Recognition & Awards Ceremony

Today, we applaud and celebrate the entire College of Dentistry community! Every day, every student, faculty and staff member contributes to the present and future of oral health care. As vital members of the College of Dentistry team, you have an important role in continuing the college’s 123-year tradition of excellence. Thank you for all you do!

We also congratulate the students, faculty and staff who are being recognized for their professional and scholarly accomplishments. Behind every award, there is a great story of an individual whose hard work and pursuit of excellence has led to extraordinary achievements. The award winners exemplify the college’s values of integrity, intellectual curiosity and passion in everything we do.
2022 Student Research Day Winners

Dental

**First Place**
Heath Ketteler & Isaac Langan
*Printer Variability and the Impact on Resin Physical Properties, An In Vitro Study*
Mentor: Dr. Gregory Bennett

**Second Place**
Erin Farnham & Kirstan Hyser
*The Role of DHHC13 in Desmosome Function and Its Effects on Cellular Adhesion*
Mentor: Dr. James K Wahl III

**Third Place**
McCamey McKinley & Katelyn Smith
*Dental Student Understanding of Medicaid at UNMC College of Dentistry*
Mentor: Dr. Sarah Lowman

Dental Hygiene

**First Place**
Jesi Adams & Kayla Bush
*In Vitro Study Comparing the Effects of Chlorhexidine and Stellalife & VEGA Oral Care Rinse on S. mutans and S. salivrius*
Mentor: Lisa Moravec

**Second Place**
Kateralnada Mahdi & Brooke Lawson
*Teeth Whitening: An In Vitro Study Comparing Professional-Grade and Store-Bought Whitening Strips*
Mentor: Dr. William Johnson

**Postgraduate**

**First Place**
Dr. Grace Moore
*The Effect of Interproximal Home Regimens on Inflammatory Biomarkers in Periodontal Maintenance Patients*
Mentor: Dr. Richard A. Reinhardt

**Second Place**
Drs. Arif Karim & Timothy Jernberg
*Interleukin-6 Levels are Elevated in Saliva of Patients with Endodontic Disease*
Mentor: Dr. Thomas Petro

**Third Place**
Drs. Jordan Castillo & Eric Phan
*Formocresol Pulpotomy vs. Vitrebond Indirect Pulp Therapy: A 5-year Retrospective Study on Dental Rehabilitation Cases Completed Under General Anesthesia*
Mentor: Dr. Bryan Skar

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jeffrey Ebersole
Dr. Ebersole has been a professor and the associate dean for research at the University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine since 2017. He received the IADR award for basic oral science research in 1983, the IADR award for basic research in periodontal disease in 2000, and he served as the president of the American Association for Dental Research from 2011-2012. Dr. Ebersole directed a major COBRE grant from the NIH supporting the Center for the Biologic Basis of Oral/Systemic Diseases at the University of Kentucky. His CV contains over 300 publications, reviews and book chapters in the microbiology and immunology of oral diseases.
Hinman Student Research Symposium, October 30-31, 2021, Virtual
Carly Aitken

ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, March 19-22, 2022, Philadelphia, PA

Poster Presenters
Ellen Anderson
Sydney Armstrong, Partner: Jared Smalley
Bo Chao
Ramanpreet Randhawa, Partner: Karla Mejia
Tommy Waters, Partner: Bridget McKeegan

Participants
Bryce Byman
Nathaniel Heimann
Charlotte Sjulin
Student Diversity Leadership Program:
Cassandra Nguyen & Shyamaly Premaraj

ASDA Lobby Day, March 20-22, 2022, Washington DC

Mandy Amberg
Shelby Fisher
Ayesha Iqbal

AADOCR/CADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition, March 21-26, 2022, Atlanta, GA

Poster Presenters
Mandy Amberg/Shelby Fisher
Ryan Grove
Blake Hansen
Benjamin Kincaid

SCADA Competition
Jason Jurca

Senior Case Presentations, April 11, 2022, College of Dentistry

Team Black: Charlotte Sjulin
Team Blue: Alexis Jessen
Team Green: Logan Lawrence
Team Red: Selam Carlson

ADHA Annual Conference, June 24-26, 2022, Louisville, KY

Jesi Adams
Kayla Bush
Lilia Kusek
Summer Research Fellowship Awards

Fiscal Year 2021-22 - Listed are student(s), mentor(s) and research titles.

**Mandy Amberg & Shelby Fisher**
Dr. Gregory Bennett  
*Comparison of the Polishability of 3D Printed Denture Base Materials Using Three Different Additive Manufacturing Technologies*

**Sydney Armstrong & Jared Smalley**
Dr. Sarah Lowman  
*Exploring Sustainable Dentistry: A Survey of Nebraska Dentists’ Beliefs and Awareness of Climate Change and Eco-friendly Practice*

**Jordan Brozek & Christine Scanlan**
Dr. Sarah Lowman  
*Teaching Sexual and Gender Minority Health in Dental Education: Curriculum Trends and Student Perceptions*

**Ryan Grove**
Dr. Mark Beatty  
*Synthesis of Nanotilled Siloxane Copolymers for Facial Prosthetics Applications*

**Edward Hardy & Randin Rawlings**
Dr. Jeffrey Payne  
*Examining the Association Between Smoking, Diabetes, Periodontitis Diagnosis, and Frequency of Periodontal Maintenance Visits with Tooth Loss*

**Heath Ketteler & Isaac Langan**
Dr. Gregory Bennett  
*Printing Final Restorations*

**Benjamin Kincaid**
Dr. Nagamani Narayana  
*Are Dentists Responsible for the Opioid Crisis?*

**Karla Mejia & Ramanpreet Randhawa**
Dr. Julie Marshall  
*Effectiveness of a Bruxism Oral Appliance e-module for Dental Students and Dental Residents*

**Cassandra Nguyen & Shyamaly Premaraj**
Dr. Jennifer Kallio  
*Examining the Impacts of an eLearning Module and Clinical Experiences on Learning SOAP Note Documentation in Dental Education Through Retention Evaluation*

**Justin Peterson & Makena Sundine**
Drs. Luana Oliveira-Haas, Steven Haas, Gregory Bennett, John Reinhardt  
*Noncarious Cervical Lesions Prevalence and Related Risk Factors: A Pilot Cross-sectional Study of Post-orthodontic Patients*

Support for student research has been generously provided by the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha - National Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Dentsply, International College of Dentists, Nebraska Dental Association, UNMC Office of Research, and the UNMC College of Dentistry.
This year, 86 dental students received 134 awards valued at $1,750,659 and 26 dental hygiene students received 53 awards valued at $172,204. We congratulate the recipients of these awards for their hard work and academic excellence and thank the following individual donors and organizations for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

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Shelby J. Rose

OKU Kramer Award
Recipients demonstrate scholarship, character and the potential promise for advancement of dentistry and service to humanity

Nicole A. Steinhauser

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

New Members

Kassi A. Plock  
Shelby R. Rickett

Students in Armed Forces Scholarship Program

Selam T. Carlson  
Andrew W. Egger  
Yumi Liu  
Jonathan Martino  
Justin Peterson  
Lauren Peterson  
Randin Rawlings

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**Special Recognition**

**Hibah Chughtai**

**Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford Student Leadership Award - ADEA-Sponsored**
Recipients advocate for diversity, equity and inclusion and are champions for access to oral health care for underserved and disadvantaged populations.

**Andrew W. Egger**

**American College of Dentists**
Recipients best exemplify and demonstrate a high sense of ethics and integrity toward the responsibilities of the dental profession.

**Shelby N. Fisher**

**Pierre Fauchard Student Award**
Recipients demonstrate academic excellence and the potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession.

**Benjamin C. Kincaid**

**ASDA Award of Excellence**
Recipients achieve superior levels of participation or leadership in service to other students, their school or local community.

**Logan Lawrence**

**International College of Dentists Humanitarian Award**
Recipients show humility and generosity with time and talents and motivate others to serve and provide for the common good.

**Charlotte A. Sjulin**

**Dental Lifeline Network Brian D. Stone Memorial Award**
Recipients demonstrate exceptional volunteer service or care for patients with special needs.

**International College of Dentists Leadership Award**
Recipients have shown outstanding leadership and academic and professional improvement and have great potential to continue to do so.
Senior Departmental Awards

Adult Restorative Dentistry Awards

Academy of Dental Materials ................................................................. Jordan C. Verplank
Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in dental materials science.

Academy of General Dentistry ............................................................. Shelby J. Rose
Student who has shown the most promise of becoming an outstanding general dentist.

Academy of Operative Dentistry .......................................................... Jordan C. Verplank
Student who has achieved excellence in operative dentistry.

Academy of Osseointegration ............................................................... Logan Lawrence
Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in implant dentistry.

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry ............................................ William “Brant” McNew
Student who demonstrates the most clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry.

American Academy of Gold Foil Operators ......................................... Alec P. Maly
Student who has shown outstanding qualities as a scholar and clinician in operative dentistry.

American Academy of Implant Dentistry ............................................ Andrew W. Egger
Student who demonstrates the most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry.

American College of Prosthodontists Undergraduate Achievement Award ...... Selam T. Carlson
Student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics.

B.L. Hooper Removable Prosthodontics Award ..................................... Jason A. Jurca
Student who has shown outstanding ability in the area of prosthetics.

Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award ...................................... Selam T. Carlson
Student who is judged to be the leading prosthodontic student.

International Congress of Oral Implantologists .................................. Karla A. Mejia
Student who displays the greatest interest and commitment to oral implantology/implant dentistry.

Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry ................................... Evan P. McGowan

Growth and Development Awards

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry .......................................... Alexis C. Jessen
Student most understanding of the field of dentistry for children.

American Association of Orthodontists ............................................. Holly L. Ingersoll
Student who has shown exceptional interest in the development of the oro-facial complex.

Chi-Cheung Chan Orthodontic Award ............................................... Kathryn Q. Moncrief
Student who has demonstrated the greatest aptitude for orthodontics.
Senior Departmental Awards

Nebraska Society of Pediatric Dentistry

Bailey M. Neville
Student most outstanding in the field of dentistry for children.

Oral Biology Awards

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

Michael A. Correa
Student who has shown exceptional interest and accomplishment in dental radiology.

American Academy of Oral Medicine

Ramanpreet K. Randhawa
Student who has shown outstanding interest in the field of oral medicine.

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Holly L. Ingersoll
Student who has shown outstanding accomplishment and promise in the field of oral pathology.

Surgical Specialties Awards

American Academy of Periodontology

Carly Aitken
Student who has excelled in the field of periodontics.

American Association of Endodontics

Selam T. Carlson
Student who has excelled in the field of endodontics.

American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons

Sunit Patel
Student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

AAOMS Student Dental Implant Award

Jason A. Jurca
Student who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in the study of implants in dentistry.

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology

Shelby J. Rose
Student who has shown proficiency in the field of anesthesia in dentistry.

Dental Hygiene Awards

Colgate STAR Award

Kateralnada S. Mahdi
The Student Total Achievement Recognition (STAR) recognizes a student’s compassion in patient care, enthusiasm for community service and dedication to and enjoyment of the profession of dental hygiene.

HuFriedy Golden Scaler Award

Lincoln: Taylor M. Newell
West Division: Shae A. Toof
Presented to seniors with outstanding clinical skills.

Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association Outstanding Student Award

Lincoln: Kateralnada S. Mahdi
West Division: Gabrielle E. Rader
Presented to seniors who exemplify all around potential in dental hygiene.

Oral B/P Outstanding Community Achievement Award

Brooke A. Lawson
Recognizes a student for achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.
Dean's Honor List

Fall Semester, Academic Year 2021-2022
Acknowledging students in the top 10% of their class.

Dental Hygiene

Junior Class
Alexa Fenn, Omaha, NE
Savannah Kobza, Falls City, NE

Senior Class
Kassi Plock, Burwell, NE
Shelby Rickett, Ponca, NE

Dental

Freshman Class
Delaney Carlson, Rapid City, SD
Hannah Janecek, Omaha, NE
Lucas Jarecke, Columbus, NE
Huy Khoi Mai, Lincoln, NE
Ella Majerus, Lincoln, NE
Jonathan Mitzel, Aberdeen, SD

Junior Class
Mandy Amberg, Lincoln, NE
Shelby Fisher, Lincoln, NE
Kirstan Hyser, Sioux Falls, SD
Yan Mei, Shenzhen, China
Nicole Steinhauser, Alma, NE
Makena Sundine, Topeka, KS

Sophomore Class
Nathan Canarsky, Pleasant Dale, NE
Brittan Hoppens, Ogallala, NE
Brent Schulte, Watertown, SD
Wade Starkey, Mantorville, MN
Elias Witte, Omaha, NE

Senior Class
Selam Carlson, Hays, KS
Bo Chao, Hohhot, Nei Mongol, China
Preston Dramse, Grand Island, NE
Amanda German, Cozad, NE
Holly Ingersoll, Omaha, NE
Jordan Ingersoll, Kearney, NE
Shelby Rose, Tecumseh, NE
Charlotte Sjulin, Omaha, NE
Benjamin Wachholtz, Papillion, NE
Ramanpreet Randhawa, South Daytona, FL
Honors Convocation

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

Dental Hygiene

**Junior Class**
Alexa N. Fenn, Omaha, NE
Savannah J. Kobza, Falls City, NE
Jadie M. Rother, Wolbach, NE

**Senior Class**
Kassie A. Plock, Burwell, NE † *
Shelby R. Rickett, Ponca, NE †
Haley D. Malnack, Omaha, NE

Dental

**Freshman Class**
Delaney D. Carlson, Rapid City, SD
Yiwen Chen, Tianjin, China
Hannah M. Janecek, Omaha, NE
Lucas J. Jarecke, Columbus, NE
Huy Khoi Mai, Lincoln, NE
Ella M. Majerus, Lincoln, NE
Jonathan M. Mitzel, Aberdeen, SD
Laura E. Shaw, Omaha, NE
Jacob S. Stewart, Lincoln, NE
Benjamin J. Wetovich, Cozad, NE

**Sophomore Class**
Bryce T. Byman, Omaha, NE
Nathan T. Canarsky, Pleasant Dale, NE
Brittan C. Hoppens, Ogallala, NE
Landon L. Koth, Sioux Falls, SD
Samuel M. Reimer, Hastings, NE
Katherine R. Sandefur, Central City, NE
Wade J. Starkey, Mantorville, MN
Elias J. Witte, Omaha, NE

**Junior Class**
Mandy M. Amberg, Lincoln, NE
Jordan C. Brozek, Lincoln, NE
Logan D. Johnson, Lincoln, NE
Isaac A. Langan, McCook, NE
Yan Mei, Shenzhen, China
Benjamin A. Reckmeyer, Omaha, NE
Nicole A. Steinhauser, Alma, NE
Makena M. Sundine, Topeka, KS

**Senior Class**
Andrew W. Egger, St. Charles, IL
Amanda L. German, Cozad, NE †
Holly L. Ingersoll, Omaha, NE †
Jordan L. Ingersoll, Kearney, NE † *
Jason A. Jurca, Arlington, WA †
Emily A. Kleier, O'Neil, NE †
Shelby J. Rose, Tecumseh, NE
Benjamin C. Wachholtz, Papillion, NE

† Honors Convocation List since matriculation at the College of Dentistry
*Upper 3% of Class
Graduating with Honors

**Highest Distinction:**
Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.95 or above

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

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

**Dental Hygiene**

**High Distinction**
Kassi A. Plock

**Dental**

**Highest Distinction**
Jordan L. Ingersoll

**High Distinction**
Amanda L. German
Holly L. Ingersoll
Jason A. Jurca
Shelby J. Rose

**Distinction**
Carly A. Aitken
Andrew A. Bruch
Selam T. Carlson
Bo Chao
Preston J. Dramse
Andrew W. Egger
Emily A. Kleier
Kathryn Q. Moncrief
Chad M. Sindelar
Charlotte A. Sjulin
Benjamin C. Wachholtz
During fiscal year 2021, the College of Dentistry submitted 30 applications for $6,556,547. The following faculty successfully competed for awards totaling $2,357,136 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 2021 report from the UNMC Sponsored Programs Administration.)

### Grants & Contracts

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| Mark W. Beatty, DDS, MSE, MSD, MS | VA Medical Center  
VA Rehab R&D |
| Gregory W. Bennett, DMD | Nebraska Bankers Association Equipment Grant /  
University of Nebraska Foundation |
| Janet M. Guthmiller, DDS, PhD | NE DHHS  
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education |
| Jay D. Hansen, DDS | DHHS/HRSA |
| Lisa Moravec, RDH, MS | Oregon Trail Community Foundation  
Dental Trade Alliance Foundation |
| Ali Nawshad, PhD | Edna Ittner Trust Fund / University of Nebraska Foundation |
| Luana Oliveira-Haas, DDS, MS, PhD | University of Nebraska Medical Center |
| Aimin Peng, PhD | DHHS/NIH/NCI  
DHHS/NIH/NIDCR  
Great Plains IdeA Center Pilot |
| Thomas Petro, PhD | University of Nebraska-Lincoln |
| James Wahl III, PhD | Thomas Jefferson University  
NU Collaboration Initiative |
The students of the College of Dentistry wish to recognize the following faculty for making a profound difference in students' lives and for their commitment to helping students succeed. Certificates of recognition are presented by class presidents upon recommendation of the classes.

**Dental Class of 2025**
- Dr. Zaid Badr
- Dr. Shayla D. Yoachim

**Dental Class of 2024**
- Dr. Gregory G. Oakley
- Dr. Ernest Sigler

**Dental Class of 2023**
- Dr. Gregory Bennett
- Dr. Amy C. Killeen

**Dental Hygiene Class of 2023**
- Todd N. Junge
- Lisa J. Moravec

**Dental Hygiene Class of 2022**
- Chelsea Hamilton
- Lisa J. Moravec
Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Memorial Faculty Award

This award is given by the graduating dental class to 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.

Dr. Gregory Bennett

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) Four-Year Teaching Award

This award recognizes a faculty member who has made a significant educational impact on the Dental Class of 2022.

Dr. Yoshiharu Ameku

Honorary OKU Member: Dr. Aimin Peng

OKU Membership: Dr. Richard Bokemper
UNMC Outstanding Teacher Award

Dr. Ali Nawshad

This award recognizes an individual for excellence in teaching. Award criteria areas are director of learning, advisor of students, facilitator of human relations, and promotes improvement of educational quality.

UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award

Dr. Aimin Peng

This award recognizes researchers who have been among the most productive scientists in the country during the past five years.
Silver U Awards

October 2021: Priti Gandhi
January 2022: Hannah Evans
May 2022: Andrea Auer

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