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*“While it may seem small, the ripple effects of small things is extraordinary.” – Matt Bevin*

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MESSAGE  
FROM THE DEAN

It is a great time to reflect on an important legacy at the School of Dentistry that began with an extraordinary leader, Dr. Roy J. Rinehart. Few would disagree that this man had an indelible impact on the history of the School. Known for his acts of personal kindness to students and faculty, Dr. Rinehart established an impressive legacy that we benefit from every day.

Dr. Rinehart expressed the following thoughts at a testimonial banquet in his honor in 1946:

The greatest hope for the dental [community] in these troublous times especially and in fact, always lies in the closest cooperation, the most implicit confidence, and the highest degree of solidarity of aims and principles among our members. These things are possible only if every one of us conducts himself at all times with the most meticulous professional courtesy, based upon the altruistic desire that the greatest good may accrue to the greatest number.

Dr. Rinehart’s words remain apropos today and would squarely align with contemporary views on great leadership and followership attributes. But he did more than speak wisely and act kindly. He selflessly put his commitment to the future of the School into action by securing its stability, its identity. Through his work, the School grew in size and quality while he advocated for the need to be part of a great university. He advanced the School from a for-profit apprenticeship program to one that has a scientific basis and belongs in an academic setting at a university. After Dr. Rinehart’s death, friends, faculty and alumni chartered the Dr. Roy J. Rinehart Memorial Foundation in 1957 to continue his dreams and ambitions for the School, including raising funds for a new building that he had so passionately championed.

His actions, six plus decades ago, were committed to one mission: the future of our dental school. We continue to remind ourselves that our work is continually focused on that purpose: One Mission, One School! Dr. Rinehart created a founding legacy that today lives on in perpetuity in the Rinehart Foundation. Our students, faculty, staff and patients reap the benefit of the ripple effect of his tireless energy, commitment and resolve to make the School of Dentistry the best dental education institution in the land.

This fall, through ongoing generous contributions to the Foundation by friends and alumni, the School awarded approximately \$900,000 in scholarships to our students! The Foundation also continues to assist the School by supporting special projects such as faculty positions and vital programming. It is with the deepest respect and gratitude that I thank our predecessors and contemporaries, because they and YOU continue to make great things possible for our School.

As we look to UMKC’s future, we will embark on important initiatives that continue Dr. Rinehart’s legacy of kindness and service. I hope you will help us continue our journey, enmeshed in Dr. Rinehart’s legacy of One Mission, One School. Our future depends on it!

With gratitude,  
Marsha



# A Ripple Becomes a Wave Thanks to You

As you receive this annual “donor” issue of the *Explorer*, our nation will be in the midst of the holiday season, which includes the tradition of giving thanks, better known as Thanksgiving. We think it fitting to use this *Explorer* to give thanks to those who, this past year, have selflessly assisted the UMKC School of Dentistry in pursuing our mission to strive for excellence in oral health education, research, clinical care and service to our profession and community. In this issue, we’d also like to reminisce about the life and legacy of Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, the namesake of our philanthropic foundation, and give thanks for

his past and present powerful contributions to the betterment of the School. The metaphor of ripples caused by tossing a pebble in a pond is a familiar one, but it is also an apt one to contemplate the lasting and far-reaching impact of Dr. Rinehart and the Foundation that bears his name. To learn more about the ripples created by this remarkable man, see our “Remembering Dr. Rinehart” tributes throughout this issue. We commend and thank all who have created their own ripple of progress by donating their time and treasure to the School; year in and year out your ripples become a wave of support for our mission.

*“While it may seem small, the ripple effects of small things is extraordinary.”* – Matt Bevin



## Remembering Dr. Rinehart

To commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Roy J. Rinehart Memorial Foundation, we have inserted some interesting and significant stories, information and accomplishments that marked Dr. Roy J. Rinehart’s remarkable career as a professor, dean, mentor, colleague and friend to all during the School’s formative decades. Remembering Dr. Rinehart stories appear on pages 8, 15, 18, 22, and 26.



## » Honor Roll of Donors

**Our Foundation** was established to honor Dr. Roy J. Rinehart, a man who gave selflessly of his time, talent and treasure to ensure our School would be successful long into the future. We do our best every day to preserve his legacy. Dr. Rinehart was an advocate for the School and its students, and the bonds he established have grown and can be seen clearly in the connection we, as alumni and friends, still have to our School.

This connection is evident in the record amount of scholarships awarded to students this year. We are very appreciative of the help that brought us to this point as we steadily work toward increasing our scholarship funds. With rising tuition and falling state support, the dollars we are able to share as a Foundation are more important today than ever before.

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you. Without each of you, many of whom are highlighted in this issue, we could not continue Dr. Rinehart’s legacy as successfully as we do. Please take a moment to read about all of your classmates and friends who are working every day to create their own lasting legacies and consider joining them if you haven’t already.

There are many ways we can give back to the School that has given us so much. Personally, I’ve seen considerable returns through my relationship with our students and alumni. I encourage you to give it a try; I believe you will find you do as well. Thank you to each of you who have partnered with us this year. Together we have made a significant impact on the lives of many. We will continue to do so, and in the process, we will do Dr. Rinehart proud.



Jerry Ogilvie (DDS ’73)  
Chair of the Rinehart Foundation

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- Dr. Orlando (DDS '34) and Harriet Somers\*  
**Somers Trust**  
Each year the Somers Trust assists the UMKC Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) program by supporting the Dr. S. Orlando Somers Endowed Professorship, lecturers, equipment, travel and education expenses of residents, and other needs.

» Visit the Rinehart Foundation section of the UMKC School of Dentistry website to see a complete list of the School's donors.

# Remembering Dr. Rinehart

## Friend and Father Figure to All

The number of people who knew Dean Rinehart is dwindling, but if you were fortunate to hear stories from those who knew him, you would have discovered that everyone recalled him with as much reverence as affection. Ralph Lopez (DDS '37), who arrived at Kansas City-Western Dental College in the 1930s from New Mexico, wrote this remembrance in 1987.



- Dr. Ralph Lopez (DDS '37)

I reported to Miss Potts on the first day of school. She worked for Dr. Rinehart as his personal secretary for over 40 years, and each and every student was her friend. She introduced me to Dr. Rinehart, and he said, 'Young man, we are glad to have you with us, but I do not know what I am going to do with you. Miss Potts tells me you don't have any money except \$18.00. How do you expect to pay your tuition of \$250 per year?'

Dr. Rinehart was not a large man, medium size, maybe on the short side, but taller than me, round, even his face was on the round side; but all of his time was yours. He was full of kindness, and he had a very gentle, soft manner, pleasant voice, slow and articulate. He asked me about my

family. [After telling him my story] Dr. Rinehart called Miss Potts and said, 'Get this young man a place to stay in one of the boarding houses close by. Give him \$25 in cash to pay his board and room for at least two weeks, and then we will decide what to do with him. Have this young man come in tomorrow at noon and put him to work.'

Before I left the school at the end of 1937, Dr. Rinehart called me in and we had a wonderful visit. He said, 'You will hear from me once a week, probably on Friday, because there are going to be a number of things that you will be doing for me.' And for the next twenty years we had a long chat every Friday and saw each other many times until he passed away in March 1957.





# CLASS SCHOLARSHIPS — GIVING THAT GROWS

## Endowed

### Over \$50,000

Class of 1962 Scholarship	\$58,820
Class of 1965 Scholarship	\$50,125
Class of 1967 Scholarship	\$68,834
Class of 1968 Scholarship	\$54,840
Class of 1970 Scholarship	\$163,648
Class of 1972 Scholarship	\$73,297
Class of 1973 Scholarship	\$54,196
Class of 1977 Scholarship	\$67,191
Class of 1979 Scholarship	\$48,078
Class of 1984 Scholarship	\$44,679
Class of 1987 Scholarship	
Daniel Cruz Memorial Scholarship	\$76,345

### \$20,000–\$25,000

Class of 1949 Scholarship	\$23,182
Class of 1947 Scholarship	\$20,330
Class of 1957 Scholarship	\$24,719
Class of 1963 Scholarship	\$23,482
Class of 1964 Scholarship	\$21,197
Class of 1965	
David L. Moore Award	\$21,705
Class of 1980 Scholarship	\$24,594
Class of 1988 Scholarship	\$22,183
Class of 1992 Scholarship	\$23,070
Class of 2000 Scholarship	\$20,507

### \$25,000–\$50,000

Class of 1959 Scholarship	\$39,321
Class of 1966 Scholarship	\$39,016
Class of 1969 Scholarship	\$27,522
Class of 1960 Scholarship	\$36,405
Class of 1976 Scholarship	\$26,994
Class of 1985 Scholarship	\$32,811
Class of 1986 Scholarship	\$30,863
Class of 1981 Scholarship	\$35,001
Class of 1983 Scholarship	\$36,136

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Class of 1943 Sept Scholarship	\$16,351
Class of 1950 Scholarship	\$18,840
Class of 1956 Scholarship	\$15,255
Class of 1958 Scholarship	\$17,410
Class of 1974 Scholarship	\$17,416
Class of 1975 Scholarship	\$19,965
Class of 1978 Scholarship	\$18,737
Class of 1982 Scholarship	\$18,474
Class of 1991 Scholarship	\$14,781
Class of 1996 Scholarship	\$14,549
Class of 2002 Scholarship	\$12,435
Class of 2014	
Ji Blanchfield Scholarship	\$16,934

### Not Yet Endowed

Class of 1948	\$5,000	Class of 1990	\$1,100	Class of 2004	\$1,000
Class of 1951	\$975	Class of 1993	\$6,050	Class of 2005	\$4,200
Class of 1952	\$5,530	Class of 1994	\$8,300	Class of 2006	\$850
Class of 1953	\$2,220	Class of 1995	\$7,650	Class of 2007	\$2,800
Class of 1954	\$6,594	Class of 1997	\$1,200	Class of 2008	\$600
Class of 1955	\$7,100	Class of 1998	\$4,408	Class of 2009	\$1,700
Class of 1961	\$4,925	Class of 1999	\$5,425	Class of 2010	\$300
Class of 1971	\$8,726	Class of 2001	\$1,750	Class of 2012	\$2,922
Class of 1989	\$4,310	Class of 2003	\$3,685	Class of 2017	\$3,099



## Scholarship Recognition Dinner

### A Celebration of Generosity and Gratitude

The UMKC School of Dentistry held its annual Scholarship Recognition dinner Monday evening October 9, 2017, at Pierson Auditorium in the Atterbury Student Success Center on the Volker Campus. Dean Marsha Pyle welcomed the audience and then Assistant Dean Richie Bigham presided over the recognition of the scholarship

donors and recipients. The School distributed 321 awards to 181 students from 166 endowed scholarship funds, totaling nearly \$900,000. Additionally, 27 students received 41 awards from 16 regional and national scholarship funds.

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS:

#### Generosity That Grows and Grows and Grows



» Visit the UMKC School of Dentistry website or Facebook page to view more photos of the Scholarship Recognition ceremony.



# New Scholarships

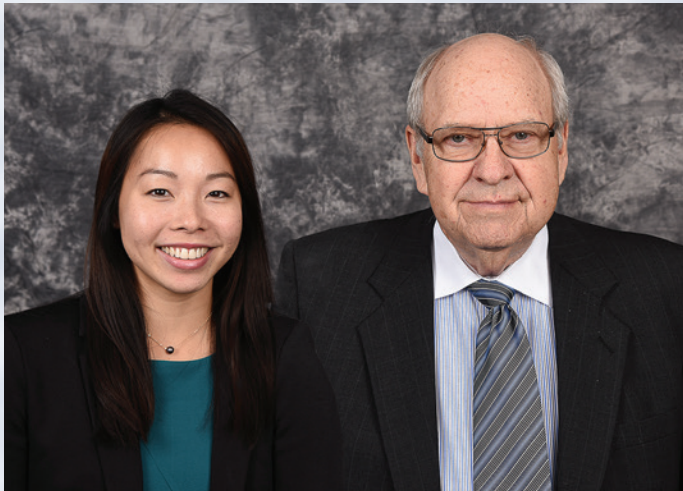
★ 2017–18 Academic Year ★



- Dr. Joe and Elizabeth Spalitto with Karlton Smith  
(DDS Class of 2020)

## Joseph P. Spalitto, DDS, and Elizabeth A. Spalitto, RDH, Xi Psi Phi Scholarship

To exemplify morality, knowledge and friendship has long been the motto of Dr. Joe Spalitto's life, just as it was a guiding force during his and Liz's time at the School of Dentistry. He found like-minded individuals in the Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity (ZIPS) and continues to be impressed with the members and their high character. With this fund he continues the legacy of those who have helped him by helping others on their path to be excellent dentists and community leaders.



- Dr. Sam E. Hayes with Kaitlyn Tom (DDS Class of 2020)

## Dr. Sam E. Hayes Scholarship

Dr. Hayes sees firsthand the extra help that is sometimes needed to be successful in completing dental school. Each week when he comes to give his time to the students at the School of Dentistry, he hears about their struggles and their efforts to do well. He wants to make their road a little easier by providing some assistance to smooth the way.

# New Scholarships

★ 2017–18 Academic Year ★

## Dr. Dick K. and Carol Ann Powell Scholarship

This scholarship was a team effort. Dick and Carol worked hard throughout Dick's time in dental school, and it wasn't easy. There were long hours and little money, but they made it happen, and they want to help others who are struggling with the same things. Their marriage has stood the test of time and is a testament to their shared goals. They know there are other dental students who are married and struggling financially, but will persevere and ultimately create lovely lives with the help of the dental profession.

## Keeley L. and Madeline M. Tira and Paul J. & Mary W. Flynn Memorial Scholarship

Professor Emeritus Daniel E. Tira and his wife, Mrs. Mary W. Tira, wished to honor their parents with the establishment of a scholarship in their names. From Dr. Tira's time on the faculty they are very aware of the difficulties of attending dental school and the financial commitment it entails. They hope to help students who have financial need, are academically skilled, are first generation dental students as well as first generation college students, and provide service to the community in their college years as well as a commitment to service for the rest of their professional lives.

## Dr. Bob E. Martin Scholarship

Dr. Martin lived a blessed life in the southwestern part of Missouri, a life during which he did well for himself and wanted to give back to others who have a passion for dentistry. During the latter part of his life, he began to slowly put money toward those goals until, at his death, he had amassed a large estate gift that he graciously left to our School to help with our students and their tuition. He knew the recipients would be worthy and use it to create more good in the world while also living lives blessed by dentistry.

## Lucy Chang Scholarship

Although Dr. Chang didn't spend much time in practice after graduating from dental school in 1952, she always held a fond place in her heart for her profession and the school that made it possible. This fund will help other students during their own educational journey and honor Lucy's memories of her time here.





# Class Notes

Class notes can be submitted online at  
[dentistry.umkc.edu/asset/forms/classnotes.asp](http://dentistry.umkc.edu/asset/forms/classnotes.asp)

## Classes of the 1960s

**Allen Keenan** (DDS '63) is a preceptor at Oklahoma University Dental School, working with senior dental students, and is also taking care of indigent patients in the Tulsa area.

**Keith Acheson** (DDS '68) is still working 2–3 days a week. He owns a working ranch, raising exotic animals like elk. He hunts in Africa every other year. He enjoys wood working in his 4,400 sq. ft. shop. He has two children who have earned doctorates, and he has nine grandchildren.

**Jack M. Allen** (DDS '68) is still practicing orthodontics four half days between three different offices.

**Harry H. Cook III** (DDS '68) is retired and living in Topeka, Kan.

**Lamar Hetherington** (DDS '68) served for 24 years in public health and retired in 1994 as an O6 Captain. He then went on to work for another 10 years in private practice before he officially retired.

**John Ladas** (DDS '68) retired from private practice in 2008 and worked as a clinical professor at UMKC SOD until 2013. His wife, Jill, passed from ovarian cancer in 2016. Presently he works as a volunteer for the Missouri Conservation Department and the Vicki Welsh Ovarian Cancer Organization.

## Classes of the 1970s

**John W. M. Carter** (DDS '78) completed his term as president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontics. He is also completing his 17th year as clinical associate professor of Orthodontics at the University of Kansas Medical Center's Cleft Palate Team. John is a proud grandparent of four: Jack, Emerson, Ava and Vivien.



*Dr. Joseph Spalitto and his wife, Liz, pose with a statue of Mary that was given to them by the people of San Adres, Itzpa, Guatemala, in gratitude for their annual missionary visits.*

**Joseph Spalitto** (DDS '72) was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at the 88th Annual Convocation in Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 19. In August, Dr. Spalitto and his wife, Liz, were featured in the *Martin City Telegraph* that detailed their participation in local, regional and international outreach projects.

## Classes of the 1980s

**Mike Abels** (DDS '83) is married with two boys in high school and one in college. In the last year, he has had a career change. Although he is still in private practice part time, he is now a full-time faculty member at A.T. Still University, Missouri School of Dentistry and Oral Health.

**Kathy Brumagin-Scott** (DDS '83) had failed spinal surgery in 2007 that resulted in paralysis. She is now permanently disabled and retired from practice. She is keeping busy with her two grandsons, Conner (8) and Caleb (3).

**John Silberberg** (DDS '83) and his wife, Kathie, will be celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, in addition to welcoming their first grandchild this Christmas.

**Daniel Stamos** (DDS '83) reports “Our daughter Kate graduated from UMKC SOD in 2017 and will be attending a GPR program at Ohio State. Our son Patrick just started his 2 year residency in Endodontics at St. Louis University in July.”

**Sim Willbrand** (DDS '83) retired from orthodontic practice in St. Peters, Mo., in 2011 and has since been enjoying retirement and traveling.

**Mike Fox** (DDS '84) reports that **Catherine “Kati” Pyle** (DDS '15) took over his office in Seymour, Mo., in October.

**Mike Jensen** (DDS '84) owns multiple practices and is looking to expand further in the future.

**Hoanh Le** (DDS '88) is a proud parent of two UMKC graduates in 2015 and 2016! He embraced the role of grandfather in 2015. “She calls me ‘Papa,’ and I’m loving it!” he says. I sent my youngest to college in 2016, so we are officially empty nesters. I’m still working full time to support our travels, my ‘toys’ and fishing trips. I’m thankful for God’s faithfulness in my life.”

## Classes of the 1990s

**Craig B. Lashley** (DDS '98) is celebrating 25 years of marriage with his wife, Shawna. He has four children: Alexandra (21) in her third year at Kansas State University, Sydney (19) in her first year at Kansas State, Samantha (16) and Pearce (13).

**Jon Reagan Jr.** (DDS '93) has traveled for the last nine years in July to Belize on a medical mission trip. It has been a rewarding time serving, educating and helping dental needs. Look up North Belize Medical Missions!

**Frank Sharp** (DDS '93) and his wife have been married for 23 years. Their daughter Meredith is 19 and a freshman at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Their son John is a junior in high school. Both are accomplished students and athletes. Frank is enjoying playing golf in Arizona and snow skiing with his family during their travels.

## Classes of the 2000s

**Daniel Nelson** (DDS '02) became board certified with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in March 2017.

**Brian G. Davis** (DDS '03) has two children: Kiefer Lucas Davis (9) loves baseball and wants to be a dentist; Ali Marie Davis (7) wanted to become a dentist, but now a teacher.

**Steven Schoolman** (DDS '03) married **Christine Kennedy** (DDS '04) in 2004 and has three children, ages 7, 9 and 12. “We are proud to see them growing up happy and are enjoying all their extracurricular activities.”

**Terra Pauly** (DDS '08) purchased her own practice in March 2015 in Wichita, Kan. She and her husband,

Eric, have four kids: Fiona(6), Selena (4), Pierce (2) and Ronan (7 mo.).

**Alex Roberts** (DDS '08) Alex opened Buffalo Park Dentistry in Evergreen, Colo., in September and married his sweetheart Nonie in August. They welcome friends to come visit their new home in Evergreen!

## Classes of the 2010s

**Ben Hechler** (DDS '13) reports, “I’m in the fifth year of my OMFS residency at UNC Chapel Hill. In November I will be getting married to Courtney, who is a dentist in Chapel Hill, N.C.”

**Kati Pyle** (DDS '15) spent two years working in West Plains at the Southern Missouri Community Health Center Dental Clinic. In October, she took over the practice of **Mike Fox** (DDS '84) in Seymour, Mo. She and her husband Josh have a one-year-old son, Emmett, and are residing in Mansfield, Mo.

**Blake Cavender** (DDS '17) joined the Crider Health Center dental group in Union, Mo., in July. Crider Health Center is part of the Compass Health network, a nonprofit health

care organization headquartered in Clinton, Mo.

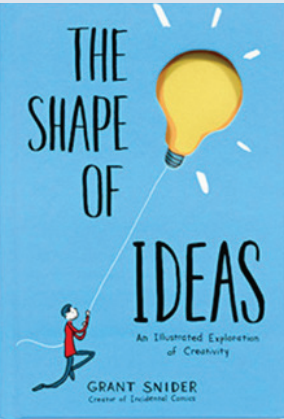
**Isaac Dains** (DDS '17) joined the Compass Health Wellness dental group in June in Butler, Mo. Compass Health Wellness is part of the Compass Health network, a nonprofit health care organization headquartered in Clinton, Mo.

**Nicholas Reinagel** (DDS '17) joined the Crider Health Center dental group in Wentzville, Mo., in July. Crider Health Center is part of the Compass Health network, a nonprofit health care organization headquartered in Clinton, Mo.

## In Memoriam

- Jayne Cagle (BSDH '81, MS '87)
- Victor Davis (BSDH '76)
- Duard Enoch (DDS '60)
- Mohammad Hassan Fotouhi (DDS '95)
- William Hart (DDS '80)
- Donald Hicks (DDS '82)
- Harry Jett (DDS '61)
- James Jory (DDS '68)
- Randall Kiene (DDS '58)
- David T. Kyle (DDS '61)
- Donald Lambert (DDS '67)
- Marilyn McElliott (BSDH '58)
- Ronald Smith (DDS '66)
- James Trout (DDS '59)
- Henry Watson (DDS '71)

**Correction:** In the previous issue of the Explorer, In Memoriam listed Dr. A.C. Edwards as a member of the DDS Class of 1970, but he was a member of the DDS Class of 1962.



**Grant Snider** (DDS '11) just published his first book, *The Shape of Ideas: An Illustrated Exploration of Creativity*, a compilation of cartoons from his website, Incidental Comics.

» Visit the Alumni section of the UMKC School of Dentistry website to see a complete list of Class Notes.





# Remembering Dr. Rinehart A Lasting Legacy

Upon Dean Rinehart’s unexpected death on March 22, 1957, Dr. Joseph Jacobs became acting dean of the school. One of his early acts as dean was to work with alumni to establish the Dr. Roy James Rinehart Memorial Foundation. Articles of incorporation were filed May 26, 1957, stating that its purpose was, in part, “To honor and recognize suitably the achievements and contributions of the late Dr. Roy James Rinehart to the University of Kansas City, its School of Dentistry, dental education and research, and the dental profession.” The Foundation quickly received more than \$75,000 in donations to honor Dean Rinehart’s legacy. Today the Rinehart Foundation, through the generous donations of the School’s alumni and friends, provides invaluable support to the School’s mission of achieving excellence in dental education, research, service and clinical care, and strives to use its current \$23 million dollar endowment to continue Dr. Rinehart’s legacy.



## A “ROYALS” BEGINNING TO FALL SEMESTER

As is tradition at the UMKC School of Dentistry, the UMKC Dental Alumni Association welcomed our incoming students by taking them out to a ballgame — as in the Royals vs. Rays ballgame — Monday, Aug. 28. The Alumni Association also treated everyone to a pregame tailgate in the Royals parking lot. The weather was great, as was the food, but the Royals unfortunately lost 12–0!

» Visit the UMKC Dental Alumni Facebook page to view more photos of the Royals game.

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Cindy Amyot, RDH, EdD



Kylie Austin, RDH, MSDH

Cindy Amyot, RDH, EdD, and Kylie Austin RDH, MSDH  
**Extended Care Permit III Training Course — Online and Lab**  
Spring Semester:  
January – May 2018  
Deadline to Enroll:  
Jan. 30

Liz Kaz, RDH, EdD and Kenneth Frick, DDS, MS  
**Local Anesthesia for Dental Hygienists**  
(Summer Session Only)  
Hands-on course. Class size is limited.  
Friday–Sunday, July 27–29



Mary Jane Bruning, RDH, MS



Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS

Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS, and Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS  
**Nitrous Oxide for the Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant**  
Hands-on course. Class size is limited.  
Friday and Saturday, Feb. 23 and 24

Cindy Amyot, RDH, EdD, and Kylie Austin, RDH, MSDH  
**Practicing Dental Hygiene Public Health Safety Net**  
(Online)  
Fall Semester:  
August – December 2018  
Deadline to Enroll:  
Aug.30



Kenneth Frick, DDS, MS



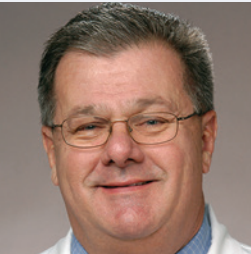
Liz Kaz, RDH, EdD

Robert Schneider, DDS  
**Current Treatment Concepts for Head and Neck Cancer Treatment**  
Friday, April 27

Scott Gruwell, DDS, MS, and Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS  
**Nitrous Oxide for the Dentist, Dental Hygienist and Dental Assistant**  
Hands-on course. Class size is limited.



Keerthana Satheesh, DDS, MS



Robert Schneider, DDS

Mary Jane Bruning, RDH, MS  
**Infection/Exposure Control in the Oral Healthcare Setting**  
(Lecture)  
Friday, May 4,

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 12 and 13, 2018





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## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS

Midwest Dental Conference  
April 5-8, 2018

Rinehart and Dental Alumni Association Board Meetings  
Thursday, April 5, 2018

Pouring from the Heart Annual Gala  
Thursday, April 5, 2018

Annual Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament  
Friday, June 1, 2018

## LIKE FATHER, LIKE DAUGHTER

While it's not at all unusual for our alumni to support our School, our students and our activities, it is a bit rare for a non-alum to go out of his way to show support. But that's exactly what Jim Biggs, father of fourth-year dental student Lindsay Biggs, did by sponsoring a family-oriented foursome in the annual UMKC Dental Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament, Friday, June 3. Lindsay had been one of the 17 recipients of the 2016-17 UMKC Dental Alumni Golf Tournament Scholarships, so her dad thought it was fitting for him to support the cause that had supported his daughter. "We definitely were not the best golfers," said Jim, "but playing with my daughter Lindsay, as well as our significant others, Brenda and Derek, was a great time for a good cause. I enjoyed getting to meet some of Lindsay's professors and classmates that she talks about. Everyone who was involved in putting the tournament together did a fantastic job. We will definitely play in it again!"



Jim Biggs and his daughter Lindsay Biggs (DDS Class of 2018).

## Remembering Dr. Rinehart Partners in Progress



It has been said that behind every great man is a great woman. That was certainly true for Dr. Roy Rinehart and his wife, Myrtle. His dedication to ensuring the dental school's survival and excellence were echoed by Myrtle. As dean, Dr. Rinehart was not only an accomplished clinician, but an astute businessman as well. His business acumen also served the Rineharts well as they built a successful sideline in real

estate. As part of that venture, Myrtle designed houses as a hobby, and Roy built them. Over the decades, their financial resources were always at the disposal of the school. When Myrtle died in 1972, she once again demonstrated her lifelong devotion to the School when she bequeathed the entire Rinehart estate to the UMKC School of Dentistry. Today, the legacy of that bequest lives on in the Myrtle Rinehart Scholarship fund, which annually awards financial

support to dental and dental hygiene students. Another lasting legacy of the Rineharts is the Rinehart General Scholarship, whose charter states, "The various donors have many affiliations with the School, but their purpose is one — to assist dental and dental hygiene students at the UMKC School of Dentistry with reaching their educational goals."





Before



After



# RECEPTION DESK REDO

During the week preceding the first day of the fall semester, the School’s patient reception area was awash in frantic activity — not with patients and students, but with a construction crew. Their mission was to replace the reception counter that has greeted patients since the building opened in 1971. When students, faculty, staff and patients arrived for the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 21, they were pleasantly surprised to find a brand new counter designed to help everyone enjoy greater efficiency, privacy and safety.

“The School updated the lobby to reflect contemporary concepts in providing our patients privacy and comfort while they register and check-in for their visits,” said Dean Marsha Pyle. “The modifications also offer our patients an attractive and responsive reception area to enhance their visit to the School. This new look is one way that we continue to meet the needs of our patients and visitors. All in all, the change in the reception area was much needed and looks great, too.”

Gone is the imposing reception desk, but not the friendly faces of the reception and billing staff. Each work area is self-contained with its own computer, scanner and label printer, and panels are now in place to help protect privacy when patients are registering. The area now offers readily accessible, ADA-compliant check-in stations and a new cashier window that faces the reception area.

» Visit the UMKC School of Dentistry website or Facebook page to view more photos of the reception area remodeling.

# School News of Note



**Dr. Bonnie Branson**, professor of Dental Public Health and Behavioral Science and director of External Rotation Sites, received the following compliment on UMKC student preparedness from a Dental Outreach Clinical Site (DOCS) mentor: “Having worked with recent grads from all over the country, I see that UMKC is still doing an excellent job training young dentists. As a supervisor of many young dentists in my 21 years in the Army, many schools are not adequately training recent grads.”



## School News of Note cont.



**Sarah Dallas, Ph.D.**, the Lee M. and William Lefkowitz Endowed Professor, will be featured in an eight-episode documentary on the human body. A five-person crew from the Japanese television network NHK interviewed her for the show’s episode on bone. Dr. Dallas is a pioneer in the imaging of osteocytes, specialized cells embedded in the bone. Dallas is a key member of UMKC’s research team exploring osteocytes and how they degenerate as aging occurs.



**Jeff Gorski, Ph.D.**, professor of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences, along with a group of international coauthors, published “Bivariate genome-wide association meta-analysis of pediatric musculoskeletal traits reveals pleiotropic effects at the SREBF1/TOM1L2 locus” in the July 25, 2017, edition of the journal *Nature Communications*. “I was pleased to be part of the larger study,” said Gorski, “because the outcome provides strong support for a functionally important role for the gene SREBP1 in bone and muscle. Having received encouragement for a role for SREBP1 in determining muscle mass and bone density, we can pursue more focused studies to increase muscle or bone in aging human populations where these tissues are subject to sarcopenia and osteoporosis.”



**Dr. Behjet Moghadam**, retired faculty member of Restorative Clinical Sciences, was granted the title of Professor Emeritus by UMKC Chancellor emeritus, Leo Morton. Dr. Moghadam, who joined the faculty in 1987, continues to serve as an adjunct faculty member.



**Dr. Shankar Rengasamy Venugopalan**, assistant professor of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, was recognized as one of the “Top Reviewers of 2016” by the *American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics*. His application to the UM Faculty Scholars program was accepted for the 2017-18 session.



**Dr. Jim Trotter**, assistant clinical professor in Restorative Clinical Sciences, and **Keyna Chertoff**, senior research assistant in Dental Public Health & Behavioral Science, recently completed the year-long Oral Health Kansas “Dental Champions Leadership Program.” During the program, members worked together to create strategies on how to improve fluoridation in Kansas. They presented their plan to the OHK Board Members at their quarterly meeting, which was followed by a graduation.



**Dr. Rebeca Weisleder** completed the requirements for Board Certification as a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics. She is the fifth full-time faculty member to be board certified within the UMKC Department of Endodontics. Dr. James Blundell, chair of UMKC Endodontics, remarked, “To my knowledge there is no other endodontics department in the world with five full-time board certified endodontists.”





## Implant Symposium Delights and Enlightens

The UMKC Continuing Dental Education Division and the UMKC Alumni Office hosted its first ever Dental Implant Symposium, Sept. 22 and 23, at the Student Union on UMKC's Volker Campus. Over 130 dentists and other dental professionals from across the Midwest learned about the latest scientific research and clinical outcomes in treating and managing dental implants. The scientific sessions addressed prosthodontic strategies, socket placement, peri-implant disease, soft-tissue augmentation, management of the edentulous patient, and esthetic implant strategies. World-renowned presenters included: Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Dr. Stephan Chu, Dr. Paul Fletcher, Dr. Sonda Moldovan, Dr. Tara Aghaloo, and Dr. Lyndon Cooper. Dr. Notis Emmanoulidis, former clinical assistant professor of Restorative Dentistry, served as the Symposium's scientific chair. Dr. Mary Walker, associate dean for Research and Graduate Programs, Dr.

Cynthia Petrie, Chair of Restorative Clinical Sciences, Dr. Keethana Satheesh, associate professor and chair of Periodontics, and Dr. Thaer Daifallah, adjunct professor of Oral Surgery, acted as program moderators.

In addition to learning from the line-up of implant experts, participants met with top dental implant and dental laboratory companies. The following companies helped sponsor the event: Dentsply/Sirona, Straumann, Nobel Biocare, Eurodent Dental Lab, Marotta Dental Studio, Zimmer Biomet, and Quintessence Publishing. The School extends its thanks and appreciation to our sponsors and organizers for making this inaugural event a stunning success.

» Visit the UMKC School of Dentistry website or Facebook page to view more photos of the Implant Symposium.

## Remembering Dr. Rinehart

### A Tale of (More Than) Two Schools



### Western Dental College

A 1902 graduate of Western Dental College, Dr. Rinehart joined its faculty in 1913, which also happened to be the year its founder and head, D.J. McMillan died. The college began to struggle, so Dr. Rinehart and a group of investors bought it. In order to improve the quality of dental education in Kansas City, Dr. Rinehart helped bring about the merger of his institution and its rival, the Kansas City Dental College, thus forming the Kansas City-Western Dental College in 1919. Then in 1920 he personally helped finance the construction of a brand new building at 10th and Troost, which housed the school until its present home opened in 1970. His commitment to improving the quality of dental education continued in 1922-23, when Dr. Rinehart transitioned the school from a commercial institution to a non-profit corporation held in a public trust.

### UMKC School of Dentistry

Thanks to Dr. Rinehart's unwavering dedication and leadership, his beloved institution successfully negotiated the long and winding road that led to the formation of today's UMKC School of Dentistry. As dental education evolved in the early twentieth century, pressure mounted to move away from privately owned training institutions and toward university-affiliated professional schools. Dr. Rinehart embraced the idea, but faced a daunting challenge: Kansas City had no university to affiliate with. In the late 1920s, Dr. Rinehart lent his support to the establishment of Lincoln and Lee University, an idea that unfortunately did not survive the Great Depression. Unbowed, Dr. Rinehart responded by championing the formation of the University of Kansas City (UKC), which opened in 1933 and was joined by the School of Dentistry in 1940. As part of that process, Dr. Rinehart canceled all personal loans and debts owed him by the dental college. The UKC School of Dentistry was born. Then in 1963, UKC became UMKC when it joined the University of Missouri System.

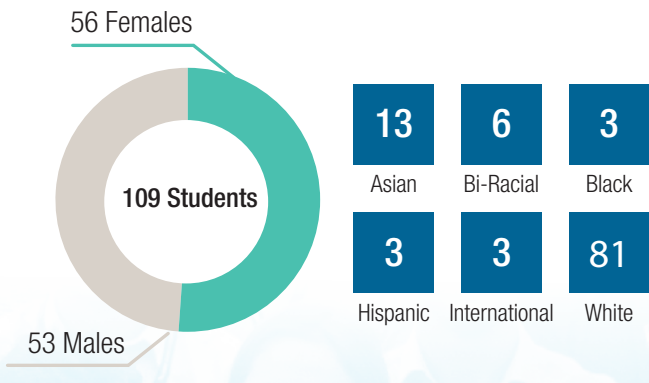


# Incoming Classes Continue Tradition of Excellence



New students participated in a two-day orientation.

## DDS Class of 2021

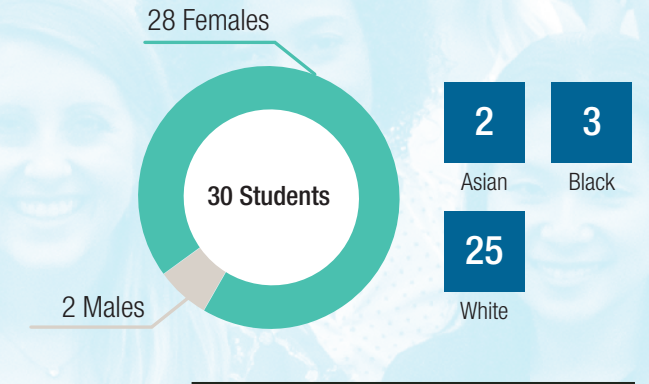


Science GPA Average: 3.7  
DAT Average: 19.3



Maddie Zych carries on a dental hygiene tradition in which “big sister” senior students decorate the lockers of “little sister” junior students.

## BSDH Class of 2019



Science GPA Average: 3.56  
Average Cumulative GPA: 3.46

# Legacy Students

- Timothy Albright:** Grandfather, Dr. Tommy Taylor; Great Uncle Dr. Steve Sickmeyer
- Grace Bradfield:** Great Aunt Lora Palmer, Dental Hygiene
- Brock Buzbee:** Father, Dr. Roger Buzbee; Uncle, Dr. Gary Buzbee; Cousin, Dr. Todd Buzbee
- Maris Calvert:** Brother, Class of 2019; Uncle, Class of 1987; Uncle, Class of 1984
- Matthew Darrow:** Brother, Dr. Daniel Darrow
- James DuPree:** Great Uncle, Dr. Tom Dupree
- Sarah Flowers:** Grandfather, Dr. Richard Barlet
- Anne Marie Haman:** Uncle, Dr. Glenn Yowell
- Kyle Hampton:** Grandfather, Dr. Kenneth Stewart
- Meagan Huenergardt:** Cousin, 2011; Uncle, 1982; Cousin-in-law 2011
- Emily Hutchinson:** Grandfather
- Carson Jett:** Grandfather, Dr. Harry Jett
- Briana Menolascino:** Dr. Michael Menolascino
- Nicole Moberly:** Grandfather, Dr. Jacob Moberly
- Jodi Nguyen:** Dr. Loren Loewen

- Paraskevi Panousis:** Sister, Class of 2017
- Bhavin Parbhu:** Brother, Dr. Shivam Parbhu, Class of 2017
- Yasmeen Qadi:** Sister, Dr. Sara Qadi
- Chase Quattrocchi:** Father, Dr. Mark Quattrocchi
- Emily Resz:** Kim Resz, Dental Hygiene
- Chandler Robertson:** Cousins, Dr. Nick Matthews and Dr. Derek Magers
- Elliott Romo:** Stepfather, Dr. Louis Rivera
- Caleb Ruth:** Dr. Craig Starnes
- Erick Standlee:** Father, Dr. Jacky Standlee; Great Uncle, Dr. Al Hanby
- Hannah White:** Cousin, Dr. McKinzie Jeffrey
- Abigail Wiens:** Uncle, Dr. John H. Hardeman
- Gage Williams:** Brother, Chase Williams, Class of 2018
- Jacob Young:** Cousin, Dr. Sarah Young.

# Student News of Note



**Audrey Buxton**, DDS Class of 2017, was honored with the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Honor Recipient Award for “demonstrated excellence in leadership while balancing non-paid student leadership commitments in an organization or activity at UMKC.”



**Hunter McAreavy**, DDS Class of 2020, was selected for the Colgate Internship and spent time at their Research and Development Center over the summer.



**Ron Marquez**, DDS Class of 2019, received a 2017 Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation Scholarship for his commitment to community service. “It is a great honor to represent the UMKC School of Dentistry,” Marquez says. “I am truly blessed in having the opportunity to study the profession I love at this amazing institution that continues to support the passion I have for improving lives in my community. The School of Dentistry deserves the most recognition because the faculty and students at UMKC inspire me on a daily basis to work toward making a difference in the world through education, hard work and compassion.”





## Ten Years of Teamwork with TeamSmile

In 2007 the Kansas City Chiefs hosted the first TeamSmile one-day outreach event in which dental volunteers provided dental care at Arrowhead Stadium. More than 100 hundred children were screened, treated and educated on the importance of oral health that day. UMKC School of Dentistry student and faculty volunteers were there to lend a hand, and they are still helping 10 years later. Today TeamSmile's outreach and UMKC's participation have expanded to include events with the Kansas City Royals and Sporting KC.

"In preparation for the inaugural event in 2007, Dr. Bill Bush, a TeamSmile cofounder, contacted me to see if the School of Dentistry had any portable dental equipment that he could borrow," recalls Dr. Michael McCuniff, director of the School's outreach programs. "Not only did we provide them with equipment, we also supplied student and faculty volunteers. TeamSmile continues to provide a unique opportunity for our students and faculty to give back to the community by delivering care to children who otherwise might not have access to dental education and care. Just as important, our dental students experience firsthand how to personally and organizationally think 'outside the box' in



order to meet the dental needs of vulnerable populations. At each event, I challenge every student to come up with their own ideas on how to give back to their community and make a difference once they are in practice."

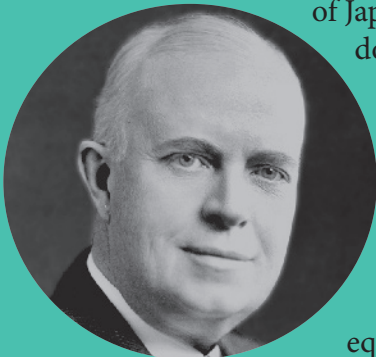
Since its inception, TeamSmile has evolved from an event-driven concept to a formal nonprofit organization dedicated to using the power of professional sports teams to draw at-risk children into their first contact with dental care. TeamSmile now partners with a total of 20 professional sports teams from coast to coast.



» Visit the [UMKC School of Dentistry website](#) or [Facebook page](#) to view photos from numerous TeamSmile events.

## Remembering Dr. Rinehart

### Aloha Hawaii



During World War II, when much of the United States was seized with fear of Americans of Japanese descent, Dean Roy J. Rinehart chose to guide the UKC School of Dentistry down a different path. He let it be known that his school would welcome Japanese American students with open arms. That message made its way to Hawaii where a handful of desperately hopeful students decided to take him up on his offer.

George Tanaka (DDS '49) recalled his acceptance letter, "I had tears of joy when a telegram came to me in 1945 saying, 'Come on over —see you September 17. R.J. Rinehart.' To us he was a man who had the foresight, courage, strength and faith to accept us as human beings who are equal." Since the war Dr. Tanaka and equally devoted Hawaii alumni have expressed their gratitude by actively recruiting Hawaiian students to attend UMKC, and the School continues to welcome them as Dr. Rinehart did, with open arms. Today the School has 130 alumni living in Hawaii.



Seventy UKC School of Dentistry alumni attended a dinner hosted by Hawaiian alumni at a tea house in conjunction with the 1956 Pan-Pacific Dental Conference in Honolulu.



Dr. George Tanaka and his wife, Mary, pose during his term as president of the Dental Alumni Association in 1980.



(L–R) Larry Fujioka (DDS '79) and Russ Tabata (DDS '67) with UMKC Hawaiian students at the 2017 Rinehart Foundation Recognition Breakfast.





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