Thirty-fourth Annual Professionals Day

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Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the College of Dentistry’s 2020 Professionals Day was canceled. However, we proceeded to publish the program to share and celebrate the professional and scholarly accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff.

The award winners will be recognized at the College of Dentistry’s 2020 Convocation and Commencement ceremony in May and the 2020 All College Conference in August.

The 2019-2020 student, staff and faculty award winners are listed on the following pages. The College of Dentistry applauds your achievements, your hard work, and your dedication to our mission to continually improve the oral health of the people of Nebraska and beyond. Congratulations!
Awards & Honors

Introduction
Each year many students and faculty from the College of Dentistry receive awards or honors for their professional activities. The college congratulates all of these students and faculty on their scholarly achievements.

Faculty Scholarly Activity Honors
During 2019, the College of Dentistry submitted 30 applications for $7,668,615 and the following faculty successfully competed for awards totaling $2,004,121 in extramural funding for teaching, research or service projects. The extramural grants and contracts awarded to the university not only bring attention and prestige to these scholars and the college, but also contribute to the financial support of our various programs. (Data from the 2019 report from the UNMC Sponsored Programs Administration.)

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Professionals Day 2020
Student Scientific Program & Research Day Honors

During the past year the following students received an award in research-related programs. The college faculty is proud of these students’ accomplishments and extend sincere congratulations and best wishes for continued success.

2020 Student Scientific Program Results

Dental Hygiene

First place: Emily Walker & Yahia Al Sarhani
Faculty mentors: Dr. Mark Beatty, Dr. William Johnson & Mr. Bobby Simetich
The Discoloration Effect of Kool-Aid and Coca-Cola on Glass-Ionomer Sealants

Second place: Sydney Serp & Beth Shavlik
Faculty mentor: Dr. Thomas Petro
Melaleuca Alternifolia Oil in Comparison to Chlorhexidine on Microbial Counts of Streptococcus mutans: An In-vitro Study

Third place: Mikaela Sorensen & Maria Celeste Hernandez
Faculty mentors: Dr. William Johnson, Dr. Mark Beatty & Mr. Bobby Simetich
Color and Surface Roughness Change in Beautifil II Gingival Composite Following Coronal Polishing: A Pilot Study

Dental

First place: Colton Allen
Faculty mentor: Dr. Ali Nawshad
Desquamation of Palatal Epithelial Cells in Palate Development

Second place: Jai Mediratta
Faculty mentors: Drs. Jay Patel & Sundaralingam Premaraj
Orthodontically Induced Root Displacement in Class II Division 1 Patients Versus Other Malocclusions – A retrospective Cone-Beam Computed Tomography Study

Third place: Allie Koth & Alivia Focken
Faculty mentor: Dr. Shayla Yoachim
Effectiveness of an E-Module on the Subject of Bone Growth for Undergraduate Students

Postgraduate

First place: Yanqiu Li
Faculty mentor: Dr. Aimin Peng
Regulation of MASTL Kinase in Oral Cancer Resistance

Second place: Rahmi Aulia
Faculty mentors: Dr. Mark Beatty & Mr. Bobby Simetich
Effect of Nanofiller Coating and Loading on Facial Elastomer Physical Properties
2020 Research Day Keynote Speaker Dr. Timothy Wright

Tim Wright received his DDS from West Virginia University and his specialty training in pediatric dentistry and Master of Science degree at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is the Distinguished Bawden Professor at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he served as pediatric dentistry department chair. He has published over 200 peer reviewed manuscripts, edited two texts and authored 24 text chapters. Dr. Wright’s research interests include human genetics and craniofacial development and he has had over 25 years of NIH funding. He has chaired the Council for Scientific Affairs for the American Dental Association and American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and is the current President of the American Association for Dental Research.

2020 Student Research Awards Funding

Support for student research has been generously provided by Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha, Dentsply, the International College of Dentists, National Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Nebraska Dental Association, Office of Research and University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry.

ADA / Dentsply Student Clinician Program Awardee for 2020

Colton Allen

Hinman Student Research Symposium Meeting, November 2019, Memphis, Tenn.

Michael Weber

ADEA Annual Session, Scheduled for March 2020, Washington, D.C. (Canceled)

Sinan Akkoseoglu (D3)  Cameron Aitken (D3)  Spencer Adams (D3)
Katie Keck (D4)  Natalie Bussard (D4)

AADR Annual Session, Scheduled for March 2020, Washington, D.C. (Canceled)

Colton Allen (D3)  Rahmi Aulia (Grad)  Tresa Gloystein (D4)
Mariah Heft (D3)  Yanqiu Li (Grad)  Paul Lewis (D4)
Alex Madrahimov (D3)  Samantha Nelson (D3)  M. Kate O’Brien (D4)
Zach Pederson (D3)  Dasirae Sieh (D4)  Kevin Vakilzadian (D3)

AAE Annual Meeting, Scheduled for April 2020, Nashville, Tenn. (Canceled)  Dr. Brett Cawley  Dr. Jordon Sherman

ADHA Annual Conference, June 2020, New Orleans, La. (Will be held virtually)

Yahia Al Sarhani  Maria Celeste Hernandez  Allyson Mohr
Mikaela Sorensen  Emily Walker  Maikayla Weiss
Student Summer Research Fellowship Awards—FY 2020

Student: Jason Wahidi  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Greg Oakley & Aimin Peng  
Identifying DNA Damage Response Proteins Involved in Oral Cancer

Students: Yike Li & Briley Moates  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sung Kim  
Volumetric Comparison of Graft Material Retention Following Maxillary Sinus Augmentation and Alveolar Ridge Augmentation Procedures Using Segmentation Analysis

Students: Allie Koth & Alivia Focken  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shayla Yoachim  
Effectiveness of an E-module on the Subject of Bone Growth for Undergraduate Students

Student: Tressa Gloystein & Dasrae Sieh  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Brian Lange  
Mental Health Assessment Among Professional Students

Student: Colton Allen  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Ali Nawshad  
The Role of Transforming Growth Factor β Signaling in Palatogenesis

Students: Grace Dickerman & Melanie Lorenz  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Nagamani Narayana  
The Chameleon of the Oral Cavity Geographic Tongue: The Role of e-Learning in Differentiating Common Tongue Lesions

Student: Ann Skradski  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Killeen  
Effect of Periodontal Recall Intervals on Crestal Bone Loss in Patients with Local Risk Factors

Student: Therin Baum  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Amy Killeen  
Effect of Periodontal Recall Intervals on Crestal Bone Loss in Patients with Local Systemic Risk Factors

Student: Zach Pederson  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richard Reinhardt  
The Impact of Oral Hygiene Compliance on Restorative Treatment Needs

Student: Alex Madov  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richard Reinhardt  
Impact of Oral Hygiene on Periodontal Outcomes in a General Practice

Student: Tracy Peitz & Autumn Chapman  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Minnie Vishwanath, Sung Kim & Jeffrey Payne  
Assessment of the Incidence and Severity of Impacted Canines in the Nebraska Population and Comparison of Two-Dimensional Versus Three-Dimensional Imaging

Students: Mary Mercier & Allison Hurlbut  
Faculty Mentor: Dr. James Jenkins  
Delivery of Oral Injections for Non-traumatic Dental Conditions

Students: Spencer Adams & Cameron Aitken  
Faculty Mentor: Drs. Marianne Day & Greg Bennett  
Value of Digital Assessment vs Conventional Assessment of Preclinical Dental Anatomy Work

Students: Olivia Straka & Maddison McConnaughhay  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Luana Oliveira-Haas & Mark Beatty  
Dental Anxiety in Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Patients

Students: Devyn Prodoehl & Katie Griffith  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Mark Beatty, Julie Marshall & Luana Oliveira-Haas  
Does Contamination of Composite Increments with Self-etch Adhesive Reduce Bond Strength?

Students: Gabriella Hurov & Kristin Beck  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Mark Beatty & Luana Oliveira-Haas  
Effect of Silver Diamine Fluoride on Bond Strength of Composite Resin to Dentin

Students: Matthew Karloff & Tyler Juhlin  
Faculty Mentors: Drs. Luana Oliveira-Haas, Gregory Bennett & Mark Beatty  
3D-analysis of Correlation Between Anterior Tooth Shape and Gender
Student Academic Scholarships

This year, 132 dental students received 203 awards valued at $1,414,885 and 47 dental hygiene students received 45 awards valued at $168,123. These scholarships and grants were made available from thoughtful and generous individuals and organizations to the College of Dentistry for academic scholarships and fellowships. The college sincerely appreciates these gifts, which reward students for academic excellence. We congratulate the recipients of these awards for their hard work and scholarship.

University & Foundation Scholarships & Donors

Ethel S. Abbott Scholarship ......................................................... Victoria Woodburn
ADHA Institution for Oral Heath Scholarship ................................... Elizabeth Grace Shavlik
Selma B. Anderson Pathology Award ........................................... Shelby J. Blum
Asbjörnson Family Scholarship .................................................. Mandy Marie Amberg
Roscoe S. Baker Scholarship ....................................................... Jordan L. Ingersoll, Shelby J. Blum
Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Scholarship ............................................. Brock B. Lewis
Gretchen Bechtol Lee Fund .......................................................... Haritareddy Gujjula
Dr. Thomas Bollinger Memorial Scholarship .................................. Blake Hansen
Dr. Francis Brown Memorial Scholarship ..................................... Katie M. Griffith
College Opportunity Scholarship (Buffett Foundation) ..................... Allyson Lynn Mohr
Susan Thompson (Buffett Foundation) ....... Caylynn Marie Cruse, Emily Brooke Houtby, Harley Ray
BNSF Scholarship ..................................................................... Samantha Nicole Vermilion
Dr. Richard & Barbara Bush Scholarship ....................................... Mary K. O’Brien
Paul Carlberg Scholarship ........................................................... Chad M. Sindelar, Sarah Jane Scholl
William & Dorothy Carson Scholarship ........................................ Abigail Rose Johnston, Olivia Jean Rezac
Versal & Edith Molly Caton Scholarship ....................................... Alexyss L. Leiker
W.E. Chappell DDS Scholarship ................................................ Vy T. Vu
Ted A. Chuman DDS Scholarship ............................................... Michael T. Weber
Crawford Scholarship .................................................................. Jordan L. Ingersoll
Kay F. Crawford Scholarship ...................................................... Devyn J. Prodoehl
Dr. & Mrs. William Dall Scholarship ........................................... Tracy Ann Peitz
Dr. Paul Deines Memorial Scholarship ......................................... Michael T. Weber
Delta Dental Nebraska Scholarship ............................................. Carly Johnson
Dental Class of 1951 Freshman Scholarship .................................. Jordan C. Brozek
Dental Class of 1961 Memorial Scholarship ................................... Michael T. Weber
Dental Class of 1964 Memorial Scholarship .................................. Cory Franklin Foland
Dental Class of 1982 Scholarship ................................................ Natalie A. Bussard
University & Foundation Scholarships & Donors

Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship ........................................ Noni Janelle Henderson, Kazandra Lisette Valadez
Dr. F. Gene & Rosemary Dixon Scholarship .................. Brock B. Lewis, Mary K. O’Brien, Michael T. Weber
Dundie Public Schools ............................................................. Tommy A. Waters
Dr. Daniel Dymski Scholarship ............................................. Amanda German
Education Quest Foundation .................................................... Jesse Lynn Grotelueschen
Employee Dependent Scholarship ...................................... Vicky Thuy Nguyen, Sierra Jane Schuessler
Dr. M. Thomas & Beverly Evans Scholarship .................. John Andrew Haslam
Hermene Ferris Scholarship ................................................... Abigail Rose Johnston
First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association ....................... Therin Jo Baum
Dr. Michael A. & Karen Furmanski Scholarship ................ Ashton A. Parmley
Dr. Reg & Linda Gartner Scholarship ................................. Katie A. Keck
Abbie & Elmer Gudmundsen Scholarship ......................... Natalie A. Bussard
Hastings Family Scholarship ............................................... Abigail Rose Johnston
Hemmingford Scholarship Foundation ............................... Blake Hansen
Hengstler-Odineal Scholarship ............................................. Valerie L. Largen
Dr. E.R. & R.L. Hinrichs Family Scholarship ...................... Samantha Elise Nelson
Dr. Leslie Houlette Memorial Scholarship ......................... Preston Dramse
Edgar & Minnie Hunt Memorial Scholarship ..................... Blake Hansen
Duane M. Hunt Scholarship .................................................. Emily A. Kleier
Edgar & Minnie Hunt Memorial Scholarship ..................... Spencer Adams
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholarship ............... Cameron M. Aitken
Robert & Gayle Jones Scholarship ..................................... Ashton A. Parmley
Jones Bank & Trust .............................................................. Leah Marie Sackschewsky
Dr. Donald & Clarice Keys Scholarship ............................. Samantha Elise Nelson
Jane V. Kurtiss Revocable Trust ............................................. Haritareddy Gujjula
Marjorie Kwan Memorial Scholarship ............................. Lucas P. VanErmen
Dr Irving Larson Memorial Scholarship ......................... Mary K. O’Brien
Drs. Stephen H. & Hubert J. Leeper Scholarship ............... Jordan C. Brozek
Lawrence F. Lindgren Scholarship ....................................... Tressa M. Gloystein, Brock B. Lewis
Dr. Christopher MacKnight Endowed Scholarship for Dentistry ........................................ Alexis C. Jessen
Mead Family Foundation ..................................................... Danielle Marie Salvatori
Meeske & Pankratz Scholarship ........................................... Charlotte A. Sjulin
Lucy Menebroker Scholarship ............................................ Devyn J. Prodoehl
University & Foundation Scholarships & Donors

Dr. Eugene S. & Maroly H. Merchant Scholarship................................................. Cameron M. Aitken
Dr. Cecil H. Miller Memorial Scholarship......................................................... Lucas P. VanErmen
Dr. Gaylen R. Miller Family Scholarship......................................................... Spencer Adams
Wilbur L. & Valerie E. Moon Scholarship......................................................... Emily A. Kleier
National Health Service Corps ........................................................................... Truc Huu Doan
NDA West District Dental Hygiene Scholarship ................................................ Samantha Nicole Vermilion
Dr. Herbert C.G. & Dorothy O. Nelson Scholarship............................................. Spencer Adams

Nonresident Tuition Scholarships
  Bo Chao                     Mitchell R. Kaus        Allie J. Koth
  Paul B. Lewis              Yike Li                   Caleb E. McKinley
  Yan Mei                    Benjamin D. Petry       Jasmyn C. Phye
  Devyn J. Prodoehl          Tong Wang                

North Platte High School Scholarship.............................................................. Curtis W. Collins
Northwestern Community Foundation .............................................................. Corbin R. Smith
Nora Parker Linn Scholarship (UNMC Student Leader Award) .............................. Brock B. Lewis
Dr. Raymond O. & Mrs. Thelma Peterson Scholarship ........................................ Chad M. Sindelar
Lillian Peterson Memorial Scholarship ............................................................ Toni Renea Doescher
Phelps County Community Foundation ................................................................ Isaac Mark Hohman

Pruitt Scholarship Fund
  Colton A. Allen             Ellen K. Anderson         Rory Ashdown
  Autumn R. Chapman           Grace E. Dickerman      Tyler A. Graham
  Kylie P. Graney             Cassandra Hoang          Ethan K. Hoopes
  Jason A. Jurca              Casey J. Jurewensky      Lance Lucas
  Robert Meyer                Kathryn Q. Moncrief      Nicholas E. White

Lois Riss Trust .................................................................................................... Shelby Anne Richards
Gustav & Lillian Rusch Scholarship ................................................................ Christine Ruth Bergman
Schmitt Scholarship ............................................................................................ Haritareddy Gujja
Scholarship America ........................................................................................... Kazandra Lisette Valadez
Lewis A. & Anna F. Seberg Scholarship .............................................................. Brooke A. Appelhans
Leonard T. & Ida L. Selling Scholarship ............................................................ Harley Ray
Dr. Henry A. Shannon Memorial Scholarship .................................................... Lucas P. VanErmen
H. Richard & Eleanor J. Shipp Scholarship ....................................................... Katie M. Griffith
Siouxland Community Foundation ....................................................................... Kazandra Lisette Valadez
Dr. Ray H. Steinacher Memorial Scholarship .................................................... Kaitlynn Louise Harvey
Stockton Educational Endowment ........................................................................ Mattie E. Eddleman
University & Foundation Scholarships & Donors

Dr. Paul & Marcia Swanson Scholarship .................................................................................. Emily A. Kleier

J.J. Thomas Scholarship
   Eric A. Ahrens    James D. Canarsky    Robert W. Kirkland    Leah Marie Sackschewsky

UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Fund - Dental Hygiene
   Toni Renea Doescher    Noni Janelle Henderson
   Harley Ray    Kazandra Lisette Valadez

UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Fund - Dentistry
   Cameron M. Aitken    Natalie A. Bussard    Cory Franklin Foland
   Tressa M. Glowstein    Katie M. Griffith    Katie A. Keck
   Paul B. Lewis    Mary K. O'Brien    Ashton A. Parmley
   Mary J. Pollmiller    Lucas P. VanErmen    Vy T. Vu

UNMC College of Dentistry Merit Scholarship
   Brianna Taylor Hellings    Maria Celeste Hernandez    Cari Amanda Mazour
   Taylor Rae Mroczek    Harley Ray    Leah Marie Sackschewsky
   Mikaela Courtney Sorensen    Samantha Nicole Vermilion

College of Dentistry Millennium Scholarship .......................................................... Holly L. Hild

UNMC Regent Scholarship - Dental Hygiene .......... Yahia Salem Al Sarhani, Elizabeth Grace Shavlak

UNMC Regent Scholarship - Dentistry
   Amanda L. German    Mariah D. Heft    Hannah E. Loseke
   Jai Kumar Mediratta    Dasirae D. Sieh

UNMC Women’s Faculty Club Scholarship ............................................................. Sarah Jane Scholl

Gregory Van Pelt Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Samantha Nicole Vermilion

Eileen P. Weidman Scholarship ........................................................................... Toni Renea Doescher

Dr. Frank M. Wentz Memorial Scholarship ............................................................. Mary J. Pollmiller

Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education...... Autumn R. Chapman, Anthony J. Jacobson

David & Freda Wolf Scholarship ........................................................................ Christine R. Bergman

Woodbury Study Club Award ................................................................................ Katie A. Keck

Michael York Memorial Scholarship ................................................................. Tressa M. Glowstein

H. Clayton Zellers Memorial Dental Scholarship ............................................... Mary J. Pollmiller

Students in Armed Forces
Health Professions Scholarship Program

Air Force: Ryan W. Matzen (D4), Mary K. Mercier (D3), Justin S. Peterson (D1), Ali K. Stradinger (D3) & Hannah Wilken (D3)

Army: Selam T. Carlson (D2) & Andrew W. Egger (D2)

Navy: Devin Mitchell (D3) & Natalie A. Nuckolls (D3)
Faculty Recognition Awards

The students of the College of Dentistry recognize the time and effort put forth by our talented and dedicated faculty. The effort involved in teaching students at the college is recognized as a major commitment to the programs and the philosophy of dental education. In response to this commitment, the student body wishes to acknowledge selected faculty for their efforts and assistance in the academic process. Certificates for faculty recognition are awarded following the nominations of the members of each class at the college.

Dental Class of 2023

On behalf of the dental class of 2023, we would like to personally thank Shayla D. Yoachim, Ph.D., for her outstanding efforts as our first-year professor. Dr. Yoachim has truly gone above and beyond in every sense of the phrase. She is constantly asking for feedback, adjusting to better aid our education, and always has our best interest in mind. While the coursework is incredibly difficult, she has challenged each and every one of us to strive to better understand the human body, and specifically the head and neck, in great depth. Dr. Yoachim has inspired us to be better students and professionals in the future.

We as a class compiled a few of the ways that she affected students in the last year: “Dr. Yoachim has made an extra effort this year to adapt to our ever-changing class needs and demands, whether that means additional questions or resources, reformatting lab time, mock practicals, and even went as far as to make an Instagram account to better our anatomy experience.” “She has an excitement for learning and her desire to do better is contagious, and that is why she is a fantastic professor.” “Dr. Yoachim is doing her best to teach us in different ways and listens to everyone’s thoughts. She incorporates all of them into her teaching.” “She truly cares about our retention of the material at hand. Whether that be quick recall to our neighbor or drawing our attention to something we have learned in the past. She allows me to feel ‘in control’ of the content. This allows me to have the confidence to succeed.”

We have a great respect for Dr. Yoachim’s enthusiasm for her subject. Clearly, she makes us all aspire to be better clinicians and truly become experts in our field. Dr. Yoachim, thank you for all that you do, for all the additional effort you put forth, and for making us better future healthcare providers and people.

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Dental Class of 2023

The freshman class would also like to thank James K. Wahl III, Ph.D., for his uplifting support and clear and concise communication with our class as incoming D1s. Whether it is deliberate or something innate in his personality, Dr. Wahl always seems to be there to support our class. It could be in histology lecture, meeting with him outside of class time, helping out with anatomy practicals, proctoring for exams that are not his or even just walking down the hallway, Dr. Wahl has always been there to help support us and say an uplifting word or two. Coming into dental school can be daunting to even the most confident, well-prepared students. Clear communication is one way to help limit the intimidating nature of entering dental school, and from day one of lecture Dr. Wahl had outcomes, PowerPoints, schedules, among other things plainly laid out for us and was always open to questions as to eliminate any possible confusion among the class. Dr. Wahl’s commitment and care for us, not just as students, but as fellow human beings, is a lesson our class, and anyone can take with them throughout life.

Here are two quotes from students on the impact Dr. Wahl has had on them: “Even though he does not teach our class this semester, he still always stops students in the halls and asks how we’re doing – and actually cares what our answer is. His commitment to boosting our morale is much appreciated and I think we have all come out better students thanks to him being our professor.” “I think that Dr. Wahl deserves this recognition because he does a great job at making students feel comfortable to ask questions. He is very clear in what he is teaching and what he requires from his students.”

Dr. Wahl’s impact on us as first-semester dental students will long outlast the one semester we had him, and will continue to help shape and guide us as we continue on our dental path to becoming the healthcare providers of tomorrow. On behalf of the class, we would like to thank you Dr. Wahl for help making a lasting impact on us and going the extra mile to make us feel comfortable transitioning into a new chapter in our lives.

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**Dental Class of 2022**

The dental class of 2022 would like to recognize faculty member Sung K. Kim, DDS. Dr. Kim holds a very special place in the hearts of our class. His passion for radiology has inspired us all to be better clinicians and gave us a new appreciation for these elusive 2D black-and-white images. We feel that Dr. Kim is extremely deserving of this honor, as he is a professor that works hard to come prepared each and every day, answers our endless questions without hesitation, and exhibits extreme mastery over his craft. Just like the many different angles of an X-ray, Dr. Kim takes different approaches to convey information in engaging ways: like his entertaining YouTube channel and class video projects. Our class loves that we have the chance to publicly recognize his efforts by giving him this award. We all hope to one day be as composed and well versed in our own areas of expertise as Dr. Kim.

**Dental Class of 2022**

The sophomore class would also like to recognize faculty member Luana Oliveira-Haas, DDS, MS, PhD. We wanted to take a moment as a class to thank Dr. O so much for everything she has done for us this past semester. Despite all of us living purely out of tackle boxes and having to make adjustments while working without a lab during renovations, Dr. O was an incredible leader throughout this time and never let us give up. She provided us with so many opportunities to better our hand skills and taught us many creative techniques on perfecting operative dentistry. We truly believe she pushed us to where we need to be, in terms of preparedness for clinic, by connecting all the dots between operative, dental materials, and basic clinical skills!

She also brought amazing energy each and every day, and you could feel her passion for dentistry with every critique and piece of advice she gave. Our class wants to specifically recognize the depth and beauty of her presentation materials. It was evident she was meticulous and was intentional with every lecture, and put in the same amount of time and love that she would when treating a patient. If you have ever had the chance to work with her, you know just how special she really is. Her creative mind pushed us to new heights as a class and we can’t wait to work with her going forward. We love you, Dr. O, and thank you so much for being you and helping UNMC to be a special place for us to call home.

“If you have ever had the chance to work with Dr. Oliveira-Haas, you know just how special she really is.”

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Dental Class of 2021

The junior class also recognizes Ernest W. Sigler, DDS, for our full-time faculty nomination. Dr. Sigler has influenced every member of the D3 class this year upstairs in the clinic. The friendly smile and “good morning” is always a mood booster during the weekly grind of clinic and classes. Dr. Sigler has a welcoming personality, which has helped make the transition into clinic a lot easier. You can always go to him if you have a question, and he is always more than willing to help, which we really have appreciated. From the entire D3 class, we thank you, Dr. Sigler, for everything you do!

Dental Class of 2021

The class of 2021 would like to recognize Jon Asbjörnson, DDS, for our part-time faculty nomination. Dr. Asbjörnson has affected every member of our class in some form or another, which is difficult to do as a part-time faculty member. He goes out of his way to help in the full extent and we are very appreciative. The knowledge and confidence he builds in us during Clinic with a Heart is something that is unique when compared to the school clinic setting and we are thankful for his contribution. From the entire D3 class we thank you, Dr. Asbjörnson, for everything you do!

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Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Memorial Faculty Award

The graduating dental class chooses a faculty member who has made a significant contribution to their education and has shown great dedication to preparing students to be leaders in dentistry.

Presented by the Dental Class of 2020 to Robin L. Hattervig, DDS

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Dental Hygiene Class of 2021

The first-year dental hygiene students would like to nominate Amanda Dolen, RDH. Amanda brings a positive attitude to work everyday and goes above and beyond to help us in and out of the clinic. This year, she has a lot to take on with working towards her masters degree and taking care of a family. Even with all of this, she still comes to work with an unlimited amount of patience and understanding helping us become better hygienists. Amanda is easy to relate to and gives constructive criticism in a nurturing way and is always available to teach us tips and tricks in clinic. She cares deeply for each and every one of us, about our lives, what we are involved in, and how we are doing. When we are overwhelmed and stressed about exams and all the requirements of school, she is always there to encourage and guide us. We are beyond thankful to have such an approachable, passionate, understanding, and thoughtful professor in our program.

Dental Hygiene Class of 2021—West Division

The west division class of 2021 would like to nominate Molly Christensen, RDH. We were fortunate to have Molly with us the first few weeks of clinic. We were all nervous about seeing patients for the first time and she had a calming way about her; she was amazing. Molly continually lifted us up through her energy and passion, making us more comfortable and giving us more confidence. Her individual approach was irreplaceable. She took the time to evaluate our specific clinic needs and gave each of us tips on how to help each patient through her own experience and the experience of those she has worked with. Molly chose to go back to private practice, so she was only with us for a short time. The relationships she built while working with us and the knowledge she shared will be with us for a lifetime.

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Faculty Recognition Awards

Dental Hygiene Class of 2020

The senior dental hygiene class is proud to present the faculty recognition award to Todd N. Junge, RDH. Todd has continuously provided each of us individually with support, confidence and humor in times of great need. His easy going manner and his wealth of knowledge is what stands him apart from others and has given each of us students the pride of knowing him. Thank you, Todd, for your great impact on our futures!”

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Dental Hygiene Class of 2021—West Division

The west division class of 2020 would like to present the faculty recognition award to Nicole M. Baker, RDH. Nicole has always gone above and beyond to help and assist the students. She takes time out of her days, both in the clinic and out of the clinic, to make sure we succeed. We owe a lot of our dental hygiene attributes to Nicole. The west division is lucky to have you!

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Staff Recognition: 2019 Silver U Recipients

This award is given to UNMC employees whose overall performance is above and beyond the scope of their position.

March: Mary Teresa McElroy
May: Vickie Gabriel-Barry & Jintana Saowapa
October: Calvin Hughes
2020 Senior Dental Hygiene Awards

**Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals** ................................................................. Maria Celeste Hernandez
Student Total Achievement Recognition (STAR) provided for
compassion in patient care, enthusiasm for community service
and dedication to and enjoyment of the profession of dental hygiene.

**Hu-Friedy “Golden Scaler” (Outstanding Clinician)** .......................... Maikayla L. Weiss - Lincoln
Presented to a senior student with outstanding clinical skills.
Samantha N. Vermillion - West Division

**Nebraska Dental Hygienists’ Association**
**“Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student”** .......................................... Elizabeth G. Shavik - Lincoln
Honors a senior who exemplifies all around potential in the field of dental hygiene.
Morgan N. Broussard - West Division

**Oral B® / P&G Outstanding Community Achievement** .................. Yahia Salem Al Sarhani
Dental hygiene student recognition for achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

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**Sigma Phi Alpha**
National Dental Hygiene Honor Society
*Alpha Lambda Chapter*

**New Members:**
Yahia Salem Al Sarhani
Elizabeth Grace Shavlik

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**2020 Senior Dental Awards**

**Academy of Dental Materials** ............................................................... Michael T. Weber
Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in dental materials science

**Academy of General Dentistry** ............................................................. Christopher M.G. Cooper
Students who have shown the most promise of becoming an outstanding general dentist
Holly J. Heien

**Academy of Operative Dentistry** ......................................................... Christopher M.G. Cooper
Student who has achieved excellence in operative dentistry

**Academy of Osseointegration** ............................................................ Alexa C. Rosenau
Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in implant dentistry

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2020 Senior Dental Awards

**Alpha Omega** .............................................................................................................. Dasirae D. Sieh
Student with highest scholastic average for four years of dental study

**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry** .............................................................. Paul B. Lewis
Student who has demonstrated the most clinical proficiency
and interest in esthetic dentistry

**American Academy of Gold Foil Operators** ......................................................... Brock B. Lewis
Student who has shown outstanding qualities as a scholar
and clinician in operative dentistry

**American Academy of Implant Dentistry** ......................................................... Ashton A. Parmley
Student who has demonstrated the most interest,
academically and clinically, in implant dentistry

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology** ......................... Rory D. Ashdown
Student who has shown exceptional interest and accomplishment
in dental radiology

**American Academy of Oral Medicine** ............................................................... Tong Wang
Student who has shown outstanding interest in the field of oral medicine

**American Academy of Oral Pathology** .............................................................. Paul B. Lewis
Student who has shown outstanding interest, accomplishment
and promise in the field of oral pathology

**American Association of Pediatric Dentistry** ............................................... Hannah E. Loseke
Student most understanding in the field of dentistry for children

**American Academy of Periodontology** .............................................................. Cheryl A. Ligon
Student who has excelled in the field of periodontics

**American Association of Endodontics** .............................................................. Katie A. Keck
Student who has excelled in the field of endodontics

**American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons** ............................ Lucas P. VanErmen
Student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and
achievement in oral and maxillofacial surgery (aaoms.org)

**American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons (Dental Implant)** .... Dasirae D. Sieh
Student who has demonstrated outstanding achievements
in the study of implants in dentistry

**American Association of Orthodontists** ............................................................ Dasirae D. Sieh
Student who has shown exceptional interest in the development
of the oro-facial complex

**American College of Dentists** ........................................................................ Mary J. Pollmiller
Student who best exemplifies and demonstrates a high sense of ethics
and integrity toward the responsibilities of the dental profession

**American College of Prosthodontists Undergraduate Achievement** ............ Michael T. Weber
Student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency
in prosthodontics
2020 Senior Dental Awards

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology ................................................................. Jarrett J. Romine
Student who has shown proficiency in the field of anesthesia in dentistry

B.L. Hooper Removable Prosthodontics Award ............................................................ Dasirae D. Sieh
Student who has shown outstanding ability in the area of prosthetics

Chi-Cheung Chan Orthodontic Award ............................................................................ Chancy C. Hanquist
Student demonstrating the greatest aptitude for orthodontics

D4 Case Presentations, April 2020 .................................................................................. Rory Ashdown
Ryan Matzen
Mary Pollmiller
Dasirae Sieh

Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award ................................................................. Rory D. Ashdown
Student judged to be the leading prosthodontic student

International College of Dentists ................................................................................ Lucas P. VanErmen
Student who has shown outstanding leadership, academic
and professional improvement during the years as a student
of dentistry and has great potential to continue to do so
Michael T. Weber

International Congress of Oral Implantologists / Dentsply ......................................... Robert R. Meyer
Student who displays the greatest interest and commitment
to oral implantology/implant dentistry

Nebraska Society of Pediatric Dentistry ........................................................................ Mary J. Pollmiller
Student most outstanding in the field of dentistry for children

Quintessence Book Publishing Awards
Student chosen for research achievement ..................................................................... Mary J. Pollmiller
Student chosen for clinical achievement in periodontics ........................................... Victor Romero Jr.
Student chosen for clinical achievement in restorative dentistry ......................... Holly J. Heien

Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry ............................................................... Tung T. Nguyen

Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Honorary Dental Fraternity

New Members:
Paul B. Lewis, Hannah E. Loseke, Mary K. O’Brien,
Mary Pollmiller & Dasirae D. Sieh

Kramer Award of Excellence:
Mariah D. Heft
Dean’s Honor List

Acknowledging students in the top 10% of their class.

First Semester • 2019-2020

DENTAL HYGIENE

Junior–Class of 2021
Samantha Beal, Columbus, Neb.
Haritareddy Gujju, Bend, Ore.

Senior–Class of 2020
Yahia Al Sarhani, Lincoln, Neb.
Cari Mazour, Lincoln, Neb.

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Freshman–Class of 2023
Mandy Amberg, Lincoln, Neb.
Logan Johnson, Lincoln, Neb.
Isaac Langan, McCook, Neb.
Yan Mei, Shenzhen, China
Benjamin Reckmeyer, Omaha, Neb.
Nicole Steinhausner, Alma, Neb.
Makena Sundine, Topeka, Kan.

Sophomore–Class of 2022
Andrew Bruch, Omaha, Neb.
Amanda German, Cozad, Neb.
Jordan Ingersoll, Kearney, Neb.
Jason Jurca, Arlington, Wash
Emily Kleier, O’Neil, Neb.
Caleb McKinley, Pierre, S.D.
Benjamin Wachholtz, Papillion, Neb.

Junior–Class of 2021
Mariah Heft, Alma, Neb.
Allie Koth, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Yike Li, Shaoying, China
Tracy Peitz, Hartington, Neb.
Jason Wahidi, St. Louis, Mo.

Senior–Class of 2020
Paul Lewis, Wichita, Kan.
Hannah Loseke, Kearney, Neb.
Ashton Parmley, Elkhorn, Neb.
Mary Pollmiller, Littleton, Colo.
Dasirae Sieh, Stanton, Neb.
High Academic Achievement & Graduating with Honors
Academic Year 2019-2020

Acknowledging students in the top 15% of their class and senior students who have been recognized at the honors convocation each year of their enrollment.

**DENTAL HYGIENE**

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Samantha K. Beal, Columbus, Neb.
Haritareddy Gujjula, Bend, Ore.
Abigail R. Johnston, Clay Center, Kan.

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Yahia Al Sarhani, Lincoln, Neb.†*
Elizabeth G. Shavlik, Omaha, Neb.†

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Erin L. Farnham, Mitchell, S.D.
Logan D. Johnson, Lincoln, Neb.
Isaac A. Langan, McCook, Neb.
Yan Mei, Shenzhen, China
Benjamin A. Reckmeyer, Omaha, Neb.
Nicole A. Steinhauser, Alma, Neb.
Makena M. Sundine, Topeka, Kan.

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Spencer D. Adams, Lincoln, Neb.
Mariah D. Heft, Alma, Neb.
Allie J. Koth, Sioux Falls, S.D.
Yike Li, Shaoxing, China
Jai K. Mediratta, Omaha, Neb.
Samantha E. Nelson, Lincoln, Neb.
Devyn J. Prodoehl, Brookings, S.D.
Ali K. Stradinger, Rapid City, S.D.

**Sophomore—Class of 2022**
Shelby J. Blum, Tecumseh, Neb.
Andrew A. Bruch, Omaha, Neb.
Andrew W. Egger, St. Charles, Ill.
Amanda L. German, Cozad, Neb.
Holly L. Hild, Omaha, Neb.
Jordan L. Ingersoll, Kearney, Neb.
Jason A. Jurca, Arlington, Wash.
Emily A. Kleier, O’Neil, Neb.

**Senior—Class of 2020**
Paul B. Lewis, Andover, Kan.†
Hannah E. Loseke, Kearney, Neb.†
Mary K. O’Brien, Omaha, Neb.
Ashton A. Parmley, Elkhorn, Neb.†
Mary J. Pollmiller, Littleton, Colo.
Dasirae D. Sieh, Stanton, Neb.†*
Lucas P. VanErmen, Sioux Falls, S.D.†

†Honors list since matriculation at the College of Dentistry
*Upper 3% of class
Dean’s Award for Academic Achievement & Graduating with Honors • Class of 2020

Highest Distinction:
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.95 or above and present a thesis or comparable creative effort that is suitable for submission for publication and is acceptable to the Academic Affairs Committee.

High Distinction:
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.85 or above.

Distinction:
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.75 or above.

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High Distinction
Paul B. Lewis, Andover, Kan.†
Hannah E. Loseke, Kearney, Neb.†
Ashton A. Parmley, Elkhorn, Neb.†
Dasirae D. Sieh, Stanton, Neb.†*

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