



Cornhusker Impressions

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

Dr. Janet Guthmiller named new dean of UNMC College of Dentistry

by John Keenan UNMC News

Janet Guthmiller, DDS, PhD, has been appointed the new dean of the College of Dentistry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

She is currently associate dean of academic affairs and professor in the Department of Periodontology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry.

Dr. Guthmiller will succeed John Reinhardt, DDS, who is stepping down after 14 years as UNMC's dentistry dean.

"Dr. Guthmiller brings a wealth of experience as a dental educator and researcher," said UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, MD. "She possesses the leadership qualities we need to build on the reputation and accomplishments of the College of Dentistry."

Before her current position, Dr. Guthmiller served on the faculty of the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery (now the University of Maryland School of Dentistry) and the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. She has been the associate dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 2007.

"I am honored to be a part of this great institution," she said. "I hope to sustain the excellence and build on the strengths of the College of Dentistry."

Dr. Guthmiller said she plans to partner with dental students, faculty, staff, and alumni and friends of the College of Dentistry, as well as UNMC's other colleges, on initiatives that will benefit all Nebraskans.

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Entering the Homestretch

Merriam-Webster Dictionary online defines “homestretch” as the part of a racetrack between the last turn and the finish line. That seems like an apt description for where I am right now. Serving as dean for the past 14 1/2 years has been a remarkable experience – both a pleasure and an honor – and those years seem to have flown by.

I am delighted that Dr. Janet Guthmiller has accepted the opportunity to become the ninth dean of our college and will begin on Sept. 1, 2014. I’m confident that Dr. Guthmiller will lead our college’s faculty, staff, and students to new levels of excellence and that faculty, students, staff, alumni, and friends of the college will greatly enjoy her energy, passion, and sincerity.

When Dean Guthmiller arrives, I will begin a 10-month University of Nebraska faculty development fellowship. That fellowship will allow me to study, in depth, the issue of financing our college’s student clinics. As university budgets tighten, there is more and more dependence upon dental school clinics to be as fiscally efficient and productive as possible, while maintaining a clinic that is educationally positive and patient-centered.

Recently, we (the UNMC COD) announced a major reduction in our clinical staff workforce, which will take effect July 1. Many clinical staff employees are facing cut backs of their work hours, and some jobs are being eliminated completely. This is a painful, but necessary, change. The solutions to running a more financially efficient educational clinic are dependent upon a complex set of variables. Analyzing these variables is a goal for my development fellowship.

At the same time, I have been awarded an ADEA/Gies Education Fellowship for 2014-2015 through the American Dental Education Association, which will give me the opportunity to work with ADEA leaders studying this same issue at the national level. Maintaining a financially viable educational clinic is a struggle for most dental schools in the United States.

As I come down the homestretch, I want to thank all of you who have contributed to making our college even stronger over the past 14-plus years. It takes a team to elevate an educational institution, and I’m thankful for having so many good teammates in Nebraska and across the country. Now I ask that you support Dean Guthmiller and be a part of taking our college to even higher levels of success. The future looks bright. Godspeed to you all.

John W. Reinhardt, DDS, MS, MPH
Professor and Dean

Dental Caravan journeys across Nebraska

The UNMC College of Dentistry Continuing Education Caravan began its annual spring trek across Nebraska on May 12 at the Strategic Air & Space Museum (SAC) near Ashland.

The caravan stopped May 13 in North Platte, May 14 in Scottsbluff, and May 15 in Grand Island.

Dr. Merlyn Vogt, assistant dean for student affairs and director of admissions, introduced the speakers, and Dean John Reinhardt provided an update of activities and developments at the college.

Speakers for this year's caravan were Dr. Eric Fung, professor, who discussed the "Impact of Chemical Dependency on Dental Patient Management," and Dr. Nagamani Narayana, associate professor, who spoke on "Premedication and Anticoagulants in Daily Dental Practice." Both are in the Department of Oral Biology.

The dental caravan is sponsored by the UNMC College of Dentistry and the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association.



Surveying Nebraska history at the Pony Express Museum in Gothenburg are, from left, Dr. Merlyn Vogt, Dr. Nagamani Narayana, and Dr. Eric Fung.



Ready to receive guests at the SAC Museum are, from left, Dean John Reinhardt, Dr. Eric Fung, Dr. Merlyn Vogt, Dr. Nagamani Narayana, and Dean's Office staff members Deb Rodaway and Kim Hailey.

2014 Calendar

June 5-7

Dental Day XXVI
Nebraska Panhandle

June 13

HRSA Preceptors Training Conference
Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, Lincoln
7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

June 9-July 18

Summer Medical Dental Education Program
UNMC in Omaha and UNMC College of Dentistry in Lincoln

July 14-15

Radiology
Shawneen Gonzalez, DDS
Assistant Professor, COD Department of Biology
UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln and Gering
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Central time

August 15

Golf and Learn
Speaker TBA
Wilderness Ridge Golf Course, Lincoln

September 26-27

Dental Homecoming

November 7-8

Nebraska Mission of Mercy
Center for People in Need
Lincoln

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continuing_education.htm](http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry/continuing_education.htm)

Save the Date: UNMC College of Dentistry 2014 Homecoming Reunion, September 26-27



Dr. Ernie Sigler

UNMC Outstanding Teacher: Ernie Sigler, DDS

Ernest “Ernie” Sigler, DDS, received the Outstanding Teacher award for 2014 from the UNMC Faculty Senate. Sigler is assistant professor in Adult Restorative Dentistry at the UNMC College of Dentistry.

He was one of three UNMC faculty members to be recognized April 24 at the annual UNMC Faculty Meeting. The other two are Chandrakanth Are, MBBS, and Howard Lu, MD, with the UNMC College of Medicine.

A native of Dallas, Texas, Sigler joined the College of Dentistry faculty in 2005.

In an interview with *UNMC Today*, Sigler offered the following reflections.

What are the greatest rewards of being a teacher?

The relationships you form with students and faculty. Seeing students improve, especially those who struggled initially.

Describe a moment in your career when you realized you had picked the right profession.

I can’t recall any one moment. I think it’s very rewarding when students tell you – while they are in school or after they graduate – that you have made a positive difference not only in their professional career, but also in their growth as a person.

What are the biggest challenges you face as a teacher?

Treatment plans are so much more complex now, compared not only to when I was a student, but also when I started (teaching) in 2005. People are living longer, they are keeping their teeth longer, and many are medically compromised. All these issues create challenges.

How do you know when you’ve been successful as a teacher?

I don’t know that I ever will know. Every day presents new challenges. I make lots of mistakes. I just try to do my best every day and try to learn from my mistakes. I do know that if I only have helped our students become better dentists – but have not helped them become better people – I have not been successful.

List three things few people know about you.

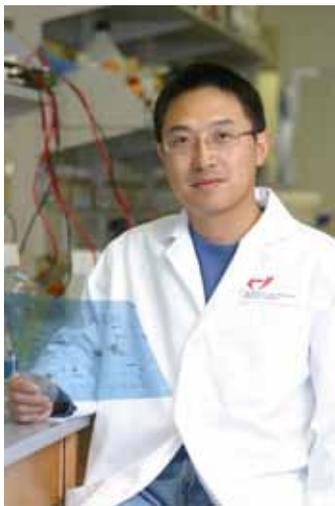
1. At age 5, I got my three front deciduous teeth knocked out playing football.
2. My first date with Nancy consisted of two hours of tennis, three hours of rowing a boat, and three hours of biking. I never thought much about it, but I’ve had several people tell me that might have been a little much for a first date. We will have been married 39 years on June 21.
3. When I arrived on (NU) campus, Sept. 13, 1964, the two people that met me in the parking lot of Selleck Quad were Coach Bob Devaney and then graduate assistant Tom Osborne.

UNMC New Investigator: Aimin Peng, PhD

Aimin Peng, PhD, was among 16 researchers honored April 21 at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Peng is assistant professor in the UNMC College of Dentistry's Department of Oral Biology. He joined the college in 2010 and is a native of Anhui, China.

He was one of six honored as New Investigators at UNMC at a ceremony in the Durham Research Center in Omaha. Others honored were the 2013 Scientist Laureate Howard Fox, MD, PhD, along with eight Distinguished Scientists, two Research Leadership awardees, and a Community Services to Research honoree.



Dr. Aimin Peng

New Investigator awards go to outstanding UNMC scientists who in the past two years have secured their first funding from the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Defense, or other national sources. New Investigators also demonstrate scholarly activity through publishing their research or presenting their findings at national meetings.

In an interview with *UNMC Today*, Peng offered the following thoughts:

Describe your research briefly in layman's terms.

An important research question I ask is, "How do our cells respond to DNA damage? In particular, how do the cells determine their fate after DNA damage?"

How does your research contribute to science and/or health care?

Radiotherapy or chemotherapy kills cancer cells primarily through induction of DNA damage. Thus, mechanisms that allow cells to recover from the DNA damage response and return to cell proliferation are critical for tumor recurrence and ideal targets for cancer therapy.

We hope to reveal the mechanism of DNA damage recovery and tumor recurrence after chemotherapy and, thereby, provide better understanding of chemo-resistance, potentially leading to more effective cancer therapeutics.

What is the best piece of advice anyone ever gave you, professional or personal?

From old Chinese wisdom: He who gives no thought to far-flung problems soon finds suffering nearby.

List three things few people know about you.

1. I love snowboarding.
2. I am a good experimentalist in the lab, but not very handy at home.
3. My wife and I went to the same elementary, middle, and high schools.

New Dean continued

"As a statewide campus, UNMC has a mission not only in education, research and clinical care, but also in service," she said. "I look forward to seeing how the college can work and collaborate to help identify and address oral health needs throughout Nebraska and beyond."

Dr. Guthmiller is an accomplished researcher, author and teacher with special interests in genetic studies of periodontal bacteria and the expression and activity of innate antimicrobial peptides. During her time in academia, she also spent 14 years as a practicing periodontist. As an educator, she has a deep interest in mentorship programs for students and faculty. She is the recipient of multiple collegiate and national recognitions.

"Dr. Guthmiller separated herself from a talented field of candidates through the scope of her research and educational work, as well as her ability to quickly connect with all groups," said Joan Sivers, DDS, chair of the search committee.

Dr. Guthmiller began her career by earning an associate degree in dental hygiene at the University of South Dakota in 1983. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in 1984 from Northwestern College in Orange City, Iowa, and graduated in 1988 with a doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Iowa. She then entered the National Institutes of Health-sponsored Dentist-Scientist Program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. As a part of this program, she earned a periodontal certificate in 1992 and a doctorate in cellular and structural biology in 1993.

Among her other service and accomplishments, she has been a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology since 1998.

Both Dr. Guthmiller and her husband, Scott, are native Midwesterners who grew up in Orange City, Iowa. Their youngest daughter, Emily, will begin seventh grade in the fall; the elder, Katie, will be a sophomore at the University of Iowa.



'Great adventure' celebrates 10th anniversary

What was called “a great adventure” by one of the first students in the West Nebraska Dental Hygiene Program is now in its 10th year and is a well-established, integral part of the UNMC College of Dentistry. Shown here with the 2014 West Nebraska Dental Hygiene graduates at UNMC commencement in Gering are, from left, Dean John Reinhardt; Nicole Baker, clinical instructor; Lisa Moravec, site coordinator; Haley Cooper, Jaime Fredrickson, Shelbie Rose, and Tory Winters, 2014 graduates; and Gwen Hlava, chair of Dental Hygiene Department.

The first four students to graduate from the West Division Dental Hygiene program in 2005 said they were driven by

a shared desire for the program’s success and by its mission to provide dental professionals for rural areas. “When you have a baccalaureate program come to a rural area, and you are the first class, that leaves you to set the pace,” Sheri Printz, one of the first graduates, said at the time. The program was founded on the belief that students who study in western Nebraska will remain in the western part of the state after graduation, helping meet the great demand in dental shortage areas.

Over the past 10 years, 27 West Division dental hygiene graduates have entered practice in western Nebraska or rural communities of surrounding states.

Recognizing Service, Science, Scholarship

Students, faculty, alumni, and friends gathered April 4 for the UNMC College of Dentistry's 28th annual Professionals' Day and 47th annual Wentz Student Scientific Program.

The event is devoted to recognizing faculty, staff, and students for outstanding service and accomplishments. Students receiving academic honors also were recognized.

Delivering the 2014 Richard E. Bradley Memorial Lecture was Dr. Peter C. Damiano, director of the University of Iowa Public Policy Center and professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry. His address was titled, "The Affordable Care Act and the Implications for Dentistry and Dental Education."

Damiano is a health services researcher who is studying access to and quality of primary care services, including dental care. He is conducting funded studies in the areas of health care reform, maternal and child health, health disparities, and health care for underserved populations. Last fall, Damiano staffed the Iowa State Health Care Reform Commission and led an interim session on health care integration.

The following are this year's table clinic winners:

Dental Hygiene

First - Jessica Vest and Joy Le Suer, "An In Vivo Comparison of Flavored Water Additives and Their Effect on Salivary pH." Faculty mentors, Amanda Clark and Heather Hessheimer.

Second - Tory Winters and Jaime Fredrickson, "Face Shape and Facemask Performance: Choosing



Dr. Peter C. Damiano delivering the Richard Bradley Memorial Lecture.

the Best Fitted Mask for Individual Face Shape: A Pilot Study." Faculty mentors, Lisa Moravec and Heather Hessheimer.

Third - Haley Cooper and Shelbie Rose, "The Efficacy of Disinfecting Wipes in the Disinfection of Staphylococcus on Dental Bib Clips." Faculty mentors, Lisa Moravec, Kali Bowman, and Heather Hessheimer.

Dental

First - Matthew Freyer, "Curing Effectiveness of Resin Cements for Porcelain Veneer Restorations." Faculty mentor, Dr. Henry St. Germain.

Second - Justin Gufford, "The Role of E-Cadherin in Cell-Cell Adhesion and Cell Migration Patterns." Faculty mentor, Dr. James Wahl.

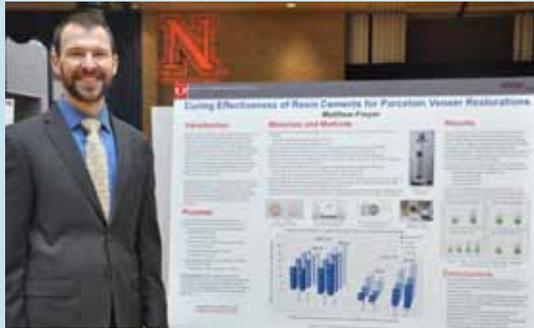


Matthew Freyer (left) receives the ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Program Award from Jeff Furgerson, Dentsply International mountain region manager, government and school sales.

Photos by Margaret Cain



Jessica Vest, left, and Joy Le Suer, right, first-place winners in the dental hygiene division.



Matthew Freyer with his work that received first place in the dental division.



Dr. Joshua Nehring with his first-place poster in the graduate division.

Third – Leslie Ellingson, “Cone Beam Computed Tomography Evaluation of Bone Density in Areas of Interest for Temporary Anchorage Device Placement.” Faculty mentors, Drs. Sundaralingam Premaraj and Jared Schoettger

Graduate

First – Dr. Joshua Nehring, “Review of Current Flossing Technique: Interproximal Attachment Considerations Based on Local Anatomy.” Faculty mentor, Dr. Wayne Kaldahl.

Second – Dr. Jared Roberts, “Variations in Tobacco Pouch

Keratoses: A Case Report and 30-year Histological Review.” Faculty mentor, Dr. Nagamani Narayana.

Other awards presented at recognition ceremony include the following:

Dr. Henry St. Germain Jr., received the Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Memorial Faculty Award.

Leslie Ellingson, D-3, received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Student Scholarship Award.

Matthew Freyer, D-3, Received the 2014 ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Program Award.



UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Class of 2014

Where are they going?
Immediate Career Plans for 2014 Dental Graduates

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Beginning advanced education residencies

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Moving to other states

8

Remaining in Lincoln or Omaha

8

Relocating to Nebraska communities including Fremont, Geneva, Grand Island, Kearney, Norfolk, Scottsbluff area, Sidney, and York

3

Planning to enter private practice in locations yet undetermined

1

Joining the military



UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Class of 2014

Celebrating the 2014 UNMC College of Dentistry Graduates

Commencement
Lied Center for Performing Arts
May 9, 2014
West Division Dental Hygiene Program
May 10, 2014

UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Class of 2014

Mary Margaret Brown
Kelsey Elizabeth Cochran Buckley
Christina Lynn Carter, with Distinction
Charlotte Church, with High Distinction
Katherine Ann Colvin
David Jeffrey Corwin
Casey Lee Filbert, with High Distinction
Aaron Lynn Fuehrer
Anthony James George
Jenna Leigh Hatfield
Brian John Hohlen
Trevor B. Holleman, with Highest Distinction
James Patrick Howe
Ashley Nicole Huber
Benjamin Robert Iske, with Distinction
Paul Geoffrey Boyd Johnson
Sara Elizabeth Kluver, with High Distinction
Kathryn Elizabeth Kramer
Zackery Waldine Krei
Abby Lee Locke
Jared Matthew Loschen
Trevor Joseph Madden

Britton M. Marsh
Malika A. Mebarek, with Distinction
Brandon Joel Mendez
Adam M. Milmont
Brandon J. Mizner, with High Distinction
Daniel Van Nguyen
Vinh Quang Nguyen
Anthony J. Olson
Mallory C. Pec
Benjamin Lee Peters
Jessica Leigh Poeschl, with High Distinction
Raymond Allen Rowlings
Jesse Conrad Roberts, with Highest Distinction
Andre Rossini
Thomas Michael Sanders
Christopher Joseph Stec
Jacob Steven Stines
Megan Tobin
James R. Trexel
Emily Susanna Tschetter, with High Distinction
Kori Suzanne Underwood
Tate Joseph Vanicek, with High Distinction
Danielle Alicia Wasielewski, with Distinction
James Paul Watson
Jason Allan Zitterkopf

UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Class of 2014

Devora M. Elwood
Sarah Evelyn Fanta
Brittany Elizabeth Fellows, with Distinction
Stephanie Ann Genrich
Maggie Jo Hellbusch
Morgan Alexandra Kennedy
Jaclyn Marie Kronberg, with High Distinction
Joy Ellen Le Suer
Allison Margaret Murray
Rachel Marie Olson
Cassandra Jo Pirrone
Taylor P. Pollard
Hannah Lynn Scow
Molly Ann Stehly
Cara Caitria Struebing
Kelsey Jean Swaney
Lauren Eleanore Taylor
Anna Catherine True
Jessica Ann Vest
Annah Elizabeth Wesslund

UNMC College of Dentistry West Division Dental Hygiene Class of 2014

Haley Anne Cooper
Jaime Fredrickson
Shelbie Elizabeth Rose
Tory Jo Winters, with Distinction



Peter J. Giannini, DDS



Sundaralingam Premaraj, PhD



Erica Jasa, D-2

Photos by Margaret Cain

ADEA recognizes four with College of Dentistry ties - faculty, alum, student

Two UNMC College of Dentistry faculty members were honored in March at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Meeting & Exhibition in San Antonio.

They are Peter J. Giannini, DDS, associate professor and director of clinical and translational research in the College of Dentistry's Cruzan Center, and Sundaralingam Premaraj, BDS, PhD, associate professor and orthodontic program director.

The two faculty members were inducted into the 15th class of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Fellows. Their year-long fellowship training program, which began in March, is directed at developing leaders in dental and higher education. Dr. Julie Marshall, interim chair of the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry, was a leadership fellow in 2013-2014.

Also honored at the San Antonio meeting was UNMC College of Dentistry alum, Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf who received the ADEA Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes significant contributions to ADEA and its members through teaching, research, and service.

Kalkwarf is dean emeritus of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School. He retired in 2013 after 24 years as dean. During the last two years of his tenure, he was president ad interim of the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

"As an international leader in dental education, Dr. Kalkwarf's commitment and service to helping his fellow dental educators make him most deserving of the Distinguished Service Award," said Stephen K. Young, DDS, MS, chair of the ADEA Board of Directors.

Dr. Kalkwarf received his DDS from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, completed a General Practice Residency at the Milwaukee Veterans Administration Medical Center, and returned to UNMC for his MS degree and a Certificate in Periodontics. Before his appointment at San Antonio, he held faculty positions at UNMC and the University of Oklahoma. As a consultant to more than 40 dental schools worldwide, he has advised on curriculum, research and clinical affairs, as well as faculty and leadership development.

Also at the ADEA Annual Meeting and Exhibition in March, UNMC College of Dentistry student Erica Jasa, D-2, was elected member-at-large of the ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows Administration Board. As member-at-large, she will be responsible for communicating with 12 regional representatives to keep regions up-to-date on board decisions and to keep the board informed of activity in the regions and individual schools. She also will help new student ADEA organizations get started.

Dean Reinhardt receives prestigious ADEA fellowship

by Jayne Lytel, American Dental Education Association

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) presented the prestigious ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Education Fellowship to John Reinhardt, DDS, dean of the UNMC College of Dentistry. The fellowship was awarded March 16 at the ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Antonio.

“ADEA is pleased to offer this fellowship, which provides a dental educator with an opportunity to collaborate with staff in the ADEA Policy Center to focus on current issues facing dental education,” said Stephen K. Young, DDS, chair of the ADEA Board of Directors. “In the past decade, the cost of higher education has risen, and Dr. Reinhardt’s interest in improving the financial position of dental education programs in an effort to contain costs is laudable.”

Over the next year, Reinhardt will spend up to three months in Washington, D.C., working with the ADEA Policy Center. This fellowship provides an opportunity to focus on issues of importance to higher education, such as faculty recruitment, development and retention, leadership development, teaching strategies, competencies and their assessment, as well as accreditation and licensure.

Reinhardt will explore ways to improve the financial strength and fiscal stability of clinical operations at dental schools.

Dean Reinhardt earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington, Ill., in 1971 and his DDS degree from Loyola University in Chicago in 1975. He received a master’s degree in operative dentistry from the University of Iowa in 1979 and a master’s degree in public health from Harvard University in 1988.

He served on the University of Iowa dental faculty for 22 years before joining UNMC in 2000. He will step down as dean Sept. 1.

The American Dental Education Association is the voice of dental education. Its members include all U.S. and Canadian dental schools and many allied and advanced dental education programs, corporations, faculty, and students. The William J. Gies Foundation was established in 1950 by colleagues and admirers of Dr. Gies with seed funds raised by the American College of Dentists.



Dean John Reinhardt

OLLI participants learn to ‘Rinse and Spit in the 21st Century’

Sixteen participants learned how to “Rinse and Spit in the 21st Century” in a course for senior learners offered in January and February by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

The course, taught by UNMC College of Dentistry faculty, took place over five weeks at the College of Dentistry. A different aspect of dental care was addressed each week. Participants toured the college and worked with the dental simulator.

Dean Emeritus Stephen Leeper, an OLLI member and course coordinator, said participants asked many questions, actively involved themselves in the sessions, and “were extremely impressed with both the physical facility and the knowledge and skill of the presenters.” He said the idea for the dental course came after another OLLI member, physician Dr. David Dyke, arranged a course about medicine.

“I told him (Dyke) that I knew that just two blocks away from the OLLI office was one of the finest dental schools in the entire United States,” Leeper said.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UNL is one of 115 institutes in the United States. OLLI offers classes and other learning opportunities specifically for lifelong learners ages 50-plus. More information is available at <http://olli.unl.edu/>.

The topics and instructors for the dentistry course were as follows:

- Dean John Reinhardt – An overview of dental education and the college.
- Dr. Ernie Sigler – Oral-systemic disease connections.
- Dr. Bruce Bavitz – What’s new in oral surgery, with an emphasis on dental implants and new anesthesia techniques, including a nasal spray to replace injections.

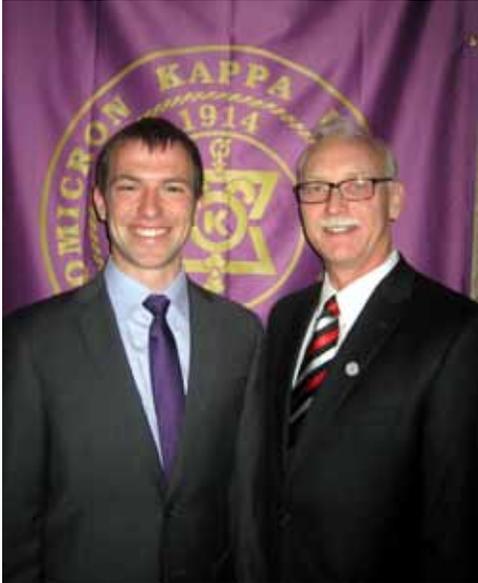


Television personality Leta Powell Drake, an OLLI member, works with a dental simulator under the direction of dental student Ben Iske, a 2014 dental graduate.

- Dr. Paul Hansen – Deciding how to restore a tooth and replace a missing tooth, including a review of the types of materials and methods now used to restore teeth.
- Dr. Jim Jenkins – Dental missions, foreign and domestic, with an emphasis on charitable dental efforts, equipment and instruments needed, and actual cases.

Annual Awards for 2014

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Fraternity



Dr. Timothy Durham, assistant dean for patient services, presents the Dr. William S. Kramer Award for the outstanding D-3 student to Matthew Freyer. Kramer was former professor and chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and was president and long-time secretary of the national OKU organization.



New members of Omicron Kappa Upsilon are, from left, Trevor Holleman, Emily Tschetter, Brandon Mizner, Casey Filbert, and Jesse Roberts. All five are graduating seniors.



Receiving the Outstanding Teacher Award is Dr. Paul Hansen, center, with his wife, Joyce, and Dr. Ernie Sigler, who presented the award. Both Hansen and Sigler are members of the UNMC College of Dentistry Class of 1975.

Sigma Phi Alpha Alpha Lambda Chapter Honorary Dental Hygiene Fraternity



New Members: Jaclyn M. Kronberg and Tory J. Winters

Courtesy photos provided by Dr. Paul and Joyce Hansen

Four to be honored at homecoming reunion set for Sept. 26-27

The UNMC College of Dentistry 2014 Alumni Homecoming Reunion will be Sept. 26-27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and at the College of Dentistry.

The Dental Museum will be open the week of Homecoming, beginning Sept. 22 and continuing through Sept. 27. The Nebraska vs. Illinois game will cap off festivities, beginning at 8 p.m., Central time, Sept. 27.

Other events scheduled for Sept. 26 include the following:

- Continuing Education Session, speaker to be announced – Embassy Suites Hotel
- Luncheon – Embassy Suites Hotel
- Student-guided tours at the college in the afternoon
- Banquet and Awards & Recognition – Embassy Suites Hotel, beginning at 5 p.m.

Recipients to be recognized at the banquet and awards presentation are as follows:

Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Richard Schilling

Dr. Richard Schilling lives in Loveland, Colo., and practiced general dentistry in Loveland until he retired. He is an alumnus from the Class of 1957. He has provided humanitarian dental work in Africa, South America, and Siberia and is a published master water colorist.

Alumni Achievement Award: Dr. Wayne Barkmeier

Dr. Wayne Barkmeier lives in Elkhorn, Neb. He is dean emeritus and professor at Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha. He is an alumnus from the Class of 1969. He and his classmates will be this year's 45-year honor class and will be recognized at the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Homecoming Reunion.

Honorary Life Membership Award: Dr. Henry St. Germain, Jr.

Dr. Henry St. Germain, Jr., lives in Lincoln and is an associate professor and former chair of the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry at the UNMC College of Dentistry. He received his DMD from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 1975.

Outstanding Educator Award: Dr. Myron Pudwill

Dr. Myron Pudwill lives in Lincoln and is a part-time faculty member and former assistant dean for student and alumni affairs at the UNMC College of Dentistry. He and his classmates from the Class of 1964 will be this year's 50-year honor class and will be recognized at the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Homecoming Reunion.



Dr. Mark Schlothauer of Gering, representing the Nebraska Dental Association West District Dental Society, congratulates Haley Cooper.

Haley Cooper receives first Nebraska Dental Association West District Scholarship

Haley Cooper of Oshkosh, Neb., is the first recipient of the new Nebraska Dental Association West District Scholarship, which was established by the West District Dental Society with a gift to the University of Nebraska Foundation.

The award is made available to students enrolled in the UNMC College of Dentistry Dental Hygiene West Division in Gering. Cooper's scholarship is for \$1,141.

The goal of the West Division Dental Hygiene program is to provide students an opportunity to learn health care in a rural setting, with the expectation they will practice in rural areas after they graduate.

"Scholarships are a way of paying it forward," said Lisa Moravec, site coordinator of the West Division Dental Hygiene Program. "This endowed scholarship program is a perfect example of investing in the future of the profession by supporting our students."

The West District Dental Society is comprised of dentists from Valentine to Ogallala, Kimball to Chadron and surrounding areas.

Cooper received a bachelor's degree in dental hygiene May 10 at the UNMC commencement in Gering. She was one of four dental hygiene students in the 10th graduating class from the West Division program.

Kudos

The UNMC College of Dentistry **Dental Hygiene Class of 2014** recorded a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the Dental Hygiene national boards. The successful outcome keeps the program's 100 percent pass record intact for the 15th year. The program's 100 percent pass rate has held since 1999. The class also recorded a 100 percent first-time pass rate on its Central Regional Dental Testing Service clinical licensure examination.

A presentation by second-year endodontic resident **Dr. Nicole Chung** was chosen for the AAE/Dentsply Student Award at the American Association of Endodontists annual meeting in April in Washington, D.C. The title of the presentation is "Anti-fungal activity of Endosequence Root Repair Material & MTA: an in vitro analysis."

Dr. David Dunning in the Department of Oral Biology is Lincoln site coordinator for a grant from the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. Participants watched a cancer education film and completed pre- and post-surveys in the research study called, "Conversations about Cancer."

More than 200 children were seen at **Dental Day XXV** on Feb. 7 at the UNMC College of Dentistry. Dental care valued at \$100,000 was delivered to the underserved children from nine communities, including Beatrice, Crete, Lexington, and Norfolk. The interprofessional effort included participants in the UNMC College of Nursing and the Union College physician assistants program. Dean John Reinhardt said he continues to be inspired by the commitment "so many people have made to improve the lives of young Nebraskans," in particular, recognizing the efforts of Dr. David Brown; Dr. Stan Harn; Gwen Hlava, RDH; the Department of Dental Hygiene; and Pediatric Dentistry faculty and residents.

In Memory

Dr. Carl R. Jensen, 79, DDS '67 Buffalo, Wyo., died March 20, 2014. After graduating from dental school, Dr. Jensen practiced in Mitchell, Neb., from 1967-1982, and later in Greensburg, Kan., until he retired and moved to Wyoming.

Dr. John L. "Jack" Justice, 77, DDS '61, of Columbus, Neb., died Feb. 19, 2014. Dr. Justice, who was born in Central City, Neb., practiced dentistry in Columbus, Neb., for 35 years.

Dr. Edwin W. Lebsack, 89, DDS '52, of Hastings, Neb., died Feb. 14, 2014. He served in the Pacific theatre in WWII. His son, Dr. Tim Lebsack, also is a graduate of UNMC College of Dentistry.

Dr. Christopher James MacKnight, 57, DDS '82, Lincoln, died May 2, 2014. Dr. MacKnight was founder of Pine Ridge Dental in Lincoln. He was a member of the Dean's Club.

Dr. Charles I. Mohler, DDS '49.

Dr. Adrian Sampeck, 93, DDS '50, Dallas, Texas, died March 25, 2014. After graduating from the College of Dentistry, Dr. Sampeck helped establish the Endodontics Department at Baylor College of Dentistry and served on the faculty there for many years. He retired in 2012.

Dr. Bruce Snyder, DDS '58, Orthodontics '60, died April 21, 2013.

Dr. H. Eugene Weary, 84, DDS '72, Green Valley, Ariz., died April 28, 2014. He practiced dentistry for 28 years, first in Sioux City, Iowa, and later in Green Valley, Ariz. After retiring, he served in a dental position at Rose Barracks, an Army post in Germany. He was a member of the Dean's Club.

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Dr. Janet Guthmiller named new dean of UNMC College of Dentistry

Dr. Janet Guthmiller will begin her position as the dean of UNMC College of Dentistry on Sept. 1. She succeeds Dr. John Reinhardt, who has been dean for 14 years.

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Celebrating the 2014 UNMC College of Dentistry Graduates

The 2014 College of Dentistry dental and dental hygiene graduates are introduced in class photos.

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American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Recognition

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) recognizes two UNMC College of Dentistry faculty members, one student, and one alum and awards a prestigious fellowship to outgoing College of Dentistry dean, Dr. John Reinhardt.