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Volunteers provide relief around the world

In the short-lived network television drama “Off the Map,” about a medical clinic in the jungles of South America, one episode dealt with a patient’s oral cancer diagnosis, as well as with customs officials demanding bribes to permit medical supplies into the country.

Craig Hovick (’79 DDS), a periodontist in Longmont, Colo., found the story line a little weak but the medical challenges quite real. Hovick has volunteered in underserved countries ever since his daughter, Meggan Wehmeyer (’07 DDS), asked him to mentor her UI dental classmates on a summer mission to Costa Rica. He’s also been to Bolivia, Nicaragua, Ecuador, and Cambodia, so when the production staff of “Off the Map” contacted him for advice, he had plenty to share.

“I have seen many tumors, cancer, and trauma I’ll never see in the U.S.,” Hovick said. “I’ve been doing this for seven years, but I wish I’d been doing it for 17. The people I treat are cooperative, patient, and appreciative. I gain more than I give.”

That’s a familiar sentiment among UI dental alumni who temporarily leave the comfort of their practices to treat the neediest populations around the world. They battle tropical heat, barter with authorities who confiscate their dental supplies, and work in clinics without electricity, potable water, and air conditioning to give relief from pain and discomfort due to poor oral hygiene and inadequate dental care.

The need for their services is overwhelming. According

to Health Volunteers Overseas, which supports training for providers in underserved countries, 80 percent of the world’s population is cared for by only 20 percent of the world’s oral health workforce.

“Typical days start early and end at sundown. Each dentist usually sees 30 to 35 people per day, although some days I’ve seen as many as 70,” said Hovick. He travels with a group supported by a church, which is common for many mission teams.

These mission dentists pull a lot of teeth, but also fill cavities, do cleanings, and distribute toothbrushes, toothpaste, and as much oral health instruction as time and their language skills will allow. They might work in a tent,

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Craig Hovick (’79 DDS) treats a patient in Southeast Asia.



The mountains of northwest Guatemala surround the clinic where Jeff Stefani (’89 DDS) works.

Levy focuses on fluoride



Steven Levy, DDS, MPH, is a tooth expert. The UI dental professor is a lead researcher with an extensive team of collaborators on the Iowa Fluoride Study and the Iowa Bone Development Study, which investigate fluoride intake and dental fluorosis in several hundred of the nation's youth.

Not enough fluoride, and cavities may come calling. Too much, and the teeth might

accumulate yellow or orange stains, and bone development may be adversely affected.

Recently, Levy—who is also associate director of the graduate program in dental public health in preventive and community dentistry and is the Wright-Bush-Shreves Professor of Research—has stepped up for his colleagues in terms of community-water fluoridation.

In Johnson County, everyone gets some exposure to fluoride. However, not everyone agrees about fluoride's benefits, especially if parties are "adjusting" their fluoride levels. Levy said, for example, Coralville does not add fluoride to its water; Iowa City and The University of Iowa do.

There are certain dental benefits people can take advantage of in today's society that weren't around when the initial uproar over fluoride and potential dental problems began, he said.

"Everyone is getting fluoride benefits already, with water on top of that," Levy said. "Toothpaste and mouth rinse are the other forms (of fluoride) that many people use."

The Washington Township, N.J., native's research with the fluoride study has consisted of monitoring fluoride exposure in a

Leader in the field

Steven Levy was installed as president of the American Board of Dental Public Health for 2011-12, after serving as vice president/auditor for 2010-11. He also was honored with the 2010 Fluoridation Merit Award from the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors at its National Oral Health Conference in April.

group of individuals starting at birth. Those children are now 15 to 18 years old, signaling the end is near for the study. The study is completely observational, Levy said.

Over the years of the study, the research has been supported by grants from a number of organizations, including the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust and the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation.

"It's been quite remarkable that we've been able to keep the (study) going for this long, which is a testament to both the participants in the study and (Levy's) determination to keep writing grants," said colleague John Warren ('86 DDS, '91 MS), professor in preventive and community dentistry. "As a result, the (study) might be the most recognized dental study in the world."

"I think people will still be reading our papers 20 or 30 years from now—that's kind of a scary thought," Warren said.

Levy, who majored in statistics at Princeton University and went on to dental school at the University of North Carolina, has been at the UI since 1984. The College of Dentistry has been a tremendously enjoyable experience for him over the years.

"There is a lot of collaboration across campus, and that is a great thing," he said.

This article by Matt Cozzi originally appeared in The Daily Iowan.

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Steven Aquilino, DDS, prosthodontics, will use a UI Council on Teaching Instructional Improvement Award of \$4,000 to create life-sized, 3-D models of ideal tooth preparations to aid D2 students' training in preclinical courses.

Daniel Caplan ('88 DDS), PhD, head of preventive and commu-

nity dentistry, was inducted into the 2012 class of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute.

Tad Mabry, DDS, pediatric dentistry, received the Master Clinician Scholarship for 2011-2012 to attend the Academy for Academic Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning

at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, as well as attend an American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Comprehensive Review of Pediatric Dentistry course.

Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PhD and Cert.), associate dean and Centennial Professor of

research, was a keynote speaker at the 36th Annual University of Southern California International Periodontal and Implant Symposium: Cutting Edge vs. Evidence Based. He gave two presentations: "Surgical Implant Placement—Immediate Loading vs. Staged Loading in the Esthetic Zone" and "Role of Soft Tissue Esthetics



IDA award to Johnsen

College Dean David Johnsen, DDS ('73 MS), received one of the Iowa Dental Association's Special Recognition Awards for extraordinary contributions to the dental profession. The awards were presented at the association's annual session in Coralville in May.

Johnsen's professional service has included the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Board of Directors, 1988-91, and Child Health Advocate (legislative), 1992-95, with the Distinguished Service Award in 1996. He served on the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Council of Deans Board, 1998-2001, and was ADEA president from 2002-2003. He received the Jack Hein Public Service Award from the American Association for Dental Research in 2010. He currently serves on the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

in Management of Implant Outcomes."

Cheryl Straub-Morarend, DDS, and **John Scieszinski** ('81 DDS), family dentistry, were elected officers of the Comprehensive Care/General Dentistry Section and the Section on Practice Management, respectively, of the American

Dental Education Association (ADEA). Each will serve a year as newsletter editor, a year as secretary, a year as chair-elect, and finally, a year as chair of their ADEA sections.

Richard Walton, DMD, emeritus professor in endodontics, is slated to receive the 2012 I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator

Award from the American Association of Endodontists.

Karin Weber-Gasparoni, DDS ('99 MS and Cert., '03 PhD), pediatric dentistry, received the Olav Alvares Award for Outstanding Articles Published in the *Journal of Dental Education*. She was author of "Iowa's Public Health-Based

Infant Oral Health Program: A Decade of Experience," which appeared in April 2010. Co-authors were **Michael Kanellis** ('79 DDS, '83 MS, '95 MS), dental clinic administration, and **Fang Qian**, PhD, biostatistics.

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NEW FACULTY

Matt Geneser ('06 DDS)

Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Family: Wife, Terry.

Hometown: Madrid, Iowa.

When did you become interested in dentistry?

Midway through college here at The University of Iowa, I was struggling to find my place. I had a friend who knew he wanted to be a dentist and he introduced me to the field.

What are your professional interests?

Strategies to increase access to care for underserved populations and educating young dentists to be competent and comfortable treating children.

Why did you choose The University of Iowa?

I'm an Iowan by birth, and when I was given the opportunity to work among such a wonderful group of people in the pediatric dentistry department, I couldn't pass up the chance.

How does working in an academic setting benefit your work?

I'm able to interact with residents and teach students who will be caring for children all across our state and beyond. In addition, we see patients from all walks of life, many with no place to turn. It feels very special to help people who truly need you to be there.

What philosophy guides your professional work?

Being so new to academics, I think it's still a work in progress! But I love the quote, "Teachers teach more by what they are than by what they say."

What are some of your outside interests?

I love to read, run, travel, and spend time with my wife, Terry.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

When I was growing up, I had no idea that there was such a thing as a pediatric dentist!



College, students honor 8 faculty



Hernández

Marcela Hernández, DDS ('01 MS and Cert.), assistant professor in operative dentistry, was one of 18 UI faculty members to receive a Collegiate Teaching Award for the 2010-11 academic year, the highest honor a college bestows on its faculty.

Hernández is director of the dental anatomy course for first-year dental students and is involved in clinical teaching of students at all levels. She incorporates innovative teaching methods and makes time outside normal class periods to help students master dental anatomy. She serves as a role model for her graduate students and offers summer training to assist them in teaching dental anatomy and evaluating techniques.

Hernández directs an orientation seminar for pre-dental students and also mentors the Iowa Chapter of the Hispanic Dental Association, which won first place at the National Hispanic Dental Association's annual meeting for a poster presentation detailing the chapter's outreach to Iowa's Hispanic community.

2010-2011 Teachers of the Year were named by dental students in each class:

Class of 2014: Darren Hoffmann ('06 PhD), anatomy and cell biology, UI Carver College of Medicine

Class of 2013: Michael Finkelstein ('72 DDS, '82 MS), oral pathology, radiology, and medicine

Class of 2012: Brett Schow ('09 DDS), oral and maxillofacial surgery, and James Clancy ('78 DDS, '80 MS and Cert.), prosthodontics

Class of 2011: Heather Heddens ('80 DDS), family dentistry, adjunct of the year; Terry Hopper ('72 DDS), oral and maxillofacial surgery, faculty of the year; Manuel Gomez, DDS ('05 Cert.), endodontics, faculty of all four years

Drake named senior associate to UI President Mason



Drake

David Drake, PhD, professor of microbiology in the Department of Endodontics and Dows Institute for Dental Research, was named senior associate to UI President Sally Mason.

Drake will advise Mason on issues relating to the University and higher education; coordinate special projects; schedule monthly presidential forums; work with groups presenting initiatives to the president's office; and develop initiatives to advance the president's vision, among other tasks.

He joined the College of Dentistry in 1988 and is currently director of research in endodontics. He served as president of the UI Faculty Senate from 2009-2010 and was recently named by the National Institutes of Health as a permanent member of the Oral, Dental, and Craniofacial Sciences Study Section. He is a member of the American and International Associations for Dental Research, the American Society for Microbiology, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

New grants, renewals to UI College of Dentistry, 2011

Kim Brogden (PI), Mark Ackermann, Myriam Belanger, Joseph Cavanaugh, Georgia Johnson, Zoya Kurago, Ann Progulsk-Fox, Xie Hua, *Defensin-induced Adaptive Immunity to HagB*, \$320,625 (one-year, non-competitive renewal), National Institutes of Health.

David Drake (PI), John Warren, Teresa Marshall, Deborah Dawson, *Streptococcus mutans and Dental Caries in Native American Children*, \$598,764 (one-year, non-competitive renewal), National Institutes of Health.

Steven Levy (PI), John Warren, Teresa Marshall, David Drake, Justine Kolker, Karin Weber-Gasparoni, *Iowa Fluoride Study Age 17 Data Collection*, \$84,305 (new), Delta Dental of Iowa.

Rebecca Slayton ('92 DDS, '98 PhD and Cert.), head of pediatric dentistry, was on hand when Gov. Terry Branstad signed a proclamation Feb. 11 at the State Capitol declaring February as Children's Dental Health Month.



Longtime extramural site remodels

St. Luke's Dental Health Center (DHC) in Cedar Rapids has been an extramural site for the UI College of Dentistry since the early '80s, training fourth-year dental students, pediatric dental residents, AEGD residents, and graduate students in dental public health.

Each month, two fourth-year students rotate through the DHC, which provides much needed treatment to thousands of high-risk, low-income children and developmentally disabled special care adults.

In January, the DHC unveiled an expanded and completely remodeled facility, with new equipment, digital radiography, and paperless electronic records. The renovation was the result of the "Spark a Smile" campaign conducted by St. Luke's Health-Care Foundation, which raised over \$820,000 in donations from private grants and individual donors, including many past DHC students. Grants were secured from the Hall-Perrine Foundation, Delta Dental of Iowa, Variety: The Children's Charity, the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation, and St. Luke's Hospital associate giving. In all, more than 850 contributors stepped up.

Rhys Jones ('73 DDS, '81 MS), director of the DHC, is thankful for all the support from College of Dentistry alumni.



UI dental students Dylan Donnelly and Abbie Kerschner stand in one of the closed ops featuring a new mermaid mural at the St. Luke's Dental Health Center in Cedar Rapids.

Hendricks honored for best student abstract



Hendricks

Julie Hendricks (D3) received the 2011 Best Student Abstract Award and \$500 from the Nutrition Research Group of the International/American Associations for Dental Research (IADR/AADR). Her poster presentation, "In vitro

Investigation of Erosive Potentials of Herbal Teas," was recognized at the 89th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR meeting in San Diego.

The study showed herbal teas, particularly citrus and fruity types, are potentially erosive. Her co-authors were Teresa Marshall ('74 PhD), preventive and community dentistry; Jeff Harless, MS, Maggie Hogan, and James Wefel, PhD, Dows; and Fang Qian, PhD, biostatistics.

OKU inducts recent grads, faculty

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) national honor dental society inducted nine recent graduates and two faculty members of the College.

The recent graduates are: Michael Buck, Mary Kay Caniglia, Noemi Cruz-Orcutt, Carole Gleich, Thomas Heidenreich, Jeffrey Lenius, Alexandra Matthews, Jordan Poss, and Ryan Walsh. The faculty inductee is Robert Pusey ('82 DDS), adjunct assistant professor in family dentistry. The honorary inductee is Kim Brogden, PhD, professor in periodontics and Dows.

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Carole Gleich (D4) received the American College of Dentists Award from the Iowa Section of the organization, recognizing her outstanding achievement and active non-academic participation during dental school.

Elham Kateeb, MPH, postdoctoral research fellow in preventive and community dentistry, received a \$400 Student Travel Award for her oral presentation, "Clinical Training on ART in Pediatric Dentistry Residency Programs," during the recent annual meeting of the International Association for Dental Research.

Supitcha Talungchit, DDS ('08 Cert.), a PhD candidate in operative dentistry, was awarded a \$300 travel grant for her presentation, "Effect of photoinitiator on adhesive resin conversion and dentin bonding." The award is funded through the Dr. Eunice Schuytema Beam Travel Grant of the UI Women in Science and Engineering Program.

Vanessa Warzecha (D2) received the Michael W. Finkelstein Award for Superior Achievement in Dental Histology at the spring awards ceremony for the UI Carver College of Medicine's Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology. She and **Matthew French** (D2) each received the Award for Superior Achievement in Dental Gross Anatomy.

A day dedicated to discovery

The drive and dedication of dozens of students, faculty, and staff were on display at the 58th annual meeting of the Iowa Section of the American Association for Dental Research on Feb. 15, 2011.

Oral, poster, and table clinic presentations followed a keynote address by Lawrence E. Brecht, DDS, of New York University on “Advances in Cleft Palate Care: The University of Iowa-New York University Medical Center Connection.” There were 57 predoctoral, postdoctoral, and postgraduate students, faculty, and staff who participated.

Corporate and organization sponsors included Procter & Gamble, DENTSPLY North America, the American Dental Association, the Iowa Society of Periodontology, and the Iowa Association of Endodontists. Leslie Winston ('88 DDS), PhD, of Procter & Gamble presented the Procter & Gamble predoctoral awards at an evening banquet at the Coralville Holiday Inn.

Winners in the oral, poster, and table clinic competitions are pictured on the facing page. For the competitions with multiple awards, the remaining place winners are listed below, with their faculty mentors in parentheses.

Procter & Gamble Predoctoral Poster Competition

- 2nd place: Kirstina Gratz (Michelle McQuistan, preventive and community dentistry)
- 3rd place: Joseph Kelly (Nathan Holton, postdoctoral fellow, orthodontics)
- 4th place: Cherie Senger (Justine Kolker, operative dentistry)
- 5th place: Hillary Guenther (John Warren, preventive and community dentistry and Dows)

ADA Predoctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition

- 2nd place: Monica Popowski (Michelle McQuistan, preventive and community dentistry; Cheryl Straub-Morarend, family dentistry)
- 3rd place: Alexia Murray (Marcos Vargas, family dentistry; Cathia Bergeron, operative dentistry)

ADA Postdoctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition

- 2nd place: Ramie Barfuss (Rick Walton, Anne Williamson, endodontics; David Drake, endodontics and Dows)
- 3rd place: MyungJoo Kim (Deborah Cobb, operative dentistry)

Max Smith Oral Presentation Predoctoral Competition

- 2nd place: Karl Kohlgraf (Kim Brogden, periodontics and Dows)
- 3rd place: Matthew Drescher (Sophie Joly, infectious diseases)

Max Smith Oral Presentation Graduate and Postdoctoral Competition

- 2nd place: Derek Borgwardt (Kim Brogden, periodontics and Dows)
- 3rd place: Carol Bratt (Kim Brogden, periodontics and Dows)

Members of the committee that organized the annual meeting were College faculty (from left) Yong Joon Coe, DDS ('06 MS and Cert.), secretary/treasurer of the AADR Iowa Section; Justine Kolker ('96 DDS, '00 MS and Cert., '03 PhD), Iowa Section president; Cathia Bergeron, DDS ('99 MS), Iowa Section vice president; and Marcela Hernandez, DDS ('01 MS and Cert.), Iowa Section past-president.





Procter & Gamble Predoctoral Poster Competition, 1st place: Brian Smith (D2) with Leslie Winston, Procter & Gamble. Smith's mentor is Jeff Murray, UI Carver College of Medicine.



Max Smith Oral Presentation Predoctoral Competition, 1st place: Andrew Brasser (D3) with Clark Stanford, associate dean for research. Brasser's mentor is Philip Wertz, oral pathology, radiology, and medicine, and Dows.



Postdoctoral/Graduate Dental Specialty Awards (pediatric dentistry): Teresa Geneser, pediatric dentistry resident, with Rebecca Slayton, head of pediatric dentistry. Geneser's mentor is Karin Weber-Gasparoni, pediatric dentistry.



Iowa Society of Periodontology Postdoctoral Award: Benjamin Tingey, periodontics resident, with Paula Weistroffer, periodontics. Tingey's mentor is Steven Clark, periodontics.



ADA Predoctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition, 1st place: Katherine Motz (D3) with John Warren, preventive and community dentistry, and Dows. Motz' mentor is Teresa Marshall, preventive and community dentistry.



Max Smith Oral Presentation Graduate and Postdoctoral Competition, 1st place: So Ran Kwon, operative dentistry resident, with Clark Stanford, associate dean for research. Kwon's mentors are Philip Wertz, oral pathology, radiology, and medicine, and Dows; Deborah Dawson, biostatistics unit; and Deborah Cobb and Gerald Denehy, operative dentistry.



Postdoctoral/Graduate Dental Specialty Awards (orthodontics): Azeez Butali, orthodontics resident, with Robert Staley, orthodontics. Butali's mentor is Jeff Murray, UI Carver College of Medicine.



Iowa Society of Periodontology Predoctoral Award: Abbey Ackermann (D3) with Paula Weistroffer, periodontics. Ackermann's mentor is Kim Brogden, periodontics and Dows.



ADA Postdoctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition, 1st place: Yang Yu, postdoctoral research scholar, with Christopher Squier, oral pathology, radiology, and medicine, and Dows. Yu's mentor is Liu Hong, prosthodontics and Dows.



Endodontic Michael Fuller Postdoctoral Award: Jason Bouska, endodontics resident, with Anne Williamson, endodontics, who was his mentor along with Bruce Justman.



Postdoctoral/Graduate Dental Specialty Awards (operative dentistry): Supitcha Talungchit, operative dentistry resident and PhD candidate in oral science candidate, with Gerald Denehy, head of operative dentistry. Talungchit's mentors are Steve Armstrong, operative dentistry, and Joseph Antonucci, National Institute of Standards and Technology.



Postdoctoral/Graduate Dental Specialty Awards (preventive and community dentistry): Susan McKernan, postdoctoral research fellow in preventive and community dentistry and PhD candidate in oral science, with Daniel Caplan, head of preventive and community dentistry. McKernan's mentor is Raymond Kuthy, preventive and community dentistry.



BY BILL WINDAUER
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT

Journey continues, thanks to your support

As many of you know, the UI College of Dentistry is in the midst of an exciting building and renovation campaign, “Transformation for Tomorrow.” This campaign is by far the most challenging fund-raising effort the College of Dentistry has ever undertaken, and along the way it has been a most worthwhile journey for us as we communicate our campaign message.

We have reached out to all in various ways. By dental class, specialty departments, current and emeritus faculty and staff, grateful patients, corporations and foundations, and friends of the College. To date we have raised approximately \$8 million toward our overall goal of \$10 million in private support for this \$60 million renovation project. We have received gifts of all sizes from alumni, current and former faculty and staff, grateful patients, and other friends of the College.

We’re in the final stages of construction for the first phase of this \$60 million project, and the College’s website, www.dentistry.uiowa.edu, offers detailed information about the campaign, as well as a live webcam that will help you keep tabs on the construction of the addition to the building. We’ve also added a campaign Facebook page (search “Dentistry Campaign”) to better communicate with all who may be interested in this exciting project.

The College leaders and UI Foundation staff involved in the project have enjoyed the opportunity to connect with alumni and other key stakeholders who are committed to enhancing the quality of dental education, research, and patient care.

With the help of all who hold the College dear, I believe we not only will succeed in reaching our goal, but also will surpass it. I want to thank all of you who have joined us so far and want to invite those who have yet to join in this exciting effort to make an investment in the future of your College. To learn more about the UI Foundation, and how gifts from alumni and friends support the UI College of Dentistry, please visit www.uifoundation.org/dentistry or contact me directly by telephone or email, 319-335-3305, 800-648-6973, or william-windauer@uiowa.edu.



Dows renovation

Work continues in the Dows Institute for Dental Research (above) to upgrade and modernize laboratories to support new methods of oral biomedical research.

The project is made possible thanks to a \$1 million grant from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust of Muscatine, Iowa, whose long partnership with the UI College of Dentistry includes support for the Muscatine Pediatric Dentistry Clinic as well as for work by several College investigators.

Since construction of the UI Dental Science Building in 1973, the field of oral biomedical research has changed significantly with the growth of cellular, molecular, genetic, and proteomic technologies. The building’s research area needs laboratories that support these new methods, which are now an intrinsic part of contemporary biomedical research.

Dean's award honors involved students

Each year, students who are active both within and outside the College are recognized for their involvement with the Dean's Student Leadership Award. The recipients for each class are pictured. Julie Reynolds (D4) also was honored this year as the only student who received the Dean's Student Leadership Award in four consecutive years.



D3 students, front row, left to right: Shannon Rea, Sandra Imoehl, Jane Vu, Jenna Lang, and Michelle Nys, with Dean Johnsen; back row: Jared Bolding, Aaron Figueroa, Kristopher Hasstedt, Andrew Beer, Karl Kohlgraf, and Kelly Huston. Not pictured: Kyle Burgmeier, Corey Jones.



D1 students, front row, left to right: Lauren Harvey, Justine Carroll, Jairus Houston, and Keira Olson, with Dean Johnsen; back row: Bertaud Ngomsi and Chong Shao.



D2 students, front row, left to right: Ryan Oetken, Joe Kelly, John Syrbu, and Ashton Wickwire, with Dean Johnsen; back row: Matthew French, Nathan Lamb, Mark Sullivan, and Ryan Teahen.



D4 students, front row, left to right: Kirstina Gratz, Julie Reynolds, and Philip Schmitt, with Dean Johnsen; back row: Sean Sherry, Jordan Poss, and Kevin Dow. Not pictured: Carole Gleich, Allison Schiff, Ryan Walsh.

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Year-end awards were presented by the following departments:

Family dentistry: **Thomas Heidenreich**, Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student; **Lindsey Cosper**, American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Student Award of Merit; **Julie Reynolds**, Delta Dental Foundation Treatment Planning and Documentation; **Michael Buck**, Dr. J. Michael Leary Memorial; **Treagan White**, **Hatta Clark**, and **Michael Buck**, Dr. Duane Schmidt Practice Management.

Oral pathology, radiology, and medicine: **Lindsey Cosper** and **Brian Anderson**, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology; **Hatta Clark**, American Academy of Oral Medicine; **Matthew French**, A.K. Fisher Award.

Prosthodontics: **Suzie Ahn**, Hanau Best of the Best; **Noemi Cruz-Orcutt**, Dentsply International and Dan Steele Memorial Scholarship; **Julie Graf**, International College of Dentists; **Michael**

Buck, American College of Prosthodontics; **Mary Kay Caniglia**, Ralph C. Appleby Removable Prosthodontics; **Hatta Clark**, Keith Thayer Fixed Prosthodontics; **Vanessa Warzecha**, Rudy Minger Award; **Madj Haddad**, Academy of Implant Dentistry; **Carole Gleich**, Academy of Osseointegration; **Julie Reynolds**, ICOI/Sullivan Dental Pre-doctoral Achievement.

Preventive and community dentistry: **Kirstina Gratz**, W. Philip Phair Preventive Dentistry; **Lindsey Cosper**, Samuel Johnston Student Fellowship; **Treagan White**, **Allison Fuller**, and **Krista Lillard**, Special Recognition Award for Excellence in Dentistry; **Julie Reynolds**, American Association of Public Health Dentistry; **Kristi Ouder Kirk-Bock**, Excellence in Dentistry for the Elderly; **Jeremy Goodson**, Joel B. Huth Scholarship; **Brian Anderson**, June McCarney Student.

Volunteers provide relief *continued from page 1*

under an awning or in buildings repurposed for clinics. If they're lucky, they have generators to run portable dental equipment.

Shaunda Thomas ('77 DDS), a periodontist in Sacramento, Calif., took a dental chair from her office by trailer to San Quintin in Baja California in April on her first mission trip, organized through a church that has arranged mission trips for high school students. Now she and other providers are planning to launch a mobile dental clinic with an appropriately equipped recreational vehicle they'll take to poor areas of Sacramento and Mexico.

"I want to find more ways I can serve. I can't wait for my next mission trip," she said.

The gratitude of patients is a key motivator for these alumni.

"I got involved in mission work because dentistry has given me a lot and I felt I should give back to those in need. The rewards are incredible and the people are so very appreciative," said Jeff Stefani ('89 DDS) of Brooklyn Center, Minn., who has joined his church group on six trips to Guatemala in the past seven years.

Brad Hagarty ('94 DDS), a UI adjunct clinical instructor with a practice in Colfax, Iowa, has traveled with a mission team to Berlin, El Salvador, during spring break each of the past four years. Several UI dental alumni and students have made the trip through the years.

"I was scared to go the first time, but after having been to a poor area to help people who have very little hope of receiving help otherwise, I plan to go as long as I can," he said.

Eighteen UI dental students spent the 2011 spring break in Hopewell, Jamaica, at a clinic established by James Carney ('86 DDS). The experience, supported by the Christian Dental Society, encouraged Thao Kieu (D1) of Davenport to consider organizing mission trips to Vietnam once she's in practice.

"Dental care is really limited in the village where I'm from, so I hope one day I can go back and give back to the community," she said.

To learn about mission opportunities, contact:

American Dental Association, <http://internationalvolunteer.ada.org>

Health Volunteers Overseas, www.hvovusa.org

UI dental alumni: craighovick@gmail.com, bradleyhagarty@msn.com, jstefanids@aol.com, dr.thomas@sacramento-periodontics.com



Brad Hagarty ('94 DDS) with a young patient at a clinic in El Salvador.

If you go

Alumni offer advice for others considering international mission work:

- Travel with an experienced group, especially if it's your first mission trip.
- Make sure your group has an English-speaking connection at the destination.
- Assume whatever you will need you will have to take with you.
- At your destination, don't travel anywhere alone, and never after dark.
- Don't forget duct tape! It's handy for securing trash bags to plastic chairs used by patients, for hanging sheets and plastic to ensure patient privacy, and for holding down towels to cover dental instruments.

In memoriam

DDS 1942: Stanley L. Kent of Longboat Key, Fla., died Jan. 9, 2011; Thomas L. Tallon of Manasquan, N.J., died Jan. 20, 2011.

DDS 1946: Dale D. Whitcher of Rapid City, S.D., died April 15, 2011.

DDS 1948: Harold S. Kiyuna of Honolulu, Hawaii, died Aug. 2, 2010.

DDS 1950: Norman W. Stookey of Newton, Iowa, died Oct. 18, 2010.

DDS 1954: John J. Barton of Edina, Minn., died March 19, 2011.

DDS 1954, MS 1956: Robert M. Thompson of Sarasota, Fla., died March 30, 2011.

DDS 1956: W. G. Lindquist of Spokane, Wash., died Jan. 2, 2011.

DH 1957: Philip M. Doster of Des Moines, Iowa, died March 16, 2011.

DDS 1958: Evan E. Smith of Iowa City, Iowa, died April 19, 2011.

DH 1959: Sharon J. Barton of Frisco, Texas, died March 16, 2011.

MS and Cert. 1959: Harold A. Pressman of Billings, Mont., died Feb. 8, 2011.

DDS 1961: Norman L. McCreary of Tama, Iowa, died Feb. 16, 2011.

DDS 1962: Harold E. Clark of Sunnyside, Wash., died Jan. 6, 2011.

DDS 1963: Joseph A. Camamo of Glendale, Ariz., died Jan. 3, 2011.

DH 1971: Cristine A. Trachsel of Lake City, Iowa, died Jan. 21, 2011.

DH 1975: Marilyn K. Davidson of Tuscola, Ill., died March 27, 2011.



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'60s

Eileen Cacioppo ('64 DH) of Davenport, Iowa, was named 2011 Mentor of the Year by Philips Sonicare and *RDH* magazine. Retired from a career that included working in private practice, teaching, and serving as a dental health educator in public schools and at U.S. Army clinics, she now volunteers to speak about oral health.

'70s

Daniel Speth ('74 DDS) of Rio Rancho, N.M., retired in February after nearly 37 years with the U.S. Public Health Service.

Michael Shannon ('78 DDS) and **Ryanne Shannon** ('78 DDS) of Minot, N.D., have retired from their private practices and look forward to traveling more as well as enjoying their first grandson, Samuel, born in November 2010.

'80s

Cindy Rauschenberger ('87 DDS), MS, of Elgin, Ill., was named to the Board of Directors at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Session.

'90s

Alan Law ('91 DDS), PhD, of Minneapolis, was elected secretary of the American Board of Endodontics.

Andrew DeWitt ('96 DDS, '97 Cert.) is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon in Dubuque, Iowa, who has written a biography of Willem Charles, a Haitian man who started a mission to serve Haitians through schools, a church, and a medical clinic. The title is *Give Your Best*, and more information is available at www.giveyourbestbook.com.

'00s

Thomas Hart ('01 DDS) volunteers his dental services once a month to the sisters of the Carmel of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in Valparaiso, Neb. He owns Wahoo Family Dentistry in Wahoo, Neb., and began serving the nuns after the 2007 death of their previous dentist, who was a friend of his. "It's a wonderful opportunity to go into the cloister, to help the sisters out, and to get to know them a bit," he says.

Three graduates of specialty programs successfully completed the American Board of Dental Public Health (ABDPH) certification and are now board-certified: **Kecia Leary** ('04 DDS, '07 MS and Cert.), **Donald Chi**, DDS ('09 PhD and Cert.), and **Scott Rankin** ('09 MS). There are only 160 Diplomates of the ABDPH.

Marlene Ostby, DDS ('07 MS), and **Adam Ostby** ('08 DDS) are orthodontists in Billings, Mont. She is the only practicing female orthodontist in the state.

Meggan Wehmeyer ('07 DDS), MS, is an assistant professor of periodontics at the University of Texas at Houston School of Dentistry.

Lindsay Compton ('08 DDS) works for Reunion Dental Care in Denver, Colo.

Megan Murray ('08 DDS) and **Ryan Murray** ('08 DDS) have purchased a practice in Louisville, Colo., and recently welcomed their first child, a daughter, Avery Leigh.

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Larry Long ('84 DDS), Jamie Sharp ('78 MS), Lynn Griebahn Jr. ('84 DDS), and Randy Swarts ('85 DDS) take a break at the Iowa Dental Association Annual Session in May at the Coralville Marriott Hotel and Conference Center.

Next *Link* profiles honored alumni

The fall issue of *The Dental Link* will include profiles of three distinguished alumni to be honored Oct. 14-15 by the UI Dental Alumni Association and the College of Dentistry at the 2011 Alumni Reunion.

- Alumnus of the Year: Richard G. Wagner Jr. ('51 DDS)
- Educator of the Year: Herbert A. Klontz ('60 DDS)
- Service Recognition Award: Richard R. Sankey ('71 DDS)



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White coat welcome

First-year dental students pose for the first time together in their white laboratory coats after the annual White Coat Ceremony at the Dental Science Building May 11. The students recited the Oath of a Dentist and heard remarks from Dean David Johnsen, DDS ('73 MS), and Peter Damiano ('86 DDS), professor of preventive and community dentistry and director of the UI Public Policy Center.

Also participating in the ceremony were Jim Harris ('79 DDS), representing the Iowa Section of the American College of Dentists; Keith Krell ('81 DDS, '83 MS), president of the Iowa Section of the International College of Dentists; and Anne Williamson, DDS ('04 MS and Cert.), associate professor of endodontics and president of the College's chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon.