

2022-2023

# College of Dentistry Awards & Recognition



UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER™  
**COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY**

# 2023 Student Research Day Winners

## Dental

### First Place

Katie Whittaker & Katie Spencer  
*Influence of Endocrown Material on the Fracture Resistance of Maxillary Canines*  
Mentor: Dr. Amanda Wobido  
Collaborators: Dr. Gregory Bennett, Dr. Renato Roperto

### Second Place

Jonathan Martino & Samuel Reimer  
*Utilization of Polycaprolactone as an Alternative to Traditional Light-Cured Methyl Methacrylate for Custom Tray Fabrication*  
Mentor: Dr. Mark Beatty  
Collaborator: Bobby Simetich

### Third Place

Tia DiGiovanni & Jace Hanisch  
*Effect of Wall Thickness of 3D-Printed Models on Resisting Deformation from Thermal Forming In-Office Aligners*  
Mentor: Dr. Gregory Bennett

## Dental Hygiene

### First Place

Kawthar Sami & Savannah Kobza  
*How ABHD17b Alters Junction Assembly and Cell Migration: An In Vitro Study*  
Mentor: Dr. James Wahl III

### Second Place

Vicky Bongomin & Brandon Tong  
*In Vitro Study Comparing the Whitening Effects*

*of Charcoal Infused Toothbrush with Charcoal Dentifrice vs. Nylon Toothbrush with Charcoal Dentifrice*

Mentor: Dr. Dona McCanlies

### Third Place

Emily Klosterman & Hannah Nemec  
*Relative Effectiveness of Whitening Dentifrices Containing Different Abrasive Ingredients in Conjunction with Electric and Manual Toothbrushes*  
Mentor: Todd Junge

## Postgraduate

### First Place

Xin Li  
*Targeting Aurora Kinases to Overcome Cisplatin Resistance in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma*  
Collaborators: Dr. Aimen Peng, Ling Wang, Zhigang Wang

### Second Place

Dr. Allie Koth  
*Artifacts Generated by Pediatric Stainless Steel and Zirconia Crowns on CBCT Imaging: An In Vitro Study*  
Collaborators: Landon Koth, Kaeli Samson, Dr. Claire Koukol, Dr. Sung Kim

### Third Place

Abhishikt David Solomon  
*Gamma-tubulin is Required for DNA Repair*  
Collaborator: Dr. Aimin Peng



## Keynote Speaker: Dr. Elizabeth Redente

"Reducing Fibroblast Persistence in Pulmonary Fibrosis as a Mechanism of Resolution"

Dr. Redente is an associate professor at National Jewish Health, Division of Cell Biology, Department of Pediatrics. She is a native to Colorado, though she spent some time in Texas while receiving her undergraduate degree in biology from Baylor University. She returned to Colorado to complete her PhD in molecular toxicology from the University of Colorado before beginning her post-doctoral work at National Jewish Health.

# Student Presentations / Conference Participation



## Hinman Student Research Symposium, October 28- 30, 2022, Memphis, TN

Kirstan Hyser

## ASDA Lobby Day, March 5-7, 2023, Washington DC

Natalie Benoy  
Sophia Pankratz

Nicholas Peterson  
Elias Witte

## ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, March 11-14, 2023, Portland, OR

### Poster Presenters

Tia DiGiovanni  
Katie Ingram  
Khushbu Ijner  
Lauren Larson  
Shyamaly Premaraj

### Participants

Tyler Lutt  
Nicholas Stolze  
*Student Diversity Leadership Program:*  
Gisselle Hernandez & Kimberley Pierre

## AADOCR/CADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition, March 15-18, 2023, Portland, OR

### Poster Presenters

Wilson "Ed" Hardy  
Case McNally  
Justin Peterson  
Randin Rawlings

### SCADA Competition

Isaac Langan

## Senior Case Presentations, April 10, 2023, College of Dentistry

Team Black: Justin Peterson      Team Green: Heath Ketteler  
Team Blue: Nick Hofmaier      Team Red: Zach Berg

## AAPD Annual Session, May 25-28, 2023, Orlando, FL

Landon Koth  
Sophia Pankratz

## ADHA Annual Conference, July 7-9, 2023, Chicago, IL

Savannah Kobza  
Kawthar Sami

# Student Research Fellowship Awards

Fiscal Year 2022-23 - Listed are student(s), mentor(s) and research titles.

## **Jessica Arland**

Dr. Amy Killeen

*Association of Periodontal Inflammation on Immune Response in Wound Healing*

## **Bryce Byman & Nate Heimann**

Dr. Julie Marshall

*A Contemporary Analysis of Dental Technician's Perception of Crown Workflow Errors and Omissions from Dentists to Laboratory*

## **Nathan Canarsky & Katie Ingram**

Dr. Shayla Yoachim

*Effectiveness of e-Learning on Clinical Application of Dental Injection Anatomy*

## **Robert (Dalton) Cline**

Dr. Richard Reinhardt

*Association of Periodontal Inflammation on Immune Response in Wound Healing*

## **Tia DiGiovanni & Jace Hanisch**

Dr. Gregory Bennett

*The Effect of Wall Thickness of 3D Printed Orthodontic Models on Resisting Deformation from Thermal Forming In-Office Aligners*

## **Ashley Dirksen & Lauren Larson**

Dr. Sarah Lowman

*Antibiotic Prescribing Patterns for Pediatric Dental Patients That Present to the Emergency Department for Non-traumatic Dental Conditions*

## **Ayesha Iqbal & Sneha Suresh Babu**

Dr. Julie Marshall

*Athletic Mouthguard e-module: Perceived Usefulness and Impact on Recommendations*

## **Landon Koth**

Dr. Claire Koukol

*Artifacts Generated by Pediatric Stainless Steel and Zirconia Crowns on CBCT Imaging: An In vitro Study*

## **Case McNally & Tanner Resseguie**

Dr. Nagamani Narayana

*Comparative Analysis of Differential Diagnoses Utilizing ORAD III*

## **Sophia Pankratz & Kylie Sestak**

Dr. Sarah Lowman

*Dental Student Knowledge and Beliefs about Medicaid: A National Survey*

## **Katie Spencer & Kathryn Whittaker**

Dr. Amanda Wobido

*Evaluation of the Fracture Resistance of Maxillary Canines Restored with Different Endocrown CAD/CAM Materials*



## **Nebraska AHEC Scholars Program Graduates**

This certificate program for health professions students offers hands-on training in rural and underserved communities.

Sydney Armstrong

Jordan Brozek

Wilson "Ed" Hardy

# Student Academic Scholarships

This year, 93 dental students received 145 awards valued at \$1,719,475 and 30 dental hygiene students received 48 awards valued at \$150,256. 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.

## Dental Student Scholarships

|                          |  |
|--------------------------|--|
| Quinn Adajar .....       | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| Farah Ali .....          | Nonresident Tuition Scholarship                    |
| Mandy Amberg .....       | Crawford Scholarship                               |
|                          | Dr F Gene & Rosemary Dixon Scholarship             |
| Luke Andreasen .....     | COD Class of '51 Frosh Scholarship                 |
| Jessica Arland .....     | Adeline Neilson Scholarship Foundation             |
|                          | Pruitt Scholarship Fund                            |
|                          | South Dakota Community Foundation                  |
|                          | WY DENT Scholarship                                |
| Sydney Armstrong .....   | Dr Leslie Houlette Memorial Scholarship            |
|                          | Jay Druecker PhD Memorial Scholarship              |
| Trey Asher .....         | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| McKenzie Brown .....     | Schmitt Scholarship                                |
| Jordan Brozek .....      | Dental Class of '61 Memorial Scholarship           |
|                          | Dr Henry Shannon Memorial Scholarship              |
| Ashley Bush .....        | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| Bryce Byman .....        | Harre & Duncan COD Scholarship                     |
| Nathan Canarsky .....    | J J Thomas Scholarship                             |
|                          | UNMC Regents Scholarship                           |
| Yiwen Chen .....         | Nonresident Tuition Scholarship                    |
| Tanner Delaney .....     | VA HPSP Scholarship                                |
| Alex Denner .....        | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| Hannah Dickey .....      | Student Success Scholarship                        |
| Truc Doan .....          | National Health Service Corps Scholarship          |
| Elizabeth Dressler ..... | Kay F Crawford Scholarship                         |
|                          | Lucy Menebroker Scholarship                        |
| Amanda Engelbart .....   | Bush Scholarship for COD                           |
|                          | H Clayton Zellers Dental Scholarship               |
| Kinsley England .....    | CHARGE Syndrome Foundation                         |
| Katharine Ewing .....    | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| Erin Farnham .....       | Dr Irving Larson Memorial Scholarship              |
|                          | Nelson COD Scholarship                             |
| Shelby Fisher .....      | UNMC Faculty Women's Club                          |
| Delaney Glazier .....    | Promoting Inclusive Communities                    |
| Thomas Haith .....       | UNMC COD Alumni Fund                               |
| Peyton Halverson .....   | Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship                    |
|                          | Lincoln Community Foundation                       |
|                          | North Dakota Community Foundation                  |
|                          | North Dakota Dollars for Scholars                  |
|                          | North Star Public School District                  |
|                          | Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education |

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|-------------------------|---|
| Faith Harris .....      | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Kaitlynn Harvey .....   | Abbie & Elmer Gudmundsen Scholarship<br>Dr Paul Deines Memorial Scholarship   |
| Hannah Hofmaier .....   | WE Chapell DDS Scholarship  |
| Nicklaus Hofmaier ..... | Dr F Gene & Rosemary Dixon Scholarship  |
| Ethan Hoopes .....      | Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship  |
| Brittan Hoppens .....   | UNMC Regents Scholarship  |
| Micah Hoppens .....     | Dr RH Steinacher Memorial Scholarship   |
| Paige Hull .....        | Woodbury Study Club Award   |
| Preston Hunt .....      | WY DENT Scholarship   |
| Hannah Janecek .....    | Dr & Mrs Peterson COD Scholarship   |
| Lucas Jarecke .....     | Dr & Mrs Darrell Moreland Scholarship<br>Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship  |
| Mason Jensen .....      | Johnson County Farm Bureau<br>Powder River Energy Foundation<br>Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship                          |
| Logan Johnson .....     | Dr Francis Brown Memorial Scholarship<br>Lawrence F Lindgren Scholarship<br>Lewis & Anna F Seberg Scholarship                           |
| Casey Jurczewsky .....  | Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship  |
| Heath Ketteler .....    | Zinnecker & Smidt Memorial Scholarship  |
| Landon Koth .....       | Harre & Duncan COD Scholarship<br>Versal & Edith Molly Caton Scholarship  |
| Rachael Krinke .....    | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Alyson Kuehn .....      | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Isaac Langan .....      | Evans COD Scholarship<br>Robert & Gayle Jones Scholarship   |
| Lauren Larson .....     | MacKnight Scholarship for Dentistry   |
| Morgan Lashley .....    | North Platte High School Scholarship  |
| Zane Leibhart .....     | North Platte High School Scholarship  |
| Joshua Madsen .....     | Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship  |
| Huy Mai .....           | Dr Frank M Wentz Memorial Scholarship<br>Duane M Hunt Scholarship<br>Marjorie Kwan Memorial Scholarship<br>Ted A Chuman DDS Scholarship |
| Ella Majerus .....      | Ray & Amy Frohn Fund  |
| Logan McNeil .....      | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Yan Mei .....           | Nonresident Tuition Scholarship   |
| Jose Mendoza .....      | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Jonathan Mitzel .....   | Dr & Mrs Darrell Moreland Scholarship<br>Ray & Amy Frohn Fund   |
| Sophia Pankratz .....   | Nora Parker Linn - Student Leader Scholarship   |
| Kathryn Parsley .....   | UNMC COD Alumni Fund  |
| Bailey Peckham .....    | Mahon Memorial Scholarship<br>Seberg Family COD Scholarship   |
| Nicole Philips .....    | UNMC Regent Scholarship   |
| Kimberly Pierre .....   | Promoting Inclusive Communities   |
| Shyamaly Premaraj ..... | Michael York Scholarship for COD  |

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|--------------------------|--|
| Benjamin Reckmeyer ..... | Dr Reg & Linda Gartner Scholarship<br>Edgar & Minnie Hunt Memorial<br>Meeske & Pankratz COD Scholarship  |
| Alec Redwine .....       | Cheryl Esther Dietz Scholarship  |
| Brock Reichardt.....     | Dr Paul & Marcia Swanson Scholarship   |
| Samuel Reimer .....      | Meeske & Pankratz COD Scholarship<br>Merchant Scholarship for COD  |
| Ellen Reimers .....      | Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship   |
| Julia Remier.....        | Leeper Scholarship Fund for UNMC COD   |
| Lauren Riley.....        | Dymerski Scholarship<br>Martin COD Scholarship<br>UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Katherine Sandefur ..... | Harre & Duncan COD Scholarship   |
| Christine Scanlan.....   | Delta Dental Nebraska Scholarship<br>Dr Gaylen R Miller Family Scholarship<br>Dr Kenneth Batenhorst Scholarship<br>RW Johnson Foundation COD Scholarship |
| Brent Schulte .....      | Roscoe S Baker Scholarship<br>UNMC Student Scholarship   |
| Kylie Sestak .....       | Dr Donald & Clarice Keys Scholarship   |
| Laura Shaw.....          | Dr & Mrs Darrell Moreland Scholarship<br>Ray & Amy Fohn Fund   |
| Lydia Sigler .....       | National Health Service Corps  |
| Jared Smalley .....      | Beavers COD Scholarship  |
| Corbin Smith.....        | Dental Class of '64 Memorial Scholarship   |
| Gracie Smith.....        | Promoting Inclusive Communities  |
| Elaina Spanel .....      | Asbjornson Family COD Scholarship  |
| Logan Spanel.....        | UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Katie Spencer .....      | COD Class of '82 Scholarship<br>Dr Cecil H Miller Memorial Scholarship<br>Hinrichs Family Scholarship for COD  |
| Wade Starkey .....       | Roscoe S Baker Scholarship<br>UNMC Student Scholarship   |
| Taylor Steiner.....      | Nonresident Tuition Scholarship  |
| Jacob Stewart.....       | Dr Thomas Bollinger Scholarship<br>Furmanski Scholarship<br>Warren & Una Emerson Fund  |
| Makena Sundine.....      | UNMC Regents Scholarship   |
| Yuliya Vaniurskaya ..... | Pruitt Scholarship Fund<br>WY DENT Scholarship   |
| Emma Verbrugge .....     | AR Wood Educational Trust  |
| Parker Walton.....       | Pruitt Scholarship<br>WY DENT Scholarship  |
| Benjamin Wetovick .....  | Seberg Family COD Scholarship  |
| Hope Wilke .....         | North Platte High School Scholarship   |
| Elias Witte.....         | COD Millennium Scholarship<br>H Richard & Eleanor Shipp Scholarship  |
| Alexis Wolfe.....        | Richard & Marilyn Reitz Scholarship<br>Selma Anderson Pathology Award  |
| Alexander Woods.....     | Paul Carlberg Scholarship  |
| Wendy Zhao .....         | National Health Service Corps  |

## Dental Hygiene Student Scholarships

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Lourdes Acosta Delgado..... | NDA West District DH Scholarship   |
| Wendy Barcenas-Soto .....   | Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship<br>Security National Scholarship   |
| Taylor Beacom .....         | UNMC COD Alumni Scholarship  |
| Emma Betts.....             | Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship  |
| Vicky Bongomin.....         | Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation  |
| Shaylie Brown.....          | COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Hazel V Emley Scholarship  |
| Allison Cuciti.....         | Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship  |
| Capri Dethlefs.....         | Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship<br>Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation   |
| Daegan Dey .....            | Centennial School Foundation   |
| Jazmin Esquivel .....       | COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Kay F Crawford Scholarship<br>Lucy Menebroker Scholarship  |
| Kelsey Faust .....          | COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Nancy Lee Smith Fund   |
| Alexa Fenn .....            | UNMC Regents Scholarship   |
| Madison Frank .....         | Nebraska Career Scholarship  |
| Jennifer Garcia.....        | Davis-Chambers Scholarship<br>Jay Druecker PhD Memorial Scholarship<br>UNMC COD Alumni Scholarship   |
| Cailyn Jameson .....        | COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Gregory VanPelt Memorial Scholarship   |
| Johanna Jimenez-Ambriz..... | Tyson Family Foundation  |
| Jamie Johnson .....         | UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Lilia Jurczewsky.....       | Horatio Alger Scholarship<br>Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation   |
| Savannah Kobza.....         | COD DH Merit Scholarship   |
| Jose Marquez.....           | Education Quest Foundation   |
| Claire McCoy .....          | Gretchen Bechtol Lee Fund<br>Hamilton Community Foundation   |
| Hannah Nemec.....           | Bucknell Memorial Scholarship<br>COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Haven Hurst Scholarship<br>Heart of NE DH Scholarship<br>Kenower Scholarship<br>Lulu Mae Coe Memorial Scholarship |
| Samantha Nielson.....       | UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Jadie Rother .....          | COD DH Merit Scholarship   |
| Ella Simonson .....         | UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Stephanie Slater .....      | COD DH Merit Scholarship<br>Hermene K Ferris Scholarship<br>Paul Carlberg Scholarship  |
| Rebecca Steffen .....       | UNMC COD Alumni Fund   |
| Brandon Tong.....           | Nebraska Career Scholarship  |
| Jayce Vrbka.....            | Ray & Amy Frohn Scholarship  |
| Julia Wordekemper .....     | St Thomas Aquinas Church Scholarship   |



# Special Recognition



## Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU)

National Dental Honor Society

### New Members



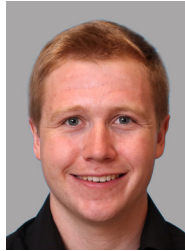
Mandy M.  
Amberg



Ayesha  
Iqbal



Logan D.  
Johnson



Isaac A.  
Langan



Nicole A.  
Philips



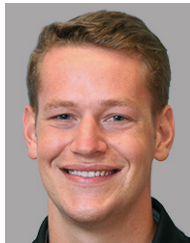
Benjamin A.  
Reckmeyer



Makena M.  
Sundine

## OKU Kramer Award

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



Wade Starkey



## Sigma Phi Alpha

National Dental Hygiene Honor Society, Alpha Lambda Chapter

### New Members



Alexa N. Fenn



Savannah J. Kobza



## Students in Armed Forces Scholarship Program

### Class of 2023

Ian Fullinfaw, Air Force  
Justin Peterson, Air Force  
Randin Rawlings, Air Force

### Class of 2024

Yumi Li, Air Force  
Jonathan Martino, Air Force  
Katie Spencer

### Class of 2025

McKenzie Nutter, Air Force  
Lauren Peterson, Air Force  
Sierah Samway, National Guard

### Class of 2026

Preston MacDonald, Navy

# Special Recognition



**Nicklaus M. Hofmaier**

**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.



**Nicole A. Philips**

**Dental Lifeline Network Brian D. Stone Memorial Award**

Recipients demonstrate exceptional volunteer service or care for patients with special needs.

**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.



**Kylie S. Sestak**

**ASDA Award of Excellence**

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

**Pierre Fauchard Student Award - D3**

Recipients demonstrate academic excellence and the potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession.



**Katelyn M. Smith**

**Pierre Fauchard Student Award - D4**

Recipients demonstrate academic excellence and the potential for developing into an outstanding leader in the profession.



**Makena M. Sundine**

**American College of Dentists**

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

**ADEA Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program**

Recipients work with a faculty member on a research or teaching project.

# Dental Departmental Awards

## Adult Restorative Dentistry Awards

**Academy of Dental Materials** ..... Ryan C. Grove

Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in dental materials science.

**Academy of General Dentistry** ..... Brock R. Reichardt & Paige L. Hull

Student who has shown the most promise of becoming an outstanding general dentist.

**Academy of Operative Dentistry** ..... Samira Darbandi

Student who has achieved excellence in operative dentistry.

**Academy of Osseointegration** ..... Shelby N. Fisher

Student who has demonstrated outstanding skills in implant dentistry.

**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry** ..... Nicole A. Philips

Student who demonstrates the most clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry.

**American Academy of Gold Foil Operators** ..... Sydney E. Armstrong

Student who has shown outstanding qualities as a scholar and clinician in operative dentistry.

**American Academy of Implant Dentistry** ..... Isaac A. Langan

Student who demonstrates the most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry.

**American College of Prosthodontists Undergraduate Achievement Award** ..... Makena M. Sundine

Student who has shown high academic and clinical proficiency in prosthodontics.

**Benchy Award for Excellence in Digital Dentistry** ..... Isaac A. Langan

Student who has achieved excellence in digital dentistry.

**B.L. Hooper Removable Prosthodontics Award** ..... Ellen M. Molini-Janak

Student who has shown outstanding ability in the area of prosthetics.

**Hanau Best of the Best Prosthodontic Award** ..... Katelyn M. Smith

Student who is judged to be the leading prosthodontic student.

**International Congress of Oral Implantologists** ..... Erin L. Farnham

Student who displays the greatest interest and commitment to oral implantology/implant dentistry.

**Society for Color and Appearance in Dentistry** ..... Cassandra M. Nguyen

## Growth and Development Awards

**American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry** ..... Nicklaus M. Hofmaier

Student most understanding of the field of dentistry for children.

**American Association of Orthodontists** ..... Logan D. Johnson

Student who has shown exceptional interest in the development of the oro-facial complex.

# Dental Departmental Awards

**Chi-Cheung Chan Orthodontic Award** ..... Shyamaly A. Premaraj  
Student who has demonstrated the greatest aptitude for orthodontics.

**Nebraska Society of Pediatric Dentistry** ..... Jordan C. Brozek  
Student most outstanding in the field of dentistry for children.

## Oral Biology Awards

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology** ..... Ethan K. Hoopes  
Student who has shown exceptional interest and accomplishment in dental radiology.

**American Academy of Oral Medicine** ..... Mandy M. Amberg  
Student who has shown outstanding interest in the field of oral medicine.

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology** ..... Nicole A. Philips  
Student who has shown outstanding accomplishment and promise in the field of oral pathology.

## Surgical Specialties Awards

**American Academy of Periodontology** ..... Kirsten L. Hyser  
Student who has excelled in the field of periodontics.

**American Association of Endodontics** ..... Isaac A. Langan  
Student who has excelled in the field of endodontics.

**American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons** ..... Casey J. Jurczewsky  
Student who has demonstrated exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral and maxillofacial surgery.

**AAOMS Student Dental Implant Award** ..... Benjamin A. Reckmeyer  
Student who has demonstrated outstanding achievements in the study of implants in dentistry.

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology** ..... Logan D. Johnson  
Student who has shown proficiency in the field of anesthesia in dentistry.

# Dental Hygiene Awards

- Colgate STAR Award**.....Lincoln: Daegan J. Dey  
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. West Division: Madison M. Kahl
- HuFriedy Golden Scaler Award**.....Lincoln: Daegan J. Dey  
Presented to seniors with outstanding clinical skills. West Division: Jade M. Rother
- Nebraska Dental Hygienists Association Outstanding Student Award**...Lincoln: Carley J. Elznic  
Presented to seniors who exemplify all around potential in dental hygiene. West Division: Shelbi R. Mills
- Oral B/P Outstanding Community Achievement Award**.....Lilia F. Jurczewsky  
Recognizes a student for achievement in community dentistry and dental public health.

# Dean's Honor List

## Fall Semester, Academic Year 2022-2023

Acknowledging students in the top 10% of their class.

### Dental Hygiene

#### Junior Class

Emma Betts, Lincoln, NE  
Capri Dethlefs, Rockville, NE

#### Senior Class

Alexa Fenn, Omaha, NE  
Cailyn Jameson, Thedford, NE

### Dental

#### Freshman Class

Quinn Adajar, Sioux City, IA  
Luke Andreasen, Omaha, NE  
Andrew Christiansen, Mitchell, SD  
Tanner Delaney, Overland Park, KS  
Mikah Hoppens, Ogallala, NE  
Rachael Krinke, Lincoln, NE  
Julia Reimer, Hastings, NE  
Lauren Riley, York, NE  
Conner Ulrich, Sioux Falls, SD  
Jacob Wiesen, Staplehurst, NE

#### Junior Class

Nathan Canarsky, Pleasant Dale, NE  
Sophia Pankratz, Hastings, NE  
Katie Spencer, Omaha, NE  
Wade Starkey, Mantorville, MN  
Elias Witte, Omaha, NE

#### Sophomore Class

Bobbie Adair, La Vista, NE  
Yiwen Chen, Tianjin, China  
Delaney Glazier, Rapid City, SD  
Peyton Halverson, Cando, ND  
Lucas Jarecke, Columbus, NE  
Jonathan Mitzel, Aberdeen, SD  
Laura Shaw, Omaha, NE

#### Senior Class

Mandy Amberg, Lincoln, NE  
McKenzie Brown, Fremont, NE  
Paige Hull, Lincoln, NE  
Kirstan Hyser, Sioux Falls, SD  
Ayesha Iqbal, Lincoln, NE  
Logan Johnson, Lincoln, NE  
Nicole Philips, Alma, NE  
Makena Sundine, Topeka, KS

# 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

Emma Betts, Lincoln, NE  
Capri Dethlefs, Rockville, NE  
Jennifer Garcia, Hooper, NE

### Senior Class

Alexa Fenn, Omaha, NE † \*  
Savannah Kobza, Falls City, NE †  
Jadie Rother, Wolbach, NE †

## Dental

### Freshman Class

Quinn Adajar, Sioux City, IA  
Luke Andreasen, Omaha, NE  
Andrew Christiansen, Mitchell, SD  
Tanner Delaney, Overland Park, KS  
Mikah Hoppens, Ogallala, NE  
Rachael Krinke, Lincoln, NE  
Julia Reimer, Hastings, NE  
Lauren Riley, York, NE  
Conner Ulrich, Sioux Falls, SD  
Jacob Wiesen, Staplehurst, NE

### Junior Class

Nathan Canarsky, Pleasant Dale, NE  
Amanda Engelbart, Lincoln, NE  
Brittan Hoppens, Ogallala, NE  
Landon Koth, Omaha, NE  
Katherine Sandefur, Lincoln, NE  
Wade Starkey, Mantorville, MN  
Elias Witte, Omaha, NE

### Sophomore Class

Yiwen Chen, Tianjin, China  
Delaney Glazier, Rapid City, SD  
Peyton Halverson, Cando, ND  
Hannah Janecek, Omaha, NE  
Lucas Jarecke, Columbus, NE  
Ella Majerus, Lincoln, NE  
Jonathan Mitzel, Aberdeen, SD  
Laura Shaw, Omaha, NE

### Senior Class

Mandy Amberg, Lincoln, NE †  
Jordan Brozek, Lincoln, NE  
Isaac Langan, McCook, NE †  
Logan Johnson, Lincoln, NE †  
Yan Mei, Shenzhen, China †  
Benjamin Reckmeyer, Omaha, NE †  
Nicole Philips, Alma, NE † \*  
Makena Sundine, Topeka, KS †

† 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**

### **Distinction**

Alexa Fenn  
Savannah Kobza  
Jadie Rother

## **Dental**

### **Highest Distinction**

Logan Johnson  
Nicole Philips  
Makena Sundine

### **High Distinction**

Mandy Amberg  
Jordan Brozek  
Isaac Langan  
Yan Mei  
Benjamin Reckmeyer

### **Distinction**

Erin Farnham  
McKenzie Brown



# Faculty Recognition Awards

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 2026



Dr. Mark  
Beatty



Dr. Amanda  
Ribeiro Wobido

## Dental Class of 2025

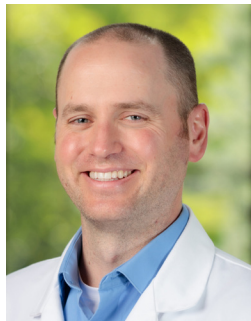


Dr. Gregory  
Oakley



Dr. Ernest  
Sigler

## Dental Class of 2024



Dr. Gregory  
Bennett



Dr. Bradley  
Krivohlavek

## Dental Hygiene Class of 2024



Emily  
Lindquist



Lisa  
Moravec

## Dental Hygiene Class of 2023

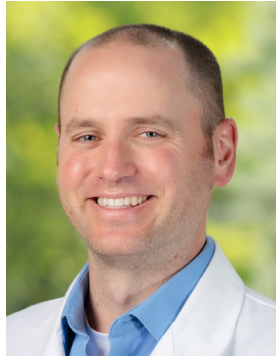


Amanda  
Dolen



Lisa J.  
Moravec

# Faculty Special Recognition



**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 2023.



**Dr. Shayla Yoachim**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU)  
Honorary Member



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