation or

bone resorption. By gaining a better understanding of how these vesicles work, we will have a better understanding of how bone mass is maintained, which may lead to the identification of new approaches to prevent bone loss in diseases such as osteoporosis.”

Co-investigators on the grant include: Andrew Keightley, director of the UMKC proteomics core facility and associate professor at the School of Biological Sciences; Dr. Joanna Scott, School of Dentistry assistant professor, who will provide statistical support; Dr. Yasuyoshi Ueki, School of Dentistry associate professor, who will oversee experiments examining the effects of osteocyte extracellular vesicles on osteoclast function; and Dr. Lynda Bonewald, School of Dentistry professor emeritus, who will oversee some of the experiments in osteocyte cell lines.

Dean Marsha Pyle accepted the UMKC Trustees Community Service Award on the School's behalf at the UMKC Trustees Awards Ceremony, held March 14, 2017, at the law offices of Lathrop and Gage. The annual award recognizes noteworthy contributions by a UMKC school or organization to the community through innovative services, programs, and/or projects that strengthen the relationship between the University and the community, thus ensuring that UMKC remains embedded in the fabric of the community.

"Clinical operations within the School annually serve 61,000 patient visits in the School's primary clinic," noted Dean Pyle. "That translates to important clinical learning experiences for our students who are learning the professional clinical skills required in their respective professions. Additionally, our clinical students and faculty provide quality dental care to underserved members of the community. The School of Dentistry's clinical operations consistently provide pro bono services that represent a value of at least \$650,000 to patients and serve approximately 1,000 emergency patients annually. The oral healthcare delivered by the School, either pro bono or fee for service, represents our significant contribution to improving oral health in Kansas City and beyond."

The School of Dentistry lives its core value of giving back to the community in



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with UMKC Trustees Community Service Award

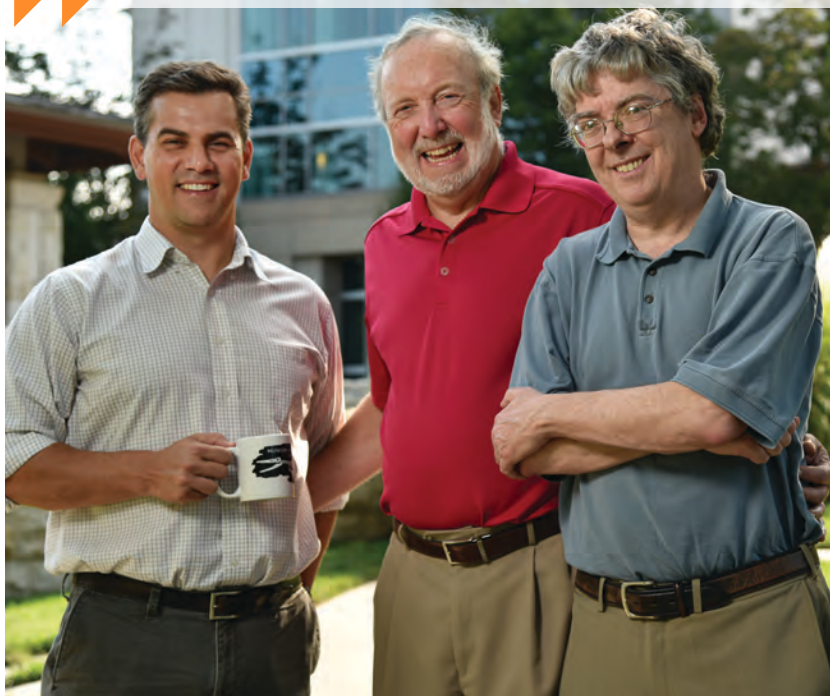
(L-R) Dr. Marsha Pyle, dean of the UMKC School of Dentistry; Shawn Boehm (D3); Dr. Bonnie Branson, professor & director of External Rotation Sites; Brianne Koester (D3); Dr. Jack Nelson, clinical associate professor, UMKC Restorative Clinical Sciences; Richie Bigham, assistant dean of Student Programs; Nicole Long (D3); Tamara Hoffman, clinical instructor, UMKC Restorative Clinical Sciences; and Dr. Michael McCunniff, associate professor & director of UMKC Dental Outreach & chair of Dental Public Health & Behavioral Science.

a variety of ways. Each year on a single day in February, the School partners with the dental societies of Missouri and Kansas to donate comprehensive examinations and care to school children in the greater Kansas City area through the Give Kids a Smile Program. The School and its dental professional colleagues donate all the dental care provided (ranging from \$30,000 to \$50,000 in value) to help children who likely would have no other way to access professional dental care. Throughout

the year, the School also works with a number of elementary schools in Kansas City to have school children bused weekly to the School to receive dental care. The cost of much of the care delivered by UMKC students to these children is supported by generous giving from alumni and friends of the School. Likewise, as part of our curriculum, students spend two 2-week rotations providing care to underprivileged patients at 27 community health centers across Missouri and Kansas.

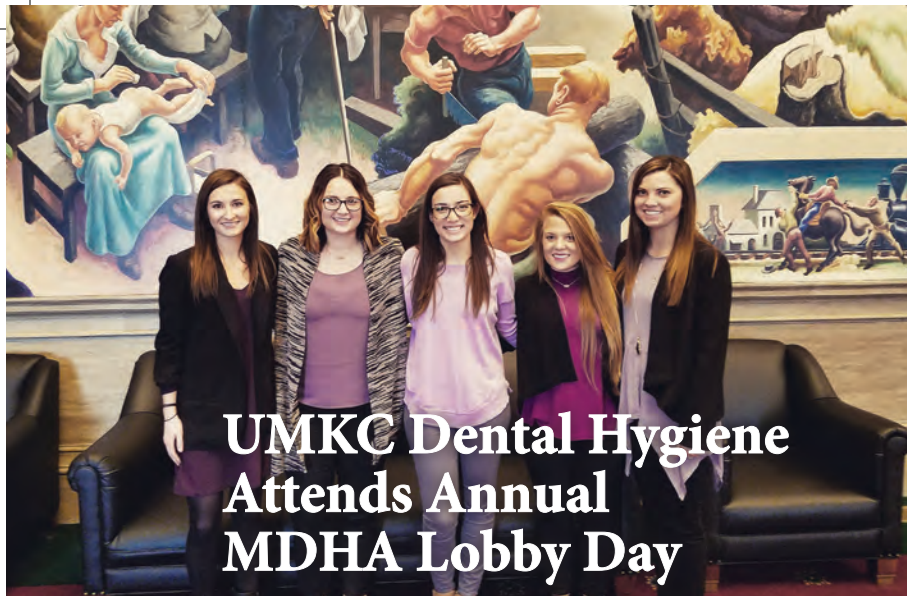


Teaming Up to Tackle Birth Defects



A team of investigators that includes Dr. Jeff Gorski (center), a professor in the UMKC Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, and Dr. Jeffrey Price (R) and Dr. Paul A. Trainor (L), researchers at Stowers Institute for Medical Research, has launched new research focusing on spinal birth defects. According to Dr. Gorski, "The goals of our research are to develop methods to monitor the effect of teratogenic* exposure in utero and to ultimately prevent teratogen-induced spinal birth defects." The research project is funded by a Patton Foundation grant from the Kansas City Area Life Science Institute.

(*Any agent that can disrupt the development of an embryo or fetus.)



UMKC Dental Hygiene Attends Annual MDHA Lobby Day



Thirty-two Division of Dental Hygiene students and two faculty traveled to Jefferson City, Mo., Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017, to participate in the annual Missouri Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA) Lobby Day. Their activities included meetings with majority and minority leadership in both legislative chambers, as well as a meeting with the Speaker of the House. The UMKC students, as well as students from other Missouri dental hygiene programs, their faculty members and practicing Missouri hygienists were introduced in session by fellow hygienist, Donna Lichtenegger. The School of Dentistry, the MDHA, the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association (SADHA), and the UMKC Dental Hygienists' Alumni Association partnered to support the students' participation.

Website Update

SCHOOL'S WEBSITE GETS A MAKEOVER


What's easy to use and eye-catching, too? The School's new web page, of course. Surf on over to <https://dentistry.umkc.edu/> and discover a dynamic look and feel with improved navigation and full compatibility with mobile devices like smart phones and tablets. While you're there, be sure to check out the new Alumni and Rinehart Foundation web pages for information, events, and photos (Possibly of you!).

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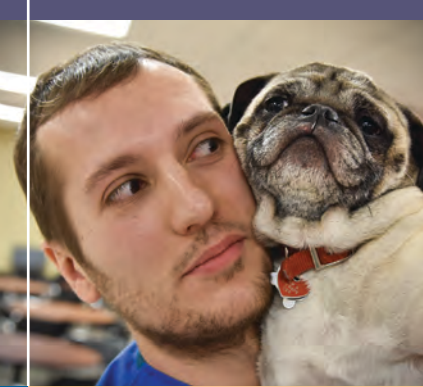
Catch a Pancake if You Can

To offer some exam week relief, members of the Psi Omega dental fraternity hosted an end-of-the-semester breakfast that featured the Chris Cakes catering company serving (and tossing) pancakes Wednesday morning, Dec. 7. Dr. John Kiesendahl, adjunct assistant professor of Restorative Clinical Sciences, unwittingly demonstrates how NOT to catch a pancake.



Visit the School's Facebook page or website to enjoy photos of pancake-catching prowess.

FIRST-YEAR DDS STUDENT DMITRIY KHVOSTENKO, HIS DOG AXEL, AND THE OFFICE OF STUDENT PROGRAMS TEAMED UP TO OFFER STRESS RELIEF TO STUDENTS DURING EXAM WEEK IN DECEMBER 2016.



f Visit the School's Facebook page to enjoy photos of Axel's comforting effect on students.

Fourth-year dental students, Paul Harris, Seth Prochaska, Nick Reinagel, Paul Hechler, Elisabeth Wilkinson, and five of their friends (pictured below) filled out a dragon costume to set a Guinness World Record for the "World's Fastest Marathon in a 10-Person Costume." They set their record at the 2017 Garmin "In the Land of Oz" Marathon on Saturday, April 22, 2017, in Olathe, Kan.

GOING FOR (AND GETTING!) A GUINNESS WORLD RECORD



f Visit the School's Facebook page to enjoy more photos of a 20-legged marathon runner

Corbin Salthouse (DDS Class of 2017)
& Brianne Koester (DDS Class of 2018)



TEAMING UP WITH TEAMSMILE

Each year student and faculty volunteers join forces with TeamSmile and Kansas City's professional sports teams to deliver dental care to disadvantaged children. In May 2016, UMKC volunteers and TeamSmile teamed up with Sporting KC to provide care at the team's soccer stadium, Children's Mercy Park in Kansas City, Kan.; in October 2016 they joined forces with the KC Chiefs football team at Arrowhead Stadium; and in January 2017 they partnered with the KC Royals at Kauffman Stadium. During these events, the UMKC contingent usually consisted of three faculty, 12 dental students, and members of the UMKC Pre-Dental Club. They, along with volunteer dentists and other organizations, usually treat approximately 300 children. TeamSmile, according to its website, is "the nation's premier advocacy group that partners oral health professionals with professional athletic organizations to provide life-changing dental care to underserved children in our communities."

f Visit the School's Facebook page to enjoy photos of the School's Team Smile volunteers in action.

STUDENT NEWS OF NOTE



AUDREY BUXTON (DDS Class of 2017) was selected as a 2017 Vice Chancellor's Honor Recipient. The program recognizes exceptional students who have maintained high scholastic performance while actively participating in University and community leadership and service activities outside of the classroom. Buxton was nominated by Dr. Rebeca Weisleder Urow, clinical associate professor of Endodontics.



DAVID CASTEEL (DDS Class of 2018) was elected as the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) District 8 Trustee, a national leadership position.



ANTHONY CONTRATTO (DDS Class of 2019) and **MANSOOR SAFDER** (DDS Class of 2020) were selected as National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Summer Dental Student Award recipients in 2016 and is 2017, respectively. The NIDCR Summer Dental Student Award is designed to give talented dental students hands-on research experience and exposure to the latest advances in oral health research. Summer Dental Student Awardees are assigned to NIDCR mentors at the Institute who conduct research in the students' areas of interest.



DAVID LANE (DDS Class of 2019), who was a participant in the School's Summer Scholars program, received an American Association of Dental Research (AADR) Bloc Travel Grant to attend the IADR/AADR meeting, March 22–25, 2017, in San Francisco, Calif., to present his research project "FGF9 Regulation of Osteocyte Differentiation." Congratulations to David and his research mentors: Dr. Lora McCormick and Dr. Sarah Dallas in the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, and Dr. Mary Walker, associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs and director of the Summer Scholars Program.



HUNTER MCAREAVY (DDS Class of 2020) was selected to serve a Colgate Internship. She will spend time at their Research and Development Center over the summer.



JESSICA FAY SLIGER (DDS Class of 2018), with UMKC undergraduate students **MARKIE ROACH** and **SAFFA RAJA**, received Honorable Mention for their presentation at the second annual Social Justice Scholars Award competition. In all, 19 presentations highlighted UMKC's commitment to social justice and student excellence.



STA Hosts Annual March Madness Fundraiser

Cheers and laughter filled the lecture hall on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as Students Take Action (STA) held its annual March Madness fundraiser, featuring a "Minute to Win It" themed competition. Each class nominated a representative to compete for a cookie party and a "surprise" reward. All proceeds from the competition were donated to the Dunlap Indigent Care Fund, which supports patients who cannot afford their treatment.

Minute to Win It competitors included: Fred Drummond (D1), Teresa Nguyen (D2), Paul Riddle (D3), Tess Kornacki (D4), Chelsea Lear (DH), and Stormy Huntly (Staff/Faculty). Drew Link (D3) served as master of ceremonies. D2 students raised the most money (\$461), and the event raised a total of \$2,200 to support the Indigent Care Fund!



Visit the School's Facebook page or website to enjoy photos of just how silly the contestants were willing to be to support this worthy cause.

GONE (COMPETITIVE) FISH'N

Class of 2018 dental students, Coleton Caldwell (left) and Grant Oserowsky, spent their spring break representing the UMKC School of Dentistry Fishing Team at the Carhartt Bassmaster College Midwest Conference Regional at Osage Beach, Mo., in the Lake of the Ozarks, March 29–31, 2017. This year's field of collegiate competitors was the biggest ever: 280 anglers comprising 140 two-person teams from colleges and universities throughout the Midwest. Coleton and Grant finished in the middle of the pack at 69th place (six fish totaling 16 pounds, five ounces). They wish they could have finished higher, but they are proud of the fact that they were the only team representing a professional school, instead of a college or university. Coleton has been hoping to return to this event ever since he participated in it as an undergraduate at Pittsburg State University in Kansas. However, his busy life as a dental student has stood in his way — until this year. He was so excited to learn that for the first time the tournament aligned with his spring break that he and Grant went before UMKC's Student Government Association in January and gained recognition as a sanctioned student organization. As for the future of the UMKC School of Dentistry Fishing Team, Coleton says they'll continue fish'n, recreationally and competitively as their schedules allow.





UMKC TIMES THREE

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SONS AND DAUGHTERS IS AN APPROPRIATE SAYING FOR THE DEFOREST AND GREAVES FAMILIES!



DeForest Family



Greaves Family

Bret DeForest, (DDS '85) is a twice proud papa. He celebrated his daughter's, Whitney (DeForest) Hewett (DDS '14, MS Ort '16), graduation from the UMKC Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics program, Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. Then he celebrated another graduation in May 2017 when his son, Aaron, crossed the stage at the School's commencement ceremony.

Dr. David Greaves, also a member of the DDS Class of 1985, can boast of two of his brood following in his UMKC footsteps. One son, Michael Greaves (*L*), donned graduation regalia in May, crossed the commencement stage and joined his father among the ranks of UMKC dental alumni. Another son, Matthew Greaves, earned his UMKC DDS degree in 2014 (coincidentally with Whitney (DeForest) Hewett).

One (Giant) Step Toward Becoming a Practitioner

Members of the DDS Class of 2019 and the DH Class of 2018 were welcomed to the clinical phase of their educational programs during the annual Transitioning into the Profession Ceremony, held Friday, June 2, 2017, at Paseo Academy of Fine Arts. Dr. Craig Whitt, Rinehart Professor and chair of the UMKC Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, and Dean Marsha Pyle, welcomed everyone before introducing the keynote speaker, Dr. Jake McGuire, assistant clinical professor in the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine. The members of the DH Class of 2018 and the DDS Class of 2019 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 Angelika Skulavik Brown and class faculty advisor Professor Sally Elledge. Dental students donned "white coats" provided by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association and presented by their team coordinator. Following the ceremony, participants and well-wishers adjourned to the School of Dentistry for a reception.



Visit the School's Facebook page or website to enjoy photos of this joyous occasion.

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Congratulations to Our 2017 Graduates



The UMKC School of Dentistry celebrated its 2017 graduates with plenty of pomp and circumstance during the commencement ceremony held Friday, May 13. Graduates and well-wishers alike were moved to tears and cheers as students crossed the stage at Swinney Recreation Center to receive their diplomas and certificates. The School conferred 107 Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees, 35 Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degrees (including two BSDH degree completion students), and 15 Advanced Education Dental Certificates. The Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences conferred five Master of Science degrees and the Division of Dental Hygiene conferred four MS degrees in Dental Hygiene Education. Two graduates received military commissions.

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Nicole R. Ainsworth
Kelsey Elizabeth Alberg
Whitney Dawn Bair
Jamie Nicole Ball
Frankie Banhart
Jason A. Barzee
James Jeremiah Bell
Kaylee Anne Bergman
Trenton Blaha
Martin Brunworth
Audrey Margaret Buxton
Gianna N. Casarez-Quintana
Blake E. Cavender
Erich Chen
Ali Chowdhury
Susan Currey
Isaac Curtis Dains
Aaron Drew DeForest
Christopher Francis DeMarco
Sierra Lynn Drimak
Daniel DuHadway
Joshua C. Farr
Caitlyn Rachelle Farris
Kale Floyd
Grant Gastineau
Erik Grant
Michael Ryan Greaves
Luke Nathaniel Greene
Wesley George Guenther
Brett R. Haggerty
Gabriel Keith Harr
Paul Christopher Harris
Paul Hechler
Erica Paige Heiskell
Clark Ashton Hepworth
Cristina Hernandez
Ryan Michael Holbrook
Brent Takashi Honda
Drew Thomas Hutingier
Brittany Moline Irons
Miranda Alese Jimenez
Christopher Hudson Johnson
Luke Charles Joliff
Madison Kurrus Jones
Trey Kent Kalbaugh
William R. Keith
Joshua L. Kiene
Daniel Jeremiah Kirkpatrick
John Davis Klammer
Tyler R. Koehn
Steve L. Kohns
Matthew J. Kolarik
Tess Kornacki
Katie Marie Kramer
Taylor Elizabeth Krebsbach

Ian Kuklenski
 Scuyler Myron Robert Kurlbaum
 Farng Dana Loveland
 John McCarthy
 Chloe Ann Miller
 Laura Elisabeth Moore
 Stephen Moorkamp
 Robert James Morrissey
 Michael Martin Myers
 Kaleigh Kristina Nechvatal
 Kha Dinh Nguyen
 Randy Nguyen
 Staci Nicole Osgood
 Shivam Parbhu
 Samip Ashvin Patel
 Joseph Robert Pleasant
 Joshua Scott Prather
 Julia Margaret Price
 Seth Prochaska
 Sara Mahmoud Qadi
 Nicholas J. Reinagel
 Chelsea Lynne Reutenauer
 Kori Page Rienbolt
 Annie Katelyn Roberts
 Damon C. Robison
 Elliott Rotert
 Abdulrahman NAF Saleh
 Corbin Christopher Salthouse
 Matthew Keith Saxon
 Erik Seaberg
 Scott Segawa
 Nikita Rajiv Shah
 Jeffrey E. Sletto, Jr.
 Katherine Renee Snodgrass
 Kate Lynn Stamos
 Kaitlin Steever
 Korey Beth Still
 Aaron Tyler Strange
 Mina Sung
 Alex K. Talbott
 Andrew Taliaferro
 Kirthi Venkata Tata
 Pete Testa
 Angel Verlee Thornton
 Zachary Dow Wallace
 Karin Watts
 Ryan David Weaver
 Justin T. Weststeyn
 Elizabeth M. Wilkinson
 Edith Colette Wimsatt
 Megan Michelle Wolf
 Mia Caroline Tugaoen Zuber

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

BSDH-CLINICAL ENTRY

Kellie Ceasar Askew IV
 Melissa M. Batiz
 Erin Renee Bowser
 Paige B. Boylan
 Delaney Alta Brown
 Kiersten Joann Callahan
 Morgan Jean Crowell
 Brooke Devero
 Lindsay Devins-Towell
 Candace Diane Foltz
 Mariah Garrett
 Vanushea Ghafari-Saravi
 Chelsea Sophronia Sevigny Gomez
 Vy Hoang
 Rachel Nicole Klis
 Kirsten Leigh Laubacher
 Claire Marie Lowman
 Tran B. Luong
 Marshay Marshall
 Vyvenne Linette Moore
 Stormy Leanne Morrison
 Haley Newby
 Sarah Janet Owens
 Megan Rachelle Owensby
 Samantha Proost
 Kinzie Marie Thompson
 Vicky Yu Tsao
 Megan Elizabeth Vaughn
 Courtney Ruth Voorhees
 Hunter Wammack
 Lydia Kate Washam
 Regan Nicole Weis
 Megan Marie Wolkey

BSDH-DEGREE COMPLETION

K. Nicole McCullough
 Lindsay Elizabeth Murphy

ADVANCED EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY

Arielle Cathleen Brinkman, DDS³
 Thomas Michael Carwile, DDS³
 Daniel Francis Cusumano, DDS³
 Stephen Robert Kirschbaum, DDS³
 Avanthi Shantha Tiruvadi, DMD³

ENDODONTICS

Anthony A. Altomare, DDS³
 Michael Stephen Harrison, Jr, DDS³

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Asher Imani, DDS³
 Owen S. Lonergan, DMD, MD³
 Chalmers R. Wood IV, DDS³

ORTHODONTICS & DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS

Whitney Nicole DeForest Hewitt,
 DDS¹
 Andrew McDonald, DDS¹
 Steven Grant Shaw, DDS¹

PERIODONTICS

Patrick E. Driver, DDS¹
 Cassandra Collins McKenzie, DDS¹

GRADUATE DEGREES

ORAL & CRANIOFACIAL SCIENCES, M.S. DEGREE

Michael Stephen Harrison, Jr, DDS,
 MS³
 Whitney Nicole DeForest Hewitt,
 DDS, MS¹
 Andrew McDonald, DDS, MS¹
 Cassandra Collins McKenzie, DDS,
 MS²
 Steven Grant Shaw, DDS, MS¹

DENTAL HYGIENE EDUCATION, M.S. DEGREE

Mindy Bennett, MS³
 Paula Covert, MS³
 Holly Ann Houck, MS³
 Carly J. Knewtson, MS³

MILITARY COMMISSIONS

Tess A. Kornacki, Captain, U.S. Army
 Audrey Buxton, Captain, U.S. Navy

¹Graduated-Fall 2016

²Graduates-Spring 2017

³Graduates-Summer 2017



A LEGACY GROWS

On Friday, May 13, 2017, Abdulrahman Saleh (*above with Dr. Jack Nelson, vice chair of Restorative Clinical Sciences*) crossed the stage at the UMKC School of Dentistry's graduation ceremony and became the first Doctor of Dental Surgery student from the second generation of participants in the UMKC-Kuwait Dental Student Program. The original program began in 1989 as an agreement between the curators of the University of Missouri, the State of Kuwait and its Ministry of Higher Education. The original Kuwait program graduated 48 dentists between 1995 and 2008. All but two of those graduates have gone on to specialties, and 14 have taught at the Kuwait University Faculty of Dentistry.

The agreement was revised in 2009 into a three-phase program: Phase 1: English as a Second Language courses; Phase 2: UMKC Undergraduate Degree; and Phase 3: UMKC School of Dentistry (SOD) Doctor of Dental Surgery. The program admits up to five students per year, and the State of Kuwait provides full financial support for the students. Twenty-four students are actively participating in the three phases of the UMKC Kuwait Dental Student Program. Presently, one student is enrolled in each of the DDS Classes of 2018 and 2019. Four students entered dental school in Fall 2016 and will graduate with the DDS Class of 2020.

UMKC is beginning to build a dental legacy with the state of Kuwait: currently three students in the undergraduate program have fathers or other family members who are graduates of the original Kuwait Dental Student Program.

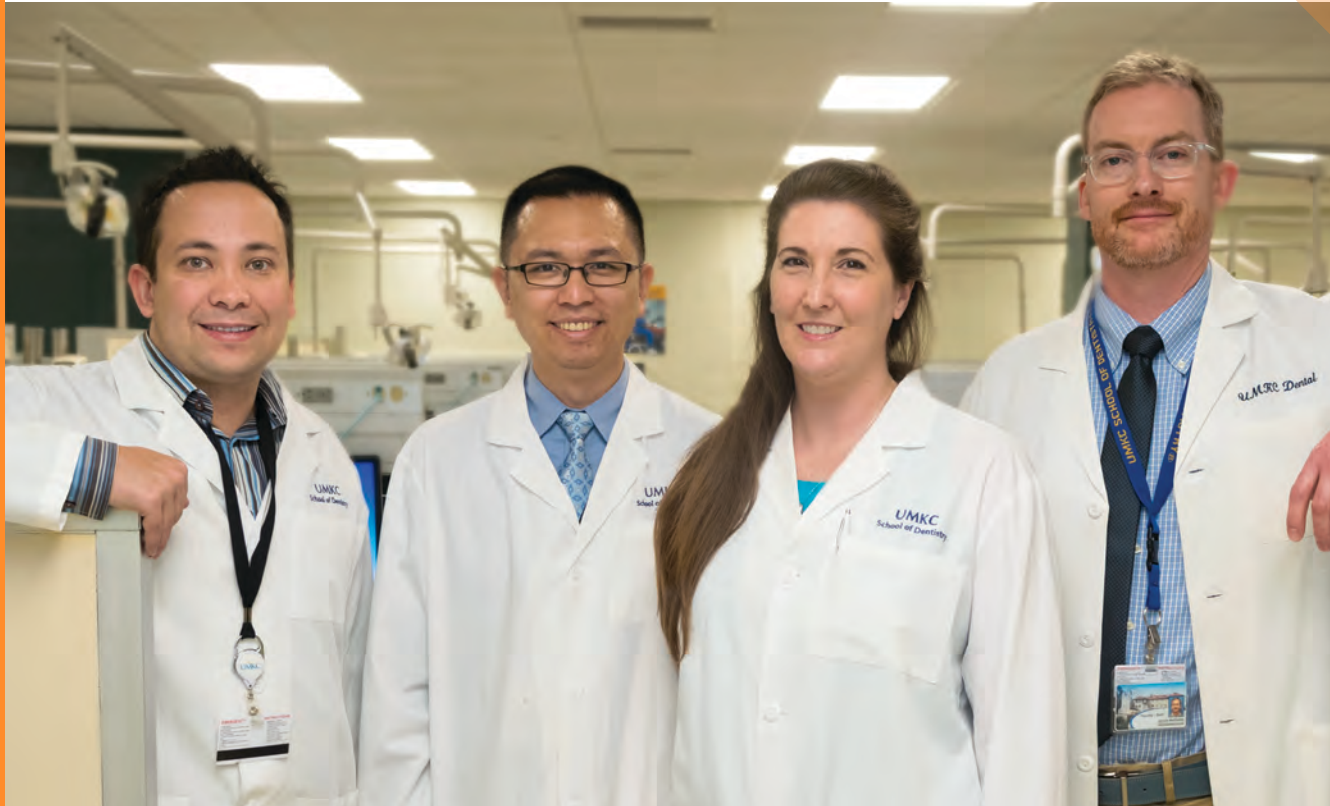
As part of that legacy, Dr. Abdulrahman Saleh plans to return to Kuwait and spend two years working in a public health clinic as part of fulfilling his scholarship agreement. In the future, he also plans to specialize while also providing volunteer dental services through international mission programs.



Top (L-R): Abdulrahman Saleh, Ali Saleh, Tareq Abdulrasoul; Mahdi Almeerza, Mohammad Alshaye, Mohammad Behbehani

INTRODUCING

OUR NEWEST FACULTY MEMBERS



(L-R) Drs. Jared Gerhardt, Jang-Ching Chou, Caryn Baker, and Jacob McGuire

CARYN BAKER (DDS '02) joins the Dept. of Restorative Clinical Sciences as an assistant clinical professor. Dr. Baker's previous employment includes owning a general dentistry private practice in Kansas City, Kan., for nine years; operating Miles of Smiles portable dental care for children in North Kansas City, Mo., for three years; and serving as an associate dentist in a general dentistry practice for two years. "In the fall semester of 2015," says Baker, "I began working one day a week in the Team 2 clinic and found my calling in the teaching profession."

JANG-CHING CHOU, DDS, joins the Dept. of Restorative Clinical Sciences as an assistant clinical professor. Dr. Chou completed a fellowship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Florida School of Dentistry in 2014 and a certificate in prosthodontics at Marquette University School of Dentistry in 2013. He earned an MS degree at Marquette University School of Dentistry in 2013 and his DDS degree at Chung Shan Medical University in Taiwan in 2007. He has served as an assistant professor at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry (2014 – 2016), a surgical fellow at the University of Florida School of Dentistry (2013 – 2014), and a resident in prosthodontics at Marquette University (2010 – 2013).

JARED GERHARDT (DDS '08), joins the Dept. of Restorative Clinical Sciences as an assistant clinical professor. Before joining the faculty, Dr. Gerhardt served as a dentist with Gerhardt Dental in Parkville, Mo.

JACOB MCGUIRE (DDS '98, PhD '14) joins the faculty as an assistant clinical professor in the Dept. Oral Pathology, Medicine and Radiology and a research assistant professor in the Dept. of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences. He completed an advanced education program in endodontics at the University of California-Los Angeles in 2000. "After practicing endodontics in the Kansas City area," says Dr. McGuire, "I returned to an academic dental career, earning a PhD at UMKC in Oral and Craniofacial Sciences and Pharmacology, where my research focused on characterizing the organic composition of the dentin-enamel junction."

FACULTY NEWS OF NOTE

DR. VESNA FERRER

Clinical Assistant Professor in the Dept. of
Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics

Received the 2017 Michael Matlof Memorial Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award, which will support her research project "Curriculum Content in Clinical Skills Development in Orthodontics for Predoctoral and Advanced Education Programs." Dr. Ferrer is working with Associate Dean Cindy Amyot and Assistant Research Professor Chris Van Ness on this project.

Was selected for a 2017 scholarship from the American Association of Orthodontists to participate in a two-part Academy of Academic Leadership Program. Dr. Ferrer was one of four orthodontic faculty from the U.S. and Canada sponsored for the program this year.

DR. TANYA GIBSON

Assistant Professor of Oral Pathology,
Medicine and Radiology

Was accepted as a 2017-18 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute Fellow. Dr. Gibson accepted the honor at the 2017 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition in March in Long Beach, Calif.

LYNDAL GRAY HOLMES

(DDS '65, MS '77)

Adjunct Associate Professor of Periodontics

Received the 2016 CEO Award from the City Union Mission homeless shelters of Kansas City.

TANYA VILLALPANDO MITCHELL

Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene

Was selected as a recipient of the 2017 American Dental Education Association (ADEA)/Colgate-Palmolive Co. Allied Dental Educators Fellowship. Tanya accepted the honor at the 2017 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition in March in Long Beach, Calif.

CYNTHIA PETRIE

(DDS '01, MS '00)

Chair of the Dept. of Restorative Clinical
Sciences & Dr. George Tanaka Hawaii
Professor

Completed the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute, a year-long fellowship offered through the Academy of Academic Leadership. The fellowship is designed to develop individuals from academic dental institutions to become the future leaders in dental education.

ROBERT EDWARDS

(DDS '81)

Clinical Assistant Professor of Endodontics

Received the Elmer Pierson Good Teaching Award for the School of Dentistry. The award recognizes his dedication to excellence in teaching, his mentorship to students and his respectful manner in which he interacts with students, faculty and staff. He was honored along with 22 other awardees during the UMKC Faculty and Staff Awards Ceremony on April 25, 2017.

DR. REBECA WEISLEDER

Clinical Associate Professor in the Dept.
Endodontics

Published "Is Vital Pulp Therapy Fiction or a Real Treatment Option," an editorial, in the *Journal of Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research*, Volume 3(2):1-2. Jan 2017.

CONNIE WHITE

(DDS '81)

Associate Professor & Director of
Patient Relations and Assistant
Dean for Community Relations &
Communication

Was installed as the secretary of the Academy General of Dentistry during the academy's annual meeting, July 14-17, 2016, in Boston, Mass. Dr. White also is a candidate for president-elect of AGD.

**DR. SHANKAR
RENGASMY
VENUGOPALAN**

Clinical Assistant Professor in the Dept. of
Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics with
a joint appointment in Oral & Craniofacial
Sciences (OCS)

Was elected to one of two open director positions on the Executive Committee, Craniofacial Biology Group, of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR).

Has been selected to participate in the 2017 U.S. Bone and Joint Initiative/Bone and Joint Canada — Young Investigators Initiative — Grant Mentoring and Career Development Program. The program involves two workshops to aid research proposal development leading to a grant application submission. He will work with Dr. Mark Johnson, chair of OCS, and other assigned mentors in this enrichment program.

Received a \$20,000 award from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation to carry out four developmental plans in the areas of education, teaching skills, clinical skills and research.

Received the 2017 Robert E. Binder Orthodontic Faculty Development Award in support of his research project (with Dr. Craig Whitt, chair of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine), "Genomic Analyses in Ameloblastoma."

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Restorative Clinical Sciences faculty, **Drs. Donna Deines, Lance Godley, Moid Karwaa, Marvin Kramer, Ahmed Zarrouh**, and UMKC Dental Laboratory Supervisor Chris Curtis attended a 2-day seminar hosted by **Ivoclar Vivadent** at their headquarters in Amherst, N.Y., in March 2016. Prompted by an increasing use of e.max CAD blocks, an Ivoclar product, to mill Cerec restorations, faculty were interested in a more in-depth understanding of the material and its properties. The seminar, led by Ivoclar's Director of Professional Services Dr. Shashinkat Singhal, examined the materials science on a number of dental materials currently used at the School, as well as materials being considered for future use. Of special interest were shade selection, staining, and crystallization of IPS e.max CAD materials that are currently used for indirect restorations milled using the CEREC BlueCam system.

Received a 2016 **Health Professions Higher Education Excellence in Diversity** (HEED) Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education. UMKC is one of only three dental schools in the country to be recognized. The magazine selected the UMKC School of Dentistry for reasons that included: commitment as an urban-serving university to be engaged in the community; developing innovative and successful pipeline programs; and working with University Academy, a K-12 charter school, to establish a dental clinic in the community.

Hosted the annual **Bien-Air International User Forum**, sponsored by Bien-Air, a Swiss dental instrument manufacturer, on Tuesday, October 4, 2016. This gathering of international guests provided a great opportunity to showcase the UMKC School of Dentistry to the global dental community. The forum's 80+ participants include dental school educators from 30 universities in Europe, Middle East South America, and North America.

Hosted the annual meeting of the **Business and Financial Affairs and Clinical Affairs** (BFACA) section of the **American Dental Education Association** (ADEA), October 5–8, at the Marriott Downtown Hotel. UMKC School of Dentistry administrators Dr. Linda Wells, associate dean of Clinical Programs, and Jeff Primos, director of Business Administration, organized the planning for this national meeting of dental educators and administrators. Meeting participants were treated to a special reception at the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum in Kansas City's 18th and Vine District.



*Top Left: Pictures taken at
Bien-Air Forum
Left: Dr. Holmes at City
Union Mission*



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