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The University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics **Alumni News** Summer 2013

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## 3 decades of student research

Fourth-year dental student Christina Schiltz can attest to the research opportunities available in the College of Dentistry.

Her investigations into fluoride's effect on preventing demineralization of root surfaces earned her first place in the American Dental Association (ADA) Pre-Doctoral Poster/Table Clinic Competition and a trip to the 2012 national ADA meeting as a student representative. This fall she will begin the one-year American Dental Education Association Gies/American Association for Dental Research Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program.

"Research has allowed me to meet and interact with many peers and future colleagues from other dental institutions," Schiltz says, adding that dental students must have a sincere interest in their research work and have a mentor who is willing to help develop their skills as a researcher. Justine Kolker ('96 DDS, '00 MS and Cert., '03 PhD), pediatric dentistry, is her mentor.

The college launched a formal research program for students nearly 30 years ago when James S. Wefel, faculty in the Dows Institute for Dental Research and professor of pediatric dentistry, received a grant from the National Institute for Dental Research (now NIDCR). This grant provided the seed for what became the current Dental Student Research Program at Iowa.

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Participation in the college's Dental Student Research Program has helped Christina Schiltz earn trips to national meetings and a spot in a fellowship program.

## historical IMPRESSIONS

### Cowbells on campus

After D4 students complete their family dentistry requirements for minimum essential experiences, they ring the family dentistry department's cowbell.

When this tradition began about 12 years ago, the bell was the style of bell often found on



store countertops. As the bell-ringing practice gained momentum, a small cowbell replaced the countertop bell. The large cowbell currently used was given to Cheryl Jennings, a department staff member, when she turned 60. The back inscription—a takeoff of a line from the film *It's a Wonderful Life*—reads, "Teacher says, every time CJ's cowbell rings, a dental student gets her/his wings." The front inscription reads, "The University of Iowa Department of Family Dentistry."

Students originally rang the bell in the family dentistry office but now they happily ring the bell as they walk through the clinic.

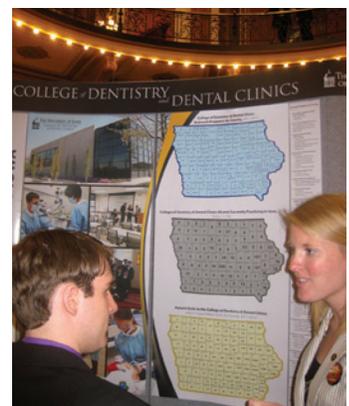


UI dental students Jessica Wilke and Sarah Rinehart attended Hawkeye Caucus Day with the Executive Council of Graduate & Professional Students.

Right: Laurie Johnson, dental administration, touts the college's statewide outreach.

# Hawkeye Caucus Day

Representatives from the College of Dentistry joined students, leaders, alumni, and friends from across the university at the annual Hawkeye Caucus Day at the State Capitol in Des Moines, where they shared with legislators how the UI affects communities in every corner of Iowa. Hawkeye Caucus is a project that promotes university efforts to help make the state smarter, healthier, more livable, and more prosperous. Learn more at [hawkeye caucus.com](http://hawkeye caucus.com).



## FACULTY news

**Christopher Barwacz** ('07 DDS), Dows and prosthodontics, was an invited presenter at the 2013 Annual PEERS (Platform for Exchange of Education, Research, and Science) in Chicago. His presentation was "The Role of Transmucosal Concavities in the Enhancement of Facial Peri-Implant Soft-Tissue Architecture."

**Kim Brogden**, PhD, periodontics and director of Dows, was a presenter at the Society for General Microbiology Spring Conference in Manchester, England; and at the Gordon Research Conference on Chemical & Biological Terrorism Defense—Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Chemical and Biological Defense and the Gordon Research Conference on Antimicrobial Peptide—Discovery, Function, and Application, both in Ventura, Calif.

**Deborah Dawson**, PhD, pediatric dentistry, was appointed by the National Institute on Aging to serve on the Monitoring Board of the NIA-supported Longevity Consortium.

**Gerald Denehy**, DDS ('70 MS), operative dentistry, was presented the Academy of Operative Dentistry's Lifetime Achievement Award during the annual meeting in Chicago.

**Ronald Ettinger**, BDS, MDS, DDS ('83 Cert.), Dows and prosthodontics, received two awards from the Special Care Dentistry Association: the Presidential Citation for serving as editor-in-chief of *Special Care in Dentistry* for 17 years, and the Saul Kamen Award for advancing oral health care for persons with special needs. The American Society of Geriatric Dentistry also initiated the Ronald L. Ettinger Award for Services to the Organization.

# Q&A

## NEW FACULTY

### New grants

**David Drake (PI)**, Jeffrey Banas, Tad Mabry, Steven Levy, *Analysis of Genotypes of Streptococcus mutans in Iowa and American Indian Children*, \$50,000, Delta Dental of Iowa.

**Satheesh Elangovan (PI)**, Liu Hong, Aliasger Salem, *In vivo Non-viral Based Combinatorial Gene-Delivery System for Bone Regeneration*, \$47,000, International Team for Implantology Foundation.

**Karin Weber-Gasparoni (PI)**, Derek Blanchette, Deborah Dawson, David Drake, Matt Geneser, Gayle Gilbaugh, Teresa Marshall, John Warren, Natoshia Skelson, *Development of Videotaped Oral Health Messages for ECC Prevention Among Low-income, High Risk Infants and Toddlers*, \$43,000, Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation.



**Ghadeer N. Thalji, BDS, PhD, FACP**

*Assistant Professor, Department of Prosthodontics, and Diplomate, American Board of Prosthodontics*

**Family:** My father is a dentist and my mother finished a university major in biochemistry. I come from a family of seven kids, where I am the oldest. I have four sisters and two brothers.

**Hometown:** Ramallah, which is a Palestinian city in the central West Bank located 10 kilometers north of Jerusalem.

**How did you become interested in dentistry?**

I was born to love dentistry. My dad had a great influence on me choosing dentistry as a career. Since I was very young, I used to accompany him to his dental office. I loved what he did and always wanted to be like him.

**What are your professional interests?**

As a prosthodontist, I am trained to deal with complicated and simple restorations of the whole mouth as well as treat facial

deformities. In addition, I have research interests in the field of implant dentistry.

**How did you choose the University of Iowa?**

The friendliness that I encountered among the people I met at the university during my interviews is what made me choose the University of Iowa.

**How does working in an academic setting benefit your work?**

I am a curious person when it comes to learning new things, and I love to be at a cutting-edge level of knowledge. That's all available in an academic setting.

**What philosophy guides your professional work?**

Try to do my best and help whenever I can.

**What are some of your outside interests?**

Hiking and gardening.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

The movie theater is the perfect place for me to fall asleep!

**If you weren't working in your current field, what would your dream job be?**

I think if I were not a dentist, I would have liked to be either an ophthalmologist or a pediatrician.

**Julie Holloway**, DDS, MS, head of prosthodontics, was inducted as president of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics.

**Robert L. Schneider**, DDS ('83 MS and Cert.), oral and maxillofacial surgery, presented a course with radiation oncologist Antonio Vigliotti, "Current Treatment of Head and Neck Cancer: Dental Radiation Oncology Perspectives," during the spring meeting of the Davenport and Rock Island Dental Society.

**Mickey Spector**, DMD, MS, family dentistry, is president of the University District Dental Society. He served on the board of directors for the past five years.

**Cheryl Straub-Morarend**, DDS, family dentistry, received the Dr. John Montgomery/Dr. James McLeran Pierre Fauchard Academy Award. The \$1,000 award will be used for continuing education endeavors.

**John Warren** ('86 DDS, '91 MS), preventive and community dentistry, was elected to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Dental Public Health. He will serve a six-year term, including the final year as board president.

**Karin Weber-Gasparoni**, DDS ('99 MS and Cert., '03 PhD), was appointed departmental executive officer of pediatric dentistry in April. She replaces **Rebecca Slayton** ('92 DDS,

'98 PhD and Cert.), department head from 2008 to 2013.

**Rick Williamson**, DDS, MS, family dentistry, gave a live patient demonstration with the help of Suzanne Keizer, dental assistant, during the 2013 American Association of Endodontists Annual Session Master Clinician Series, on "Maximizing the Value of Your Endodontic Service: Foundation Placement and Tissue Management."

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# Addition earns LEED gold certification

The Dental Science Building addition earned Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) gold certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Green aspects of the building include:

- energy cost savings of 41 percent above standards required in building codes
- collection and storage areas of recyclable materials
- a high percentage (81) of the total wood-based materials harvested from Forest Stewardship Council certified forests
- indoor adhesive, sealant, paint, and coating products that meet Volatile Organic Compound standards
- lighting controls that enable 95 percent of the occupants to make adjustments to suit individual task needs

The \$15.3 million, 33,754-square-foot addition was completed in September 2011. It features the Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation Geriatric and Special Needs Clinic, the Faculty



General Practice Clinic, and a multidisciplinary/clinical research area. Designed by Invision Architects and built by Larson Construction Co., the addition also houses the Department of Endodontics and expands classroom and student space.

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## College hosts Wefel Symposium

Speakers from the College of Dentistry and around the country presented at the 2013 James S. Wefel Symposium on Early Childhood Caries at the college April 19.

The symposium began with a welcome, introductions, and a tribute to Wefel, which were given by Dean David Johnsen, DDS ('73 MS), and Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PhD and Cert.), associate dean for research. Wefel's family, including his wife, Jan; his son, Jay, wife Kara, and daughter, Sophia; and his son, Jeff, attended the welcome and introductions. Jan Wefel was presented with a memorial plaque and flowers.

Wefel passed away Sept. 1, 2012. He was professor of pediatric dentistry, director of the Dows Institute for Dental Research, and administrative director of the Office of Clinical Research.



James S. Wefel

In 40 years at the college, he held numerous leadership positions while establishing himself as a highly successful laboratory and clinical scientist. He obtained 35 continuous years of grant funding focused on chemical dynamics of the caries process, early detection, and intervention.

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## Geriatrics and special needs graduate program welcomes first students

The College of Dentistry's new graduate certificate program in geriatric and special needs dentistry welcomed its inaugural class: Lindsey Cosper ('11 DDS), Jennifer Hartshorn ('12 DDS), and Abbey Ambrosion ('12 DDS).

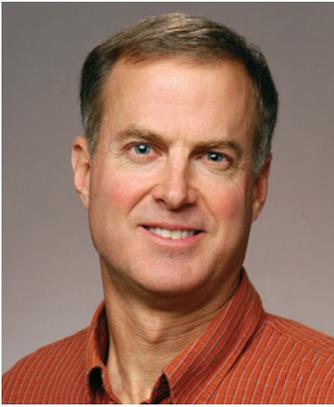
The one-year program, in collaboration with disciplines in medicine and psychiatry, prepares dentists to be leaders and teachers in geriatric and special needs dentistry. The program blends clinical and didactic experiences across the continuum of aged care and in settings such as acute, palliative, rehabilitative, and long-term care.

The Geriatric and Special Needs Clinic, Geriatric Mobile Dental Unit (GMU), St. Luke's Hospital (Cedar Rapids), and UI Hospitals and Clinics provide the settings for geriatric and special needs care. The GMU offers on-site dental care with state-of-the-art mobile and portable dental equipment.

Graduate students in the program have the opportunity to collaborate with medical residents and other allied health care professionals and provide a holistic approach to delivering care for patients with complex dental and medical needs.

Howard Cowen ('76 DDS, '96 MS), preventive and community dentistry, is director of the certificate program.

## Mabry earns Collegiate Teaching Award



Tad Mabry

Tad Mabry, DDS, MS, associate professor in pediatric dentistry, has earned the College of Dentistry's 2012–2013 Collegiate Teaching Award, the college's highest honor recognizing excellence in teaching.

Mabry is involved with the teaching activities of both undergraduate dental students and graduate pediatric dental residents. He is the predoctoral director and course director for the D3 Pediatric Dentistry

seminar and clinic courses. He joined the College of Dentistry faculty in 2009 after serving 21 years in the U.S. Public Health Service. Throughout his career, he has provided continuing dental education at local, state, national, and international meetings.

Student evaluations praise Mabry for his clear expectations and teaching, as well as the self-directed teaching modules he has developed. Students use these modules when they have time available

because patients don't show up for appointments. Mabry also modified a series of competencies to help determine if students meet the basic knowledge needed in pediatric dentistry and to identify areas of weakness that need to be improved. He currently serves as an examiner for the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

### Teachers of the Year

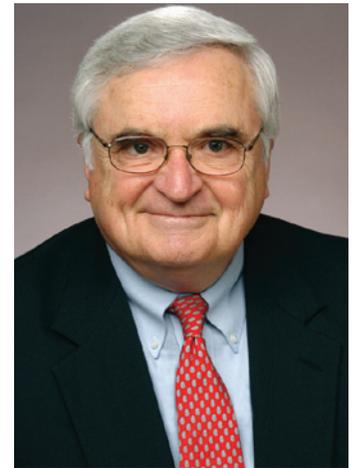
These instructors were named by dental students in each class.

**Class of 2016:** Darren Hoffmann ('06 PhD), oral pathology, radiology, and medicine

**Class of 2015:** Michael Finkelstein ('72 DDS, '82 MS), oral pathology, radiology, and medicine

**Class of 2014:** Ana Arnold, DDS ('87 MS and Cert.), family dentistry, and James Clancy ('78 DDS, '80 MS and Cert.), prosthodontics, superbloc faculty of the year; Terry Hopper ('72 DDS), oral and maxillofacial surgery, non-superbloc faculty of the year

**Class of 2013:** John Doering ('70 DDS), family dentistry, faculty of the year; Chad Stevenson ('88 DDS), family dentistry, adjunct of the year; James Clancy ('78 DDS, '80 MS and Cert.), prosthodontics, faculty of all four years



Left: John Doering (middle) with students.

Above: John Casko

## Casko, Doering retire after nearly 40 years of service each

John Casko, DDS, MS, professor of orthodontics, and John Doering ('70 DDS), MA, professor of family dentistry, retired after serving the College of Dentistry for nearly 40 years apiece.

Casko joined the college in 1976. Among his career achievements were the department's Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar for surgical orthodontics, an annual event in Vail, Colo., for 34 years; his service as director, secretary/treasurer, and president of the American Board of Orthodontics, as well as vice president and president of the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists; and being awarded the B.F. and Helen

E. Dewel Endowed Chair in Clinical Orthodontics, which was established with a gift from the estate of his close friend and former UI faculty member, B.F. "Tod" Dewel.

Doering had been a faculty member since 1974, except when he served as assistant executive director of the California Dental Association in the early 1980s. He returned to the college in 1982. During his tenure he served as director of clinic operations, director of the Dental Auxiliary Utilization Program, director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program, family dentistry department vice chair, and acting department head several times.



In 1895, the dental department relocated from Old South Hall, where it had been housed since 1882, and into its own building on the Pentacrest. The new clinic area is shown above. In 1900, the dental department became a college.



The "well equipped dental laboratory" in the first dental college building could accommodate 150 students, but there were complaints about having insufficient "light, heat, ventilation..."



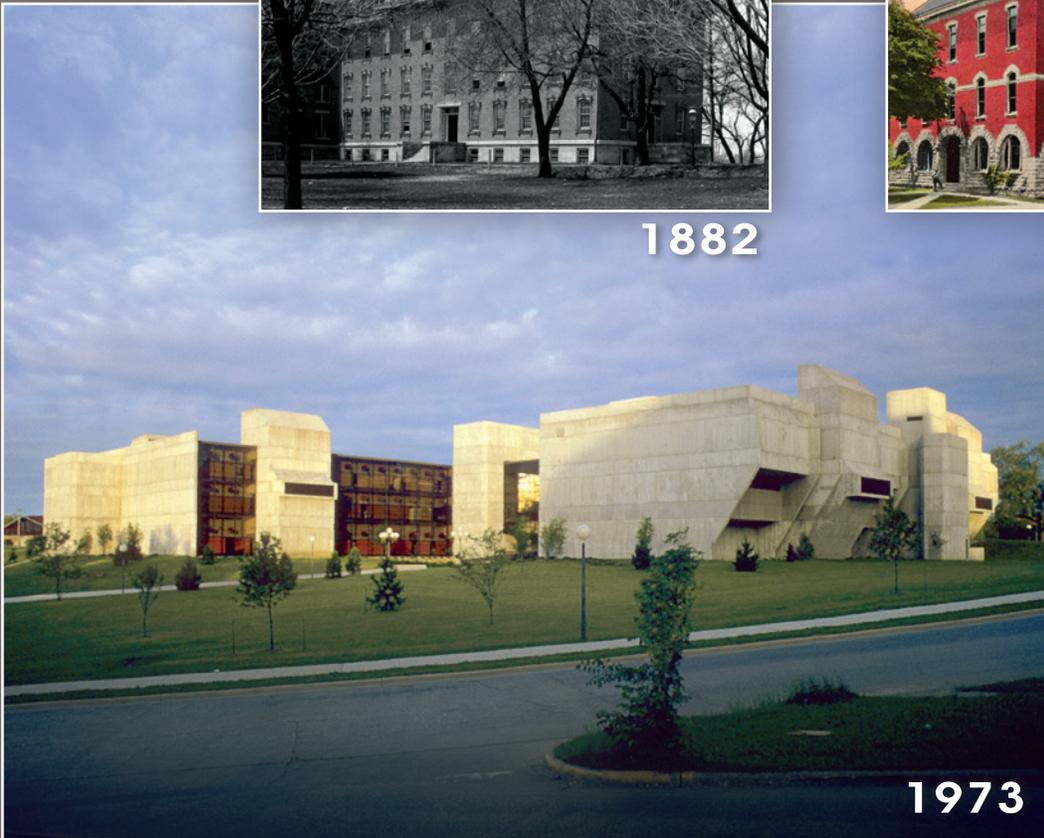
This photo shows a clinical arrangement. HI



1882



1895



1973



The State University of Iowa's first 20th-century dental college building included "an X-ray room supplied with the best apparatus procurable for roentgenology..."



UI orthodontist Dr. Lester Higley studied pediatric dentofacial development. He and Dr. Howard Meredith, of Iowa Child Welfare Station, developed the Facial Growth Study.



Four dental students work in the clinical lab (circa 1950s).



# DENTAL CLINICS

*Founded in 1882, the College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics has now surpassed 130 years of service. Take a look back at its evolution...*



Photo offers another view of the dental clinic. The early 1900s open operator arrangement would not meet today's HIPAA patient privacy standards.



A new College of Dentistry building, on the corner of Capitol and Market Streets, opened for the 1917-1918 session. This building offered a larger patient clinic area, oral surgery rooms, laboratories, demonstration rooms, and a children's infirmary.



A predoctoral student observes while a dental faculty prepares a patient for treatment (taken in the 1940s).



1917



2011

The current Dental Science Building was completed in 1973. This photo, taken in the mid-1970s, reflects the evolving patient clinic area, now equipped with individual patient cubicles.

In the new west addition of the College of Dentistry dental clinic area, patients now receive additional privacy (sliding glass doors) during their treatment.

A dental resident and hygienist attend to a patient in the new west addition.

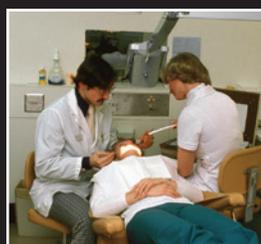
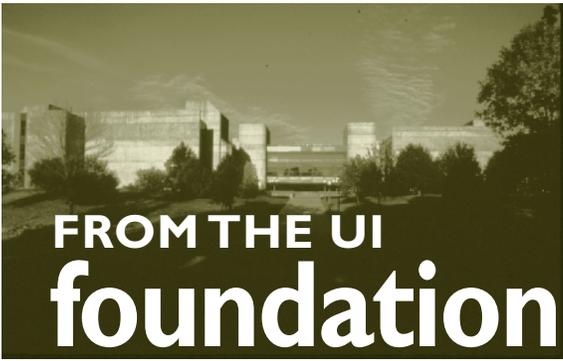


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# FROM THE UI foundation

## On Iowa, on forever more



Bill Windauer

I'm not just referring to an old Iowa fight song, but I am speaking to the choir of College of Dentistry alumni. Your college has an age-old tradition of excellence and is ranked as one of the nation's top dental schools in the country. For more than 130 years, the college has been an integral part of the health care campus at the UI and an invaluable resource to the entire state, having trained more than 80 percent of the state's current practicing dentists.

Throughout the past 40 years that the college has been in its existing building, dental education has continued to see tremendous advances in technology, teaching methods, patient needs, and expansion in the scope of research. In order to remain at the leading edge of all of this, so many of you have helped the college with your ongoing support and generous gifts and pledges toward the college's most current effort, the *Transformation for Tomorrow* building renovation and expansion campaign, to reach its goal of \$10 million in support toward the cost of this \$60 million building project. Your loyalty and generosity have been critical factors in providing a state-of-the-art environment that reflects the college's world-class status.

As we come close to completion of our building transformation campaign, the University of Iowa as a whole has embarked on a historic comprehensive campaign to strengthen the University of Iowa. The campaign—*For Iowa. Forever More: The Campaign for the University of Iowa*—will help to bring focus to the needs of the university as a whole as well as help the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics continue to advance its priorities for students, faculty, research, and other important areas. Support over the last five years to the College of Dentistry has already generated over \$15

million toward the following list of priorities and will continue to work to reach its \$25 million goal over the next couple of years.

*For Iowa. Forever More: The Campaign for the University of Iowa* will help the College of Dentistry advance its priorities for students, faculty, programs, and facilities in the following areas:

### Facilities enhancements: \$10 million

The building transformation provides state-of-the-art technology, clinics, and research space to meet the needs of the future in dental education, research, and patient care.

### Student support: \$4 million

Student aid not only provides financial assistance for outstanding students, but also serves as an essential recruitment tool.

### Faculty support: \$4 million

To maximize their potential as educators, clinicians, and researchers, faculty must have the necessary resources to excel.

### Research support: \$3 million

Increased funding will enhance research and educational opportunities for faculty and students, and will help the college retain and recruit excellent faculty.

### Program support: \$1 million

Endowed funds will provide consistent support for educational outreach initiatives, the practice management program, and ongoing continuing education programs.

### Unrestricted support: \$3 million

Unrestricted funds provide an important resource for other special programs and educational opportunities that may fall outside the existing budget.

### Total campaign goal: \$25 million

Dean David Johnsen, DDS ('73 MS), left, and Galen Schneider ('91 DDS), PhD, executive associate dean, stand with (from left) Joe Kelly, John Syrbu, Matt French, and Ryan Teahen, recipients of the Dean's Student Leadership Award during all four years. The award recognizes students who are active both within and outside the college.





Scott Steward-Tharp returned to Iowa City with a PhD from Oxford.

## Back in dentistry after NIH gig

Scott Steward-Tharp (D3), PhD, arrived at the College of Dentistry with a healthy interest in research after studying enzyme catalysis as a UI biochemistry major. But he didn't stay with dentistry for long.

As a first-year dental student he was chosen for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute-National Institutes of Health Research Scholars Program. During his independent research project at the NIH campus in Bethesda, Md., he focused on T cell biology in autoimmune disease, even developing a transgenic mouse model of a rare human disease.

Steward-Tharp intended to return to dental school following his time in Bethesda, but he decided instead to pursue an NIH-funded PhD program at Oxford University in England, where he continued his research project for 2½ years and earned his doctorate before heading back to the College of Dentistry.

# STUDENT news

Several students presented at the Midwest Regional Dental Student Research Conference in April at the College of Dentistry: **Joe Kelly** ('13 DDS) and **Monica Popowski** ('13 DDS); **Lauren Harvey** and **Thao Kieu** (both D4); **Chad Allen, Hannah Anderson, Justin Anderson, Ryan Humbert, Justin Kirch, Michael Pagano, Eric Popp, Peter Ruggiero, Jonathan Van Hemert,** and **Taylor Zmoos** (all D3). Approximately 55

dental students and faculty advisors attended; other colleges represented were the University of Minnesota, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Manitoba, and University of Colorado at Denver.

**Stephanie Dalton** ('13 DDS) participated in an Iowa Rotary District 6000 Miles of Smiles mission trip to Guatemala in February with Steve Aquilino, DDS, MS, professor of prosthodontics.

## 3 decades of student research

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The program's goals include helping students obtain detailed knowledge of an area of research using contemporary methods for literature searching and data mining; teaching them how to design a study, from developing a hypothesis to planning experiments and analyzing results; and training students to communicate information to the scientific community.

Students are encouraged to present their research at local, regional, and national meetings, such as the annual meeting of the Iowa Section of the American Association for Dental Research.

This year Schiltz won a third-place ADA Pre-Doctoral Competition Award for her research project, "The Efficacy of Commercially Available and Professionally Prescribed Agents in Promoting Remineralization of Root Lesions *In vitro*." The goal of her current research is to detect incipient dental caries and intervene by remineralizing the enamel to prevent the lesion's progression.

Summer research fellowships were offered to 42 students this year, says John Warren ('86 DDS, '91 MS), director of the Dental Student Research Program and professor of preventive and community dentistry.

"The Dental Student Research Program is unique. There aren't many others like it anywhere, and I don't know that any have been in existence for as long," Warren says. "Student research projects often help develop or extend faculty research projects, and it is fairly common that students and their mentors publish articles in dental or other scientific journals as a direct result of student projects."

As for Schiltz's plans, she says, "I am investigating opportunities to continue my education. I am uncertain whether I will become a full-time faculty but I am sure that my interests in research and teaching will keep me in close association with an academic institution."

**Nicole Major** (D3) received a \$300 Education Research Group Student Travel Award from the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Her presentation at the IADR annual meeting in Seattle was "Community-based Dental Education and Clinical Performance Among Fourth-Year Dental Students."

Awards in oral, poster, and table clinic presentations at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Section of the American

Association for Dental Research were presented to predoctoral and graduate students. Predoctoral first-place winners were **Thao Kieu, Chad Allen, Lauren Harvey,** and **Justin Anderson**. Postdoctoral first-place winners were **Nathan Woods, Monica Raina, Michael Reynolds, Paula Ortega-Verdugo, Kelly Jones, Tariq Ghazal, Eva Anadioti, Rene Chu,** and **Xiao Li**.

# 2013 Iowa Dental Association Annual Session Coralville, Iowa, May 2-4



## Centerpieces for a good cause

The Iowa Alumni Dental Reception welcomed dentists from across the state as well as College of Dentistry faculty, staff, students, and friends to the Antique Car Museum on May 3. New this year were centerpieces created by dental student organizations and offered at a silent auction. Proceeds went to the Patient Assistance Fund, which was started by the class of 2011 to support patients who cannot afford treatment but who are vital partners in helping dental students fulfill their requirements and essential experiences required to graduate. Visit the college's Facebook page to see photos of the centerpieces.



John Montgomery (left), DDS, professor emeritus of oral and maxillofacial surgery, received the Distinguished Service Award. He also served as executive associate dean (1974-1996) and senior advisor to the dean (1996-2000). Pictured with him are his wife, Shirley, and sons, Bob and John.



Jena Hopkins (D4) and Taylor Zmoos (D3), student officers in the House of Delegates.



UI alumni in the House of Delegates include (from left): Brad Miller ('99 DDS), David Penfold ('09 DDS), Jake Sorensen ('09 DDS), Brian Eness ('09 DDS), Michael Davidson ('09 DDS), Brian Fleshner ('10 DDS), and Andrew Majeran, DMD ('10 MS).

## Next *Link* profiles honored alumni

The fall issue of *The Dental Link* will include profiles of three distinguished alumni to be honored Sept. 20-21 by the UI Dental Alumni Association and the College of Dentistry at the 2013 Alumni Reunion.

- Alumnus of the Year: LeRoy Strohmman ('58 DDS, '59 Cert.)
- Educator of the Year: Henry Fields Jr. ('73 DDS, '75 Cert.)
- Educator of the Year (posthumously): Rhys Jones ('73 DDS)



# ALUMNI news

**'60s**  
**Donald J. Morrison** ('61 DDS) established the Dr. Don and Mary Morrison School of Dentistry Faculty Enhancement Fund to support faculty retreats at West Virginia University, where he taught and practiced periodontics from 1968 until retiring in 1997. Last December he took an Iowa Voyagers trip to Cuba.

**Edward Karl** ('62 DDS) co-authored a paper in *Clinical Advances in Periodontics* titled "A Case Report of Pharmacovigilance in Supporting Dentists and Participation in a Drug-Safety Program."

**Hal Pickett, DDS** ('67 MS and Cert.), was honored by Boise, Idaho, when the mayor proclaimed April 14, 2013, as Dr. Hal Pickett Day, to recognize him on his 87th birthday. Hal opened his Boise practice in 1956 and has treated more than 9,000 patients since. He is one of six prosthodontists working in Idaho.

**M. Gene Ball** ('68 DDS) was appointed clinical assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine.

**'70s**  
**Rex M. Dunn** ('72 DDS) is enjoying skiing and sailing since retiring in 2005. He spent 24 years working with civil services following nine years in the Army. He and his wife, Shirley, live in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**William Lee Beasley** ('73 DDS, '77 MS) was elected president of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation. He is past-president of the Oklahoma Dental Association.

**Kathryn Kell** ('79 DDS) was inducted into the Hall of Honor at her alma mater, Davenport West High School. She was the 2012 Alumna of the Year in the UI College of Dentistry.

**'80s**  
**Greg Jorgensen, DDS** ('91 MS), of Rio Rancho, N.M., is chairman of the Committee on Technology for the American Academy of Orthodontists and was appointed chairman of the General Program for the 2016 AAO Annual Session in Orlando, Fla.

**Paul Hoefft** ('92 DDS) sold his practice in Littleton, Colo., and relocated to Kaysville, Utah.

**'90s**  
**Joni Richmond Stevens** ('00 DDS) and her husband, Justin, welcomed a son, Wyatt Isaac Stevens, born Feb. 21, 2013. They live in Minneapolis.

**John Kempton** ('07 DDS) has opened a practice in Yuma, Ariz., where he becomes the community's second pediatric dentist.

**Jay Heeren** ('12 DDS) has become a partner in practice with **TJ Loftus** ('96 DDS) in Sturgis, S.D.

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## In memoriam

DDS 1942: **Robert W. Lofgren** of West Des Moines, Iowa, died Feb. 13, 2013.

DDS 1953: **Robert G. Thompson** of Bainbridge Island, Wash., died July 15, 2008.

DDS 1954 and Cert. 1957: **Duane A. Schmidt** of Vinton, Iowa, died June 1, 2013.

DH 1955: **Phyllis C. Coonrod** of Edina, Minn., died Dec. 28, 2012.

DH 1958: **Karleen K. Ferguson** of Rancho Mirage, Calif., died March 11, 2013.

DDS 1962: **Richard V. Palmer** of McKinney, Texas, died Jan. 14, 2013.

DDS 1965: **Walter A. Benson** of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, died Feb. 18, 2013.

DH 1965: **Diane K. Stowell** of Crystal Lake, Ill., died Jan. 15, 2013.

DDS 1971: **William R. Harris Jr.** of Des Moines, Iowa, died March 3, 2013.

MS and Cert. 1978: **Dennis B. Gilboe** of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, died Jan. 12, 2013.

**'80s**  
**Brad Townsend** ('80 DDS, '82 MS and Cert.) was named a Fellow of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists. He lives in Roseville, Calif.

**Jim Townsend** ('80 DDS) reports "having the time of his life" practicing in Waterloo, Iowa, with **Teryl Edwards** ('79 DDS) and **Jeffrey Smith** ('94 DDS). Jim completed a four-year tour with the Army Dental Corps in summer 2012.

**Nancy Nemmers Rhomberg** ('81 DH) of Dubuque, Iowa, participated in a medical mission trip to Cochabamba, Bolivia, last September.

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## White Coat Ceremony

First-year dental students were ceremonially cloaked with their first white laboratory coats and recited the Oath of a Dentist on May 10. The event featured remarks by Dean David Johnsen, DDS ('73 MS), and a keynote address by Michael Kanellis ('79 DDS), dean for patient care. Also welcoming the students were Kathy Kell ('79 DDS), president of the Iowa Section of the American College of Dentistry; Bruce Justman ('83 DDS, '90 Cert.), president of the Iowa Section of the International College of Dentists; Fred Burnham, president of the Pierre Fauchard Academy; and Penni Ryan, president of Omicron Kappa Upsilon.