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OCTOBER 2-3, 2015

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39th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend!

Weekend events include a Friday morning CE course followed by an afternoon at Keeneland. We will have a Reception and Dinner at the Hilton Lexington Downtown and all alumni are invited to attend. At the dinner, we will be honoring the reunion year classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 and 2010, and the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented. On Saturday, we will have a tailgate party before the UK v. Eastern Kentucky University football game.
Mission Statement

The mission of the College of Dentistry is to improve oral health and general health through teaching, research, and service. The mission is supported by collaborative engagement and by networking with community and academic partners to promote oral health literacy and reduce health disparities within Kentucky and beyond.

The College educates health professionals to become active citizen leaders who are conscious of their personal and professional responsibilities in a global society. The College values diversity within its community, which includes diversity of thought and experience, in order to promote a humanistic approach to education, patient care, and community service.

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Calendar

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SEPTEMBER 11
American Association of Women Dentists Annual Fashion Show & Silent Auction
The Campbell House
Lexington, Ky.

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NOVEMBER 7
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Washington, DC

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Alumni Reception at the AAP Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center
Kissimmee, Fl.

2016
FEBRUARY 5
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Hilton Downtown Lexington
Lexington, Ky.

MARCH 4
Alumni Reception at the KDA Louisville, Ky.

MARCH 18
Alumni Reception at the Hinman
Atlanta, Ga.

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last letter to you from the position as Dean of the College of Dentistry. I have loved being in this role, despite the inherent challenges and stresses that come with such a role. I have come to view this dental school as far more important to my professional life than my own alma mater. Why would I make such a statement? I say it, because it is the people and their loyalty, their attitudes, demonstration of attachment and support for an institution, which gives it its true greatness. An institution's character and culture are defined by its people, and I believe that this dental school is truly unique among dental schools for that very reason.

I see this among staff members who work incredibly hard to give their best so that patients have an outstanding treatment experience and students have an outstanding learning experience. Day after day in small and often subtle ways, the staff members maintain a professional, positive and caring attitude towards all with whom they come in contact. It is the effort of the staff which so often makes the difference between a positive experience and an unpleasant one. By being attentive to the needs of others and being knowledgeable about the operations of the College, they keep things running smoothly and continually encourage patients, students and faculty who go about their activities of receiving dental treatment, learning or teaching. The staff form the base of the pyramid- the portion that supports the remainder of the structure.

I also see hard work and incredible commitment from our faculty. Many of them spend more hours here than they do with their own families- including evening and weekend time that it takes to meet deadlines for teaching assignments, committee work, or the scholarly activity which defines them as academicians. Their dedication to transforming our students into competent professionals is truly inspirational. This very talented group of educators could be making significantly more money had they elected to pursue private dental practice, and yet, they have chosen to pursue academic careers where they make less money and work longer hours. They do this because they are totally devoted to helping our students become the best that they can be, helping them develop critical thinking and analytic skills, psychomotor skills, and interactive people skills. There is no more sacred responsibility than that of faculty at a professional school where the future health and well-being of thousands of patients is at stake. Our faculty do this well.

I see strong, bright, energetic, idealist, students at UKCD. Most of them could have gone to any dental school in the country, but they chose to come here. They made that choice because they knew that the learning environment here IS unique. They know that this school’s commitment to outreach and service is second to none. They know that the relationship that they are able to have with the faculty is incredibly special because of the size of our school, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the expected atmosphere of collegiality and respect that exists. These incredible students are civically involved at a level most of my generation never even contemplated. These students understand that their world is a global one in which helping those in need is as respected that exists.

I see patients with significant needs who do not have the resources to seek dental treatment in more traditional venues. These patients are so very grateful for the treatment that they receive here and so willing to be supportive for our students as they learn to become dentists. I cannot tell you how many times I have run into people in the Lexington community who, upon learning that I work at UKCD, stop to tell me how wonderful their students are in providing compassionate and excellent care, and how much more they understand about their own oral health because of their experience in a teaching clinic setting.

I see the best alumni that any school could ever have. Our alumni support UKCD by attending reunions and other events, serving on committees, donating money, and helping us recruit first rate dental students to carry on the tradition of the school. Reputations and traditions are honed by alumni, and UKCD is very fortunate to have a marvelous cohort of dedicated alumni.

Thus, it is sad for me to step away from my relationships with staff, faculty, students, patients and alumni that I have built during the past 12 years. I am confident that new leadership will take this College to even higher heights. And I hope to watch that happen as I am playing with my grandchildren, gardening, reading and traveling in my retirement. I want to thank all of the wonderful and dedicated people who are associated with UKCD for allowing me to serve in what has truly been the best job I have ever had- a true labor of love.

Sincerely,

Sharon Turner
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Andrew Johnson. Harry Truman. Lyndon Johnson. Three men that are very important figures in the history of our great country, not only because they served as President, but because they had huge shoes to fill because of who they succeeded – Abraham Lincoln, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and John F. Kennedy.

The shoes that I am trying to fill as president of the Alumni Association are as equally intimidating. Dr. Cliff Lowdenback spent the last four years planning and executing an amazing plan for our Alumni Association. He had a vision to expand our board to be able to involve more members so that we had greater input from alumni. He had a vision to become more involved with the student body. He had a vision of bigger and better things to come for our Alumni Association, and he has succeeded in putting a plan in place.

When I attended my first Alumni Association meeting over six years ago, we met with approximately ten people present – which included the Dean, Sue McConnell, a faculty representative, and a few board members. Six years later, at the first meeting I presided over, we had well over twenty people present. The increasing involvement of our alumni as active board members has allowed us to have greater discussions and present more ideas for future endeavors.

We have become more involved with the students by providing jerseys for intramural events and games and also providing a water fountain for their student lounge. Both of these were ideas that were presented by students during meetings, and making them happen has shown the student body that we have their best interests at heart. The student representative involvement has led to two recent graduates immediately becoming at-large board members. This should allow for us to keep the trend for the Alumni Association on the rise.

As we continue to look for ways to become even more involved, I can't help but be encouraged by the growth of our Alumni Association. The hard work of Dr. Lowdenback, Sue McConnell, and all of the recent board members is something of which we can all be proud. The staples of the Alumni Association – the Fall Symposium, the Bourbon and Beer tasting, the Alumni golf tournament – have all become huge successes and will allow us to continue to provide scholarships, jerseys, and anything else we can to make sure the students know we are here for them.

I look forward to serving the students, the school, and my Alumni Association to the best of my ability. In the illustrious words of one of the great Presidents listed above, Mr. Abraham Lincoln, “Whatever you are, be a good one.”

Sincerely,

Michael Day, D.M.D
President, UKCD Alumni Association
What was it about UK and UKCD that attracted you?
The UK College of Dentistry is world renowned for many of its educational and clinical programs. During the interview and selection process, I had the opportunity to appreciate the strengths of our college and convincingly pursue the opportunity to join the exceptional students, residents, staff, and faculty here at UK.

When meeting with the chair of the search committee, Dr. Jeffrey Okeson, and others for the first time, there was a sense about them that I clicked with, and I thought that if these people represent who I will be working with at UK, I really want to join them. I can work for and work with these people.

I am truly honored to be given this opportunity to lead the College of Dentistry, and delighted to be signing on to the bold vision defined and being executed by the spectacular leadership of University President Eli Capilouto, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs Michael Karpf, and Provost Tim Tracy.

What impressed you most about UK and UKCD?
UKCD has enjoyed tremendous growth under the leadership of Dean Turner over the last decade, which was clearly evident when touring the college. In fact, my impression was that UKCD is “bursting at the seams” from activity, from its outreach efforts and beyond. To this end, the college is poised for continuing along this outstanding path of excellence and greatness.

The college is a gem, but very humble. Everyone is doing their work with a lot of pride. There are first-class students, educators, and programs. While some efforts and people have received public attention, others are still very much a secret to the rest of the world. I’m hoping to take the lid off and expose more of what UKCD is doing to support our current and past students, the profession, and the Commonwealth.

How do you view your role as dean?
There is no ceiling to what the school can achieve. As a realistic optimist by nature and consensus builder as a leader, I will work very hard to facilitate the talented faculty, students, staff, and residents in reaching their greatest potential. I’m here to be their strongest advocate, and hope to be their lifelong friend and colleague. I will listen and engage stakeholders in decision processes, and work to build multi-disciplinary teams to fulfill the mission of the college and university.
What attracted you to dentistry?
I liked the versatility the profession offered. Despite my father being a dentist, dental school was still challenging at times. Upon finishing my degree, I went on to study orthodontics. My dexterity allowed me to be good at bending those wires, and I was really fascinated by the fourth dimension, the time element in growth and development, as it relates to treatment.

Who had the biggest influence on you growing up?
A family friend, Robert Gorlin, had a big impact on me. He was a Regents’ Professor of Oral Pathology at the University of Minnesota, and was world-renowned for his work on human genetics. He inspired me when I was a teenager to become an academician, in addition to a practicing dentist.

Also I heard Eugene Roberts speak, when he was the Chair of Orthodontics at Indiana University, about his work with NASA on the influence of gravity on the development on bone-forming cells. He was a board-certified clinician conducting investigations with NASA. When I heard him speak about his work, I thought that’s what I want to do when I grow up.

How would you summarize your past work?
Very early in my professional life, I made the commitment to pursue an academic career, which encompassed the pursuit of excellence in teaching, clinical instruction, scholarship, biomedical research, administration, and leadership. This decision was influenced by the people I’ve already mentioned. I believe that innovation and the ability to form multi-disciplinary collaborations are the attributes that best characterize my previous and future work.

What are your interests outside of your career?
My wife, Sabine, and our two children, Nicole and James, are my life outside work. We enjoy spending time together as a family. Recently Sabine, the children, and I have been focused on entrepreneurship. Our conversations revolve around ideas and business models, and how you can benefit the people of a community through a business. Over the last two years, we’ve spun off several startup companies. The most recent one involves a concept my son thought of and worked to hire engineers to develop the software code to bring this idea to life.

Our extended family is also very important to us as well. We are scattered all over the globe. It’s important to us all to make the extra effort to reach out and connect with everyone on a regular basis.

The family also really enjoys learning about cultures through food, like Anthony Bourdain in his Parts Unknown series. We enjoy trying new things whenever we can and look forward to finding new favorites in Kentucky.

What are the main areas of opportunity at UKCD?
During the recent recruitment and selection process, I had the opportunity to familiarize myself with the University of Kentucky and the College of Dentistry and understand its strengths in relation to other universities across the country. In particular, some areas I’ve identified thus far as opportunities at the college include: Continue to excel as an oral health care home for the Commonwealth of Kentucky—supporting local dentists with our specialty care services; Modernize our facilities and invest in digital dentistry—making sure our students have a top-notch educational experience with the latest tools and techniques; Expand our training programs and continuing education activities; Increase our research activities and leverage existing strengths and new campus-wide initiatives through collaborations; and Pursue the “raise a family” principle with our students, providing connection and support—students should feel sad to leave at graduation as UKCD has become a home. I’m sure additional opportunities will present themselves as I begin my tenure at UKCD.

Is there anything else you would like to share?
I look forward to connecting with and hearing from alumni and friends of the college. It’s important that I hear their thoughts as I work to help the college address the areas I mentioned and do its part in addressing the oral health needs of Kentuckians.
Dr. Harold Laswell Retires from UK College of Dentistry

Dr. Harold Laswell, professor and assistant dean, Professional Relations, retired from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in March 2015. He had been with the college since 1967, five years after opening its doors. Laswell held various positions with the college during his tenure, including the chairmanship of Restorative Dentistry for 20 years, associate dean for Patient Care Services for 12 years and the role of assistant dean for Professional Relations and Continuing Education. He has enjoyed the opportunity to be a contributing member and officer of International Academies and has many friends and colleagues around the world. Serving as clinical consultant for numerous ADA site visits provided a broad understanding of and appreciation for the many effective approaches to clinical teaching.

Laswell received his DDS and MSD degrees from Indiana University School of Dentistry, and with the urging of friends, Dr. Tom Mullaney, Dr. Bob Spedding, and Dr. Steve Dachi, who were on the faculty at UKCD, he visited the college. He was impressed with the youth and enthusiasm of the faculty and with the advanced state of education and their unique mission. The fact that those who taught clinical subjects were provided with the resources and encouragement to be full participants in academic pursuits, including research, was also impressive. When offered a position with the Restorative Department faculty, he was pleased to accept.

Laswell has thoroughly enjoyed witnessing and participating in the development of skills in students. “There is nothing more satisfying than seeing individuals who come in knowing little and graduate knowing much about the profession of Dentistry,” said Laswell. He knows they will forever be challenged by the continuously improving concepts, techniques, and materials available to provide dental care. For that reason, he was pleased to be responsible for the Continuing Education program at UKCD. He is remembered and respected by many.

The College of Dentistry hosted a retirement reception for Laswell in April. An award has been established in Dr. Laswell’s name. For more information, please see page 31.
Welcome New Faculty

Dr. Rowida Abdalla - Restorative Dentistry - Abdalla is a native of Egypt. She received her DDS and MS in Operative Dentistry from Ain Shams University Dental School in Cairo, Egypt. She completed a Fellowship in Community Dentistry and a two-year AEGD program, both at the Eastman Dental Center of the University of Rochester. She has taught restorative dentistry at Misr International University in Cairo. Her interest in research was in the area of dental radiology while in Egypt and her AEGD research project is entitled “Histology of Non Carious Cervical Lesions.”

Dr. Suniti Bhattari - Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, and Oral Radiology – Bhattari is a native of Nepal and attended dental school at the De Montmorency College of Dentistry in Pakistan. She completed an MS degree in Biomedical/Environmental Sciences at Louisiana State University, a year of GPR training at Meharry Medical College, and another year of GPR training at Carolinas Medical Center. She has served as a visiting scholar at the People's Dental College in Kathmandu, Nepal providing lectures on the subject of “Oral Mucosal Diseases.” She has won an award for excellence in knowledge and application of dental pharmacology to dental patient treatment. She was in private practice for several years in both Virginia and Louisiana.

Dr. Isabel Moreno Hay - Orofacial Pain – Moreno Hay is a native of Spain and was teaching at the University Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid prior to joining UKCD faculty. She received her DDS from the University of Madrid where she also completed her Specialist in Implanted Prosthodontics Certificate and her PhD. She attended the two-year certificate program in Orofacial Pain at the UK College of Dentistry and has successfully completed the written component for her board certification from the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. She has published 12 journal articles in multiple languages, including Dutch, French, Spanish, and English. Moreno Hay’s research interest is in sleep apnea.

Dr. Galal Omami - Oral Diagnosis, Oral Medicine, and Oral Radiology - Omami is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and teaches radiology and interpreting diagnostic images. He received his BDS and MSc degrees in Anatomy from Benghazi University, where he also completed two years of training in oral and maxillofacial surgery before coming to the United States to earn his MSc and Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the University of Connecticut. Prior to accepting his current position with UKCD, he served as assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Hong Kong. He has authored or contributed to authoring 20 scientific manuscripts.

Dr. Hermeet Walia – Endodontics - Walia was born in Burma and grew up in India. He received his BDS and MSD in Dentistry at the University of Bombay. He received an MS in Biomaterial at Marquette University, followed by an MS in Endodontics and a DDS degree at the same institution. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics. He has held faculty positions at Marquette University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and the University of Florida. He has also served as the post-graduate program director for Endodontic Post-Graduate Programs at both Marquette and the University of Florida. He has also served several years as a consultant at both the Saudi Aramco Hospital and the Hospital of King Fahad National Guard in Saudi Arabia. He has published multiple articles in peer reviewed publications.
The Orthodontic Faculty Practice will be moving to a much-anticipated new facility at Turfland on Harrodsburg Road in 2015. In addition, the Oral Surgery Faculty Practice and General Dentistry will move to the same location. The facility, UK HealthCare at Turfland, will also include Family & Community Medicine, Sports Medicine, Sports Rehabilitation, Travel Medicine, and Occupational Medicine, as well as lab services, a pharmacy, and an eye care center.

Grant Awarded
A Novel Multicenter Faculty Career Enrichments in Orthodontics (FACEs in Orthodontics) Consortium grant was recently awarded to R. Scott Conley, DMD/Regents of the University of Michigan. Conley will receive $250,000 from this five-year grant from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. Core investigators include faculty from the University of Connecticut, the University of Missouri Kansas City, the University of Kentucky (Dr. Sarandeep Huja), and the University of Alberta. The goals of the grant are to organize and deliver a five-year FACEs in Orthodontics program to provide core and customized skill enhancement workshops to faculty at different levels of seniority within both clinical and tenure track paths, as well as to integrate an “organic” mentoring approach developed through the close interaction of FACEs in Orthodontics participants and leaders.

 NEWS FROM THE DIVISION OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

The Annual John Mink Legacy Conference will take place on Saturday, August 29 at the Hilton Lexington Suites in Lexington, Ky. Dr. Norman Tinanoff, professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Maryland College of Dentistry in Baltimore, will present “New Directions in the Management of Early Childhood Caries.”

In cooperation with Drs. Robert Kuvirik, Kelly Dingrando, Pamela Stein, and the staff of the mobile clinics, the Division of Pediatric Dentistry was able to further increase the clinical education opportunities for UK College of Dentistry pre-doctoral students. During rotations at the Carlisle Clinic and the mobile clinics, the students will provide preventive, restorative, pulp treatments, and extractions to school-age children at several Kentucky locations. These off-site clinics will complement the student rotations at the Twilight and Saturday Morning clinics held at UKCD.

Our second-year Pediatric Dental Residents received the following awards in the Poster Clinic Presentations at the 2015 Kentucky Dental Association Meeting in Louisville:

1st PLACE: Dr. Justin Raybould, “Music Therapy as an Adjunct to Managing Children’s Behavior in the Dental Setting: A Pilot Study”
2nd PLACE: Dr. Emilee Sexton, “Dental After-Hour Urgent Care for Pediatric Dentists in Kentucky”
3rd PLACE: Dr. Angela Gabbard, “Pediatric Phantom Dosimetry and Image Quality of i-CAT”
UKCD Research Day

The UK College of Dentistry Student Research Day was held in conjunction with the 10th Annual CCTS Spring Conference in March. This year's theme was "Physical Activity across the Lifespan.” The meeting was a success with nearly 800 registrants enjoying poster and oral presentations. Below is a listing of the outcomes for UKCD research posters:

DMD STUDENTS:
1ST PLACE: Lee Zamos (Mentor: Dr. Ahmad Kutkut) - Immediate Loading of Unsplinted Implant Retained Mandibular Overdenture: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Clinical Study
2ND PLACE: Bradley Skelton (Mentor: Dr. Lorri Morford) – Progress Report: Co-Factors and Genetic Markers Influencing the Dual Occurrence of Ovarian Cancer and Dental Agenesis [ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program]
3RD PLACE: Mike McQuinn (Mentor: Dr. Larry Cunningham) - Predicting Outcomes of Open Joint TMJ Surgery [ADA Foundation Colgate Dental Students’ Conference on Research]
4TH PLACE: Mike Rechtin (Mentor: Dr. Karin Westlund High) - Chronic Trigeminal Pain Induces pERK Expression in the Spinal Cord [Hinman Student Research Symposium]

GRADUATE STUDENTS (CLINICAL/TRANSLATIONAL):
1ST PLACE: Dr. Lucy Wachs (Mentor: Dr. Tom Kluemper) - Comparison of Skeletal Classification, Facial Convexity, BMI, AHI, and Genetic Variants Among Sleep Apnea Patients
2ND PLACE: Dr. Jonathan Francis (Mentor: Dr. Sarandeep Huja) - Screw Diameter and Orthodontic Loading Influence Adjacent Bone Response
3RD PLACE: Dr. James Vellis (Mentor: Dr. Mohanad Al-Sabbagh) - Xenogenic Collagen Matrix to Increase the Zone of Keratinized Mucosa Around Implants

GRADUATE STUDENTS (BASIC/APPLIED):
1ST PLACE: Dr. Nathan Johnson (Mentor: Dr. Craig Miller) - Rapid Assessment of Periodontal Disease using Salivary MMP-8 in a Lateral Flow Chromatography Device
2ND PLACE: Dr. Fernando Exposto (Mentor: Dr. Karin Westlund High) - Catechol-O-methyltransferase Inhibition Alters Pain and Anxiety-Related Volitional Behaviors Through Activation of β-adrenergic Receptors in the Rat
3RD PLACE: Dr. Sudha Gudhimella (Mentor: Dr. Sarandeep Huja) - Effects of ageing and periodontitis on bone-related gene expressions in oral mucosal tissues in nonhuman primates

To view all the poster and oral presentation abstracts and event photos, please visit our website at dentistry.uky.edu/research-day.

SOCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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Also be sure to “Like” facebook.com/UKOralHealth and share useful oral health news and tips with your followers.
In November 2014, Dr. Joe Van Sickels, professor, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, traveled to Córdoba, Mexico with Dr. Michael Sexton (’09 and ’15 OMS) and Dr. Emilee Sexton (’13 and ’15 Pediatric Dentistry) to participate in a mission trip with Clínica De Labio Y Paladar Hendido (CLAYPA). The CLAYPA Foundation is a Mexican foundation based in Monterrey, Mexico that is dedicated to the treatment and care of patients with cleft lip and palate.

Teams go to multiple locations in Mexico offering the same continuity of care as in Córdoba to children with this birth defect. Working with local groups and doctors, volunteer dentists and orthodontists assist with the care of patients. Screenings and evaluations of patients are conducted to determine surgical and restorative needs, as well as speech issues.

The UK team traveled to Huatusco, a city in the Mexican state of Veracruz. After a meeting with the hospital director and support groups, they began seeing patients. Each day in the hospital began with making rounds and discussing the immediate postoperative care of the patients with local doctors and the families of the patients.

Van Sickels has been involved with the CLAYPA Foundation since 1988 and has made multiple trips to Córdoba and other locations in Mexico. “What I enjoy about working with them is that there is a continuity of care for the patients that they treat,” said Van Sickels. “The CLAYPA Foundation is coming up on 30 years of patient care in Córdoba next year in November.”

The CLAYPA Foundation is supported in this volunteer mission by numerous individuals and organizations in Mexico, including the administrations of the hospital in Huatusco and the Covadonga Hospital in Córdoba. Hotel rooms, as well as food and travel accommodations, came from local and regional donors. As members of the American Volunteers, the nonprofit organization paid for the UK team’s travel and purchased supplies, including sutures that were sent to Mexico in advance of the trip.

**Dr. Lorri Morford Receives Annual Mentoring Award at the 2015 CCTS Conference**

Each year the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences sponsors a Spring Symposium to highlight clinical and translational research being conducted at UK. Over the last few years the College of Dentistry Student Research Day has been integrated into the CCTS symposium.

The CCTS instituted an annual award that recognizes high-quality research mentors for trainees in various colleges at UK. It is noteworthy that the nomination for this award is generated from the trainees who have substantively benefited from the leadership provided in their research development. Dr. Lorri Morford, an assistant professor in the College of Dentistry, was recognized by this prestigious award at the recent CCTS Spring Conference.

Morford’s trainees, many representing the graduate program in the Division of Orthodontics, noted her overall commitment to their development, including the patience necessary to educate them regarding fundamental and applied clinical genetics aspects of their programs. Additionally, they stressed her willingness to put in the extra hours of effort to help guide them intellectually and practically in the laboratory in these pursuits. Morford truly represents the quality embodied by UKCD faculty and their commitment to the success of UKCD’s students and research efforts.

Two quotes that reflect Morford’s commitment to the mission of UKCD are from Astronaut Neil Armstrong, “Research is creating new knowledge,” and Anthropologist Zora Neale Hurston, “Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose.” The College of Dentistry and Center for Oral Health Research offer our heartiest congratulations on this significant recognition.
Two exceptional dental students from Universidad de los Andes in Santiago, Chile recently discovered that dental education in the United States and Chile is pretty much the same even though techniques may vary somewhat. Daniela Arrano Scharager, 23, and Alberto Del Real Valdes, 24, were in their final semester as dental students when they arrived on the University of Kentucky campus last fall as the inaugural team of students to take part in the newly formed student exchange program at the UK College of Dentistry.

Scharager and Valdes gained valuable clinical experience working with patients alongside UK dental faculty and classmates, but their cultural experience outside the clinic also grew exponentially as they discovered what it means to be a UK football fan and lover of horse racing in Kentucky.

“We don’t have football in Chile and we got to go to several games and tailgate with faculty and students while we were here,” Scharager said. “We got to visit Keeneland too. Everyone has been so nice and hospitable to us.”

Scharager and Valdes began their six-year dental education immediately following high school as is customary in Chile. Faculty members at their university arranged for them to participate in the student exchange program before graduating in December from the Universidad de los Andes. Scharager plans to pursue a career in periodontics while Valdes plans to go into orthodontics. The Chilean students said they found the courses at UK to be practical and very useful in the diagnosis and treatment of patients. They also appreciated the amount of clinical contact they experienced with hard to treat patients that they feel will help them in their careers.

The idea for a student exchange program came to fruition through a series of faculty visits between the two institutions. Dr. Jeff Okeson, professor of Orofacial Pain, and Dr. Don Falace, professor emeritus at the UK College of Dentistry, were initially invited as guest lecturers several years ago when they and Dr. Christian Bravo Palma, Vice Dean of the School of Dentistry at Universidad de los Andes, forged a relationship and the beginnings of an exchange program. The dean of the dental school in Chile extended an invitation to UK’s College of Dentistry Dean Sharon Turner to visit in May 2013 and a delegation from Chile visited UK the following October. Each delegation learned about the other university and immersed themselves in the culture and the community. A memorandum of agreement for exchanges of faculty and students, as well as participation in collaborative research, was established.

Santiago is the largest and capital city of Chile. The Universidad de los Andes is a 26-year-old private research university located on the northeast side of Santiago, nestled in the Andes Mountains. UDLA is comprised of 22 undergraduate and 82 graduate programs which emphasize research, innovation, and development. The dental program is 13-years-old.

“Culturally, we have a common vision and share the same values as you do here at UK,” Bravo Palma said. “The people here are very hospitable and there is a strong sense of community and family. This is a place where our students can be protected and nurtured.”

Scharager and Valdes say they enjoyed their time at UK and highly recommend interested students to study in Santiago for an externship experience.

“It’s going to be an awesome experience,” Scharager said. “You are going to travel and learn new ways to do the same treatments.” Valdes adds, “Contact us so we can show you around.”
Since its inception in 1990, the UK College of Dentistry’s mobile outreach program has helped thousands of children each year with their oral health needs—taking dental care to the doors of those who need it most in collaboration with schools and Head Start Centers throughout Kentucky. In 2015, UKCD celebrates 25 years of mobile outreach service and success in helping increase oral health care access for young Kentuckians.

UKCD’s first fully-equipped mobile unit provided care to underserved children in Eastern Kentucky. Instrumental in establishing the college’s mobile program, Dr. John Mink, a UKCD founding faculty member, began raising funds for the mobile unit after he offered care to patients on a mobile dental unit for six weeks in villages throughout Greece and Israel alongside dental students from several schools.

With the first mobile unit in place, the program stretched across the Commonwealth to reach over 40 counties throughout Eastern, Central, and Western Kentucky as funding for additional mobile units was secured. UKCD faculty members like Dr. Harold Lester, responsible for the management and training of UK dental students on the mobile units for over 15 years, and Dr. M. Raynor Mullins assisted with growing and sustaining mobile outreach efforts throughout the years.

The primary focus of the program is to act as a safety net for low-income children, who typically are uninsured or have Medicaid coverage, with dental needs, eliminating existing oral infections to restore the mouths of children to a healthy and functional condition, while providing a fun and inviting environment to insure children leave with a positive experience with dentistry. However, the mobile outreach effort has also helped to provide UKCD dental students with additional opportunities to provide care, for many, to patients living in the students’ own communities, and broaden their understanding of dental public health issues and the needs of underserved communities.

“Through the mobile outreach program, we’re able to provide treatment to children who wouldn’t receive it otherwise,” shares former UK College of Dentistry Dean Sharon Turner. “There are a number of situations that may impact a child’s access to oral health care—lack of transportation, insurance coverage, living in an area without a dentist who accepts Medicaid or who does but doesn’t see children, or even the ability for parents or guardians to leave work.”
By taking the care to the children, we’re able to help parents overcome these types of challenges and offer quality oral health care to their young ones.”

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention ranks tooth decay as the number one most common chronic disease in children and adolescents ages 6 to 19. Kentucky’s children are certainly not immune to this oral health problem. The results of a 2001 Kentucky children’s oral health survey only served to underscore this reality. The survey found 29 percent of third and six grade students screened had untreated tooth decay and 75 percent had not seen a dentist in over a year.

UKCD mobile outreach helps to address the complications oral health issues can create, including distracting pain, tooth loss, issues with speaking and eating, frequent absences from school, reduced self-esteem, or even death in extreme cases such 12-year-old Deamonte Driver who died after bacteria from an abscessed tooth traveled to his brain. Through the mobile outreach program, each child receives hands-on brushing and flossing demonstrations, as well as oral health education concerning the process and prevention of dental caries, helping to assure a positive long-term impact on dental health and overall health.

Generally, a mobile unit will stay at a participating school up to six weeks, providing care to children whose parents sign consent forms, before moving to the next care location. Elementary schools with high free or reduced-rate lunch program participants are targeted as a means of reaching children who are unlikely to have the ability to receive treatment in the traditional setting. Children receive services such as cleanings, fillings, extractions, stainless steel crowns, dental sealants, and fluoride treatments. Should a child need more extensive treatment than can be provided on a mobile unit to meet all of their oral health needs, they are provided a referral for other treatment options.

In order to be successful, UKCD relies heavily on school Family Resource and Youth Services Center Coordinators. These individuals secure signed treatment consent forms, help shuttle children to and from the classroom to the mobile unit and act as a liaison between UKCD with parents, teachers, and school administrators.

Over the years, coordinators had been very complimentary of the program, sharing that “children really enjoy coming to the mobile… they ask if they are next to go to the dentist” and “the mobile dental program has been the most wonderful thing made available to children… the dental program provides quality care that is ongoing.”

“The mobile outreach program allows us to address both the teaching as well as the service aspect of our college’s mission. As long as we are able to partner with groups who can help connect us to a population who is underserved in regards to their oral health needs, we will look for ways to sustain and grow this important service offering. Every child deserves to receive quality oral health care,” says Turner.

If interested in supporting UKCD’s mobile outreach program, or other UKCD efforts, please visit dentistry.uky.edu/make-a-gift for information on a variety of giving options.
UK College of Dentistry Student Receives National, Regional, and Local Honors for Research

Former University of Kentucky College of Dentistry student Lee Zamos ('15) received first-place in the clinical science category at the 28th annual DENTSPLY/Caulk Student Research Group Award Competition for original research. Zamos also received first-place honors for his work from dental fraternity Delta Sigma Delta, and at the UK College of Dentistry’s Research Day event.

Zamos, while a fourth-year UKCD student, was honored with the DENTSPLY/Caulk Award at the American Association for Dental Research/Canadian Association for Dental Research Annual Meeting & Exhibition. Submissions were received from 115 students, 60 of which were in the clinical science category. The award is open to undergraduate dental students of good academic standing, without an advanced degree or doctorate in any field.

“The DENTSPLY/Caulk Award recognizes the critical nature of research in dental education and the importance of student participation in creating new knowledge in the field,” said Dr. Jeff Ebersole, director of the UK Center for Oral Health Research and associate dean for Research and Graduate Studies.

Zamos’ poster presentation, “Immediate Loading of Unsplinted Implant Retained Mandibular Overdenture: A Randomized Controlled Pilot Clinical Study,” presents findings from research started in June 2013. The research focuses on improving the quality of life for individuals receiving dental implants to replace missing teeth. Zamos assisted with various aspects of the research, including surgeries, data collection, analysis, and writing the poster.

Mentored by Dr. Ahmad Kutkut, UKCD assistant professor of Restorative Dentistry, Zamos aided Kutkut and the following doctors in the research: M.A. Rezk, D. Dawson, R. Frazer, and M. Al-Sabbagh.

“This project has provided an incredible opportunity for me to learn from some excellent clinician scientists about the world of clinical dental research,” said Zamos. “The opportunity to work side by side with Dr. Rezk and Dr. Kutkut has allowed me the opportunity to gain incredible knowledge and experience regarding implant treatment planning, surgery, and follow-up.”

“With the future of dentistry constantly changing, with the development of new technologies and techniques, I am incredibly humbled to be part of a research team that is contributing so profoundly to the dental community,” added Zamos.

Zamos also received top honors at the Delta Sigma Delta Annual Regional Meeting, as well as in the DMD category at the UK College of Dentistry’s Student Research Day.
UK College of Dentistry Students Bring Home Two 2015 ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarships

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry students Lauren Morris ('15) and Mike McQuinn ('16) are two of only 13 dental students in the nation to be awarded the 2015 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Preventive Dentistry Scholarship. The award, presented annually, is given to support predental students who have demonstrated academic excellence in preventive dentistry.

Morris and McQuinn will each receive $2,500 to be applied to their tuition and fees for predental study.

"With only 13 of these scholarships being awarded, it is a real honor for two UKCD students to receive this honor," said Sharon Turner, dean UK College of Dentistry.

Scholarship recipients were required to demonstrate a strong interest in preventive dentistry through their personal activities and achievements, possess a superior academic record, and be nominated by their school’s dean.

“When I decided that my goal and passion in life was to become a dentist, I knew this career would provide me with the opportunity to make a positive impact on the oral health of my community and state. I’m hopeful that my research on post-operative care compliance of pediatric patients will lead to changes that will enable more children to obtain preventative dental care and education in the future," said Morris. “I’m truly honored to receive this prestigious scholarship supporting dental students who have demonstrated academic achievements in preventive dentistry.”

“It is truly an honor to receive the Preventive Dentistry Scholarship from the American Dental Education Association. The fact that two students out of the 13 selected nationally attend the University of Kentucky speaks to the fact that we, as students, are truly blessed to have an amazing group of faculty and staff providing us with the best education and mentorship available. The hard work and dedication that they invest in us will continue to open up opportunities for us to serve as the top scholars, clinicians, and philanthropists in our field,” McQuinn stated.

ASDA Day

On February 6, students hosted ASDA Day 2015 at the UK Student Center. The morning included a welcome and awards presentation by outgoing ASDA president, Madison Myers Galloway ('15), and Brad Skelton ('16) was inducted as the 2015-2016 president. Dr. Ershal Harrison received the ASDA Outstanding Faculty Award, Tami Jones received the ASDA Outstanding Staff Award, and Brad Skelton received the ASDA Award of Excellence.

After announcements, Dr. Bill Lee ('81) presented the Dr. Janet F. Lee Leadership Development Awards to Haley Buchanan and Brad Skelton from the Class of 2016, who will attend the 2015 ADA meeting in Washington, D.C., and to William Hawks and Kelsey Johnson from the Class of 2015, who attended the 2015 KDA meeting.

Dr. Janet Lee ('82) wanted to do something for the students she loved and the profession she chose. The leadership development fund was established for students to encourage their lifelong leadership in organized dentistry and to allow them to attend and participate in professional conferences. If you would like to share in her dream, please contact Ford Stanley in the Office of Development, University of Kentucky, 105 Sturgill Development Building, Lexington, KY 40506-0015, or ford.stanley@uky.edu.

Lee Zamos ('15) and Dr. Jackie Banahan ('79 and '81 Pediatric Dentistry) presented the ASDA Volunteerism Award to Greg Gast ('15). This award, sponsored by Banahan, recognizes a second-, third- or fourth-year student who has demonstrated a commitment to service and volunteerism in the field of dentistry. The recipient of the award, which will be presented at ASDA Day, is determined by the number of documented hours spent volunteering at UKCD-sponsored community activities such as Saturday Morning Clinics and Mission Lexington Dental Clinic.

All ASDA participants would like to thank the Kentucky Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for providing breakfast for students.
University of Kentucky Dental Students Receive Hinman Scholarships

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry students Allison Bergmann ('16) and Amanda Maize ('16) have been awarded scholarships from the Hinman Dental Society. The awards were announced at the 103rd Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta.

Bergmann is from Fort Thomas, Ky., and is a 2012 graduate of University of Kentucky with a BS in Biology. Maize, who is from Delavan, Wis., attended Purdue University and graduated with a BS in Neurobiology and Physiology and a MS in Biology.

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. “The selection this year was more difficult than ever, because we had multiple students with a GPA above 3.9. What made the difference was the community outreach, leadership, and research engagement that these two students displayed,” said UKCD Dean Sharon Turner.

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 26-28, 2015. The awards are presented to students at a special luncheon held on Saturday during the meeting.

Reception Held for 2014-2015 Scholarship Recipients

A reception was hosted by the UK College of Dentistry for all 2014-2015 scholarship recipients and donors in April. Each year, student dentists benefit from the generosity of alumni and their families, friends, and supporters. This year’s scholarship and award winners are as follows:

**Academic Excellence Scholarship – Class of 2015:** Madison Myers Galloway, Greg Gast, Grant Heward, Larisa Kushnir, Michael Lee, Lauren Morris, Eric Oxley, Javid Pour-Ghasemi, Adam Priestwood, Eric Shrestha, Peter Sutton and Jacob Sword.

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

**UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship:** Grant Heward ('15)

**ADA Foundation Dental Student Scholarship:** Joseph Blalock ('17)

**Sharon Kaye Butler, DMD, Memorial Scholarship:** Mike McQuinn ('16)

**ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarship:** Mike McQuinn ('16) and Lauren Morris ('15)

**Dr. Donald T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship:** Lupe Gutierrez ('15)

**Pierre Fauchard Leadership Scholarship:** Jackie Massouda ('16)

**Dr. Oakie G. Newsome Memorial Scholarship:** Jose Stamper ('18)

**Lyman T. Johnson Scholarship:** Jenny Alas ('17), Scotty Blanchard ('17) and Lupe Gutierrez ('15)

**Dorothy Cavins Scholarship:** Madison Beach ('17)

**Margaret Jewell Scholarship:** Blake Dickens ('17)

**Dan Seaver Memorial Scholarship:** Mike McQuinn ('16) and Lee Zamos ('15)

**Susan McEvoy Memorial Scholarship:** Philip Bates ('16) and Lura Cash ('17)

**Thomas P. Hinman Foundation Scholarship:** Alli Bergmann ('16) and Amanda Maize ('16)

**Dr. Nero and Biggerstaff Diversity Scholarship:** Jenny Alas ('17) and Constance Ezugha ('17)

**National Health Service Corps Scholarship:** Brook Blackburn Moak ('15)

OKU Inducts Six New Members

The Omicron Kappa Upsilon Chapter at the UK College of Dentistry recently inducted six new members from the Class of 2015. 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: Madison Myers Galloway, Gregory Gast, Grant Heward, Larisa Kushnir, Lauren Delpont Morris, and Peter Sutton.

During the awards ceremony, Michael McQuinn ('16) 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.

Blake Dickens ('17) 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.
Each year numerous awards are presented to members of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry graduating class on behalf of professional organizations and national corporations. The following awards were presented to selected student dentists in the Class of 2015:

- Academy of General Dentistry
- Academy of Operative Dentistry
- Academy of Osseointegration
- Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity
- American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry
- American Academy of Implant Dentistry
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
- American Academy of Oral Medicine
- American Academy of Orofacial Pain
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Periodontology
- American Association of Endodontists
- American Association of Oral Biologists
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Oral Surgery Award
- American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Award
- American Association of Orthodontists
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry
- American Association of Women Dentists
- American College of Dentists (Kentucky section)
- American College of Prosthodontists
- American Dental Society of Anesthesiology
- Brian D. Stone Memorial Award
- Class of 1967 Award
- Dr. Robert G. Henry Geriatric Dentistry Award
- Equilibration
- International College of Dentists (Kentucky section)
- International College of Dentists (U.S.A. section) Humanitarian Award
- International College of Dentists (U.S.A. section) Leadership Award
- International Congress of Oral Implantologists
- Pierre Fauchard Academy
- Platinum Periosteal
- Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry
- Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics
- Quintessence Award for Research Achievement
- Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics
- Hanau Prosthodontic Award
- Omicron Kappa Upsilon
- UK College of Dentistry Probe Award – Periodontology
- UK College of Dentistry Golden Award in Prosthodontics
- UK College of Dentistry Golden Award in Restorative Dentistry
- UK College of Dentistry Restorative Clinical Achievement Award (Excellence in RSD)

Congratulations are extended to each award recipient and all graduates of the Class of 2015 on behalf of the entire college community.
Members of the Class of 2015 were recognized at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry’s 50th College Convocation for Presentation of Academic Hoods on May 10. Family, friends, faculty, staff, and honored guests were present at Memorial Hall to recognize the achievements of the graduating class.

Dean Sharon Turner presided over the hooding ceremony. Dr. Michael Day (’03) brought greetings from the UKCD Alumni Association. He was joined by Dr. Dennis Price, president of the Kentucky Dental Association and Dr. Jason Ford (’02 and ’08 Oral Surgery), president of the Blue Grass Dental Society.

Dr. Pam Stein, former associate dean of Academic Affairs, (’90) was chosen by the graduating class to speak for the college. William Hawks, president of the Class of 2015, 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.”

The 2015 graduates from UKCD and their future plans are:

**UK College of Dentistry Recognizes 2015 Graduates**

Daniel Birkenhauer  
Cold Springs, Kentucky  
Entering an Associateship in Bowling Green, Ky.

Richard Bletzacker  
Columbus, Ohio  
Entering Private Practice in Nashville, Tenn.

Jose Chaviano  
Miami, Florida  
Entering Private Practice in Miami, Fla.

David Dardick  
Richmond, Virginia  
Entering an AEGD at East Carolina University

Whitney Deitz  
Hanson, Kentucky  
Entering a General Practice Residency at UK

Amanda del Cueto  
Tampa, Florida  
Entering an Associateship in Tampa, Fla.

David DeVito  
Winter Haven, Florida  
Entering Private Practice in Ky.

Ramsey Edwards  
Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada  
Entering Private Practice in La Grande, Ore.

Annie Enzweiler  
Wilder, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Cincinnati, Ohio

Koosha Farnoosh  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice

Lacey Ferguson  
Oldham County, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in San Antonio, Texas

Madison Myers Galloway  
Glasgow, Kentucky  
Entering a Pediatric Residency at Indiana University  
Graduated with Distinction

Greg Gast  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Mobile, Ala.  
Graduated with High Distinction

Kyle Golibersuch  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering a Private Practice

Lupe Gutierrez  
Gunnison, Utah  
Entering an Associateship in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho

William Hawks  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering an AEGD with the United States Army

Grant Heward  
Sandy, Utah  
Entering Private Practice  
Graduated with High Distinction

Shaun Heward  
Sandy, Utah  
Entering an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the University of Michigan

Garrett Hines  
Houston, Texas  
Entering an Indian Health Service in Green Bay, Wis.

Rachael Hunt  
Stanville, Kentucky  
Entering an Associateship in Savannah, Ga.

Brandon James  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Louisville, Ky.

Lindsey Jaros  
Concord, Ohio  
Entering Private Practice in Cleveland, Ohio

Kelsey Johnson  
Hartford, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Ohio County, Ky.

Yasaman Kahnamouei  
Tabriz, Iran  
Entering Private Practice in West Bloomfield, Mich.
Natalie Kelsch  
Foster, Kentucky  
Entering an Associateship in Cincinnati, Ohio

Jin-Young Kim  
Taebaeck, South Korea  
Entering Private Practice in Kentucky

Jeff Kovarik  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Lexington, Ky.

Larisa Kushnir  
Versailles, Kentucky  
Entering an Endodontics Residency at the University of Pennsylvania  
Graduated with High Distinction

Michael Lee  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
Entering an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Vanderbilt University  
Graduated with High Distinction

Brook Moak  
Pikeville, Kentucky  
Entering Family Health Centers of South West Florida in Ft. Myers, Fla.

Lauren Delpont Morris  
Hazard, Kentucky  
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at the University of Louisville  
Graduated with High Distinction

Chris New  
Somerset, Kentucky  
Entering an Associateship in Kentucky

Alex Noble  
Ashburn, Virginia  
Entering Private Practice in the Central Kentucky area

Eric Oxley  
Fayetteville, Tennessee  
Entering an AEGD with the Walter Reed Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md.  
Graduated with Distinction

Peter Paraskos  
Orrville, Ohio  
Entering Private Practice in Ohio

Pratik Patel  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Entering a Periodontology Residency at the University of Louisville  
Graduated with High Distinction

Charles Poblenz  
Jensen Beach, Florida  
Entering Private Practice in Florida

Javid Pour-Ghasemi  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice

Adam Priestwood  
Athens, Tennessee  
Entering a Pediatric Dentistry Residency at the University of Tennessee  
Graduated with Distinction

Cara Clark Scott  
Pembroke, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Central Kentucky

Leah Ditsch Sebastian  
Jackson, Kentucky  
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at the University of Kentucky

Eric Shrestha  
Tallahassee, Florida  
Entering a General Practice Residency with the US Navy  
in San Diego, Calif.  
Graduated with Distinction

James Simpson  
Cold Springs, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Cincinnati, Ohio

Katharine Stringer  
Naples, Florida  
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Kentucky

Peter Sutton  
Edgewood, Kentucky  
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at the University of Kentucky  
Graduated with High Distinction

Jacob Sword  
Pikeville, Kentucky  
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at the University of Kentucky  
Graduated with Distinction

Zak Taylor  
Mayfield, Ky.  
Entering Private Practice in Mayfield, Ky.

Ben Thompson  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Paducah, Ky.

Casey Travelsted  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Bowling Green, Ky.

Charles Vittitow  
Louisville, Kentucky  
Entering an AEGD at the Navy Branch Dental Clinic  
in San Diego, Calif.

John Weaver  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice in Lexington, Ky.

Michael Whirt  
Prospect, Kentucky  
Entering an Associateship in Savannah, Ga.

James Williams  
Owensboro, Kentucky  
Entering Private Practice

Lee Zamos  
Auburn, Township, Ohio  
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Washington in Seattle, Wash.

RESIDENTS COMPLETING POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Fellowship in Craniofacial Biology – Moataz Elmahdy, BDS, Dr. Walid Harsha, and Dr. Shruthi Venugopal

General Practice Residency in Dentistry – Danielle Burton, DMD, Hemina Desai, DMD, Bryan Hoang, DMD, Kristina Neda Schroeder, DMD, Alex Silvia, DMD, Josh Stratton, DMD, John Thurman, DMD, and Megan Whitt, DMD

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Residency Program – Salam Salmon, DMD, MD; Michael Sexton, DMD, MD, and Trent Tucker, DDS, MD


Orthodontics Masters Program – Jonathan Francis, DDS, Karthikeyan Subramani, BDS, MSc, and Lucy Wachs, DMD

Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program – Angela Gabbard, DMD, Justin Raybould, DMD, and Emilie Sexton, DMD

Periodontics Masters Program – Nathan Johnson, DMD and James Vellis, DDS
Mark Huntsman ('72) sold his practice in July 2013 and has retired. He has served on the Scottsville, Ky. City Council consecutively since 1978, as well as on the County Board of Health and Board of Directors of the Farmers National Bank of Scottsville. Since retiring, he plans to travel and play more golf.

Paula Caskey ('78) was inducted into the International College of Dentists at the 2014 ADA meeting in San Antonio, Tx.

Dr. Wesley B. Coffman ('78) has accepted a part-time appointment at UKCD to serve as the new director of Continuing Education. He is currently the director of the fourth-year practice management course, and has previously served as part-time faculty in restorative dentistry and endodontics.

Stephen Wyatt ('80), named the first dean of the UK College of Public Health, stepped down from the position in 2014. The inaugural Stephen W. Wyatt Lecture, which addresses emerging health issues through an annual guest lecture on campus, was held April 16, 2015. Wyatt was the dean of the College of Public Health from 2004 to 2014.

Dr. Robert Kovarik ('82) has been appointed chair of UKCD Oral Health Practice. Kovarik has been a longtime member of the UKCD faculty. He has been serving as interim chair since August 2014, while simultaneously serving as division chief of Public Health Dentistry.

Beverly Largent ('82 and '84 Pediatric Dentistry) has been named editor of the KDA Today.

Andy Elliott ('83) recently passed the requirements to become a certified dental consultant through the American Association of Dental Consultants.

Julie Keller ('88 Pediatric Dentistry) has joined the UKCD faculty. She will be teaching part-time in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Teresa Dawahare-Lyon ('89) nominated Dr. Harold Laswell, UKCD professor emeritus, for the “Teacher Who Made a Difference” Award through the UK College of Education. The award is given to those teachers who have made a difference in the lives of their students. Laswell was honored at a ceremony in April.

Laura Justice ('89) was named an Accredited Fellow in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. She was honored for this achievement at Aacd 2015 in San Francisco on May 9.

Leslie Malueg ('89) recently moved from Louisville, Ky. to Greensboro, NC to join Piedmont Endodontics.

Reny de Leeuw ('98 Orofacial Pain) was named associate dean for Academic Affairs on June 1, 2015. She joined the UKCD faculty in 1998. She has been serving as the division chief of Orofacial Pain since 2004 and as the director of Graduate Studies since 2009. In 2012, she completed the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine Fellowship where her project involved the use of electronic portfolios for student assessment in dental education.

Joe Petrey ('05 and '08 Orthodontics) was featured in orthodonticsproductsonline.com on March 9, 2015 in an article titled Do the Right Thing. Petrey practices with UKCD classmate, John Newcomb, and they have offices in Corbin, Hazard, and Somerset, Ky.

Gaston To’olo ('06 and '09 Pediatric Dentistry) received the 2014 Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence Award from the University of Kentucky. He also was recognized by the employees and administrators of Eastern Maine Medical Center for exceeding expectations while caring for patients, families, communities and coworkers.

Brad Wurth ('07) and Mary Catherine Correll Wurth ('08) reside in Campbellsville, Ky. and are expecting their fourth baby boy this summer. When Mary Catherine is not caring for their children, she is a pediatric dentist practicing at Wise Dentistry for Kids, and also has privileges at Taylor Regional Hospital. Brad completed a fellowship in facial cosmetic and reconstructive surgery in 2013, and has three offices in Campbellsville, Somerset, and Columbia. In addition, he recently received his American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery certification, on first attempt, while juggling three offices, three busy boys, and expecting a newborn. The Wurths are glad to be back in the Bluegrass state serving the people of Kentucky.
Cameron Howard ('08) was honored with the Spirit of Service New Practitioner Award by the American Association of Endodontists at its recent annual meeting in Seattle, Wash. The award is presented to an individual with less than 10 years in practice who has shown commitment to providing dental treatment to underserved patients in the U.S. and abroad.

Kenny Nusbacher ('08) has been named the director of the Faculty Practice Clinic at UK College of Dentistry.

Alex Mayes Young ('09 and '13 Pediatric Dentistry) was named a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry at the May 2015 AAPD annual meeting in Seattle.

Allison Wright ('13 Periodontology) accepted a part-time position in Periodontology at UK College of Dentistry. She received her dental degree from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and was then in a general private practice for seven years with her father in Lexington before returning to receive her Master of Science degree in Periodontology at UKCD.

Lina Sharab ('14 Orthodontics) received the Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit in January at the Council on Scientific Affairs meeting. She presented her research at the 2015 AAO Annual Session in San Francisco, Ca.

**MARRIAGES**

Kristy Pepper ('05) was married to Aaron Lawson on August 8, 2015 in Danville, Ky.

Pil Han ('10) married Ahrim Oh on July 20, 2014. He lives and practices in San Francisco, Calif.

Katie Hollenkamp ('13) and Steven Salmon were married on April 25, 2015 in Cincinnati, Oh.

Garrett Hines ('15) and Kelley Vandekoppell were married in Lexington, Ky. on May 16, 2015.

Jeff Kovarik ('15) married Emilee Feldpausch on October 25, 2014 at Red River Gorge in Ky.

**BIRTHS**

Paul Anderson ('94) and his wife, Christina, welcomed their third daughter to the family on March 13, 2015. Gillian Olivia was born in Peachtree City, Ga., and is very happy and healthy.

Stephanie Cosby Whitley ('03 and '05 Pediatric Dentistry) and her husband, Eric, welcomed baby boy Lawson Thomas on December 3, 2014.

Regan Wiesemann Ackerman ('07) and her husband, John, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, Hans Richard, born May 6, 2015.

Megan O’Malley DeGaris ('08) and her husband, Scott, welcomed baby boy Tyler in June.

Meridith Maddox Gibbs ('09) and Breck Gibbs ('10) are happy to announce the birth of twins! Maddox Alice (6 lbs. and 15 oz.) and Bates Blades (6 lbs. and 14 oz.) were born October 22, 2014. Breck and Meridith work with Breck’s father, Ken Gibbs ('71), in New Bern, NC.

Elizabeth DuPlessis Waters ('11) and husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Henry Sullivan Waters, on April 8, 2015. He weighed 6 lbs. and 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. They live in Elizabethtown, Ky. and are loving their new role as parents!

**In Memoriam**

'68 Dr. Thomas Holbrook Periodontology May 6, 2014

'73 Dr. J. Burton Douglass '85 Orthodontics May 28, 2015

'77 Dr. Joseph Miller June 4, 2014

'79 Dr. John Embry May 5, 2015

'79 Dr. Clara Turner October 26, 2014

'03 Dr. Joshua Sullivan November 19, 2014

Dr. Jan Kraal Former Faculty February 3, 2015

Dr. Harold Lester Emeritus Faculty January 27, 2015

Dr. Clifford Ochsbein Former Faculty November 3, 2014

Dr. Robert Spedding Emeritus Faculty August 17, 2015

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The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Alumni Association awarded the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award to M. Raynor Mullins, DMD during the Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award was established 10 years ago to honor alumni of the UKCD who meet certain criteria. These criteria include loyalty to the college, excellence and merit in his or her field of our profession of dentistry. We also look for someone who exhibits community leadership—who makes both the college and the profession proud.

Mullins is a dental public health dentist and a member of the Emeritus Faculty of the UKCD. He graduated from UKCD in 1968 and received a Masters in Public Health degree from the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina in 1970. In 1972, he completed a residency in Dental Public Health at UK and was appointed to the faculty of the Department of Community Dentistry, serving as department chair from 1974 to 1988. He also served as academic dean from 1988 to 1994, and as chief of the Division of Dental Public Health from 1994 to 2004 for UKCD.

He is working with the UK Center for Oral Health Research, and also with the UK College of Medicine, to develop education, and research partnerships aimed at improving oral health literacy and reducing oral health disparities in Appalachia and rural Kentucky. Currently, he is serving as the UK project leader for an ARC project, the Appalachian Rural Dental Education Partnership with Morehead State University. The goals of this project include improving oral health literacy, improving the dental careers pipeline, and access to dental care in Kentucky's ARC counties. He is also a member of the 2014 Health Work Group for the Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) initiative begun by Governor Steve Beshear and Congressman Hal Rogers.

Mullins is a member of the Friedell Committee, a state citizens group working to improve health in the Commonwealth. He has received numerous professional honors, including induction into the American College of Dentists, Kentucky Public Health Hall of Fame, president of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, president of the Kentucky Section of the American College of Dentists, and multiple dental service awards from the Kentucky Dental Association and the Blue Grass Dental Society. In 2014, he also received the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, University of Pikeville.

On April 17, 2015, the University of Kentucky Alumni Association recognized 23 former UK students—leaders who have impacted the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world through their work—with induction into the 2015 Hall of Distinguished Alumni.

The Alumni Association Hall of Distinguished Alumni was established in 1965 as a part of the University’s centennial celebration to recognize a select group of outstanding alumni. Honorees are inducted every five years. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the award. With the 2015 honorees, the total number of alumni honored to date is 306 from more than 220,000 UK graduates.

Nominated by Dean Sharon Turner, Dr. Jeff Okeson (’72) was one of the inductees. Okeson is a full professor at the UK College of Dentistry Department of Oral Health Science, where he is also chairman, as well as program director for the College’s postgraduate Orofacial Pain program. Okeson is an accomplished teacher, clinical investigator, mentor, and clinician who has presented more than 1,100 invited lectures on orofacial pain in all 50 states and in 54 different countries. He has published more than 230 scientific articles, chapters, and abstracts. He has also authored two textbooks on temporomandibular disorders (TMD) and orofacial pain. The seventh edition of his textbook, “Management of Temporomandibular Disorders and Occlusion,” is used in most U.S. dental schools, as well as in many other countries, and has been translated into 11 languages. Okeson has also written “Bell’s Oral and Facial Pains,” in its seventh edition, which has been translated into six languages and is used in orofacial pain programs throughout the world.

“Being inducted into the UK Hall of Distinguished Alumni is truly a great honor,” said Okeson. “It is even more special because it is recognition from my own University family. This is an award of which I will always be very proud.”

Okeson is the first graduate of the UK College of Dentistry to be inducted into this group. “I cannot think of anyone more deserving to be the first person inducted into this group from UKCD than Jeff Okeson,” said Turner. “He is a truly acclaimed academician and clinician whose honors fill many pages! But most of all, Jeff is a truly compassionate and humble person with a deep sense of loyalty to UKCD.”
Meet the President of the UKCD Alumni Association

Dr. Michael Day (’03) grew up surrounded by family and friends in Lynch, Ky. As is often common in small towns, family activities revolved around the children’s sport activities. For Michael, that activity was baseball. He was a pitcher on the Cumberland High School baseball team. As a result, Michael received offers to play baseball at some small colleges in Kentucky. However, he had his heart set on attending the University of Kentucky. His family raised him to bleed blue, and knew UK was the place for him.

Michael always knew that he wanted to work in the healthcare field, and like most who are interested in such, assumed a career in medicine. As he neared the end of high school, an uncle, a dentist in Hazard, Ky., and a UKCD graduate, asked him if he had considered dentistry. He invited Michael to observe him for a day. Michael had wanted to help people, and after that day, he knew dentistry would allow him to do that.

Nevertheless, coming to UK from a small rural Kentucky town was challenging and occasionally overwhelming. Michael’s college biology class was almost as big as his entire high school. However, he was determined to succeed and earn his undergraduate degree in biology. While he worked hard, Michael also grew to appreciate the whole UK experience. Some of his favorite memories are of the three consecutive years that UK played in the NCAA basketball championship game, winning the championship twice (’96 and ’98). The atmosphere on the UK campus was like nothing else that he had ever experienced.

After undergraduate and dental school at UK, Michael worked for two years in Johnson City, Tenn., as a general dentist, splitting time between private practice and the local health department. He was treating both adults and kids, but he was in his element working with children. Michael had always enjoyed working with children, perhaps because he considers himself a “big kid.” So in 2005, he began a pediatric dentistry residency at Temple University in Philadelphia. At that time, several UKCD students were either enrolled as pediatric residents at Temple, or had already completed their residencies at the school. The sight of familiar faces made Michael’s transition to the Northeast an easy one. He liked Temple’s practical style of pediatric dentistry and appreciated its approach that was similar to a “real world” office. He graduated from Temple University with a solid foundation in pediatric dentistry.

A faculty member who made a lasting impression on Michael while at Temple was Dr. Lewis Kay. Dr. Kay had been a pediatric dentist for 40 years in Moorestown, N.J., and was the clinical director at the residency. Dr. Kay’s experience helped to lay a foundation for the way that Michael practices pediatric dentistry.

After working for a year in Philadelphia after completing residency, a former co-resident at Temple, and also a former UKCD graduate, called Michael with an opportunity to return to Kentucky. The classmate, Dr. Morgan Dillow, and his partner, Dr. Rodney Jackson, were planning to open a Georgetown office of their practice, Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg. Michael joined them in 2008 and rotates between their practice, Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg, and the clinical director at the residency. Dr. Kay’s office. The Day Family

The move back to Kentucky has been rewarding for Michael. Michael’s goal in working with children is to provide the best care and experience possible. Michael views his work as crucial to laying a foundation for how a child will approach good oral health practices in their future. After he has completed the treatment for a child, he wants that child to have no anxiety about visiting the dental office. He works hard to establish a dental relationship built on trust. He believes constant communication is key to building that trust, both in talking about the child’s favorite activities, to explaining to a child what their dental visit will entail. When a child leaves his office with a smile on his or her face, Michael knows everyone at his office did their job.

Michael smiles when he talks about his family. Like most, to him, family time with his wife and kids is very important. He knew early in life that he never wanted to miss one of his children’s activities because of work, a statement he told Dr. James Timmons during his interview process at UKCD. His kids’ school activities and functions, soccer and baseball games take precedent. Michael has passed down his love of baseball to his wife and kids as well. One of his life goals is to visit every major league baseball park. After this summer’s visits to Denver and Phoenix, he and the family will have visited 10 out of the 30 current parks. These shared trips are just one of the many activities that build the close relationships that Michael has with his wife and children. He and his wife are committed to raising their children the way that they were raised and he considers his children, age 12 and 9, to be his greatest successes.

Another area of importance to Michael is the Alumni Association. He originally became involved in the Association to stay engaged and aware of what was going on at the UK College of Dentistry. He joined the Board of Directors six years ago and served as secretary and vice president before becoming president in October 2014. Michael believes that the strength of the Board lies in the people who serve on it. The Board members are open to new ideas and all the directors wish to see the Alumni Association grow and succeed. Michael feels that the Association, under Dr. Cliff Lowdenback’s leadership as the previous president, developed new energy that has propelled the group forward. Michael wants to keep that momentum going. He hopes that the Alumni Association can continue to demonstrate to students and alumni that staying connected to UKCD is a rewarding experience.
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 2014.

The weekend began with a welcome reception for everyone attending the weekend events.

Friday began with a continuing education course presented by Dr. George Kushner from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. The class of 2015 was invited by the UKCD Alumni Association to attend the continuing education course. Following the course, Grant Heward (’15) was awarded the UKCD Alumni Association scholarship in the amount of $3,500.

More than 100 people enjoyed a day at the races and a luncheon at Keeneland’s Phoenix Room. Racing was followed by a cocktail reception and dinner at The Hilary Boone Center on campus. At the dinner, the College honored members of the classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009 and the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. M. Raynor Mullins (’68).

Dean Sharon Turner announced Dr. Rob Kovarik (’82) as the recipient of the Dean’s Award. This award was established to recognize friends of the College who have been ambassadors in the state and dental community, supported the mission of UKCD, and who have been instrumental in providing leadership and guidance for the well-being of the College.

Many alumni gathered at the tailgate on Saturday afternoon prior to the UK Wildcats’ 45-38 win over the University of South Carolina Gamecocks.

Mark your calendars for the October 2-3, 2015 for the 39th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend. We hope to see you there!
On August 16, 2014, the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Alumni Association held the annual golf scramble for alumni and friends at the University Club of Kentucky Wildcat course. Golfers enjoyed lunch prior to playing in perfect golf weather. The tournament was held in August rather than June to encourage student attendance and avoid competing with vacations.

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 his and her Rolex watches.

First-place trophies were taken home by Elliot Neuman (’11 and ’13 Periodontics), David Thornton (’00), UKCD faculty Tom McConnell, and Steve Oliver from Derby Dental, with a score of 54. Our second-place team was Rick Bletzacker (’15), Cyrus Clarke (’18), Ashton Glasscock (’18), and Casey Travelsted (’15). Third-place, with a score of 55, went to Jay Claywell, Jeff Mirrielees, and Kyle Reynolds, from the class of 2009, along with Ryan Dages. The closest to the pin winner was Robbie Taylor (’09), longest putt winner was Steve Oliver, and longest drive winner was Eric Smith, from Wildcat Dental Laboratory.

The UKCD Alumni Board would like to thank our extraordinary hole and event sponsors who allow us to hold such exciting events:

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Doyle Freano (’82) makes a perfect putt!
Sixth Annual Bourbon & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction

The UK College of Dentistry held its Sixth Annual Bourbon & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction on Friday, February 6 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. The event is held annually as a fundraiser for the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship, which is awarded to a fourth-year dental student.

A record 320 people attended, and a great time was had by all! Featured distillers included Four Roses, Jim Beam, Town Branch by Alltech, and Wilderness Trail. Beer tasting samples from local microbreweries were provided by Country Boy Brewing, Alltech, and Blue Stallion Brewing Company. Attendees were also fortunate to hear Jim Beam’s master distiller, Fred Noe, talk about bourbon.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. UKCD would like to thank our Gold Level Sponsor, Kentucky Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and our Bronze Level Sponsors, Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg and Nobel Biocare, for supporting the tasting and silent auction with the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association. Thank you to the following businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction:

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- UK Federal Credit Union
- Willett Distillery
- Samplings from Jim Beam Distillery
- Alumni Leighton Fair, KaSandra Barnes, Matt Bright and Aaron Stanley from the Class of 2014
- Mark King (’09) and Ershal Harrison (’81)
- Bidding on the silent auction
UK College of Dentistry American Association of Women Dentists presents

Strut Your Smile

A Fashion Show & Silent Auction Benefiting
GreenHouse17

When: Friday, Sept 11th 7:30-10:00 pm

Where: The Campbell House
1375 South Broadway
Lexington, KY 40504

Festivities: Over 100 Silent Auction items, Fashion Show featuring WKYT news anchor Amber Philpott as MC, hors d’oeuvres, and cash bar!

Cost: $25
100% of proceeds go to providing free dental care for women affected by domestic violence
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New Fellowship and Awards  
Recognize Student and Junior Faculty Efforts

During the past year, donors started new funds at UK College of Dentistry (UKCD). These funds will enhance research on oral health issues and recognize student efforts in several areas.

The **Dr. Gene P. Lewis Fellowship Fund** has been created in memory of Dr. Lewis, his accomplishments and unparalleled commitment to public health. The fellowship will be awarded to students and/or junior faculty in, but not limited to, UK Colleges of Dentistry, Public Health, and Medicine. Funds will be used to support the fellowship holder’s research projects that have the potential to make an impact on oral health issues which confront underserved and/or economically depressed populations and regions.

Three new awards have also been established at UKCD through the generosity of donors. These awards will recognize students that exhibit a strong commitment to specific areas of UKCD’s mission. The awards are:

**ASDA Student Volunteerism Award**
This award will be given to a 4th year student who demonstrates a strong commitment to community service. This award was initiated by Lee Zamos (’15), and made possible by Dr. Jackie Banahan.

**Comprehensive Patient Care Award**
In honor of Dr. Hal Laswell, a student who has demonstrated exceptional care for his or her patients will be eligible for this award. This fund was created upon Dr. Laswell’s retirement by former students, friends and patients.

**Dr. Robert G. Henry Geriatric Dentistry Award**
A 4th year student dentist who demonstrates a commitment to improving the oral health of older adults may receive this award. Dr. Pam Stein created this award in honor of the accomplishments in this area of dentistry by Dr. Henry.

If you would like to support any of the above funds, please make your check payable to the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry and on the memo line, please note the fund(s) you wish to support. Donations should be mailed to the attention of Linda Epling, UK College of Dentistry, 800 Rose Street, M129, Lexington, KY 40536-0297. If you would like more information, please contact Linda at (859) 323-6918.
What are some important changes that have occurred during your time at UKCD?

There have been so many things over the years from growth in faculty diversity to new offerings for students such as our exchange program. One thing that stands out to me is our big jump into a systems approach to operational management, using a much more sophisticated business approach. We have improved operating systems out of a sense of necessity as budget cuts kept coming. It became very clear that we had to be masters of our own domain as best we could. So we instituted the electronic health record which made an enormous difference in our ability to track what we were producing and billing. That’s simply one example of all sorts of new systems—some dictated by financial reasons and others by what has happened in the regulatory world.

We have also worked very hard to increase our patient throughput. I became concerned in reviewing statistics on completed procedures for students. In some areas, I thought students needed stronger experience than what the numbers were showing. For the most part we have an adequate patient pool, so it’s a question of systems—how are we going to screen patients and get them in the clinic in a timely fashion, matching them to a student. We didn’t want patients to come in for a screening, sit three months, and lose interest in getting treatment. As our systems improved, students completed more procedures helping them learn more and be more comfortable. This also helped to more than double clinical income while I’ve been dean, which was very useful in backfilling cuts in state funding.

Another big impact is our expansion of outreach services. Our Hazard clinic had just opened when I arrived. We were doing a small amount of activity. Now we’re servicing children in nearly half of the counties in Kentucky which is a big expansion of our safety-net programs. I think as a land grant university that’s really important—that service be a part of what we do.

What are you most excited to see developing?

Our new clinic in Marshall County, in partnership with the Marshall County Health Department, will hopefully serve as a model on how to effectively handle an almost completely full practice of Medicaid patients. The clinic will be a wonderful safety-net clinic, increasing access to care in the area.

We’re in our fourth cycle of grant funding from the Appalachian Rural Dental Education Partnership. We’ve developed a wonderful pipeline program which includes two online courses for pre-dental students. We’re getting ready to add some additional courses and work with the UK College of Public Health to offer a certificate in public health dentistry as a conceptual area to undergrad students. Ultimately, we may look at partnering with additional colleges where we could recruit students to UKCD and have them return home to practice, expanding access to oral health care in rural Kentucky areas.

We are finally moving on an extensive curriculum overhaul. All of our basic science instruction is going to be systems-based, and everything will be built around cases. Each case will involve a dental patient who has a disorder of a system and that will impact how they are treated in the dental setting. It’s going to make the basic sciences so much more real and help students be better critical thinkers. It won’t be done before I leave, but I’ve helped get it on its way. UKCD will be one of only a few institutions using this approach.

What’s next for you?

I’ve talked to several insurance groups about providing estimates on the cost of rehabilitation for claims involving complex orofacial cases. I’ve also been talking to a classmate who has formed a corporation with some other physicians that provides liability coverage for severe head injury cases. It’s intriguing to me. I may do some expert witnessing as well due to my legal background. Mostly I’m going to see a lot more of my grandkids, garden, travel, read, and hopefully exercise more.

Are you still going to be a Wildcats fan?

Oh of course! The only time I’m not a Wildcats fan is when they play the Tar Heels. I spent too many years at the University of North Carolina as a student and faculty member not to have just a little bit of that left in me.