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2014 FALL SYMPOSIUM AND ALUMNI WEEKEND

OCTOBER 2-4, 2014

Make plans now to attend the 38th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend.

Weekend events include a Thursday night Welcome Reception for all alumni. On Friday, join us for a morning CE course followed by an afternoon at Keeneland. We will have a Reception and Dinner at the Hilary J. Boone Center on campus and all alumni are invited to attend. At the dinner, we will be honoring the reunion year classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004 and 2009, and the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award will be presented. On Saturday, we will have a tailgate party before the UK vs. University of South Carolina football game.

Hotel reservations at the Hilton Lexington Downtown may be made by calling 877-539-1648 before the cut-off date of September 18. When making reservations, please refer to the group code DENT14.

More information about specific events and ticket purchases will follow.
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

2014
AUGUST 16
8th Annual UKCD Alumni Association Golf Tournament
University Club
Lexington, Ky.

AUGUST 23
Annual John Mink Legacy Conference
Hilton Suites Lexington
Lexington, Ky.

OCTOBER 2-4
38th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend
Lexington, Ky.

OCTOBER 11
Alumni Reception at the ADA
Hilton Palacios del Rio
San Antonio, Tx.

OCTOBER 18
American Association of Women Dentists Annual Fall Fashion Show, Brunch & Silent Auction
Lexington, Ky.

2015
FEBRUARY 6
Bourbon & Beer Tasting and Silent Auction
Hilton Downtown Lexington
Lexington, Ky.

MARCH 6
Alumni Reception at the KDA
Louisville, Ky.

MARCH 27
Alumni Reception at the Hinman
Atlanta, Ga.

For more information on these and other events, contact UK College of Dentistry Office of Alumni Affairs at (859) 323-6676 or email smmcco2@uky.edu

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

The heat of summer is upon us and at UKCD, we are in that small lull period between the end of the instructional year for first, second and third year students and the orientation session for incoming first year students with the Class of 2014 having left us in early May. It has been a busy and productive year. You will see many of the highlights of this year in this edition of Perspectives. Opening of newly renovated spaces and the marvelous “Conversation with Morgan Freeman” fund raising event in April are among the most exciting events of this past year. I hope that you all enjoy the “before and after” photographs of the White, Greer & Maggard Preclinical Simulation Laboratory, AKA D-611. Can any of you think of any other place which cements lifelong friendships, and even a few marriages, the way that room does?

Speaking of lifelong friendships, that type of relationship is exactly what led to Morgan Freeman’s visit to the UK campus. Dr. Ben Nero (Class of 1967) and Mr. Freeman have kept in close touch since their formative days in rural Mississippi. Ben and a group of dedicated alumni spearheaded by Drs. Carol Bolden, Carrie Brown, Canise Bean, Lamont Gholston, Charles Lee Hatley, David Mott, and Charlie Thomas worked to establish an endowment fund for a scholarship to enhance diversity at UKCD, named in honor of Ben Nero and Robert Biggerstaff. I cannot emphasize to you enough what a gracious, approachable, genuine person Morgan Freeman is despite all of his fame. His candor about his career, and even some aspects of his personal life, was both refreshing and entertaining. The scholarship fund netted about $30,000 and those who attended the event were treated to a delightful evening. I would like to thank our sponsors, the Kentucky Center for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Community Trust Bank, whose generosity allowed us to hold such a special event.

As fall starts this year, the faculty is working hard to advance a theme based curriculum reform that is finally gaining momentum. It will be a significant task for Dr. Pam Stein to lead as she begins her tenure as associate dean for Academic Affairs at UKCD. Pam is truly the perfect person to undertake this position due to her personal characteristics of calmness, clarity in articulating ideas and actions, and extraordinarily hard work. She has also taught both dental clinical sciences and biomedical basic sciences and has been a private practitioner as well. Her scope and breadth of experiences will bring a whole new perspective to the Office of Academic Affairs.

We are also just beginning hard work on the next strategic plan which will be in concert with the UK Strategic Plan entitled “See Tomorrow.” In an era of ever dwindling resources and rapidly expanding technology and knowledge, we must be as strategic as possible in carrying out our missions of teaching the next generation of oral health providers, providing service and outreach as a land grant institution, and engaging in research and discovery to benefit future patients and students alike.

I hope to see you all during Fall Symposium Weekend in early October.
Go CATS.

Sharon P. Turner, DDS, JD
Dean
Dear Alumni and Friends,

This is not a goodbye but a see you soon. It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve as your Alumni president the last four years. I am happy to report that your Alumni Association is continuing to grow in membership and responsibilities and will be left in better hands than mine. Much like the Olympics Games, I will be passing the torch this October to a good friend and classmate, Dr. Michael Day. Since the Olympic symbol has five rings, I figured it would be best to give you an update on the five key factors of your Alumni Association.

The Alumni Board continues to increase in size and participation. It consists of twelve board members, five students, the Dean and a faculty representative. We meet on a quarterly basis to plan events, select scholarship winners and decide on the Distinguished Alumnus. If you are interested in being on the board, please contact Sue McConnell.

There are three main events that are planned each year to help bring alumni members back in town for fellowship and to support the scholarship fund. They are the Bourbon Tasting in February, the Golf Scramble in August and the Fall Symposium in October. Please plan on attending these events in the future. We can guarantee you will have a good time for a good cause.

Membership is the key to each and every Alumni Association. Without active members, the association is nothing but a shell. Thankfully we continue to grow in our membership which is allowing us to expand in our responsibilities and activities. Make sure your classmates have signed up for an annual or lifetime membership so that this trend continues.

We continue to try and expand our role with the students at UKCD so that they also realize the importance of a strong alumni association. Just this year we were able to buy white coats for the first year class, we bought jerseys for the flag football and basketball teams, we installed a drinking fountain in the student lounge and had a senior dinner for the outgoing class.

Last but not least is the Alumni Association Scholarship which is awarded each year to a well deserving senior student. This past year’s recipient was Matt Bright. As our association continues to grow in the future, we hope to be able to award multiple recipients each year if the endowment funds allow.

I guess this letter turned into more of a State of the Union Address. Sorry for my rambling but I get excited when it comes to the UKCD Alumni Association and so should you. Your continued membership and participation will allow great things to continue to happen in the future. Thanks again for allowing me to serve as your president.

Sincerely,

Clifford Lowdenback DMD, MSD
UKCD Class of 2003
Tell us about your background and where you are from.
I am from Lexington, Kentucky. I graduated from Lafayette High School in 1996. In 2001, I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology at University of Kentucky and in 2005, I received my degree in Dentistry at UK College of Dentistry.

Why did you go into Dentistry?
I had always had an interest in science and medicine. One evening, when I was a junior in high school, I was eating dinner with my parents and began discussing what career paths I was considering. At that time I was looking at Pediatrics, Dentistry, and Psychology. Through the conversation, I decided that dentistry was probably the best fit for me. Luckily for me, since I lived in Lexington, I was able to attend Saturday Morning Clinics at UKCD and volunteer as an assistant during the week for students in clinic.

What made you choose UKCD?
As long as I can remember, UK College of Dentistry has always had a great reputation. (Plus, I’m a huge UK sports fan).

What motivated you to choose Public Health as a specialty?
During my third year of dental school, something inside me kept pushing me towards something other than private practice. I did my externship at the prison and loved it. After graduation I gave private practice a try, working part-time in two different practices for one year and then full-time in another practice the following year. Though I enjoyed the time in these practices, something was not settling well inside me. An opportunity to work on the mobile units one day a week opened up and I jumped on it. I worked four days a week in the practice I was working in and one day a week on the mobile units. This was what I was looking for. The current dentist left the position to attend a residency in Endodontics and I applied for the full-time position. It has been almost seven years since I took the full-time position and I cannot see myself doing anything else. It has merged all of my career interests—Pediatrics, Dentistry, and Psychology. Through my time in the Division of Public Health and participating as covering faculty on the seal trips, I have developed a real interest in teaching. I have been blessed to find this position that provides a way to meet all my career needs.

What were some of your first impressions about UKCD, our faculty, staff and students?
As a student from UKCD, I had a good idea about the faculty and staff and how the college viewed the students. I do not think I would be as happy in a job if I were anywhere else.
Tell us about your family.

My parents live in Lexington, actually only one mile from my house, which is on purpose. They have always been a great support for me through school and my career. I have one sister that lives in Nicholasville, 2 brothers in Jessamine County, and one sister in North Carolina. I married an outsider. Jeff is from Southern Illinois who quickly converted to a devout UK fan. We have 2 sons, Leo, 7 years old, and Michael, 4 years old. They provide so much entertainment.

Have you received any awards that are significant or more meaningful to you?

The best “awards” I get are the homemade cards, signs, and banners from the children I provide dental treatment for make me. I had one say I was the best dentist ever. Those really mean a lot to me.

What are you typically doing outside of work?

As one can guess, the kids and their activities keep me rather busy. I try to make time to play outdoor soccer on a women’s league in Lexington and occasionally run. Other hobbies include quilting, playing piano, and yard work.

What’s most important for UKCD students and alumni to know about you that they may not already know?

I truly enjoy my job. As a student I remember making the comment that I would never treat children, but here I am only treating children and loving it. For me, it is more than just providing treatment to a tooth. The children I work with come from such diverse backgrounds, some much like any of us, while others have to struggle through every day with limited support from the adults in their lives. It is my personal goal to be a positive person in these children’s lives and give them a pleasant dental experience in order to prevent them from becoming a dental phobic.

Tell us about an experience and/or a person that you encountered in your work that affected you.

After returning from winter break, I asked a child what they got for Christmas. The child went on and on about all the things he had received. It became apparent that this child did not receive any gifts for Christmas. This has taught me to rephrase my questions to be vague. I now ask how their break was, or do they have any plans for their birthdays. The focus has become more about what is going on at that moment, like their oral care, classes they are in, and how they feel about another snow day.

Your thoughts about the mobile vans and how they are beneficial to the kids in Kentucky.

The mobile vans provide treatment to children that would not receive it otherwise. It has been a growing experience. Prior to working on the mobile unit and having my own children, I could not understand how a parent would allow a child to have obvious decay and not seek treatment. Now I can see why. Many of these parents do not have cars of their own and have multiple children. The idea of loading up multiple kids onto public transportation to get a child to a clinic that accepts the medical card seems quite overwhelming. Other parents may work multiple jobs, many the night shift, and have a difficult time managing the schedule to get the child to the dentist. Taking time off work is not an option. Then there are those that have to choose between keeping the heat on and feeding the family versus dental work. Many of us have no idea what is happening in these families’ lives, nor do we know what it is like to have such difficult decisions to make. I try my best to walk in their shoes, not judge, and give the child the best I can give them, hugs and all.

COMING UP – CELEBRATING 25 YEARS
Beginning in 1990, the current mobile dental van program began taking pediatric services to children who were getting insufficient dental care. This outreach is an important part of UK College of Dentistry’s efforts to improve oral health for Kentuckians. In 2015, watch for more about this amazing journey that began 25 years ago.
Students at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry can now get much more realistic hands-on experience long before they see their first human patient thanks to technologically advanced dental simulators in the new White, Greer and Maggard Simulation Laboratory which debuted in the college on Aug. 14, 2013.

The dental simulators consist of a torso and head apparatus, similar to a mannequin, that duplicate nearly all aspects of treating a live patient in a dental chair. The mannequins can accommodate different types of models on which the student dentist can practice treating all the types of dental procedures including dentures, crowns, bridges, and implants. The mouth and teeth are surrounded by simulated cheeks and a suction tube to remove excess water just like in the dental office. Each work station has a laptop computer that can access the internet and will broadcast lecture feeds from the instructor’s podium. The instructor’s podium also has a dental simulator with an overhead camera. Demonstrations can be broadcast to the work station computers in real time. To broadcast high definition videos throughout the lab, eight 40-inch monitors are strategically mounted on the walls.

Dr. Robert Q. Frazer, associate professor and division chief of Restorative Dentistry at UK, said the simulation lab is used mostly by the first and second year student dentists. Upper class students use the lab to prepare work that is needed in the treatment of their patients.

Renovation of the previous pre-clinical laboratory, located on the sixth floor of the Dental Science Building, began last May and was completed in time for the incoming students in August. Major reconstruction took place and walls were removed allowing the new lab to extend the entire width of the sixth floor. The interior was completely gutted and the number of work stations expanded from 60 to 80. Seventy of the work stations are equipped with dental simulators and computers. The remaining 10 work stations will be equipped in the future if needed.

An additional laboratory space was renovated a few feet from the simulation lab. The ‘wet lab’ is where students pour and trim models from impressions made of the mannequin teeth or oral structures as well as from actual patients in the clinics. In addition, the laboratory is equipped with vented hoods to clear the air from pouring volatile liquids and the preparation of materials that give off noxious vapors.

The naming gift for the pre-clinical simulation laboratory was provided by dentists at the Central Kentucky orthodontic practice of White, Greer and Maggard.
COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome New Faculty

William J. Curtis, D.M.D., M.D. joined the College July 1 as an assistant professor, Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He received his dental degree in 2006 from the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine and his medical degree in 2010 from the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Medical School. In 2012 he completed his residency in the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at UTHSC Dental School.

Dr. Curtis also completed a one year fellowship in cleft and craniofacial surgery at the Charleston Area Medical Center in Charleston, West Virginia in 2013. He recently completed a one year fellowship at the University of Michigan, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery in head and neck oncology and microvascular reconstruction.

Enif Dominguez, D.D.S., a 2014 graduate in the UKCD Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, has joined the faculty as an assistant professor. She received her dental degree in 2001 from the Central University of Venezuela School of Dentistry in Caracas, Venezuela. Dr. Dominguez then completed a D.D.S. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Internship in 2009 at the Santa Rosa Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Center in Caracas and in 2010 completed an Oral Surgery Internship at the Central University of Venezuela.

Iquebal Hasan, B.D.S. joins the College as a faculty member in Oral Diagnosis. In 1995 he received his dental degree from Buddha Institute of Dental Sciences & Hospital at Magadh University in India. He was then in private practice and education until 2008. Hasan completed General Practice Residency programs at Meharry Medical College, School of Dentistry in 2010 and at Carolina Medical Center in 2011. He recently completed an Oral Medicine residency program.

Dr. Hasan is now accepting new patients for burning mouth, dry mouth, oral lesions, oral manifestations of systemic diseases, orofacial pain, Sjogren’s syndrome, and biopsy. For appointments, please call 859-323-5500. He may be contacted at iquebal.h@uky.edu.

Hiroko Nagaoka, D.D.S., M.S. has joined the College as an assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry. Following her graduation from Nihon University School of Dentistry in Matsudo, Japan in 2001, she went on to receive a certificate in Prosthodontics. She was in private practice in Ibaraki, Japan, before completing a residency program in Operative Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Robert C. Taylor, D.M.D. joins the College of Dentistry as an assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry and a team leader. He received his dental degree from UK College of Dentistry in 2009 and an AEGD certificate from the University Hospital Cincinnati in 2010. Prior to joining UKCD, Taylor was in private practice.

Alfred H. Wiemann, D.M.D., M.S. has joined the faculty as an assistant professor in Endodontics. A 1981 UKCD graduate, Wiemann received a certificate in Endodontics in 1991 from the University of Iowa. Following graduation from dental school, he spent eight years in the Navy as a dental officer. Before joining the UKCD faculty, Wiemann was in private practice in Lexington from 1993 to 2013.

Gregory G. Zeller, D.D.S., M.S. has been hired as the associate dean for Clinical Affairs at UK College of Dentistry. He received his dental degree in 1975 from the University of Maryland Dental School and in 1983 completed a master's program with an oral biology curriculum with research and thesis in pharmacology. Zeller was the senior director, Research and Laboratories, in the division of Science at the American Dental Association before joining UKCD. He also was an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Oral Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry.

Retirements

Faculty

Ronald Botto, Ph.D. began with the College in 2008 and most recently was a psychologist in Orofacial Pain.

Staff

James Burns - Dental Technician, Kentucky Clinic Dentistry
Pamela Kabalen – Dental Technician Supervisor, Kentucky Clinic Dentistry
Connie Thaxton – Patient Registration Counselor, Periodontics
Becky Turpin – Staff Support Associate, Oral Health Practice
Knapp Memorial Lecture

The 2014 Knapp Memorial Lecture was held in April and the speakers were Laura Iwasaki, D.D.S., M.Sc., Ph.D. and Jeffrey Nickel, D.M.D., M.Sc., Ph.D. of the University of Missouri Kansas City, School of Dentistry. The title of the lecture was “Joules, Genes, and Behaviors: Our Adventures in Research.”

Dr. Iwasaki is an associate professor and the Leo A. Rogers Chair of the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics with a joint appointment in the Department of Oral & Craniofacial Services at UMKC.

Dr. Nickel is currently the Donald J. Thompson associate professor of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at UMKC and is the program director for the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.

The Knapp Lecture series was founded in cooperation with the Knapp family and the UK College of Dentistry in memory of Donald E. Knapp, D.D.S., Ph.D., focusing on the advancement of knowledge in the health sciences. Knapp was a former professor and chairman of the Department of Oral Biology. He was responsible for instruction in pharmacology and oral biology in the College and was especially active in both teaching and research in the application of pharmacology to dentistry.

Award Recognition

Cecilia Ponce, D.D.S., one of five Craniofacial Biology externs in the Division of Orthodontics, received first prize for the most outstanding poster presentation in the student category at the Moyer’s Symposium Research Poster Session held March 7, 2014. Her poster was titled “Analysis of Pain Perception and COMT Haplotype Following Orthodontic Separator Placement”. This is the second year for a Research Poster Session at the Moyer’s Symposium.

Last year, Dr. Lorri Morford received first prize in the Junior Faculty category for her work titled “Use of Multiple Models to Delineate the Genetic Link between Naturally Missing Teeth (NMT) and Cancer”.

Award Recognition and Grant Funding

Sarandeep Huja, D.D.S., Ph.D., division chief of UK Orthodontics, received the first ADEA/ ADEA Gies Foundation Drs. Connie L. and Richard R. Drisko Scholar Award in the ADEA Leadership Institute. Dr. Huja received his award at the 2014 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio, Texas on March 17, 2014.

Dr. Huja, left, receives the Drisko Scholar Award at ADEA

Lorri Ann Morford, Ph.D., Research assistant professor in Orthodontics, recently received the B.F. Dewel Memorial Research Award for the Most Meritorious Biomedical Research Award Grant Application to the American Association of Orthodontist Foundation (AAOF) Award Program. Dr. Morford received $24,528.30 to conduct her study entitled “Genetics of Class III Malocclusion in US Caucasians” which began July 1, 2014.

Service to the Dental Profession and the Community

Dr. Lorri A. Morford was elected to one of six director positions on the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Craniofacial Biology Group Executive Committee prior to the AADR meeting in Seattle, Wa., in 2013. She will be serving a three year term (2013-2016).

Dr. James Hartsfield Jr. serves as the sole dentist on the Osteogenesis Imperfecta Executive Board and volunteers his time to meet with patients diagnosed with Osteogenesis Imperfecta (also termed Brittle Bone Disease) and their families to provide dental-based treatment recommendations. Dr. Hartsfield also volunteers his time once a month in Lexington at the Dental Mission Clinic.

Three College of Dentistry students working with faculty in the Division of Orthodontics received Professional Student Mentored Research Fellowship (PSMRF) Awards for 2013-2014 from the Center of Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

Since 2003, the PSMRF program has provided research opportunities for 191 students in training within Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Clinical Psychology, Nursing and Physician Assistant programs at the University of Kentucky. This year, 4th year dental student, Melissa Gilbey, along with second year dental students, Eric Jacobson and Kyle Kirk, were each recipients of PSMRF Awards to conduct research with Dr. James K. Hartsfield Jr. and Dr. Lorri Morford in the Division of Orthodontics. Students in this program receive a stipend of $3,000 to supplement their training with the opportunity to become engaged in an ongoing health-related research project. Since 2006, 14 dental students have received PSMRF Awards.
The Janet Faraci Lee, DMD Leadership Development Award

As noted in Perspectives, Fall 2012 edition, it was Dr. Janet Faraci Lee’s (’82) wish that a leadership development fund be established in her memory that would encourage UKCD students to grow into industry leaders through organized dentistry. That fund has been established and has already begun making awards. For the 2013-2014 year, the awards went to:

- Two students from the class of 2015, Leah Ditsch and Madison Myers Galloway, attended the Kentucky Dental Association Meeting, held in Louisville, KY in March 2014.
- Thad Schroeder and KaSandra Barnes, from the class of 2014, attended the New Dentist Conference in Kansas City, MO on July 17-19, 2014.

Once returning from the KDA meeting, Leah Ditsch and Madison Myers Galloway had this to say:

“This award allowed me the opportunity to attend the annual Kentucky Dental Association meeting in Louisville, Kentucky as a third year dental student. Having never attended any sort of organized dentistry event outside the walls of our school, I was especially excited to participate in this meeting that is so important in my profession.” – Leah Ditsch (’15)

“Being in the company of alumni, teachers and friends at this event really put into perspective what organized dentistry can do for each and every one of us.” – Madison Myers Galloway (’15)

To read more about their experiences at the Kentucky Dental Association Meeting and Thad’s and KaSandra’s comments on the New Dentist Conference, please visit our website at www.mc.uky.edu/dentistry.

The Janet Faraci Lee, D.M.D. Leadership Development Fund hopes to support Dr. Lee’s passion for her students, her profession and the organizations that represent it by encouraging students to become and stay involved as industry leaders. If you’d like to share in her dream, please contact Ford Stanley, Office of Development, University of Kentucky, 105 Sturgill Development Building, Lexington, KY 4056-0015 or ford.stanley@uky.edu.

Bien-Air USA, Inc. to Provide New Equipment for UK College of Dentistry

University of Kentucky College of Dentistry (UKCD) students will be able to train on new state-of-the-art clinical equipment due to an unprecedented donation from the dental equipment company Bien-Air USA, Inc.

Bien-Air USA has donated 270 new electric handpiece systems in clinics, mobile dental vans and in the simulation laboratory at UKCD. The in-kind donation is valued at an estimated $796,500 and will allow UKCD to join a small group of dental schools in the nation that have a large set of electric handpiece systems.

“This very generous donation from Bien Air will allow us to move forward to the newest technology in dental handpieces- electric handpieces which eliminate that need for costly compression systems. We are extremely grateful to them for helping us move to the next level with regard to handpiece technology,” said UKCD Dean Sharon Turner.

Electric handpiece systems offer a number of important improvements compared to their compressed air-drive predecessors. The ultra-modern dental tools make dentists’ work simpler and faster with increased power and better speed control, while patients experience significantly less noise and vibration during their treatment.

“This avant-garde technology offers exceptional ergonomics and unmatched performance,” said Arthur Mateen, general manager of Bien-Air USA. “We are proud to partner with the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in providing the latest equipment for the training of future dentists.”

Dr. Pam Stein Named Associate Dean

Dr. Pamela Stein assumed the role of associate dean for Academic Affairs on August 1, 2014. Dr. Stein’s extensive teaching experience in multiple areas of the pre-doctoral curriculum makes her an excellent fit for this position. She has taught anatomy and physiology during her time as a faculty member in the College of Medicine. She has taught in Restorative Dentistry and Public Health Dentistry, including instruction in the area of gerontology. She has created several elective courses for our pre-doctoral students as well. Dr. Stein recently created an online and blended learning course for undergraduate students at Morehead State University as a part of our Appalachian Rural Dental Education Program. This course has received positive reviews for both its content and its use of the latest technology in online education.

Dr. Stein has won numerous awards for her outstanding teaching and has been involved in many outreach and service projects. She has had several projects funded for enhancement of outreach, enhanced teaching technology, curriculum development in specific areas, and most recently, to review the use of the hospital emergency room for access to dental services.

Dr. Stein is a 1990 graduate of UKCD and holds a Master of Public Health degree from the UK College of Public Health. She practiced dentistry with her father in Carlisle, Kentucky for many years before returning to the UK faculty.
College Announces New Director of Development

Linda Epling has been named director of development for the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. She has over twenty years of experience in the field of development and communication.

Before coming to UKCD, she was the chief development officer for Bluegrass Community and Technical College. While at BCTC, she led the consolidation of the two resource development programs from Lexington Community College and Central Kentucky Technical College into a unified, comprehensive program, which included annual giving, special events, and capital and major gifts. Linda was instrumental in completing the capital campaign for a new BCTC campus and established the BCTC Foundation, the fundraising arm for the community college, with its own board, policies, procedures and fundraising activities.

Prior to BCTC, Linda worked for Community Action Council for Lexington-Fayette, Bourbon, Harrison and Nicholasville, where she managed the external communication and annual fund activities for programs such as Head Start, energy assistance, and other programs designed to move people out of poverty.

Linda lives on a farm in Lincoln County with her husband and two teenage sons.

Implant Symposium Dedication to Dr. Mark Thomas

The first UKCD Annual Dental Implant Symposium was dedicated to Dr. Mark Thomas. It was held on February 28–March 1, 2014 at the New Hospital Pavilion.

Implant experts and internationally recognized speakers addressed important factors that assure high quality, durable dental implant therapy. They shared their knowledge in several areas including dental implant care successfully accomplished by UKCD students, residents, and faculty through an “Implant Quality Assurance Program” (IQAP) which was established by Dr. Mark Thomas several years ago.

Also addressed were such subjects as minimizing implant complications through multidisciplinary treatment planning, evidence based yet practical clinical reconstruction of emergence profile for esthetic implant restorations, peri-implant diseases, and prevention and correction of alveolar defects. Speakers also addressed how to deal with surgical and prosthetic complications. This was an educational opportunity for the entire oral healthcare team.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support: Straumann USA, Keystone Dental, Osteohealth, Procter and Gamble, and ADL Laboratory.

O keson Receives Acorn Award

Dr. Jeffrey Okeson (’72), professor and chair, Department of Oral Health Science and program director of the College’s post-graduate program in Orofacial Pain, has received the Acorn Award, which is presented each year by the postsecondary education community to a professor exhibiting excellence in service and commitment to students.

The Acorn Awards, bestowed to distinguished faculty, are based on recommendations by peers and students, as well as self-written essays about their philosophy of teaching. Recipients receive a $5,000 honorarium.

“Dr. Okeson’s contribution to his field is remarkable,” said Dean Sharon Turner. “He has literally changed the way chronic pain is viewed through the use of a biopsychosocial model in collaboration with colleagues from many different disciplines such as psychology, physical therapy, and pharmacy.”

Okeson was presented the award by Dr. Eli Capilouto, president of University of Kentucky, at the 2013 Governor’s Conference on Postsecondary Education Trusteeship in September.
UK College of Dentistry Founding Dean, Dr. Alvin L. Morris

It is with great sadness that we pass along to you that Dr. Morris passed away October 10, 2013. Dr. Morris was an inspirational, larger than life person whose accomplishments will live in perpetuity.

After serving in the U.S. Army Infantry during World War II with service in the European Theater, he received his dental degree from the University of Michigan. After a three year tour in the Army Dental Corps, he received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Rochester. His initial academic appointment was at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Alvin L. Morris, D.D.S., Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania Dental College, was hired to take the helm as dean of UKCD on February 17, 1961. He was only thirty-three years old, but youth and energy would serve him well. Morris had a clear vision of what a dental education should be: It should develop dental practitioners who were biologically-oriented, technically-capable, and socially sensitive.

On July 1, 1961, Morris and his team gathered to develop a battle plan. They had one year to start their college, and they were going to do something radical – build a dental curriculum that departed from the traditional to one that educated dentists of the future to meet community healthcare needs. Dr. Morris served as dean from 1961 to 1968.

Subsequently, he served as assistant vice president for the UK Medical Center and later as the vice president for Administration of the University of Kentucky. He then became the executive director for Academic Health Centers for which he created a national office in Washington, D.C. He then returned to the University of Pennsylvania from which he retired professor emeritus. Dr. Morris was a founding member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and served as a consultant to the U.S. Army Surgeon General. After an initial period of retirement in Pawleys Island, SC, Dr. Morris returned to Danville, Ky. He served with a medical mission team on the Amazon River in Peru and was deployed to New Orleans as a Red Cross volunteer following the Katrina disaster.

Dr. Morris is survived by his wife, Beverly Hackman Morris, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.
College Research Day was held in March at the CCTS Spring Conference. The meeting was a success with nearly 750 registrants and over 400 posters and oral presentations. The plenary speaker was Dr. Kimon Divaris from the University of North Carolina who provided some exciting information on new initiatives to actively change the oral health literacy of all Kentuckians. Below is a listing of the outcomes for judging College Research Day:

RESIDENTS:

1st Place: Dr. Nathan Hawley (Orthodontics; Mentors - Jim Hartsfield and Lorri Morford, Division of Orthodontics) Linkage Analysis of Class III Phenotype and Human Chromosome 1

2nd Place: Dr. Mohamed Rezk (Periodontics; Mentors – Mohanad Al-Sabbagh and Ahmed Kutkut, Division of Periodontics and Restorative Dentistry) Immediate Loading of Unsplinted Implant Retained Mandibular Overdenture: A Randomized Controlled Clinical Study

3rd Place: Dr. Fernando Exposto (Orofacial Pain; Mentor – Karen High, Department of Physiology) Histopathological Analysis of Infraorbital Nerve in a Pre-Clinical Model of Trigeminal Nerve Injury

Honorable Mention:

Dr. Cecilia Ponce (Orthodontics) Analysis of Pain Perception and COMT Haplotype Following Orthodontic Separator

Dr. Justin Kolasa (Oral Surgery) Postsurgical Osteomyelitis Following Bilateral Sagittal Split Osteotomy: Case Report and Perioperative Protocol Development

Dr. Samer Faraj (Periodontics) Comparison of BioXclude and Mem Lok Membrane for Socket Bone Augmentation: A Prospective Randomized Controlled Clinical and Histological Study

DMD STUDENTS:

1st Place: Dentsply Award: Michael McQuinn (Mentor - David Puleo, Biomedical Engineering) Bilayered Calcium Sulfate/Calcium Phosphate Composite Bone Graft Substitutes

2nd Place: Hinman Conference UKCD Representative - 2014 Jacob Sword (Mentor – Saran Huja, Division of Orthodontics) Zolendronic Acid Suppresses Trabecular Bone Remodeling in Rice Rats

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Melisa Gilbey (Mentors – Jim Hartsfield and Lorri Morford, Division of Orthodontics) Association Analysis of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) Within or Near the Vitamin D Receptor (VDR) Gene in Human Hypodontia

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Each year the University of Kentucky awards research fellowships to deserving dental students based on competitive evaluation of their research proposal that is written in conjunction with the faculty mentor. The recipients of the 2013 Student Research Fellowships are listed below, and a brief description of his or her project and progress is provided.

JACOB SWORD ~ CLASS OF 2015

Zolendronic Acid Suppresses Trabecular Bone Remodeling in Rice Rats

Jacob Sword, Dr. J. Callard and Dr. M. Allen, The Ohio State University, Dr. Phillip Westgate, University of Kentucky, Dr. K. Edmonds, Indiana University Southeast, and Dr. Sarandeep Huja, University of Kentucky

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Results: The mean(SD) BFR/BS (µ/day) for calcein in the control [0.282(0.087)] and experimental [0.048(0.051)] groups were significantly different (p<0.001); there was a reduction of 83% in trabecular bone remodeling of the tibia. The mean(SD) for OC#/BS (µ/mm) in the control [0.904(1.502)] and the experimental [0.195(0.38)] groups were not significantly different (p>0.05); however, there was high variability between animals in Oc#.

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**MATTHEW CLARK – CLASS OF 2016**

Effect of Recombinant Human Bone Morphogenetic Protein on Alveolar Bone Grafting in Cleft Lip and Palate Patients

Matthew M. Clark, Dr. Larry Cunningham DDS, MD, University of Kentucky, and Philip M. Westgate PhD, University of Kentucky

**Objectives:** Orofacial clefting of the lip and palate are the most prevalent craniofacial birth defects in the United States. This study hypothesized that the number of surgical procedures needed to repair the alveolar cleft would be decreased by augmenting the iliac crest bone graft (ICBG) with recombinant human bone morphogenetic protein (rhBMP).

**Background:** Secondary reconstruction of the alveolar cleft is usually repaired during the mixed dentition stage between 7 to 11 years of age. Autologous bone graft from the iliac crest has been the gold standard for many years because it provides osteogenic cells and osteoinductive factors needed for bone healing and regeneration. In March 2007, the FDA approved rhBMP for alveolar ridge augmentation. During the procedure, once the desired alveolar height is achieved, a bovine collagen sponge coated with rhBMP is placed as a membrane over the iliac crest graft material. This method holds the graft material in place while simultaneously stimulating chondrogenesis and osteogenesis. These grafting surgeries provide available bone with sufficient soft tissue attachment for future placement of endosteal implants or orthodontic therapy in cases where there is a residual dental space.

**Methods:** A retrospective chart review was executed to evaluate cleft repair surgeries performed by two participating surgeons from April 2006 to August 2013. Patients were identified from the EHR focusing on CPT code 42210. A total of 70 patients met the criteria. These data were analyzed using Student t-test, Fisher’s Exact test, and logistic regression.

**Results:** Of the 70 patients, 45 received ICBG and 25 received ICBG with rhBMP. 15/45 (33%) of patients treated with an ICBG required an additional operation compared to only 4/25 (16%) for those treated with ICBG and rhBMP (p=0.12). 27% of patients required a second operation, that was deemed necessary for orthodontic treatment (mean age 11.38 years), due to inadequate bone support in the cleft site. The results indicate that the children with ICBG were 2.06 times more likely to need a second surgery than those treated with both ICBG and rhBMP. Overall, patients with a right unilateral cleft who were treated with rhBMP had the lowest probability of having a second surgery.

**Conclusions:** This study supports the potential for rhBMP reducing the need for secondary bone grafting surgery for cleft repair. This quality analysis indicates that 84% of patients who were treated with BMP-2 are successfully treated with one surgery compared to 67% for patient’s treated with iliac crest bone grafting alone. These data suggest that the percentage could continue to improve with the use of BMP-2 during alveolar cleft augmentation surgeries.

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**MICHAEL MCQUINN – CLASS OF 2016**

Bilayered Calcium Sulfate/Calcium Phosphate Bone Graft Substitutes

Michael W. McQuinn, Bryan R. Orellana, University of Kentucky, and David A. Pulio, University of Kentucky

**Background:** Autologous bone is considered the ‘gold standard’ in bone grafting, but it is not without drawbacks. In addition to limited amounts that can be obtained, harvesting autologous bone is associated with up to 30% risk for donor site morbidity. Alloplastic bone grafting materials are being developed as an alternative to autologous bone that can be utilized in nearly infinite amounts without the occurrence of a second surgery or donor site morbidity. With the potential for release of bioactive agents and customizable erosion, combined with the structural functionality to prevent infiltration of soft tissue, these synthetic materials may offer a suitable substitute to the current ‘gold standard’.

**Objectives:** The objective of this study was to characterize the physical, chemical, and mechanical properties of a novel bilayered synthetic bone graft. The layers were composed of dicalcium phosphate dihydrate (DCPD) and calcium sulfate hemihydrate (CS). The DCPD and CS were separately incorporated into a cylindrical mold comprising concentric core and shell layers and allowed to set in preparation for testing.

**Methods:** Physical, chemical, and mechanical properties were characterized by microcomputed tomography (microCT), mass loss measurement, and compression testing. Samples were scanned at high resolution using a Scanco µCT-40. For destructive degradation tests, samples were weighed and incubated in PBS at 37°C. Every 4 days, replicate samples were collected, dried, and re-weighed to determine mass loss. The difference in mass loss was calculated using linear regression. Mechanical tests were conducted using a Bose ELF 3300, with calculation of the ultimate compressive strength (UCS) and compressive elastic modulus (M). A minimum of three replicates were used for quantitative studies, and data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA with a Tukey post-test.

**Results:** MicroCT imaging of DCPD-core/CS-shell samples demonstrated gradual surface erosion of the CS-shell towards the core, with complete loss of the shell around day 16. Meanwhile, the DCPD core persisted throughout the 60 day study, with gradual formation of internal voids. The pattern of erosion was similar for the DCPD-shell/CS-core samples, with the CS core eroding from the ends of the samples towards the center. Around day 52, the CS had completely eroded, leaving behind a hollow cylinder of DCPD. The single layer samples and the bilayered DCPD-shell/CS-core samples had a significantly (p<0.05) lower UCS than what has been reported for mandibular trabecular bone (3.9 MPa), and the DCPD-core/CS-shell samples were found to be similar to trabecular bone. Both types of bilayered samples proved to be similar in strength to the single layer samples. All the sample types had similar M that was significantly (p<0.001) higher than what has been recorded for trabecular bone (96.2 MPa). The single layer DCPD and DCPD-shell/CS-core samples experienced the least mass loss (20% and 27%, respectively) during incubation for 60 days, while single layer CS samples were entirely eroded by day 32. The DCPD-core/CS-shell samples demonstrated an initial mass loss rate similar to the CS samples until day 16, and then exhibited a rate comparable to that of the single layer DCPD samples, ending with a mass loss of 80% after 60 days.

**Conclusions:** The combination of DCPD with CS in a layered system provides adequate compressive strength that is comparable to or stronger than trabecular bone in the mandible. The bilayered bone graft has the potential to act as a ‘tenting barrier’ to soft tissue to allow formation of a ‘healing chamber’. Incorporating CS and DCPD into separate layers also allows for customizable erosion. For example, structures can exhibit fast initial erosion of a CS shell while maintaining the DCPD core and vice versa. The erosion pattern combined with the layers creates potential for tunable drug release, such as to facilitate osteogenesis and decrease inflammation, which could make a layered arrangement useful for a bone graft substitute.
White Coat Ceremony Held for Class of 2017

The University of Kentucky College of Dentistry welcomed 67 new students into the dental profession with the presentation of the traditional doctor’s white coat at a ceremony held Sept. 6, 2013 at Memorial Hall on UK’s campus.

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

Keynote speaker Dr. Sharon Turner, dean of the College of Dentistry, charged the class of 2017 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,” Turner 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 thus the overall health of your patients.”

The College of Dentistry’s class of 2017 is comprised of 34 males and 33 females; 40 of the students are from Kentucky.
A reception was hosted by the UK College of Dentistry for all 2013–2014 scholarship recipients and donors in March. 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 2014: Katie Sutherland Bowen, Jennifer A. Burzynski, Melinda S. Gerakos, Melisa S. Gilbey, Cole A. Haggerty, Brian J. Lee, Travis B. McMaine, Kelsey D. Menegotto, Daniel A. Noll, Chelsea L. Rupp, Thad A. Schroeder, Erica R. Stinnett, and Justin A. Wedding

**Academic Excellence Scholarship** – Class of 2015: Gregory V. Gast, Grant C. Heward, Larisa Kushnir, Michael B. Lee, Lauren D. Morris, Madison Myers, Eric B. Oxley, Javid N. Pour-Ghasemi, Adam S. Priestwood, Eric G. Shrestha, Peter H. Sutton, and Jacob L. Sword

**UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship**: Matt Bright ('14)

**ADA Foundation Dental Student Scholarship**: Jacqueline D. Massouda ('16) and Faith A. Brasher ('16)

**Sharon Kaye Butler, DMD, Memorial Scholarship**: Lauren D. Morris ('15)

**ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarship**: Lisa Rae Gaither ('14)

**Dr. Donald T. Anderson Memorial Scholarship**: Jelana R. Bryan ('14)

**Pierre Fauchard Leadership Scholarship**: Lee H. Zamos ('15)

**Dr. Oakie G. Newsome Memorial Scholarship**: Cole Hackett ('17)

**Lyman T. Johnson Scholarship**: Jenny C. Alas ('17), Scotty L. Blanchard ('17), and Guadalupe Guiterrez ('15)

**Dorothy Cavins Scholarship**: Philip H. Bates ('16)

**Margaret Jewell Scholarship**: Mike W. McQuinn ('16)

**Dan Seaver Memorial Scholarship**: Matt Bright ('14) and Thad Schroeder ('14)

**Susan McEvoy Memorial Scholarship**: Katie Sutherland Bowen ('14) and Peter H. Sutton ('15)

**Thomas P. Hinman Foundation Scholarship**: Lauren D. Morris ('15) and Gregory V. Gast ('15)

**Drs. Nero and Biggerstaff Diversity Scholarship**: Jelana R. Bryan ('14), Shehab O. Helal ('14) and Kelsey D. Menegotto ('14)

**National Health Service Corps Scholarship**: Brook Blackburn ('15), Alicia M. Grimm ('14), Cynthia D. Taylor ('14), Priscillia K. Uba-Oyibo ('17), and Ashley P. Wright ('14)

**The Wellington B. Stewart Scholarship**: Lee H. Zamos ('15)
The Dickens twins look alike, have similar taste in food, listen to the same music, and enjoy outdoor activities. They are both good in math and science, both earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Kentucky in human nutrition science with a minor in biology, and both are pursuing careers in medicine.

However, for perhaps the first time in their lives, Brett and Blake Dickens are at a fork in the road and each are going their separate ways; one road leading to the UK College of Dentistry and the other road leading to the UK College of Medicine.

Blake and Brett, 23-year-old identical twins from Owensboro, say they grew up in a big UK family that bleeds blue, many of whom are in the health care professions. They remember listening to the stories of their two older sisters, Megan and Ashley, both graduates of the UK College of Nursing, and cousins, who are all nurse anesthetists, as they talked about their experiences on the job.

Blake and Brett knew at a fairly young age that they wanted to follow in their family's footsteps to UK and into some area of health care.

“We really are alike to a T,” Blake Dickens says. “Growing up and being so close, we always had conversations about what we wanted to do with our lives. So while we were dreaming about being professional athletes and other things that boys do, we also spent a lot of time talking about going into medicine.”

Whether by nature or nurture, or perhaps a little of both, the brothers were drawn to medical careers. Blake became interested in dentistry because it allows him to combine both medicine and working with his hands. In addition, dentistry is a profession where he feels as though he can build strong, long-term relationships with his patients.

“I like seeing the before and after of good dental work,” said Blake Dickens, currently completing his first year in the UK College of Dentistry.

Brett’s interest in emergency medicine was influenced by an experience he had as a teenager while out riding with his dad, a retired firefighter and EMT.

“We came upon the scene of a horrible accident. My dad got out to help until paramedics arrived. Watching him work to help those people is something I will remember for the rest of my life,” he said. “If bad things have already happened, I want to be there to help with a quick response.”

Brett Dickens, currently completing his first year in the UK College of Medicine, worked in UK’s Emergency Department (ED) all four years as an undergraduate student, and working in an ED is where he hopes to be someday, helping people in traumatic situations.

Blake Dickens says that he and his brother have spent almost their entire lives side by side.

“It’s definitely a new experience to go an entire day without having a class together,” he said.

“This is probably the biggest decision that we have made independent of each other,” Brett adds.

Despite the running joke among their friends about how much Blake and Brett look and act alike, they have embraced their individual roles as UK dental and medical students and are thriving on their separate paths.

“I like learning about things I have seen and questioned and gaining an understanding in those things. It enables me to put things in order,” Brett Dickens said.

Outside of class and studies, Brett represents his class in the Medical Student Government Association and takes part in an ultrasound interest group while Blake is president of the College of Dentistry’s Class of 2017.

“The College of Dentistry does a good job of creating a supportive, family-like atmosphere. Faculty come out and mingle with students at events. It’s a very collegiate network,” he said.

The bond that exists between Blake and Brett Dickens is undeniable. Even though they are on separate journeys towards a career in dentistry and medicine, they will always share the advantages that come along with being a twin; as well as the bond that links them to an entire nation - the Big Blue Nation - they bleed blue.
Lee Zamos (’15) was elected to a national leadership position within the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry (SPEA) at the American Dental Association meeting in New Orleans in October 2013. This is an independent, student-run organization that receives funding from the American College of Dentists, as well as some anonymous private donors.

Zamos has been serving as the UK College of Dentistry chapter president for the past year and was elected as the regent for Regency 4 in SPEA. As regent, he serves as the main point of communication for chapter leaders at dental schools within his Regency which includes Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and parts of Pennsylvania and New York. He is responsible for assisting chapters, providing updates of SPEA national, and will assist in the planning of the 2014 annual session. He plays an active role in facilitating the start of new chapters at dental schools without a SPEA chapter.

The goal of SPEA is to facilitate the discussion of topics on ethics and professionalism among dental students that are engaging and interesting. The group aims to function as a real world discussion forum for students, so as to promote careful thought and reflection beyond what ethics courses teach. They host case discussion meetings, discuss hot topics in organized dentistry (such as unlicensed pre-dental students performing irreversible procedures on medical mission trips), and invite guest speakers to speak on topics of their choosing. There is no charge for members but local funding is extremely limited. Any student who wishes to attend and participate in the discussions is considered a member of SPEA.

On February 7, the students hosted ASDA Day 2014 at the UK Student Center. The morning included a welcome and awards presentation by outgoing ASDA president, Thad Schroeder (’14) and Madison Myers Galloway (’15) was inducted as the 2014-2015 president. Dr. David Thornton received the ASDA Outstanding Faculty Award, Curlene Jackson received the ASDA Outstanding Staff Award and Madison Myers Galloway received the ASDA Award of Excellence.

Dean Sharon Turner gave “A College Update” providing information on the current status of the College of Dentistry.

After the announcements, Dr. Bill Lee (’81) presented the Dr. Janet F. Lee Leadership Development Awards to KaSandra Barnes and Thad Schroeder from the Class of 2014, who will attend the New Dentist Conference in Kansas City, and to Leah Ditsch and Madison Myers Galloway from the Class of 2015, who will attend the 2014 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.

All ASDA participants would like to thank the Kentucky Center for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for providing breakfast for the students.

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Members of the class of 2014 were recognized at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry’s 49th College Convocation for Presentation of Academic Hoods. Family, friends, faculty, staff and honored guests were present at Memorial Hall to recognize the achievements of the graduating class.

Dr. Sharon P. Turner, dean, UK College of Dentistry, presided over the hooding ceremony. Dr. Michael Karpf, UK executive vice president for Health Affairs, welcomed students and guests on behalf of the medical center. Dr. Cliff Lowdenback (’03) brought greetings from the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association. He was joined by Dr. Garth Bobrowski (’80), president of the Kentucky Dental Association, and Dr. Sharon Turner, president of the Blue Grass Dental Society.

Dr. David Thornton (’00) was chosen by the graduating class to speak for the College. Brian Lee, president of the class of 2014, spoke on behalf of his class. Dr. Thomas M. Cooper, professor emeritus, UK College of Dentistry, led the assemblage in the singing of the University Alma Mater and My Old Kentucky Home.

The 2014 graduates from UK College of Dentistry and their future plans are:

Linsey Ammerman  
London, Kentucky  
Entering a Pediatric Residency at the University of Kentucky

Megan Applegate  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering a Private Practice in Florida

KaSandra Barnes  
Berea, Kentucky  
Entering Public Health Dentistry in Berea, KY  
Graduated with Distinction

Joseph Bell  
Warren, Ohio  
Entering a Private Practice in Columbus, Ohio

Allison Bethel  
Greenville, Kentucky  
Entering a Periodontics Residency at Georgia Regents University in Augusta, GA

Chassity Betzing  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering a Private Practice

Katharine Sutherland Bowen  
Lexington, Kentucky  
Entering a Private Practice in Lexington, KY  
Graduated with High Distinction

Matthew Bright  
Corbin, Kentucky  
Entering a Pediatric Residency at the University of Kentucky

Stephanie Brooks  
Middlesboro, Kentucky  
Entering a Private Practice in Prestonsburg, KY

Jelana Bryan  
Savannah, Georgia  
Entering a Private Practice in Georgia

Jennifer Burzynski  
Marble Hill, Missouri  
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at Ohio State University in Columbus, OH  
Graduated with Distinction

Brian Caesar  
Westlake, Ohio  
Entering a General Practice Residency at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio

Christopher Chance  
Jamaica Queens, New York  
Entering a Pediatric Residency at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH

Sasha Davisson  
Barbourville, Kentucky  
Entering a General Practice Residency at Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH

Hemina Desai  
Ndola, Zambia  
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Kentucky

Tommy Dooley  
Columbus, Ohio  
Entering a Private Practice

Leighton Fain  
Stilwell, Kansas  
Entering a General Practice Residency at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, NC

Candace Flora  
Williamsburg, Kentucky  
Entering a Pediatric Residency at the University of Kentucky

Lisa Rae Gaither  
Greenville, North Carolina  
Entering an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the University of Connecticut in Farmington, CT
Melinda Gerakos
Independence, Kentucky
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA
Graduated with Distinction

Melissa Gilkey
Rochester Hills, Michigan
Entering a Private Practice in Clovis, NM
Graduated with Distinction

Kelly Goodpaster
Edgewood, Kentucky
Entering Public Health Dentistry in Birmingham, AL

Alicia Grimm
Stanford, Kentucky
Entering Public Health Dentistry

Cole Haggerty
Gallipolis, Ohio
Entering an AEGD Program at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL
Graduated with High Distinction

Corey Hamm
Somerset, Kentucky
Entering an Associateship in Somerset, KY

Shehab Helal
Alexandria, Egypt
Entering an Orthodontic Residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago, IL

Scott Hill
Idaho Falls, Idaho
Entering a Private Practice in Bryan, OH

Bryan Hoang
Salt Lake City, Utah
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Kentucky

Carson Keally
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Winchester, KY

Brian Lee
Woodburn, Kentucky
Entering a General Practice Residency/Oral Surgery Residency with the United States Navy
Graduated with High Distinction

Travis McMaine
Owensboro, Kentucky
Entering an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the University of Kentucky
Graduated with Distinction

Kelsey Menegotto
Owensboro, Kentucky
Entering an Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the University of Texas in Houston, TX
Graduated with Distinction

Sonya Movassaghi
Arlington, Texas
Entering an AEGD Program at the University of Southern California in Venice, CA

Katherine Mudd
Bardstown, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice

Kristina Neda
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Kentucky

Nathan Nitz
Frankfort, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Frankfort, KY

Daniel Noll
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA
Graduated with High Distinction

Andree-Anne Page
London, Kentucky
Entering a Pediatric Residency at the University of Louisville in Louisville, KY

Mohini Patel
Somerset, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Kentucky

Shelly Pound
Gainesville, Georgia
Entering a Private Practice in Greensboro, GA

Emerald Powell
Cecilia, Kentucky
Entering an AEGD Program at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH

Dina Rasheed
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Kentucky

Chelsea Rupp
Louisville, Kentucky
Entering an AEGD Program with the United States Army in Seattle, WA
Graduated with High Distinction

Thadler Schroeder
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Lexington, KY
Graduated with Distinction

Michael Scott
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Lexington, KY

Alexander Silvia
Versailles, Kentucky
Entering a General Practice Residency at the University of Kentucky

Jordan Smith
Georgetown, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice

Aaron Stanley
Pikeville, Kentucky
Entering a Periodontics Residency at Indiana University in Indianapolis, IN

Cassie Starr
Lexington, Kentucky
Entering an Associateship in Evansville, IN

Ryan Stinnett
Taylorsville, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Paducah, KY
Graduated with High Distinction

Lauren Stone
Evansville, Indiana
Entering a Private Practice in Evansville, IN

Cynthia Taylor
Goose Creek, South Carolina
Entering Public Health Dentistry in Whiteville, NC

Jeffrey Tritle
Tipp City, Ohio
Entering a Private Practice in Ohio

Justin Wedding
Henderson, Kentucky
Entering an Orthodontics Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC
Graduated with High Distinction

Ashley Wright
Montgomery, Alabama
Entering Public Health Dentistry in Trenton, GA

Addison Young
Ashton, Kentucky
Entering a Private Practice in Kentucky


Orthodontics Master’s Program – Jae Brimhall, D.M.D., Nathan Hawley, D.M.D., Lina Sharab, D.M.D., and Steven Zettler, D.M.D.


Periodontics Master’s Program – John Ferrin, D.M.D. and Elliot Neuman, D.M.D.
Alumni Updates

John Thompson ('71) has been named the interim executive director of the Kentucky Dental Association.

Garth Bobrowski ('80) was elected president of the Kentucky Dental Association. He maintains a private practice with his son, Whitney, a 2008 graduate of UKCD, in Greensburg, Ky.

Rob Kovarik ('82) has been named the interim chair for the Department of Oral Health Practice at the UK College of Dentistry.

John Burt ('96) has been promoted to associate professor in the Clinical Title Series at UK College of Dentistry. He has been with the General Practice Residency program since 1999.

Dolph Dawson ('98 Periodontology) successfully defended his capstone project in Epidemiology for his Master of Public Health degree through the UK College of Public Health. His capstone project was "Periodontal Therapy and Preeclampsia: Association of Local and Systemic Markers of Inflammation."

Jane Bleuel ('03) and her husband, Aron, welcomed their second daughter, Elise, on April 24, 2014. Big sister Julia (3 ½) is excited to have a baby sister. The family lived in Alaska, where Jane worked for Southcentral Foundation (Alaska Native Medical Center) as a dental officer in the US Public Health Service. They moved back to Kentucky in June for two years while Jane completes a residency in Endodontics at the University of Louisville.

Wendy Humphrey Van Meter ('03 and '08 Pediatric Dentistry) and her husband, Christopher, welcomed baby boy, Cooper Scott Van Meter, on March 20, 2014.

Kim Mahood ('04) and Peter Lyu ('05 OMS) announce the birth of daughter, Avery Katherine, born April 7, 2014, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 21 inches long. Kim and Peter live in San Francisco.

Nithya Venugopal ('05) and Ashwin Ravisankar were married July 4, 2014 in Lexington, Ky.

Karen Parvin ('05) received the Academy of General Dentistry Fellowship Award at the AGD Annual Meeting & Exhibits, held in June 2013. The AGD Fellowship Award is presented to dentists who seek to provide the highest quality of dental care by remaining current in their profession. Dr. Parvin practices in Chesapeake, Va.

Heather Wise ('05 and '07 Pediatric Dentistry) recently received the Kentucky Head Start Association Humanitarian of the Year Award. Heather maintains a practice, Wise Dentistry for Kids, in Campbellsville, Ky.

Andrea Sarge ('08) and her husband, JR Haseloff, welcomed a new baby boy, Henry, on October 30, 2013.

Jay Claywell ('09) has become a partner at the practice of Shrewsbury & Associates in Bardstown, Ky.

Alexandra Mayes ('09 and '13 Pediatric Dentistry) married Adam Young on June 27, 2014 in Lexington, Ky.

Amy Goodlett ('12) has joined the staff at Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg. Amy earned her master's degree in Pediatric Dentistry at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

Jessica Kress Shelley ('12) and her husband, David, are happy to announce the birth of twins on June 4. Welcome Abigail Lee and Graham Conrad!

Julia Stacey ('12 and '14 Pediatric Dentistry) received second place in the Kentucky Dental Association Research competition at the Kentucky Dental Association in March 2014.

Megan Applegate ('14) and Cole Haggerty ('14) were married May 10, 2014 in Lexington, Ky.

Dhruti Patel ('14 Pediatric Dentistry) received third place in the Kentucky Dental Association Research competition at the Kentucky Dental Association in March 2014.

Alex Silvia ('14) and Annie Chapman were married June 21, 2014 in Lexington, Ky.
The UK College of Dentistry held the Fifth Annual Bourbon Tasting and Silent Auction on Friday, February 7 at the Hilton Lexington Downtown. This was held as a fundraiser for the UKCD Alumni Association Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a fourth year dental student.

A record number of 300 people attended and a great time was had by all! Our featured distillers were Four Roses, Town Branch by Alltech, Willett Distillery, and Woodford Reserve. The tasting included samples from local microbreweries, Country Boy Brewing and Blue Stallion Brewing Company, and Alltech’s Kentucky Bourbon Barrel Stout.

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 Sponsors, Pediatric Dentistry of Hamburg and WealthSouth, for sponsoring the tasting and silent auction with the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association. We would like to thank the following businesses and individuals who donated items for the silent auction:

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Dr. Carrie Brown Elected President of the NDA

Dr. Carrie Brown, UKCD Class of 1980, was installed as president of the National Dental Association at the 101st Annual Convention held July 25-29, 2014, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Brown has practiced general dentistry in Lexington for over a quarter of a century. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Tuskegee University, her degree in Medical Technology from St. Mary’s Memorial Hospital in Knoxville, Tennessee, and her dental degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry.

Throughout her professional career, Dr. Brown has been extremely active in many professional organizations, civic associations, and church groups. She has held several leadership positions including president of the Lexington Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, president of the Tuskegee Blue Grass Alumni Club, president of the Kentucky Dental Society, chairperson of the Ministry of Christian Education at Quinn Chapel AME Church, and worked as a mentor and instructor in the Couples and Pre-married ministry at Consolidated Baptist Church. Dr. Brown also serves as corporate board member of the Delta Dental Plan of Kentucky, Inc. Dr. Brown has also held leadership positions with Volunteers of America, the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, Habitat for Humanity and the Bluegrass Dental Society. She has served as a mentor and role model for the dental students at the College of Dentistry at both the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville. Dr. Brown is licensed to practice dentistry in the states of Kentucky and South Carolina.

In 1998, she was among the top five finalists chosen for the Lexington Chamber of Commerce Minority Business Award. Other honors include: Quinn Chapel AME Church 1997 Woman of the Year, Tuskegee University President’s Award (1988, 1989, 1991), and YMCA Lexington Black Achiever Award (1993).

Dr. Brown holds or has held membership in the National Dental Association; the American Dental Association; the American Association of Women Dentists; the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry; the Academy of General Dentistry; Palmetto Medical, Dental, Pharmaceutical Association; and South Carolina Dental Association.

Dr. Brown sees her new leadership role in the NDA as one of giving back to her community. “The National Dental Association views access as a matter of civil rights. We ascribe to the philosophy that health care is a right for all, not a privilege for a few. Despite advances in health care and technology, glaring disparities exist among the underserved and vulnerable population”.

“In 2000, the widely quoted U.S Surgeon General’s Report stated, ‘Although major improvements have been seen nationally for most Americans, disparities exist in some population groups as classified by age, sex, income, race/ethnicity.’ Therefore, my goal is to continue the effort to bridge the gap and create more inter-professional collaboration to serve our patient base, to serve and speak for those people that cannot speak for themselves. That is the community that I grew up in and that mentored me.”

Dr. Brown is married to Thomas Brown, a retired electrical engineer. They have two daughters, Dr. Sakita Brown, a pediatric dentist in Atlanta, and Shekira Brown who is a marketing manager for Coca-Cola Company.
As we stepped off of the plane and onto the runway at Cap-Haitian airport in Northern Haiti, we could hear the local residents playing musical instruments. We walked through the tiny airport terminal, and all we could hear were voices shouting indiscernible phrases of French Creole, which were like nothing I had ever heard before.

My father, Dr. Tom Thompson (UKCD 1984), and I, along with our dental team from Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, waited anxiously for our transportation to the small, rural village of Petit Bourg de Port Margot in the hills of Haiti. As we traveled from the airport to the village, it was clear that there was extreme poverty on every street. When we finally arrived in the village, the emotion from what I had just witnessed caused tears to run down my cheek! We made our way to the makeshift clinic that had been set up for us by other members from our church. It was truly an entire team effort from every missionary member of our Church for the entire visit to Haiti!

As a member of the UKCD Class of 2013, I have been in private practice for a little over a year now. Working in a suburb of Nashville, TN, the doctor that I work with has been going to this village annually for almost a decade. This year, we were fortunate enough to join him in this wonderful opportunity to travel to Haiti and serve the residents from the world’s most impoverished nation by providing them with dental care. Working in the “Klinik” alongside my father and the rest of the dental team, we were able to see and treat approximately two hundred patients in just three days, while my partner and his team treated similar numbers in the following three days. An experience like this could not have been any more rewarding.

Participating in this mission trip gave me more perspective than anything I have ever done in my lifetime. Living in the United States, it is so easy to take for granted the blessings we have, and as cliche as it may sound, spending a week in Haiti truly revealed how much I have to be thankful for. A daily routine in Haiti is literally “day-to-day survival”, and it is difficult to understand until one has witnessed it first-hand themselves. The country is so rife with economic and political unrest, and while we obviously cannot solve the nation’s issues with dental care, being able to lend a helping hand in such a simple and basic way was exceptionally rewarding. Both my father and I agree that our experience in Haiti was that of a lifetime, and we both plan on returning to the village of Petit Bourg de Port Margot, Haiti in the future.

Dan Thompson
UKCD 2013

Tom Thompson
UKCD 1984
UKCD Alumni Association
Board Officers Needed for 2014-2016

On October 3, 2014, we will be electing new officers for the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association Board.

The executive board consists of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer as well as at-large 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 office for two successive terms. At-large members are asked to serve a two-year term.

Meetings are held at least four times per year in the evening. During the meetings, business is discussed regarding upcoming events and activities regarding the Association and the College.

For more information or to submit a nominee, please call Sue McConnell at 859-323-6676 or email smmcco2@uky.edu.

Alumni Association Hosts Dinner for Class of 2014

On April 9, the UK College of Dentistry Alumni Association hosted a dinner for the Class of 2014 at the Hilary J. Boone Center to wish them luck in their future endeavors. The students and a guest were invited to attend.

UKCD Alumni Association president, Dr. Cliff Lowdenback ('03), welcomed the students and presented fourth year student and class representative on the board, Jordan Smith, with a diploma frame. Alumni Chris Bostick ('04), Matt Croley ('07), and Scott Jenkins ('00 and '06 Oral Surgery) spoke to the students, giving them “words of wisdom” and talked of their own experiences after graduating from dental school.

Special thanks go to the University of Kentucky Alumni Association for providing the funds for this dinner.

37th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend Held in October

The UK College of Dentistry was host to more than 200 alumni, family, friends and students for events sponsored by the College in October 2013.

The festivities began Thursday with a Young Alumni Reception at Paulie's Toasted Barrel for the classes of 2003 through 2013. Ben Messmer ('03) provided musical entertainment for all those who attended.

On Friday morning, we held a continuing education course with Dr. Michael McLaughlin titled “Financial Flossophy – An Overview of the Financial Markets & More” followed by an afternoon at the races and a luncheon at Keeneland's Phoenix Room. Racing was followed by a reception and dinner honoring the classes of 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008. We also honored our Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, Dr. John Thompson ('71) and Dr. Paula Caskey ('78), who was the recipient of the Dean's Award.

On Saturday morning, we held a second continuing education course with Dr. Paul Scruggs titled “Technological Advances in Single and Multiple Implant Restorations.” That afternoon, alumni, faculty, staff and students took part in the annual “Dash for Dan” 5K run/walk. A football watch party followed that evening during the UK v. University of South Carolina football game.

Mark your calendars for the October 2-4, 2014 for the 38th Annual Fall Symposium and Alumni Weekend. We hope to see everyone there!
University of Kentucky College of Dentistry would like to recognize the following alumni and friends for their generous support during the time period of January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Your gifts made it possible for UKCD to achieve its mission to improve oral health, and therefore, the overall health of Kentucky through education, research and outreach. Private contributions helped UKCD to undertake needed renovations, support student and academic activities, create endowed chairs/professorships, provide scholarships to students, and enhance outreach efforts. Thank you for helping us provide the highest level of dental education.

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Catching up with old friends is always fun, but Dr. Benjamin Nero recently had a rather unique opportunity. On April 14, he got to introduce his childhood friend, Morgan Freeman, to his friends and colleagues at the UK College of Dentistry.

Mr. Freeman and Dr. Nero grew up together in Mississippi and chose different career paths, but have remained close over the years. When Dr. Nero asked if his old friend would help raise funds for a scholarship named in part to honor him, Mr. Freeman gladly agreed.

“A Conversation with Morgan Freeman” was fashioned after *Inside the Actor’s Studio*, the popular Bravo network show. Hosted by WKYT anchor Barbara Bailey, the interview covered topics from his earliest inspiration to his many award-winning films.

The event raised more than $30,000 to benefit the Drs. Benjamin W. Nero and Robert H. Biggerstaff Diversity Scholarship, which was established in 2010. A 1967 graduate of UKCD, Dr. Nero was our first African-American graduate. He has been a successful orthodontist in Philadelphia for more than 40 years. Dr. Biggerstaff was our first African-American faculty member. Recruited by Dean Harry Bohannan, he eventually became chair of the Department of Orthodontics.

Before the event, previous winners of the Nero and Biggerstaff Scholarship, along with the selection committee, attended a private reception with Mr. Freeman. Sponsors and scholarship donors had the opportunity to attend a private “Meet and Greet” after the show.

UKCD would like to thank the following sponsors and individuals for their contributions to making the evening a huge success.

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