

# Cornhusker Impressions

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





# From the Dean

As we start a new academic year, I am reminded of the many accomplishments by the College over the last several months.

In this issue you will read about the several year process of preparing for reaccreditation of our dental education programs at the College of Dentistry and the successful outcome of the site visit. While we are extremely pleased to have met or exceeded the national standards for each of our seven programs, we have not taken a position of relying on our successes or resting on our laurels.

I have challenged the faculty, staff and students to fully explore our clinical education curriculum such that we are providing comprehensive care that is patient-centered and the best possible learning opportunities for our students. As a part of our own self-study during the reaccreditation process, plus our collective thinking about the future of oral health care as it relates to health care reform, we believe that we can continue to strengthen our educational programs and ensure that our graduates are comfortable practicing in rural or urban settings while at the same time always striving to provide our patients with world-class oral health care.

As a result of our work, we are implementing changes in our clinical education already this fall by adding more clinical experiences for both our third- and fourth-year dental students and opening our clinics to include more time to manage patients with urgent or limited dental care needs.

We also anticipate future changes such as better integration of our education programs; i.e. dental and dental hygiene students aligned in managing our patients to better simulate a private practice model. And, we are closely exploring several clinical education models to determine the best possible clinical practice models to engage our students in comprehensive management of their patients while improving the learning of managing a practice and efficiencies of care.

While another group of talented students and residents have just completed our programs, and a new group of students embark on their educational journey, we are not basking in the successes, but continuing to challenge ourselves to always be better and offer our students innovative educational programs and offer our patients the best possible oral health care.

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

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

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# GORDON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



Above: Group shot from Panhandle Dental Day

## by the numbers

### 2015 Dental Education Caravan

- 860** miles traveled
- 434** participants
- 4** cities: Ashland, Grand Island, North Platte and Scottsbluff
- 3.5** continuing education credits
- 2** courses offered:
  - Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., dean and professor "Igniting the Minds of Our Future Oral Health Professionals"
  - Jill Wallen, B.D.S., assistant professor "Updates in Pediatric Dentistry"

### 2015 Panhandle Dental Day

- 225** children served
- 4** panhandle communities: Alliance, Chadron, Gordon, and Sidney
- 10** faculty, 55 students and six residents participated
- \$130k** in free dental care provided



# 2015 Calendar

## "Antibiotic Use and Abuse"

September 11 | 1-4:15 p.m.

UNMC College of Dentistry

Lincoln, NE

Presented by:

Jack Gobetti, D.D.S.

## Dean's Club Dinner

September 24

Cornhusker Marriott Hotel

Lincoln, NE

## Dental Homecoming

September 25-26

## Annual Dental Opportunity Fair

October 23

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## Dentistry student researchers make strong showing

by John Keenan, UNMC public relations | March 31, 2015

UNMC College of Dentistry representatives who presented at the meeting included:

**Students:**

Matthew Bury  
David Duevel  
Alexandra Egentowich  
Leah Erickson  
Raul Franco  
Matthew Freyer  
Justin Gufford  
Danny Hanlon  
Mitchell Knudsen  
Lindsey Mikkelsen  
Katelyn Olenich  
Jennifer Peterman  
Christian Petersen  
Elizabeth Sand  
Jacob Zitterkopf

**Faculty:**

Mark Beatty, D.D.S.  
Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
Paul Hansen, D.D.S.  
Amy Killeen, D.D.S.  
Jeffrey Payne, D.D.S.  
Richard Reinhardt, D.D.S., Ph.D.  
Hidehiko Watanabe, D.D.S.

### UNMC College of Dentistry students attend the 93rd Annual International Association for Dental Research Meeting.

A record number of students from the UNMC College of Dentistry gave presentations at the 93rd Annual International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Meeting, held from March 11 to 14 in Boston. The IADR meeting was held in conjunction with the 44th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research and the 39th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research.

Fifteen COD students presented at this meeting, in addition to seven faculty members who gave presentations.

"When you consider that our class size is in the neighborhood of 45 to 48 students, to have this significant number of students presenting at an international conference speaks to the quality of our students and also the quality of our faculty mentorship," said Jeffrey Payne, D.D.S., associate dean for research for the college.

Dr. Payne congratulated the students for "extending themselves and going beyond their curriculum to do research that is of high caliber." The work, he pointed out, involved a lot of additional time and one-on-one mentorship with faculty. He also praised the faculty who presented and who mentored the students so they were well positioned to complete quality research projects and deliver outstanding presentations.

UNMC dental student Dave Duevel (D-3 student), president of the college's Ameritas Nebraska Dental Student Research Group, said that working with faculty mentors on the research projects was rewarding.

"I worked with Dr. Mark Beatty, who is a pretty brilliant guy," he said. "Also, there's the incentive of learning more about a certain aspect of dentistry."

Duevel's poster examined how to manipulate different polymer systems to avoid fading. The dental student found the research work fulfilling.

"It allows you to do something different from the day-to-day aspects of dental school," Duevel said. "It allows you to pick a research area you want to focus on, or find a mentor you want to work with, and it adds flexibility to your studies by allowing you to pursue something interesting outside the general realm of the curriculum."

College of Dentistry Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., who attended the event, offered congratulations to the college's student researchers and their faculty mentors.

"We are so proud of the caliber of research that our student-faculty teams are conducting and the record participation at this international meeting," Dr. Guthmiller said.



## Keith Johnson, Ph.D., recognized for leadership and mentorship

Keith Johnson, Ph.D., a professor in the department of oral biology at the UNMC College of Dentistry, was honored with two awards this year, one for his leadership in research and another for mentorship. He is the director of the Nebraska Center for Cellular Signaling, (NCCS), established in 2003 under the direction of his late wife Margaret Wheelock, Ph.D., and is the principal investigator of a \$4.9 million Institutional Development Award Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE) grant. The National Institutes of Health grant is the third phase of funding for the NCCS, which has received a total of \$25 million in funding.

He's been a farmer, a construction worker, a high school teacher and a quality assurance coordinator at a soap manufacturing company.

But to the numerous junior faculty he's encountered, Keith Johnson, Ph.D., is the best mentor there is.

"We cannot overstate the impact that Dr. Johnson's mentoring of junior faculty has had on the College of Dentistry and throughout UNMC," said Jeffrey Payne, D.D.S., associate dean for research at the college.

"His mentorship program is a model for successful faculty career development, an area that is even more critical in these times of shrinking federal support for biomedical research," Dr. Payne said.

In April Dr. Johnson received the UNMC Outstanding Faculty Mentor of Junior Faculty Award at the annual faculty meeting in recognition of his years of dedicated mentorship.

The award came on the heels of a research leadership award Dr. Johnson received in February at the annual distinguished scientist ceremony for his work in cell adhesion and the role it plays in cancer progression.

"We hope our research contributes to a better understanding of cancer metastasis and ways to control or treat it," Dr. Johnson said.

The experience has been humbling for Dr. Johnson, who said he never expected the recognition.

His colleagues are not surprised.

In nominating him for the faculty mentor award, one nominee said Dr. Johnson is a selfless leader who leads by example and has the foresight to execute the COBRE grant he oversees in a way that allows individuals to grow and learn to succeed as independent investigators.

Dr. Johnson is credited with directly overseeing the career development of four UNMC College of Dentistry junior faculty, one UNMC junior faculty member at the Eppley Institute and one Creighton University junior scientist. Furthermore, he has overseen the faculty development of 13 additional faculty at both UNMC and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

# Dental grads have big impact on small town



Imagine driving two hours just to see the dentist.

That's what most people living in rural Nebraska have to do.

And that's why Kelly Russell, D.D.S., 28, ('13) and Adam Anderson, D.D.S., 27, ('13) decided to open Sandhills Family Dental in Valentine, Neb., a town of 2,789 people situated along the South Dakota border in the north central part of the state. They also operate a satellite office in Mullen, Neb.

Sandhills Family Dental treats adults and children in one of the largest counties in the state with the fewest options for dental care.

"It's so important for people to have access to dental care close to home," Dr. Russell said. "There are many people who would probably neglect their dental health if they had to drive two hours every time they had an appointment."

Sandhills Family Dental also is the only practice within a 150-mile radius that accepts new Medicaid patients, Dr. Anderson said, another plus for the residents living in Valentine and the surrounding communities of Cherry County. Drs. Russell and Anderson, 2013 graduates of the UNMC College of Dentistry, make a point to be active members of the community, selling concessions at high school activities, taking part in fundraisers for Cherry County Hospital, coaching basketball and mentoring students through a local church.

"We love our town and we want to do all we can to keep it growing and thriving," Dr. Anderson said.

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*Dr. Anderson.*



# UNMC dentistry grad heads to rural Nebraska

It's been a whirlwind since Jessica Sanborn, D.D.S., graduated in May from the UNMC College of Dentistry and began seeing her first patients this summer at Family First Dental in Creighton, Neb.

It's the ideal ending to Dr. Sanborn's four-year journey through dental school and a cherished bonus to the rural citizens who live in and around Creighton, a community of 1,100 people just 45 miles north of Norfolk, Neb.

"It's a small, one-person practice, that makes a big impact on the community," Dr. Sanborn said.

Is she nervous?

"Absolutely," she said, laughing. "But the company that this practice is part of, Family First Dental, has appointed a mentor for me from a neighboring practice, and I still have the support of the faculty at the College of Dentistry."

Faculty have repeatedly told Dr. Sanborn that she is welcome to email radiographs, call with questions or any other concerns she might have.

"It's reassuring to know I am just a click or phone call away," Dr. Sanborn said.

UNMC graduates working throughout Nebraska generate an economic impact of \$3.9 billion. Based on profession,

physicians have a \$2.7 billion impact or \$1.3 million per graduate, followed by dentists whose impact totals \$534 million, equivalent to \$750,000 per grad.

Dr. Sanborn and her husband, Daniel, who is a nurse, wanted to live in a small town to raise their 15-month-old daughter Samantha.

Creighton might only have one sandwich shop, a dollar store and a bowling alley, but what it lacks in big city convenience it makes up for in the people who live there.

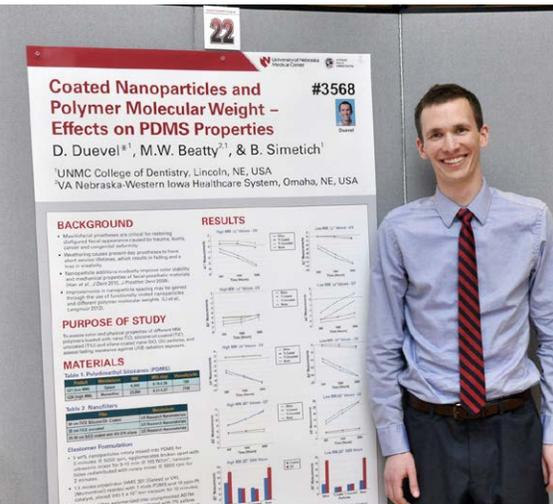
"The friendliest, nicest people you ever met," Dr. Sanborn said.

"I think we met every realtor in town when we were looking for a home and everyone commented about how excited they were to have a new dentist right in their community, so they wouldn't have to drive to another town to seek care," she said.

That's the icing on the cake for Dr. Sanborn, who said it's humbling to be able to provide the kind of dental care everyone should have access to.

Dr. Sanborn's future goals: "I want to get involved, I want to support the local businesses, and most importantly I want to help this community thrive."

# Dentistry students win awards at professionals' day



*Junior dental student, Dave Duevel.*

Three students took first place at the 29th annual Professionals' Day and 48th annual Student Scientific Program at the UNMC College of Dentistry in Lincoln. The students received a total of \$500 in cash awards at the program, which took place March 27.

Professionals' Day celebrates scholarly activities and provides students, faculty and the dental community an opportunity to share professional and academic activities.

The scientific program highlights the academic achievements of the students and their research on topics concerning oral health. The annual event is held in the East Union on the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus. The cash awards were made possible through contributions from Dentsply, International College of Dentists, Lincoln District Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Association, Nebraska Dental Hygienists' Association and the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Sigma Phi Alpha, the national dental hygienists' honor society.

The winners and their research topics included:

- Senior dental hygiene students Morgan Mowrey and Rachel Johanson - "The Effect of Probiotics on Streptococcus Mutans in the Oral Cavity."
- Junior dental student Dave Duevel - "Coated Nanoparticles and Polymer Molecular Weight - Effects on PDMS Properties."
- Graduate student Chad Riggs - "Using Chemical Pocket Disinfection as an Adjunct to Non-surgical Maintenance Therapy of Inflamed Periodontal Pockets."

Other awards presented at the recognition ceremony include:

David Deuvel, D3, received the Pierre Fauchard Academy Dental Student Scholarship and the 2015 ADA Dentsply Student Clinician program award.

Dr. Ernest Sigler received the Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Memorial Faculty Award.

## Celebrating our graduates!

*Lower left: Dr. Paul Hansen, dental student, Matthew Freyer, Dr. Ernest Sigler*

*Lower right: Dean Guthmiller and dental hygiene student, Morgan Mowrey*





## 2015 College of Dentistry Graduates

### College of Dentistry

Kelly Dawn Antholz-O'Hara  
 Katie Ann Asbjornson  
 \*\*Whitney Violet Bruins  
 Eric Michael Carranza  
 Conner John Christensen  
 Jared Benjamin Christopherson  
 \*Stephanie Ann Ebke  
 \*\*Leslie Christine Ellingson  
 Paul Alexander Favela  
 \*\*\*Matthew Lloyd Freyer  
 Joshua J. George  
 Hannah Grafton Greene  
 Dane Thomas Griggs  
 \*Justin Scott Gufford  
 Krista Kay Haake  
 \*\*Danial Joel Hanlon  
 Todd Alan Herpy  
 Derek Austin Hoffman  
 Aillie Yuandi Hu  
 Caitlyn Marie Lastovica  
 Erin Katelyn Lauer  
 Ashley Morgan Leming  
 David Edward Masters  
 \*Abbey Kristine McGee  
 \*\*Lindsey Marie Mikkelsen,  
 \*\*\*Phuong Cam Nguyen  
 Trino Hinojosa Nuno  
 Michelle Marie Parker

David William Pelster  
 \*David Ross Perry  
 Rachel Elizabeth Petska  
 Elizabeth Mary Powers  
 Laura Jo Pranke  
 Jessica I. Sanborn  
 \*\*Renee Marie Sellers  
 \*\*Tyler Jeffrey Siegert  
 \*Nicholas J. Stokey  
 Seth P. Swanson  
 Crystal Renee Umphlett  
 Sydney RaNae Unzicker  
 Eric J. Van Boening  
 Logan Travis Veath  
 \*\*Steven John Wiemer  
 Cory M. Wilkinson  
 Benjamin Winston  
 Wyley T. Wondercheck  
 Jacob Gerhard Zitterkopf

### Dental Hygiene

Elizabeth Catherine Anderson  
 Stephanie Marissa Baumgart  
 Whitney Rae Buschkoetter  
 Miranda Kay Clausen  
 Courtney Lynn Gerdes  
 Bailey Barbara Ann Jenkins  
 Rachel Erin Johanson  
 Emma Rose Krier

\*Molly Christine McFeely  
 Morgan Nicole Mowrey  
 Emily Ann Neal  
 \*\*Elizabeth Riley Piehler  
 \*Jaimee Danielle Prochnow  
 Jacqueline Marie Schmit  
 Margaret Monica Smith  
 Sophie Jean Smith  
 Emily Katherine Swanson  
 Danielle Nicole Urban  
 Alexandria A. Wayne  
 Chelsey Lee Zuerlein

### West Division Dental Hygiene

Bree Bamesberger  
 Brooke Jones  
 Amber Stull  
 Andrew K. Darnell

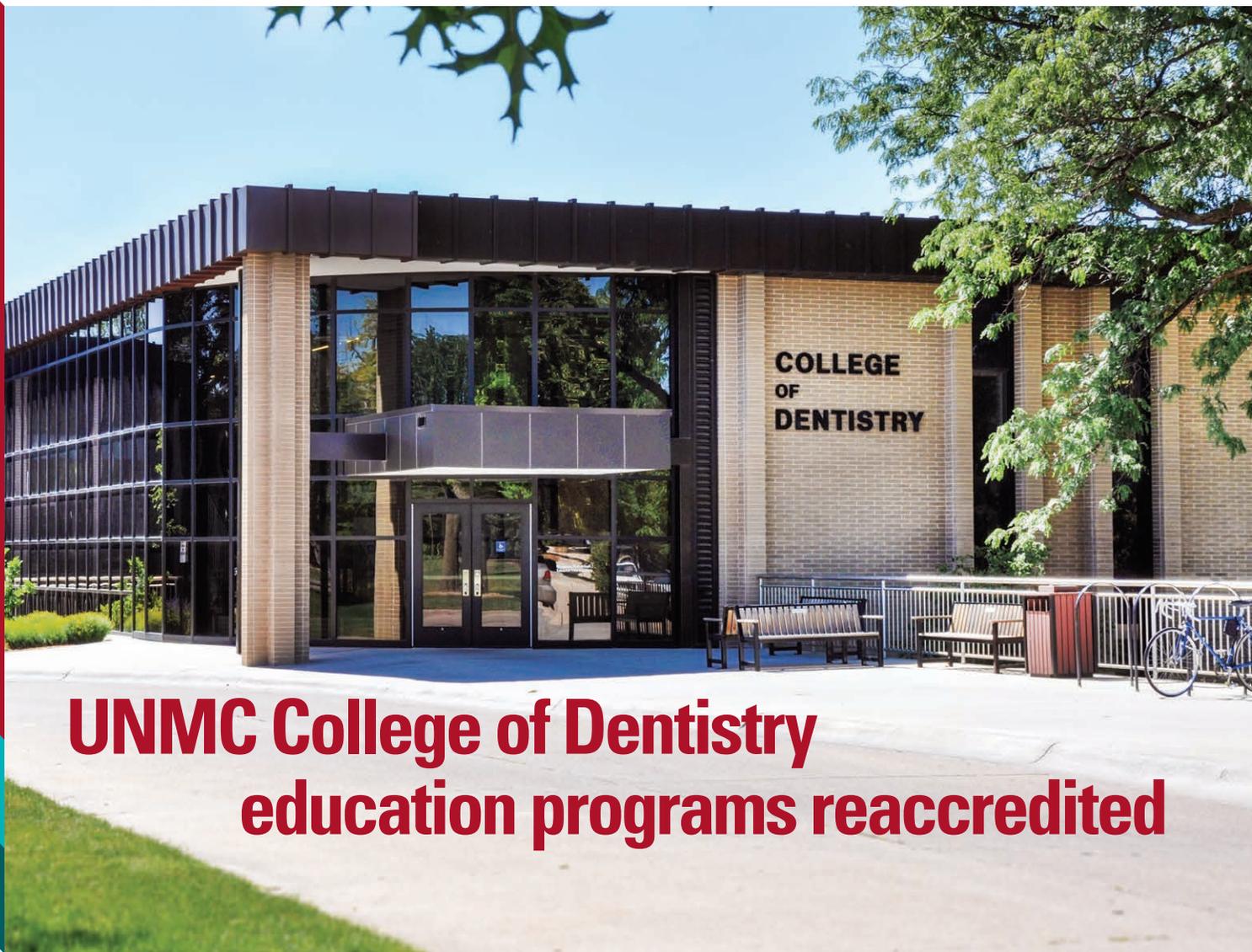
\* with Distinction  
 \*\* with High Distinction  
 \*\*\* with Highest Distinction

## Where are they going?

### Immediate Career Plans for 2015 Dental Graduates

- 22** Will go into private practice
- 14** Beginning advanced education residencies
- 2** Will work at community health clinics
- 18** Moving to other states
- 9** Remaining in Lincoln or Omaha
- 8** Relocating to Nebraska communities including: Beatrice, Scottsbluff, North Platte, Creighton, Bellevue, Bennington and Norfolk.





## UNMC College of Dentistry education programs reaccredited

“This truly was a team effort,” said UNMC College of Dentistry Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D. “I am incredibly proud of the work that’s been done.”

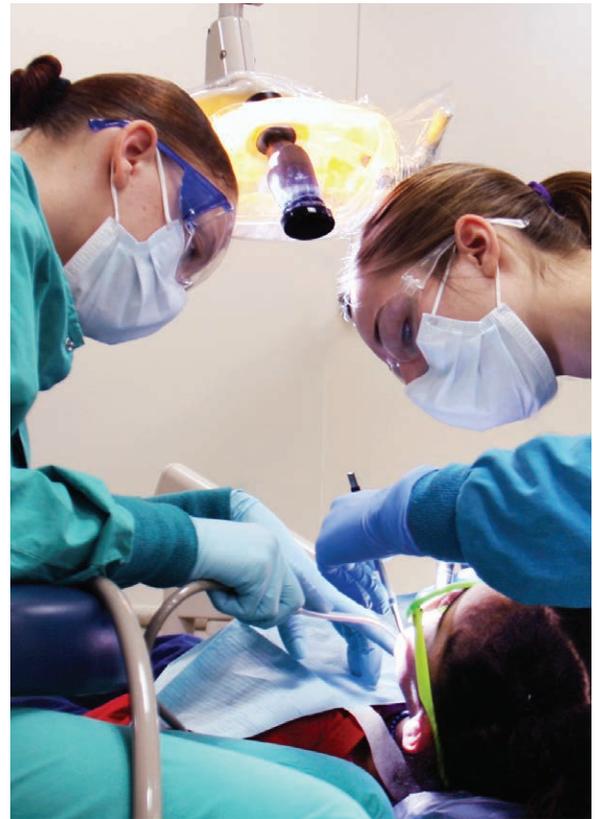
### Three years of preparation paid off.

The UNMC College of Dentistry recently received word from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that they had received “approval without reporting requirements” for all seven of their education programs.

College of Dentistry Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D., praised the work of the entire college community, including the Accreditation Steering Committee and its chairmen Larry Crouch, Ph.D., and David Brown, Ph.D.

All seven of our programs achieved “approval without reporting requirements,” she said. “That means they achieved or exceeded the basic requirements for accreditation.

“This truly was a team effort where every member of the team was critical to our success,” she said. “I am incredibly proud of the work that’s been done and the outcome of the reaccreditation of our programs validates our efforts in how we continue to strive for exceptional educational programs.”



UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., agreed. “Our dental programs are exemplary and I am extremely pleased at the commission’s report, which validates the many strengths of our programs. Being accredited is very important to our current and our future students.”

The reaccreditation report covered UNMC’s dental education program, advanced dental education programs in endodontics, orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics, pediatric dentistry (Omaha), periodontics, and general practice residency (12-month) (Omaha) and the allied program in dental hygiene (Lincoln and Gering).

Nearly three years of preparation went into the reaccreditation effort, which included formulating an accreditation steering committee, meeting with faculty, staff and students to discuss the process, faculty forums and writing the self-study reports for each of the programs, which totaled 25 bound volumes of the self-study and supporting materials.

In preparation for the CODA team’s visit, the college invited external consultants for a mock visit and followed that with another dress rehearsal a few weeks prior to CODA’s site visit. The 19-member CODA team visited the college’s multiple campuses on Oct. 21-23, 2014. The team consisted of leaders in academic dentistry from around the country as well as staff from CODA, a specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education.

While the actual accreditation work is complete, Dr. Guthmiller said, “we continue to look at the educational programs in a self-reflective process for continual improvement and innovation.”

In doing so, the college closely examines such issues as how to further enhance the competency of students and how to integrate the basic biomedical and clinical sciences with actual practice. “We’ve really used this as an opportunity for improvement,” she said, “and to ask ourselves, how can we best continue to provide comprehensive, patient-centered care.”

The commission’s next visit is scheduled for 2021.

To watch Dr. Guthmiller’s accreditation conversation with UNMC Chancellor Jeffrey P. Gold, M.D., type the following link into your browser:

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CM2Unrrfy8&feature=youtu.be>**





## UNMC dentistry students net ADEA appointments

Two dental students from the UNMC College of Dentistry have been selected for appointments with the American Dental Education Association.

Fourth-year dental student Erica Jasa was selected as an ADEA board director to represent the Council of Students, Residents and Fellows, and third-year dental student Shawn Custer, was selected as one of two ADEA Midwest representatives for the Council of Students, Residents and Fellows.

“Very few students have the opportunity to serve in nationally appointed positions,” Jasa said. “Being elected on the national level is a great honor. These positions allow the students to have an impact on their education and be a voice to represent dental students across the nation.”

“The dental field is continuously making advancements in technology and research,” Custer said. “It is important for students to be at the forefront of these advancements advocating for our education and our profession because it will directly impact our future.”

The students said leadership positions allow for personal and professional growth, strengthen communication skills, give opportunities for team building, and establish time management skills.

Both students will serve for one year.

## OKU Honors and Awards

### **New OKU members include graduating seniors**

Leslie C. Ellingson, Matthew L. Freyer, Lindsey M. Mikkelsen, Tyler J. Siegert, Steven J. Wiemer.

### **New Sigma Phi Alpha members include graduating dental hygiene seniors**

Elizabeth R. Piehler and Jaimee D. Prochnow

Junior dental student David C. Duevel received the Dr. William S. Kramer Award of Excellence

Dr. Paul Hansen received the four-year teaching award

## Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society



For years, the UNMC College of Dentistry has played a historic role in the Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society. As the official corporate home of the supreme chapter of OKU, there has been one person who has kept a cohesive thread over the years – Janet John.

John, an office associate at the UNMC College of Dentistry, provided essential staff support for more than 30 years working first as secretary for William Kramer, D.D.S., secretary-treasurer of the Supreme Chapter of OKU and former chair of the pediatric dentistry department at the College of Dentistry, then under former College of Dentistry dean, Stephen Leeper, D.D.S.

John was recognized for her years of dedicated service to OKU at a banquet held in Boston in March where she was presented with a plaque and gold watch.

## Four to be honored at homecoming reunion set for Sept. 25-26

The UNMC College of Dentistry 2015 Alumni Homecoming Reunion will be Sept. 25-26 at the Cornhusker Marriott Hotel and at the College of Dentistry.

The Dental Museum will be open the week of Homecoming, beginning Sept. 21 and continuing through Sept. 26. The Nebraska vs. Southern Miss game will cap off festivities, beginning at 11:00 a.m., Central Time, Sept. 26.

Other events scheduled for Sept. 25 include the following:

- Continuing Education Session, speaker, "Dr. Joseph Massad," Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
- Luncheon, speaker, "Mr. Shawn Eichorst, University of Nebraska Director of Athletics," Cornhusker Marriott Hotel
- Student-guided tours at the college in the afternoon
- Banquet and Awards & Recognition – Cornhusker Marriott Hotel, beginning at 5 p.m.

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

### Distinguished Service Award: **Dr. Kenneth Kalkwarf**

Dr. Ken Kalkwarf graduated from the Dental College in 1970 and the graduate Periodontics Program in 1973. His career was devoted to full-time dental academics and part-time practice. He has served at four dental schools and had the opportunity to participate in several national and international projects focused on education and oral health. Ken and his wife, Sharon, a 1973 graduate of the Dental Hygiene Program, are retired and living in San Antonio, Texas.

### Alumni Achievement Award: **Dr. Darold Opp**

Dr. Darold Opp lives in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He has practiced 31 years at the Center for Advanced Dentistry. In addition, he has two full-time national coaching programs pursuing his ambition as a serial entrepreneur. He is honored to share this award with the 1984 "Class of Rocks!"

### Honorary Life Membership Award: **Dr. Jeffrey Payne**

Dr. Jeffrey Payne lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is the Associate Dean for Research and a professor in the Department of Surgical Specialties at the UNMC College of Dentistry. Dr. Payne received his DDS from the State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in 1986.

### Outstanding Educator Award: **Dr. Michael Houk**

Former part-time faculty member, Dr. Michael Houk, former part-time faculty member, lives in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He graduated from the UNL College of Dentistry in 1977, after having attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He entered into private practice in Sioux Falls in July 1977 and continues to practice in Sioux Falls today, with no plans for retirement in the near future.

## Service Award Recipients 2015

Four faculty were honored for their years of service to the College of Dentistry.



Brian Lange, Ph.D.,  
40 years, oral biology



Eric Fung, Ph.D.,  
30 years, oral biology



Henry St. Germain Jr., Ph.D.,  
20 years, adult restorative dentistry



Ali Nawshad, Ph.D.,  
10 years, oral biology

## Dr. Amy Killeen nets national recognition



The frantic knocking on her office door came a mere two minutes after she received the call.

Amy Killeen, D.D.S., an assistant professor in the department of surgical specialties at the UNMC College of Dentistry, had just found out she was the recipient of the 2015 American Dental Education Association Council of Students, Residents and Fellows/ Colgate-Palmolive Co. Junior Faculty Award.

"I opened the door and there stood three students, so excited they were screaming," said Dr. Killeen, who teaches periodontics, the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and disorders of the gums. "It was humbling and pretty cool."

Dr. Killeen received the award at the annual ADEA meeting held in April in Boston, accompanied by four of her students who met her with flowers and hearty congratulations.

In their three-page nomination letter, the dentistry students describe the dedication, talent and creativity of their periodontal professor, and sum it up with a catch phrase: "We have learned to go above and beyond and to be 'Killeen.'"

"We trust and value Dr. Killeen," the students write. "As a junior faculty member, she brings knowledge far beyond her years, yet can easily relate to our anxiety in dealing with our first patient."

It's that personal connection that Dr. Killeen relishes.

"I'm not that much older than they are as far as education and experience, but I also have experience and can offer my expertise while still remembering what it is like to be a student taking finals or board exams," she said.

The students said it best when they finished their letter by stating:

"Dr. Killeen has proven to be a true role model through her passion for patient care, respect for students and fellow professionals, and her vested interest in helping students take large strides forward in their dental education. Her didactic and clinical teaching are just the start of what she has to offer and is merely a glimpse into her real world teaching that our periodontal department and school has been fortunate enough to have. For this reason, we are confident that she is the perfect candidate and deserves to receive national recognition."

A native of Springfield, Mo., Dr. Killeen graduated in 2006 from the College of Dentistry, completed her residency in periodontics in 2010 at UNMC and then joined the faculty in 2011.

## Kudos



Lisa Moravec, assistant professor of dental hygiene in the College of Dentistry, was featured as one of the “20 Top Professors of Dental Hygiene” on the blog Medical Technology Schools. Criteria for selection included active teaching, publication, thought leadership and extracurricular involvement.

### The Nebraska Dental Association inducted Jim Jenkins, D.D.S., into the NDA Hall of Fame at an event on April 24.

Dr. Jenkins was recognized for his work with the Nebraska Mission of Mercy, working with UNMC’s Children’s Dental Days and SHARING Clinics serving needy children and adults all across the state of Nebraska, volunteering for Lincoln’s Clinic With a Heart, and the People’s City Mission Dental Clinic. He also was recognized for his international charity dental missions, traveling annually to care for the poor in Haiti and Honduras

“I can’t think of anyone who has contributed more to dentistry, at all levels in our state, than Jim Jenkins,” said Scott Morrison, D.D.S., past president of the NDA. “Jim has



done it all in dentistry: private practice, teacher, mentor, president of his local and state dental associations, and as an organizer of the largest philanthropic outreach of dentistry in our state - the Nebraska Mission of Mercy, which has provided free dental care to over 10,000 Nebraskans. Our state and the profession of dentistry are fortunate to have someone as giving as Jim.”

## College of Dentistry Remembers

**Dr. Mick R. Drago**, '68 DDS, Escondido, Calif., died March 27, 2015. He had a positive influence on dentistry both nationally and internationally through his lectures, research and numerous scholarly publications.

**Dr. Raymond L. Grove**, '54 DDS, Omaha, Neb., died February 17, 2015. Dr. Grove practiced dentistry in Omaha, Neb. His son, Raymond L. Grove, Jr. '88 DDS followed in his footsteps.

**James E. King**, '65 DDS, Goleta, Calif., died January 7, 2014. Dr. King practiced in Santa Barbara. His father was one of the founders of Kings Hamburgers in Lincoln, where many of Dr. King’s classmates worked during dental school.

**Dr. Bill Hollander**, '67 PER, Sioux City, Iowa, died December 21, 2014. He was a practicing periodontist in Sioux City for 35 years.

**Kimberlee M. (Koehler) Loutzenhiser**, '09 DH, died March 14, 2015. She practiced dental hygiene in Omaha, Neb. As a student, Kim had zest for learning and was passionate to do her best for patients.

**Dr. James F. Michael**, '66 DDS, Lebanon, Mo., died March 18, 2008.

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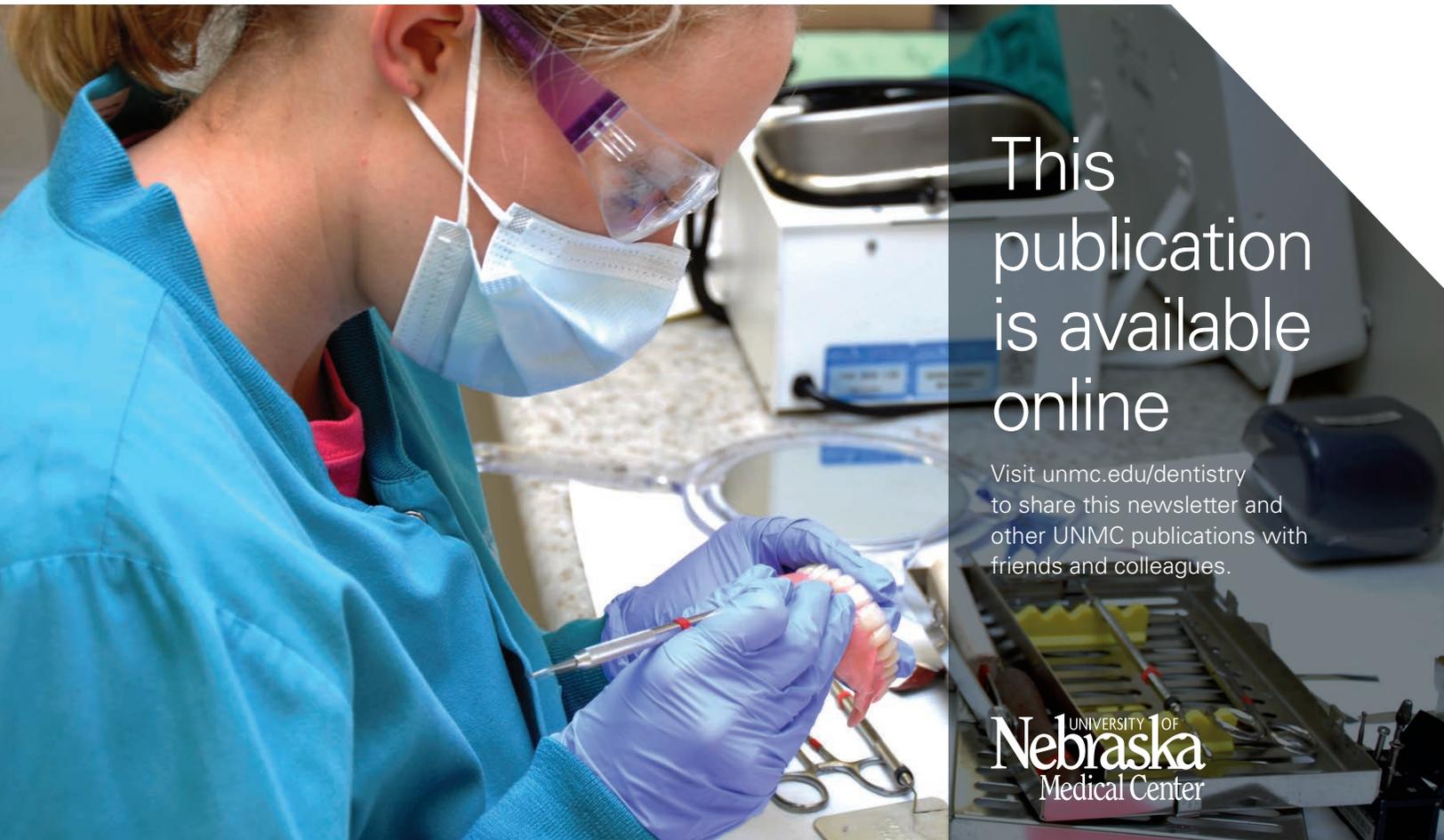


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