

Cornhusker Impressions

for alumni and friends of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

A New Era of Engagement

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On the cover:

Dr. Chris Nix instructs senior dental student Liz Hungerford on how to use CEREC technology. Justin Shirk, also a senior dental student, portrays the patient in the demonstration.

From the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

As we enter “A New Era of Alumni Engagement,” we also need to celebrate the past era of amazing alumni support for the College of Dentistry and our educational programs, research endeavors and service to the community, state and beyond.

When I was interviewing for the position of dean of the college, the pride and support that our alumni have for our college was readily apparent and an integral part of our past and present successes. Importantly, as we look to the future, engaging our alumni in our planning and programming will continue to be vital to our college’s success.

In reading this issue of Cornhusker Impressions, you will learn in Catherine Mello’s article on page 6 about UNMC’s efforts to broaden alumni awareness of our programs, involve our alumni in our student’s lives and activities of the college, and identify efforts to partner with alumni in the mission of our college. As a part of this, the UNMC Alumni Association has patterned their new vision after the College of Dentistry, with all graduates having automatic membership in the alumni association, something that we have had in place for years.

Dr. Chris Nix’s story of embarking on an academic journey and becoming a part-time faculty at the college, after retiring from 35 years in his private practice, is a wonderful example of alumni engagement. There are many other ways that our alumni can engage with the college – please read about this on page 7 and call me or send a note if you have additional ideas or want to get involved!

Thank you to Paula Harre, who helped us track the Class of 1982 alumni and their current activities. We want to continue to highlight previous graduates of the college, so please let us know if you would like to help in gathering this information for your class.

I look forward to partnering with the College of Dentistry Alumni Association Board (Alumni Engagement Council) in developing specific goals to engage alumni. Our goals will become part of the college’s strategic plan and we will share these with you in an upcoming issue of Cornhusker Impressions. We will be a stronger college by engaging our alumni in the lives of our current students and programming, thus we look forward to getting our alumni even more ENGAGED!

My sincere thank you to all of our alumni and our many friends of the College of Dentistry – your ongoing support is pivotal to our future!


Janet M. Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Professor and Dean, College of Dentistry, University of Nebraska Medical Center

New Faculty



Ellen Hahn, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Hometown

Columbia, South Carolina

New title and department at UNMC

Associate professor in the department of surgical specialties

Research Interests

I am interested in cone beam CT studies of root canals and alveolar bones and other related topics. My doctoral work focused on pulpal biology.

How I fell in love with pulpal biology

As a microbiologist and cellular immunologist, I am fascinated by the wonders of the human defense system in the dental pulp.

Degrees

Master’s degree in oral biology

Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology

Master of Art in biblical counseling

Memberships

American Association of Endodontists

Three things people may not know about me

- Although I am cold in nature and thus drink lots of hot water, I am very grateful to be in Lincoln.
- I was fortunate to have the opportunity to work and live in East Asia for nine years.
- I also enjoy serving others through biblical counseling.

Calendar

COD Continuing Education Caravan

May 9
SAC Museum, Ashland, Neb.

May 10
Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center
Kearney, Neb.

May 11
Quality Inn & Suites
Sandhills Convention Center
North Platte, Neb.

May 12
Harms Advanced Technology Center,
Western Nebraska Community College
Scottsbluff, Neb.

Panhandle Children’s Dental Day

June 3-4
Sidney, Alliance and Gordon, Neb.

Dean’s Club Banquet

Sept. 8
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Neb.

Dental Hygiene Program’s 50th Anniversary celebration

Sept. 8
Innovation Campus (former state fairgrounds)
Lincoln, Neb.

Dental Museum Open House

Sept. 1-2 and 5-10
Lower level, UNMC College of Dentistry
Lincoln, Neb.

Homecoming

Sept. 9-10
Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Neb.

Featuring an alumni reunion banquet and continuing education presentation by Dr. Donald Cohen

Dental Opportunities Fair

Oct. 21 | 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Lower level, UNMC College of Dentistry
Lincoln, Neb.

Continuing Education Opportunities

May 4-5
“Radiology for Dental Auxiliary”
Speaker: Jennifer Kallio, D.D.S.

July 12-13
“Coronal Polishing for Dental Auxiliary”
Speaker: Darlene Carritt, R.D.H.

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ADA honors UNMC's Richard Reinhardt, D.D.S., Ph.D.

On Nov. 7, the American Dental Association honored Richard Reinhardt, D.D.S., Ph.D., with the Burton C. Borgelt Faculty Advisor Award during its annual meeting in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Reinhardt, the Moran Professor of Periodontology at the UNMC College of Dentistry, received the award in recognition of his outstanding work in mentoring students in dental research since 1981.

"The award is nice," Dr. Reinhardt said. "What's better is the opportunity to work alongside dental students, watching them discover and contribute new information to the field of oral science."

"Mentoring pre-doctoral dental students is a priority for Dr. Reinhardt and he excels at it," said Jeffrey Payne, D.D.S., associate dean for research and F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon Endowed Chair in Dentistry at the UNMC College of Dentistry.

"Dr. Reinhardt has mentored 26 pre-doctoral dental students over the past 15 years, resulting in 12 peer-reviewed manuscripts published in scientific journals. In addition, four of his students have received awards at national meetings," Dr. Payne said.

Dr. Reinhardt joined the College of Dentistry faculty in 1976, received his master's and periodontal residency certificate in 1981 and doctorate in 1987.

Research projects he's worked on with students over the years include:

- exploring the histology of periodontal disease and bone loss;
- measuring sensitivity of teeth; and
- the effect of statin drugs on the stimulation of bone formation.

"It's a privilege to work with the students," Dr. Reinhardt said. "They come with a lot of enthusiasm and originality bringing up ideas that may not have occurred to you. That's always interesting."

Dr. Reinhardt said he hopes that the students he's mentored over the years, and in the future, develop an appreciation for the nuances of science and how it applies to clinical practice.

"It's not always black and white," he said.

"Dr. Reinhardt is most deserving of this prestigious award," said Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., dean, UNMC College of Dentistry. "This national recognition is a true testament to Dr. Reinhardt's incredible mentorship of students."

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Symposium highlights need to reduce burnout, stress

There is no doubt that dental professionals can experience a high degree of burnout and stress, both during dental school and throughout their career.

"In dentistry, we select and beat into students that success or failure is a tenth of a millimeter – the tip of a ballpoint pen and the precision required for placement of an implant," said Rick Valachovic, DMD, president and CEO of the American Dental Education Association, during his program on student wellness at the UNMC College of Dentistry on Jan. 26.

This language is indicative of the competitiveness of the profession, which can contribute to burnout and stress, Dr. Valachovic said.

"Dental professionals, students and residents experience an equal amount of stress and burnout," said Merlyn Vogt, D.D.S., assistant dean for student affairs and director of admissions at the College of Dentistry.

Dental students often display stress-related symptoms that manifest at first as a low sense of personal accomplishment, followed by emotional exhaustion, and finally depersonalization, Dr. Vogt said.

"Unfortunately, there is a stigma for seeking professional help that still needs to be overcome," he said.

Fourth-year dental student Kate Olenich said that more needs to be done to help students who are pushed to the maximum threshold of learning throughout dental school.

"Students experience a level of stress that can lead to anxiety and depression," Olenich said. "Clinical anxiety and

depression are not supposed to be the "normal" dental student experience; however, the problem is, it is no longer an "abnormal" experience," she said.

"The statistics on stress, burnout, depression, and unfortunately, suicide, are stunning," said UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D. "It's tragic for every individual involved."

In March, Dr. Vogt attended a symposium on dental student stress at the American Dental Education Association's annual session. There, he learned that the higher levels of stress during a student's journey through the dental curriculum is pervasive.

High stress environments, such as dental school, result in increased incidences of emotional distress, burnout, mood changes, anxiety and depression, as well as an increase in substance abuse among dental students.

"Tufts School of Dental Medicine is attempting to construct an evidenced-based student wellness program within their curriculum and by the number of administration present at the symposium, I believe many dental colleges have or will have very soon, student wellness on their list of priorities," Dr. Vogt said.

"I am very appreciative of the efforts UNMC is taking to address student wellness, this is and will continue to be a priority for our college," he said.

UNMC Wellness Symposium and Next steps

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) is focused on physician stress and burnout, said Timothy Brigham, Ph.D., chief of staff and senior vice president, department of education at the ACGME, who spoke at the Jan. 27 symposium.

"We've vowed to build resiliency and foster wellbeing."

Resilience is an issue faced in every profession, said speaker Rick Valachovic, DMD, president and CEO of the American Dental Education Association. "Two factors promote resilience: a sense of shared purpose and a sense of community support."

Darshan Mehta, M.D., medical director at the Benson-Henry Institute for Mind Body Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital, explained how mind/body interventions impact one's physiology and reduce stress.

"It's important to use language that permits us to take care of one another," he said, noting the power of simply asking, "Do you need to take a five-minute break?"

The wellness task force includes people from every college, including College of Dentistry Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., and Merlyn Vogt, D.D.S. The task force is led by College of Nursing Dean Juliann Sebastian, Ph.D., and will make recommendations to the chancellor on both wellness initiatives already underway and possible next steps in the areas of programming, education and research.

A New Era of Alumni Engagement

by Catherine Mello, UNMC Alumni Office



“Our alums are actively engaged in all aspects of the school and display a strong culture of philanthropy”

Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D.
Dean, UNMC College of Dentistry

Above: Alumni gather at a reception during a homecoming event at Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

Alumni of the UNMC College of Dentistry have an affinity for the school that is evident in the way they support the education, research, outreach and clinical goals of the college.

“Our alums are actively engaged in all aspects of the school and display a strong culture of philanthropy,” said Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry.

Helping to make the College of Dentistry Alumni Association (CODAA) so successful is the all-inclusive membership base, whereby upon graduation all College of Dentistry alumni are welcomed to the CODAA with automatic membership.

Following the success that the CODAA has demonstrated in alumni engagement, the UNMC Alumni Association (UNMCAA) recently embarked on a New Era of Alumni Engagement and now welcomes all UNMC alumni into the alumni association with automatic membership.

The New Era of Engagement, first initiated by the leadership of the UNMC Alumni Association Board of Directors, brings positive changes including a sharpened focus on alumni engagement. The goal of the New Era of Engagement is to increase the number of alumni actively engaged with UNMC, its colleges, and its students to provide exciting opportunities for alumni to make the university stronger and to make a real difference for the next generation of health sciences students.

Engagement will come from alumni association work focused in the areas of:

- serving and engaging graduates
- disseminating effective communications
- forming meaningful connections between alumni and students
- facilitating opportunities for alumni to invest in their UNMC passions

A strong advocate of the new era of engagement is UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., who will serve a term as

president of the UNMC Alumni Association to help facilitate the transition.

“Working together, our goal is to strengthen our alumni’s relationship with UNMC, to become more inclusive, to enhance our alumni engagement activities and continue to build upon our strong culture of alumni philanthropy. We are very proud of our alumni,” Chancellor Gold said.

How the CODAA works with the UNMC Alumni Association:

- As in the past, the president of the CODAA serves as a board member on the UNMC Alumni Association Board of Directors.
- The CODAA leadership participates in sharing alumni engagement strategies with alumni from other engagement councils and with the UNMCAA with the goal of gathering new programming ideas, strengthening communication, and building upon the already successful work of each college-based council.

What alumni can expect in the New Era of Engagement:

- Upon graduation, all alumni are welcomed into the UNMC Alumni Association with automatic membership. Lifetime members will continue to be recognized as special members.
- Increased emphasis on strategic alumni engagement, including new programs, activities and communications that emphasize supporting UNMC and its colleges.
- Strengthening partnerships and collaboration between UNMC colleges and Alumni Engagement Councils (formerly named the Alumni Chapter Board of Directors).

Engaged alum joins the faculty

He could have just retired.

After 35 years running a private practice in McCook, Neb., taking care of adult and pediatric patients, it was time to enjoy life and his seven grandchildren.

But there was something tugging at Chris Nix, D.D.S., that he just couldn’t shake.

“Steve Jobs said, ‘find what you love to do, get really, really good at it, experience success and in the end, try to give something back and make a difference,’ that’s what I want to do,” said the 1978 graduate of the UNMC College of Dentistry.

So, after selling his dental practice last fall, Dr. Nix contacted former UNMC College of Dentistry Dean John Reinhardt, D.D.S., to find out if there was anything he could do for the dental college.

“John knew some of my skills and passed that on to Julie Marshall, D.D.S. chair of the adult restorative dentistry department, and soon I found myself at the school talking with Dr. Marshall and Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., about the possibility of my coming on board with the faculty,” Dr. Nix said.

By January, Dr. Nix was working three days a week teaching part-time at the dental college. His passion is in training students how to use CEREC (chairside economical restoration of esthetic ceramics) CAD/CAM (computer-aided design and computer aided manufacturing) technology.

Dr. Nix has been using CEREC CAD/CAM technology for years in his private practice, even teaching the technique to colleagues. The technology allows a dentist to provide patients with same-day crowns in less than two hours.

With conventional prosthesis techniques, the patient is usually fitted with a temporary crown while a restoration is made in the dental laboratory, Dr. Nix explained. The patient then returns usually after two weeks and the new crown is bonded to the tooth.

With the CEREC CAD/CAM technology, an image of the patient’s tooth is taken with a high-definition video camera and a crown is designed with the computer software. The computer-designed crown is then sent to a high speed milling machine that makes the crown out of a block of porcelain, which is polished and bonded to the tooth during the same dental visit, he said.

“It made a significant impact on my practice and for my patients, who would have to sometimes drive two hours for an appointment,” Dr. Nix said.

Dental students, he said, are very intrigued by the technology and excited to learn how to use it.

But, Dr. Nix has more to offer than just a lesson on how to use a new tool of the trade, Dean Guthmiller said. He also has years of experience in treating patients in a rural clinic and managing a private practice that offered everything from implants and prosthetics to root canals, she said.

“We are extremely delighted to welcome



Dr. Nix into our collegiate teaching family,” Dean Guthmiller said. “Our students and faculty enjoy his enthusiasm and presence and the feeling seems to be mutual as Dr. Nix told me recently: ‘I’m having a blast!’”

“Ever since I’ve come on board the faculty and staff have been very supportive,” Dr. Nix said. “This is a great way to give back to the college.”

Want to get involved?

“There are many ways alumni can become engaged, besides the incredible financial support our alums have provided over the years,” said Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., dean, UNMC College of Dentistry.

This includes:

- Providing lectures on clinical techniques and practice management;
- Teaching in the clinics;
- Mentoring current students and new graduates on practice management and practice opportunities;
- Inviting students and new graduates to local study clubs and organized dentistry opportunities;
- Getting involved in College of Dentistry Alumni Association activities;
- Volunteering at outreach events such as the SHARING Dental Clinic, Children’s Dental Day and other events; and
- Serving as preceptors for students in their practices.

Alumni interested in exploring such opportunities should contact the UNMC College of Dentistry Dean’s Office at 402-472-1372 or email Dean Guthmiller directly at janet.guthmiller@unmc.edu.



Above: UNMC College of Dentistry third-year dental student, Zachary Christopherson, works on a patient during the 2016 Children's Dental Day event, while a dental assistant student from Southeast Community College helps and a UNMC College of Nursing student observes.

Right: Picture is first-year dental hygiene student Quynh Nguyen applying face paint

Far upper right: Second-year dental student Kiya Stack dressed as the tooth fairy.

Far lower right: Pictured are second-year student Laura Reinsch, far left, and fourth-year dental student Ilene Choal, far right.



Children's Dental Day 2016

The annual Children's Dental Day event drew 150 youths from 10 Nebraska communities to the UNMC College of Dentistry, where they received services valued at more than \$75,000.

Around 300 students from the College of Dentistry, as well as the UNMC College of Nursing – Lincoln Division, physician assistant students from Union College in Lincoln, dental assisting students from Southeast Community College in Lincoln, and dental hygiene students from Central Community College in Hastings, all took part in the February event.

"Dental Day is always a fantastic example of interprofessional education," said David Brown, Ph.D., executive associate dean at the College of Dentistry and coordinator of the event.

It's also a great example of teamwork – from everyone at the College of Dentistry to the local health professions students from other colleges to the district health department and local and rural dentists who pre-screen the youths in their communities, he said.



Dental hygiene celebrates 50 years

There were only 10 students that first year.

Classes were held in the basement of the university student health building in downtown Lincoln.

And everyone wore starched white uniforms, orthopedic shoes, white nylons and a little white nurse's cap.

That was 50 years ago.

"We received an exceptional education," said Jackie Beebe, R.D.H., B.S., a member of the inaugural dental hygiene class. "The work was challenging and we were taught right alongside the dentistry students,

but we thrived in that environment."

Beebe said they took the same classes from the same faculty as the dental students and because of the rigors of the program, the class scored second in the nation on their national board exams.

"In fact, after we graduated each one of us got a letter from the dental college that said if we wanted to go back and get a dental degree we could and it would only take two years," she said.

Today, there are 48 students enrolled in the two-year dental hygiene program, which

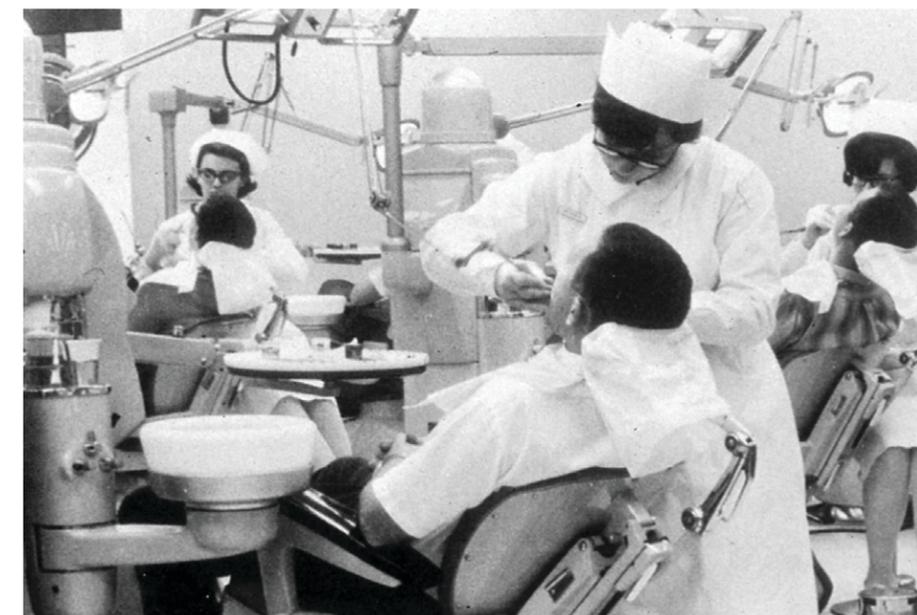
was moved to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's east campus when the College of Dentistry building was constructed in 1968.

The graduates went on to do some amazing things, Beebe said, citing Diane (Krueger) Troyer, who went on to develop a dental hygiene program at El Paso Community College in Texas; Stephanie Dort Bryn, who developed dental hygiene programs and taught at six major universities including Harvard, Boston University and Northwestern; and Faith Person Gant, who taught dental hygiene at the University of Connecticut and guest lectured in Japan.

"We really learned our profession and more," Beebe said. "And we had fun doing it."

Since the program began in 1966, there have been only three directors:

- Elizabeth M. (Warner) Waggoner served as chair of the department of dental hygiene for eight years from 1964 until 1972. She was hired as an associate professor of the department of dental hygiene in 1963.
- Alta C. (Bee) Young Gatliff served as department chair for 12 years. She was hired as an assistant clinical instructor in the department of dental hygiene in 1971 and was then appointed acting chair of the department on July 1, 1972. One year later, she was named chair of the department of dental hygiene. She resigned her position in 1984.
- Gwen Hlava, R.D.H., has served as the chair of the department of dental hygiene since 1985. Hlava was hired as an assistant professor in the department of dental hygiene in 1976. In May of 1984, she was named interim chair of the department.



Left: This picture was taken in the 1970s when pants and smock tops replaced the traditional white nurse's uniform. The class retained the white nurse's cap.

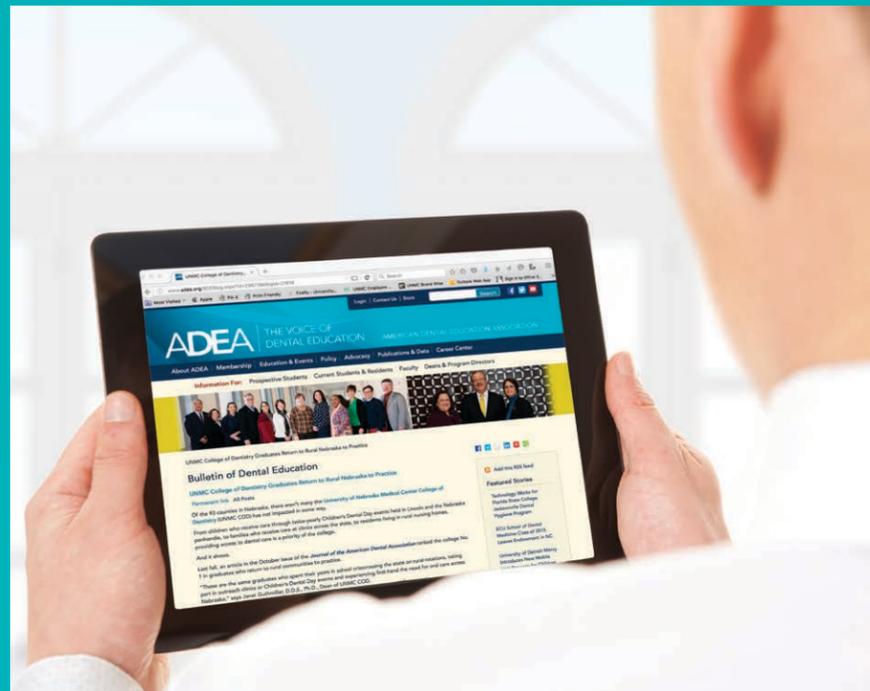
Upper & middle right: These two photos were taken in the 1960s when the traditional all-white dress uniform was worn, complete with white stockings, shoes and nurse's caps.

Lower right: Elizabeth (Warner) Waggoner, at left, with several students. Waggoner served as the first chair of the department of dental hygiene for eight years from 1964 until 1972.

Kudos

The UNMC College of Dentistry was featured in the February issue of the American Dental Education Association's Bulletin of Dental Education in two articles.

- The first article, "UNMC College of Dentistry Graduates Return to Rural Nebraska to Practice," took a look at the number of graduates who serve across the state. This article can be found on the website at: <http://www.adea.org/BDEBlog.aspx?id=29673&blogid=27619>
- The second article, "Nebraska's Children Receive Dental Care," highlighted the annual February and June Children's Dental Day events, and can be found at: <http://www.adea.org/BDEBlog.aspx?id=29666&blogid=27619>



Where are they now? College of Dentistry Class of 1982

Thanks to Paula Harre, D.D.S., for providing an update on her fellow classmates.

- Scott Applegate**, general dentist practicing in Kearney, Neb.
- Rob Bass**, oral surgeon in Palm Desert, Calif.
- Steve Bates**, currently a full-time practicing dentist in Wamego, Kan.
- Doug Bennion**, orthodontist practicing in Billings, Mont.
- Jeff Clarke**, general dentist, Central City, Neb.
- Jim Crabb**, general dentist, Tilden, Neb.
- Jeff Davis**, practicing oral surgery in Madison, Wis.
- Jim Deschene**, private practice in general dentistry, Berthoud, Colo.
- Scott Diekmann**, commercial pilot in Puyallup, Wash.
- Michael Duryea**, orthodontist practicing in Lakewood and Littleton, Colo.
- Frank Evans**, private practice, Fort Gibson, Okla.
- Dennis D. Gemar**, semi-retired, working part-time in Dallas, Texas.
- Ted George**, pediatric dentist, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Trevor Gottfried**, orthodontist, Astoria, N.Y.
- Roxanne Gould**, retired pediatric dentist, Reno, Nevada.
- Bruce Govier**, general dentist, Omaha, Neb.
- Paula Harre**, private practice in orthodontics, and teaching part-time at the UNMC College of Dentistry
- Monica (Thomas) Hlavacek**, prosthodontist, Monterey, Calif.
- Jeff Howard**, full-time practicing dentist in Hastings, Neb.

- Tom Kampfe**, private practice, Centennial, Colo.
- Joel Kangas**, private practice in Fargo, N.D.
- Lisa Lindeman**, solo practice in Storm Lake, Iowa.
- Gregg Lage**, private practice, Denver, Colo.
- Gene A. Lodes**, group practice, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Rick Lolkus**, retired and living in Grant County, Ind.
- Gary Martin**, general dentist, Sunnyside, Wash.
- Chuck Marx**, general dentist, Denver, Colo.
- Tom Melcher**, private practice in orthodontics, Louisville, Colo.
- John Memmott**, pediatric dentist, Idaho Falls, Idaho
- Steve Moore**, living in Fort Lupton, Colo. Retired from full-time practice and now treating sleep apnea patients on a part-time basis.
- Scott Moreland**, retired, traveling and living in Longmont, Colo.
- Bill Moseman**, practicing dentist in Plattsmouth, Neb.
- Jeff Nelson**, general dentist, Durango, Colo.
- Greg Nielsen**, oral surgeon in Lake Orion, Mich.
- Mark Nielsen** practices in Pierre, S.D.
- W.R. (Randy) Nordstrom**, assistant dental service chief for the Nebraska Western Iowa Health Care System (V.A. Medical Center), Omaha, Neb.; adjunct professor, UNMC College of Dentistry.
- Gary Prosser**, general dentist, Vermillion, S.D.
- Rich Raab** practices dental sleep medicine in Fort Collins, Colo.

- Steve Rodenbur** oral and maxillofacial surgeon practicing in Woodbury and Stillwater, Minn.
- Larry Schmitt**, oral surgeon, Chillicothe, Ohio.
- Lee Shackelford**, who now lives in St. Joseph, Mo., recently retired from active practice after five years as a private practitioner, and 27 years in state and federal service.
- Lance Seberg**, general dentist, public health administrator, Bradenton, Fla.
- Steve Sowers**, practiced in Roanoke, Va., since 1983.
- Corbett Summers**, private practice in Boulder, Colo.
- Dennis Timperley**, general dentist, Norfolk, Neb.
- Ken Tusha** practices in Bloomfield and Verdigre, Neb., as well as sees patients in Ponca, Neb., and Springfield, S.D.
- Steve Walker**, practicing dentist in Leawood, Kan.
- Terri (Kruse) Wheeler**, general dentist in Lincoln, Neb.
- Sharlene Wilson**, private practice in Clay Center, Neb., and Omaha
- Timothy D. Woods**, general practice, Wamego, Kan.

The class would like to acknowledge those classmates who have died, including:
Brian Allen, D.D.S.
Robert Ebert, D.D.S.
Chris MacKnight, D.D.S.
J. Paul Webster, D.D.S.
Herman Wilbrand, D.D.S.



Patricia Brinkman-Falter with American Dental Hygiene Association President, Kelly Swanson Jaacks.

Edward Kusek, D.D.S., a 1984 graduate of the UNMC College of Dentistry, was elected an Honored Fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry at the annual conference in November. The Honored Fellow designation is awarded to those members of the AAID who, through their professional, clinical, research or academic endeavors, have distinguished themselves within implant dentistry.

Dr. Kusek has practiced general and implant dentistry for 30 years. In 1993, he became an Associate Fellow of the Academy. He achieved the status of Fellow within the AAID in 1995 and Diplomate with the American Board of Oral Implantology/ Implant Dentistry in 1999. He has served on AAID's Admissions and Credentials Board and served as an officer of AAID's Central District for four years.

Jim Jenkins, D.D.S., was inducted into the American Academy of Dental Practice Administration on March 5 at the annual AADPA national meeting in Long Beach, Calif. The core values of AADPA are integrity, honesty, personal and professional growth, and fellowship. Dr. Jenkins was asked to join after a two-year-long vetting process.

Patricia Brinkman-Falter, B.S.D.H., a 1981 graduate of the UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene program, received the 2015 American Dental Hygiene Association/Colgate Irene Newman Award at their annual meeting in Nashville, Tenn., for outstanding advancement of the art and science of dental hygiene.

The College of Dentistry 1982 graduates also includes: Shu-Chiung Chen, Daniel Clapper, Barry Heavrin, Jamie Sasek, Gregory Thomas, Michael Wilson, Robert Windom and Thomas Wolf. Please email Deb Rodaway at drodaway@unmc.edu to update contact information.

College of Dentistry Remembers

Harley W. Batie, '52, D.D.S., Lincoln, Neb., died Dec. 5, 2015. Following his military service in WWII, Dr. Batie set up his dental practice in Lexington, Neb. Dr. Batie sold his practice in 1980 and joined the UNMC College of Dentistry as an instructor in the senior general practice program. He received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the 1981 and 1987 senior dental classes.

Robert C. Brockley, '56, D.D.S., Lincoln, Neb., died Nov. 8, 2015. A Navy veteran, Dr. Brockley practiced dentistry for 37 years, he was past president of the Lincoln District Dental Association and of the College of Dentistry Alumni Association.

Robert R. Craig, '52, D.D.S., Scottsbluff, Neb., died Dec. 23, 2015. An Army veteran, Dr. Craig taught at the College of Dentistry, and was a founding member and past president of the Nebraska Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Craig was among the first to provide anesthesia during outpatient oral surgical procedures. He maintained a private practice in Lincoln for 33 years.

Milan T. Evans, '62, D.D.S., Golden, Colo., died Feb. 3, 2016. A Navy veteran, Dr. Evans practiced dentistry in Golden, Colo., from 1965-1998. He traveled the world with his wife, and was active in hunting, fishing, woodworking and volunteer work.

Courtney (Heimes) Hagen, '96, D.H., Lincoln, Neb., died Nov. 5, 2015. After graduating from dental hygiene school, Hagen worked as a dental hygienist in the office of Dr. Roger Plooster for 19 years. She was an active member of St. Peter's Catholic Church, serving on various committees and volunteering often at the parochial school.

Paul Kern, '44, D.D.S., Lincoln, Neb., died Oct. 29, 2015. Dr. Kern served in World War II, was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, a life member of the Nebraska and National Dental Associations, University of Nebraska Alumni Association, Fellowship of Christian Athletes and past president of Toastmasters.

Richard P. Marshall, '51, D.D.S., Lincoln, Neb., died Nov. 10, 2015. Dr. Marshall served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and retired in 1989 after 38 years in private practice. Dr. Marshall was a past president of the Lincoln District Dental Association and Nebraska Dental Association and received the distinguished service award from the UNMC College of Dentistry.

Susan Norby leaves NU Foundation

The UNMC College of Dentistry's long-time foundation liaison embarks on a new career in Washington, D.C.

With a bittersweet goodbye on Feb. 26, Susan Norby, the long-time University of Nebraska Foundation liaison to the UNMC College of Dentistry, embarked on a new career in Washington, D.C. as the first director of the American Society of Hematology Foundation.

"I want to thank the University of Nebraska Foundation, the UNMC College of Dentistry, and especially all of the loyal, generous dental alumni and donors for giving me the opportunity to work for, and with you," Norby said.

Norby was an extremely valuable member of the College of Dentistry team, said John Reinhardt, D.D.S., former dean and now professor at the college.

"Her sincere and thoughtful manner in sharing our collegiate vision with alumni and friends of the college resulted in dramatic improvements to our programs and facilities that greatly elevated the quality and stature of our college, and continue to positively affect our faculty, students, staff and patients," Dr. Reinhardt said.

During Norby's tenure with the College of Dentistry, she worked with donors to create nearly 120 new individual funds including seven endowed faculty fellowships, and membership in the COD Dean's Club increased. In recognition of her service to the college, Norby received an honorary lifetime membership award from the College of Dentistry Alumni Association in 2003.

"There are countless highlights including a comprehensive renovation of the dental college clinical facilities; endowments that provide perpetual charitable support for dental students through



Susan Norby, far left, with current College of Dentistry Dean, Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., and former deans, Stephen H. Leeper, D.D.S., and John Reinhardt, D.D.S.

scholarships; and expanded funding for patient care programs like Children's Dental Day, the Sealant Program, and the SHARING Clinic," Norby said.

"We congratulate Susan on her new position and thank her for her exemplary service and friendship! Susan has made a lasting impact on the University of Nebraska, the College of Dentistry, and her many friends and donors through her work. We wish her all the best in her new position and in her new home," said Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., dean, UNMC College of Dentistry.

Not only did Norby work on behalf of the dental college in her 17½ years with the foundation, she also worked on behalf of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries, the Prairie Schooner literary journal, the Center for Digital Research in Humanities, the Center for Great Plains Studies and Great Plains Art Museum, and the University of Nebraska State Museum.

Over the years, Norby worked on gifts to support projects that brought art and sculptures to UNL's campus, secured gifts to catapult the Center for Digital Research in Humanities to national recognition, worked to bring invaluable Willa Cather archival materials to Love Library, completed the Love Library Learning Commons renovation and facilitated significant gifts impacting the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources and other major areas of the university.

The University of Nebraska Foundation is conducting a search to fill the Director of Development position for the College of Dentistry. During this transition, Meg Johnson, Assistant Vice President of Development is the College's point person. Meg may be reached at 402-502-4107 or 800-432-3216 or meg.johnson@nufoundation.org

In recognition of her friendship, passion for and dedication to the College of Dentistry, the Susan Sack Norby Fund for Dental Faculty Excellence has been established. The fund recognizes the impact of faculty and teachers on lives of students and will be available to support any of the following, at the discretion of the Dean: recruitment efforts, awards for meritorious teaching or research performance, professional development programs or other initiatives that benefit faculty.

Gifts can be given online by going to nufoundation.org – search for the fund by typing in Susan Sack Norby. Or a gift can be mailed to: University of Nebraska Foundation, 1010 Lincoln Mall, Suite 300, Lincoln, NE 68508. Please put "Susan Sack Norby Fund for Dental Faculty Excellence" on the check memo line.

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