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Providing exceptional service to all of Nebraska

The University of Nebraska Medical Center describes itself as a “500-mile” campus. UNMC programs extend fully across the state, from Omaha to the Panhandle. Recently, I’ve had the opportunity to witness firsthand some of the exceptional services our students, faculty, and staff provide to make sure the College of Dentistry is fulfilling that statewide UNMC mission. They are doing an amazing job, and these services are above and beyond our regular dental and dental hygiene educational programs.

As mentioned in the summer issue of Cornhusker Impressions, in May we provided the annual COD Dental Continuing Education Caravan across Nebraska. That program, through which faculty provide free continuing education lectures to alumni across the state, has now been in existence for 25 years. I’m fairly certain that our college is the only dental school in the United States that delivers a free program in this manner. During those 25 years, our faculty members have traveled more than 25,000 miles and given 350 lecture hours of continuing education to more than 8,000 attendees.

In June, we once again provided Children’s Dental Days in the Panhandle, now for the ninth consecutive year. The Panhandle event is in addition to the Lincoln Children’s Dental Day, held at least once a year since 2001. Each year we take a busload of about 50 students, faculty, and staff (and others drive cars) on a journey of at least 800 miles to deliver care to underserved children in multiple sites across the Panhandle, from Gordon to Sidney. And every year at least 200 children receive free care during this two-day event.

This July, students made the most of another volunteer opportunity. The Nebraska Mission of Mercy held its eighth annual event in Alliance, again in the Panhandle. The event happened to fall on the weekend of July 13-14. Students had finished classes and were on summer break starting July 6. Although the NMOM is not a COD-sponsored event, the COD has always been involved with a strong group of volunteers, including students.

Because the Nebraska Mission of Mercy occurred during our summer break, many of our senior dental students were participating in their externship rotations. In addition, the NMOM site was 400 miles from Lincoln. We wondered if students, faculty, and staff volunteers would make that big time commitment. But more than 50 volunteer students, faculty, and staff came through and participated in the two-day event, which provided the equivalent of about $500,000 in free care to needy patients. Some patients had driven more miles than we had and waited in line outside overnight. All our COD volunteers, and especially our students, were praised for their efforts. The respect and sensitivity our students showed to their NMOM patients was exemplary.

The 500-mile campus is real, and the College of Dentistry is a leading contributor to this statewide effort. Our students, faculty, and staff are doing an outstanding job of meeting that mission of service. Once again, I thank all who support the COD in so many ways to help us advance our mission of teaching, research, and service.

John W. Reinhardt, DDS, MS, MPH
Professor and Dean
College of Dentistry
University of Nebraska Medical Center
2012 Calendar

September 13
Dean’s Club Dinner
Embassy Suites
6:15 - 9 p.m.

September 14-15
2012 Dental Homecoming Reunion
Embassy Suites
UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln
Memorial Stadium—Nebraska vs. Arkansas State

September 27
Sharing Clinic
UNMC College of Dentistry
6 p.m.

September 28
CE “Medical Emergency Management in a Dental Office”
Joseph Best, DDS, PhD
UNMC College of Dentistry
10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

October 19
ADA Annual Session
College of Dentistry Alumni reception
Marriott Marquis, San Francisco, CA
5 - 7 p.m.

October 26
CE “Cardiovascular Diseases and Dentistry”
John P. Gobetttii, DDS, MS
UNMC College of Dentistry
10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

November 8
Sharing Clinic
UNMC College of Dentistry
6 p.m.

November 9
Practice Opportunities Fair
UNMC College of Dentistry
Lower Level and Dean’s Conference Room
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

November 9
CE “Virtual Treatment Planning for Dental Implants”
Dr. Omaid Ahmad, director, Implant Prosthodontics Clinic
UNMC College of Dentistry
10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

November 16
CE “Patient Expectations, Digital Dentistry and Contemporary Dental Implants”
Dr. Paul Olin, director, Implant Program, University of Minnesota
UNMC College of Dentistry
10 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

December 17-18
CE “Radiology for Dental Auxiliary”
Dr. Shawneen Gonzalez, assistant professor
UNMC College of Dentistry, Lincoln and Gering
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

January 4, 2013
Weeth Lecture
“Fire in the Hole”
Douglas Damm, DDS
UNL City Campus
Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

January 25, 2013
Rocky Mountain Dental Convention
UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Reception
Hyatt Regency Convention Center
Denver, Colorado
5 – 6:30 p.m.

February 1, 2013
Give Kids a Smile/Dental Day XXIII
Interprofessional Education (IPE) Day
UNMC College of Dentistry

February 8, 2013
CE What’s New in Dentistry 2013
“Head and Neck Cancer for General Dentists”
“Cone Beam Technology and Dental Applications”
Dr. William Lydiatt, Dr. Shawneen Gonzalez, Dr. Gayle Reardon
UNL East Campus Union
8:30 a.m. – 4:20 p.m.

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Dental students to provide more hands-on patient care, spend more time on extramural rotations

Dental students taking part in the extramural rotation program provided care for 1,500 to 2,000 patients last year and performed 3,000 to 4,000 procedures, said Dr. Kim McFarland, associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology at the UNMC College of Dentistry.

While the contribution is noteworthy, McFarland said, she expects to see those numbers increase as fourth-year dental students are encouraged to see more patients during their extramural experiences and the extramural rotations are extended from four to six weeks beginning in July 2013.

She estimates eventually as many as 10,000 patient visits a year could be attributed to dental students in the college’s extramural program in dental offices and public health clinics in rural and underserved areas of Nebraska and three surrounding states.

“That’s 10,000 patient visits a year that wouldn’t happen if our students weren’t going out and doing these rotations,” she said at the 2012 Dental Preceptors Conference in the Dixon Lecture Hall.

The annual conference brings together preceptors—dentists who oversee the students on rotations—for orientation, continuing education, and an opportunity to share best practices. Forty-three dentists in Nebraska, Wyoming, Kansas, and South Dakota serve as preceptors, becom-

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In Memory

Dr. Deryl D. Swanbom (DDS, 1954), 84, Fort Collins, Colo., died May 19, 2012. A native of Scottsbluff, he served in the Merchant Marines. He lived in Fort Collins for 56 years, where he practiced orthodontics.

Dr. Ka-Yeung Kwan (DDS, 1983), 56, Lincoln, died June 6, 2012. He practiced dentistry in the Omaha area for 29 years. He came to the United States from Hong Kong in 1968, making Lincoln his lifelong home.

Dr. Jesse C. “Doc” Pollard (DDS, 1944), 94, Eugene, Ore., died June 19, 2012. He practiced dentistry for more than 50 years in Friend. He was a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and a 1946 graduate of West Point Academy as Captain.

Dr. Tom Dworak (DDS, 1945), 88, Lincoln, died July 10, 2012. He practiced dentistry for 57 years. He served in the U.S. Navy as a dentist. After retiring from his private practice in 2000, he taught for five years at the College of Dentistry.

Dr. Bernard Doyle (DDS, 1957), 82, died July 16, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas. He established the Dr. Bernard J. Doyle and William J. Doyle Endowed Faculty Fellowship and served as Chair of the College of Dentistry’s Campaign for Nebraska Committee.

Dr. Bernard J. Moran (DDS, 1949), 90, Lincoln, died July 22, 2012. He was a pilot in World War II and practiced dentistry for 40 years in Lincoln. He established the Bernard J. and Ann Moran Professorship.

Kudos

Gregory Oakley, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology, received a New Investigator Award at the recent UNMC Distinguished Scientist Award Ceremony. Dr. Oakley is the primary investigator on a four-year, $720,000 grant from the American Cancer Society to study ways to make cancer chemotherapy more effective. His study explores DNA damage and how cells repair themselves.

The Dental Hygiene program is proud to report a 100 percent, first-attempt pass rate for the Class of 2012 on the National Board examination. Every hygiene student at the COD since 1999 has passed the examination on the first attempt. Congratulations to the students and their teachers.

Dr. Kim McFarland, associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology, has been appointed to the Technical Advisory Committee of the Dental Pipeline National Learning Institute, a new pilot program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Congratulations to 2012 dental hygiene graduates Kara Bogus and Emily Frank for placing first in the American Dental Hygiene Association research poster competition in Phoenix, AZ. The title of their poster was “Characteristics of Restorative Materials after Immersion in Alcohol and Non-alcohol Containing 0.12% Chlorhexidine Gluconate Oral Rinses.” Their faculty mentors were Dr. Henry St. Germain, Dr. David Marx, and Prof. Caren Barnes.

Xiujuan Zhu, PhD, a graduate student in Dr. Ali Nawshad’s lab, has been selected to present her research at the 2012 International Student Research Forum at UNMC. Students from all over the world have been selected to attend this meeting of young investigators. She also recently received a commendation for an “Excellent Paper by a Young Investigator” for her published manuscript in Development, Growth and Differentiation.

David Brown, PhD, executive associate dean, was recognized for 30 years of service and Stan Harn, PhD, professor in the Department of Oral Biology, was recognized for 40 years of service to the University of Nebraska at the annual UNMC faculty meeting in Omaha.

Dr. Ron Attanasio, professor in the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry and course director of the TMD Clinic, was co-editor of the April 2012 issue of Dental Clinics of North America titled, “Sleep Medicine and Dentistry.” He also co-authored two articles in the issue.
“Students learn about the connection between their service, and their academic course work, and their role as citizens”

Dr. Kim McFarland, UNMC College of Dentistry

The extramural rotation program, also known as service learning, is structured, requiring student orientation and preparation, evaluations by students and preceptors, and student reflection papers.

The HRSA grant also sponsored the daylong preceptors conference June 8, which featured a history of the program by Brian Lange, PhD, program director, and a presentation by Dr. Bill Piskorowski of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. College of Dentistry faculty members spoke on current issues in their specialties: Dr. Shawneen Gonzalez, oral radiology; Dr. Henry St. Germain and Dr. Larry Haisch, adult restorative dentistry; and Dr. Nagamani Narayana, oral pathology. Dental student Kyle Beulke gave a case presentation, and students and recent graduates shared their expectations and experiences.

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Brian Lange, PhD, extramural program director, shares the history of the program with preceptors.

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Newest D.H. Reinhardt Scholar excited about involving undergraduates in periodontal research

The newest D.H. Reinhardt Scholar is learning to balance teaching, research, and clinical practice and looking to her mentor, Dr. Richard A. Reinhardt, for guidance along the way.

“When I grow up, I want to be Dr. Rick Reinhardt,” said Dr. Amy Killeen, assistant professor in the Department of Surgical Specialties, who began teaching at the UNMC College of Dentistry in 2010. She received her dental degree in 2006, her periodontics certificate in 2010, and her master’s degree in oral biology in 2011, all from Nebraska’s College of Dentistry.

As a D.H. Reinhardt Scholar, Killeen has been awarded a $10,000 grant to conduct a two-year clinical study looking at effective ways to improve periodontal maintenance using a common anti-inflammatory drug, minocycline microspheres. She is waiting to hear about additional funds from the Nebraska Dental Association.

Killeen says the research is unique because it will involve the patients of third- and fourth-year dental students in the College of Dentistry’s undergraduate periodontal clinic. A goal of the project is to encourage undergraduates to participate in clinical research, and Killeen is hoping the study will lead to creation of a center for clinical-based research involving undergraduate dental students.

Come away with ‘critical eye’

“We believe we are starting a good program here, one that can introduce undergraduate students to applicable clinical research. We hope that after being involved in a large study like this, students will come away with a critical eye when looking at products and reading journals,” she said.

“This is exciting for me. It is something new, something I never thought I would get into. I have learned immensely from Dr. (Richard) Reinhardt about how to write a grant and how to conduct a study,” Killeen said. She is particularly pleased because the family of Reinhardt’s late grandfather “is making this happen” through the D.H. Reinhardt Scholar program.

D.H. Reinhardt, a member of the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry’s first graduating class in 1919, practiced in Bayard and Scottsbluff. His family established the Reinhardt Scholar program “to enable faculty, in collaboration with undergraduate students, to conduct research applicable to the clinical practice of dentistry.” Family members said he was always “striving to find new ways to solve problems both in and out of dentistry.” He died in 1961.

Fits namesake’s philosophy

“I am thrilled the Reinhardt Scholar award has evolved to this kind of a program,” said his grandson Richard Reinhardt, the Bernard J. and Ann Moran Professor of Periodontology and co-director of undergraduate periodontics. “My grandfather was a practicing dentist. This is exactly the kind of information coming out of our studies that he would have liked to use. It fits very well into his philosophy.”

Reinhardt said Killeen’s research, in which undergraduate students will participate in a prospective clinical study, is rare at the college. Students will provide patient care and followup.

“We are entering an era in dentistry—I think a healthy era—where practice is based on evidence, and the highest order of evidence is a clinical trial like Amy is putting together,” Reinhardt said. “New dentists are bombarded with sophisticated marketing for this or that product or this or that approach. They have to be able to analyze new techniques and new approaches as they progress through their practice. If they have background in seeing and participating in clinical research, they will have sensitivity to look for those results.”

The clinical study, which will begin this fall, will look at how minocycline microspheres can be used to reduce inflammatory biomarkers and bone loss in periodontal pockets in 40 patients who have received active therapy for chronic periodontal disease and are now in the maintenance phase of treatment. The patients will be seen every six months for two years. During those visits, students will take radiographs and apply minocycline microspheres, and investigators will take samples of gingival crevicular fluid to monitor markers of inflammation and bone resorption.
Few clinical studies available

"Few studies evaluating locally-applied minocycline during periodontal maintenance therapy have been reported even though the drug is commonly used in this protocol," Killeen wrote in her application for the grant. "The hypothesis to be tested...is that the use of minocycline at baseline and six-month intervals in conjunction with subgingival mechanical debridement will reduce interproximal bone height loss and periodontal inflammation more than mechanical debridement alone."

Another 40 patients will receive mechanical debridement alone.

Reinhardt said minocycline microspheres are FDA approved and used to treat patients at the college, but their use has never been tested as an adjunct to periodontal maintenance. "The hope is that if this is successful, it may decrease the amount of surgical intervention necessary down the road and it may extend the length of time patients can go between visits," he said. "If it doesn’t work, we know this approach is not as effective as some other approach could be. We have no vested interest in which way it goes."

Killeen’s work is inspired by her respect for Reinhardt and the interest he has taken in her career. "He saw someone who was interested in teaching, and he hoped to develop me into someone who is multifaceted and can do clinical work, teach in a lecture hall, and conduct research in a lab because he can do all those things. He is wanting to develop those skills and qualities in me," Killeen said. “I want to soak up all I can.”

Also involved in the project is Dr. Melissa Morris Lang, who received her dental degree in 2004 and her periodontics certificate in 2007, both at Nebraska. She now teaches at Creighton University. Creighton patients also will be involved in the research.
By clicking on the MomsEveryday.com link on the Lincoln CBS Television affiliate KOLN Channels 10/11 website, users can learn about some of the latest developments at the UNMC College of Dentistry.

The webpage features a column of “Fast Facts” about the college as well as video, text, and photos about significant dental health issues. A link to the UNMC College of Dentistry website also is included.

“We’re thrilled. There’s so much depth and breadth on the page,” said Dr. Kim McFarland, associate professor and chair of the college’s Public Relations Committee. She said presence on the website builds rapport with the public and enhances the college’s reputation as a provider of excellent dental care and as a trusted resource for dental information.

Developers stressed that the page is interactive and makes use of multi-media, making it attractive and appealing to a variety of user preferences. To access the College of Dentistry page on the MomsEveryday.com website, click on the Health tab and then under the “Just for Moms” directory, click on Dentistry.

In all, six video segments, including videotaped interviews with College of Dentistry faculty members, are being produced for the webpage. Each video is about three minutes in length and will be available for viewing on YouTube after it is displayed on the page. A new video will be introduced every two months. Topics featured are pediatric dentistry, dental implants, geriatric dentistry, oral cancer and smoking cessation, radiology, and orthodontics.

The video segments are being produced through the UNMC Department of Public Relations. College of Dentistry staff photographer Margaret Cain and former staff member David Riggenbach provided photos and video.

The UNMC College of Dentistry page can be accessed at www.momseveryday.com/lincoln/justformoms/University_of_Nebraska_Medical_Center_142106153.html

COD experts, just a click away

Jake Buckingham, videographer for UNMC Department of Public Relations, films Dr. Ernest Sigler for a segment on geriatric oral health for MomsEveryday.com.
On one point in particular, they all agreed. Five Nebraskans and one Californian taking part in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at the UNMC College of Dentistry said the most memorable experience was their participation in the evening Sharing Clinic for older teens and adults who do not have access to regular dental care.

They said they would remember the smiles of gratitude from the needy patients, the opportunity to use their language skills to calm the patients and translate for caregivers, and the sense of purpose they felt by performing simple tasks.

At the Sharing Clinic, “we were free to roam around, ask questions, and help in any way we could,” said Erin Baldridge of North Platte, a sophomore at Hastings College.

“We also got to do limited dental assisting for dental students, who were very appreciative,” said Maira Hinojosa of Concord, CA, a junior at the University of California-Berkeley.

“It was awesome to see the compassion the dental students showed. They did a very nice job,” said Ben Reimer of Hastings, a junior at Hastings College.

Erin, Maira, and Ben and three more summer scholars sat down with Cornhusker Impressions.
sions to talk about their six-week experience in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP). The six were among 21 dental scholars and 59 medical scholars taking part in the program, hosted at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. The program is funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation with direction and technical assistance from the Association of Medical Colleges and the American Dental Education Association. UNMC was one of 12 program sites across the country.

SMDEP is a summer academic enrichment program that offers intensive and personalized medical and dental school preparation to qualified college students from underrepresented or disadvantaged populations. It is designed to give these students some of the skills necessary to be successful in applying for medical or dental school with the ultimate goal of developing a more diverse workforce and improved access to care in rural and other underserved areas.

At the UNMC site, scholars spent Monday through Thursday each week taking science classes, as well as classes in study skills and writing, in Omaha. On Fridays, the dental scholars visited the College of Dentistry, while the medical scholars spent their time at UNMC.

“This one’s special,” said Eric Ahrens of Seward, a junior at the University of Nebraska at Kearney, when asked about the dress shirt and tie he wore at the College of Dentistry. The scholars said they looked forward to their Fridays at the dental college—and dressed up for the day—because of the welcoming and professional atmosphere. “It’s the best part of our week,” one scholar said.

“They really do care about us and our journey to medical or dental school,” said Baylee Collins of North Platte, a junior at the College of St. Mary in Omaha. “They really do want us to succeed.” She said her fellow scholars were ambitious, hard working, and caring, and she was leaving the experience motivated to work even harder in school to achieve her dreams.

From Dr. Merlyn Vogt, director of the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program at the UNMC College of Dentistry, the scholars said they learned the value of perseverance.

They said Dr. Vogt told them many stories of events that went wrong in his life and that could have been hindrances; but, with perseverance, the scholars said, he overcame them and passed on his positive attitude to others.

“He has made a huge impact, not just on us, but on all the scholars here,” said Ben Reimer, a junior at Hastings College.

In his parting message to the scholars, Vogt told them to always hold their family members close and “to expect the unexpected.” He recommended they read The Tipping Point: How Little Things Make a Big Difference and Outliers: The Story of Success, both by Malcolm Gladwell. While a professional career is important, he said, tragically it can quickly fall apart, and he told the scholars they need to be prepared to pick up the pieces and carry on.

He said he is reminded of this often because in his role as director of admissions, he sees what sometimes happens when applicants are not accepted. “These students come in with dreams, some have wanted to be dentists from grade school,” he said in an interview. “My point was to plan for success, but also prepare for the unexpected. Sometimes, despite the best intentions and your best plans, life will throw you a curve ball, and it wouldn’t be a bad idea to have a contingency plan.”

His own tipping point, he said, came when he learned he had a degenerative corneal condition that resulted in significant visual acuity and problems with depth perception, causing him to change careers from his private endodontics practice to academia. He is now assistant dean for student affairs and director of admissions.
Andrea Eggleston of Omaha, a sophomore at the University of South Carolina, said she valued the hands-on approach the students experienced at the dental college, as well as the laboratory work. “This gave us the closest connection to actually participating in dentistry and a dental career,” she said. She liked making dental impressions and working on the dexterity skills she would need for dentistry.

Dr. Merlyn Vogt, program director and assistant dean for student affairs, said this summer’s scholars were engaged, attentive, and proactive learners who asked great questions. The scholars became immersed in the classes and exercises just as they would in medical or dental school, so they left with a better sense of whether they truly want to pursue careers in healthcare, he said. The scholars from Nebraska also said they came away with a greater awareness of the need for dentists in rural areas and the importance of working in teams and getting along with fellow students in dental school and colleagues in the dental workplace.

They also made friends with fellow scholars from across the country who shared diverse life stories and experiences. Students in the UNMC program site came from Virginia, Georgia, Michigan, Iowa, North Dakota, Texas, Colorado, Hawaii, and other states. Students who are from Nebraska may have a greater awareness of the need for dentists in rural areas.

Now have one more dentist they can rely on, and next year, underserved urban New Jersey residents may be able to say the same. Where did these new practitioners come from? Part of the credit goes to the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program, which celebrated a landmark event last month: the graduation from dental school of the first cohort of SMDEP dental scholars.”

Dr. Benson, who was in the second group of SMDEP scholars, grew up on a farm between Grand Island and Central City and entered Wayne State College as part of the Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP). What he gained most as a SMDEP scholar, he said, was the opportunity to get to know fellow scholars from across the United States. “It was really a unique opportunity to get to know a lot of different people,” he said in an interview with Cornhusker Impressions. He also valued the time spent at the dental college with faculty and program leaders in an informal, low-key atmosphere, away from the pressure of the school year.

“That was by far my highlight. I got to see life at the dental college. To see if I would fit there, if it was a place I could see myself, and it was,” Benson said.

He said he found the College of Dentistry to be a welcoming place when he was a SMDEP scholar and later when he was a full-time dental student. Dentistry turned out to be a perfect combination of what he likes to do best—working with his hands and being around people.

He now practices general dentistry with Family First Dental, dividing his time between Grand Island and Loup City. “It’s been exciting. Every day, I learn a little more,” he said after one month in practice. While he misses being able to lean on his College of Dentistry instructors, he said, he also appreciates the opportunity to use the decision-making skills he was taught and to make decisions on his own with his patients’ needs foremost in mind.

His rural background, as well as this involvement in RHOP and the college’s emphasis on underserved areas, influenced his decision to practice dentistry in central Nebraska, he said. “I grew up in a small community where people knew each other and developed relationships within the community,” he said. He and his wife, Kristin, now want to experience that as contributing members of the community.
Maira said while she was well aware of the importance of the doctor-patient relationship in dentistry, the summer program introduced her to aspects of dentistry she had never considered. "The dental field is much bigger than I thought," she said, citing research, organized dentistry, public health, and oral pathology. In the "drill and fill" session, she learned the correct way to hold some dental instruments, noting, "It’s really harder than you think."

Eric said SMDEP solidified his decision to apply for dental school. "This made me want to go back to (UNK) this fall and work that much harder to achieve my goal," he said. He said he especially appreciated learning about the organization of the college and the opportunity to interact with faculty, students, and staff. "I felt a part of something," he said.

Erin, too, appreciated interacting with professors and students, including teaching assistants, Anthony Olson and Casey Filbert. Both she and Ben said they were humbled by the experience. "Everyone here was as eager to learn as much as they could," said Maira, who noted that she was heading back to California after her first visit to Nebraska with a smile on her face.

Among the 2012 dental scholars in the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program are, from left, back row, Erin Baldridge, Andrea Eggleston, Eric Ahrens, and Ben Reimer. Seated in front, from left, Maira Hinojosa and Baylee Collins.

Students take in research, scenery in Brazil

Taking in the beauty of Brazil are, from left, Kelly Russell, Amanda Meyer, and Emily Tschetter, who attended the general session of the International Association for Dental Research in June at Iguacu Falls, Brazil. The three UNMC College of Dentistry dental students received Bloc Travel Grants from the American Association for Dental Research to assist with travel expenses to attend the meeting. Their mentors are College of Dentistry faculty members, Dr. Sheela Premaraj, Dr. Sundaralingam Premaraj, and Dr. Mark Beatty. The students are also shown with an IADR display, from left, Tschetter, Meyer, and Russell.
Stan Harn thought that the 2011-2012 school year was his 39th year at the UNMC College of Dentistry and that he would teach another year before considering retirement.

So, last spring when he received a letter informing him that he was being honored for 40 years of teaching, he immediately crafted an email to UNMC Chancellor Harold Maurer to set the record straight. Before sending the email, however, he wisely checked college records.

“You’ve been here 40 years,” he was told. “How did I lose track of a full year?” he asked. When quizzed about retirement now, he plans to say, “I will take each year as it comes.”

Harn, professor in the Department of Oral Biology, was recognized for 40 years of service at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s annual faculty meeting in Omaha. He began teaching anatomy to dental and hygiene students at the College of Dentistry in 1972,

‘From dread, to respect, to love’ for Professor Harn on 40 years of teaching

Stan Harn, PhD, with his trademark teaching tools, his heavy-duty work boots, slide projector, and Netter’s Atlas, which he has used as a reference source for more than 20 years.
fresh out of a PhD program in anatomy at the University of Utah Medical School.

Through those four decades in the anatomy lab and after receiving accolades for teaching and community service, Harn says he has learned a few lessons, too. "I have learned to be more understanding, to be less haughty. I don’t think so much about myself; I think more about the students. I’m more personable about life," he said.

In addition to teaching, Harn has supervised student research projects and hosted high school students and nursing students—as many as 1,000 a year—for demonstrations in the lab. With Dr. Curtis Kuster and Gwen Hlava, RDH, he founded and directed the Children’s Dental Health Carnival, a forerunner of Children’s Dental Day. He now coordinates services and equipment for Dental Day and the college’s Sharing Clinic. He also is founder and curator of the Dental Museum, which is believed to be the third largest public collection of dental equipment and furnishings in the United States.

To recognize Harn’s contribution to the college, Cornhusker Impressions asked him for highlights of the past four decades:

Q: What has stayed the same?
A: "My office, cadaver tanks, probes, charts, good times in anatomy lab, my dinosaur projector and 3X4 slides, and an abundance of student workers, known as the Harn Kids."

Q: What has changed?
A: "College of Dentistry construction, class size from 66 in 1972 to 48 today, room numbers, IT, and rules associated with electronic patient records."

Q: What are your proudest accomplishments?
A: "Teaching awards and honors, founding and serving as curator of the Dental Museum, service projects, and preparing outstanding students for boards and life. I have enjoyed my students; many have been like sons and daughters."

Q: What do you mean by preparing students for life?
A: "To teach them to take care of their patients, to not look at the money, to be humble."

Q: What is your philosophy of teaching?
A: "To teach a demanding course, but be fair, compassionate, and understanding. To be young at heart." Dr. Sam Jacoby, a former student, recently wrote to Harn, "I hope you know that most students’ feelings about you progressed from dread to respect to love!"

Looking back, Harn reflected on highlights of the last 40 years, dividing events roughly in 10-year intervals.

**First Decade**
When Harn joined the faculty, he made major changes in the anatomy lab that remain today. The black frames of the cadaver tanks and the lab stools were repainted gray, and wall-sized posters were hung to create an atmosphere that was lighter and more conducive to learning. He and his assistant, the late Dr. Al Kleitsch, prepared 3X4 slides that Harn still uses in lectures.

Harn also changed the approach in the lab from dissection to a prosection program, in which he dissected hundreds of cadavers himself. Students then could study the body structure, both superficially and in depth. He also changed the way cadavers were stored, out of respect and to prolong the time they could be studied.

**Second Decade**
When Kleitsch retired, "I found myself on my own for everything," Harn said, so he hired pre-dental and dental students as student workers. Dr. Paul Hansen, now associate professor in the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry, was Harn’s first work-study student.

In the late 1970s, with the permission of the late Dean Richard Bradley and the Alumni Association, Harn took steps to start a dental museum. "I already liked old things," he said, but he became serious about dental artifacts after seeing an 1895 Buffalo Dental Manufacturing catalogue. One of the first donations was an 1890s dental office that had been given to UNL’s Morrill Hall.

With the establishment of a Museum Fund years later, the collection grew. About 300 members now donate to the fund. Harn said his goal has always been to find a permanent home for the museum, which contains "thousands upon thousands" of items ranging in size from an oversized 1915 X-ray machine to flakes of gold used for gold foil restorations in the 1930s. The newest acquisitions include an 1840s walnut dental chair; an 1872 Morrison drill, the first foot pedal drill; a rosewood spitoon from the early 1870s; and an 1893 electric drill, also a first.

One item that isn’t in the museum, but that students say belongs there, is a pair of black, heavy-duty work boots that Harn wore in the lab for more than 30 years. He gave them up in 2006 after he broke his leg and dislocated his foot in a fall. He put the boots away and switched to more comfortable athletic shoes.

**Third Decade**
Harn was one of the founders and creators of the annual Children’s Dental Health Carnival, which began in 1988 to promote preventive dentistry to children and parents and to introduce students to community service. The carnival, which continued for almost a decade, offered oral screenings, orthodontic evaluations, and home care instruction, as well as games, entertainment, and educational booths to more than 2,500 children.

**Fourth Decade**
Recent years have brought physical problems that have caused Harn to adjust his teaching style. After being diagnosed with chronic leukemia in 2009, he switched to video-taped lab demonstrations to reduce his exposure to formaldehyde, one known cause of leukemia. Students watch the taped lab demonstrations in a lecture hall and receive copies for viewing at home. He said the taped demonstrations enhance rather than detract from his teaching.

"Looking back, I have obviously had to change for my own self-preservation. But it hasn’t changed my enthusiasm for teaching," he said. "I don’t want to be here if I am not in my first-rate game plan. But, if I am able—physically, mentally, and emotionally—I will continue to teach."
Three UNMC College of Dentistry faculty members will be honored Sept. 14 at the annual Dental Homecoming Reunion banquet at the Embassy Suites. They are Dr. Larry D. Haisch, who will receive the Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Ernest W. Sigler Jr., who will receive the Outstanding Educator Award; and David G. Brown, PhD, who will receive the Honorary Life Membership Award.

The awards, a highlight of the annual homecoming reunion, will be presented by the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association. Guests also may tour the college on Sept. 15 before the Nebraska vs. Arkansas State football game.

The luncheon speaker on Sept. 14 will be Dan Kendig, the UNL women’s gymnastics coach. The luncheon will be at the Embassy Suites.

Eric Fung, PhD, professor of pharmacology in the Department of Oral Biology at the College of Dentistry, will present the continuing education program Sept. 14 at Embassy Suites. He will speak on the “Importance of Dietary Supplements in Dental Practice.” This seminar will provide detailed information about popular herbs such as red yeast rice, St. John’s wort, ginkgo biloba, echinacea, chamomile, ginseng, saw palmetto, don quai, kava, ginger, and tea.

Fung received his bachelor’s degree in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin and his PhD in pharmacology from The Ohio State University. A faculty member at the College of Dentistry for 28 years, he has received several teaching awards, including the UNMC Outstanding Teaching Award. His research activities include the role of mercury in neurodegenerative disorders, the effects of nicotine on the central dopaminergic and GABAergic neuronal systems, the effects of nicotine on bone remodeling, and the pharmacokinetics of bisphenol A released from dental sealants.

Dr. Larry Haisch

Distinguished Service Award

Larry D. Haisch, DDS  |  After graduating from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 1967, Dr. Haisch entered the USAF Dental Corp. He later established a private practice in Grant, NE, and in 1979 joined the College of Dentistry as a mentor in the Senior General Practice Program (SGPP) in the Department of Adult Restorative Dentistry. He has served as acting director of the SGPP, the Clinical Practice Program, the Section of Operative Dentistry, and as vice chair of the department. He is an associate professor and course director of Clinical Operative Dentistry and has been coordinator for several major renovation projects at the college. For 25 years he has been the director of the UNL Health Center Dental Office. He is a past board member and past president of the Dental Alumni Association. He has been national director of the Consortium of Operative Educators and is a licensure examiner for the Central Regional Dental Testing Services.

Dr. Ernest Sigler

Outstanding Educator Award

Ernest W. Sigler, Jr., DDS  |  Dr. Sigler graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1969 and the College of Dentistry in 1975. He is a 1980 graduate of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program at Fort Hood, TX. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps for 30 years and joined the College of Dentistry faculty in 2005 after retiring from the military. He is assistant professor in the Adult Restorative Dentistry Department and a patient advocate in the Patient Centered Comprehensive Care program. He works in the Assessment and Treatment Planning Clinic and in the Restorative Clinic. He is the recipient of the Dr. Harold Maude and Marilyn Maude Endowed Faculty Fellowship and the Dr. Kenneth Batenhorst Memorial Faculty Award. He is director of the Oral Health and Dentistry for the Older Adult course for dental students and the Geriatric and Special Care course for hygiene students. He has received numerous teaching awards and the OKU Faculty Award.
Transitions

Dr. Jim Jenkins (DDS, 1984) has accepted the additional duties of director of alumni affairs for the UNMC College of Dentistry, effective July 1. Dr. Jenkins is currently assistant dean for Advanced Clinical Practice. He looks forward to meeting and working with COD alumni across the country. Dr. Merlyn Vogt will assist Dr. Jenkins with the annual Dental Continuing Education Caravan across Nebraska, which takes place in May. Before Jenkins’ appointment, Dr. David Blaha (DDS, 1980) served as alumni director. Dr. Blaha has accepted a faculty position with Creighton University’s School of Dentistry in addition to his oral surgery practice.

Alumni Notes

Dr. Lonnie Neuberger (DDS, 1999) of Dickinson, ND, has been elected president of the North Dakota Dental Association. The North Dakota Dental Association represents 335 dentists organized into five component districts in North Dakota. He has practiced in Dickinson for 12 years. He and his wife, Renae, have three children.

Dr. Joyce D. Simmons (DDS, 1983; Orthodontics, 1986) of Valentine, NE, has been reappointed and confirmed to a six-year term as a member-at-large on the Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education. During her first term, she was twice elected as chair. Also, at the Nebraska Republican Convention in July, she was elected national committeewoman from Nebraska for a four-year term. She has been in private practice in Valentine since 1988.

Honorary Life Membership Award

David G. Brown, PhD

David Brown is a native of London, Ontario, Canada. He attended McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, and earned his doctoral degree at the University of Colorado. He did postdoctoral studies in biochemistry and pharmacology at The Johns Hopkins University and in 2000 received a master of legal studies degree from UNL. He began his career at the College of Dentistry as chair of the Oral Biology Department, eventually becoming executive associate dean. While involved in many aspects of the college, he is most passionate about activities that address the college’s outreach mission including Children’s Dental Day, Clinic with a Heart, the Sharing Clinic, extramural programs, and distance learning.
Traveling west for Dental Day XXII

Sunglasses in cheerful summer colors comfort children receiving dental care at Children’s Dental Day XXII June 1-2 in the Nebraska Panhandle. Photos here capture a few of the scenes including the population sign for Gordon, one of three communities served at Dental Day, and a child in yellow and orange sunglasses, who was among those receiving dental care. An estimated 200 children from needy families benefitted from services provided in Gordon, Chadron, and Sidney. Also shown here is a young girl being treated in the office of Dr. Michael P. Neal in Sidney. Dean John Reinhardt praised faculty, pediatric residents, students, and staff who participated, noting “a remarkable spirit of giving at each site.” He also thanked those who worked behind the scenes to make Dental Day XXII “an outstanding success.”
College of Dentistry Honor Roll

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Swanson, Paul D. Treadel, Thomas R.

1959
Anderson, Dale M. Bush, Richard E.
Eyan, Philip J. Garnow, Wayne L.
Hach, Donald H. Karagi, Stephen H.
Mansfield, Edward M. Kiddell, Gordon A.
Trout, Donald W. Tye, Ellen J.

1960
Band, Roger H. Hutchins, Richard A.
Lightbody, Philip M. Olsen, Erik D.
Stein, Gary L. Waite, Oliver V.

1961
Anderson, John R. Anderson, Theodore L.
Babcock, Walter R. Barenforth, Judith B.
Dameere, Beverly J. Dirksen, Donald E.
Feldstein, Paul M. Jeffers, Dick J.
Justice, John L. Otte, Valma E.
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Turkel, Bernard J. Wessel, Wayne E.
Witges, Walter C.

1962
Adolphson, Donald C. Bowers, Harold W.
Evans, Mark C. Matthews, John W.
Platz, John K. Prahl, Jerry C.
Smith, Robert E. Winey, Kenley W.

1963
Sprout, Gilbert L. Tullis, David W.

1964
Bonness, Bryce W. Brown, Teddy W.
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