OHSU School of Dentistry Graduates 90 in June

In a newly combined hooding and commencement ceremony, the School of Dentistry graduated 90 individuals in June. Awarded June 18 were 74 doctor of dental medicine degrees and 16 advanced degrees in five specialties.

“Four years ago, we told you that you were going to be the best class to have ever graduated from this school,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “I offer you congratulations because, yes, indeed, you are the best class we’ve ever graduated.

“However … because of the School’s commitment to excellence and continued program improvements, along with the ever growing support of alumni and dental practitioners, I will probably get to tell next year’s class the same thing!”

Sixty-four of the graduates (86 percent) plan to practice general dentistry, including private practice, associate practices, group practices, the military and public health, said Mark Mitchell, M.A., associate dean for student affairs.

Ten graduates from the Class of 2010, or 14 percent, will pursue advanced specialty training at such institutions as University of New Mexico, Idaho State University, and NeighborCare Health Systems.

One graduate, Thomas Clark, D.M.D. ’10, will remain in Oregon for his general practice residency, at the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Hospital.

Due to the combined nature of the ceremony, there were many special guests for the day. OHSU President Joe Robertson, M.D., M.B.A., reminded graduates to stay lifelong learners.

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Fall is a time of new beginnings at the dental school as well as a time to celebrate our past successes. This fall, in addition to 75 bright-eyed new dental students, we have filled key faculty positions, revitalized several education programs, and there are exciting initiatives underway that will further strengthen dental education and patient care in Oregon.

In August 2009, we opened our Pediatric Dental Surgery Service in Doernbecher Children’s Hospital for children who are acutely ill, immunocompromised and/or have special needs, along with transitioning our pediatric dentistry residency program to a hospital-based setting. The clinic has come together even better and made improvements more quickly than we originally thought and all in the first year. Our relationships with OHSU medical specialists inside Doernbecher Hospital Services have been positive and collaborative.

Pre-doctoral clinic patients are enjoying our one-year-old patient reception center, the precursor to the next phase of remodel, a patient electronics record system that was successfully launched in July (see page 28). We had a successful fall accreditation visit, several new dental student scholarships were initiated, evidence-based decision making is changing our culture (see page 24), and we graduated 90 new extremely competent dentists and graduate specialty residents (see page one).

With a relaxation of some of the recent economic restrictions, we have been recruiting for several key faculty positions. We have been 100 percent successful in the department of endodontology with the hiring of Christine Sedgley, M.D.S., M.D.Sc., F.R.A.D.C.S., M.R.A.C.D.S. (Endo), Ph.D., department chair (see Spring 2010 Dental Bites); and Brian Whitten, D.D.S., pre-doctoral curriculum director and Timothy Svec, D.D.S., graduate residency program director (see page 31). The search for the chair of the department of community dentistry is proceeding very well and I am hopeful we will be welcoming the successful candidate before the end of the year. We are attracting outstanding candidates for the open position of graduate residency director for oral and maxillofacial surgery, and will be making an offer soon. Through all of these searches we have seen serious national and world-renowned candidates, all seeking to become part of our tradition of collegiality, energy, and excellence.

Service excellence has been a big initiative at the School and that effort continued this summer with customer service training for dental students, staff, and faculty by a nationally-recognized psychologist (see page 28). The first customer service training pilot is in process with visible strengthening of interpersonal relations among students, staff, and faculty, who daily show our values of caring and service excellence.

We are currently in an “up phase” in our new school planning and this ties in with a Blue Ribbon Panel that was recently appointed by OHSU President Joe Robertson to examine the future of dental education in Oregon (see page 28). As always, there is a lot on the table and we head into fall grateful for what we’ve been able to accomplish so far this year, with an eye toward celebrating our accomplishments during Back-to-School Weekend, Dean’s Gold Circle, and the fall faculty conference.

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New Partnership with ODS

The ODS Companies has joined with the OHSU School of Dentistry to create a new ODS Scholars Program for fourth-year dental students. The ODS Scholars Program will provide the largest scholarship available to OHSU dental students, according to Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, and it will “truly mean something to be an ODS Scholar.” Details of the new agreement were still in the works at press time. Said Dean Clinton, “We look forward to making the first awards before the start of fall term.” Look for more information in the School’s 2009-2010 Annual Report.
Message from the Association President

Since being handed the gavel at the Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon in April (see page 10), I have had the opportunity to attend a number of School of Dentistry and Alumni Association events. It has given me an even stronger feeling about the wonderful family of dentists we share just by being associated with the dental school. I hope you have that feeling, too.

In early June, the Alumni Association sponsored a welcome reception for the fourth-year dental students who were weeks away from graduating. It was a casual, relaxing evening and the dental students brought their significant others, bringing us a little further into their lives as we exchanged pleasantries. The dozen alumni on hand that evening were deployed to talk to the soon-to-be alums about their hopes—and concerns—for their future, both inside and out of dentistry.

At the hooding and commencement June 18, I was lucky enough to view the fourth-year dental students, many of whom I had just met, from the dais. I wanted to let them know that we as OHSU dentists understood what they had been through and that we had not forgotten the challenges of the dental anatomy classes or the simulation lab or the very long hours studying. I let them know that we also had not forgotten that Mount Olympus feeling of having the last unit turned in, being checked out of all departments, and ready to hit the road, not necessarily for the last time, but for the last time as a dental student.

The White Coat ceremony that just occurred in July was another milestone for dental students, this time for the second-years. Watching their eager faces receive those white coats was very meaningful and brought back memories of the first time I stepped into the pre-doctoral clinic, some 17 years ago nervous, yet excited. It really gave me faces to go with the expression “the future of dentistry.”

What I have tried to express to the dental students I have met in the last three months is that, yes, the Alumni Association sponsors a lot of events designed to support them and the 5,600 OHSU dental alumni around the world. But our support isn’t just about sponsoring golf tournaments or continuing education or reunions.

The kind of support I am talking about is less tangible, but even more important. It is the kind of support you receive when you have a difficult patient who stays on your mind and you need someone to talk to about different options. It is the kind of support you receive when someone you know needs a specialist or is moving to a new town and needs a great dentist. And it is the kind of support you can call upon if you just want to talk about your latest trip to Europe or the newest grandchild born. It is about what you will see and read about on the pages in this newsletter, the great times and less-good times shared amongst friends at the recent reunions. No one understands a dentist like another dentist and we are all so lucky to have one another as part of the OHSU School of Dentistry family.

Lillian Harewood, D.M.D. ’95
Alumni Association President

Changes to Alumni Association Board of Directors

Two Alumni Association board members completed their terms of service in April 2010: Stacy Matsuda, R.D.H. ’77, and Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82. Thank you, Stacy and Jim!

Two new board members filling those positions are James Smith, D.M.D. ’81, and Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80, adjunct professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, who is returning to the board after a bylaws-stipulated one year of absence following his previous three-year term.
“The School of Dentistry is an integral and critical part of the university and exemplifies OHSU’s commitment to our mission,” said Dr. Robertson. “I hope that you, today’s graduates, will also embrace this model of integration and live your life as healers, teachers and researchers, for I truly believe through this you will find the greatest reward.”

Charles Wilhoite, chair of the OHSU Board of Directors, also spoke to the Class of 2010 about their decision to attend OHSU. “I have no doubt in my mind that your journey has been challenging,” he said. “You have sacrificed a lot to get where you are. I hope upon completion of this ceremony and, as you begin your professional career, you look back and realize how much you’ve learned and how much you’ve changed as a result of the education you’ve received from OHSU.”

Oregon Dental Association President Rick Asai, D.M.D. ’81, reminded graduates that it is a “privilege to be allowed to treat fellow human beings” and recommended that they utilize organized dentistry – study clubs, local dental societies – to stay connected, confident, and lifelong learners.

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“‘We are your second family,’” said Dr. Harewood. “‘You don’t often get to pick your family, but today you do. Welcome to the family of dental practitioners! We want you to know that the Alumni Association will continue to support you. We want you to stay connected to the Alumni Association and OHSU wherever your journey may take you.”

Dentists and soon-to-be dentists in the assembly recited the dental profession pledge.

Hooding was performed by Dr. Robertson and the group practice leader for which each graduate was assigned. Twenty-five graduates were also hooded by a family member or dentistry mentor. There were 16 OHSU legacies in the Class of 2010 (see page six for photos).

Thirty-two awards were presented to graduates of the Class of 2010. Amanda Tinkle, D.M.D. ’10, received the prestigious Stephen Peglow (D.M.D. ’77) Award for possessing the qualities most desirable in a dentist, including humility, compassion, skill, and sensitivity to patient needs. Eight dental graduates were inducted into the national dental fraternity, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Delta Chapter. Sixteen from the Class of 2010 – 22 percent – received honors or clinical honors.

“Our measure of professionalism is: Would we refer our friends and family to you for their oral health needs?” said Dean Clinton. “I am happy to report that every one of you graduates has demonstrated the elements of appropriate professional behavior.

“You will achieve immediate happiness and fulfillment in dentistry if you will agree to adopt this very simple mission for every day of your practice and that is to continually strive to do everything you can to improve the health for your patients.”

After the hooding and commencement, the Oregon Dental Association and the OHSU School of Dentistry faculty hosted a buffet luncheon on the Mackenzie Hall Lawn.
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Nate Braxmeyer, D.M.D. '10 (right) with wife, Elise Burch, D.M.D. '07.

Colton Charles, D.M.D. '10 (right) with father, Brian Charles, D.M.D. '82.


Cristina Rust, D.M.D. '10 (center) with husband, Brian Rust, D.M.D. '08 (right) and father-in-law Douglas Rust, D.M.D. '80.

Lindsay Brown, D.M.D. '10 (left) with father, Randy Freed, D.M.D. '76.

Paul Clark, D.M.D. '10 (right) with father, P.K. Clark, D.M.D. '89.

Jeremy Montrose, D.M.D. '10 (center) with father, Alan Montrose, D.M.D. '82, and mother, Debbie Montrose, R.D.H. '78.

Adrianne Smith, D.M.D. '10 (left) with father, Ulrich Schockelt, D.M.D. '79.
There were 16 graduates of OHSU School of Dentistry’s five advanced specialty education programs in 2010, including:

**Endodontology**
- Stephen Hansen, D.M.D. ’07
- Sarah Heward, D.M.D. ’00
- Christopher T.K. Siu, D.D.S.

**Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**
- Timothy Osborn, D.D.S., M.D. ’08
- Scott Sklenicka, D.M.D., M.D. ’08

**Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics**
- Tyson Buck, D.M.D. ’07
- Kathryn Clark, D.D.S.
- Holly Grimslid, D.M.D. ’00
- Devan Vest, D.D.S.

**Pediatric Dentistry**
- Emilia Adam, D.M.D.
- Jennifer Milot, D.D.S.
- Aivan Nguyen, D.D.S.
- Elizabeth Palmer, D.M.D. ’08

**Periodontics**
- Thomas Mueller, D.M.D. ’07
- Karen Richards, D.M.D. ’07, B.S. Dental Hygiene ’95
- Duy Anh Tran, D.M.D. ’97

Four of the advanced specialty graduates – Drs. Buck, Clark, Grimslid, and Vest – also received a master of science in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.
Endowment Fund in Honor of Longtime Chair of Pediatric Dentistry

Donations are being accepted for the Dr. Donald R. Porter Endowment Fund, established in memory of Donald Porter, D.D.S., M.S., who chaired the School of Dentistry's pediatric dentistry department for more than 30 years.

Dr. Porter died March 27, 2006, at age 80. The Dr. Donald R. Porter Endowment Fund was endowed at $100,000 by wife Clara, prior to her death in January 2009, and through memorial gifts provided by former students of Dr. Porter, and by major commitments from members of the Porter Endowment Committee, headed by Richard Park, D.M.D. ’98, and Arthur Retzlaff, D.D.S., a 1998 honorary alum.

Dr. Porter joined the dental school in 1953 as an assistant professor and acting pediatric dentistry department head for the University of Oregon dental school (precursor to OHSU). Appointed department head in 1955, Dr. Porter initiated a cleft palate dental clinic for dental students to receive firsthand experience caring for such young patients. Dr. Porter initiated the School's pediatric dentistry residency program in 1957, which graduated more than 100 pediatric dentists until 1993 when the program was closed due to state budget cuts (the program reopened in 2005 thanks to private donations). He co-founded OHSU's first hospital dental service that enabled dental students and residents to work with hospital-based patients who often have more complicated dental needs than those seen in the clinic.

Though Dr. Porter retired from OHSU in 1989 as professor emeritus, he retained strong ties to the dental school and its pediatric dentistry graduates, founding The Oregon Tale, an annual newsletter to highlight the whereabouts of pediatric dentistry residency alums.

Willamette Dental Foundation Grants First Student Scholarships

The first recipients of the newly created Willamette Dental Foundation (WDF) Student Scholarship recently were selected. Cynthia Lehneretz, D.M.D. ’10, and fourth-year dental student Trace Baxter, each received a $10,000 scholarship from WDF. Willamette Dental Foundation has committed $100,000 (see photo, below) to provide two annual scholarships for 2010 through 2014.

Eugene Skourtes, D.M.D. ’68, Portland, Ore., a longtime supporter of the OHSU School of Dentistry, said he initiated the scholarships because of the high cost of dental education.

“I was born in poverty and lived in a number of foster homes, so I really believe in education as a way to succeed,” said Dr. Skourtes, who was at the School recently to meet Cynthia and Trace.

“Dental school was a great opportunity for me. It’s a no-brainer to pay something back to the school that was so good to me.”

Said Trace to Dr. Skourtes, “You are so kind, generous, and amazing. We are so grateful!”

Dr. Skourtes said that he cleaned the medical school’s laundry and worked summer jobs to pay for dental school and support a wife and two children. Still, he said he was $8,000 in debt by the time he left school, and “now for students paying off some of these loans is like buying a house.

“You can’t even work your way through dental school anymore,” he noted.

After dental school, Dr. Skourtes went into the United States Army for two years. Duane Paulson, D.D.S., affiliate professor of pediatric dentistry, introduced him to Gerald Cogan, D.M.D. ’53, who had just founded the first capitated dental plan in Oregon, which ultimately became Willamette Dental. “I thought I’d buy a practice like everyone else,” said Dr. Skourtes, with a laugh. Forty years later, that one Portland office has grown to more than 50 offices throughout the Northwest (Dr. Cogan retired in 1989).

Dr. Skourtes is still practicing dentistry and “working more hours now than ever.

“Most of our Willamette dentists come from OHSU,” he said.

Eugene Skourtes, D.M.D. ’68 (left) presents a $100,000 check to the School for student scholarships on behalf of the Willamette Dental Foundation. With Dr. Skourtes are the first two dental student recipients, Trace Baxter (second from left) and Cynthia Lehneretz, D.M.D. ’10 (third from left), with Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. (Photo Steve Frick)
New Endowed Dental Student Scholarship

George McCully, D.M.D. ’73, remembers his father telling him as a young boy about the importance of making the world a better place. That’s one reason why Dr. McCully and wife, Diane, recently initiated a $50,000 endowed scholarship for the OHSU School of Dentistry.

Beginning fall of 2014, the George and Diane McCully Endowed Scholarship will fund one or two dental students, preferably those fourth-year graduating students who have demonstrated financial need and are ranked in the top 10 percent of their class clinically.

“A few years ago, I took a look at my life and all the opportunities that have been afforded to me and I realized that none of it would have become reality without my entry into the dental profession,” said Dr. McCully. “And that entry was a direct result of having attended the University of Oregon [precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry] Dental School.

After dental school graduation, Dr. McCully was selected as a recipient of a United States Public Health Service, Indian Health Service General Practice Residency at the Gallup Indian Medical Center, in Gallup New, Mexico. Returning to his hometown of Eugene, newly married to Diane, Dr. McCully went into private practice.

He began lecturing in pathology, advanced restorative dentistry, and anatomy in 1987, at such institutions as Lane Community College and the University of Oregon. He has long been heavily involved in a number of study clubs, one of which was the Cosmetic and Adhesive Study Club through the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry, with Harry Albers, D.D.S.

The interaction with Oregon dentists in the Academy of General Dentistry later led to an appointment on the Oregon Board of Dentistry, where he served one year as president. Dr. McCully is currently a grading examiner, team captain, and prosthetic committee chairman for the WREB (Western Regional Examining Board).

These experiences, said Dr. McCully, led him to believe that society is not doing enough to support education. “Our new dentist colleagues are placed in a position of practicing ethically while having to service an ever increasing debt load from their education,” said Dr. McCully. “We are certainly not doing as much as our predecessors in helping to provide an education.”

“I decided that I wanted to give back to the institution that allowed me to be in the position that I enjoy today,” said Dr. McCully. “If I could help a future colleague to focus more on ethical behavior and worry less about financing his or her education, then I wanted to do my part.”

Recipients of the George and Diane McCully Endowed Scholarship will not only possess high ethical behavior and leadership skills, but have an interest in practicing general dentistry, ideally with an emphasis in restorative dentistry, seek continuing education opportunities, and volunteer within the community.

Dr. McCully is a longtime Rotary International member and was on the ski patrol for 35 years at Mt. Hood and Mt. Bachelor. He enjoys singing, sailing, flying, scuba diving, hiking, camping, and woodworking. He and Diane have two children and one grandchild. Dr. McCully is a frequent fundraiser for local organizations and has volunteered his time caring for low income children in Oregon and on missions abroad.

Dr. McCully said he encourages other OHSU dental alums to create similar scholarships for their school. “I would hope that my colleagues would look at the entirety of their lives and, if they are able, return a small part of their success to those institutions that have played a part in their success in life. For me, the dental school at OHSU is one of those institutions.”
More than 180 OHSU School of Dentistry alumni gathered at the Alumni Association’s Annual Meeting and Awards Luncheon on April 10. Reunion classes ending in “0” and “5” were honored. Alumni Association board member Bill Bonniksen, D.M.D. ’75, assistant professor of restorative dentistry (left) shares a laugh with Paul Puffer, D.M.D. ’63 (middle) and Chuck Padbury, D.M.B. ’65. (Photo Dan Carter)

Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80 (left), Bruce Burton, D.M.D. ’80 (second from left), and Jay Lamb, D.M.D. ’80 (right) present Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, with a check for $80,000 on behalf of their class, to create an endowed lectureship for the School. The gift was initiated to mark the class of 1980’s 30-year graduation from dental school. (Photo Dan Carter)

Peter Morita, D.M.D. ’86, associate dean for patient services, who has been on faculty since his dental school graduation more than 25 years ago, received the Faculty Recognition Award. Dr. Morita shared the day with family, including first grandson, Aiden. (Photo Dan Carter)

Former Alumni Association president Jim Alder, D.M.D. ’82 (left) presented a new award in 2010, the Legacy Faculty Award, to (from left) J. Henry Clarke, D.M.D. ’61, professor emeritus of community dentistry, Duane Paulson, D.D.S., affiliate professor of pediatric dentistry, and former dean Louis Terkla, D.M.D. ’52, for their leadership and positive influence for many decades. (Photo Dan Carter)

Fourth-year dental student Jason Walker (right), shown here with Immediate Past President of the Alumni Association David Kreutzer, D.M.D. ’00, was selected by the Class of 2010 to receive the "Go the Extra Mile" award for his outstanding character, commitment to dentistry, and service to the class, school, and community. (Photo Dan Carter)
Representatives from Pacific Continental Bank, Scott Beard (left), Chris Kane (second from left), and Amanda Mombert (far right), presented fourth-year dental student Marisa Sonerholm with a $2,000 scholarship, the first of four such gifts to qualified dental students. “We truly appreciate all that Pacific Continental Bank is doing for us,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. Marisa also received the Ted Green Memorial Award from Sandra McCoy, D.M.D. ’81, R.D.H. ’79, for her essay on what she enjoys about dentistry, which is “combining hard technical skills with soft personal skills.” For her efforts, she received a $500 cash award.

Alumnus of the Year: Kenneth Johnson, D.M.D. ’63

To say that Kenneth Johnson, D.M.D. ’63, keeps busy after retirement is an understatement. When the longtime Corvallis, Ore., dentist retired several years ago after 42 years in private practice, he founded a free dental clinic at the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club where he now volunteers one day a week. Dr. Johnson also regularly enlists local dentists to volunteer at the Boys and Girls Club, and he established an endowment fund at the Benton County Foundation to support the clinic. To date, the Corvallis Boys and Girls Club clinic has screened more than 10,000 Corvallis-area children – a value of $1 million.

“You reach out to people to help them, not for recognition, but for the satisfaction in your tummy and in your heart,” said Dr. Johnson, 72, who received the Alumni Association’s Alumnus of the Year Award for his commitment to dentistry.

Dr. Johnson received a bachelor of science from University of Oregon in 1960. After dental school graduation in 1963, he served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Guam. While there, he was president of the Guam Dental Society.

After military service, Dr. Johnson was visiting a friend in Corvallis and – though the Duck fan had no intention of living in Beaver territory – he bought a Corvallis practice and ended up staying. He has been a Beaver champion ever since, serving as a PAC 10 track official at Oregon State University and an Olympic Trials track official.

Over the years, Dr. Johnson has sat on numerous boards, including the American Academy of Dental Examiners and the Western Regional Examining Board, and is a member of many dental, scientific, and professional organizations. He is a volunteer instructor at Linn-Benton Dental Hygiene Program and was the originator and advisor of a pre-dental course at Oregon State University.

He served as the first dentist on the “Canvasback” Missions ship to the Marshall Islands, spending three-week periods providing dental care to people who had never seen a dentist. Dr. Johnson also has volunteered in the Northwest Medical Teams mobile dental vans in many Oregon communities and with Medical Teams International in Mexico City.

Dr. Johnson initiated a program to care for migrant workers in Benton, Linn, and Marion counties; organized local dentists to participate in a ‘free dental day’ for people needing dental help; and coordinated a Thanksgiving ‘free dental day’ offering free dentistry in his dental office.

In November, Dr. Johnson received the American Red Cross Medical Heroes Award. He has also received the Every Day Hero Award from the Pacific Northwest District of Kiwanis, and the Corvallis First Citizen Award.
Welcome to the Alumni Association
Class of 2010

A few weeks prior to graduation, more than 70 fourth-year dental students and their guests attended a June 5 “Welcome to the Alumni Association” event at the home of Steve, D.M.D. ’80, adjunct associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and Dennel, R.D.H. ’77, Beadnells. This was the fourth year the Alumni Association sponsored the welcome event for the graduating class and that the Beadnells graciously opened up their home.

“The energy was great, people were relaxed and having fun – probably because the WREB (Western Regional Examing Board) was over – and there were a lot of smiles,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64.

Dean Clinton and new Alumni Association President Lillian Harewood, D.M.D. ’95, both spoke at the event. About one dozen board members also were on hand to congratulate the alums-to-be and give them a glimpse of life after dental school.

OHSU Alums in Idaho

School of Dentistry Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, was at the Idaho State Dental Association (ISDA) meeting in early June and touched base with OHSU dental school alums in attendance, including those from Idaho, Washington, and even eastern Oregon. Alums Dean Clinton saw were from many different classes, including Gary LeMarr, D.M.D. ’80, immediate past ISDA president; Jack Bauer, D.M.D. ’77; Mike Shirtcliff, D.M.D. ’69, Pete Nelson, D.M.D. ’74; Mike Potter, D.M.D. ’71; Ted Terry, D.M.D. ’67; Mark Alexander, D.M.D. ’92; Scott Kido, D.M.D. ’82; and Jill Wagers, D.M.D. ’94.

Fellowship Available for OHSU Dental Hygiene Alums

Dental hygiene alums who graduated from OHSU between 1951 and 2003 may apply for the Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Fellowship, which was established to honor Peg Ryan’s legacy as department chair.

Qualifying criteria include acceptance to or being enrolled in a program of study leading to a certificate or degree (bachelors, masters, or doctoral program) recognized by the appropriate state and/or national accreditation certification agency (excludes continuing education courses); actively practicing and/or having been employed in a field of dental hygiene; minimum cumulative dental hygiene grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale; involvement in dental hygiene professional activities; and having an active dental hygiene license.

For eligibility information or to request an application, contact Dana Lillie, M.S., R.D.H. ’79, at (503) 617-9115, or lillied@ohsu.edu.

Alumni Office Changes

Welcome back to Dana Solof, new associate director for university alumni relations, who will be based in the School of Dentistry’s alumni office with Mallory Gordon, administrative coordinator for university alumni relations and development assistant for the School. They join Pat Regan, newly promoted to university alumni relations director and director of development for the dental school.
DMD 1950
Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, John Dickson, Evelyn Strange, Robert Nixon, Robert Siddoway

The Class of 1950 met at Evelyn Strange’s home along the Columbia River. Seven people attended: Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64; John Dickson; Robert Nixon and wife, Jean; Robert Siddoway, and wife, MaryAnn; and myself. We had a lovely dinner and sat for hours laughing and reminiscing, often about old friends who are no longer with us. We missed and toasted those who have left us and those who could not attend. Don Jeannett and wife, Ann, were especially missed as they always worked extra hard to bring this group together. Don passed away last year as well as Evelyn’s husband, Frank. The class of ’50 and their spouses appreciated getting together. Hello to all of you who could not attend. Let us get together next year as at our age, each year is a blessing.
– Evelyn Strange, D.M.D. ’50

DMD 1955

Back row, left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Orville Boyle, Marilyn Stratford, DeVern Pinnock, E. Robert Quinn, Richard Nordquist, Donald Carpenter, John Seal, Richard Nichol, James Creswell, Wallace Teuscher

Front row, left to right: Kenard Adams, Ronald Trotman, William Chetwood, Ben Dooley, George Casterline

The Class of 1955 held their reunion banquet the evening of April 9, at Riverside Golf and Country Club. Fifteen classmates and one dental hygienist were in attendance, most with their spouses. This is about one half of the surviving classmates. The total was 34, which included our honorary classmate, Dr. Keith Claycomb and his wife, Evelyn, and two special guests. Everyone enjoyed great comrades and a marvelous steak and lobster dinner, followed by a reminiscent power point slide show, developed by our lone hygienist, Marilyn (Marla) McMillan Stratford with help from the school alumni office. Musical entertainment was provided by DeVern Pinnock on the banjo and a special selection on the musical saw by Kenard Adams. Very entertaining and very good. Of course plenty of conversation followed. We will gather again, most likely before another five years passes.
– Orville Boyle, D.M.D. ’55

How did you become interested in dentistry?

“Both my father and grandfather were dentists.”

“Through a local dentist in Seaside, Oregon.”
– Ben Dooley, D.M.D. ’55, Fairfield, Calif.
DMD 1960

Back row, left to right: Richard Moffitt, Denis Lyman, Robert Williams, Jarl Gigson, Rudolph Henny

Middle row, left to right: Donald Burk, Jan Dean, Charles Wold, Robert Fry, Chamberlin Neff, Raymond Terhune, Charles Wingard, Alan Frum, Jerrold Bowman, Robert Macy, Barry Hoaglin, Robert Erickson, Martin Arrigotti

Front row, left to right: Dean Jack Clinton D.M.D., ’64, Donald MacDonald, Dale Canfield, Rita Grislis-Seja, James Tallman, Myron Bevans, Michael Rashcko, Jack Adams

Twenty-five members of the Class of 1960 gathered at the Double Tree Hotel for our 50th Reunion. We were the first class to go all four years in the “New Dental School.” It was great to visit with our classmates and swap stories about our experiences in school and the ensuing years. And we’re ready for number 55!

– Chuck Wingard, D.M.D. ’60

“My father planted the seed. He’d say, “If I had my life to live over, I would become a dentist.”

DMD 1965

Back row, left to right: Robert Schini, Gary Miller, Edgar Merzenich, Jr., David McMorine, Richard Peterson, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Jacob Weinberg

Middle row, left to right: David Longtin, James Litchfield, Andrew Jensen, Sr., Donald Pachal, Charles Padbury

Front row, left to right: James Deming, Paul Olson, Riley Allen, William Walgreen, Thomas Zinser

UODS (OHSU Dental School) second floor student lounge was the location of the 45th reunion of the class of 1965, on April 10. The location brought back many memories, good and not so good for the 16 graduates who attended along with six wives/girlfriends. There were some that hadn’t been back to the school in 45 years. Catering our fine meal was Punky Scott from the Bomber Restaurant. We were served Prime Rib/Baked Salmon, which everyone really enjoyed. Ernie Weinberg gave everyone a tour of the clinics and labs. We were amazed at the changes since 1965. Jim Deming presented a video course on a “new” branch of dentistry, necrodontics, which was enjoyed by all. We had lots of laughs, and renewed some old friendships. We’ll see you in 2015.

– Chuck Padbury, D.M.D. ’65

“I had good role models. Dentistry allows many opportunities to succeed.”
– Chuck Padbury, D.M.D. ’65, Beaverton, Ore.

RDH 1955

1st Picture, left to right: School of Dentistry Honorary Alum Cecil Claycomb, Ph.D., and Marilyn McMillan Stratford

2nd Picture, left to right: Doris Bergstrom Codemo, Barbara Richert Koch, Donna Stites Huebner, Barbara Stoakes Cox

We had a wonderful reunion [Editor’s Note: RDH 1955 joined with DMD 1955]. I was the only hygienist attending the reunion in Portland with all of those good looking men, while four of my classmates met in the Bay area to have their own mini celebration. The place cards at the reunion were life-sized photos of our graduation pictures mounted on the end of a paddle which everyone held up for a “before” and “after” group photo. We also had a wonderful CD presentation that celebrated the beauty of the “50s” as well as many photos from the 1955 yearbook. It was a nostalgic moment looking back those 55 years.

– Marilyn Stratford, R.D.H. ’55

“My dentist, Dr. Davis, who also taught at the dental school, encouraged me.”

“My father planted the seed. He’d say, “If I had my life to live over, I would become a dentist.”
**RDH 1965**

**Back row, left to right:** Rebecca Engle, Dorothy Phillips, Susan Carley, Coralie Russell, Jan Young, Kathy Rask, Elaine Deming  
**Front row, left to right:** Venita Reinmuth, Jeannie Fox, Rosemary Park, Jennifer Robertson, Deanne Foster, Kristin Johnson

We had 13 classmates out of 24 attend a lunch at the Chart House. Some came from as far away as Canada. After lunch, we had a tour of the dental school by Dr. Phyllis Beemsterboer, associate dean for academic affairs. We enjoyed sharing our stories and pictures of grandchildren. We still have three dental hygienists working part-time: Deanne Forster, Jan Young and Venita Reinmuth. Deanne is working three days a week for her son, David Wilson, D.M.D. ’98. Elaine Deming’s son, David, graduated from OHSU School of Dentistry in 2008. Jan Young told us about the dental hygiene program at Pacific University. We are sorry that Sharon Attack passed away in November of 2008. We are planning a 50th reunion in Vancouver or Victoria, Canada that Dorothy Phillips would arrange.

– Jennifer Robertson, R.D.H. ’65

**DMD 1970**

**Back row, left to right:** Kim Hurley, Mike Monroe, Robert Schestak, Ronald Pinson, Dennis Wagner, Michael Goger, Wayne Putman, James Scott, Frederick Platt  
**Middle row, left to right:** Thomas Hensler, William Brodie, Gary Genzer, Richard Nevis, William Beeler, Ronald Ostomel, James Clark, Harlan White, Gary Pedersen, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64  
**Front row, left to right:** James Cain, Galen West, Mike McKrill, Steven Westbrook, Roger Smith

The OHSU (UODS for us old timers) Class of 1970 held its 40th reunion on Saturday, April 10, at the Portland home of Mike Monroe. Many thanks to Mike for hosting the event and sharing his home with the rest of us. Twenty five classmates came and we enjoyed reconnecting and remembering old times. Some class members had not seen each other for 40 years. It was great to see everyone and we hope to do it again in 2015.

– Mike McKrill, D.M.D. ’70

**How did you become interested in dentistry?**

“High school career day, and it was recommended by a friend.”

“I respected my family dentist. I liked the independence and lifestyle.”
– Mike Monroe, D.M.D. ’70, Portland, Ore.
How did you become interested in dentistry?

“A family friend was a dentist (orthodontist) and he was a great role model.”
– Steve Rogers, D.M.D. ’75, Bend, Ore.

DMD 1975
Fourth row (Back), left to right: Ken Kisinger, Harry White, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64
Third row, left to right: Don Wheeler, Phil Green, Bill Kuehlthau, Steve Rogers, Steve Baker, Brian Hollander
Second row, left to right: Cliff Bradshaw, Fred Massar, Bill Bonniksen, Ken Blake
First row (Front), left to right: Rich White, Dave Bizeau, Larry Irish, Brian Mitchell, Jim Windell

The Class of 1975 had our 35th reunion banquet at the School on Friday, April 9. Nineteen classmates, eight spouses and one guest attended the very enjoyable evening. Lots of “catching up” was accomplished, drinks in hand, before dinner. Then we all enjoyed a delicious buffet that was provided by Punky Scott, owner of The Bomber Restaurant. Classmate Brian Hollander, who recently returned to the USA (now living in Alaska), conducted a terrific PowerPoint presentation about his life since graduation. He spent 28 years practicing dentistry in Nepal, where he lived with his family and practiced in a wonderful setting. From meeting the Dali Lama to residing in the shadow of Mt. Everest – what an interesting life! His son, Jesse, followed that with his view of life in Asia and also as a second year dental student at OHSU. Delicious desserts followed and now we eagerly anticipate our 40th!
– William Bonniksen, D.M.D. ’75

RDH 1975
Back row, left to right: Wendy Tobin-Shain, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Gale Bochers-Laing, Rebecca Maney, Carol Waagmeester, Trudy Maney, Annie Ward
Front row, left to right: Lee Sergi, Janine Lee-Wong, Marcia Matlick, Veda McAllister

Ten ladies of the 1975 dental hygiene class met at the Newport Seafood Grill on Saturday the 10th of April. We had great fun reconnecting with everyone. Gale Borchers-Laing was there for the first time since we graduated. Seven of the 10 who attended the reunion are still involved with hygiene after all these years! Lee Sergi gets the award for coming the farthest... from Florida. Several of the non-attendees had other commitments on the same night, but would have liked to have been there. Hope we see you all in another five! Thanks for coming,
– Annie Ward, R.D.H. ’75

“A science project in grade school.”
DMD 1980

**Fourth row (Back), left to right:** Ken Logue, Richard Westlund, Moose Harris, Mike Bagaason, John Creager, David Compton, Greg Bigelow

**Third row, left to right:** Cliff Brock, James Johnson, Casey Sayre, Gene Meyerding, Kent Zerr, Mark Alder, Kuhn Marshall, Robert Gherardi, Gary Lemarr, Thomas McGowan, David Burton, Bill Coombs, Robert MaclVeen

**Second row, left to right:** Grace Crary, Jay Lamb, Jane Walpole, Bruce Cronhardt, Bruce Burton, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64

**First row (Front), left to right:** Howard Jarvis, MaryAnn McCormick, Steve Beadnell, Kyle Chock

The class of 1980 held their 30th reunion at the ODS downtown office on the 24th floor. More than 40 members of the class attended. Dennel Beadnell, R.D.H. ’79, worked with caterers to provide outstanding hors d’oeuvres and, with a beautiful Portland skyline view as the backdrop, set up a beautiful evening. Everyone who attended enjoyed outstanding comrades and catching up. One of the best things about getting to the 30-year mark is that you sure appreciate the special bonds you have with your classmates from those challenging and fun years of getting through dental school. You value relationships more as time goes on. We all appreciate the efforts of some of our classmates who came all the way from back East, Hawaii, and New Mexico to be with us.

– Bruce Burton, D.M.D. ’80

**DMD 1985**

**Fourth row (Back), left to right:** Patrick Hagerty, Bruce Austin, Daniel McQuinn, Robert Koch, Brian Mahoney, John Price, Gary Boehne, Roger Dixon

**Third row, left to right:** Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Stanley Bohnstedt, Bradley Johnson, Valerie Foster, Matthew Bourg, Ross Hoevet, Jeffrey Gifford, Carol Klingensmith, Larry Over, Glen Gerdes

**Second row, left to right:** Alice Moffitt, Debra Currey, Sandra Myers, Honored Guest Dr. Arthur C. Brown, Ph.D., Susan Rustvold, Todd Fukuda, Mathew Cater, (Standing) David Thomas, Dennis Macnab

**First row (Front), left to right:** Kenneth McInnis, James Zahrowski, David Renton, Paul Newman, Mark Barnard, Jeffrey Sessions

Our 25th reunion was held downtown at the Portland City Grill with good food, wine, and great friends. The sunset and Portland city lights were a spectacular sight from the 30th floor elevation. Fifty-six (alumni and guests) were in attendance. Dean Jack Clinton was kind to address our class and join in our group photo. Dr. A.C. Brown was recognized as our outstanding dental school instructor [see page 18 for story]. All classmates had their turn at the microphone to share humorous dental school stories and update us on their personal achievements. A great time was had by all and underscored how we all made it through the difficulties of dental school: laughter and each other. Looking forward to our 30th reunion!

– Jim Zahrowski, D.M.D. ’85

**How did you become interested in dentistry?**

“I wanted to improve people’s quality of life.”


“My father was in the dental lab business and I always had a general interest in science.”

– Ross Hoevet, D.M.D. ’85, Clackamas, Ore.
Dr. Brown Honored by Class of 1985

When Arthur Brown, Ph.D., received an invitation to the Class of 1985's reunion in April, the longtime physiology professor had no idea why.

“I was surprised,” admitted the now-professor emeritus of integrative biosciences. “I thought they would be inviting many of their former teachers but I was the only one.”

Instead, Dr. Brown received an award—a clock and an inscribed plaque—for being “an outstanding instructor in physiology who formed the foundation of our careers.” A second inscription on the award reads: “Memories of a great instructor become richer with time.” The class also gave Dr. Brown a copy of the introduction from his first (1981) lecture to them in Physiology 411, along with a photo of Dr. Brown at the blackboard, taken by Susan Rustvold, D.M.D. ’85.

“I had saved a cassette of that first lecture all through dental school because I thought that the introduction was so meaningful and witty,” said Dr. Rustvold. “As I was yearbook editor, I decided to transcribe the tape and asked [Dr. Brown] to pose for the photo for inclusion in the 1985 yearbook. [Dr. Brown] has always been a shining light for me in the dental school faculty. I appreciated [his] encouraging us to be scholars and keep a broad interest in life and culture.”

Added Jim Zahrowski, D.M.D. ’85, who coordinated the 1985 DMD class reunion: “Dr. Brown is one of the dental instructors who touched every member of our class with his wit, knowledge, organization, and attention to detail. All the alumni who attended our 25th reunion felt wonderful admiration to recognize such a great instructor. Those who could not attend expressed sorrow to miss visiting with Dr. Brown again.”

Dr. Brown acknowledged later he was moved by the award. “I enjoy all my students, but this class was special,” said Dr. Brown. “People in basic sciences seldom get feedback from former students after they graduate and enter practice so you don’t know if you’ve made any permanent impact. This is the nicest thing they could have done for me.

“The fact that what I presented to them stayed with them all these years— I was touched,” he said.

Dr. Brown grew up in the Midwest and attended the University of Chicago, receiving a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts and a master’s degree in physics. He received his doctorate in physiology and biophysics from the University of Washington and moved briefly to New York for a teaching position. In 1960, he returned to the northwest as a faculty member in the University of Washington Physiology and Biophysics department.

Seventeen years later, in 1977, Dr. Brown joined OHSU, as professor of physiology for the dental and medical schools, and chair of physiology for the dental school. “I’ve taught virtually every subject in physiology and neuroscience,” he noted. He also wrote the academic transcript system for OHSU, a system used at the dental school until recently, and conducted research, primarily in orofacial pain and the circulation of oral tissues. Dr. Brown became associate dean for academic affairs in 1985, a position that he held until he retired in 1994.

After retirement, Dr. Brown taught overseas in Hong Kong and the Middle East. But he and wife, Margaret (Pam), missed the Northwest and he returned 10 years later to a part-time position at OHSU as well as lecturing at the University of Portland and the University of Washington.

This year, he participated in the oral biology course for advanced education students and the neuroscience section of the supercourse, Integrative Biosciences, for first-year dental students.

“I’m here almost every day,” he said. Dr. Brown updates his Web site, www.acbrown.com, regularly. He was one of the first instructors to use computers and the internet as part of his teaching. “I still teach and I still enjoy it,” he said. He commutes from this Council Crest home on a Segway, and can often be seen speeding up and down Terwilliger and through the halls of the Dental School.

About half of the class of 1985 attended their most recent reunion. “Most are in private practice and a few are academics,” noted Dr. Brown. “But whatever career path they’d taken, it was nice to know that 25 years later they’re really happy with the choices they made as young people in selecting dentistry and were appreciative of what the school has done for them.”

“It was a very touching occasion. The memory of that evening will stay with me always.”
“My mother was a dental hygienist. I worked as a dental technician for 12 years and then decided to become a hygienist. I love working with my hands and people.”
– Cheryl Dallas, R.D.H. ‘90, Buena Park, Calif.

“I worked as a dental assistant for Shoun Ishikawa, D.M.D. ‘66, in the 1980s and he inspired me.”
– Julia Anne Robirds, D.M.D. ‘95, Portland, Ore.

“My uncle graduated [from OHSU School of Dentistry].”
– Joshua Wieland, D.M.D. ‘00, Wilsonville, Ore.

RDH 1990
Back row, left to right: Vicky Jensen, Jennifer Jones-Sala, Beth Finnson, Ty Myers, Wendy Bechtolt.
Front row, left to right: Michele Jewell, Dr. Sue Walker, Robin Cummings.

The dental hygiene class of 1990 celebrated their 20-year class reunion at Amadeus Manor with a beautiful view of the Willamette River. It was wonderful to hear what our classmates had been up to the past few years. Many of our classmates are still working, either full or part-time as hygienists. Both Beth Finnson and Ty Myers have been able to share their knowledge by doing some teaching of dental hygiene. Others have branched out to other health care professions. Sue Walker, D.M.D., has her dental practice in Milwaukie, Ore. Karen Hake, D.M.D., is doing pediatric dentistry in Dallas, Texas. Wendy Bechtolt is enjoying her career as a pharmacist in Banks, Ore. It was also interesting to hear Jennifer Jones-Sala tell us about her experience being a hygienist in Europe. We are so proud of the contribution to public health by our class of 1990. It was great to see everyone healthy and happy in their life’s endeavors.
– Vicky Jensen R.D.H. ‘90

DMD 1995
Back row, left to right: Darin Dichter, Adam Francois, Joel Hopkin, Barry Taylor, Kevin Kwiecien, Lillian Harewood, Stephanie Swyter, Dave Dowsett
Front row, left to right: Chris Bowman, Gregory Goodlin, Julia Robirds, Kristi Dowsett, (standing) Shery Lee, Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ‘64

DMD 2000
Back row, left to right: Mark Builder, Jason McMillan, Scott Dyer, Ron Nielsen, Joshua Wieland, David Willis, Chris Carter, Felix Lee, John Swain, Ryan Blair, Bradley Sievert, Bruce Mitchell
Middle row, left to right: (on one knee) Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, (seating) Lisa Adams, Sara Heward, Jessica Jackson, Sheila Bennett, Inna Shimanovsky, Bicky Tran, Bita Zavari
Front row, left to right: David Cauble, Michael Van Gordon, Kirk Westervelt, Tony Parsley, David Kreutzer
RDH 2000

Back row, left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Alexandra Sannen, Kari Haakenson-King, Autumn Naegle Johnstone, Sara Wilcox, Danielle Kelly Baker, Rebecca Rooney-Witt, Stacy Wetherald Mills, Diane Cannon, Shay Billovits Head Front row, left to right: Lily Mai Wong, Leslie Thurman, Christy Steele, Jamie Pike, Nicole Thompson Bybee, Elizabeth McCord, Julia Gonzales

From Blazers to belly-dancers, the dental hygiene class of 2000 had an amazing 10-year reunion. Sixteen classmates attended the dinner on Saturday, April 10, at the Al-Amir restaurant in downtown Portland. We enjoyed traditional Lebanese food, music, and a belly-dancer ... with a few of us joining in of course! The three-hour reunion was filled with memories, laughter, and getting caught up on everyone’s lives. Former Trail Blazer Jerome Kersey stopped by the restaurant and joined us for a smile and a group photo. Thank you, ladies, for a wonderful celebration!
– Alexa Sannen, R.D.H. ’00

DMD 2005

Sixth row, (back row), left to right: Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, Mackenzie Douglas (Schafer) Jamie White, (baby Dempsey Bray) Brian Bray, Sarah Pitman (Saucy)
Fifth row, left to right: Stephanie Kristophich-White, Matt Hill, Scott Brodie
Fourth row, left to right: Josh Williams, Chris Walker, Lisa Cepek, Holly Okerstrom (Bohman), Mark Eilers, Sam Bobek Third row, left to right: Jeff Foster, Eric Anderson, Matt Jervis, Erin Maruska
Second row, left to right: Charisa Foster, Kristen Smith, Dan Dowdle, Justin Nelson, Chris Loomis
First row, left to right: Matt Aldridge, Tony Ramos, Ryan Mueller, Jarred Thompson, Travis Cochell, Christel Cochell

The class of 2005 celebrated a wonderful reunion at McMenamin’s Kennedy School. A fantastic turnout with 30 classmates, friends, and spouses attending to talk about life since dental school. A resounding thank you went out to Burkhart Dental for their contribution in making the evening a resounding success.
– Brian Bray, D.M.D. ’05

How did you become interested in dentistry?

“I had several family friends growing up that were dentists.”

“How did you become interested in dentistry?”

“I was impressed with the profession because it incorporated science, healthcare, and artistic ability.”
– Stephanie White, D.M.D. ’05, Gearhart, Ore.
1930’s
Arthur Katzky, D.M.D. ’37, died June 3 at age 96.
Richard L. Smith, D.M.D. ’38, died July 6, at age 96.

1940’s
Ralph R. Hill Jr., D.M.D. ’45, died March 25 at age 88.
Clifford J. Hein, D.M.D. ’46, died April 26 at age 88.

1950’s
Elwood J. Hutson, D.M.D. ’55, died in Milwaukie, Ore., March 22 at age 89.
John G. Jensen Jr., D.M.D. ’55, died April 21 in Lincoln Hills, Calif., at age 78.
George McNeil, D.M.D. ’53, died May 31 at age 89. Son Mark, is D.M.D. ’73.

1960’s
William E. Acker, D.M.D. ’63, died March 3 at age 72.
Robert G. “Bob” Dark, D.M.D. ’60, died June 16 at age 83. Son Charles is D.M.D. ’75.
Robert Y. Farnham, D.M.D. ’60, died April 23 at age 75.
John R. George, D.M.D. ’66, died March 10 at age 79.
Marshall K. Miller, D.M.D. ’61, died June 25 at age 75.
John B. Pappin, D.M.D. ’64, died April 2 in Portland, Ore., at age 75.

1990’s
Edward J. Curley, D.M.D. ’90, died on April 8 at age 45. Donations may be made in Dr. Curley’s name to OHSU School of Dentistry Foundation, 1211 S.W. Salmon Street, Suite 200, Portland, Ore., 97205.

2000’s
Christopher C. Harris, D.M.D. ’02, died March 23 at age 36.

Alumni Family
Raymond Arrigotti, brother of Martin Arrigotti, D.M.D. ’60, died May 31.
Frieda Burnside, mother of Robert E. Burnside, D.M.D. ’64, died April 6.
Richard Grace, husband of Karen J. Grace, D.M.D. ’71, died April 8.
Carol Heiman, mother of Randolph Heiman, D.M.D. ’82, died June 16. Husband Floyd, who preceded her in death (1985), was a D.M.D. ’56.
Mike Kersenbrock, husband of Doina P. Kersenbrock, D.M.D. ’91, died May 24.
Ben Westlund, brother of Richard Westlund, D.M.D. ’80, died March 7.

Class of 1950
Alfred Burton, D.M.D. ’50, Ridgefield, Wash., joined the American Academy of Pedodontics in 1967. He said he had “many years of successful help for children’s oral problems and utilization of assistance from associate pedodontic members.” Dr. Burton and wife, Margaret, have five children.

Charles Caley, D.M.D. ’50, Tacoma, Wash., was in the U.S. Army Corps for two years, stationed in Korea for one year, then in private practice for 30 years, retiring in 1982. Dr. Caley is married to Betty and they have three children.

John Dickson, D.M.D. ’50, Cannon Beach, Ore., became a pedodontist and “enjoyed teaching very much.” He is a member of the International College of Dentists and enjoys travel.

Class of 1952
Charles (D.M.D. ’52) and Mary Lou Leveque, Hood River, Ore., recently celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Daughter, Diane Leveque, is class of 1971.

Class of 1955
Keith Brady, D.M.D. ’55, Mesa, Ariz., was in private practice dentistry from 35 years. He and wife, Shirley, have three children, and one grandchild. Dr. Brady is proud of maintaining his single digit handicap in golf for 16 years.

Ben Dooley, D.M.D. ’55, Fairfield, Calif., received a master’s degree in fixed prosthodontics from Marquette University and is a charter member of the American College of Prosthodontists. He had a 30-year career in the United States Air Force Dental Service, retiring in 1980 as a colonel with two commendation medals and The Legion of Merit. Dr. Dooley and wife, Betty, have three children, 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Donna Huebner, R.D.H. ’55, Los Gatos, Calif., just retired two years ago. She and husband, Bob, have three children and five grandchildren, and travel extensively.

Bob Jensen, D.M.D. ’55, Hailey, Idaho, was in private practice for 38 years. He and wife, Punky, have been married 56 years and have five children, four grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.
Class of 1960
Jay Dean, D.M.D. ’60, Meridian, Idaho, was in general practice in Nampa for 41 years. He is married to Jane and they have two children. The Jays enjoy hunting, fishing, backpacking, birdwatching, skiing, gardening, and golf. Dr. Jay is a scout master, sports coach, and is involved with his church.

Robert Fry, D.M.D. ’60, Eagle Point, Ore., was in private practice for 48 years. He is married to Sandra and they had five children (one is deceased). The Frys have taken many trips in the U.S. and Canada and spent 13 “fabulous” years in Alaska.

Class of 1965
Elaine Austin Deming, R.D.H. ’65, Portland, Ore., worked in Kentucky and South Dakota after graduation and returned to Portland in 1970. She has worked off and on since (between children) since 2008. She is married to Jim and has 14 grandchildren. Elaine “still loves to waterskii” and is in a singing group.

Jeanne Fox, R.D.H. ’65, West Linn, Ore., was president of the Oregon Dental Hygienists Association and president of the American Dental Hygienists Association. She was on the staff of the Oregon State Public Health as an educator in preventive dental care. She recently retired from Lane County Community College as an instructor in the dental hygiene department. Husband, Walter, is deceased.

Class of 1970
Mike Monroe, D.M.D. ’70, Portland, Ore., was in a general dentistry practice until 1978 and then completed an orthodontics residency at OHSU. He has been in orthodontics practice since then and was president of the Oregon State Society of Orthodontists in 2000. He has five children and six grandchildren. Dr. Monroe ran a marathon on the Great Wall of China at age 66.

Ron Ostomel, D.M.D. ’70, Moraga, Calif., said he is “still enjoying his full-time general practice” in Pittsburg, Calif. He is married to Adele and they have two children.

Class of 1975
E. Lee Balentine, D.M.D. ’75, Maupin, Ore., was in the U.S. Navy until 1978. He joined Willamette Dental Group for nearly 20 years, and then moved to Maupin and opened a private practice. He is married to Sharon and they have four children.

Hollie Barton, R.D.H. ’75, Portland, Ore., has been a part-time dental hygienist for 34 years. She plays golf, bridge, and gardens. She has been married to Hank for 32 years.

Class of 1980
David Burton, D.M.D. ’80, Portland, Ore., was in private practice general dentistry until 1992 and then attended University of California Los Angeles Dental School for his certificate in prosthodontics. He has been a Lake Oswego prosthodontist since 1994. Dr. Burton is an assistant professor of prosthodontics at OHSU. He is married to Yanin and calls himself a “world wanderer and traveler and photographer.”

Duke Jones, D.M.D. ’80, Salt Lake City, Utah, has been in private practice since graduation. He is editor of the Utah Dental Association magazine. He got married for the first time at age 50, to Yun, and they have three children. Dr. Jones said he has won city softball trophies for 17 straight years.

Class of 1985
Debra Currey, D.M.D. ’85, Gresham, Ore., “likes the technology” of dentistry, including lasers, implants, and digital x-rays. She and husband, Jim Linnehan Jr., have enjoyed cruises to Alaska and the Caribbean. They have one child and one grandchild.

Ross Hoevet, D.M.D. ’85, Clackamas, Ore., is in a general dentistry practice. He is married to Debra, and they have one child.

Brad Johnson, D.M.D. ’85, Bend, Ore., is in private practice. He has completed the Ironman Canada four times and run more than a dozen marathons. He has three children.

Class of 1990
Cheryl Dallas, R.D.H. ’90, Buena Park, Calif., is working four days a work in two different dental offices. She said, “I love my work, especially my patients.”

Class of 1995
Dean Gregson, D.M.D. ’95, Tualatin, Ore., has been practicing in the same location since graduation. He is married to Debbie and has four children.

Julia Anne Robirds, D.M.D. ’95, Portland, Ore., opened her own practice after graduation. She has become fluent in Spanish and has travelled to Mexico several times. Julia and husband, Byron Kelly Colkitt, have built a home in Klickitat, Wash. They have two dogs.

Class of 2000
Bruce Mitchell, D.M.D. ’00, Central Point, Ore., has been in general practice in Medford, Ore., for 10 years. He is married to Jennifer and they have three children. The family enjoys boating, camping, and snow skiing.

Christy Steele, R.D.H. ’00, Lewiston, Idaho, has been in private practice for the past 10 years. She has run two marathons. Christy and husband, Joel, have three children. She became a Christian in 2002 and calls herself a “travel addict.”

Class of 2004
Dustin James, D.M.D. ’04, Pedo ’07, Wilsonville, Ore., recently was mentioned in an Oregonian article as having what he believes is the country’s first dental office built “just for kids 10 and up.”

Class of 2005
David Barry, D.M.D. ’05, Orem, Utah, is in family practice in Orem with his father, with his brother planning to join the practice this summer. Dave has finished several sprint triathlons since school. He and wife, Erika, have five children.

Emanuel Dehelean, D.M.D. ’05, San Antonio, Texas, opened a private practice in 2009. He is married to Sara and has two children.

Erin Maruska, D.M.D. ’05, Surprise, Ariz., is married to Andy.

Specialty Graduates
Doug Ferris, D.M.D., Endo ’03, recently was admitted to the American College of Diplomates after having successfully completed the board certification process.

Dale Rhoney, D.D.S., Ortho ’75, Lake Oswego, Ore., and wife, Kay, recently left Oregon for Ansbach, Germany, where Dr. Rhoney accepted a one-year position as a U.S. Army orthodontist at a base in that city.
Student Spotlight

Pathology Honor for McLean

Fourth-year dental student Anne McLean has always loved puzzles. That’s one reason why the Portland, Ore. native plans to pursue oral pathology as a dentistry specialty. Anne is off to a good start on this path (no pun intended), having recently won a prestigious $1,000 award to travel to Tucson and present her research at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) in mid-May. Anne’s award was one of only three such awards bestowed nationally.

“Oral pathologists are specially-trained detectives,” said Anne. “Each patient biopsy tissue slide has several features that are clues that aid in the search for the right diagnosis. I love the fact that, as an oral pathologist, I will have so many opportunities, such as running a biopsy service, seeing patients, and teaching.”

Anne credits Cindy Kleinegger, D.D.S., M.S., associate professor of pathology and radiology; Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S., M.S. associate professor of pathology and radiology; and F. James Kratovich, D.D.S., associate professor and chair of pathology and radiology, for inspiring her oral pathology interest. “They are all intelligent and interesting people and they have been responsible for all of our lecture courses in general and oral pathology.”

Anne attended Willamette University in Salem, receiving a bachelor of science in biology, with chemistry, Spanish, and music minors. She selected OHSU “because of its very good clinical reputation” and so that she could live with her family for the first few years of school.

At the AAOMP meeting Anne presented the first known case of bilateral calcifying odontogenic tumors (CEOT) of the mandible. “Most dental students learn about CEOT in a very basic way, but Anne delved into the literature and became an expert on this rare lesion”, said Dr. Kleinegger. “She presented the case report and review of the literature to an enormous room full of oral pathologists and did a fantastic job. She made us very proud!” Anne was the only dental student to give an oral presentation at the meeting.

In Tucson, Anne met oral pathologists from all around the country, including the directors of the oral pathology graduate programs. “They all know Anne now and were very impressed by her. This is going to make a big difference when she applies for residencies,” said Dr. Kleinegger. “She was also able to spend time with current residents and learn more about what training in oral pathology is all about.”

2010 William Howard Competition Sponsored by Artisan Dental Labs

Sixteen third- and fourth-year dental students recently participated in the annual William Howard competition, with the top three students presenting their cases at the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD) meeting at the Multnomah Athletic Club. The Williams Howard competition was supported by Artisan Dental Laboratories.

First place this year was Aron Geelan, a 2010 doctor of dental medicine graduate, who won $1,000 from the OAGD for his case, which involved opening the vertical dimension of occlusion. Aron’s mentors were Thomas Walker, D.M.D. ’66, assistant professor of operative dentistry, and David Burton, D.M.D. ’80, assistant professor of prosthodontics. A Tigard, Ore., native, Aron is married and hopes to practice dentistry in Portland after graduation.

Second-place in the competition was third-year dental student Jacob Morrow, with Drs. Robert Myall, M.D., professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery, and Michael Carlascio, D.M.D. ’81, assistant professor of operative dentistry, as mentors. Jacob won $750 from the OAGD. Fourth-year dental student Jason Yole won third place and received $500 from the OAGD. Jason’s mentor was William “Bill” Bonnksen, D.M.D. ’75, assistant professor of restorative dentistry.

The William Howard competition enables dental students to demonstrate their knowledge by presenting a patient case, including a comprehensive examination; photographs; treatment planning; treatment outcomes; and supporting references. The 15-minute case presentations were judged on quality, completeness, and students’ ability to communicate concepts clearly.

Artisan Dental Laboratories recently presented the School with a $1,000 check to support the 2011 William Howard competition.
Dental Student Research on the Rise

It has been a busy – and successful – few months for dental student research, with a half dozen student fellowships announced, the (ODA) Oregon-Dental Association-sponsored Table Clinic, School of Dentistry Research Day, and an all-OHSU Student Research Forum.

“The R25 grant we received almost two years ago from the National Institutes of Health to promote critical thinking and evidence-based decision making is beginning to create a rather dramatic cultural shift in the way dental education is being taught and expectations in how people become dentists,” said Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64. “I’m very excited about what’s happening because I’m convinced we’re raising the bar significantly and substantially with all the research we’re doing.”

AADR Awards

Three OHSU dental students won AADR (American Associate for Dental Research) Fellowships in March, prestigious awards that were given to only 22 United States dental students nationally this year. OHSU was second only to University of Michigan in the number of student research fellowships granted in 2010, beating out Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Baylor College of Dentistry, and University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Second-year dental student Iraj Kasimi was selected for, “Mutans streptococci isolates in caries-active children: Use of arbitrarily-primed polymerase chain reaction in the development of genetic fingerprints,” with Curtis Machida, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences, as his mentor. 3M Dental Products is his sponsor.

Second-year dental student Clark Brinton will study, “The effect of chlorhexidine-loaded bioactive glass on inhibition of streptococcus mutans bacteria colony proliferation,” with John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, as mentor. Clark’s sponsor is Colgate-Palmolive.

Third-year dental student Alex Vo is also mentored by Dr. Machida and his project, sponsored by donations from AADR sections and IADR groups, is “Xylitol-resistant oral microorganisms in caries-active children: Human pathogen microarrays and arbitrarily-primed polymerase chain reaction.”

Each dental student receives a $2,100 stipend for dental research. Upon completion of their research and its presentation at an AADR annual meeting, each student will receive another $600. Mentors are given an additional $300 for supplies.

Permanente Dental Associates Gives Awards

Five OHSU dental students pursuing advanced specialty programs after graduation recently were selected to receive $500 awards from Permanente Dental Associates. Felix Lee, D.M.D. ’00 (left) presented awards in June to (from left) Paul Clark, Jacob Christensen, David Garlock, and Jeremiah Leary, with Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, looking on. Shephard DeLong also received an award, but was unable to make the picture (see page six). The students were selected for their grade point average, class rank, leadership, initiative, and self-motivation. (Photo Richard York).

Summer OCTRI/OSLER Awards

Five second-year dental students have received summer 2010 research awards. Receiving OCTRI (Oregon Clinical and Translational Research) awards are: Natalya Ramsay, whose project is “Bioactive Glass as a Carrier for Growth Factors for Periodontal Regeneration,” with Cynthia Scheines, D.D.S., Ph.D., associate professor of periodontology, and John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, as mentors; and Tyler Schaffeld, whose project is “Emergence of Cariogenic Mutans Streptococci Following Caries Preventive Therapy,” with Curtis Machida, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences.

Receiving short-term (12 week) OSLER (Oregon Students Learn and Experience Research) awards are: Daniel Cho, whose project is “Bone Graft Material to Revolutionize Tissue Regeneration,” with Dr. Mitchell as mentor; and Iraj Kasimi, whose project is “Mutans Streptococci Isolates in Caries-Active Children: Use of Arbitrarily-Primed Polymerase Chain Reaction in the Development of Genetic Fingerprints,” with Dr. Machida as mentor. In accepting the OSLER award, Iraj declined his American Association for Dental Research award for the same project. Each OSLER winner receives $5,000 for study and research support.

The Dean’s Summer Research Fellowship is funded through the School’s R25 grant and Eva Kiezik was selected to study “Optimization of Titanium Surface Micro-Scale Topography for Osteoblast Adhesion and Retention,” with Mike Danilchik, Ph.D., professor of integrative biosciences.
Research Day

About 70 people attended the School’s second annual Research Day at the end of April, with special guest Oregon Dental Association President Rick Asai, D.M.D. ’81. There were 35 posters displayed for Research Day, from faculty, staff, and students. Dean Clinton credited Ron Sakaguchi, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., M.B.A., professor and associate dean for technology and innovation, who obtained the R25 grant, and John Mitchell, Ph.D., associate professor of biomaterials and biomechanics, who guides the Dental Student Research Group, for the increased interest in research. “There is true value to practicing dentists to have had experiences in research activity and that is happening at the School,” said Dean Clinton.

All-Hill Student Research Forum

At a May All-OHSU Student Research Forum, two dental students were honored. Third-year dental student Todd Groesbeck won first place in the oral presentation category for physiology, and won a $300 cash prize. Second-year dental student Kyle Malloy was one of 10 poster presentation winners and received a $200 cash prize.

Student Table Clinic

The winners of the annual Table Clinic, held during Oregon Dental Conference weekend, were announced on Research Day. The winners were:

- Second-year dental student Kyle Malloy, who won first place and received $500 from the ODA and a trip to the national American Dental Association conference in October, sponsored by DENTSPLY.
- Second-year dental student Jill Pollard, who teamed with third-year dental student Anne Adams-Belusko (who was unable to present) for second place. They received a $500 check from the ODA.
- Second-year dental student Clark Brinton who placed third and received $500 from the ODA.
- Fourth-year dental student Dan Miller, who was fourth and received $200 from the Alumni Association.
- Third-year dental student Jason Schultz, who was fifth and received $150 from the Dean’s Office.
- Third-year dental students Steve Jackson and Alex Vo, were sixth, receiving $100 from the Alumni Association.
- Fourth-year dental student Kelly Andrews was seventh and he received $50 from the Dean’s office.
- Second-year dental student Andrew Peterson (eighth), second-year dental student Iraj Kasimi (ninth), and third-year dental student Phil Han (tenth) each received a set of scrubs for competing.

Second-year dental student Alexander Ness receives his white coat from mentor Dennis Nicola, D.D.S. (right). Dr. Nicola’s daughter, Stephanie, also is a second-year dental student. The Class of 2013 received their personalized white coats – signifying entry into the pre-doctoral clinic – on July 16. Four of the second-year dental students are OHSU legacies. (Photo Steve Frick)

Third-year dental student Richard Barrett discusses his project at the School’s Research Day. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

First place Table Clinic winner Kyle Malloy (left), with Oregon Dental Association President Rickland Asai, D.M.D. ’81 (center), and proud dad, Charles Malloy, D.M.D., assistant professor of prosthodontics. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)
Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64: Leading the School of Dentistry into its Next Phase of Growth

It was never a goal for School of Dentistry Dean Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64, to become dean. But after being asked to take the helm in early 2004, after a successful six months as interim dean, he acquiesced.

“Professionally, I had done what I wanted to do,” said Dean Clinton, the eighth dean of the 111-year-old School. “But after thinking about it and talking with others, I decided to help lead the school into its next phase of growth.”

Recently capping 46-years of successful dentistry and entering his seventh year as Dean, Dr. Clinton continues to strive for excellence. This October during the International College of Dentistry’s (ICD) annual meeting in Orlando, Dean Clinton will become president of the United States Section of the ICD, an honor bestowed previously on only two Oregon dentists – Jack Collings, D.M.D. ’49 (1981) and Lon Carroll, D.M.D. ’61 (1993).

“I feel good about the opportunity to help revitalize the U.S.A. section of the ICD,” said Dean Clinton, who was inducted as an ICD fellow in 1991. “Our goal for the next few years is to reform the philanthropic foundation for the U.S.A. section, building upon an endowment that has been created for special projects.” The ICD’s mission is to advance dentistry and dental health worldwide. There are 15 sections, of which the U.S.A. section is one.

Dean Clinton grew up in Lakeview in south central Oregon, the oldest of three children. His father, Jack, was a painter and day laborer, attending school through seventh grade. Mother, Lorina, graduated from high school and was fierce about her children joining every activity that presented.

“My background in Lakeview is the reason I’ve been able to do what I’m doing,” said Dr. Clinton. “It’s why I have so much interest for every dental student to have professional experience in a rural setting.”

In grade school, Dr. Clinton joined the Boy Scouts. He said his Boy Scout leader was a dentist and “he seemed decent and happy so by fifth grade I got more interested in dentistry as a career due to the Scout leader responding to my questions about being a dentist.”

“I never really considered anything else,” he said. “I liked dentistry and it seemed like something I could do. It was a good way of being involved with people and helping them.” Dean Clinton went to the University of Oregon on scholarship, taking three years of pre-dental courses (which gave him enough credits to receive a bachelor of science after his first year of dental school). He began dental school in 1960, living during his first year in a dormitory owned by a dental fraternity on S.W. Gibbs.

“Dental school was not easy, but it wasn’t difficult,” said Dr. Clinton. “Basic science courses were challenging and I hadn’t figured out how important they were because I was too anxious to get to what I thought was the good part – seeing patients in the clinic. I spent more time than I should have my first year in non-dental school activities.”

When in high school, the Dean had met “the prettiest girl in town,” Mary Sullaway, and by the time Dr. Clinton left for Portland to attend dental school, they were engaged. Married in 1961, Mary left college and worked for the United States Forest Service (USFS) to help pay for dental school. During the summers, Dean Clinton worked in the USFS’s fire warehouse prepping firefighting equipment.

“We always say that the U.S. Forest Service put us through dental school,” he said, with a laugh. Classmate Norm Davis, D.M.D. ’64, also helped Dean Clinton get a weekend job at the Oregonian tallying sports scores received over the telephone. “The Clintons and Davises spent hundreds of hours together being poor dental students, eating macaroni and cheese and playing cards,” he said.

On a tight budget, the Dean decided an “association was the way to go” post-graduation. The day he received his dental license, he joined Joseph Morris, D.M.D. ’49, at his private practice on Northeast 33rd Avenue. But when patients dwindled, Dr. Morris suggested Dean Clinton talk about teaching with Kenneth Cantwell, D.M.D. ’43, then chair of the dental school’s operative dentistry department. Dr. Clinton soon began assisting in the preclinical operative lab two days a week.

Four years later, because Dr. Morris’ practice was now busier, the Dean was preparing to buy into the practice, when Lou Terkla, D.M.D. ’52, asked Dr. Clinton to take the place of a departing full-time faculty member.

“I really enjoyed teaching and decided to try it on a trial basis,” he said. “I figured I could always go back and practice.” Dean Clinton taught at the University of Oregon Dental School (the precursor to OHSU School of Dentistry) during the day and worked in Dr. Morris’ private practice evenings and weekends. After a year, he decided to begin phasing out of
private practice. In 1968, Dr. Clinton became director of the Dental Auxiliary Utilization (DAU) program, the youngest unit administrator at the School during that time.

Observing the creativity and innovations of Dr. Cantwell and local engineers Norm Williams and Ken Austin, Dean Clinton became increasingly interested in the new air-driven dental handpieces and dental operatory equipment. The Dean's first administrative assignment at the school was to direct the nationally-funded DAU education grant designed to teach dental students four-handed dentistry. Along with Dr. Cantwell, he became the school's liaison with a local furniture company that led to the development of the Relaxadent dental patient chair. They were also consultants and field testers for the Williams Air Orbit handpiece and the dental school became the first in the country to adopt this revolutionary handpiece for the student issue.

During the same time, the dental chair and the air bearing handpiece were evolving. Ken Austin was working on the revolution surrounding the dental unit miniaturization using air controls and ergonomically locating the dental instrument controls and delivery system for improved efficient patient care. The collaboration and work of these Portland-area people was instrumental in launching the evolution in contemporary dental operatory design and function based upon efficiency, principles, and ergonomics.

Over the past 30 years, Dr. Clinton has held a variety of administrative roles, including acting associate dean of clinical affairs (1982), assistant dean for clinical management (1983 to 1989), associate dean for patient services (1989 to 1995), associate dean for clinical affairs (1995 to 2002), and executive associate dean (2002), prior to becoming interim dean in 2003, and then dean.

"Restorative materials have changed over the years, so some of dentistry is different from when I started," he said. "I have an idea that by the time I leave, the way we deliver our curriculum and lectures will be moving radically in a non-linear direction." Dean Clinton said today's dental students are generally more prepared academically, but enter school younger, so have fewer life experiences than those in his generation, one reason why leadership, professionalism, service excellence, and community outreach are being emphasized to dental students and integrated into all parts of the curriculum.

"I believe in this school and I am adamant that our role as a dental school is to create dentists, not graduates," he said. "What's driven me as dean is looking at what and how we teach and how important what we teach is to being a dentist.

"Over the last few years, I think we've improved a whole bunch in the curriculum and our strategies for teaching and we're better at helping prepare dental students to address the oral health needs of society. I think we've strengthened the value of behavior and caring and service to all.

"We're openly seeking and participating in interprofessional learning with other OHSU schools and we've continued to grow there," he said. "Our dental faculty and students have a much stronger presence on the OHSU campus. Our relationships with the Oregon Dental Association and associated businesses of dentistry, such as The ODS Companies, remain strong. The administrative leadership at the school is stronger and more cohesive than ever before. And we've definitely improved our performance in student-directed research, especially clinical research."

Outside the dental school, the dean enjoys his family: Mary; daughter, Susan; son, John, and three grandchildren. Dr. Clinton and Mary recently downsized to a smaller home in Tigard.

He has been active in the School's Alumni Association, having been president from 1979-80. He received the Alumnus of the Year Award in 2001.

“When I assumed the deanship, I figured I’d last two to three years, though I never targeted an end date,” he said. “And I still don’t have an end date in mind.”

OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association
Back to School Weekend
September 24-25

2010 Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament
Friday, September 24
Langdon Farms Golf Club - Aurora, Oregon
6:45 a.m. registration
7:45 a.m. shotgun start
Four-person scramble and awards luncheon
Deadline to register is September 10.

Cantwell Memorial Lecture and Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update
Saturday, September 25
OHSU Vey Auditorium
(Doernbecher Children’s Hospital, 11th Floor)
“Medical Emergencies” by Steven Beadnell, D.M.D. ’80
(Four credit hours)
7 a.m. Breakfast and Registration
8 a.m. Course Begins

Register Online Today, www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni
Blue Ribbon Panel to Examine State’s Dental Education

A Blue Ribbon panel was recently appointed by OHSU President Joe Robertson to chart Oregon’s future course of dental education. The panel’s recommendations are expected by this fall. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the July 2010 Dental Bites.

OHSU Continuing Dental Education Calendar

The following are courses available this spring. For information, please call (503) 494-8857, or go to www.ohsu.edu/sod/continuinged. Ask about early registration fees.

Oct. 1 and 2
Understanding Your Dental Patient with Significant Medical Disease: Part I – Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Hematopletic (16 hours)
Barton S. Johnson, D.D.S.

Oct. 6
Pit and Fissure Sealants (six hours)
Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H.

Oct. 14
Enhancing Patient Care Using Evidenced Based Dentistry (two hours)
Mary Ann Haisch, R.D.H.

Oct. 18 to 23
Comprehensive Orthodontics for the Family and Pediatric Dentist (48 hours)
Howard D. Friedman, D.D.S.

Oct. 25
Record Keeping for the Dental Office (three hours)
Stephen Persichetti, D.D.S.

Nov. 6
Incorporating Esthetic Dental Procedures into Your Practice (seven hours)
Michael Goldfogel, D.D.S.

Nov. 13
Oral Surgery Issues for the General Dental Practice (four hours)
Steven Beadnell, D.M.D. and Brett Ueeck, D.M.D.
Analgesics (three hours)
John R. Smith, Ph.D.

Implant Therapy for the Contemporary Clinician: Enhancing Success in the Aesthetic Zone (three hours)
Sam El-Ebrashi, B.D.S.

Service Excellence Training Underway

The School’s ACE (Action Committee for Excellence) initiated service excellence training in mid-May to further its mission of creating a culture of compassionate care and improved knowledge and health for all. Twelve participants – dental students, staff, and faculty – “who would give good feedback on how to further tailor the program” were nominated by ACE for the first round of training, said Ben Bernstein, Ph.D., affiliate assistant professor of community dentistry, an ACE member and training facilitator. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the June 2010 Dental Bites.

Predoctoral Clinic Goes Paperless

The School of Dentistry’s long-awaited move to electronic patient dental records came to fruition in July. The new paperless system is the next phase of the School’s utilization of technology in patient care and dental education. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the August 2010 Dental Bites.

New Web Site for Community Dentistry

The department of Community Dentistry is pleased to announce that they have a new Web site. The link is http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/education/schools/school-of-dentistry/about/academic-departments/community-dentistry/index.cfm.
Eric Anderson, D.M.D. ’05 is the kind of young faculty member that any university would love to recruit. In his last year of dental school, he was student body president, on the Oregon Dental Association board of trustees, active in community outreach, achieved high honors and clinical honors, and, at graduation, received the School’s prestigious Stephen Peglow Award for integrity and compassion.

“I had always been interested in teaching,” said Dr. Anderson, 33, who joined the faculty immediately after graduation and has led the Hawthorne group since the pre-doctoral clinic transitioned to a group practice structure in 2007. “I told Dr. (Charles) Malloy, D.D.S. (director and assistant professor of prosthodontics), that I wanted to teach when we were meeting one day and the Dean (Jack Clinton, D.M.D. ’64) happened by. It ended up being a three-hour lunch.”

Dr. Anderson grew up in LaGrande, Ore., the fourth son of six boys. His father taught marketing and promotional strategies and the family spent a year in New Zealand while his father was on sabbatical.

During high school, Dr. Anderson was selected for the School of Dentistry’s Dental Careers Institute, a one-week series of lectures and activities (discontinued in early 2000) to interest young people in dentistry. “I came and stayed in the dorms [on Upper Campus Drive; now closed] and that was it — I decided to be a dentist,” he said. He received his bachelor of science in human biology from Brigham Young University.

For dental school, OHSU appealed, in part, because it was “more difficult” than other schools he investigated, said Dr. Anderson. “I thought it would be good in the end,” he said. “Some dental schools don’t require lab work and I thought that would be beneficial.”

Dr. Anderson likes the group practice structure for the added mentoring and teamwork dental students experience. “The dental school provides a great starting point for a career in dentistry,” he said. “I think it’s important for students to learn to make their own clinical decisions. I like to let them decide upon their own patient treatment plans and then I let them know if I disagree and they need to go in another direction.

“I also try to talk to students about giving back, doing service, and participating in other activities that give you a well-rounded perspective in life.”

For the past two years, Dr. Anderson has joined Wide Open Humanitarian on missions to Guatemala, providing oral care. He recently spent 10 days caring for 1,000 people in remote villages eight-to-10 hour bus rides from Guatemala City.

“They had never seen a dentist,” said Dr. Anderson. “It was really fulfilling.”

Dr. Anderson also likes quilting, baking, mountain climbing (this summer he’s heading up Mt. Hood and Mt. St. Helens) and photography. Recently, one of his photos — of the Newport Bay bridge — received Honorable Mention in an Oregonian photo contest that garnered 4,000 entries.

Lynn Whitley, D.M.D. ’89, R.N., really wanted to work at the OHSU School of Dentistry.

“For more than two years, I used to get up at 4:30 a.m. four days a week to drive here from the gorge,” said the Sellwood group leader and assistant professor of operative dentistry. “Then I would get back to the Gorge area by 7:30 p.m. every night and get up the next morning and do it all over again.”

“I love it here at the dental school,” said Dr. Whitley, who recently bought a condominium on South Waterfront to shorten her commutes. “Dentistry has been good to me.”

Dr. Whitley, 49, said her childhood dream was to become...
a dental hygienist. “My mother was dental phobic, but she didn't want her fear passed on. I remember going to the dentist and loving the dentist and the dental hygienist, how clean everything was, and all of the instruments.”

But while at the University of Utah, a friend persuaded Dr. Whitley to try nursing instead and Dr. Whitley graduated in 1983 cum laude with a bachelor of science in nursing. Diploma in hand, she moved to Alaska and worked the night shift at a Juneau hospital.

“I loved being a nurse, but working the night shift and holidays at $11.00 an hour wasn't what I wanted,” she said. “I decided to apply to dental school since that was my first passion. All of the dentists that I knew in Alaska were from Oregon and they encouraged me to apply to OHSU.”

Accepted to dental school in 1985, Dr. Whitley worked the night shift as a nurse at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center to put herself through school. “I really enjoyed being a dental student and my classmates,” she said. “I also figured out that Hood River [Oregon] was the windsurfing capital of the world and every weekend I’d drive to Hood River to learn to windsurf.”

Dr. Whitley graduated from OHSU in 1989 with honors and returned to Juneau, going into private practice with Jerry Zemlicka, D.M.D. ’70.

“I was a WICHE (Western Interstate Council on Higher Education) graduate and the state of Alaska had at the time a program where they paid 10 percent of my loan for every year I was there, up to 50 percent,” she said. “It was a big incentive to move back. Alaska was very kind to me. And Jerry took me under his wing.”

Windsurfing was still on Dr. Whitley’s mind, however, and while in Alaska she purchased a home in Underwood, Washington, spending the majority of her summers in the Gorge. She met husband, Skip, while windsurfing and they married in 2000.

Dr. Whitley remained in Alaska and after selling her practice, moved for good to the Gorge. She began volunteering in the pre-doctoral clinic in 2005 and was made Sellwood group leader in 2007 when the pre-doctoral clinic transitioned to the integrated group practice structure. She is now in clinic helping dental students three to four days a week.

“Dentistry can be extremely stressful and I worry about the students a lot,” she said. “You really have to make a balance in your life and I know I didn't always do that well. It takes a lot of work to stay centered and take care of your family and health, as well as a dental career.”

Outside dentistry, Dr. Whitley gardens, knits sweaters, cooks, and, of course, windsurfs. Skip, a sail designer and cutter for Northwave Sails, is designing a new light sail named for his wife – the “Lynnai” – that the couple has been using this summer.

“It’s important to enjoy life and love your work,” she said.
“There were nine months where I didn’t work and I was home with the baby,” she said. “Tim was stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base and then I got the opportunity to work as a civilian for the 42nd Medical Dental Group, which I did for three-and-a-half-years.”

When Tim got orders to move West, the family landed in Vancouver, Wash. Dr. McPharlin contacted John Lee, D.D.S., director of operative dentistry, and began volunteering in the pre-doctoral clinic. “It was the best call I ever made; I fell in love with the School,” she said. By 2004, Dr. McPharlin was on faculty working two days a week and in 2006 she became a course director for preclinical operative dentistry. When the School transitioned to an integrated group practice in mid-2007, Dr. McPharlin was asked to become a fulltime group leader.

“I think my students view me as pretty serious,” she said. “I like to have a good time, so my colleagues think I’m crazy, but when I’m with the students I wear my serious hat. I do like to get to know the students socially, so I see them on different playing fields.

Dr. McPharlin recently began her first research project at the School as a principal investigator, with Juliana da Costa, D.D.S., assistant professor of operative dentistry, as mentor.

“The School has so many options, there is always something new to do, which is nice,” said Dr. McPharlin. “I always wanted to be in academia, but I never lived close enough to a university to do it. I’m really happy the school was near enough to home that I could experience it.”

New Grant for Dr. Shearer

Tom Shearer, Ph.D., associate dean for research and chair of integrative biosciences, recently received a $50,000, one-year grant from Senju Pharmaceuticals, his 10th consecutive round of new funding from the Japanese company. For more information, go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the July 2010 Dental Bites.

ACD Fellowship for Associate Dean

Phyllis Beemsterboer, Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs, was recently selected by the Board of Regents of the American College of Dentists (ACD) to receive Honorary Fellowship. See the June 2010 Dental Bites at www.ohsu.edu/sod for more information.

New Endodontontology Faculty

Several new faculty have been hired for the department of endodontontology. Brian Whitten, D.D.S., recently joined the School as an assistant professor and full-time director of the endodontontology undergraduate program. Prior to joining the School, Dr. Whitten was in private practice in Portland – most recently at the Portland Medical Center – as well as Louisiana and California. Dr. Whitten received his certificate of endodontics from Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans, and attended UCLA School of Dentistry on scholarship, graduating in 1989. This spring, Dr. Whitten was an invited lecturer for the School’s Sophomore Lecture Series (ENDO 723) and an observer in the Sophomore Endodontic Laboratory (ENDO 724).

Timothy Svec, D.D.S., M.S., recently joined the School as graduate residency program director of the department of endodontontology. Dr. Svec joined the School in 2008 as an adjunct associate professor. Prior to joining OHSU, he was director of the advanced education program in endodontics at the University of Texas Dental School in Houston. Dr. Svec received his master of science in education from Kansas State University, a master of science in special studies of oral biology from The George Washington University, a certificate of endodontontology from Madigan Army Medical Center, and a certificate of advanced theory and science of dental practice from the United States Army Institute of Dental Research in Washington, D.C. He received his doctor of dental surgery from Loyola University of Chicago in 1968.

Research Findings Published

The lab of Agnieszka Balkowiec, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of integrative biosciences, released two major findings this spring in peer-reviewed neuroscience journals. To view the press releases summarizing the studies, go to: http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/news_events/news/ohsu-school-of-dentistry-team.cfm and http://www.ohsu.edu/xd/about/news_events/news/ohsu-school-of-dentistry-devel.cfm. Dr. Balkowiec’s lab received two new grants in July. Go to www.ohsu.edu/sod and click on the August Dental Bites for more information.
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