



Phonathon Raising Funds

At press time, the School's annual phonathon was winding down. As always, pledges could be made to any program, but donors were asked to contribute to the Dean's Fund for Excellence. "We were very worried last year because of the economic swizzle," said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64. "With salaries and hiring frozen, travel restricted, and \$2 million cut from our annual budget due to lessening state support, we tapped into the Dean's Fund innumerable times this year for dental student and faculty" *(continued on page four)*

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School Accreditation a Success

The OHSU School of Dentistry has just completed a rigorous once-every-seven years accreditation process through the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the arm of the American Dental Association that accredits all United States dental education programs.

"It's over!" said **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, who led the Accreditation Steering Committee (**Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., chair and professor of restorative dentistry; **Mark Mitchell**, M.S., associate dean for student affairs; **Denice Stewart**, D.D.S., M.P.H., associate dean for clinical affairs; **Tom Shearer**, Ph.D., associate dean for research; and **Ron Sakaguchi**, D.D.S., M.S. Ph.D., M.B.A., associate dean for research innovation) that prepared an intensive self-study document for the programs selected for the visit: doctor of dental medicine, and graduate residency programs in endodontics, periodontics, and orthodontics. (Oral and maxillofacial surgery is on a five-year accreditation cycle and pediatric dentistry just received its accreditation so is on a different review cycle).

In early October, the 15-person team conducted three days of on-campus interviews, observations, and discussions. A final report is expected by the end of the year. "Our preliminary report is that we did very well," said *(continued at right)*



The School's 1956 building received a small shot in the arm facilities-wise in preparation for the recent Commission on Dental Accreditation visit. (Photo Ron Sakaguchi, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.B.A.)

Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. "The 15 consultants affirmed that we are just about as good as we think we are and that is a reflection of our faculty, staff, and dental students.

"In the preliminary report, there were no significant concerns about any part of any of our programs and there were strengths found in every program," he said. "We are extremely pleased with the outcome and there were no surprises. Everyone can be very proud." *(continued on page five)*

New Grant for Lampi

Kirsten Lampi, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, recently received five grants totaling nearly \$1.5 million. Dr. Lampi's research focuses on the effects of deamidation – a kind of protein modification – on beta-crystallins, structural proteins found in the lens of the eye, necessary for maintaining lens transparency. She has shown that deamidation decreases protein stability *(continued on page nine)*

DGC Dinner Honors Donors

Capping the end of a successful year, the OHSU School of Dentistry recently hosted a one-of-a-kind evening for its Dean's Gold Circle donors and friends at the newly opened Allison Inn and Spa in Newberg, Ore. The Dean's Gold Circle was the first black tie event held at the Allison, which is receiving rave reviews for its "green" architecture, spectacular views, innovative chef, and extensive garden.

"The Allison is a unique and special place for the School of Dentistry," said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64, to the assembled crowd of 220. "At last year's Dean's Gold Circle dinner, **Mary [Clinton]** and I shared a table with **Ken** and **Joan** [pronounced Jo-ann] **Austin** [founders and owners of A-dec, Inc., and The Allison] and they suggested we consider having our 2009 event here. What an incredible idea! We did not need a second invitation.

"Thank you for joining us to celebrate another year of success at the School," said the Dean. "Dentists are some of the best people in the whole world and our alumni and donors continue to be amongst the most loyal."

There were more than 50 new members joining the Dean's Gold Circle – donors of \$1,000 or more in a fiscal year – in 2008-2009, said School Alumni Relations and Development Director **Pat Regan**. There were 20 School faculty attending who give at the Dean's Gold Circle level.

The Austins, who were named honorary alumni of OHSU School of Dentistry in 2000, were the featured guest speakers.

"If it wasn't for dentistry, there wouldn't be an Allison," said Ken. *(continued on page three)*

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New Faculty

The following individuals have recently joined the OHSU School of Dentistry:

* **Patricia Finn**, D.D.S., is an adjunct assistant professor of restorative dentistry. Dr Finn has volunteered at the School since April.

* **Richard Grabowsky**, is an assistant professor in the department of pediatric dentistry. Dr. Grabowsky comes from Loma Linda University School of Dentistry, where he was an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry.

* **Alamelou Radjindrin**, B.D.S., is an adjunct assistant professor of restorative dentistry. She has been a School volunteer since fall of 2008.

* **Erik Richmond**, D.M.D. '90, is an adjunct assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He is in private practice.

* **Donald Wheeler**, D.M.D. '75, is an adjunct assistant professor of restorative dentistry. He has been a volunteer at the School since April.

* **David Verschueren**, M.D., D.M.D., who completed his oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at OHSU in June, is an adjunct assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

New SOD NHSC Scholars

The School has four new National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Scholars. First-year dental students **Trevor Friederes** and **Clark Brinton**, and second-year dental student **Anne McLean** and third-year dental student **Philip Getsinger**, recently received word that they will receive four-year and two-year scholarships respectively, from the NHSC. NHSC scholars receive tuition, fees, school-related living expenses, and a stipend, in exchange for two- to four-years of service in an NHSC-approved health site. Fourth-year dental students **Erin Estep** and **Timothy Schmidt** already are NHSC scholars, said **Mark Mitchell**, M.A., associate dean for student affairs.

School Faculty in HIP

Several School of Dentistry faculty recently matriculated into OHSU's Human Investigations Program (HIP). The HIP is a two-year didactic and mentored research program that teaches the skills and knowledge necessary to conduct clinical research and culminates in a certificate or masters level degree.

Kevin Arce, M.D., D.M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, is in HIP's master of clinical research program and expects to finish his requirements by spring of 2010.

Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., M.D., assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, matriculated in the two-year certificate track and recently developed a proposal for a trial to Stryker. Dr. Smith is working on additional research proposals and her capstone project.

Earlier in 2009, **Tom Hilton**, D.M.D., associate professor of operative dentistry, earned a certificate in human investigations, and **Steven Hokett**, D.D.S., assistant professor of periodontology, completed requirements for the master of clinical research degree.

Patient Thanks



Third-year dental student Kenny McGowan recently cared for a patient who was so grateful that she surprised him with a basket of fruits, vegetables, and homemade goodies from her garden. (Photo Jessica Smith)

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"When people ask how we got into the hospitality business, I say 'we make dental chairs.' They look at me strangely."

Ken said the Austin family dentist loaned them \$1,000 for six months to start A-dec (Austin Dental Equipment Company) in 1964, what is now one of the largest dental equipment manufacturers in the world.

"We got our first \$1,000 in October and our second round in November," Ken recalled. "Then we had our first sale for 20,000 disposable tips totaling \$800 and we were off. That was the money that primed the money for the Allison."

The Allison has 85 rooms, 12 meeting rooms, a spa, the Jory restaurant, walking trails, and more than 75,000 plants, including olive trees, and five acres of pinot noir grapes. A vacant brick building nearby will become a village of boutique shops.



About two dozen School of Dentistry faculty attended the Dean's Gold Circle dinner, including (left to right) Belinda and David Covell Jr., D.D.S., chair of orthodontics, and Muffy and William Beeler, D.M.D. '70, associate professor emeritus of endodontology. (Photo Dan Carter)

"This is Joan's gift to the state of Oregon," said Ken. "It is a great legacy for Newberg, Yamhill County, wine country, and our state."

To thank the Austins for their hospitality, Dean Clinton presented them with a large wood and stone sculpture the School commissioned.

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Alumni Outreach

Bringing a little rain from Portland, the School of Dentistry hosted an alumni reception in Honolulu, Hawaii, on Oct. 3, during the American Dental Association annual session.

"It was a wonderful time," said Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. '64. "The food was incredible and, despite the light showers, we had an outdoor patio with a terrific view of the Pacific Ocean."

More than 100 alumni and friends attended the reception, according to School Development and Alumni Relations Director **Pat Regan**.

The Dean talked about the recent School remodeling projects that were funded by gifts to the Dean's Fund for Excellence, and he updated alumni on the group practices. The Dean noted that three of the 75 dental students from the Class of 2013 are from Hawaii, **Jeff Casebier**, **Aaron Omura**, and **Seth Huish**, bringing the total number of Hawaiian dental students to six.

"We have a lot to be proud of at the School and I thank you for your support," said the Dean.

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"This gift culminates more than 40 years of A-dec and School collaborations," said Dean Clinton. "We are so fortunate as dentists and the School to have been joined into the large family that seems to fall out of Ken and Joan's existence. What a special evening. This has been a lot of fun. We think this is a great venue. And we will be here next year for our Dean's Gold Circle."

SOD Calendar

Nov. 20	ASDA Vendor Fair
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 18	Last day of 12-week fall term

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travel to national research meetings, seed money for promising dental research, funds for patient care-related dental student events, and scholarships for dental students. The Dean's Fund for Excellence also made possible the patient reception center remodel and creation of the Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic in Doernbecher.

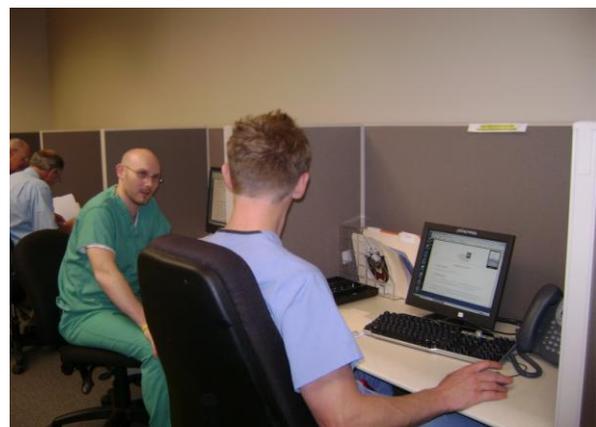
"Having a fund outside of our annual budget that enables us to react spontaneously to good ideas for dental education is priceless," said Dean Clinton. "We would like to rebuild this fund for future."

A number of dental students and faculty helped to make calls this year.

"I want to help raise money for our school and all its endeavors," said third-year dental student **Kelly Andrews**, who was calling for the first time.

"I called last year and had a good time," said second-year dental student **Sarah Post**.

Though final details were not available at press time, more than \$128,000 had been raised by Oct. 28, after seven nights of calling, with 345 gifts/pledges and 64 Dean's Gold Circle members. Final figures will be available in the next *Dental Bites*.



Third-year dental student Joe Jarman (left) talks with third-year dental student Kelly Andrews on Oct. 19, the first night of the annual phonathon. Both students volunteered each of the eight nights of the phonathon. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Accreditation *(continued from page one)*

While at the School, the accreditation team commented on the excellent preparation of the self-study document, the high level of energy throughout the School, the camaraderie amongst all School constituencies, and the friendly and cooperative attitude within the School. They were also “impressed” by the group practice structure, the number of dental students participating in research, and the integration of critical thinking into the curriculum.

“Our goal of emphasizing customer service and interpersonal relations through the ACE (Advisory Committee on Excellence), the hiring of **Ben Bernstein**, Ph.D., and the summer remodel of the patient reception center, all were noticed by the reviewers,” said Dean Clinton, “which is a validation of what we’re trying to do at the School. It serves as an even greater stimulus for us to keep going.”

The reviewers did offer suggestions in various programs and they are suggestions that “we are aware of and will be implementing,” noted Dean Clinton.

“The review team looked at our infection control policy and said our procedures are perfect,” he said. “They suggested that we improve our enforcement procedures and we are already tightening the monitoring along with emphasizing the absolute importance of compliance.”

To prepare for the visit, every aspect of the School – from the budget to curriculum to research to faculty to facilities – was thoroughly analyzed and “we sought ways to strengthen and improve all areas,” said Dean Clinton.

The outside of the School was painted, the landscaping re-done, and many repairs inside the building that had been delayed were made. “It is safe to say that the dental school was revitalized by our accreditation visit preparation,” said Dean Clinton.

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Lemon Aids Children with Special Needs

Sherry Lemon, R.D.H., has been on the go since the School of Dentistry’s new Pediatric Dental Surgery Clinic opened its doors in early August on the eighth floor of Doernbecher Children’s Hospital. The three-chair clinic broadens the scope of dental services offered to young patients with special needs through the former CDRC (Children Development and Rehabilitation Center) Dental Clinic, formalizes hospital dental care for acutely and chronically ill children, provides dental support to many Doernbecher programs such as the Craniofacial Disorders Clinic, and offers new dental surgical experiences for pediatric dentistry residents and students.

“We are always scheduling patients six months in advance,” said Sherry, who joined the School 30 years ago. “So when we opened, there were patients already on the books. I’ve noticed a lot of new patient exams coming through. There is good word-of-mouth amongst parents who attend support groups for their children and physicians are also telling their patients about us.”

No two days are alike in the clinic, said Sherry. Tuesdays and Wednesdays are especially busy, she said, with the pediatric dentistry residents and dental students rotating through. “One adjustment in the last few months has been the variety of dental care providers coming and going,” said Sherry. *(continued on page six)*

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Said Dr. Beemsterboer: “I want to thank each and every one of you for your efforts in making the accreditation process work to enhance our school. Those of you who put on a tie, wore your best clothes, or cleaned up your office are appreciated. It was great to have us all working together to put our best foot forward.”

Endodontology News

Retiring endodontology professor and department chair **J. Craig Baumgartner**, D.D.S., Ph.D., gave an update on endodontic education at the recent Oregon State Association of Endodontics (OSAE) meeting. The annual meeting was Sept. 19 at Salishan, Ore., with about 100 people attending.

Dr. Baumgartner presented a humorous montage of stories and photos of the 54 OHSU endodontic residents who have graduated from OHSU during his 18-year tenure.

The OSAE presented Dr. Baumgartner with travel and golf certificates, and wife, **Teddi**, with Nordstrom and spa gift cards.

Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. `64, and wife, **Mary** attended the meeting. Dean Clinton presented Dr. Baumgartner with an engraved clock and barometer from the School of Dentistry.



J. Craig Baumgartner, D.D.S., Ph.D., professor emeritus of endodontology, in the "early days" of his storied career. Dr. Baumgartner spoke at the recent Oregon State Association of Endodontics meeting. (Photo courtesy Daniel Erickson, D.D.S.)

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"A plus has been gaining new techniques and thoughts from the different people in the clinic.

"We see many children who are so medically fragile," she said. "They can have so many things working against them. I find it very rewarding to provide a service for people who truly can't take care of themselves. We see a lot of calculus and inflammation of the gingiva. This keeps me busy.

"The parents and caregivers are so grateful to us for improving the health of their child's oral cavity. It really puts life into perspective when you're working with children who are struggling to do basic things like breathing and swallowing. Every day I am reminded that my problems are nothing comparatively."

Sherry said many of her patients have been with her for decades. "We typically see them to age 21. It's hard when they get to be that age and then they have to move on," she said. "We also see kids whose life expectancy isn't good and have passed and that is difficult."

Sherry said she always liked the sciences in junior high and high school. "I knew all along that I'd end up in health care," she said. "I investigated different professions and did observations and, in the end, I thought dental hygiene was the best match for me."

Sherry's family moved frequently during her formative years (her father worked for the federal government) and she attended high school in Maryland. She received her bachelor of science in dental hygiene from Virginia's Old Dominion University, and a master's degree in dental hygiene from Columbia University in New York City. Her first faculty appointment was right out of graduate school, as an assistant professor of dental hygiene at the University of Pennsylvania.

While in Pennsylvania, Sherry met her future husband. They moved *(continued on page seven)*

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"Craig is one of a very select few of the most respected scientists and clinicians in the United States and certainly enjoys an international reputation as one of the most knowledgeable endodontists and educators in the world," said Dean Clinton. "He has brought great visibility and credibility to OHSU and to our endodontic program which is regarded as one of the premier advanced specialty programs in the United States."

Dr. Baumgartner received his bachelor of science in pharmacy at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and his doctor of dental science at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

After dental school, Dr. Baumgartner was a general dentistry officer with the 90th Medical Detachment of the U.S. Army, based in Ludwigsburg, Germany.

He then entered an endodontic residency program at the Army Institute of Dental Research in Washington, D.C., and went on to receive a master's degree in oral biology from George Washington University, and a certificate of specialty training in endodontics from the Army Institute of Dental Research, Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington.

In 1975, Dr. Baumgartner was stationed in Seoul, South Korea, where he was chief of the endodontic service in the U.S. Eighth Army. In addition, he lectured and taught at Seoul National University.

The following year, Dr. Baumgartner was endodontic director of the general practice residency at Letterman Army Medical Center, an endodontic consultant, and adjunct assistant professor at the University of the Pacific Dental School in San Francisco. He was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, where he was chief of the endodontic service for the Salomon Dental Clinic.

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to Germany (her husband was a dentist with the United States Air Force) for four years, until they relocated to upper New York. In 1980, Sherry came to Portland.

As part of my master's degree, I had to do an externship and I had chosen the [OHSU School of Dentistry]," said Sherry. I had attended fourth-through eighth-grade in Portland, loved Oregon, and I always wanted to get back here. My family was in Portland and I was lucky that when I got here, a faculty position opened."

Sherry was made an assistant professor of dental hygiene in 1980, an associate professor in 1992, and chairman of the department of dental hygiene in 1997. "I've always enjoyed teaching," she said. "I knew that was my niche."

It was in 1990 that Sherry became interested in patients with special needs and she began working at the CDRC Dental Clinic one-half day each week. (Shortly thereafter, she completed a fellowship on the topic at the University of Washington).

"I brought the dental hygiene students with me to the CDRC Dental Clinic," she said. "I thought it was very important that they get experiences with patients who have special needs."

In 1997, the CDRC Dental Clinic re-located to the seventh floor of Doernbecher, and when the School's dental hygiene department closed in 2003, the CDRC asked Sherry to increase her time with them.

Sherry said it is important for dental students to become educated in caring for patients with special needs. "There isn't going to be a community without a child who has a developmental disability such as Down Syndrome or autism.

"Some children with special needs do need to be seen in the hospital

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In 1981, he joined Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., as assistant director of the endodontic residency program at the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research, later rising to director of the program and being promoted to Colonel.

He then attended the Baltimore College of Dental Surgery at the University of Maryland, and received a doctoral degree in microbiology/immunology. While there, he was an associate professor in the department of endodontics. He returned to the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research, Walter Reed Medical Center and was Dental Corps Chief of the Microbiology Branch. Dr. Baumgartner received numerous medals and commendations from the U.S. Army including the Meritorious Service Award.

In 1991, he joined OHSU as associate professor, chair of the department of endodontology, and director of the advanced dental education program in endodontics, with a co-appointment to the department of oral molecular biology. Dr. Baumgartner also maintained a private practice, within OHSU's Faculty Dental Practice. In 1996, Dr. Baumgartner was promoted to professor with tenure.

Dr. Baumgartner has held many committee appointments and consultancies, including the American Association of Endodontics committee of diagnostic terminology (2008), the American Board of Endodontics oral exam committee (2003-06), and the American Board of Endodontics steering committee (2003-08).

His major research interests are microbiological and immunological aspects of endodontic infections, and materials and methods used in endodontics, and he has written numerous chapters, over 100 journal articles, and many abstracts in these areas. *(continued on page nine)*

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setting for their dental care, but we often get referrals from rural areas for children who could have been seen in their own community if the provider had just known a few techniques to help them feel more comfortable in providing care for people with disabilities."

Sherry offers continuing education courses for health professionals interested in learning more about dental hygiene care for patients with special needs and she often is mentoring Pacific University and Mt. Hood Community College dental hygiene students.

"A technique that will work for one child won't work well for another and no two patients are alike," she noted.

In her spare time, she enjoys her three cats and is a volunteer for the Oregon Humane Society, and the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon. For the past six months, she has been remodeling her home. But her work at the dental school is what she finds most rewarding.

"I've made some wonderful friendships at the dental school," said Sherry. "There is a strong sense of community, despite being located at a large university. The dental school has provided me with a lot of opportunities to continue my education, travel, go to dental conferences, make presentations, and be able to interact with other dental hygiene programs across the country.

"It is fun being in an atmosphere with other health care providers who've been doing this kind of work for many years," said Sherry.

"We learn from each other and there is so much to learn. I particularly enjoy learning about complex medical conditions and how they impact treatment for our patients."

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Dr. Baumgartner co-edited the sixth edition of *Ingle's Endodontics* (2008), was president of the American Board of Endodontics (2007-08), and received the OHSU Distinguished Faculty Award in 2004. On June 4, Dr. Baumgartner was appointed professor emeritus of endodontology.

Dr. Baumgartner has acted as research advisor to dozens of graduate and postgraduate students, and supervised visiting research scientists on sabbatical. His invited state, national, and international presentations number in the hundreds. He is a frequent continuing education presenter at OHSU.

"While we will miss Craig, we have been very successful in recruiting our next endodontology chair," said Dean Clinton.

Christine Sedgley, B.D.S., M.D.Sc., M.D.S., F.R.A.C.D.S., Ph.D., will join OHSU Jan. 1. Dr. Sedgley is currently assistant professor in the department of cariology, restorative sciences and endodontics, at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry.

"Christine has already been on our campus several times to engage in the transition, and Craig has kindly agreed to help in this process," said Dean Clinton. "We look forward to more formally introducing Christine when she is here full time next year."

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leading to aggregation, a potential mechanism for cataracts. Dr. Lampi received a four-year, \$1.3 million grant from the NIH to study the role of deamidation in beta-crystallin structures. She also received a two-year, \$75,000 grant from the NIH to study the lens membranes in eyes. Additional funding was provided from the Medical Research Foundation of Oregon (\$39,300), OHSU Presidential Bridge Funding (\$48,090), and an anonymous \$15,000 gift.

DS1's Enjoy Chili Dinner

Despite a huge test on their plates, there was a strong showing of first-year dental students at the Oct. 23 chili dinner, sponsored by the School Alumni Association. About 45 of the 75 DS1's enjoyed the free dinner in the second floor student lounge. Eight alumni were on hand, as well as Dean **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. Many of the dental students were able to connect with the alum that had called to officially welcome them to the school when they were first accepted.

Lomeli a Lead Mentor

Stacy Lomeli, D.D.S., assistant professor of operative dentistry, recently was selected for OHSU's Lead Mentor program, Grow From Within to Excellence.

The Grow From Within to Excellence Program is an initiative of the School of Medicine and OCTRI (Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute), designed to support the ongoing professional and leadership development of OHSU faculty.

"Grow From Within to Excellence will reverse the traditional approach of sending a few faculty members to leadership and development courses at other universities and, instead, invest in developing these programs at OHSU," it said at <http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-medicine/about/leadmentor072709.cfm>.

Participants will learn from one another's experiences and share best mentoring practices across units, increasing their mentoring skills and reflecting on individual career development in a peer environment. Participants will learn influence and change leadership skills and then work with colleagues in their departments/organizations to identify and support ongoing faculty mentoring capabilities, create tailored mentoring resources, and act as coaches when needed to support mentors and mentees within their groups.