

Cornhusker Impressions

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



Team effort required
to implement a bold
new strategic plan

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From the Dean

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It has been an exciting fall with the launch of our new clinical education model and our new five-year strategic plan, all of which would not be possible without multiple teams working together. We also welcomed home, record numbers of graduates for our alumni reunion events.

On Aug. 22, we launched the new clinical model. The feedback from our faculty, staff and students has been extremely positive. There is tremendous energy and momentum in the clinics and a true team spirit. I believe that one of the most important aspects of the launch and implementation of the model is the weekly broad-based feedback from all participants regarding things that are working well and things we can improve upon. The students especially enjoy the practice-like atmosphere and the comprehensive management of their patients.

In this issue, we are pleased to highlight the nearly yearlong grass roots process in developing our bold new five-year strategic plan. I especially want to thank Drs. Wayne Kaldahl and Jim Wahl for their outstanding leadership in serving as chairs and liaisons for the teams overseeing this process, as well as for gathering and assimilating information and feedback from faculty, staff, students, friends and stakeholders of the college. We challenged ourselves to look into the future and establish goals that are unique to our college, keeping in mind that we frame this important work to meet our missions of education, research and service. We recognize the ambitious team effort that will be required to accomplish our goals over the next five years.

Also in this issue...

- We welcome the newest members of our collegiate team:
 - Dr. Marianne Day – adult restorative department
 - Dr. Robin Hattervig – adult restorative department
 - Dr. Byan Skar – growth and development department
 - Our new students
- We congratulate our loyal alumni team who celebrated with us this fall, including our honor classes and our distinguished awardees.
- We celebrate the 50th anniversary of our dental hygiene department — historically and currently - a devoted team that has made this a nationally renowned program!
- And we acknowledge the team of so many wonderful alumni and friends of the college who have provided amazing support to the college through their many gifts — Thank you!

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

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

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On the cover:

Fourth-year dental student Rahul Batra, far left, Julie Heyl, Ernest Sigler, D.D.S., Sung Kim, D.D.S., fourth-year dental hygiene student Shala Hoang, Beth Cullinane and Nagamani Narayana, D.M.D.

New Faculty



Marianne R. Day, D.D.S.

Hometown:

Las Cruces, N.M.

Title and department:

Assistant professor, adult restorative dentistry

Research and professional interests:

History comes to mind right now but I love to imagine ideas. I enjoy working with students, teaching them the ins and outs of dentistry.

How I fell in love with dentistry:

My older brother loved dentistry from an early age. He went off to his D1 semester at Oregon, came home at Christmas and somehow convinced me that it would be a great profession for me as a woman. Interestingly, I have no clue how to practice orthodontics (his specialty degree). The two of us are the only known dentists in our family. We also are the only generation as my nieces and my children are not even interested. My son said he didn't want to be a dentist as I studied too much.

Degrees:

Doctor of dental surgery, University of Washington in Seattle

I am working on my master's degree in education, too.

Memberships:

American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, International Congress of Oral Implantologists, American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, American Dental Education Association

Three things people may not know about me:

- I competed in equestrian competition at the regional level in dressage, show jumping and event, acquiring both regional and national honors.
- I am a fervent reader and read several books at one time — drives my husband crazy.
- I love to explore. I already have a bucket list of things to see and do here in Nebraska and the surrounding areas. The Eisenhower Presidential Library is on the list.

Calendar

“Give Kids a Smile Dental Day”

Feb. 3
UNMC College of Dentistry

Professionals’ Day & Wentz Student Scientific Program

March 31 | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
East Campus Union

Richard A. Reinhardt Lecture

April 7 | noon
Dixon Lecture Hall,
UNMC College of Dentistry

Presented by Tim Hottel, D.D.S.,
dean of the University of Tennessee
College of Dentistry

College of Dentistry Continuing Education

Weeth Lecture 2017: “Avoid Liability: Know Your Patients' Medications and Their Impact on Dental Treatment”

Jan. 6 | 8:15 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center,
UNL City Campus
Presented by Hal Crossley, D.D.S., Ph.D.

What’s New in Dentistry – 2017 “So You’re Missing a Tooth: Dental Implants in Your Practice”

Feb. 10 | 8 a.m.
East Campus Union
Presented by Frank Higginbottom, D.D.S.

Radiology for Dental Auxiliary

May TBD | 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
UNMC College of Dentistry,
Lincoln and Gering
Presented by Jennifer Kallio, D.D.S.

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New Faculty



Robin Hattervig, D.D.S.

Hometown: Howard, S.D.

Title and department: Red group clinical leader, adult restorative dentistry

Research and professional interests: General dentistry — I especially enjoy exodontia and endodontics.

How I fell in love with dentistry:

As a young person I enjoyed working with my hands, primarily building model cars and airplanes. I also enjoyed the sciences and looking at maps, so I put them together and went into dentistry. After being in dentistry for some years, I began to enjoy the human aspect of it, in addition to the mechanical aspect of it, and began to enjoy working with fearful patients. Then, a few years ago, I discovered that I enjoyed the teaching aspect of dentistry while working with D4 dental students from the University of Minnesota who were on outreach rotations from their school. That led me here to the UNMC College of Dentistry teaching what I love doing.

Degrees: Bachelor's degree, University of South Dakota; doctor of dental surgery, UNMC College of Dentistry

Memberships: American and South Dakota Dental Associations, Academy of General Dentistry, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy and Omicron Kappa Upsilon

Three things people may not know about me:

- I grew up on a dairy farm in South Dakota and had the opportunity to do a wide variety of farm work along with many life experiences.
- I was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of South Dakota.
- My youngest son, Tate, grew up an avid Cornhuskers fan attending most of the Cornhuskers football games with me. He now attends the University of Wisconsin in Madison and plans on earning a Ph.D. in genetics.

from the UNMC College of Dentistry, pediatric dental certificate from the UNMC College of Dentistry Pediatric Dental Residency program

Memberships: Board certified member and diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; member of the College of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry; member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; member of the American Dental Association and the Omaha District Dental Society

Three things people may not know about me:

- I was 8-years-old, the same age as the main character Kevin McCallister, when the movie "Home Alone" was released. It remains one of my favorite movies, and one I watch a few times each year during the holiday season.
- I didn't learn to snow ski until I was 24-years-old and in dental school.
- Besides being a pediatric dentist, my second favorite job was coaching a youth swim team.

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

Title and department: Assistant professor in the pediatric dental residency program in the department of growth and development

Research and Professional Interests: Hospital-based dentistry and infant oral health and the role of early education and intervention in preventing dental disease

How I fell in love with pediatric dentistry:

I have always been curious about nature and how things worked which led to a love of science and in particular the health sciences. While studying biology at Creighton University I was lucky enough to meet and shadow Dr. Curtis Kuster at the UNMC College of Dentistry. Dr. Kuster is such a charismatic, inspiring and genuinely kind person, I naturally wanted to pursue a career in the field he was so passionate about.

Degrees: Bachelor's degree from Creighton University, doctor of dental surgery degree



Bryan Skar, D.D.S.

Four dental leaders honored

The 2016 Alumni Reunion sponsored by the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association was an opportunity to celebrate long-standing friendships as well as to honor alumni, faculty and friends who have provided distinguished service to the college and the dental profession. The following individuals were recognized at the reunion's banquet and awards presentation:

Honorary Life Membership Award



Dr. Janet M. Guthmiller

UNMC College of Dentistry Dean **Janet M. Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D.**, a native of Orange City, Iowa, received the 2016 Honorary Life Membership Alumni Award from the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association, for her dedication to dental education and support of the college.

Dr. Guthmiller earned an associates in dental hygiene from the University of South Dakota; bachelor's degree from Northwestern College; doctor of dental surgery from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry; and periodontal certificate and doctorate in cellular and structural biology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio as a part of the NIH-sponsored dentist-scientist program.

Prior to her appointment as dean of the College of Dentistry, Dr. Guthmiller served as the associate dean for academic affairs and a professor in the department of periodontology at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill School of Dentistry. She also served on the faculty at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery where she was involved with predoctoral and postdoctoral education, maintained a private practice and performed research. Dr. Guthmiller's National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research-funded research has encompassed molecular biological studies of periodontal pathogens and expression and function of innate antimicrobials. She has published numerous manuscripts and abstracts.

Dr. Guthmiller has been the recipient of collegiate, university and national teaching and mentoring awards. Last fall she received the Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Achievement from Northwestern College and this spring she received the 2016 Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Cellular & Structural Biology program at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Dr. Guthmiller has mentored more than 40 students, many of whom have received national research awards and leadership recognition. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology, a fellow in the International College of Dentists and American College of Dentists, a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, a commission consultant for the Commission on Dental Accreditation and associate editor for Oral Health at MedEdPORTAL Publications.

Alumni Achievement Award



Gwen L. Hlava

Gwen L. Hlava, professor and chair of the department of dental hygiene at the UNMC College of Dentistry, received the 2016 Alumni Achievement Award from the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association for her contributions to the dental profession in the areas of research, educations and service.

Hlava received her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry in 1972 and a master's degree in dental hygiene from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry in 1975.

Her first teaching position was at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. One year later, Nebraska called with a position opening, and with family in Lincoln the decision was made to return home. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the dental hygiene program and also marks Hlava's 40th year at the College of Dentistry as well as her 30th year as chair of the department of dental hygiene.

Hlava counts among her greatest achievements:

- Founding the West Division Dental Hygiene Program in 2002 to educate students from rural areas with the hope that they would remain in the area to practice upon graduation. The program precipitated the use of distance learning in the College of Dentistry.
- Development of the dental sealant program in 2001. The program started in four elementary schools in north Omaha and today serves 25 low-income schools in Omaha, Lincoln and the Panhandle.
- An astonishing success rate on both National and Clinical Board exams by students in the program.
- Providing local anesthesia education to dental hygiene students as well as offering continuing education for practicing dental hygienists in Nebraska.

Distinguished Service Award



Dr. Merlyn W. Vogt

Merlyn W. Vogt, D.D.S., assistant dean for student affairs and director of admissions at the UNMC College of Dentistry, received the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association for his contributions to the college and the profession of dentistry.

A native of Bancroft, Neb., Dr. Vogt is a 1983 graduate of the UNMC College of Dentistry. After graduation, Dr. Vogt practiced general dentistry in Henderson, Neb., from 1983 to 1994.

Dr. Vogt was a postgraduate endodontic resident at UNMC from 1994-1996 and practiced endodontics in Lincoln until November of 2005. Dr. Vogt served as a clinical instructor of the endodontic program at the college on Thursday afternoons until 2006 when he became a full-time faculty member teaching in the department of surgical specialties and also serving as the director of alumni affairs.

In 2011, Dr. Vogt stepped into the shoes of Curtis Kuster, D.D.S., and assumed the duties of assistant dean for student affairs, as well as the director of admissions. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the Nebraska Dental Association, Lincoln District Dental Association, the American Association of Endodontists, the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists, as well as Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

Dr. Vogt has served as past president of the Central District Dental Association, the Lincoln District Dental Association and most recently the Nebraska Dental Association.

- Dr. Vogt counts among his greatest professional achievement;
- Past president of the Nebraska Dental Association; and
- The honor and privilege of working with the finest dental students in the land.

Outstanding Educator Award



Dr. Julie Marshall

Julie Marshall, D.D.S., associate professor and interim chairperson of the department of adult restorative dentistry at the UNMC College of Dentistry, received the 2016 UNMC College of Dentistry Alumni Association Outstanding Educator Award for her accomplishments in the dental profession and dedication to dental education.

Dr. Marshall received her bachelor's degree in dental hygiene from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 1981, and doctor of dental surgery degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch in Houston in 1987. Dr. Marshall completed a general practice residency at the Veterans Administration Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System in 1988. She received a specialty certificate in prosthodontics from the UNMC College of Dentistry in 1995, and her master's degree in oral biology in 1996.

Dr. Marshall has taught both pre-doctoral and postgraduate students in fixed, removable and implant prosthodontics and is the course director for the pre-clinical fixed prosthodontics curriculum. She has served as president of the University of Nebraska Dental Alumni Association and was a member of the Nebraska State Board of Dentistry from 2005 to 2010.

Dr. Marshall participates in activities and committees for the Central Regional Dental Testing Service and is a consultant for the patient research center at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln.

Dr. Marshall has received several teaching awards, is a member of both Sigma Phi Alpha and Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and a fellow in both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Marshall maintains a part-time practice.

Dr. Marshall counts among her greatest achievements:

- Working with speech pathologists supporting oral cancer and traumatic brain injury patients in their rehabilitation journey;
- Receiving the William and Kathryn Greer Endowed Faculty Fellowship; and
- Observing and participating in the academic journey of more than 1,800 students from the UNMC College of Dentistry as they fulfill their dream to be a dentist or dental hygienist.

Alumni Reunion 2016

The UNMC College of Dentistry celebrated the Alumni Reunion with numerous, well-attended events. From the Dean's Club and Alumni Reunion Banquets to the continuing education course and the Dental Hygiene Program 50th Anniversary events, alumni gathered to reminisce, learn and celebrate one another's accomplishments.



Members of the 50 year honor class

ABOVE:

From left to right: Bruce Dinner, D.D.S., Ivan Olsen, D.D.S., Harry Tolly, D.D.S., Russell Davis, D.D.S., Ron Morse, D.D.S., Jim Bloom, D.D.S., Charles "Corky" Harrold, D.D.S., Doug Camplin, D.D.S., and Dennis Olson, D.D.S.

Seated: Dewayne Glenn, D.D.S.

RIGHT:

Back row, left to right: Michael Thomas, D.D.S., Mark Lake, D.D.S., Melanie Lang, D.D.S., Vijaya Sinha, D.D.S., and Kim Stafford, D.D.S.

Front row, left to right: David Merxbauer, D.D.S., Jody Vance, D.D.S., and Glenn Noble, D.D.S.



Members of the 25 year honor class

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Dental Hygiene celebrates 50 years



The Dental Hygiene Class of 1970 from left to right include: Sharon Hassler, Judy Hasenjager, Jane Stratman, and Mary Holtmeier.



The Dental Hygiene Class of 2009 from left to right include: Nina Howe, Tracy Mennard, Katie Webster, Cynthia Augustine, and Vicky Dosh.

Friends reunite and reminisce

Orba Scheurs had two children of her own, but for 23 years she was like a second mother to hundreds of dental hygiene students attending UNMC's College of Dentistry.

As the administrative assistant to the director, Scheurs got to know each student as they entered the program.

"They were wonderful students," a 97-year-old Scheurs recently said.

Scheurs began working in the newly formed dental hygiene department in 1963 under its first director Betty Warner and then College of Dentistry Dean Ralph Ireland, D.D.S.

At the time, Warner was new to Lincoln, having just moved from Michigan to Nebraska, so Scheurs became her tour guide.

"We spent that first summer buying the supplies and equipment the hygiene students would use - we even picked out the flooring that would be installed before classes began that fall," she said.

Scheurs, who began her career working in student administration at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 1954, retired as the administrative assistant to former College of Dentistry Dean Richard Bradley, D.D.S., in 1986.

"It was more than just a job for me," Scheurs said. "I never regretted one day."



Orba Scheurs and Dental Hygiene Class of 1966

Back row left to right: Jennie Freeman Cox, Diane Krueger Troyer, Faith Pearson Gant, and Stephanie Dort Olander Bryn.
Seated left to right: Judy Killham Adams, Orba Scheurs and Jackie Furst Lott Beebe.



Continuing Education course presentation

UPPER LEFT:
The continuing education course, "Potpourri of Oral Pathology: Challenging and Fun Cases from Everyday Practice," presented by Donald Cohen, D.M.D., was popular and well-attended.

UPPER RIGHT:
Donald Cohen, D.M.D., former UNMC College of Dentistry faculty from 1976 to 2002.

RIGHT:
Sally Jones, far left, Michael Jones, D.D.S., Cathy Fagot and Tom Fagot, D.D.S., mingle with friends before the Dean's Club Banquet.



Dean's Club Banquet





Wayne Kaldahl, D.D.S., left, and Jim Wahl, Ph.D., look over specifics of the new College of Dentistry's five-year strategic plan.

College of Dentistry unveils new five-year strategic plan

The UNMC College of Dentistry has implemented a new comprehensive, five-year strategic plan with nearly 100 initiatives and five major priority areas, thanks to input from faculty, staff, students and other stakeholders.

"This was truly a grass roots effort," said College of Dentistry Dean Janet Guthmiller, D.D.S., Ph.D. "We enlisted not just the college but alumni, UNMC administrators and other constituents for input."

That input was collected for almost a year by an outside consultant, AAL, the Academy for Academic Leadership, through surveys, focus groups, workshops, town halls and phone interviews.

The end result, Dr. Guthmiller said, is a living document that will strengthen the college for years to come.

"The response was overwhelming, with a 70 percent participation rate," said Wayne Kaldahl, D.D.S., a professor in the department of surgical specialties who chaired the strategic planning steering committee.

The plan is broken into five key areas: education; clinical education and operations; research and scholarly activities; cultural characteristics; and community outreach and service.

"Each of these key areas is meant to more clearly define the purpose of the organization and to establish realistic goals and objectives consistent with the mission," said Elizabeth Cullinane, a dental clinic supervisor who was a part of the planning process and is now on the implementation oversight committee.

Strategic plan key priority areas

The following are the overarching priorities of the strategic plan, and the goals within each of the priority areas that will be implemented over the next five years:

Education Model

- Continually review and revise a comprehensive curriculum to educate oral health care providers for the future;
- Utilize new and evolving evidence-based educational methodologies; and
- Collaborate with other UNMC colleges, Nebraska Medicine and other educational partners to enhance oral health education.

Clinical Education Programs and Operations

- Implement a group practice model for clinical education;
- Achieve excellence in empathetic, patient-centered care using evidenced-based treatment approaches;
- Enhance and implement clinical programs through partnerships with UNMC academic units, Nebraska Medicine, Nebraska-Western Iowa Veterans Administration and other private and public entities;
- Achieve clinical financial sustainability; and
- Optimize use of existing and future technology across all levels of the oral health care team.

Research and Scholarly Activities

- Develop a nationally-recognized program of excellence in oral cancer research;
- Increase extramural research funding and the number of peer-reviewed publications; and
- Expand student involvement through research enrichment programs as part of their professional degree program of study.

Cultural Characteristics

- Create a climate of respect and collegiality among all members of the faculty, staff and students;
- Strengthen employee loyalty, engagement and satisfaction;
- Enhance recruitment of a well-qualified, diverse student body; and
- Increase wellness opportunities for faculty, staff and students.

Community Outreach and Service

- Enhance oral health in the state and region through new and existing programs and partnerships;
- Engage and strengthen relationships with alumni; and
- Strengthen continuing education capacity and programming.

One important outcome of the strategic plan that already has been implemented is the new clinical model introduced at the start of the 2016-17 academic year.

"In the short time that it has been implemented, students, faculty, staff and patients have been extremely positive about the new model and there is a tremendous amount of energy and momentum surrounding it," Dean Guthmiller said.

And while the list of goals and initiatives already show promise, there is flexibility in the plan to allow for change over the next five years.

"The plan will be reviewed on a quarterly basis by a core group of faculty, staff and students," Dean Guthmiller said.

"We are always trying to improve, and reviewing the plan on a regular basis reflects this core principle," said Jim Wahl, Ph.D., an associate professor in the department of oral biology, who was a co-leader of the planning process and now chairs the strategic planning

implementation oversight committee which oversees the implementation processes.

Students played a critical role in shaping the strategic plan. Erica Jasa, D.D.S., a first-year periodontal resident, said it was an honor to serve on the committee and give voice to decisions impacting her education and the college's future.

"As a student I was encouraged to share my input and felt my opinions and ideas were valued as I was able to bring a different perspective to many of the conversations," Dr. Jasa said. "The new strategic plan encourages growth for the College of Dentistry, strives to make us a leader in education and health care, and will help attract high-quality students, staff and faculty."

Mission

The mission of the UNMC College of Dentistry is to continually improve the oral health of the people of Nebraska and beyond through a humanistic approach to education, extraordinary patient care, and innovative research.

Vision

The UNMC College of Dentistry will transform oral health care in Nebraska by implementing exceptional education, collaborative research, community service, and integration with the health care team to achieve patient-centered care.

Values

We value our strong sense of community. We are committed to compassionate care, collaborative learning, and the continuous exploration of knowledge. We demonstrate integrity, accountability, intellectual curiosity, and passion in everything we do. We respect diversity and its contributions to our culture of excellence.

Engaged Alumni: COD faculty and alumni author new book

Dental schools across the country now have the latest information on dental practice management thanks to faculty and alumni of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry.

The second edition of "Dental Practice Transition: A Practical Guide to Management," is now available and features eight authors, six of whom are also alumni of the College of Dentistry.

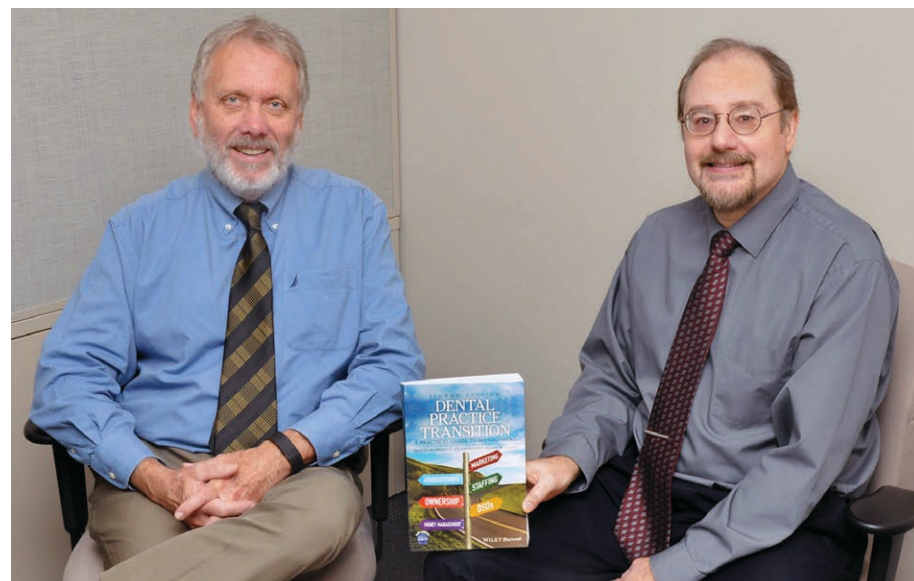
"What a privilege it was for me to contribute to this book," said Darold Opp, D.D.S., a 1984 alumnus of the College of Dentistry, who wrote the chapter on external marketing.

"Each fall I have the opportunity to speak to the D-4 students and the topic always revolves around external marketing," Dr. Opp said.

The 528-page guide, co-edited by David Dunning, Ph.D., and Brian Lange, Ph.D., professors of oral biology at the College of Dentistry, covers key aspects of practice management and transition into private practice. It is one of three currently being used in dental schools across the country.

"It's a hot topic," Dr. Lange said. "This book provides a comprehensive overview and is designed to be a resource for any dentist entering into practice, returning to dental practice or changing practices."

David Neumeister, D.D.S., who authored



Co-editors Brian Lange, Ph.D., and David Dunning, Ph.D.

a chapter on staff meetings, agrees and added, "The beauty of this book is that it teaches those soft skills that aren't necessarily taught in dental school but are just as critical to a student's future success in practice as the clinical skills we teach."

The 26 chapters of the book are broken into seven parts that focus on topics such as: an introduction to practice transition, marketing and patient communication to managing staff and money management.

Chapters written by College of Dentistry alumni include:

- "Starting a Dental Practice," Drs. Bradley Alderman and Tyler Smith, co-authors;
- "Chairside Communication with Patients," Drs. David Dunning and Brian Lange;

- "Personal Finance, Investments and Retirement Options," Dr. Brian Lange, co-author;
- "Business Entities," Dr. Ross Crist, co-author;
- "Dental Fees, Fee Setting, and Financial Policies for Patients," Dr. Robert Madden, lead author;
- "External Marketing," Dr. Darold Opp, sole author; and
- "Staff Meetings," Dr. David Neumeister, sole author

"So much has changed in the past eight years since we edited the first edition," Dr. Dunning said. "The rise of dental service organizations, changes in practice models and mounting student debt are all key issues discussed in the book."



Meet the Dental class of 2020

- 19 Women
- 29 Men
- 4 States represented including: Nebraska, Wyoming, South Dakota and Kansas
- 3 Rural Health Opportunities Program (RHOP) participants
- 1 Foreign country represented: China

Meet the Dental Hygiene class of 2018

- 22 Women
- 2 Men
- 6 States represented: Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, Wyoming, South Dakota and California
- 2 RHOP participants



Brad Alderman
Class of 2004



Darold Opp
Class of 1984



Robert Madden
Class of 1975



David Neumeister
Class of 1969



Tyler Smith
Class of 2009



Ross Crist
Class of 1981

White Coat Ceremony



First-year dental hygiene student Jason Brisbin and first-year dental student Vy Vu receive their white coats from Jon Asbjornson, D.D.S., president of the College of Dentistry Alumni Association, during the annual professionalism ceremony in early August.

Dental care part of athlete screenings

Five faculty members and two students from the UNMC College of Dentistry recently took part in a day-long dental screening for nearly 200 athletes competing in the fall games of Special Olympics Nebraska.

Dubbed Special Smiles, the event is part of a larger Healthy Athlete initiative by the Special Olympics. At the event the athletes were given free dental screenings, comprehensive oral health care information and fitted for mouth guards. The event was held at the Abbott Sports Complex in Lincoln.

"Dental care is one of the most overlooked, yet easily treated health care issues many of our athletes face," said Alisa Hoffman, director of health and community services with Special Olympics Nebraska.

Hoffman said that over the years the Special Smiles program has revealed that:

- 47% of the athletes screened have periodontal conditions;
- 37% have untreated tooth decay;
- 14% are in need of urgent care; and
- 14% have dental pain.

Volunteer Ellen Hahn, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor in surgical specialties at the College of Dentistry, said she enjoyed meeting the athletes.

"The athletes and their family members were so appreciative of what we could do for them," Dr. Hahn said. "It was a great event."

Special Olympics
Special Smiles®



A shining example of serving others

Through his actions, James Jenkins, D.D.S., a professor at the UNMC College of Dentistry, defines what it means to be a man for others.

Dr. Jenkins has helped thousands of people access much needed dental care through his volunteer service, including the Nebraska Mission of Mercy, a program he helped bring to Nebraska in 2005, his outreach to villagers in Haiti and Honduras, and underserved men, women and children in Lincoln and across the state through his work at People's City Mission, Clinic with a Heart, Project Homeless Connect, and the UNMC College of Dentistry's dental SHARING clinic and Children's Dental Day events.

His service was recognized Sept. 16 when he received the Woody Varner Award from The Lighthouse organization, an after-school program for middle and high school at-risk youth in Lincoln.

"Jim is a very worthy recipient," said Pete Allman, who co-founded The Lighthouse program in 1990 with his wife Maureen and friend Jim Perry.

"What he's given back to the community to make it a better place, what he's done to help those in need, those are the qualities we look for in a person to give the award to," Allman said.

The award is named for Durwood B. "Woody" Varner, the former chancellor and president of the University of Nebraska, who believed in giving back to one's community.

Dr. Jenkins emulates that same belief and has been a strong supporter of The Lighthouse, Allman said.

"It was really nice of them to give me the award," Dr. Jenkins said. "Helping those less fortunate is part of our mission at the College of Dentistry and I really enjoy doing what I can to help The Lighthouse. It's just a great program."

Dr. Jenkins first became involved with The Lighthouse when Allman, a

fraternity brother, approached him about getting Raw Nerve, (a rock and soul band comprised mostly of dentists in which Dr. Jenkins performs), to play at their first fundraiser.

Since then, Dr. Jenkins has been involved in helping contribute to their capital campaign events for the past 20 years.

Dr. Jenkins said supporting The Lighthouse offered him the opportunity to serve others in a way that was different than what he does through his dental outreach.

"It's so important to promote positive things in the community that give youth the guidance, mentoring and support they need to be successful," he said.



Lighthouse executive director, Bill Michener, at left, and Lighthouse co-founder and president Pete Allman, far right, present the Woody Varner Leadership Award to James Jenkins, D.D.S.

College of Dentistry Remembers

Lewis L. Buell, D.D.S., '50, Phoenix, Ariz., died June 3, 2016. Dr. Buell served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in Europe and the Pacific during World War II. Upon discharge from the Navy, Dr. Buell entered the University of Nebraska Dental School, graduating in 1950. He practiced dentistry in Grand Forks, N.D., for 34 years. He served as president of the local, district, and the North Dakota State Dental Association.

Lyman Fluckiger, D.D.S., '65, Emmett, Idaho, died June 21, 2016. Dr. Fluckiger served in the Korean War and practiced in Emmett, Idaho, where he donated his dental services to those in need.

Donald J. "Doc" Gerner, D.D.S., '56, Laramie, Wyo., died Aug. 21, 2016. Dr. Gerner served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was stationed in the Philippines. After the war, Dr. Gerner served with U.S. Army intelligence. He then received his undergraduate degree in chemistry, and later completed his doctor of dental surgery at the University Nebraska-Lincoln. Upon completion of his D.D.S., Dr. Gerner started his dental practice in Kimball, Neb., where he practiced for more than 40 years.

Donald G. Johnson, D.D.S., '47, Lemon Grove, Calif., died July 28, 2016. Dr. Johnson attended the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry and received a doctor of dental surgery. Afterwards, he moved his family to California for a job at the naval training

center in San Diego, where he provided care to the new recruits. In 1949, the family moved to Lemon Grove where he began his private dental practice.

Frank J. Kratochvil, D.D.S., '47, La Jolla, Calif., died June 7, 2016. Dr. Kratochvil was born in Osmond, Neb. He attended the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry and earned a D.D.S. in 1947. His Navy career lasted 22 years and he retired as a captain in 1967. He then taught at the UCLA School of Dentistry. During this time his recognition in the field of prosthodontics spread worldwide. In 1988, he entered private practice in La Jolla, Calif., until his retirement in 2000.

Kenneth A. Laughlin, D.D.S., '65, Rockport, Texas, died Sept. 16, 2016. Dr. Laughlin served in the U.S. Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1958. He earned his doctor of dental surgery from the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry. After graduating he opened a private practice in Beatrice, Neb., for 33 years until his retirement in 1998. In retirement, he served as a clinical instructor at the UNMC College of Dentistry. He was a life member of the American and Nebraska Dental Associations and the NU Alumni Association.

Ann H. McCord, D.H., '69, Fairbury, Neb., died Sept. 16, 2016. With a military upbringing, McCord started elementary school in Japan and ultimately graduated high school at

University High in Lincoln in 1965. She attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, pledged, and was an active member of Chi Omega, graduating with a bachelor of science in dental hygiene. McCord was a well-respected hygienist for more than 45 years and enjoyed hobbies such as painting, pottery and making proprietary collectibles.

Roger A. Pentz, D.D.S., '61, Lexington, Neb., died Sept. 24, 2016. After receiving his doctorate in dental medicine, Dr. Pentz served in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Miramar Naval Air Station in California. He was honorably discharged in 1963 and returned to Nebraska and began his private dental practice in Arapahoe. In 1979, he moved his family to Lexington where he continued to practice for the next 40 years until his retirement in 2001.

John Platz, D.D.S., '62, Sidney, Neb., died Sept. 30, 2016. Dr. Platz served as a dental technician in the U.S. Navy and after his honorable discharge in 1956 he enrolled in the University of Nebraska School of Dentistry to complete his doctorate of dental surgery. While in dental school he was class president and a member of the Xi Psi Phi honorary dental fraternity and served as president. In 1962 he moved his family to Sidney and practiced dentistry for the next 44 years. Dr. Platz also was a member of the American Dental Association.

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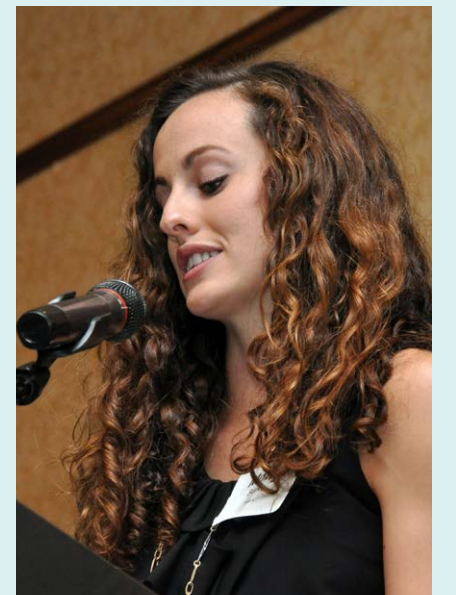
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