Three significant gifts are making the new facility—and new vision—possible. Gene, D.M.D. ’68, and Bonnie Skourtes have pledged $10 million; ODS Health has committed $5 million; and A-dec, Inc., has pledged to provide state-of-the-art dental equipment valued at $4.35 million. Together, with more than $8 million in additional commitments from donors across the region, the gifts launch a $43 million fundraising initiative that will ensure a second century of innovation, education, and service for the school.

"Thanks to these transforming investments, we can initiate an exciting new era for dentistry in Oregon," said Dr. Clinton. "Carrying out this vision will enable the school to train more dentists, serve more patients with expanded services, stimulate research and clinical innovation and create a sustainable funding base. We are profoundly grateful to the longtime friends who have stepped up to lead the campaign for our future."

In addition to Dr. Skourtes and Bonnie Skourtes, ODS, and A-dec, Inc., recent donors to the new building are:

OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., R ’82, M.B.A., and the OHSU Board of Directors gave the green light to start construction on a new dental school facility at their meeting June 30: “Today’s announcement follows more than a decade of planning, extraordinary gifts by three leaders of the dental community, generous contributions from supporters and alumni throughout the region, and tireless efforts by Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, and other School leaders,” said Dr. Robertson. “This is a defining moment in the history of dental education in the region and in the history of OHSU.”

The School of Dentistry’s new building—a 70,000 square foot tower on the north side of the OHSU/Oregon University System Collaborative Life Sciences Building—is expected to break ground this fall with completion in 2014.
Dean's Message

There has been a lot of news lately surrounding our new dental school building. I am thrilled to confirm that the headlines are true!

This is quite an accomplishment and one that we couldn't have done without all of you. Thanks to the outpouring of pledges from loyal supporters, I can say with confidence that our new era on South Waterfront has officially begun. I want to thank our three major donors – Gene (D.M.D. ’68) and Bonnie Skourtes, ODS Health, and A-dec, Inc. – as well as our many alumni and friends for helping to make this vision a reality.

Now our architects are busy working on a design that includes an impressive School of Dentistry tower on the north side of the OHSU/Oregon University System Collaborative Life Sciences building at South Waterfront. Four committees within the dental school – Simulation, Research, Clinical, and Student Affairs – headed by dental faculty have been meeting separately and in teams to offer the architects input. We expect to break ground on our building this fall and open our doors to students in 2014.

Though we do have $27 million pledged and the green light now from OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., R ’82, M.B.A., and the OHSU Board of Directors to proceed with our building, along with the backing of the Blue Ribbon panel, it is important to point out that our capital campaign continues.

Many of you heard us speak some months ago about a $30 million total goal for private philanthropy. However, that goal did not include all of our needs for equipment or account for private contributions made over the years to support a new facility. Now that we are launching a more public phase of our capital campaign, we can share our $43 million philanthropy goal. It is a more accurate figure and a better measure of the tremendous private support contributed to date.

This is an exciting time for our School, for OHSU, and for Oregon's dental community. This is not the time to lose focus! We will need every one of you to advocate for this project before we are through. If you haven't already, please consider making a gift to the new building by contacting Pat Regan, School of Dentistry development director, reganp@ohsu.edu, 503 494-0980.

I look forward to seeing you at the ground breaking in South Waterfront this fall!

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First Graduate Oral Surgery Residency Program Director was Ralph Merrill

[Editor’s Note: A Spring 2011 Caementum article incorrectly stated that Wilbur Van Zile, D.D.S. (chair of oral surgery until 1968) initiated a graduate residency program and that he was its first director. We apologize for the error.]

In the late 1960s when the OHSU School of Dentistry’s Dean Louis G. Terkla, D.M.D. ’52, was looking to establish dentistry and oral surgery in the medical school hospitals, he hired Ralph Merrill, D.D.S., M.Sc.D., who was teaching oral surgery residents at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., to pursue this goal.

Dr. Merrill was a University of Washington dental school graduate who grew up in Salt Lake City and had gone east for his advanced training. He became the third chair of oral surgery for the University of Oregon Dental School (now OHSU School of Dentistry) and he held the position for 29 years.

In 1969, Drs. Merrill and Terkla presented proposals to the University of Oregon's Chancellor's Office and the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to initiate a hospital residency in dentistry and a graduate program in oral surgery.

“These were approved and subsequently received modest funding from the Oregon state legislature,” recalled Dr. Terkla.

The first oral surgery residents, Carl Gorretta, D.M.D. ’68, and Bryce Potter, M.D., D.M.D. ’67, F.A.C.S., enrolled in 1969, making Dr. Merrill the School’s first oral surgery residency program director.

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**Message from the Association President**

On June 30, the Oregon Health & Science University Board of Directors voted to approve the move of the School of Dentistry to the South Waterfront campus (see story, page one). Like many other alumni, I was becoming skeptical that a new dental school was going to be built.

I recall as far back as the 2003 ADA Annual Meeting in San Francisco listening to Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, speak of his vision for a new school on the South Waterfront property. Never have I been so happy to be proven wrong of my skepticism! As recently as last April when I heard about the School’s ambitious fundraising goal, I again raised an eyebrow, although now I had great faith the goals would be met.

Over the past decade, the State revenue to support the school has dropped 23 percent. State funding in fiscal year 1994 made up 34 percent of the school’s budget and now represents less than 12 percent. The new dental school will be very much an investment showcasing a strong private-public partnership. The private sector is expected to contribute $43 million of the projected $98 million price tag and we are already more than $27 million towards that goal.

The new dental school will be of great value and benefit to dental students and alumni as well as the state of Oregon and, ultimately, our patients. The facility will allow OHSU to educate and train 20 percent more students per class as well as provide care for 120,000 patients, an increase of 20 percent over what the school is currently able to provide. It will also feature a new continuing education center that will facilitate state-of-the-art ongoing training.

As I told the graduating class of 2011, they as OHSU School of Dentistry graduates have attained an excellent clinical and science education and should be very proud to be alumni of this school. The vision that is making this new school a reality is the same vision that has led and provided the highest level of dental education and training possible to date. In addition to that pride, they will soon be able to refer to the fact that they attended dental school in the “old building.”

Barry Taylor, D.M.D. ’95
Alumni Association President

**Ralph Merrill** (continued from page 2)

“Dr. Terkla had been a proponent for hospital dentistry in the School of Medicine hospitals for 14 years before I arrived,” noted Dr. Merrill. “We were finally successful by agreeing to be a division in the department of otolaryngology, as opposed to a stand-alone division of dentistry and oral surgery or a division of general surgery as was common in most institutions in the United States.”

Remembered Dr. Terkla: “It was an uphill struggle to convince the leadership that there was much to be gained by both schools and their faculties through the integration of planning and programs, the sharing of human and physical resources for both patient care and educational programs, and by establishing dentistry as a contributing unit in the hospitals.”

Shortly after their creation in 1969, the hospital dentistry program and the three-year graduate program in oral surgery were conditionally accredited by the Council on Hospitals of the American Dental Association.

The Council on Hospitals of the American Dental Association emphasized the importance of oral surgery being a division of general surgery or free standing. In 1973, with the advocacy of then-chair of general surgery, William Krippaehne, M.D., a division of oral surgery was established in his department. The oral surgery residency became a four-year program that year. Also, the dental school’s basic scientists were given adjunct appointments in the School of Medicine and the Hospital Dental Service was established in the medical school hospitals.

A national change of the name of oral surgery to oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) occurred in 1978. The dental school’s residency program continued to grow. An affiliation with Emanuel Hospital headed by Dr. Potter expanded the residents’ experience, especially in trauma.

In 1989, a medical degree was added and the residency became a six-year program. This was established with the help of dental school Dean Henry van Hassel, D.D.S., Ph.D.; Dr. Merrill; Thomas A. Albert, M.D., D.M.D., of oral surgery; medical school Dean John W. Kendall Jr., M.D. ’62; Karen Deveney, M.D., and others from the School of Medicine.

By the time Dr. Merrill retired in 1997, he said there were six OMS residents in training. Today, there are twelve OMS residents annually.

“I thoroughly enjoyed teaching OMS residents,” said Dr. Merrill. “It was important for the School of Dentistry to have a presence in the hospitals interacting with medical personnel. Hospital dentistry and OMS served the public better.” [Editor’s Note: The Hospital Dental Service closed in 2003 due to OHSU budget cuts, but will soon be reinstated, thanks to a $1 million gift from Doris Sharpe. See page six of the Spring 2011 Caementum].

Dr. Merrill and his wife, Bonnie, recently moved to the Mirabella in the South Waterfront. “There are many interesting people living at the Mirabella, including John Dickson, D.M.D. ’50, and Guy Woods, D.D.S., who at one time chaired the orthodontic department of the University of Oregon Dental School,” he said. Two of the Merrill’s three children and three grandchildren live in Oregon. A daughter (a 1989 OHSU graduate) practices medicine in Salt Lake City.
OHSU School of Dentistry has recently received a number of new gifts for its restorative dentistry department, said Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry. The gifts are worth nearly $600,000.

In March, Brian Holmes, D.M.D. ’92, and his wife, Tamora, Florence, Ore., donated a new glazing oven, worth $4,800. The Holmes’ made the donation in honor of Dr. Holmes’ father, Dale. (See photo, below)

Shortly thereafter, the School accepted three CAD/CAM systems from Sirona Dental Systems to use in its fixed prosthodontics course, and for restorations in the pre-doctoral clinic. The three systems are expected to be on the clinic floor this fall, said Michael Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor and director of implantology for restorative dentistry.

The three CAD/CAM systems are refurbished CEREC 3D compact milling and acquisition units provided through Sirona’s CEREC USA Dental School Gifting Program. The portability of the units enables them to go chairside so dental providers can provide one-day restorations without the need for impressions.

A small camera on the CEREC 3D acquisition unit photographs the interior of the patient’s mouth and is then connected wirelessly to the CEREC milling unit. The milling unit then formulates the restoration from porcelain – everything from a full crown to inlays.

“The CEREC units will help students become more prepared to practice dentistry in the future where digital aspects will be more prevalent,” said Dr. Taylor. “We have many students graduating who are going into practices which have this machine and we need to help prepare them for their new role as dentists.”

The School already has two CEREC 3D machines, one gifted more than a year ago by Albany, Ore., dentist V. Kim Kutsch, D.M.D. ’79; the other from a research grant five years ago. “Those machines really got the ball rolling,” said Dr. Taylor. “It helped us to see the possibility of having CEREC machines on the clinic floor.

“We will soon have five machines, almost enough to locate one in every integrated group practice (there are six integrated group practices) and we are hoping for another CEREC 3D unit,” he said. “Just about every patient who walks through our clinic door needs some sort of restorative work, so these gifts are invaluable.”

Dr. Taylor said the CEREC 3D machines cost $120,000 new.

“Dentistry is moving into the digital age and five years from now there will be even more technology,” he said. “We need to stay current to best educate our students.”

Zimmer Dental also recently made a generous in-kind donation to the OHSU School of Dentistry. The School received implants, cement, gold abutments, healing collars, overdenture abutm, tapered screws, tools, prosthetics, and other restorative materials worth more than $214,000. Dental students typically learn implant dentistry their second year of dental school.
Advancing Our Mission

Fall Phonathon Happening Soon

The 2011 Fall phonathon is scheduled for Oct. 17 - 20 and Oct. 24 - 27 at the OHSU Foundation in Portland. Volunteers needed! To volunteer, call Alison Lazareck, 503 552-0660.

Alumni and Friends Make Gifts for Dental Student Scholarships

Dental student scholarships have been an OHSU School of Dentistry focus for the past three years. Several endowment scholarships initiated in years past were fully funded in 2011 and the first awards were made in April at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Alumni Association. In addition, two large scholarships initiated in 2010 by Pacific Continental Bank and the Willamette Dental Foundation made their second-round awards.

The Class of 2011’s Dan Barrett (left) was the first recipient of the $2,500 Melissa Starr Mariman Endowed Scholarship, in honor of Dr. Mariman (Class of 1999) who died of a brain tumor in 2005. The Melissa Starr Meriman Endowed Scholarship was initiated by her widower, Jeffrey Hensler. (Photo Dan Carter)

Third-year dental student Jeff Casebier (left) received the first Hawaii Dental Student Scholarship, a $2,500 endowed scholarship created by OHSU alums from Hawaii. (Photo Dan Carter)

(Above far right) Fourth-year dental student Kathryn Rock (right) received a $2,000 Northwest Dental Scholarship from Phil Bridge (left) a commercial banking officer at Pacific Continental Bank. Kathryn’s scholarship is the second of four such scholarships from Pacific Continental. (Photo Dan Carter). (Above right) Fourth-year dental student Charlie Muraki (left) and the Class of 2011’s Amanda Rentschler (center) each received $10,000 scholarships from the Willamette Dental Foundation, presented by Robert Collins, D.M.D. ’73. Willamette Dental Foundation has committed $100,000 to provide two annual scholarships through 2014. (Photo Dan Carter)
Five individuals pursuing advanced specialty programs after graduation were selected to receive $500 awards from Permanente Dental Associates. Receiving awards from Felix Lee, D.M.D. '00 (left) were the Class of 2011's Tim Carpenter, Jeremy Messer, Dan Barrett, and Travis Hamilton. Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64 is at right. Recipient Amanda Rice is not pictured. (Photo Richard York)

2011 ODS Health Scholars Selected

Five fourth-year dental students recently were selected as ODS Health Scholars for 2011-2012. The awardees were announced at the Robert G. Gootee/ODS Companies Endowed Lectureship in Leadership and Professionalism, held May 2. Mercy Corps Chief Executive Officer Neal Keny-Guyer delivered a timely and impassioned presentation as keynote speaker for the third annual lecture.

Selected for $20,000 scholarships were Charlie Muraki, Katie Rock, Michael Sparrow, April Walsh, and Alex Vo. As part of the ODS Companies gift, one scholar each year is named in honor of Kathryn Robertson (daughter of OHSU President Joe Robertson). The 2011 recipient is Katie Rock.

The $300,000 gift from the ODS Companies provides five scholarships annually for three years to help offset the cost of dental education.

Five ODS Health Scholars Selected

ODS Health Chief Executive Officer Robert Gootee (second from left) with three of the five 2011 ODS Scholars: (from left) April Walsh, Michael Sparrow, and Katie Rock. (Photo Dan Carter)

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building include former Alumni Association President Scott Hansen, D.M.D. ’87, and the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry over which Dr. Hansen currently presides; Steve (D.M.D. ’80) and Dennel (R.D.H. ’77) Beadnell, and Dr. Beadnell’s Sunset Study Club; Oregon Dental Association President Teri Barichello, D.M.D. ’98; OHSU Foundation Trustee Jill Price, D.M.D. ’91; ODS Board Chair Jay Lamb, D.M.D. ’80; and 2010 Alum of the Year Ken Johnson, D.M.D. ’63. For a complete list of donors to the new building, see page 8.

“We are proud to play a role in helping the dental school carry out its ambitious plans and consider our gift a prudent investment in the health of all Oregonians,” said ODS Chief Executive Officer Robert Gootee, who volunteered many hours of his time to co-lead OHSU’s Blue Ribbon Panel on the future of the school, which unanimously recommended a new dental school facility.

A-dec, Inc. President Scott Parrish agreed. “The OHSU School of Dentistry has been a valued partner to A-dec for nearly half a century. We were excited to be a part of the next major advancement,” he said.

Making a Difference

Like many dental school alumni, Gene Skourtes, D.M.D. ’68, had been hearing talk of a new building for more than a decade and was becoming skeptical about the possibility. But when he was shown the strategic plan for the School’s future and heard that OHSU had committed millions to building a new center for interdisciplinary learning at South Waterfront, he realized that this time, the dream could actually become reality.

The result of collaboration between OHSU, Portland State University, University of Oregon and other partners, the OHSU/OU Collaborative Life Sciences Building will be a center for interprofessional education and innovation – and the ideal location for enriching dental education in Oregon. “I think collaboration between health care entities is good. Having all health care students learn in a collaborative center made sense to me,” said the Willamette Dental co-founder.

That’s why the Skourtes pledged $10 million for a new dental school building – the largest gift in the school’s 112-year history.

“My philosophy is that when there’s an opportunity, you have to take it,” said Dr. Skourtes. “I was planning to give $1 million. But knowing that OHSU had challenged the dental school to come up with millions for a new
building in a short time I felt a vision without funding is an illusion – if I seize this moment I could share my success with others and make a difference,” said Skourtes.

“It is a great concept to create a modern institute dedicated to innovative education as well as teaching clinics that are accessible to more patients in need of oral health care,” he said.

The Skourtes’ gift provided crucial momentum at precisely the right time, allowing the School of Dentistry to meet its preliminary fundraising goal, which in turn prompted the OHSU Board of Directors to give the ‘green light’ on the construction project.

“Gene and Bonnie’s generous gift turned the tide. Once they made their decision, we knew the rest of the pieces would fall into place,” said School of Dentistry Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

**Education is Key**

Dr. Skourtes was born in Portland and said his parents, though not college educated, always stressed the importance of education. When he was 10, his mother died of cancer and Dr. Skourtes lived in foster homes where he was “inspired to work harder.”

He attended Washington High School, and then worked his way through the University of Oregon receiving a bachelor of science in general science. (His father died of cancer when Dr. Skourtes was in his 20s).

“Seeing my mother really sick and then my father dying of cancer made me want to go into health care,” he said. “I thought I wanted to go to medical school.”

While in a master of biology program at the University of Oregon Skourtes had a severe bout of appendicitis and missed several weeks of school. Recovering, Skourtes wondered what he really wanted to do with his life. The dental school was on campus recruiting; Dr. Skourtes applied and was accepted.

Deciding to forgo his master’s degree to concentrate solely on making money for dental school, Dr. Skourtes was drafted into the military. “I went before the draft board and asked them whether they thought I could do more for the country by going to dental school or fighting in Vietnam. They let me go to dental school.”

Dr. Skourtes remembers dental school as “hard work,” where he studied 40 hours a week during finals. When he wasn’t studying, he and his first wife were managing an apartment complex in Beaverton for rent and utilities for themselves and their two sons (a daughter born later died in childhood). Dr. Skourtes also restored and repaired furniture and cleaned the medical school laundry to make ends meet. He graduated from school in 1968 in the top one-fourth of his dental class of 75.

After dental school, Dr. Skourtes served as captain in the United States Army Corps Dental Service for two years. Unsure of his future direction after the Army, he returned to Portland and worked as a part-time instructor in radiology at the then University of Oregon Dental School (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry). He also associated with Gerald Cogan, D.M.D. ’53, who had just founded the first capitated dental plan in Oregon. This partnership ultimately became Willamette Dental Group. Dr. Cogan retired as a partner in 1989 and Dr. Skourtes became the sole owner.

“I know it’s going to make a difference to create a facility that’s a real teaching institute for additional students and that is more accessible to more patients.”

– Gene Skourtes, D.M.D. ’68

“We had many challenges in the early years but we knew we were on the right track in emphasizing preventive oral care,” said Dr. Skourtes. Willamette Dental now has 56 offices throughout the Northwest.

Dr. Skourtes, the president and CEO of Willamette Dental, visits every Willamette Dental office once a year, oversees the managing dentists at every location, and still practices dentistry. He is gearing up for installation of electronic dental records in all Willamette Dental offices next summer.

“I still don’t think I’ve reached all of my goals,” he said. “I’m not content to retire. I have always been a risk taker and there are still challenges and opportunities that I am pursuing.”

Dr. Skourtes likes to stay active. He runs marathons, collects art and wine, works in his garden, travels, roots for the Blazers and Ducks, and grows coral in a 200-gallon reef tank. He has been married to Bonnie for 31 years and they have three children, all of whom are pursuing health care careers.

“My health is great and I love coming to work,” he said. “I love being in a position where I can make a difference, especially in helping to expand access to oral health.”
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OHSU School of Dentistry Class of 2011 Has 89 Graduates

Commencement day for the School of Dentistry dawned sunny and bright for a wet June, with 89 individuals graduating. Awarded on June 17 were 72 doctor of dental medicine degrees and 17 advanced degrees in five specialties.

“Each of you has demonstrated an exceptional capacity to learn and experience how newly discovered information can be applied to increase the care received by your patients,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “I urge you to keep this skill active and make it an ongoing and guiding principle for your practice.”

Fifty-eight of the doctor of dental medicine graduates (81 percent) plan to practice general dentistry, including private practice, associateships, group practices, the military, and public health.

Fourteen graduates from the Class of 2011, or 19 percent, will pursue advanced specialty training at such institutions as Bethesda Naval Hospital, UCLA, and Emory University. Two graduates – Eric Gregg, D.M.D. ’11, and Katie Marsh, D.M.D. ’11 — will remain in Portland for their advanced education, Dr. Gregg at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Hospital, and Dr. Marsh at OHSU in the pediatric dentistry department.

Commencement speakers included OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., R ’82, M.B.A.; OHSU Board Chair Charles Wilhoite; Oregon Dental Association President Teri Barichello, D.M.D. ’98; Alumni Association President Barry Taylor, D.M.D. ’95; and DS4 President Vivian Burk, D.M.D. ’11.

“Though this school is tough, it’s made you a better dentist than you could know now,” said Dr. Burk. “I hope you’re able to remember the faculty that pushed you to be more knowledgeable, more skilled, and be thankful for your education.

“I also hope that as you hang your diploma on your wall that you remember to place each one of us in your hearts, because that is where you’ll stay in mine.”
Class of 2011 Doctor of Dental Medicine Graduates

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Seventeen Complete Advanced Specialty Education Programs

There were 17 graduates of OHSU School of Dentistry’s five advanced specialty education programs in 2011, including:

**Endodontics**
David Christianson, D.D.S.
Karen Lovato, D.D.S.
Ross Mitchell, D.M.D. ’07

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**
Saif Al-Bustani, D.M.D., M.D. ’09
Samuel Bobek, D.M.D. ’05, M.D. ’09
Michael Wilkinson, D.M.D., M.D. ’09

**Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics**
Melissa Brown, D.M.D.
John Delplanche, D.M.D. ’08
Bryan Houlberg, D.D.S.
Adam Timock, D.D.S.

**Pediatric Dentistry**
Spencer Campbell, D.M.D. ’09
Shelby Hiles, D.D.S.
Anastacia Hunton, D.M.D.
Lisa Yarborough, D.D.S.

**Periodontics**
Sean McKeown, D.D.S.
Sarah Nguyen, D.M.D. ’04
Jeffrey Yang, D.M.D.

Four of the advanced specialty graduates – Drs. Brown, Delplanche, Houlberg, and Timock – also received a master of science in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

Commencement Online for Viewing

Did you know that the OHSU School of Dentistry commencement can be watched online live using Flash Player? For the past five years, the School has offered this benefit to its graduates’ friends and family, as well as OHSU staff, faculty, and students, primarily because of limited space in the auditorium where commencement is held.

This year, dozens of viewers from such diverse states as Texas, North Dakota, Georgia and Arkansas watched the School’s June 17 commencement live online, according to OHSU’s Educational Communications department.

The ceremony is archived and can be viewed online. Go to: www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni to access the link.
2011 Legacies

Coleman Dow, D.M.D. '11 (right) with father, Douglas Dow, D.M.D. '77. Dr. Dow's brother is Andrew Dow, D.M.D. '08, and his great uncle is Robert Dow, D.M.D. '56.

Sten Erickson, D.M.D. '11 (fourth from left)) with mother, Linn Erickson, R.D.H. '78 (fifth from left), brother, Ian Erickson, D.M.D. '08 (second from left), with his wife, Nicole Keck-Erickson, D.M.D. '08, and their son, Rowan, father Mart Erickson second from right), and brother Brent Erickson (Class of 2014).

Travis Hamilton, D.M.D. '11 (center) with sister, Holly Eyre, R.D.H. '91 (left) and brother-in-law, James Eyre, D.M.D. '92, M.D.

(All Legacy Photos by Richard York unless otherwise noted)
There were several additional Class of 2011 legacies who either did not have relatives in attendance, or did not have a photograph available, including:

- **Curtis Lemrick**, D.M.D. '11, whose wife, **Sheriann Shimogaki**, D.D.S., received her master's in orthodontics in 2007;
- **Kate Lomen**, D.M.D. '11, whose brother is **Evan Lomen**, D.M.D. '10;
- **Katie Marsh**, D.M.D. '11, who is engaged to **Michael Harper**, D.M.D. '09; and
- **Chuck Nguyen**, whose sister is **Jenny Nguyen**, D.M.D. '95.

Graduation Photos Online

Photographs from the June 17 OHSU School of Dentistry hooding and commencement are available online for viewing and purchase.

Go to [www.ohsu.edu/sod](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod) and click on Alumni, then scroll to the bottom for the Alumni Photo Album.
Promise of details about a new dental school building and excellent student turnout fueled a near record of 215 alumni and friends at the Alumni Association’s April 9 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon during Oregon Dental Conference Weekend. In addition to the Alumni Association’s board business and the honoring of classes ending in “1” and “6”, numerous awards and scholarships (see pages five and six for scholarship information) were bestowed upon alumni, faculty, and dental students. “This is one of the best meetings we’ve ever had!” said School Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

Rick Asai, D.M.D. ’81 (left), presented the Ted Green Memorial Award to fourth-year dental students Ian Brawner (center) and Christopher Kyles (right) who each received $500 for their essays about the value in helping others.

Four faculty received the Alumni Association’s Faculty Legacy Award: E. Robert Quinn Jr., D.M.D. ’55 (third from left), associate professor of restorative dentistry, Dr. Quinn’s longtime partner John Wagoner, D.M.D. ’55, who died several years ago and whose award was accepted by his wife, Marilyn (second from left), longtime professor of fixed prosthodontics Hiroshi Ueno, D.D.S., who died in 1995 and had his award accepted by Shoun Ishikawa, D.M.D. ’66 (left), and longtime operative dentistry faculty member Niclaus Martineau, D.M.D. ’57, whose wife, Paula, accepted his posthumous award.

Oregon Dental Association’s Executive Director Bill Zepp and Associate Executive Director Cindy Fletcher were named Honorary Alumni of the School’s Alumni Association.

Michael Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor and director of implantology in the department of restorative dentistry, received the Alumni Association’s Faculty Recognition Award. Dr. Taylor, who is described by dental students as “considerate, devoted, and competent” joined the school four years ago.

Fourth-year dental student Vishal Panchmatia received $500 for the “Go the Extra Mile” Award. Vishal was selected by his peers and faculty for his positive attitude and helpfulness in lab.

Owen Kawakami, D.M.D. ’68, received the President’s Award.

(All Annual Meeting photos Dan Carter)
Alum of the Year: Jim Cain, D.M.D. ’70

Jim Cain, D.M.D. ’70, has always been a leader. From high school and college class president to cadet colonel of the U.S. Army ROTC to the board of his church, Dr. Cain’s personal and professional life is filled with honors.

At the April 9 Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon, Dr. Cain added one more award to his résumé, the John C. Peterson Alumnus of the Year Award. Dr. Cain received a standing ovation from the alumni and friends present.

“Thank you for making me upside down today,” said Dr. Cain, who was surprised by more than two dozen family, staff, and friends at the luncheon. “I admired Dr. Peterson in his career and I am extremely proud of being an alumnus of this great university.”

Dr. Cain said he took a “different path to dentistry” having worked for a few years before attending dental school. He said he selected dentistry as a career so he could help people, choose the people he worked with and carve time for family. “The day I entered dental school I was convinced I made the right choice,” he said.

Dr. Cain graduated from dental school with honors, was inducted into the dental honorary Omicron Kappa Upsilon and received several senior awards.

After graduation, he bought a practice in Tigard, Ore., where he stayed for 35 years, working solely or with associates in the later portion of his career.

Dr. Cain is extremely active in the dental community, having been president of the Washington County Dental Society, a delegate for the Oregon Dental Association, president of the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association and involved in two study clubs. He also served on the Sherwood School Board, chaired the Boy Scouts of America for 10 years, and was president of the Moms and Dads Club.

After retiring from dentistry, Dr. Cain and his wife of 53 years, Darlene, moved to Gaston. He is on the executive committee of the Forest Grove Rotary Club, vice president of the West Tuality Habitat for Humanity and active in raising guide dogs for the blind and people with diabetes.

Dr. Cain volunteers regularly with Medical Teams International on their vans and annually leads a mission to Honduras to care for children who are low income. His most recent trip was this Spring.

The Cains have three children, all of whom are health professionals.

“The door to dentistry opens up so many other opportunities,” said Dr. Cain. “I love this profession.”
**DMD 1951**

*From left: Bob Phillips, Bryant C. Alder, Rupert Fixott, Walter Johnson, Ted Norman, Jack Over*

Six graduates of our class of 1951 celebrated the BIG "60" reunion during the 2011 alumni luncheon. Attending were Bryant A. Alder, Rupert Fixott, Ted Norman, Jack Over, Bob Phillips, and Walter Johnson. According to the alumni records, there are 28 members of our class still shuffling about. We missed seeing our Canadian classmates at the luncheon but we did hear from Allan MacPherson. We also heard from Bill Wescott, Boyd Jacobsen, Colin Dykeman, Bill Geiger and Gordon Bickler. Currently five of us, Haselnus, Norman, Over, Fixott, and Johnson meet weekly for lunch at a local Chinese restaurant together with graduates of other classes. Others are sure welcome to join us. Although the year 2016 is a long way out, we are optimistic that there will be representatives of the greatest class of all, 1951, for our 65th reunion.

– Walter Johnson, D.M.D. ’51

**RDH 1961**

*First Row, left to right: Diane McCallum Walck, Patty Rue Sprague, Diane Rothwell Hawk, Dixie Graves Breazile, Patti Russell Black*

*Second Row, left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, Sharon Sanders Harmon, Marsha McGuire Smith, Ellen Dahlman Bell, Jeri Beeghly Kehne, Joann Scheres Evans, Lynda Sires Ciri, Lois Lindemood Reeder, Jackie Sturgis Cramer, Doris Andrus Creedon*

We celebrated 50 years of dental hygiene, graduating June 8, 1961, from the University of Oregon Dental School. Memories were nothing but positive. It seemed like we were back at the school. (See also, story page 19). Reunions are great and we have met quite a few times, always in Lake Oswego, Ore., at Doris Andrus Creedon’s home. This reunion was wonderful because we had 14 out of 14 attending. Our first get-together was at the Lake Oswego Grill for happy hour. Thirty of us, including husbands, were celebrating. The next day, we drove for lunch to The Allison Inn in Newberg. Next event was appetizers and dinner at Doris’s home. Dean Jack Clinton came and gave an update on the new dental school building plans. A few of the women continued a bit more visiting on Sunday and then continued home. Everyone drove except Lois Lindemood who flew from Alaska with her husband. It was great to rekindle our friendships.

– Doris Creedon, R.D.H. ’61

**What is your favorite dental school memory?**

“Senior class weekend before graduation.”

– Rupert Fixott, D.M.D. ’51

“Forming wonderful friendships. Living with Sharon and Doris!”

– Marsha M. Smith, R.D.H. ’61
RDH Class of 1961 Boasts 100 Percent Attendance at 50th Reunion

It’s not every day that a 50-year reunion for an OHSU School of Dentistry class is attended by every graduate. But that’s exactly what happened in April when the 14 graduates of the RDH Class of 1961 – all more than 70-years-old from six different states – came together in Lake Oswego.

“It just snowballed,” said reunion coordinator Doris (Andrus) Creedon, R.D.H. ’61, from her home one morning at 5:30 a.m. “We kept encouraging everyone to come and Diane (McCallum) Walck, R.D.H. ’61, kept phoning and it just went from there.

“I can’t remember the last time we all got together, but these are the kind of friends that you can just pick up with right where you left off.”

The RDH Class of 1961’s three-day reunion weekend April 29 to May 1 started with Happy Hour at the Lake Oswego Grill with husbands. The following day, lunch was at The Allison Inn in Newberg for the graduates and dinner at Mrs. Creedon’s home. Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, stopped by to talk about the dental school’s move to South Waterfront (see also, stories, page 18) and there was plenty of reminiscing.

“We were a pretty homogeneous group to start with and an all-around good fit with each other,” said Joann (Scheres) Evans, R.D.H. ’61. “We quickly learned that united we stand, divided we fall, and knew if we stuck together we would have a successful two years.”

Space was so limited in the dental hygiene lounge, added Mrs. Creedon, that one “had to get along with everyone” else. “We had to do so much together that once we got connected, we just were,” she said.

Many in the class lived together in small apartments on Marquam Hill. The RDH Class of 1961 was initially 19 women. But by graduation, only 14 were left.

“They were very strict,” said Mrs. Creedon. “We wore long-sleeved dresses, white nylons, white hats and, of course, white shoes. Our hair couldn’t touch our collars.

“The RDH Class of 1961 (from left) Ellen Dahlman Bell, Dixie Graves Breazile, Lois Lindemood Reeder, and Diane McCallum Walck. (Photo 1960 Impressions)

“I can remember walking down those slippery steps on the Hill carefully carrying our white uniforms. If we had any mud on them or they weren’t perfect, we were immediately excused from class.”

Mrs. Creedon recalls having “only two sets of instruments so if you dropped something you were in trouble.” She credits Don Sirianni, D.M.D. ’64, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, for tutoring some of the class in chemistry.

In honor of their 50th reunion, Mrs. Creedon’s daughter screen-printed commemorative tea towels. For the gathering at her home, Mrs. Creedon put on display her typodont and her white dental hygiene hat with the purple stripe (signifying graduation) in its original box. Lois (Lindemood) Reeder, R.D.H. ’61, and her husband, made CDs for everyone with pictures from a number of class events.

Three of the RDH Class of 1961 still practice dental hygiene regularly: Mrs. Creedon, who joins Tim Edvalson, D.M.D. ’81 in his Lake Oswego practice two days a week; Mrs. Evans, who volunteers at Children’s Hospital in Seattle, which is part of the U of W hospital program and Dixie (Graves) Breazile, R.D.H. ’61, who practices one day a week in Hillsboro.

“I’ve done a lot of dental hygiene,” said Mrs. Creedon, who was the first dental hygienist from Canby and grew up helping pack meat for her family’s business. “I wanted an opportunity to help people and working one-on-one with them makes that possible.

“We all enjoyed dental school,” she said. “We knew that the school had high expectations of us, probably one reason we tried to fulfill their goals. The fact that we came to have similar backgrounds is another reason we stayed so close. Memories were positive, the only negative was that 50 years flew by too fast.”

The RDH Class of 1961 (from left) Marsha McGuire Smith, Diane Rothwell, Hawk, Patricia Rue Sprague, and Patricia Russell Black. (Photo 1960 Impressions)

The RDH Class of 1961 (from left) Sharon Sanders Harmon, Joann Scheres Evans, Lynda Sires Ciri, and Jacqueline Sturgis Cramer. (Photo 1960 Impressions)

Doris Andrus Creedon (left) and Jerralyn Beegly Kehne, in dental hygiene uniform, circa 1960. (Photo 1960 Impressions)
2011 Class Reunions

DMD 1961
Front row, left to right: J. Henry Clarke, Lon Carroll, Fred Bennion, Gerry Morrall, Larry Kerr
Second row, left to right: Loren Carter, Owen Smith, Lewis Blue, Ted Peck, Bob Gill
Third row, left to right: Chuck Chehey, Roy Ota, Jim Layport, Jerald Larsen, Bob Faris
Back row, left to right: Don Stoffer, Dorance Hayes, Ray Marion, Gordon Summers, John Godfrey, Dean Masterson, Bill Ensley, Arnold Colwell and Dean Jack Clinton
Dick Lopez not in picture.

The 50-year reunion of the second class that finished all four years at the “new” dental school gathered at the Multnomah Athletic Club where 24 classmates shared their retirement stories. What do we share at this stage of our lives? Ten sons and daughters that have become dentists; the blessings of grandchildren; and the obvious of course: “The ailments we have and what meds we’re taking.” It was a special evening.
– Robert Bowles, D.M.D. ’66

“Opportunity to learn excellent operative techniques and procedures from Dr. Brandon and the freedom to do unlimited extractions. Also elected as student body president.”
– Charles Chehey, D.M.D. ’61

DMD 1966
From Left: Dean Jack Clinton, Ken Small, Mark Simons, Cole Macpherson, Dick Edmiston, Bill Harris, Robert Bowles, Shoun Ishikawa, Tom Walker, Rick Kaufman, Gerry Pervine, Ken Carneiro, Steve Woodyard, Dennis Turner

The outstanding graduating class of 1966 gathered April 9 at the Four Seasons Clubhouse for our 45-year reunion. We enjoyed, in a nice relaxing atmosphere, a barbecue-type dinner consisting of New York steaks, lemon dill salmon, and chicken with a variety of salads, baked potatoes, and a large reunion German Chocolate cake. The casual atmosphere made for a nice evening of reliving our dental school adventures and getting caught up with our current activities.
– Robert Bowles, D.M.D. ’66

“Hearing I had passed my boards and could practice dentistry in Oregon!”
– John Harris, D.M.D. ’66

RDH 1966
Left to right: Patty Bogh, Mary K Eilers, Karla Sylwester, Sharon Smith, Sandie Buchanan, Meri Wilson and Dean Jack Clinton

The Dental Hygiene Class of 1966 celebrated our 45th reunion with dinner at the Chart House. Attending were Patty Bogh, Sandie and Rick Buchanan, Mary K Eilers, Sharon Smith, Karla and Ron Sylwester, and Meri and Dick Wilson. It was a delightful evening sharing memories and catching up with each other’s lives. There was much enthusiasm for a reunion next year and we hope to entice more of you to come!
– Mary K Eilers, R.D.H. ’66

“All the crazy antics we used to play on each other!”
– Peggy Dodey DeLiva, R.D.H. ’66
What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Teamwork. Everyone working together to get through a difficult four years. Many friendships formed for life.”
– Robert Rose, D.M.D. ’71

“Developing a pro bono program for dental treatment of a precocious and deserving fifth grade boy.”
– Carol Moreland-Hayes, R.D.H. ’71

DMD 1971
Front row, left to right: Jay Tuomi, Al Fujii, Roger Wooley, Craig Snyder, Eddie Lew, Mel Bryson, Bill Taylor
Second Row, left to right: Wayne Barichello, Jerry Brouhard, Gordon Empey, Gene Hoge, Brian Crockwell, Mike Potter
Third Row, left to right: Jim Gallagher, Jim Kiley, Tim Eilers
Back Row, left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, Jay Langsdorf, Mike Olin, John Nizic, Tom Erickson, Gary Brooks, Bob Rose, Stan Vermilyea, Jim Stenger, Rod Dunn, Ron Harris, Doug Boyd, Dennis Getch, Norm Beesley, Mike McKeel, John Chirgwin, Dave Gillett, Jim Holmes, Elliott Chin, Dean Nyquist, George Nipp, Michael Bartlett, David Thompson
Not pictured: John Spomer, Bob Thompson, Rick Schmidt

The University of Oregon Dental School class of 1971 has been getting together about every five years since 1981. Five reunions were in Reno and two were cruises, but this was our first reunion in Portland. This year, 42 classmates and 31 spouses gathered at various events during the week of the Oregon Dental Conference. Our reunion included an evening reception, a golf tournament, a “UODS tour” (eerie, being back at the school after 40 years), an aerial tram ride into the dental school’s future, and a spectacular Saturday night banquet at the Portland City Grill overlooking the city lights. We ate, reminisced, and had a lot of laughs. Dentistry has been good to us. Sixty percent of our original graduates are still practicing at least part time and half are still residing in Oregon. We are all part of the OHSU challenge to help bring future generations of dentists into a proud heritage and profession.
– Michael Bartlett, D.M.D. ’71
– Norman Beesley, D.M.D. ’71

RDH 1971
Left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, Karen Berg Scoones, Nancy Anderson Gault, Beth Collings, Joclyn Kirrie Thornburg, Carol Moreland and Nancy Kerron Caine.

Dental Hygiene Class of 1971 met at H50 for their 40th reunion class photo, then walked down on the waterfront for dinner at Harborside. We had a wonderful time getting caught up with each other and shared the photos and stories that were sent from classmates who were unable to attend.
– Joclyn Thornburg, R.D.H. ’71
2011 Class Reunions

DMD 1976

What is your favorite dental school memory?

“Collegiality with classmates. Playing basketball up at the gym. Meeting my wife.”
– Daren Goin, D.M.D. ’76

The OHSU School of Dentistry class of ’76 celebrated 35 years of dentistry with golf at Langdon Farms. The foursome of Drs. Over, Southworth, Hoag and Rosenthal had the lowest overall score. The celebration continued at the Multnomah Athletic Club where classmates shared camaraderie and memories of dental school.
– John Rosenthal, D.M.D. ’76

DMD and RDH 1981

What is your favorite dental school memory?

“There are too many good memories – dorm life, all the friendships, parties with the “delt” dental students, living in Portland, fun in the city, clubbing, river rafting, the Columbia Gorge.”
– Brenda Galentine, R.D.H. ’81

The 1981 dental and dental hygiene classes held a very enjoyable joint 30th reunion at the Bridgeport Brewpub. Forty-six class members and guests attended an evening that was filled with great food and camaraderie. Classmates shared favorite school memories and caught up with current life events over the course of the evening. Despite the more challenging economic climate in the state, the consensus still seemed to be that dentistry has been a wonderful career choice. I want to thank all of our classmates who were able to attend and extend special appreciation to Kris (D.M.D. ’81) and Diane Rice (R.D.H. ’81) who helped make this reunion a great success.
– Jim Smith, D.M.D. ’81
DMD 1986

From left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, Mark Rogers, Steve Scheffel, Jim Abblitt, John Kloucek, Peter Morita

Middle Row, left to right: Doug Retzlaff, post, Tom Bond, Marie Lathrop, Terry Isom, Michael Eubanks

Back Row, left to right: Kendal Horn, post, John Briles, Debbie Miller, John Snyder, Roger Lawrence, Dave Melhaff

The class of 1986 convened a reunion on April 8 at the beautiful Eastmoreland home of Marie and Greg Lathrop. The food was provided by Marie and her local deli and desserts were by Julie Kloucek. Beverages were self-prescribed. A fantastic time was had by all. Holding the record for farthest traveled was Debbie Miller from Alaska; farthest traveling within the contiguous states was Tom Bond from Nyssa/Ontario. This sounds like a challenge Nancy! We all had such a grand time that it was unanimously agreed that we should gather more often. To that end, plans are in the works to recognize the 30th year of our beginning of the great journey of dental school. That affair will be held in September of 2012! Peter Morita has suggested a continuing education lecture and quick tour of the School. Think tax deductible. Jackie Bourdette has volunteered her home, as well as Terry Isom. We are thinking cocktails Friday night, class and tour Saturday and hearty hors d'oeuvres. Mark Rogers is working on an updated email list to make this happen. If you were not contacted by email this spring, please contact Mark at socrogers@juno.com or John Kloucek at jdkdmd@gmail.com

– Mark Rogers, D.M.D. ’86

DMD 1990


Our class had a dinner at the Kennedy School on April 7. We socialized, had dinner together, and then there was a slide show of photos of our class from our years at OHSU. We hope to do it again in 2015 and hope more members of our class will join us.

– Erik Richmond, D.M.D. ’90

DMD 2001

Back Row, left to right: Michelle Graber, Curtis Bedont, Brent Pospisil, Rita Hartley, Parajita Patel, Jodi Dotson, Carol Shelton, Timothy Murphy, Terri Baarstad, Shayne Guffey, James Carey, Adam Zangrillo, Kirk Davidson, Christine Brown

Front Row, left to right: Ben Kang, Don Larson, Jennifer Hoekstra-Datwyler, Fadi Ibsies, Kimberly Carter, Jennifer Gilbert

The DMD Class of 2001 met June 25 for dinner at Oba! with Tim Murphy, D.M.D. ’01, coordinating the get-together.
“Practicing anesthesia upon my husband after one lecture! Being very confident the next day for clinicals, the only time in two years I felt more prepared than the rest of my class of 30 beautiful girls.”
– Donica Awender, R.D.H. ’01

“We had a three-day reunion schedule of events centered around the Oregon Dental Conference. Classmates attended classes anywhere from all three days to none. Each night after classes, we had reservations at different locations around Portland. Our main event was Friday night where we had a private room to accommodate almost all 30 of the graduating 2001 dental hygiene class. The highlight of the evening was the class picture with Dr. Clinton and a picture presentation of our lives over the past 10 years. We had a wonderful weekend and plan to make our next get-together sooner than 10 years. A special thanks to Kama Borne for coordinating the events and Donica Awender for the picture presentation.
– Kama Borne, R.D.H. ’01

“Such a great group of classmates! Always enjoyed hosting the Halloween parties! Doernbecher Starbucks.”
– Corinne Schenk Anderson, D.M.D. ’06

While 2011 may be remembered for many things, i.e., rising gas prices and the tsunami in Japan, for many of us a highlight will be a quaint evening at the Paragon in downtown Portland. There, our class gathered to share laughter, tears, stories of success, and life obstacles overcome. We had a wonderful time together as we learned about lofty goals, cancers conquered, marriages created, and others strained. We found strength in each other as we did so often just a few years ago. We found acceptance and understanding, brother and sisterhood, we found photos of babies and high expectations, and we found Dr. Clinton. He was kind enough to spend a few minutes with us, get us up to speed on the rapid development of our school, and help us with a photo. For those of you not there, we missed you. With each hug exchanged, there were other hugs we would love to have. I have current information on everyone so if you would like to contact a friend, commiserate with a long lost colleague, or just shoot the breeze, give me a call. Special thanks to Aaron for aligning us with Paragon and to Matt, Aaron, and Blair for helping with contact information. We will be in touch and always connected by a few wonderful and challenging years. Thank you, my friends.
– E. Wade Wilde, D.M.D. ’06

2012 Reunion Coordinators Needed!

Reunion coordinators are an integral part of any successful reunion. Coordinators are responsible for getting in touch with classmates and, with the help of the alumni office, organize a great event. Currently, we need coordinators for class years ending in 2’s and 7’s. If you are interested in organizing your next class reunion or would like more information on what reunion planning entails, please contact the alumni office at sdalumni@ohsu.edu or 503 552-0708.
Class of 1951  
**Bryant Alder**, D.M.D. ’51, Portland, Ore., practiced in Portland’s Medical Dental Building for three years, then moved east of the river to practice, returning to the west side of the city in 1978. Dr. Alder and his wife, Afton, have seven children, 32 grandchildren, and 49 great grandchildren. He served almost four years in the U.S. Army during World War II. Dr. Alder is active in the Mormon Church.

**Rupert Fixott**, D.M.D. ’51, Tigard, Ore., spent three years as a naval dentist, 25 years as a pediatric dentist in Los Altos and Sunnyvale, Calif., and then 12 years as a pediatric dentist in Medford, Ore. Another eight years was spent as a “fill-in” in Portland “doing lots of dental hygiene.” Dr. Fixott has two children (his son is a dentist) and two grandchildren.

Class of 1956  

**Gilbert Oliver**, D.M.D. ’56, Walnut Creek, Calif., was in the U.S. Air Force after graduation until 1959 and then completed a periodontal residency at the University of Washington in 1961. He joined the faculty at the University of California, San Francisco, that year until 1985. He has been in private periodontology practice in Pinole for 49 years. He is married to Ann, a registered dental hygienist, and has three children and two stepchildren.

**Jaren Poulson**, D.M.D. ’56, Portland, Ore., attended the School of Dentistry’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in April, hoping to connect with some classmates for a 55-year reunion, to find he was the only one from his class in attendance. Dr. Poulson is hoping more can make it for the 60th class reunion in 2016!

**Gene Sargent**, D.M.D. ’56, Burlington, Wash., was Washington Dentist of the Year in 1989. He is still a member of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. Dr. Sargent and his wife, Charlotte, have four children.

Class of 1961  
**Jackie Cramer**, R.D.H. ’61, Rogue River, Ore., went into private practice and was on the OHSU faculty working at the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center. She has completed a fellowship in Developmental Disabilities Dentistry at the University of Washington. She is married to Jim and they have two children.

**Doranc Hayes**, D.M.D. ’61, Medford, Ore., practiced “40 years and three months and enjoyed every moment.” Dr. Hayes volunteered at a children’s dental clinic for more than 30 years. He and his wife, Sharon, have three children and they have been married 49 years.


Class of 1966  
**Rhoda Cady**, R.D.H. ’66, Irvine, Calif., is still working in a private practice 3.5 days a week. She has two sons and two grandchildren.

**Pete DiGrazia**, D.M.D. ’66, Reno, Nev., is past president of the Nevada Dental Board, Nevada Dental Association, and American Association of Dental Examiners. He is chairman of the Nevada Board of Health. Dr. DiGrazia, and his wife, Susan, have four children and nine grandchildren. He says he has enjoyed many hunting and fishing adventures.

**Peggy Dodey DeLiva**, R.D.H. ’66, Rancho Pablos, Calif., is still working two days a week (“Dental hygiene has been great to me.”) She and her husband, Ralph, have two children and five grandchildren and enjoy “lots” of travel.

Class of 1970  
**Kenneth Stoffers**, D.M.D. ’70, Riverton, Utah, recently retired as clinical associate professor in the department of cariology, restorative sciences and endodontics, University of Michigan, after 17 years. Dr. Stoffers has moved to Utah to be closer to three of his children. He plans to work at a public health dental clinic one day a week and spend two days helping individuals trace their genealogy at the Mormon Family Historical Library.

Class of 1971  
**David Gillett**, D.M.D. ’71, Paradise, Calif., was Local Component Peer Review Chairman for 12 years and held numerous positions on the Northern California Dental Society, from chair to president. He was also a Judicial Council Member of the California Dental Association. Dr. Gillette and his wife, Jane Coote, have three children. He has his private pilot’s license and is on the Butte County Search and Rescue.

Class of 1973  
**John “Jack” Mooney**, D.M.D. ’73, Pocatello, Idaho, received the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Idaho State Dental Association at their July meeting.

Class of 1976  
**Steve Bruce**, D.M.D. ’76, Boise, Idaho, received the 2011 President’s Award at the Idaho State Dental Association meeting in July.

**Joseph Cochran**, D.M.D. ’76, Ashland, Ore., spent six years in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps. He completed a pediatric internship residency at the Ohio State University, the College of Dentistry, and the Children’s Hospital in Columbus. Dr. Cochran is married to Barbara and they have three daughters.

**Jim Tyack**, D.M.D. ’76, Clatskanie, Ore., has been in private practice in Clatskanie for 35 years. In 2001, he opened a second dental office in Astoria. Dr. Tyack still works five days a week and has 32 employees, including three associates. Last year, he was appointed to the Health Services Commission by Oregon Gov. Ted Kulongoski, the first such dentist to receive this honor. He is married to Lisa.

**Vincent Williams**, D.M.D. ’76, Twin Falls, Idaho, entered the U.S. Navy after dental school and spent three years as a general dentist. He completed an oral and maxillofacial surgery residency in Fresno in 1982 and has been in solo private practice since. He and his wife, Fay, have two children and three grandchildren.
Class of 1981
Brenda Galentine, R.D.H. '81, Orange, Calif., has been consistently practicing dental hygiene for 30 years and “still loves it.” She has been at her current office for 20 years with a dentist only three years older than her son. Brenda is married to Stuart and they have one son. She enjoys ballet, Pilates, mountain biking, and swimming.

Class of 1986
Laurie (Wilhelm) Bloch, D.M.D. '86, Las Vegas, Nev., is a Las Vegas Institute clinical instructor and owns a private practice. She has two daughters attending Oregon colleges.

Roger Lawrence, D.M.D. '86, Beaverton, Ore., completed a general practice residency after graduation and then went into private practice. Dr. Lawrence was on the OHSU faculty part-time for 10 years in restorative dentistry. He and his wife, Joanna, have been married 28 years and have three children. Dr. Lawrence has traveled to Mexico to provide dentistry and has lectured on dentistry in Russia.

Class of 1990
David “Sparky” Houpt, D.M.D. '90, Poulson, Wash., was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Dental Reserve in the U.S. Army and received the Navy Achievement Medal three times. He has been active in organized dentistry. He enjoys travel, is an expert rifle and pistol shooter, and has twice run the Boston Marathon.

Class of 1991
Hal Borg, D.M.D. '91, Central Point, Ore., has practiced in Medford his entire career in general dentistry and orthodontics. He has been married to Robin for 24 years and they have four children. Dr. Borg teaches high school tennis and hunts and fishes.

Kim Hoang, D.M.D. '91, Lake Oswego, Ore., said she has had “20 years of a wonderful career in dentistry.” She and her husband, David Pyle, have one son and they love to travel, ski, and scuba dive.

Class of 1996
Marketa Greif David, R.D.H. '96, Portland, Ore., has worked with William Buter, D.M.D. '62, in Gladstone, Ore., since graduation. She is married to Thomas.

Kraig DeLange, D.M.D. '96, Salem, Ore., was in the U.S. Navy for more than three years including one year receiving an advanced education in general dentistry degree. He spent one year in private practice and then joined Permanente Dental Associates. Dr. DeLange is married to LeAnne and they have four children.

Class of 1998
Eric C. Moore, D.M.D. '98, recently became a part-time adjunct assistant professor in restorative dentistry at the OHSU School of Dentistry. Dr. Moore has been on the volunteer faculty since last October. Most recently, he was a general dentist at Willamette Dental Group.

Class of 2001
Marie Andrews, R.D.H. '01, Adair Village, Ore., has been a dental hygienist at Timberhill Dental for the past 10 years. She married Dusty in 2002 and they have two children.

Brent Jackson, D.M.D. '01, Farmington, N.M., was a general practice dentist for the University of New Mexico until 2003 and is now the owner/operator of Farmington Dental Care. He and his wife, Katonna, have two children. Dr. Jackson has completed several missions to Thailand.

Christina Maldonado, D.M.D. '01, Mission Viejo, Calif., completed a pediatric dental residency at UNSOM/Sunrise Children's Hospital and received her board certification in 2006. She and her husband, Todd, have one child. Dr. Maldonado completed an Ironman Triathlon in 2007.

Class of 2002
Kirk Robertson, D.M.D. '02, Flagstaff, Ariz., recently was named an Arizona Dentist of the Year.

Class of 2004
Jessica Robertson, D.M.D. '04, Flagstaff, Ariz., recently was named an Arizona Dentist of the Year.

Class of 2006
Kristine Aadland, D.M.D. '06, Ridgefield, Wash., was first an associate in private practice and then in a group practice. Nearly two years ago, she started her own dental practice. Dr. Aadland started a fitness and nutrition center, volunteered locally and in Honduras with NW Medical Teams, and has traveled extensively.

Corinne Schenk Anderson, D.M.D. '06, Milwaukee, Ore., joined Winston Family Dental until 2008 and then Gentle Dental. She is now with Laurenhurst Dentistry. Dr. Anderson and her husband, Spencer, have two children. She has been recovering from severe Bell's Palsy since 2009.

Luke Murphy, D.M.D. '06, Eagle Point, Ore., practiced at the East Main Dental Center for 2007 as an associate and then purchased a practice in Shady Cove, Ore. Dr. Murphy and wife, Rebecca, have three children, and they enjoy the outdoors of Southern Oregon.

Class of 2008
Elizabeth Palmer, D.M.D. '08, Peds '10, Portland, Ore., has joined the OHSU School of Dentistry faculty as an assistant professor of pediatric dentistry.

In Memoriam

1940s
Richard E. Weiss, D.M.D. '46, Canby, Ore., died June 17.

1950s
James A. Briles, D.M.D. '59, Beaverton, Ore., died May 5, at age 77. Dr. Briles is the father of John N. Briles, D.M.D. '86, Portland, Ore.
Cliff Matson, D.M.D. '56, Junction City, Ore., died May 26, at age 92. Dr. Matson is the father of Karen Matson, R.D.H. '68, Salem, Ore.
Larry Mudrick, D.M.D. '52, Portland, Ore., died June 7.
Russell A. Radke, D.M.D. '57, Clarkston, Wash., died Feb. 28 at age 82.
Bruce L. Turner, D.M.D. '56, Phoenix, Ariz., died March 20 at age 84.

1960s

1970s
David G. Koffler, D.M.D. '77, San Diego, Calif., died July 1.

1980s

Alumni Family
Dental Student is an Ambrose Scholar

Third-year dental student Daniel Walsh has been named a 2011 Paul Ambrose Scholar. Daniel is one of 45 such scholars selected from across the United States. The Paul Ambrose Scholars Program is sponsored by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Health students selected are from a variety of disciplines. As part of the program, Daniel receives a micro-grant for a community-based health promotion/disease prevention research project.

OAGD Sponsors William Howard Competition

New graduate Phil Getsinger, D.M.D. ’11, presenting a patient case with a mix of operative and prosthodontic principles, won the 2011 William Howard Competition. Phil received a check for $1,000 from Scott Hansen, D.M.D. ’87, president of the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD), and Michael Carlascio, D.M.D. ’81, assistant professor of restorative dentistry, for his efforts at the spring OAGD event, which featured three finalists from an initial pool of 12. Phil is now in Medford practicing at a public health clinic. He is married to Melissa and they have a one-year-old daughter.

New Student Research Awards

Summer is the time for new student research grants, and OHSU School of Dentistry students once again proved their ability at obtaining competitively awarded funding.

AADR Fellows

In mid-March, two dental students received prestigious AADR (American Association for Dental Research) fellowships. Only 19 United States dental students received AADR fellowships this year, said John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics.

Second-year dental student Denise Gates will study, “Minimal Bacterial Lesion Dimensions on Molars as Detected by DIAGNOdent (KaVo) and Midwest Caries ID (Dentsply) Technologies,” with Jack Ferracane, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry. Second-year dental student Tian (Annie) Zhu will study “Molecular Mechanisms of BDNF Upregulation In Trigeminal Inflammation” under the guidance of Agnieszka Balkowiec, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences.

Denise and Annie each received a $2,100 stipend and $300 for supplies with $600 upon completion of research and presentation at the AADR.

Global Health

Dental school students also won one of eight Global Health Center Student Travel Scholarships for 2011. Funded for a comparative study of oral health of rural children in Namche Bazaar, Nepal, were second-year dental students Tesha Grangaard, Noor Khaki, and Megan Willis.
DS2 Wins History Award

Third-year dental student Kyle Malloy recently added to OHSU's strong record of winning the MDK Bremner Award, placing second (honorable mention) in the annual contest for United States and Canadian dental students.

Kyle placed second for his paper, “Conradus Victor Schneider and Nathaniel Highmore: Addressing the Confusion Surrounding the Maxillary Sinus Membrane.” Kyle was invited to submit his paper to the Journal of the History of Dentistry for consideration of publication.

Dental Students Get Involved at OHSU

Dental students are getting involved politically, including:

- Fourth-year dental student Charlie Muraki, who recently received the American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence for his advocacy efforts.

- Fourth-year dental student Jesse Hollander, who was recently elected president of the OHSU Student Council Executive Board announced in May. In addition, fourth-year dental student Vijay Patel is one of three vice presidents, second-year dental student Nate Risley is director of communications, and second-year dental student Traci Saito is Web coordinator.

White Coat Ceremony

The OHSU Auditorium was a sea of white on July 15 as 72 second-year dental students received their white coats, signifying entry into the predoctoral clinic. Each dental student was coated by their group leader. Alumni were in abundance for the ceremony. About 20 dental students received their white coat from a dental relative or dental mentor, with nine of those being OHSU legacies. Alumni Association President Barry Taylor, D.M.D. ’95, was on the dais helping to hand out white coats. Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82, coated his nephew, second-year dental student Craig Wright and a second-year dental student he is mentoring, J.J. Ooi. Alumni Association Board Member Connie Masuoka, D.M.D. ’81, was on hand representing the Oregon Section of the American College of Dentists which generously paid for a portion of the white coats.
Research Day Highlights Student Work

It was standing room only at the School’s annual Research Day, held the afternoon of April 22. Nearly 40 student posters were on display, which included 13 projects presented during the Table Clinic at Oregon Dental Conference weekend in mid-April (see page 16).

“Creating a reputable research project is not a requirement of the curriculum at the dental school,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “All of what we are witnessing today has been accomplished because students sought the opportunity to become engaged in research. We have an energy, a vitality, and a commitment to research here and I’m convinced that the way we are going about student research – doing it because we want to do it not because we have to – is what is making us successful.

“As each student works toward graduation, there is an expectation that we will have embedded in you the value that commits you to want to grow for the rest of your dental career,” he added. “I’m convinced that the dental students participating in our growing research program have already gotten the message.”

Research Day posters on display were reviewed by a team of judges. Receiving “Best Pre-doctoral Poster” was third-year dental student Eva Kiezik. First-year endodontology resident Katie Burley, R.D.H. ’02, D.M.D. ’08, received an award for “Best Postdoctoral Poster.”

New Community Rotation in Long Creek

OHSU School of Dentistry recently added Long Creek to its community rotation experiences offered to dental students. A community rotation of at least two weeks is now required for all OHSU School of Dentistry students.

In June, fourth-year dental students Tyler Bendixsen, William Fugere, and Stevenson Smith joined Julia Robirds, D.M.D. ’95, Paul Brent, D.D.S., assistant professor of endodontology (his second time volunteering) and Keith Valachi, D.D.S., for a four-day visit to Long Creek, the second time OHSU dental students have been part of this particular volunteer rotation. (Two dental students also went to Long Creek in 2009).

Long Creek, Ore., with 220 residents, is in the eastern part of the state 40 miles north of John Day and 90 miles south of Pendleton. With no practicing dentists in their town – the closest clinic is in Mitchell, Ore., more than 50 miles away – Long Creek residents look forward to yearly visits to Grant County from the Medical Teams International mobile dental van.

This trip, there were 130 visits during the four days with 82 people receiving care, said Dr. Valachi, St. Helens, Ore., who helps coordinate the Grant County visits. “All went well,” said Dr. Valachi. “Tyler, Stevenson, and Will seemed to get a lot out of the experience and were enjoyable to work with. I think they gained some confidence dealing with so many people in such a short time.”

Tyler said that he gained an appreciation for the access to care available in more populated areas. “Those who received care on the dental vans were very appreciative, even if we were not able to provide optimal treatment in some cases due to lack of resources. I was amazed to see the way the community came together to help each other out. Many of the community members sacrificed their time to allow the dental vans to function effectively. It was a great experience.”

Special Olympics Special Smiles

On July 16, five dental students and four pediatric dentistry residents joined Phyllis Beemsterboer, M.S., Ed.D., Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., and Elizabeth Palmer, D.M.D. ’08, Pedo ’10, at the annual Special Olympics Special Smiles. This year the event was held in Newberg.

“It was the busiest we have been in the nine years I have been coordinating this event,” said Dr. Beemsterboer. “What a great team!” She said 233 athletes were screened and received oral health instructions, with the previous high around 130.

Volunteering at Special Olympics Special Smiles were: fourth-year dental students Kendra Flann, Benjamin Bogdan, and Melissa Jackson; third-year dental students Melissa Hayes and Nicole Grant; first-year pediatric dentistry resident Isabel Simpson; and second-year pediatric dentistry residents Patty Peirano, Michael Melanson, and David Richman-Raphael.
New Associate Dean for Research

David Morton, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, is the School of Dentistry’s new associate dean for research. Tom Shearer, Ph.D., chair of integrative biosciences, who was the inaugural dean for research (1995) retired “on paper” several years ago and is refocusing his energies on the department and his research.

“I’m really excited about taking on this role,” said Dr. Morton. “I’m also a little daunted because these are significant shoes to fill. Hopefully, we can grow the research program to even greater heights, especially when we move to the new building.” Dr. Morton joined OHSU in 1997 and is a basic zoologist who works with fruit flies to study genetics and biochemistry.

Dr. Morton recently received a three-year, $240,000 grant from the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Association. See the August Dental Bites (www.ohsu.edu/sod) for more information.

New Faculty Awards

See the May-August Dental Bites at www.ohsu.edu/sod for more information.

- John Derbyshire, D.D.S., assistant professor of periodontology, received the American Academy of Periodontology’s 2011 Educator Award in recognition of outstanding teaching and mentoring in periodontics at the OHSU School of Dentistry.

- John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biosciences, recently won the Burton C. Borgelt/SCADA Faculty Advisor Award from the International Association of Student Clinicians-American Dental Association.

- Tom Shearer, Ph.D., chair of integrative biosciences, recently received a $50,000 grant from Senju Pharmaceuticals for a data mining project.

- Denice Stewart, D.D.S., M.H.S.A., associate dean of clinical services, recently won the 2011 OHSU Faculty Senate Award for Excellence in Leadership.

- Michael Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor and director of implantology for restorative dentistry, received one of two Faculty Awards at the May 19 OHSU Student Volunteer Recognition and Awards Ceremony.

Appointment for Dr. Smith

Assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS) Julie Ann Smith, D.D.S., M.D., recently was appointed to a four-year term on the Oregon Board of Dentistry. She is the first female OMFS to be on the board.

Faculty Comings and Goings

Juliana da Costa, D.D.S., associate professor, is the new director of the preclinical teaching program in restorative dentistry … Steven Gold, D.D.S., assistant professor of restorative dentistry, is the new Hawthorne group practice leader. Dr. Gold replaces Eric Anderson, D.M.D. ’05, Ph.D., who has moved to Boston with his family for a three-year orthodontics residency at Tufts University … Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H., M.P.A., assistant professor of clinic administration and a 1996 Honorary Alumnus, retired from the Faculty Dental Practice June 30, but is keeping her appointment with the department of community dentistry to continue outreach activities … Larry Irish, D.M.D. ’75, M.S., assistant professor of clinic administration, retired at the end of June … Susan Kay, R.D.H., assistant professor of periodontology, retired at the end of June after 18 years. She and husband, Gordon Empey, are relocating to Morro Bay, Calif. … John Lee, D.D.S., assistant professor and division director of restorative dentistry, retired in June after 10 years at the School … Longtime prosthodontics faculty member Mark Malloy, D.M.D., M.S., was named director of clinical restorative dentistry July 1 … Carmen Pfeifer, D.D.S., Ph.D., has joined the School as an assistant professor in the department of restorative dentistry … Michael Taylor, D.M.D., assistant professor of restorative dentistry, has been appointed director of implantology for restorative dentistry.

Machida Lab Publishes

An OHSU team, led by principal investigator Curtis Machida, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences and pediatric dentistry, has determined that patients with elastomeric (traditional “rubber band” style) orthodontics brackets have similar levels of bacteria as patients wearing self-ligating (gated) orthodontic brackets when examined after one year. This is in contrast to an OHSU pilot study one year ago that determined elastomeric orthodontic bracket patients had significantly higher plaque retention then self-ligating orthodontic bracket wearers after examination at one week and five weeks. The researchers also found in the new study that patients wearing self-ligating orthodontic brackets and elastomeric orthodontic brackets had similar numbers of white-spot lesions. The findings are now online in the summer 2011 issue of Orthodontics: The Art and Practice of Dentofacial Enhancement. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu and click on the July Dental Bites.
New Grant to Study Community Rotations

The department of community dentistry at OHSU recently received a three-year, $142,328 grant from the Kaiser Permanente Northwest Oral Health Initiative. The grant will enable the School to test the feasibility of expanding its community-based education rotations, now required for all graduating seniors, said Eli Schwarz, D.D.S., M.P.H., Ph.D., F.H.K.A.M., F.A.C.D., F.R.A.C.D.S., professor and chair of the department of community dentistry.

“Limited research has been conducted as to whether community-based experiences ultimately motivate graduates to take up employment outside metropolitan and mainstream clinics,” he said. “We intend to build upon our initial success and test our hypothesis that dental graduates can play a role in helping to alleviate the lack of access to dental care among underserved populations.”

Currently, dental students are required to participate in at least one week of community based rotation to graduate. Under the grant, senior dental students from the classes 2012, 2013, and 2014 will be invited to go through a one month rotation instead. Ten students will be chosen annually to work for one month in either the Russell Street Dental Clinic in northeast Portland or the Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center in Hillsboro.

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OHSU Continuing Dental Education Calendar

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Sept. 24
*Common Questions in Restorative Dentistry*  
(Four hours)

Oct. 7
*Digital Dental Photography*  
Mark Donaldson, Pharm.D., and Jason Goodchild, D.M.D.  
(Seven hours)

Oct. 8
*CAOS! Complex Adult Oral Medicine Solutions*  
Mark Donaldson, Pharm.D., and Jason Goodchild, D.M.D.  
(Seven hours)

Oct. 13-18
*Comprehensive Orthodontics for the Family and Pediatric Dentist*  
Howard Friedman, D.D.S.  
(48 hours)

Oct. 15
*Catastrophe Preparedness*  
Frederick G. More, D.D.S., M.S.  
(Three hours)

Oct. 22
*Oral Pathology Update*  
(Six hours)

Oct. 24
*Record Keeping for the Dental Office*  
Stephen Persichetti, D.D.S.  
(Three hours)

Oct. 28-29
*Understanding Your Dental Patient with Significant Medical Disease*  
Bart Johnson, D.D.S.  
(16 hours)

Nov. 4
*8th Annual PROH Conference: Dental Myths and Controversies*  
(Four hours)

Nov. 5
*Incorporating Esthetic Dental Procedures into your Practice*  
Michael Goldfogel, D.D.S.  
(Seven hours)

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2011 Calendar of Events

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        Langdon Farms Golf Course, Aurora, Ore.
        7:45 a.m. shotgun start

Sept. 24  Cantwell Memorial Lecture & Margaret M. Ryan
Dental Hygiene Update – Register Online Now
        OHSU Vey Auditorium • 7 a.m. breakfast; 8 a.m. lecture begins

Oct. 10 to 13  ADA Annual Session – Las Vegas

Oct. 11  Alumni and Friends Reception (see information, right column)
        6 p.m.

Oct. 14  Alumni Association Welcome Dinner for the Class of 2015
        OHSU School of Dentistry, 2nd floor lunchroom • 3 p.m.

Oct. 17 to 20  Annual Fall Phonathon
        OHSU Foundation, 1121 SW Salmon Street • 6 to 9 p.m.
        Volunteers Needed! Call 503 552-0660 to volunteer

Oct. 22  Dean's Gold Circle (by Invitation)
        The Allison Inn & Spa, Newberg, Ore.

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OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Reception in Las Vegas

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