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OCTOBER 7-8
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Lexington, Ky.

OCTOBER 15
American Association of Women Dentists Annual Fashion Show & Silent Auction
Lexington, Ky.

OCTOBER 22
Alumni Reception at the ADA Embassy Suites Denver Downtown
Denver, Co.

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FEBRUARY 10
Vincent A. Barr Visiting Professorship Lecture
Lexington, Ky.

FEBRUARY 10
Barrels & Kegs and Silent Auction
Hilton Downtown Lexington
Lexington, Ky.

MARCH 24
Alumni Reception at the Hinman
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Providing Dental Care in Appalachia, Reducing Student Loan Debt

By Olivia McCoy

By supporting a region that desperately needs dental providers, two University of Kentucky College of Dentistry students will have their student loan debt significantly reduced. Drs. Candace Flora and Adam Tackett were each awarded $100,000 through the Appalachian Dental Loan Forgiveness Program.

Started in 2015 through the bipartisan efforts of then Governor Steve Beshear, a Democrat, and United States Representative Hal Rogers, a Republican, this program works to encourage dental providers to practice in Appalachia Kentucky. The dental schools at the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville administer the program.

After completing UK’s dental program, Flora will practice pediatric dentistry and Tackett will begin his work as an orthodontist.

Flora, a native of Whitley County, chose to participate in the program to help the people of a community where she has ties. She welcomes the opportunity to share her skills and knowledge with the people of Eastern Kentucky.

“I want to help take care of the children of Appalachia and help educate parents on how to better their oral health,” Flora said. “It has been a goal and dream of mine to return back to the area that I grew up and give to the community.”

Tackett, who is originally from Floyd County, is also looking forward to the work he can do in Appalachia and what the award will mean for his family and career.

“I’m excited to return there with my family because the people of these small town communities are so genuinely nice and caring,” Tackett said. “I hope to reciprocate those feelings through my orthodontic practice and community service there.”

According to the Kentucky Oral Health Coalition’s 2015 Overview, Kentucky has the fifth highest rate of toothlessness among residents 65 and over. Additionally, a 2007 survey revealed one in three children experienced one or more oral health problems. The Appalachian Dental Loan Forgiveness Program is part of the Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) initiative whose goal is to “expand job creation, enhance regional opportunity, innovation, and identity, improve the quality of life, and support all those working to achieve these goals in Appalachian Kentucky.”
Faculty and staff at the UK College of Dentistry are setting their sights high as they work to finalize the College’s next five-year strategic plan, a blueprint with the vision to: Be the #1 College of Dentistry.

The plan, which is updated every five years, highlights key priorities in several main areas, including: education, clinical, research, leadership, and community engagement. Input from UKCD faculty and staff, as well as UKCD alumni and other stakeholders, has been solicited in order to create the plan.

The College has looked to build upon its past successes and set bold new goals to advance the oral and general health of Kentuckians and beyond. Steps currently being taken or discussed to support strategic plan initiatives, include:

RENOVATIONS:

The College is currently working to complete renovations on a new endodontic suite inside the Dental Science Building, which will house new tools such as a Zeiss OPMI PRO Ergo microscope and state of the art digital video camera system to allow for real-time viewing of procedures and recording for educational purposes. More projects, including updates for General and Pediatric Dentistry clinical spaces located in the Kentucky Clinic and the second and third floor DMD clinic spaces in the Dental Science Building, are being reviewed and planned—all with the underlying principle to support the concept of providing students and residents the opportunity to learn and practice dentistry of the future.

NEW EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

New advanced education programs, continuing education courses, externships, and more are under discussion. This fall the College will pilot a program for dental assistants (visit dentistry.uky.edu/dental-assisting for more details). Unlike other programs, participants in the UKCD dental assistant program will benefit from hands-on clinical experience, providing support to DMD students, residents, and faculty in some instances—helping them to be more knowledgeable and better prepared when starting at a dental practice. DMD students will also benefit by gaining more opportunities to provide care alongside a dental assistant—better simulating care in a private practice setting.

DIGITAL DENTISTRY:

To support efforts to increase the use of digital dentistry in student education, patient care, and continuing education opportunities, new faculty have been hired, Drs. Marcus Abboud and Rick Windhorn (see bios on page 11), and various strategic partnership discussions are taking place.

RESEARCH:

New for the 2016-2017 academic year, incoming students can apply to take part in a DMD Research Track option. The program offers DMD students the option of taking part in an intensive research experience, generally focused in the areas of chronic oral diseases, cancer, health services research, and/or orofacial pain, in conjunction with their dental curriculum. Students taking part in this option receive scholarship funds each year they participate and meet requirements.

More details about the 2016-2020 strategic plan are available at dentistry.uky.edu/plan as plan elements are finalized.

Van Sickels Receives Donald B. Osbon Award

Dr. Joseph Van Sickles has been selected to receive the 2016 Donald B. Osbon Award for Outstanding Educator in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery specialty by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (AAOMS). The AAOMS represents more than 9,000 oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the United States.

“I am honored that I was anonymously nominated and will receive the award. It is annually presented to an educator who is actively involved in clinical or laboratory research and who has encouraged residents and faculty to be involved in research. It further stipulates that the individual must be involved directly in patient care. While these attributes apply to me, they seem to be a given that goes with the “job” of being an educator in a residency program,” shares Van Sickles.

“That my peers and graduates of the residency programs I have been associated with in my 35 plus years of education thought enough to submit my name is humbling,” he adds. “As a way of giving back to education, I plan to donate the funds associated with this honor to the University of Kentucky residency fund to be directed toward resident education.”

Dr. Van Sickles will be presented the award at the AAOMS 98th Annual Meeting this September.
UK College of Dentistry Supports Effort by Center for Health Workforce Studies

According to reports released this year by the Center for Health Workforce Studies (CHWS) at the University of Albany, while significant work is still needed, many positive trends in oral health outcomes were observed relating to both better access to oral health care and the overall oral health condition of Kentuckians. The CHWS reports summarize feedback from various stakeholders involved with oral health in the state, including the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and provide an analysis of existing research and data.

UKCD Drs. Jeffrey Ebersole, Director of the UK Center for Oral Health Research, and Raynor Mullins, UKCD Emeritus Faculty, contributed information on various UK-led programs and research projects to aid CHWS researchers’ efforts to document both past and present work to improve the oral health of Kentuckians.

The reports praise UK’s mobile dental vans and participation in the Appalachian Rural Dental Education Program (ARDEP):

“The University of Kentucky College of Medicine and College of Dentistry mobile vans and fixed dental clinic programs have been remarkably successful in mediating significant oral disease in populations in areas served by the programs. The UK North Fork Valley Community Health Center and the Western Kentucky Dental Outreach Program in Madisonville are among the University of Kentucky programs that have improved access in notable ways for both children and adults in their catchment areas.”

“The Appalachian Rural Dental Education Program (ARDEP) was cited as an important initiative in Kentucky. The partnership, which includes Morehead State University and the University Of Kentucky College of Dentistry, is funded through the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). One program goal is to increase the number of practicing dentists in ARC counties. ARDEP offers undergraduate oral health education, dentistry and dental public health courses, a campus oral health literacy and student oral health services program, and an enhanced dental pipeline, including mentoring for potential dental students from ARC counties.”

Report findings were presented and discussed with the Kentucky legislature at the Senate and House Committee meetings in February. Margaret Langelier CHWS project director, shared with politicians, “Kentucky has made great strides in improving oral health and access to dental care but we still have a long way to go.” (Full reports are available online at: https://chws.albany.edu/reports.)

UKCD Receives Grant to Provide Services to Veterans

The UK College of Dentistry was awarded a $5,000 grant from the Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy to provide dental care for Central Kentucky veterans. Since 1995, the Foundation has awarded nearly 3.5 million in grant funding. In 2016, 25 grants were awarded to various projects across the nation.

Through the grant, UK dental students were able to provide dental care for five veterans, including radiographs, examinations, periodontal care, restorative services, extractions, partial dentures, and complete dentures. Patients were identified by working with contacts at the Lexington Hope Center for Men, Vanover Veterans Village, and Volunteers of America.

The veterans have been very appreciative of the care they have received at the college, and the support of the Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

In addition to the grant, care for veterans has also been supported through various efforts by the UK College of Dentistry Tau Sigma Military Dental Club-Zeta Chapter. Founded in 2014, the chapter seeks to promote oral health in the Lexington community, to welcome new military-sponsored students into the UK College of Dentistry, provide information to current and potential dental officer candidates about serving in the military, and to participate in fundraising initiatives to support local veterans in need.

It is estimated that there are 250 homeless veterans in Central Kentucky and 245 in Northern Kentucky. Tau Sigma hopes to establish stable channels of funding to help support providing free comprehensive care to veterans in need whenever they visit UKCD.

Henry Schein Donates PlanScan to UKCD

Henry Schein Dental, the United States dental business of Henry Schein, Inc., recently donated one Planmeca PlanScanTM to the UK College of Dentistry. PlanScan is an intraoral scanner with blue laser technology. This gift will enable student dentists to have hands-on, clinical training, using one of the latest digital tools available on the market. UKCD is placing a strong emphasis on exposing students to advances in digital dentistry as technology will impact future patient care.

Dr. Greg Zeller, associate dean for Institutional Effectiveness shares, “This generous gift allows us to make strides to achieve our goal to practice the digital dentistry of the future now.”
The UK College of Dentistry was well represented on the program of the 2016 Annual Session of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry held in San Antonio. Three recent graduates of the residency program had major speaking assignments:

- **Dr. Michelle Freeze, Class of 2004:** "My First Months with an All-Tissue Laser: The Myths and Realities of this New Technology." Michelle practices in Austin, Texas.
- **Dr. Philip Slonkosky, Class of 2009:** CAD/CAM for the Pediatric Dentist: Practical Applications and Case Studies." Phil practices in Minster, Ohio.
- **Dr. Juan Yepes, Class of 2012:** "Diagnostic Challenges in Pediatric Dentistry." Juan is an associate professor, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, at the Indiana University School of Dentistry in Indianapolis.

In addition, one of the major speakers, Dr. Joel Berg, Dean at the University of Washington, acknowledged the work of Dr. Josh Wren, Class of 2007, in introducing silver diamine fluoride in his practice. Josh is an "early innovator," as silver diamine fluoride has only recently been introduced in dentistry. Josh practices in Brandon, Mississippi.

Members of the UK Pediatric Dentistry Class of 2016 also presented the results of their research projects at the meeting. The four graduates are: Dr. Linsey Ammerman, Dr. Matthew Bright, Dr. Candace Flora, and Dr. Rebecca Parr.

The UK College of Dentistry has a history of providing leadership nationally in Pediatric Dentistry. Four faculty members or graduates have served as chairperson of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry: Dr. John Mink, founding chair of UK Pediatric Dentistry—now retired; Dr. Gerry Ferretti, now department chair of Pediatric Dentistry at Case Western University; Dr. Erwin Turner, Class of 1976, now UK program director; and Dr. Betty Barr, Class of 1976, formerly of Denver, Colorado, now retired in Frankfort. Dr. Beverly Largent, Class of 1984, has served as president of the Academy, the first woman ever to be elected to that position. Dr. Robert Spedding and Dr. David Nash both served at one time on the Board of Directors of the Academy. Dr. Nash has also served as president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

**UK College of Dentistry Doctor Named Kentucky Oral Health Champion**

The Kentucky Oral Health Coalition (KOHC) has named Dr. Laura Hancock Jones a Kentucky Oral Health Champion. Jones received the inaugural award at the November 2015 Kentucky Oral Health Summit, the first statewide oral health summit in nearly four years.

As part of the UKCD Department of Public Health Dentistry, Jones currently works at the UK Dan A. Martin, MD Dental Clinic and Dental Outreach in Madisonville, Ky.

"I am honored to be rewarded by my peers for my commitment to improving the oral health experience in our state. Tremendous gains are possible when those invested in common goals come together," said Jones. "The growth of the Kentucky Oral Health Coalition has been tremendous over the last several years, and I am glad to see that so much is being accomplished through the work of the KOHC."

Fellow Kentucky Oral Health Champion Award recipients included former Governor Steve Beshear, for putting oral health on the radar, and former State Dental Director and past UKCD part-time faculty member Dr. James Cecil, for his efforts as a key leader in both iterations of Kentucky’s oral health coalitions.

*Dr. Laura Hancock Jones with Clifford Maesaka of Delta Dental of Kentucky*
The UK College of Dentistry strives to offer outstanding programs to assist dentists, dental hygienists, and dental auxiliaries stay informed of the latest scientific and practical information, as well as provide opportunities to enhance and expand their knowledge and clinical skills.

“As we look to help dentists and others meet their life-long learning goals, it's important that we continually review and update our offerings as necessary—making sure our courses provide participants with the latest techniques and technology in dentistry,” shares Wes Coffman, director of UKCD Continuing Education. “We are looking forward to introducing new course content options, especially around digital dentistry.”

UKCD looks forward to featuring courses by Dr. Marcus Abboud (see bio on page 11). Working to stay at the forefront of dentistry, Dr. Abboud has acted as a consultant for different manufacturers regarding new digital technologies and implantology, and holds multiple patents, in various countries, which provide new solutions for dentistry. He has lectured extensively on CAD/CAM technology, digital dentistry, implantology, bone grafting, guided surgery, and CBCT/CT diagnostic imaging.

UKCD will be offering more courses at UK Healthcare at Turfland due to its convenient location and the fact that digital dentistry technology will be playing an increased role at this dental clinic location. Another goal is to offer on-demand type courses on various topics in the future.

Visit dentistry.uky.edu/continuing-education for information on upcoming offerings.
When looking for a treatment options for their baby Jensen’s oral cleft, Stacey and Brock Westlund found their way to Dr. Cristina Perez, UK assistant professor in pediatric dentistry.

“In my hours upon hours of research regarding clefts and the means by which optimal results are obtained during repair, I spent a lot of time focusing on Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM),” shared Stacey. “With NAM use, some babies are able to avoid the most difficult surgery which is the bone graft. And from my memories of that particular surgery [as child who underwent several surgeries to repair an oral cleft], it would have been nice to have bypassed it.”

NAM treatment involves creating a specially fitted molding device for infants to wear in their mouths in the months preceding surgery. The dentist sees their NAM patient weekly to make adjustments to the molding device. Upon learning about NAM, Stacey began searching for an area dentist experienced in the treatment. Her search led her to the UK HealthCare blog – A Passion for Cleft Care hosted by Dr. James Liau, UK pediatric plastic surgeon. From there, Liau connected Stacey with Dr. Perez.

“Dr. Liau and I both attend clinics involving cleft care held by the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs. At his suggestion, I looked into becoming trained to offer NAM treatment to help babies with cleft conditions,” said Perez. “The work is challenging as my patients are too young to understand, cooperate, or tell me where it hurts. Seeing the progress babies like Jensen make each week has been very rewarding. I’m glad I can make their next steps easier, as well as expose our pediatric dental residents to this type of treatment.”

As most cleft lip and palate babies will be treated in a hospital or clinic setting, most of our residents will not have contact with these children once they are in private practice. Nevertheless, Dr. Perez has found residents to be very interested in the technique and being present as observers during treatment.

“I am extremely excited and grateful to learn from Dr. Perez how to fabricate and deliver a NAM appliance to children born with cleft lip and/or palate,” shares UK Pediatric resident Dr. Camilla Miskovich. “The prospect of working alongside Dr. Perez is an amazing opportunity as I have first-hand seen the positive results that she has achieved and the joy that can be brought to the family of a child with cleft lip and palate.”

Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM) Treatment Offered by UK College of Dentistry
eLearning Innovation Initiative (eLII) Grants Awarded to Dr. Cynthia Beeman

The Office of the Provost, Analytics, and Technologies (AT) and the Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) invited faculty to apply for funding to both support redesign of large-lecture courses, as well as apply for admission to UK’s eLearning Innovation + Design Lab.

For the redesign of large-lecture grant, proposals focused on development of innovative, technology-rich pedagogy, and learning strategies to address needs in the constantly changing learning environment. Delivery methods include synchronous and asynchronous hybrid learning opportunities, ‘flipped’ class designs, and IT enabled personalized/adaptive learning. A key goal of the award program is to support faculty development of measurable and sustainable methods for improving instructional delivery and learning outcomes for UK courses in all content areas.

HHS 450, Introduction to Dentistry, is an in-class/online lecture, experiential and hands-on laboratory course that is an introduction to oral health and the profession of dentistry that will be put into the hybrid format. Dr. Beeman’s first course put online was in 2013, and she has been using Learning Management Systems (Blackboard and Canvas) to deliver content and to assess student learning in several courses at the pre-dental and DMD program levels over the past few years.

For the Faculty Skill Development grant, participants are asked to participate in an intensive faculty development program, join one of two Faculty Learning Communities (FLCs) on Online and Blended Learning Innovation to share best practices in learning and teaching, commit to future related research (if applicable), and apply new skills and knowledge gained from this program within their teaching practice.

As part of this award, Dr. Beeman is putting ORT 610, Craniofacial Form, (also as Cephalometrics) into the hybrid format for the Orthodontic graduate students.

COBRE Pilot Grant Awarded to Study Periodontal Disease

Drs. Jeffrey Ebersole, Sarandeep Huja, and Subramanya Pandruvada were awarded funding via the Centers of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) Pilot Grant through the National Institutes of Health to support research involving periodontal disease (PD).

PD is a chronic inflammatory disorder characterized by the destruction of periodontal connective tissues and subsequent loss of alveolar bone resulting in tooth loss and systemic infections. It is the sixth most prevalent health condition in the world affecting 740 million individuals worldwide.

The research supported by this grant proposes to evaluate the effects of antibodies to P. gingivalis on osteoclast activity. The information generated in these studies will eventually help to understand potential effects of antibodies in response to natural colonization/infection, as well as future vaccination strategies that may be employed.

Orthodontics Residents Receive 2016 Thomas M. Graber Award

Of the four recipients presented with the 2016 Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit by the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), two completed their orthodontics training at the UK College of Dentistry—Drs. Christian Francis (’15 Orthodontics) and Lucy Wachs (’11 and ’15 Orthodontics).

Dr. Francis received the award for his research titled Screw Diameter and Orthodontic Loading Influence Adjacent Bone Remodeling. He also received the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award in 2015 for the same research. Dr. Wachs was awarded for her research titled Association of APOE-ε Isoforms and Reduced BMI Values in Obstructive Sleep Apnea Patients with a Convex Dento-facial Profile. Both presented their research during this year’s 116th Annual Session of the AAO in Orlando, Florida.
Marshall County Gets UK Dental Clinic

The University of Kentucky celebrated the new UK Dentistry West Regional Clinic on Friday, May 20, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The general dentistry clinic, located in the Marshall County Health Department in Benton, Ky., opened in early June.

“The opening of the UK Dentistry West Regional Clinic marks the culmination of a lot of people working toward achieving a common goal,” said Laura Hawes-Hammons, director of the Marshall County Health Department. “The clinic is going to be so wonderful for this county and the people in the surrounding area.”

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“UK Dentistry is focused on improving the oral health of Kentuckians. We are really looking forward to our partnership with the Marshall County Health Department and working toward making Marshall County a cavity-free county,” said Dr. Ted Raybould, chief of the UK Dentistry Division of Adult, Pediatric and Public Health.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday and accepts Medicaid in addition to several other dental plans. More information is available online at ukdentistry.org/west.

Annual Barr Lecture Held

The Vincent A. Barr Visiting Professorship was held at the University of Kentucky in February in conjunction with ASDA Day. The featured speaker was Dr. Joshua Austin, whose presentation was titled “Online Reputation Management – The Wild West of Internet Review Sites.”

Austin maintains a full time restorative private practice in San Antonio, Tx. He is an editorial director and monthly columnist for Dental Economics focusing on dental products and technology. He lectures around the country to study clubs and dental meetings about these topics, along with online reputation management and social media.

The annual lecture, generously funded by Elizabeth Barr, DMD (’74, ’76 Pediatric Dentistry), is in memory of her father, Vincent A. Barr, DDS, who was a leader in the establishment of the UK College of Dentistry as part of the A.B. Chandler Medical Center, and who remained a strong and active supporter of the school.
Mohanad Al-Sabbagh, DDS, MS, division chief of Periodontology, has been promoted to full professor.

Enrique Bimstein, DDS, professor, has been named assistant dean for Interprofessional Education and Global Outreach. Interprofessional Education involves students in two or more disciplines collaborating to learn with, from, and about each other’s areas as they deliver interprofessional collaborative care—improving patient care, both at the individual and population level.

Jeff Ebersole, PhD, associate dean for Research and Graduate Studies, was announced as a member of the 2015-16 class of University Research Professors. The professors are recognized for their research achievement across a wide range of disciplines and receive a monetary award.

Saran Huja, BDS, DDS, MDS, MS, PhD, professor, has been named associate dean for Student, Faculty, and Graduate Studies. In this new role, he will focus on areas including: administering internal research funding programs, overseeing student research and development, and growing individualized faculty career development programs.

Tom Kluemper, DMD, MS, professor, has been named division chief of Orthodontics.

Rob Kovarik, DMD, MS, associate professor, has been named senior associate dean of the UK College of Dentistry.

Tom McConnell, DDS, MSEd, associate professor, has been named Team Leader division chief.

Craig Miller, DMD, MS, professor, has been named division chief of Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Ted Raybould, DMD, professor and division chief of Adult Dentistry, has been named division chief of the Division of Adult, Pediatric, and Dental Public Health.

Gregory Zeller, DDS, MS, professor, has been named associate dean for Institutional Effectiveness. In this new role, he will focus on areas including: developing a new quality assurance/patient satisfaction program in collaboration with UK HealthCare; assure compliance with and completion of select CODA standards; and develop metrics and best practices to ensure efficiency and effectiveness of college functions.
Charitable giving is a vital part of Mortenson Family Dental's organizational culture. This year, the University of Kentucky benefitted from their commitment to philanthropy. Mortensen Family Dental, through the Wayne and Glenda Sue Mortenson Family Foundation, made a generous donation to the UK College of Dentistry. Their gift will enhance the instruction the college offers its student dentists in the area of dentistry business management.

Dr. Owen Mortenson shared, “Over the last two years, Dr. Wes Coffman has explained his desire to enhance the business management course for the dental students. After visiting with Dr. Coffman and Dean Kyrkanides, we agreed to contribute to this very worthwhile endeavor. We appreciate and value our relationship with the UK College of Dentistry."

UK College of Dentistry, under the leadership of Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides, understands the need to prepare students to run a small business. Mortenson Family Dental's gift will allow students to gain a more progressive and comprehensive knowledge regarding business matters.

“Dr. Mortenson recognizes the importance of the business side of the dental practice, and we greatly appreciate his support. His significant contribution will help us to expand the business application in our curriculum to better prepare our students for today’s dentistry,” commented Dr. Wes Coffman, UKCD Director of Practice Management.
From its beginning in 1962, University of Kentucky College of Dentistry has been recognized as one of the nation’s best dental schools. Its graduates have gone on to achieve success, both professionally and personally. Their success began with a dream—to become a general dentist, periodontist, pediatric dentist, etc. However, dreams in today’s educational world can often run into roadblocks created by the increasing cost of higher education.

For the Class of 2016, loans were a fact of life. UKCD student dentists graduated with an average indebtedness of $212,029. The majority of current students, 85 percent, have received one or more federal student loans. This level of financial burden often limits their career choices, both in pursuing postgraduate degrees and/or starting their own practice.

Scholarships help students overcome financial roadblocks. For a student dentist financing their own college education, scholarships help provide an opportunity to attend UKCD versus another school. For a student struggling to balance classes, clinic, and a part-time job, scholarships help ease their stress. For other students, scholarships mean being able to purchase high quality tools to allow them to perfect their skills and stay on a level playing field with others. In all of these instances, scholarships serve an important role in making dreams come a reality.

“Scholarships are an important recruiting tool as we look to attract high quality students. They help UKCD stay competitive with other top educational institutions—allowing us to recruit and retain students with outstanding academic, extracurricular, and civic achievements,” shares Christine Harper, assistant dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

Alumni are the driving force behind scholarships. Without their generosity, future generations are empowered to pursue their dreams in dentistry. Below are several ways scholarships have been offered through alumni support this year.
When Craig Q. Adams was in high school and his father told him to consider dentistry as a career, he took the advice seriously. “Academics were very important in my family,” he remembers. “My dad was an engineer, and he felt dentistry would be a good career for me. As it turns out, he was right.”

Craig pursued an undergraduate degree at Miami University of Ohio, and eventually began applying to dental schools. He was accepted at five, and chose the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. “UK was also a good choice,” he says. “The dental school was ranked in the top five in clinical dentistry, and that was the direction I wanted to go in my career. The faculty-student ratio was more intimate than at larger schools. The professors treated us with respect and called us ‘student dentists’ rather than ‘dental students.’ I felt like they lifted us up and carried us along as they taught us.”

Craig was responsible for his own dental school tuition and other expenses, “I paid for my first year,” he recalls. “Then I received a full-tuition, merit-based scholarship for my second, third and fourth years of dental school. That was huge for me. Not only did the scholarship fund my tuition, it also made me strive for excellence because being able to apply for it each year was contingent upon my standing in class.”

Craig graduated in 1987, went into general dentistry and eventually built up a thriving practice in Raleigh, North Carolina.

“I recently learned that the scholarship I received at UK is no longer available,” he continues. “So I decided to begin a similar program to provide merit scholarships for one or two students per year. In essence, I want to help provide the same kind of gift I received.”

“Dr. Adams is making what I call a ‘hybrid gift,’” explains Ford Stanley ’91, UK Senior Director of Gift and Estate Planning. “He is establishing an endowed scholarship to be funded with both outright gifts during his lifetime and deferred gifts through his estate plan. This enables him to work with us on the details of how he wants the scholarship to function, and gives him the opportunity to see his philanthropy at work as scholarship grants are made.”

Craig shares, “I’m making gifts over five years to initially fund the scholarship. I hope the first awards will begin in 2020. I’m also giving IRA funds through a beneficiary designation and the proceeds of a life insurance policy to increase the scholarship for the long term. I’m happy to do this,” he adds, “because today’s students are graduating from dental school with an average debt of $250,000.”

Dr. Adams also gives of his time and talent in many other ways. He and his local colleagues host semiannual full charity clinic days for patients in need who start lining up the night before the free clinic opens. He works with local Christian non-profit groups which periodically assign him patients in need to treat pro bono. He has participated in more than 15 mission trips with other professionals to Haiti and Mexico to provide free medical, optical and dental clinics for the indigent. He is involved with a Russian relief organization which brings orphans to the United States for treatment. He also has upfitted space in his Raleigh dental office building for a local church.

“One of the greatest joys in life is giving to others,” he says. “I have been fortunate to experience success, and this enables me to give back to the UK College of Dentistry and also ‘pay it forward’ to some degree.”

Mike Richey ’73 ’79, UK Vice President for Philanthropy, observes, “With his carefully planned gift to the University, Craig Adams is making the same kind of opportunity available to other students that enabled him to obtain his dental education. He is helping others follow in his footsteps, and because he is endowing his scholarship in perpetuity and expanding it through thoughtful estate planning, he will provide dental education to generation after generation of future UK students.”

Ford Stanley notes, “It was a pleasure to work with Dr. Adams and his financial advisors to establish his endowed scholarship fund in the most efficient and tax-wise manner. It’s also exciting to imagine how his gift will transform many lives in the future.”
Early in his first year at UK College of Dentistry, Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides met with Drs. Betty Barr ('74 and '76 Pediatric Dentistry) and Don Kleier ('70). Upon retiring from their successful careers in academia and pediatric dentistry in Colorado, Drs. Kleier and Barr decided to return to Kentucky. During their talks, Dr. Kyrkanides shared the need to help students reduce the amount of debt they were incurring. The tuition, which is now at $32,030 for in-state students and $65,386 for non-residents, was placing a burden on students greater than at any other time in the history of UKCD. This burden was creating a barrier to recruiting and retaining students who would enrich the field of dentistry, whether due to their academic performance, program of study, community service, ethnicity, and/or residency.

The dean's remarks stayed with Drs. Barr and Kleier, and over the next few days, led to discussions around creating three scholarships.

Drs. Kleier and Barr share, “We established the scholarships for three reasons: 1. To support the new strategic plan of the College in recruiting the best candidates for UKCD; 2. To thank the College for our superb education and to further its mission by giving back; and 3. To honor Betty’s father, an avid proponent of the College and longtime advocate for its establishment and continuation. We also wanted to honor our mentor, Dr. Milton Gellin, who embodied, modeled, and taught the value of compassionate care, the importance of establishing relationships with our patients and their families, and emphasized the skills of listening and communication.”

Two of the scholarships, are named for Dr. Vincent A. Barr, Dr. Betty Barr’s father. Both are to be used for recruitment of Kentucky citizens who plan to stay and practice in the Commonwealth; have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75; demonstrate compassion and respect for other students, staff, faculty, and patients; and have financial need. The scholarship encourages students who would contribute to the educational benefit of diversity, especially undergraduates at Kentucky State University, to consider dentistry. Dr. Vincent Barr served on the Board of Regents for Kentucky State University from July 9, 1963 to March 31, 1971. The second Dr. Vincent A. Barr Scholarship encourages Kentucky students from Appalachia to choose dentistry as a career.

The third scholarship, named the Dr. Milton Gellin Scholarship, goes to a third or fourth year student, who is a Kentucky citizen planning to stay and practice in the Commonwealth; has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0; demonstrates above average leadership and communication skills with patients and their families, and exhibits a professional demeanor and behavior. The Dr. Milton Gellin Scholarship was awarded for the first time this spring.

Drs. Kleier and Barr intend to continue to fund these newly created scholarships each year and to support the scholarship recipients by providing ongoing assistance until the students complete their DMD degree.
Dan Seaver, former assistant dean of Admissions and Student Affairs of the UK College of Dentistry, was influential in shaping many UKCD alumni’s time on campus. His door was always open to students. While it has been over a decade since Dan Seaver’s passing, he is still remembered by many as someone who made a major impact on their lives.

UKCD continues to honor his legacy through the Dan Seaver Scholarship, awarded annually to a third or fourth year dental student who demonstrates outstanding achievement and participation in UKCD organizations and activities. Since 2003, it has benefitted 22 students.

This year, a new fundraiser, the Dan Seaver Scholarship Picnic, was held on April 24. Tickets were sold for an afternoon of food, fun, and friends at Dr. Teresa Lyon’s farm off Frankfort Pike. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni participated in activities including swimming, bubble soccer, and badminton. Several faculty and staff braved the dunking booth for a good cause. The event raised over $1,000 for the endowed scholarship.

Many thanks to Dr. Teresa Lyons for use of her farm, and Dr. Joe Petrey for underwriting the costs of the event.
UK Dental Students Becoming More Mindful

Studies show that mindfulness, the skill of learning to pay attention without judgment to one’s present-moment experience, offers a way to improve a person’s well-being. Mindfulness-based techniques and tools have been proven to provide significant improvement with anxiety, stress, and mood issues. Students in the UK College of Dentistry are increasingly engaging in mindfulness training to feel better balanced and address these and other potential problem areas.

During the fall of 2014, Christine Harper, assistant dean for student affairs and adjunct faculty, piloted a mindfulness program with first-year dental students in a UKCD special topics course. Guest speakers introduced the concept to students via seminars and mindfulness practices, which students could elect to practice. Seventy-five percent of participants reported using mindfulness techniques during the following semester. Students described feeling increased focus/attention, lower stress, more effective studying, better emotion regulation, and a decrease in negative physiological reactions to stress. The data collected before and after the course specifically showed a decrease in anxiety levels for those students who had reported having moderate- to high-level anxiety at the onset of the course.

On reflecting on the pilot course, UKCD student Bethany Burton said, “Because I have personally utilized mindfulness and know the benefits, I will most definitely, as a future dentist, use and introduce this to my patients…It’s the innovative thinking that UKCD has that will prepare me both academically and mentally for whatever adventures lie ahead of me in the field of dentistry.”

Harper now offers an elective four-week mindful mediation course to UKCD students, and hopes to later offer courses to UKCD faculty and staff. Students, in a group of 10 to 12, meet once per week for 75-minutes to discuss assigned reading and learn and practice mindfulness techniques. Participants are asked to practice techniques daily for 10-minutes and keep a journal.

The new offering is growing in popularity among students as more and more course participants share their positive experience with others.

“I found the course very beneficial. It provided me with the opportunity to take a step back and see the bigger picture, which really helps to put things into perspective in dental school…I’m very glad that I participated in the mindfulness course and have already recommended it to my classmates, especially if they are dealing with stress, poor-sleeping habits, jumbling thoughts, or any other problem…,” shared UKCD student Austin Delpont.

“To get the full benefit of mindfulness exercises, you have to buy in completely…,” shares UKCD student Troy Miller. “But if you fully immerse yourself in it, it will make a difference in your daily life.”
The 2016 ASDA Day event was held in February, in conjunction with the Vincent A. Barr Visiting Professorship Lecture.

The morning included a welcome and awards presentation by outgoing ASDA president Brad Skelton (’16). Hunter Hazle (’17) was inducted as the 2016-2017 president.

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Hinman Scholarships Awarded

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry students Blake Dickens (’17) and Stephen Haverkos (’17) have been awarded scholarships from the Hinman Dental Society. The awards were announced at the 104th Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.

Dickens is from Owensboro, Ky., and received his undergraduate degree in Human Nutritional Sciences with a minor in Biology from University of Kentucky.

Haverkos, who is from Park Hills, Ky., received a degree in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati and worked as a technical controls engineer and project manager for Procter and Gamble before attending dental school.

The Hinman Dental Society has promoted continuing education in the dental profession since 1912 and began granting scholarships to dental students in 1986. Recipients of the scholarships are selected by the dean of the college. They also must be junior student members of the American Dental Association (ADA), as well as in the top 10 percent of their class.

“It is an honor to receive such a prestigious award,” said Haverkos. “It was a fun experience to network with young dentists and learn about new technology and practice strategies. It has motivated me to be an active member and leader within the dental community through societies such as the Hinman Dental Society.”

Student recipients of the scholarships are known as “Hinman Scholars.” In addition to receiving scholarship money, Hinman Scholars were invited to attend the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta March 18-20, 2016. The awards are presented to students at a special luncheon held on Saturday during the meeting.

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In support of the Seal Kentucky program, UK College of Dentistry first-year dental students visited four elementary schools in the state last fall. The Seal Kentucky program is a community-based dental sealant program for elementary-aged school children at select schools in rural Kentucky.

Schools with high free- or reduced-lunch fee program participation, and few or no local dentists, are generally targeted when selecting treatment locations; as these children may experience higher barriers to receiving oral health care. UK dental students and faculty visited Clay City, Sandy Hook, Ashland, and Butler to provide a dental examination, cleaning, fluoride treatment, sealants, and a brushing and flossing demonstration to 388 participating elementary students in kindergarten through fifth grade.

For UK’s dental students, the program provides their first exposure with providing treatment to a patient. For local communities, the program helps to reduce tooth decay, underscore the steps needed to maintain good oral health, and promote a positive dentistry experience with the community’s youth population.

“I would go on a sealant trip every semester if I could,” said UK dental student Marc Lester. “I’ll never forget the moment when that first kid walked up to my dental chair.”

“Taking part in the seal trip was an awesome experience that I will always remember because those were my first real patients”, said dental student Paige Higdon. “I learned that with enough effort you can encourage any kid to like dentistry and they leave with a smile on their face.”

The College's overall mobile outreach program celebrated 25 years of service to the Commonwealth in 2015. The UK Division of Public Health Dentistry began the Seal Kentucky program, one component of the overall mobile outreach program, in 1996.

UK dental students set up the mobile clinic on a Sunday and provide treatment during local school hours the following Monday and Tuesday. Dental students work in teams of two to provide care, taking turns serving in the role of clinician and assistant. In addition to gaining experience with working with children and applying dental sealants, they also gain experience in setting up a portable community dental clinic, completing a community assessment, and gain a better understanding of various patient populations and public health.

“My first experience with these trips was also as a first-year UK College of Dentistry student and now I’ve been involved as a professor for eight years,” said assistant professor Kelly Dingrando. “It’s wonderful to see dental students grow into being comfortable working with children and even consider pediatric dentistry when they graduate. They’re also learning one way to give back to communities. At the same time, young Kentuckians are receiving care and learning more about oral health. We’re hoping with each new generation, we’ll see greater oral health literacy.”
Each year numerous awards are given to members of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry graduating class on behalf of alumni, professional organizations, and national corporations. This year’s awards were bestowed at the Senior Award Banquet, which was sponsored by Proctor and Gamble/Crest Oral-B. The following awards were presented to selected student dentists in the Class of 2016:

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Congratulations are extended to each award recipient and all graduates of the Class of 2016 on behalf of the entire College community.
The Omicron Kappa Upsilon Chapter at the UK College of Dentistry recently inducted six new members from the Class of 2016. Only the top 20 percent of the class is academically eligible, and only 60 percent of those eligible may be elected based on scholarship, demonstration of exemplary traits of character, and potential qualities of future professional growth and attainment.

This year’s new members are: Meagan Aull, Alli Bergmann, Amanda Maize, Michael McQuinn, Michael Rechtin, and Rachel Riley.

During the awards ceremony, Stephen Haverkos (’17) received the William S. Kramer Award of Excellence. This award recognizes a junior dental student who has demonstrated excellence in scholarship, character, and the potential promise for advancement of dentistry and service to humanity.

Ryan Kinn (’18) received the Basic Science Award. The recipient of this award is a second-year dental student elected by the Basic Science faculty of the University of Kentucky and is recognized as the overall most outstanding student in the basic sciences through two years of basic science training.

Two UK College of Dentistry faculty also were inducted. Dr. Ted Raybould was named the faculty inductee, and Dr. Lorri Ann Morford was named an honorary inductee.

OKU was pleased to welcome Dr. Harry Bohannan, the college’s second dean, as guest speaker. Dr. Bohannan spoke of the college’s beginning, recruiting students, and working with the team created by the first dean, Dr. Al Morris. Their goal was to create graduates who were biologically oriented, technically capable, and socially sensitive dental practitioners. He was extremely proud of their accomplishments in having an impact in improving the oral health of Kentuckians.
2015-2016 Scholarship Recipients Announced at Luncheon

Each year, student dentists benefit from the generosity of alumni and their families, friends, and supporters. In April, a luncheon was hosted by the UK College of Dentistry for all 2015-2016 scholarship recipients and donors during which the following scholarship recipients were announced:

**Academic Excellence Scholarship – Class of 2016:** Meagan Aull, Philip Bates, Alli Bergmann, Haley Buchanan, Evan Cox, Amanda Maize, Mike McQuinn, Michael Rechtin, Rachel Riley, Bradley Skelton, and Emily Steiner.

**Academic Excellence Scholarship – Class of 2017:** Madison Beach, Joseph Blalock, Michael Burns, Jennifer Carver, Lura Cash, Paige Daney, Blake Dickens, Joshua George, Elizabeth Goebel, Mary Kate Graham, Stephen Haverkos, Chase Hodge, Dustin Mayrand, Briana Price, and David Roe.

**ADA Foundation Dental Student Scholarship:** Cailynn West (’18)

**UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship:** Amanda Maize (’16)

**Dan Seaver Scholarship:** Stephen Haverkos (’17) and Bradley Skelton (’16)

**Dorothy Cavins Memorial Scholarship:** Ryan Kinn (’18)

**Dr. Donald T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship:** Matthew Clark (’16)

**Dr. Oakie G. Newsome Memorial Scholarship:** Sabra Wilson (’19)

**Dr. Susan B. McEvoy Memorial Scholarship:** Mary Kate Graham (’17), William Cole Hackett (’17), and Alexandria Maxson (’18)

**Drs. Nero and Biggerstaff Diversity Scholarship:** Denise Adegoke (’18) and Whitney White (’18)

**Lyman T. Johnson Fellowship:** Jenny Alas (’17), Scotty Blanchard (’17), and Catherine Wright (’19)

**Margaret Neal Jewell Memorial Scholarship:** Cailynn West (’18)

**Pierre Fauchard Leadership Scholarship:** Blake Dickens (’17)

**Sharon K. Butler, DMD Memorial Scholarship:** Elizabeth Goebel (’17)

**Thomas P. Hinman Dental Scholarship:** Blake Dickens (’17) and Stephen Haverkos (’17)

**Charles G. & Edith J. Dickerson Scholarship:** Lura Cash (’17)

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The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry welcomed 65 new students into the dental profession with the presentation of the traditional doctors white coat at a ceremony August 21, 2015, at Memorial Hall on UK’s campus.

The College of Dentistry Alumni Association, American College of Dentistry, and the International College of Dentistry sponsored the event, making it possible for each member of the class to receive a personalized monogrammed white coat.

Keynote speaker Dr. Stephanos Kyrkanides, dean of the College of Dentistry, charged the class of 2019 to reflect on this rite of passage and to «accept both the rights and the responsibilities that come with the role of a dental professional.»

“We will help guide your steps for the next four years,” Kyrkanides said. “…you will be well prepared to walk the professional path on your own thereafter when you constantly reflect on both the rights and the responsibilities of caring for the oral and overall health of your patients.”

“The white coat ceremony was such an exciting and humbling experience…,” said class of 2019 President Taylor Blaylock. “Receiving our white coats really put it all in perspective—that we are officially on the way to becoming dentists.”

The College of Dentistry’s class of 2019 is comprised of 31 males and 34 females, 43 of whom are from Kentucky.
The UK College of Dentistry Student Research Day was held in conjunction with the 11th Annual CCTS Spring Conference in April. The focus was on Personalized Medicine with talks in the morning from Dr. Samden Lhatoo, a neurologist from Case Western and Dr. Robert DiPaola, new dean of the UK College of Medicine. Both focused on the current and future use of Big Data approaches to change the way disease is identified, categorized and treated. Dr. Donna Arnett, the new dean of the UK College of Public Health, put the personalized medicine initiative into context with the pandemic diseases that afflict Kentucky and the nation and how this new approach will need to be balanced with more classic approaches to improving population health. All of these were intriguing and should make our dental community start thinking of how we should/could/must adopt and adapt this new era of evidence generation for the future of dentistry and oral health.

In the afternoon, UKCD held its research activities where 30 research projects were presented. Below is a listing of the outcomes for the UKCD research posters:

**Graduate Student/Resident Translational Clinical Research:**

1st Place: Dr. Tyresia White, Periodontics (mentor: Dr. Gonzalez) – Epithelial cell death is differentially induced by commensals and pathogens.

2nd Place: Dr. Ishita Bhavsar, Periodontics (mentor: Dr. Al-Sabbagh) – Biomarkers associated with peri-implantitis and response to surgical therapy.

3rd Place: Dr. Ashley Betz, Orthodontics (mentors: Drs. Hartsfield and Morford) – Genetic association of GHR and IGF-1 with facial growth.

**Graduate Student/Resident Applied Clinical Research:**

1st Place: Dr. Samer Faraj, Periodontics (mentor: Dr. Al-Sabbagh) – Comparison of amnion chorion and bovine collagen membrane for socket bone augmentation: A clinical and histological study.

2nd Place: Dr. Rebecca Parr, Pediatric Dentistry (mentor: Dr. Turner) – Capnography for patient monitoring during moderate sedation in pediatric dentistry.

3rd Place: Dr. Pratishtha Mishra, Orofacial Pain (mentor: Dr. Okeson) – Effects of intraoral administration of onabotulinumtoxin A in intractable persistent dentoalveolar pain: A case series.

**Case Reports:** (This recognition was recommended by the judges based upon the caliber of the presentation. Next year CRD will add this as a routine category for presentation.)

Dr. Eric Mencarelli, OMFS (mentor: Dr. Curtis) – Reconstruction of oral commissure defect: radial forearm free flap.

**DMD Students:**

1st Place: Nate Reuter (mentor: Dr. Miller) – Dentistry and fatal outcomes: A systematic review. (Dentsply Award)

2nd Place: Ashwin Ravisankar (mentor: Dr. Kutkut) – Stability and crestal bone changes around implants immediately loaded for mandibular overdentures: A randomized controlled study.

3rd Place: Alexandria Maxson (mentor: Dr. Hasan) – HIV testing in dental practices, is it practical? (ADA Research Conference) and Nashwin Laugani (mentor: Dr. Dawson and Aalboe) – Physical and psychological impact of periodontitis on perpetuation of negative factors for the underprivileged. (Hinman Conference)

For more details, visit dentistry.uky.edu/research-day.
UK College of Dentistry Recognizes 2016 Graduates

Members of the Class of 2016 were recognized at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry’s 51st College Convocation for Presentation of Academic Hoods on May 8. Family, friends, faculty, staff, and honored guests were present at Memorial Hall to recognize the achievements of the graduating class.

Dean Stephanos Kyrkanides presided over the hooding ceremony. Dr. Cliff Lowdenback ('03) brought greetings from the UKCD Alumni Association. He was joined by Dr. Bill Collins, president of the Kentucky Dental Association and Dr. Bill Lee ('81), spoke on behalf of the Blue Grass Dental Society.

Dr. Jeff Okeson ('72), division chief of Orofacial Pain and director of the college’s Orofacial Pain Center, was chosen by the graduating class to speak for the college. Taylor Cox, president of the Class of 2016, spoke on behalf of his class. Dr. Thomas Cooper, professor emeritus, UK College of Dentistry, led the assemblage in the singing of the “UK Alma Mater” and “My Old Kentucky Home.”
Class of 2016 graduates Dr. Amanda Maize and Dr. Christina Giles

A family of UKCD graduates. From left, Dr. Olivia Faulkner Estes ('13), Dr. William Faulkner ('79), Dr. Brooke Faulkner ('16) and Dr. Ryan Estes ('08 and '12 Perio)

Dr. Eric Jacobson and Dr. Natalie Nelsen

Dr. Brad Skelton and Dr. Drew McCaffrey

From left, Drs. Mary Wiechart, Justin Armbruster, Taylor Ackermann and Kala Kane.

A family of UKCD graduates. From left, Dr. Olivia Faulkner Estes ('13), Dr. William Faulkner ('79), Dr. Brooke Faulkner ('16) and Dr. Ryan Estes ('08 and '12 Perio)
Roger Ewing (’69) writes, “I live each day with memories of my 1969 graduating class and the faculty that was associated. Happy memories with contributing professors dominate the experiences. The BEST educational experience I have ever had in the warmest community for learning. It is a heritage that I hope will be passed on to many others.”

Robert Henry (’81) and his work at Mission Lexington Dental Clinic were featured in a November 16, 2015 Lexington Herald Leader article. Henry is a founding board member of the clinic, which opened in 2006. To read the article in its entirety, visit www.kentucky.com/living/article45099879.html.

Doyle Freano (’82) recently received the “Passion for Dentistry” award in St. Petersburg, Fl., from the Dawson Academy. It is given annually to a dentist and recognizes passion for and advancement of the dental profession. Freano currently is president of the Dawson Academy Alumni Association and he produces 10 webinars annually on a wide variety of scientific and management topics for their members. He is shown here with Dr. Peter Dawson, founder, Dr. John Cranham, clinical director, and Joan Forest, CEO.

Greg Carman (’96) presented an award in the amount of $500, on behalf of Lexington Endodontics, to Ryan Kinn (’18) who demonstrated the highest level of aptitude/clinical proficiency in the pre-clinical anterior/posterior endodontic courses. The recipient was selected by the endodontic faculty. Carman also is the 2016-2017 president of the Blue Grass Dental Society.

Lauren Stone (’14) and her dental office, Diamond Valley Dental Care in Evansville, In., along with another local office, hosted their First Annual Free Dentistry Day and plan a second free dental day in September 2016. Services were offered on a first come, first served basis where patients could receive one service: a cleaning, a filling, or an extraction. The first patient was seen at 7 a.m. People camped out the night before to start getting in line at 3 a.m. By 8:30 a.m. they had to stop signing people up in order to be able to complete all treatment. They treated 150 people and gave back over $45,000 in dental services to the community. Supplies were donated from local specialist offices. Lauren’s office also won the Evansville Courier and Press Readers’ Choice Award for Best Dentist in Evansville.

Lee Zamos (’15) recently completed a GPR with the University of Washington and started a job in the Indian Health Service with the Tulalip Tribes in Tulalip, Wa., as a full time staff dentist. While at UKCD, he completed his externship with this tribe.
MARRIAGES
Jonathan Roden (’12) was married to Colleen Davis on September 5, 2015 in Lexington.

Kate Mudd (’14) and Scott Qualmann were married in Lexington on October 3, 2015.

Courtney Lundin (’12) married Jim McKeever in Denver, Co. on October 10, 2015.

Jared Shelton (’11) and Andrea Chadwick (’14 GPR) were married on November 21, 2015 in Lexington.

BIRTHS
Michael (’06) and Katherine (’06) Beiting welcomed baby girl Katherine Elizabeth born July 11, 2015.

Jay Claywell (’09) and his wife, Lauren, are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter, Carli Brooke, born December 3, 2015.

Alex Mayes Young (’09) and husband, Adam, welcome baby girl Amelia.

Lauren Massey Williams (’09) and husband, Ricky, welcome baby girl London.

Abby Lavelle Staffieri (’12) and her husband welcomed a new son, George James, on March 31, 2016. The proud grandfather is Paul Lavelle (’78).

Cynthia Taylor Thomas (’14), her husband, Timothy, and 4 year old daughter welcomed a new baby girl, Aniya Chanel, on March 15, 2016.

Dr. Teresa Boyd (’00) at her dental practice in Lexington where she has one operatory devoted to UK memorabilia. Notice that the chair also is University of Kentucky!
The Distinguished Alumnus Award was established 11 years ago to honor alumni of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. Distinguished alumni must meet certain criteria, including showing loyalty to their college and displaying excellence and merit in the profession of dentistry. They must also exhibit community leadership and make both the college and the profession proud.

The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Alumni Association awarded the 2015 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award to Dr. Mark Davis during the Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend.

Davis is a 1967 graduate of the UK College of Dentistry. Currently retired, he had been in private practice in Clearwater, Fl., since 1968. He is past president of the Upper Pinellas County Dental Association, and has continued to be active in organized dentistry at the local, district, state, and national levels. He served as president of the American Board of Implantology in 2000 and has served as general chairman at the American Academy of Implant Dentistry Annual Meetings.

A guest lecturer to senior dental students, Davis had a faculty appointment from 1983 through 1991 at UK College of Dentistry. He has presented scientific programs and seminars in the field of implant and restorative dentistry to many groups since 1979. He also is a past visiting clinical professor in Professional Development at Baylor College of Dentistry.

He is an elected member of numerous dental organizations and received the prestigious Aaron Gershkoff Memorial Award from the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He also was voted a Top Dentist in Tampa Bay by his peers and served the Florida Board of Dentistry as an expert reviewer in implant and restorative dentistry cases.

Davis received many nominations for this award from his classmates, peers, and office staff, and from his daughter, Dr. Lea Wheeler, a 1997 graduate of UK College of Dentistry.

On October 7, 2016, we will be electing new officers for the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association Board at the Friday morning CE course during Alumni Weekend.

The executive board consists of a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, as well as at-large members who all are voting members. Candidates must be members of the UKCD Alumni Association. The term of office for the executive board shall be two years, and the officer may hold the same position for two successive terms. At-large members are asked to serve a two-year term. Four dental students, each representing his or her class, and a resident make up the remainder of the board.

Meetings are held at least four times per year in the evening at the College. During meetings, business is discussed regarding upcoming events and activities regarding the Association and the College. The board is responsible for voting on the Distinguished Alumnus of the Award and the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship recipient.

For more information or to submit a nominee, please contact Sue McConnell at 859-323-6676 or smmcco2@uky.edu.
Record Number Attend Seventh Annual Barrels & Kegs and Silent Auction

The UK College of Dentistry held its Seventh Annual Barrels & Kegs and Silent Auction on Friday, February 5, at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. The event serves as a fundraiser for the UKCD Alumni Association to support student and alumni programs.

A record 360 people attended and a great time was had by all! Our featured distillers were Four Roses, Jim Beam, Town Branch by Alltech, Heaven Hill, and Barrel House Distillery. The tasting included samples from local microbreweries, Alltech, Country Boy Brewing, and Blue Stallion Brewing Company. We were fortunate to have Jim Beam’s master distiller, Fred Noe, there to talk to the crowd about bourbon.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. We would like to thank our Silver Level Sponsor, Kentucky Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and our Bronze Level Sponsor, Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg, for their support.

Details on the 8th Annual Barrels & Kegs and Silent Auction, scheduled for February 10, 2017, will be posted to dentistry.uky.edu/alumni when available.

Thanks to everyone who donated silent auction items.

Hilary Halverstadt ('17), Jessica Martin ('17), Jane Jordan ('87), Courtney Burns ('17) and Lindsy Martin.

Adam Thompson ('04) and Bob Henry ('81)

Clark Cash ('86), Logan Cash ('18), and Taylor Hoover ('86)

Katie Hollenkamp Salmon ('13), Lucy Wachs ('11 and '15 Ortho), and Patrick Pauly
The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry hosted alumni, friends, and students for the Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend, sponsored by the UKCD Alumni Association, in October 2015. Friday began with a continuing education course presented by Dr. Craig Miller from the UK College of Dentistry. The class of 2016 was invited by the UKCD Alumni Association to attend the continuing education course. Following the course, Amanda Maize (‘16) was awarded the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship in the amount of $3,500.

More than 75 people enjoyed a day at the races and a luncheon at Keeneland’s Saddling Paddock Chalet. Racing was followed by a cocktail reception and dinner at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown. During dinner members of the classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, and 2010 were honored, as was Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. Mark Davis (‘67).

Many alumni gathered at the tailgate on Saturday afternoon and then went on to watch the UK Wildcats’ 34-27 win over the Eastern Kentucky Colonels. Make plans to attend the 40th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend, October 7-8, 2016. More information at dentistry.uky.edu/alumni.
Fun on the Golf Course for a Good Cause

On Saturday, August 15, 2015, the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Alumni Association held their annual golf scramble at the University Club of Kentucky Big Blue course in support of scholarships and programs for UKCD students and alumni. Golfers enjoyed lunch prior to playing in perfect golf weather.

Participants included UKCD alumni, faculty, students, and friends. Golfers shot for hole in one prizes including a Mercedes, a trip for two to the Masters Tournament, and $10,000 in cash.

First place trophies were taken home by Wes Coffman ('78), Evan Cox ('16), Jon Scalf, and Stan Scalf ('83) with a score of 56. Our second place team, with a score of 59, from the class of 2017 was Daniel Dela Cruz, Cole Hackett, Austin Hixenbaugh, and Matthew Whitson. Third place, with a score of 59, went to Don Michael Hendricks ('08), Chris Herren ('98), Cliff Lowdenback ('03), and Adam Thompson ('04). The closest to the pin winner was Chris Herren, longest putt winner was Andrew Stucki ('17), and longest drive winner was Todd Martin ('17).

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Every level of golfer is welcome to this annual event. More details at dentistry.uky.edu/alumni.
L to R, Tyler Bolin ('13), Gary Walden ('83), Andy Walden ('13) and Amanda Walden ('17)

L to R, Frank Wright ('84), Michael Hawks ('85), Todd Martin ('17) and Corbin Hawks ('17)

Gypsie Hutchinson and Bill Smith ('68)

Elliot Neuman teeing off for a hole in one

Tom McConnell and Elliot Neuman ('11) making a long putt

The University Club’s Big Blue Course

Greg Brussell ('16) and Andrew Mitchell ('17)

Dickson Ufomata ('09 GPR)
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