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## From the Dean

As fiscal year 2013-2014 comes to a close, I am pleased to report that OHSU School of Dentistry is strong and healthy! We are poised to grow more in the coming years as we transition to our new building in a few weeks, create new interprofessional clinical care and research opportunities for our students, and help shape health care in our region.

Did you know that in our 114 years we have graduated nearly 8,000 health professionals? And that 75 percent remain in Oregon after graduation? I can't think of another place where there is such a tight relationship between dental alumni and their school. You are the lifeblood of our university and I appreciate that you care so much about the dental school.

We are counting down the hours until we are securely into our new space, the Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB) on Portland's South Waterfront. I'm told we've been waiting a long time for this facility and that many of you thought we'd never get there. Well, I can assure you this new building is very much built, and it was worth the wait, as I think many of you will agree.

Watching our alumni and friends take tours of the new building these past months has been almost as exciting as watching the building go up. The new facility is modern: light, spacious, and stocked with the latest in operatory equipment. As you'll read on page three, many of our alumni wish they could re-enroll at OHSU School of Dentistry just to care for patients with the new technology in those operatories with jaw-dropping views!

We remain on track to have most of our clinical operations moved into the new facility by July 1, with patient care underway by July 7. The Skourtes Tower facility is going to match the quality of our faculty and students, and it is going to be a fantastic experience for everyone involved.

The new facility really puts the "C" into the Collaborative part of the CLSB name. Not only will our students be mingling daily with students from many other disciplines, but the facility itself is designed for teamwork. One example: The School of Medicine has its

medical simulation lab within the CLSB, and we will be able to access the facility to fashion a completely new program for dental students that will allow them hands-on experience in connecting oral care to the rest of the body.

The Interprofessional Education Initiative (IPE) that was started by OHSU last fall will nicely dovetail with our new building, training our students to be prepared for dramatic changes in the way we provide health care in the state. In today's health care world, it is essential for dentists to work closely with their counterparts in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and more, to provide better care to patients. The IPE curriculum, led by **Jeffery Stewart**, Ph.D., interim chair and associate professor of pathology and radiology, has done a remarkable job of bringing all of OHSU's many students together to meet one another and better understand how each discipline is integral to the other. It is the first step in what I hope will be many fruitful collaborations.

Many of you have provided gifts for our new facility, and I want to thank every one of you for your donation. **Eugene**, D.M.D. '68, and **Bonnie Skourtes**, A-dec, Inc., and Moda Health all played a huge part in lifting the Skourtes Tower off the ground, and we couldn't have done it without them. But each of you also have played a role and be assured I am very grateful.

We are working hard to raise the \$43 million goal set for us by the university. Working together, we hope you can help us leave a lasting and meaningful legacy to dentistry in Oregon.

I look forward to seeing you when our new building opens!

Phillip T. Marucha, D.M.D., Ph.D.  
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The Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry patient entrance at 2730 S.W. Moody Avenue, Portland, Ore., 97201-5042. (Alene Davis Photography)

## Hello, Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry!

The South Waterfront-based Collaborative Life Sciences Building, in which the Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry is located, will successfully bring dentists under the same roof with their nursing, pharmacy, and medicine colleagues from three different institutions: OHSU, Portland State University, and Oregon State University. With access to medical simulation and an academic resources lab, along with OHSU's Interprofessional Education Initiative regularly bringing students together from many disciplines, OHSU School of Dentistry is poised for creative collaborations in its new space. Here are some clinical and curricula highlights of the dental school's new space:

### First floor, Skourtes Tower

The entrance from S.W. Moody is the designated traffic hub of the dental school for patients (dental students, staff, and faculty will access the Skourtes Tower on the east end of the building). All patients will check in at the reception desk. Patients will then be directed to the elevator for the floor that they need.

"What a neat concept. It just overjoys me. My only regret is that I can't go to dental school again in this facility."

– Doug Smith, D.M.D. '69

*The pre-doctoral clinic has all new operatory equipment donated by A-dec, Inc. (Alene Davis Photography)*



### Eighth/Ninth floors, Skourtes Tower

The pre-doctoral clinic is split into two virtually identical floors, each with three group practices of first- through fourth-year dental students, who are randomly assigned upon entering school to the practice that they will

stay with for four years (the ninth floor also has the pre-doctoral endodontic clinic). The group practices are named after local bridges: Floor 8 is Broadway, Fremont and Hawthorne; floor 9 is Sellwood, Steel and St. Johns. Each group practice has 21 open and one closed operatory. Operatories numbering one to 66 are on the eighth floor; operatories 67 to 132 are on the ninth floor. The operatories are optimally sized and equipped based upon the current highest practice standard for dentistry in the community.



The OHSU School of Dentistry auditorium is located in the atrium, the center portion of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, and is accessible by "floating" sky bridges. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



The dental school's 200-seat auditorium. (Alene Davis Photography)

### Tenth floor, Skourtes Tower

About one-quarter of OHSU's dental education takes place in the school's pre-clinical learning facility, also known as the simulation clinic. First- and second-year dental students practice dentistry on a mannequin head using the same posture and techniques that they would on a patient. The simulation clinic includes 76 learning "stations," and will continuously be scheduled to prepare students for their phased entrance into the group practices on floors eight and nine. An increasing emphasis is being placed on CAD/CAM restorations for patients, decreasing the reliance on lab turnaround and making some restorations possible for patients in just one appointment.

"It's quite a place."

– Larry Halstad, D.M.D. '64

"It's beautiful."

– Barry Evans, D.M.D. '69

### Eleventh floor, Skourtes Tower

Four of the school's graduate residency programs and specialty clinics are on this floor including endodontology, periodontology, pre-doctoral oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), OMFS surgical suites, and pre-doctoral and graduate residency pediatric dentistry. The floor is creatively divided by hallways and doors into separate passages for adult (north) and child (south) patients.

"It's really outstanding. I don't know of any other dental school in the nation that is as up to date."

– Dennis Farnesi, D.M.D. '69



The OHSU School of Dentistry and Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD) alliance is set to continue when the dental school moves to its new facility. The continuing dental education department in the new facility is on the 12th floor of Skourtes Tower, with a conference room that has video streaming capabilities for shared learning opportunities from operator to classroom. For course offerings, go to [www.ohsu.edu/sod/](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/) continuing. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



These rooftop green spaces on the Collaborative Life Sciences Building are not only colorful, but they collect rainwater which contributes to moderating air temperatures inside the building, one key to the CLSB's LEED Platinum Energy Conservation Designation. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)





The tenth floor simulation clinic. (Alene Davis Photography)

## Twelfth floor, Skourtes Tower

The top floor of the Skourtes Tower has a 16-chair open orthodontic clinic with stunning east views of the under-construction Tilikum Crossing, Bridge of the People, and Mt. Hood, among other Portland landmarks. The radiology clinic is embedded on this floor. Sharing 20 treatment rooms are the Faculty Dental Practice, continuing dental education, and the AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry) program that will admit its first class in summer of 2015.

"The views are great!"

– Dick Tillman, D.M.D. '69

## Atrium

The dental school's 200-seat auditorium is nestled within the multi-level indoor "student quad," an architecturally pleasing atrium designed to accommodate student life. For ease of collaboration and small group learning, the auditorium is quickly and efficiently divided by a panel that drops from the ceiling, and is essentially soundproofed. The room is wired for the latest advances in technology, with the goal to record all lectures for students to study on the web at their convenience. Eventually, dental classes will be available for viewing in remote "real-time."

"The building looks really nice. The privacy for patients, working equipment and digital x-rays are all going to spoil students for private practice!"

– Ingrid McLellan, D.M.D. '08



The south side of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building has light-filled, colorful staircases for ease of way finding. The blue color denotes the southeast side; green is for the southwest side. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



A view of downtown Portland from the 12th-floor (Alene Davis Photography)

# Goodbye, Marquam Hill Dental School

As the move to South Waterfront draws closer, dental alumni have expressed many fond memories of the 58-year-old dental school on Marquam Hill.

"People have developed lifelong friendships in this building, met spouses, and learned to practice one of the greatest professions in the world ... dentistry ... and our memories are only going to get better when we move into our new facility," said Dean **Phillip Marucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D. "Dental school is about people, not just windows and walls, and we are going to continue to recruit great dental students, staff, and faculty to continue this tradition of dental family."

Have a favorite memory of the Marquam Hill building? Send it to: Alumni Relations, 1121 S.W. Salmon Street, Suite 100, Portland, Ore., 97205, [alumni@ohsu.edu](mailto:alumni@ohsu.edu).

"I remember one exam I took in histology lab. They'd always demonstrated tooth dentin in cross-sections, but on the exam the dentin looked more like tubules. I missed that question."

– Jay Nelson, D.M.D. '64, Orthodontology '66



The stairwells in the Marquam Hill dental school haven't changed much since the 1970s when the 1956 building was remodeled. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



The Ernest Starr Memorial Museum of Dental Anomalies, a collection of about 140 oddly-shaped teeth, one of the largest in the country, will soon be housed in the OHSU Archives rather than the dental school. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



"These are the same lockers from 40 years ago!" said Christine Klein, D.M.D. '76, Pasco, Wash., who was one of two females in her doctor of dental medicine class and remembers the men fussing about women using the locker room. "I am so close to tears right now," said Dr. Klein, who came to the Oregon dental school from California with her husband, Doug, D.M.D. '74, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery '77. "I have the sweetest memories of dental school. I laughed more and had more stress. Everyone should be so lucky as to get to go to dental school in Oregon." (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

Jim Tsugawa, D.M.D. '62, Portland, Ore., remembers supporting the remodel of conference room 220/225, for which he received a gold plate with his name on one of the lecture chairs. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)







Space is tight when the Marquam Hill predoctoral clinic is busy. (Photo Dan Carter)

"I remember this creepy elevator that would always get stuck."

– Adele Koot, D.M.D. '69

"I miss the people, the camaraderie, the fellowship. There are not enough words to express what a great group of students have come through here. They kept me on my toes."

– Charles Gutweniger, D.D.S.,  
periodontology faculty, 1978-1997

The 'rabbit warren' of wooden bays in the radiology department were configured in about 1990 to expand services. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



With the threat of an atomic bomb attack by the Russians, the Cold War-era building sported several fallout shelters on its ground floor; this one was known as "room 13" and had three low-ceilinged chambers, each about the size of a large office where dental students and staff and faculty were to escape in the event of an attack. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



This shelving unit hides one of the old "sending stations" for the school's pneumatic tube transport (PTT) system, which was designed to bridge the five- to six-floor difference between the cashier and business office. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)



"It's kind of like an old shoe that fits. I'm going to miss knowing where everything is located."

– Mark Alder, D.M.D. '80,  
Alumni Association  
president



Classmates Matthew Turay, D.M.D. '96 (left) and Alumni Association Board Member Greg Attack, D.M.D. '96, remember the third floor lab. "We would spend hours waxing crowns," said Dr. Attack. "It was a real investment in time." (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

## Electric Handpieces Donated by A-dec, Inc.

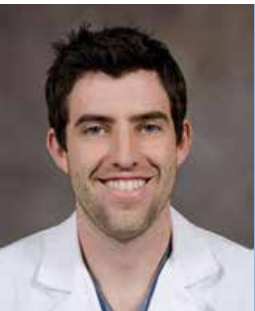
A-dec, Inc., along with partner/affiliate W&H, recently made available hundreds of electrical dental handpiece systems for the new Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry.

“Very soon we will be the first dental school in the country to totally replace all of its air-drive handpiece systems with the all-electrical dental handpiece system,” said Dean Emeritus **Jack Clinton**, D.M.D. ’64. “A-dec has been incredibly generous in ensuring our new facility has only the latest in operatory equipment and cabinetry.”

Each electrical dental handpiece system includes a motor drive and attachments for low speed, high speed, straight, contra-angle and prophyl applications.

“Research shows that electrically driven high-speed handpieces are kinder to the tooth and surrounding tissue than the air system which most dental schools have been using since the 1960s,” said Dr. Clinton. “The high-level torque and absence of bur vibration from an air drive system dramatically reduces the potential for post-operative symptoms and micro fracture tooth damage. The electrical system also allows for efficient and low-speed revolutions for improved ‘accurate’ cutting.

“We see electrical dental handpieces as being ‘the standard of the future,’ and are so excited to be able to introduce the new equipment to all of our students when we move July 1.”



Kenneth “K.C.” Gilbert

### Moda Provides Scholarship

Like many of today’s dental students, third-year dental student **Kenneth “K.C.” Gilbert** expects to graduate with quite a debt load. “I believe it will be somewhere in the ballpark of \$350,000,” said K.C., who is applying to orthodontic programs.

To offset the cost of dental education, Moda Health initiated the Moda Health Scholars Program five years ago, which now assists with tuition and fees for one dental student each academic year. K.C. recently learned that he has received the \$20,000 award for 2014-2015, a scholarship in memory of **Kathryn Robertson**, the daughter of OHSU President **Joe Robertson, Jr.**, M.D., M.B.A.

“I want to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Moda for their generosity, as well as to the selection committee,” said K.C. “I am incredibly honored to receive such an award. This scholarship provides me some relief from the burden of debt that has accumulated from higher education and for that I am tremendously grateful and blessed.”

K.C.’s sister is **Danielle Gilbert**, D.M.D. ’07.

Nancy and Joe Cho at the Alumni Association’s annual awards lunch. (Photo Dan Carter)



### Donor Profile: Nancy, R.D.H. ’64, and Joe, D.M.D. ’66, Cho

Despite the diversity of naming opportunities available within the school’s new Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry (within OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building) **Nancy**, R.D.H. ’64, and **Joe**, D.M.D. ’65, **Cho** had no trouble deciding what to choose.

The longtime couple, who met in dental school, recently made a \$75,000 gift to the Skourtes Tower.

Loving the panoramic views from every angle inside the new dental school, the Chos selected two side-by-side operatories on the ninth floor where three group practices reside (see story, page three).

“I owe the dental school a lot,” said Dr. Cho, who was on the school’s operative dentistry faculty after graduation and then moved to the San Francisco Bay area, retiring from private practice eight years ago. “I wanted to leave something behind.

“The new school is so refreshing. It smells good. It’s fantastic! I can’t wait to tell the other guys that they’re missing out on what we’ve seen.”



### Endowed Scholarship for Dental Student

**Jason Greyslak** recently received \$2,000 from the Dr. George A. and Diane McCully Endowed Scholarship Fund. Dr. McCully is a 1973 alumnus

who initiated the endowed scholarship in 2010 to “make the world a better place.” Jason, from Glendale, Ariz., is marrying classmate **Rose Vaughan** and they are re-locating to Hermiston, Ore., to practice dentistry.





## Advanced Education Scholarships for Class of 2014

Permanent Dental Associates is continuing its support of OHSU dental graduates pursuing advanced education after graduation. Five students from the Class of 2014 recently received \$500 each from Permanent Dental Associates' **Felix Lee**, D.M.D. '00 (second from right) for a total of \$2,500 in scholarship funding. Fourth-year dental students **Dylan Sorber** (fourth from left) and **Nels Walther** (left) are remaining in Portland to pursue general practice residencies at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center; fourth-year dental student **Erica Robinson** (third from left) will pursue orthodontics at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; fourth-year dental student **Kyle Christensen** (second from left), will head to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C., for an advanced education in general dentistry; and fourth-year dental student **JJ Ooi** is pursuing oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Louisville. Dean **Phillip Marucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D., is at right. (Photo Jenna Wilkinson)

## Kaiser Permanente Gives to Dean's Fund For Excellence

OHSU School of Dentistry recently received a \$100,000 gift from Permanente Dental Associates. The gift is for the Dean's Fund for Excellence, which supports faculty and student research, dental student outreach, faculty development and the continuing dental education program. Kaiser leadership has been a strong advocate of the dental school's new Skourtes Tower, with its collaborative approach to dental education. "We are looking forward to the opportunity to continue to engage the dental school to advance the dental profession," said Kaiser Permanente Dental CEO **John Snyder**, D.M.D. '86.

## Give in the Best Way Possible



With a generous planned gift to benefit the School of Dentistry, you can play an essential role in helping to fund education for the next generation of dentists. A gift to OHSU through your will, trust or retirement plan is an investment in knowledge, care and the vitality of our region.

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# Research Re-Invigorated at OHSU School of Dentistry

OHSU School of Dentistry not only has a new facility and a new dean, but new research on the horizon. In the past fiscal year, OHSU School of Dentistry has upped its research dollars \$1 million to \$3 million annually, after holding steady at around \$2 million annually in grants for five years.

“Our increase in research dollars comes at a time when research funding is down nationally so this is very promising,” said **David Morton**, Ph.D., associate dean for research. “Researchers at the dental school are very optimistic for the future because of the changes underway. We see great things ahead.”

## OHSU RESEARCH WEEK CULMINATES IN RESEARCH DAY

For the sixth year, OHSU School of Dentistry hosted Research Day, with nearly three dozen poster presentations on display in the university’s Old Library on May 9. A number of students, residents, and faculty also presented their work during OHSU Research Week.

“We appreciate your adding to the body of knowledge for dentistry and increasing the reputation of OHSU School of Dentistry,” said **Jim Smith**, D.M.D. ’81, immediate past president of the Alumni Association who attended Research Day on behalf of sponsor Permanente Dental Associates. “I am always impressed at the level of effort and results achieved for Research Day. This is such a wonderful aspect to your education.”

Receiving Best Poster was third-year dental student **Devin Wahlstrom** for “Dental Implant Reconstruction of Fibular Free Flap after Maxillofacial Oncologic Resection.” First-year dental student **Christopher Fanger** was a “close” runner-up for “Light Transmission in Restorative Composites is a Function of Shade and Thickness.”

New in 2014 was a Student Choice Poster Award, selected by students, and first-year **Arthur Gutnik** won for “Exothane Monomers as BPA-free Alternatives for Dental Adhesives and Sealants.”



Second-year dental student Jonathan Yih (right) won the Oregon Dental Association/Dentsply-sponsored Student Table Clinic. Second-year dental student Joseph Knight (left) was second, with first-year dental student Lillian Nguyen third. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

## STUDENT RESEARCH RISING

Exciting happenings are underway in dental student research, as evidenced by the number of projects recently recognized, including at the competitive American Association of Dental Research (see story, page 11), the Oregon Dental Association and Dentsply-sponsored Student Table Clinic during Oregon Dental Conference weekend, and several summer research grants.

Receiving awards for their presentations at the April Student Table Clinic were:

- First place:** Second-year dental student **Jonathan Yih**, who received \$500 from the ODA and an all-expenses-paid trip to the American Dental Conference in San Antonio;
- Second place:** Second-year dental student **Joseph Knight** (\$500 from the ODA);
- Third place:** First-year dental student **Lillian Nguyen** (\$500 from the ODA);
- Fourth place:** First-year dental student **David Garfinkel** (\$250 from the Alumni Association);
- Fifth place:** First-year dental student **Arthur Gutnik** (\$200 from the Dean’s Office);
- Sixth place:** First-year dental student **Sita Ping** (\$150 from the Alumni Association);
- Seventh place:** Second-year dental student **Caroline DeVincenzi** (\$100 from the Dean’s Office).

First-place winner Jonathan also received a \$3,750 Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute (OCTRI) grant for summer research. Additionally, first-year dental students **Lindsey Yap** and **Britta Martinez** submitted proposals that were greenlighted for funding through the Dean’s Summer Research Fellowships.

Third-year dental student Jayson Kirchhofer (left), then fourth-year dental student Shannon Woods (center), and third-year dental student Devin Wahlstrom, at the school’s 2014 Research Day. Devin and his research team won Best Poster. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)







Jacques Nör, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., the Donald A. Kerr Professor of Dentistry at the University of Michigan (left), recently spoke at the new Dean's Seminar Series. Before his lecture, Dr. Nör, mingled with faculty, including David Mahler, Ph.D., professor of restorative dentistry. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

## School Launches Dean's Seminar Series

The OHSU School of Dentistry new Dean's Seminar Series — designed to promote oral health research — is stimulating exciting scientific discussions within the school. The Dean's Seminar Series kicked off in late 2013, and four guest speakers have now presented the latest in their research on topics including tissue engineering, inflammatory pain, periodontitis, and oral health quality improvement efforts.

The Dean's Seminar Series is open to the dental community, and information on the regularly-scheduled lectures can be found on the web ([www.ohsu.edu/sod](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod)) and the school's Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/ohsuschoolofdentistry](http://www.facebook.com/ohsuschoolofdentistry)).

"Research is a key part of the mission at OHSU, and at the School of Dentistry," said Dean **Phillip Marucha**, D.M.D., Ph.D. "We are conducting quality research at the dental school and we want to share what we're doing with the broader university and dental community in hopes of strengthening collaborations."

Dr. Marucha said the seminar series is designed to promote oral health research and will "provide visioning" for future research at the dental school. Dr. Marucha said he also hopes to further engage dental students in research.

"The Dean's Seminar Series is an excellent initiative," said **Harjit Singh Sehgal**, B.D.S., M.S., F.A.G.E., assistant professor of periodontology. "It clearly provides an avenue to bring in distinguished speakers from different dental disciplines, research or service, and extends an opportunity for exchange of ideas, fosters collaborative research, and helps us effectively seek our institutional vision."

"The seminars are also a great source of motivation for students and faculty."

In addition to lecturing on research, Dean's Seminar speakers have made the most of their visits to Oregon, talking with researchers at other OHSU schools, going on tours of the dental school's new building under construction, connecting with dental students actively involved in research, and meeting with members of the dental community.

Said Professor of Integrative Biosciences and Associate Dean for Research **David Morton**, Ph.D., "The speakers selected for the series are undisputedly leaders in their respective fields and we are pleased to regularly bring such clinician-scientists to speak at the dental school."

Please mark your calendar for the seminar dates that have been selected for 2014-2015: **Sept. 30 • Dec. 9 • Jan. 6 • March 3 • March 31 • June 9**

## OHSU HAS AADR SCHOLARS

OHSU School of Dentistry students received two of 21 American Association for Dental Research (AADR) fellowships in 2014. Only dental students from 10 United States dental schools were selected for the prestigious scholarships this year.



David Garfinkel

First-year dental student **David Garfinkel** — a Fresno, Calif., native — will study the "Effects of BDNF on Dendritic Plasticity in Orofacial Pain Pathways" with mentor **Agnieszka Balkowiec**, M.D., Ph.D., associate professor of interactive biosciences. David received his bachelor of

science in psychobiology from University of California, Los Angeles (he has a minor in Spanish) and selected OHSU for its association with a "well-known medical university that had an appreciation for interprofessional collaboration and biomedical sciences." He is considering an advanced dental specialty after graduation, and is hoping to incorporate research into an eventual dental practice.



Thien-Y Hoang

First-year dental student **Thien-Y Hoang**, whose family immigrated to Oregon from Vietnam in 2007, also received an AADR fellowship for the "Effect of Bioactive Glass Incorporated into an Adhesive on Marginal Caries and Bond Strength." **Tom Hilton**, D.M.D.,

M.S., alumni centennial professor in operative dentistry and **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry, are her mentors. Thien-Y received her bachelor of science in biochemistry (she minored in music) from the University of Portland and conducted research in the school's department of restorative dentistry even before she applied to dental school. She said she was impressed by the advanced level of education at OHSU, as well as the faculty, and she hopes to pursue advanced dental specialty education after graduation.

David and Thien-Y each received a \$2,100 stipend and will receive another \$600 upon completion of research and presentation at the AADR.

# Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body: The Link Between Gum Disease and Diabetes

Associate Professor and Periodontology Chair James Katancik, D.D.S., Ph.D., was invited as a lecturer for OHSU's prestigious Marquam Hill Lecture Series. Dr. Katancik spoke about "Healthy Mouth, Healthy Body: The Link between Gum Disease and Diabetes" to a crowd of about 200. The following is an excerpt from his lecture.



James Katancik, D.D.S., Ph.D.

If one were to examine a cross section of a healthy tooth, including the gum tissue and bone, what they would find is an absence of inflammation and one or two millimeters of gum tissue attached to the neck of the tooth and bone. Such patients would visit their dentist once or twice a year for a checkup and cleaning, and the dentist would expect to see pink tissue, firm gums and

no bleeding. All of these factors indicate healthy tissue, and good oral health.

Gingivitis is inflammation confined to the gum tissue and is the result of plaque on the teeth. In a mouth affected by gingivitis there is also no bone loss, and no attachment loss. Clinically, you may see some red irritated tissue at the margin of the tissue and tooth, and the papilla between the teeth may look puffy or may slightly bleed, but the condition is completely reversible.

Periodontitis also causes inflammation around the tooth, but the buildup of plaque and tarter also causes a breakdown of the attachment of the tooth and bone loss. The bacteria that make up the plaque are rejected by the body, and the collateral damage is bone loss and attachment loss to the root of the tooth. Periodontitis, a severe form of gum disease, is often irreversible. Almost 30 percent of the United States' population 30 years or older have a moderate level of periodontitis, and about eight percent have either severe or mild forms of the disease.

There has been an exponential growth in the number of people in the United States facing diabetes. The health care dollars associated with diabetes and its complications are staggering.

In Type 1 diabetes, an auto immune response rejects the cells of the pancreas that produce insulin. Insulin tells the body to take blood sugar out of the blood stream for storage in liver or other cells. Type 1 diabetes only accounts for about 10 to 15 percent of all diabetes cases in the United States and typically strikes people who are younger.

Type 2 diabetes is much more common. People with this disease produce plenty of insulin, but when insulin is released by the pancreas, the cells that get that message don't know to take the glucose out of the blood stream and into other cells. To a large extent, type 2 diabetes is treatable by a healthier lifestyle.

So, what's the connection between periodontal disease and type 2 diabetes? Infections in patients with diabetes are a cause for great anxiety amongst medical doctors because of the infection's effect on glucose levels. Since periodontal disease is an infection, it, too, can cause blood sugar to rise. This results in systemic inflammation, and makes a connection between the two diseases. On the other hand, diabetes may affect gum tissue health due to alterations in wound healing and the immune response.

People with diabetes may be less equipped to fight off infection because of their impaired immune response. Furthermore, the buildup and breakdown to the connective tissue that links the teeth to the bone breaks down and does not heal as well. There can also be changes to the bacterial load in the pockets, and there are some who believe that the high blood sugar in the fluids around the teeth can also negatively impact the surrounding environment.

So what should diabetics do in regards to their oral health? Diabetics should work closely with their medical doctor to monitor and treat their diabetes. The likelihood of gum disease is significantly increased by poorly controlled blood sugar levels. Gum disease can lead to tooth loss and create challenges in controlling the diabetes. If you notice dry mouth, burning mouth, yeast infections of the mouth or poor healing of mouth wounds, you may have gum disease.

Loose teeth not associated with trauma; progressive spacing or spreading of the teeth; gingival abscesses or gingival suppuration; red, bleeding or swollen gums; foul taste; or tartar on the teeth may also be indicators of gum disease and should prompt an immediate visit to the dentist. It is important to remember that gum disease may be present and get worse with no apparent symptoms. It is critical to maintain regular dental check-ups as part of managing your diabetes. And, the bottom line is, to practice excellent home oral health care. *Dr. Katancik's lecture can be heard in its entirety at [www.ohsu.edu/mhlectures](http://www.ohsu.edu/mhlectures).*



## Dental Faculty Roundup

**Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry, was recently named vice president of the American Association for Dental Research. Dr. Ferracane has been with the dental school since 1989 ... **William Herzog**, D.M.D. '73, has joined the department of restorative dentistry as an assistant professor. Dr. Herzog has been a volunteer at the dental school since September 2012 ... **Richie Kohli**, B.D.S., M.S., has joined the department of community dentistry as an assistant professor. Dr. Kohli attended the Luxmi Bai Institute of Dental Sciences and Hospital in India. She received her master's degree in dental public health from the University of Iowa. Dr. Richie is in private practice in Beaverton. Recent research includes the oral health status and

dental care treatment needs of adults in Clackamas County and a statewide survey of the attitudes of dentists towards the introduction of mid-level providers in Punjab, India. Dr. Kohli recently became a diplomate of the American Board of Dental Public Health ... **Kelly Dezura**, D.M.D., has joined the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery as an assistant professor. Dr. Dezura received her doctor of dental medicine from Tufts University, and completed her oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at University of the Pacific in 2013 ... **Jeffery Stewart**, D.D.S., associate professor of pathology, has been appointed interim chair of the department of pathology and radiology, and director of the school's 36-year-old Biopsy Service Program. Dr. Stewart is replacing **F. James Kratochvil**, D.D.S., assistant professor of pathology, who retired in March. Dr. Stewart also recently received the Distinguished Faculty Service Award from

the OHSU Faculty Senate. ... **Kenneth Wiltbank**, D.M.D. '96, re-joins the department of endodontology as a part-time assistant professor. Dr. Wiltbank has taught off and on at the dental school for the past 12 years.



Jeffery Stewart, D.D.S.



Thomas Hilton, D.M.D., M.S.

### OHSU Faculty Author Core Textbook

The newest edition of the operative dentistry textbook used at OHSU and many other United States and Canadian dental schools (*Fundamentals of Operative Dentistry: A Contemporary Approach*) was recently published and its authors are on the dental school faculty! **Tom Hilton**, D.M.D., M.S., Alumni Centennial Professor in Operative Dentistry, is the lead editor, and **Jack Ferracane**, Ph.D., professor and chair of restorative dentistry, is the co-editor.



Jack Ferracane, Ph.D.

### OHSU School of Dentistry Embraces e-textbooks

Beginning in September, the OHSU School of Dentistry's entering doctor of dental medicine class will purchase electronic textbooks, rather than the hard copy textbooks dental students have been purchasing for decades. Dental students purchase required textbooks for each course over the four years of dental school, said **Phyllis Beemsterboer**, M.S., Ed.D., associate dean for academic affairs.

"Hardbound, hefty dental school textbooks will soon be a relic of our past," said Dr. Beemsterboer. "About one-third of dental schools nationally are already using e-textbooks and we decided that, especially with a new facility, it was the right time to improve the pre-doctoral textbook system for our students."

## New Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Chair



Pamela J. Hughes, D.D.S.

**Pamela J. Hughes**, D.D.S., joins the OHSU School of Dentistry after an extensive national search. Dr. Hughes comes to OHSU from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry where she was an associate professor,

and advanced education program director in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences.

Dr. Hughes is a native of the Detroit area. She received her doctor of dental science from the University of Detroit-Mercy, and certification in oral and maxillofacial surgery from the University of Minnesota. She is also a 2008 graduate of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute.

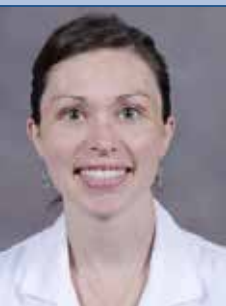
After her OMFS certification, Dr. Hughes was in private practice for many years in the Chicago area, before joining the faculty at the University of Minnesota in 2005. She is board certified by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology.

Dr. Hughes has four main research interests: Sjogren's Syndrome, bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis, clinical outpatient oral and maxillofacial surgery, and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology, and she has numerous published papers, book chapters, research abstracts and presentations.

In 2009, Dr. Hughes received the Faculty Educator Award from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

# OHSU School of Dentistry Graduates 88

OHSU School of Dentistry graduated 88 students in June. Seventy-two students received doctor of dental medicine degrees, and there were 16 advanced specialty graduates (endodontology, three; oral and maxillofacial surgery, one; pediatric dentistry, five; periodontology, three; and orthodontics, four).



## Class of 2014: Kendra Flann, D.M.D. '12

**Hometown:** Flagstaff, Ariz.

**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of Science in mathematics from Northern Arizona University

**Why dentistry?** After graduation, I wasn't sure about my career path, and while figuring it out, I was hired as a nanny for the children of an orthodontist. Through the orthodontist, I was exposed to what a great and rewarding profession dentistry can be. The decision to specialize in pediatrics came easy to me because I love kids. They make me laugh, melt my heart, and there is never a dull moment!

**Why OHSU?** OHSU has provided a great foundation of skills and knowledge from many wonderful faculty and mentors for whom I am grateful. I was lucky enough to obtain my doctor of dental medicine degree and complete my pediatric residency at a strong institution that I know has prepared me for practice.

**Post-graduation:** I am going into private practice with **JJ Bittner**, D.M.D. '05, in Sherwood, Ore.

**Family:** Husband, **Kyle**, and two daughters, **Kaylynne**, 5, and **Khloe**, 2.



## Class of 2014: Denise Gates

**Hometown:** Weston, Ore.

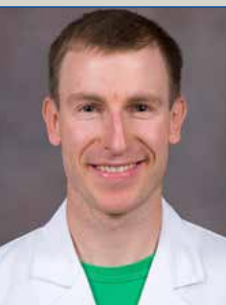
**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of science in pest management from Oregon State University

**Why dentistry?** I did not want to be mixing chemicals and out in the field while pregnant and I liked dentistry's personal, team-oriented approach to health care. I like to build relationships with patients. The creativity, art, and detail also appealed to me.

**Why OHSU?** I liked how OHSU organizes its curriculum and what I heard from alumni about the excellent clinical experience.

**Post-graduation:** She will pursue an associateship, ideally in the Northwest.

**Family:** Husband, **Chris**, son, **Tyler**, 8, daughter, **Alaina**, 6, and she is pregnant with the couple's third child.



## Class of 2014: Dan Lafferty

**Hometown:** Salem, Utah

**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of Science in general science from Portland State University

**Why dentistry?** I like working with my hands. I love to help people, especially with things they can't do themselves.

**Post-graduation:** United States Navy, stationed in Norfolk, Va.

**Family:** Wife, **Toni**, and sons, **Gabriel**, 12, **Nolan**, 10, **Langston**, 8, **Camden**, 4, and **Quintin**, 7 months.



## Class of 2014: Kelly Sayre

**Hometown:** Beaverton, Ore.

**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of science in biology from Pepperdine University

**Why dentistry?** I really enjoy developing a trusting relationship with patients, the variety of clinical problems that arise, and being able to develop new abilities that positively impact the delivery of patient care through a career.

**Why OHSU?** Our training is so well rounded and clinically driven that it gave me confidence in basic skills yet an appreciation for what I still have to learn as a new graduate. The dental school fosters a comprehensive approach to patient care that demands continued growth.

**Post-graduation:** An oral and maxillofacial surgery residency at the University of Michigan.

**Family:** Dad, **Casey**, is a D.M.D. '80, and an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Mom, **Carol**, is a R.D.H. '80. Uncle is **Fred Sayre**, D.M.D. '67, and cousins **Joel Sayre**, D.M.D. '00, and **Jeremy Sayre**, D.M.D. '02, also attended OHSU.



## President's Message



It's here at last! After decades of fits and starts, the new Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry is a reality.

In just a few short months, all clinical operations within the 1956 Marquam Hill building — No more water leaks! No more heating, cooling, or plumbing issues! No more tightly-spaced operatories — will transition to South Waterfront and the 2730 S.W. Moody Avenue address.

Having been in the new dental facility, I can tell you it is a school of which we can be proud. The operatory equipment donated by A-dec is beautiful. There are an incredible number of windows, making the operatories light-filled with spectacular views even on a cloudy Oregon day. The technology — from the electrical handpieces to the new CAD/CAM and radiology equipment — is state-of-the-art and will truly train Oregon dentists for the future.

However, as we make this transition to Portland's South Waterfront, it is important to remember that buildings and equipment do not make a dentist. As many of you know, I come from a dental family, with roots going back to the dental school when it was on Oregon Street near the Oregon Convention Center. The Oregon Street building was new in 1911, as was the Marquam Hill building nearly 60 years ago.

Dental buildings are just that ... buildings ... until they are filled with dedicated faculty, hard-working staff, and eager students. I'm sure our Marquam Hill graduates — no matter their age — would concur that dentistry is about the people inside the building, not the facility itself.

Our dental school has a hard-won reputation as a school of clinical excellence. That tradition has nothing to do with the building in which we all learned dentistry. New buildings and top-notch equipment alone don't guarantee great students ... or well-trained dentists.

To keep our school producing amazing graduates, we definitely needed a new building to match our nationally-recognized clinical expertise. We now have that in spades.

Dental buildings are just that ... buildings ... until they are filled with dedicated faculty, hard-working staff and eager students.

But we also need to continue to invest in people: New researchers who will advance an even stronger curriculum utilizing the best in technology. We need to maintain our strong relationships with organized dentistry and the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry for relevant continuing education programs. And we need to nourish our alumni — you! — through an Alumni Association that remains flexible and willing to help contribute to the school's future whether it be donating funds for the new building, attending events, sitting on the board, or mentoring dental students and graduates.

If you have not yet seen the new building, you will not be disappointed. I hope you will take the time to visit. But when you visit, please remember to admire the Skourtes Tower's interior assets, its people, as well as the exterior, its "bricks" and mortar.

See you in Portland!

Mark Alder, D.M.D. '80



Ralph Alder, D.M.D. '44, caring for a patient in the "old, old" dental school located on Northeast Oregon Street. (Photo courtesy Mark Alder)



## Alumni Honored at Annual Awards Lunch

The Alumni Association's annual lunch in April during Oregon Dental Conference weekend highlighted dental classes ending in "4" and "9." At the lunch, a number of alumni and non-alumni dental professionals, along with dental students and faculty, were honored.

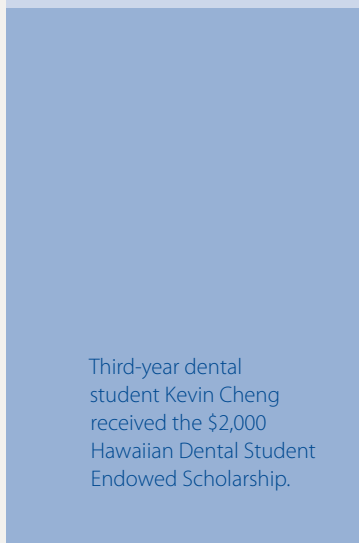
The lunch was emceed by **Jim Smith**, D.M.D. '81, now immediate past president of the association,

with assistance from **Steve Beadnell**, D.M.D. '80, who was Alumni Association president the year before Dr. Smith. New president **Mark Alder**, D.M.D. '80, was unable to attend the awards lunch due to a longstanding out-of-town family commitment.

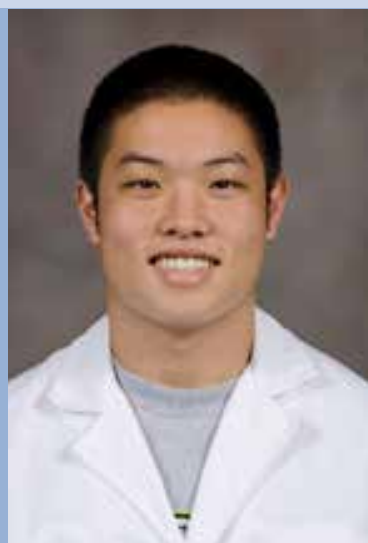
Receiving awards were: **Roy Albrecht**, D.M.D. '78, assistant professor of restorative dentistry (Faculty Award); **LeGrand (Lee) Woolley**, D.D.S. (now deceased) and **Lee Emery**, D.M.D. '63 (Legacy Faculty Award); **Gary Cantwell** and **Mary Clinton** (Honorary Alumni Awards); fourth-year dental student **David Miller** (Go the Extra Mile Award); third-year dental student **Marcus Uchida** (Ted Green D.M.D. Award); Kaiser Permanente Dental Chief Executive Officer **John Snyder**, D.M.D. '86 (President's Award); and ODS Health Vice President and Chief Dental Officer **Rick Asai**, D.M.D. '81 (Alumnus of the Year Award).



Lee Emery, D.M.D. '63, assistant professor of pediatric dentistry, received a Legacy Faculty Award, along with longtime dental school pathology instructor LeGrand Woolley, D.D.S.



Third-year dental student Kevin Cheng received the \$2,000 Hawaiian Dental Student Endowed Scholarship.



Faculty Award recipient Roy Albrecht, D.M.D. '78, assistant professor of restorative dentistry (front, center) with many of the dozens of dental students who were honored with scholarships at the April 5 annual awards lunch sponsored by the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association. (Photo Dan Carter)







Steve Beadnell, D.M.D. '80 (center) presented Mary Clinton (left, wife of Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64) and Gary Cantwell (right, son of Kenneth Cantwell, D.M.D. '43) with Honorary Alumnus Awards. (Photo Dan Carter)



Third-year dental student Katelyn Nichols (left) and then fourth-year dental student Jessica Henderson (right) each received \$10,000 from Willamette Dental Foundation, scholarships presented by E. David Granum, D.M.D. '81. Jessica also recently won the 2014 William Howard competition for her case of a 36-year-old woman with amelogenesis imperfect, and she is believed to be the first female to win the competition. Jessica intends to go into private practice in Central Oregon. (Photo Dan Carter)

Third-year dental student Junghee Kim (left) received a \$2,000 Northwest Dental Scholarship from Pacific Continental Bank, represented by Amber Clark (right). (Photo Dan Carter)



## Alumnus of the Year



With an Oregon State University pharmacy degree under his belt, Albany native **Rick Asai** decided to pursue dentistry at OHSU, graduating with honors in 1981. Since then, Dr. Asai has held numerous major positions with professional dental organizations locally and nationally, all while teaching and in private practice dentistry. On April 5, Dr. Asai received the John Peterson C. Peterson Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award.

"To borrow an expression from my son, Alex, you have to 'hike your own hike,'" said Dr. Asai. "Everyone has their own reason for 'hiking a trail'; there is no right way.

"I'm very appreciative of the fact that you're recognizing me for hiking my hike."



### OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association Back to School Weekend 2014

#### 2014 Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament Friday, September 19

The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club  
Four-person scramble and awards luncheon  
7 a.m. Registration  
8 a.m. Shotgun Start

*Space is limited and advance registration is required.  
Deadline to register is September 5, 2014*

#### 2014 Cantwell Memorial Lecture and Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update Saturday, September 20

\*Location to be finalized

7 a.m. Registration and Breakfast  
8 a.m. Course Begins

*"Pain that Persists after Root Canal Treatment:  
What the cause may be and what can we do about it"*

Presented by: Donald Nixdorf, D.D.S., M.S. and  
Alan Law, D.D.S., Ph.D.

Four-hour course (4 credit hours)

Register Online Today, [www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni)

# Class Notes

## Class of 1988



**Connie Masuoka**, D.M.D. '88, Portland, Ore., recently received the Gladys McCoy Volunteer of the Year Award, one of the highest honors from

Multnomah County. Dr. Masuoka (see the Winter 2013 *Caementum*) received the award for her work with the Oregon Nikkei Endowment, a nonprofit that oversees the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center museum, and the Japanese American Historical Plaza at the South Waterfront.

**Joseph Schwann**, D.M.D., Endodontology '88, Calgary, Alberta, was recently installed as president of the Canadian Academy of Endodontics. Dr. Schwann is married to **Sandra Paraiso-Schwann**, D.D.S., Pediatric Dentistry '89.

## Class of 2005

**Abel Ahumada-Alaniz**, D.M.D. '05, Metzger, Ore., recently received a Diamond Alum Award from Portland Community College (PCC). Dr. Ahumada-Alaniz came to Oregon as an undocumented worker hoping to support his family in Mexico. He didn't know English, but dreamed of becoming a dentist. He earned an associate's degree from PCC before moving on to Portland State University, and then OHSU School of Dentistry. Dr. Ahumada-Alaniz is in private practice in southeast Portland.

## Class of 2007



**Tung Bui**, D.M.D., Endodontology '07, Tucson, Ariz., recently co-founded Kurij Beverage Company ([www.kurij.com](http://www.kurij.com)), a "healthier" soda that reduces oral disease. Dr. Bui was born and raised in Canada. After dental school,

he received his endodontology certification and is in private practice. The idea behind Kurij began when Dr. Bui noticed many of his patients with rampant tooth decay from soda consumption. With friend, **Alex Deo**, there were several kitchen laboratory sessions, resulting in Kurij's first soda recipes.

# In Memoriam

## 1950s

**James Barnett**, D.M.D. '59, Pediatric Dentistry '81, Vancouver, Wash., died Dec. 8 at age 79.

**Alfred Burton**, D.M.D. '50, Ridgefield, Wash., died October 2013, at age 91.

**David E. Hamm**, D.M.D. '52, Portland, Ore., died Feb. 27 at age 90. Dr. Hamm was on faculty at OHSU School of Dentistry for more than 10 years. See the 2007-2008 *Annual Report* ([www.ohsu.edu/sod](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod)) and turn to page 25 for a feature on Dr. Hamm.

**Charles Hamshaw**, D.M.D. '58, Cloverdale, Ore., died Dec. 8.

**John MacKinnon**, D.M.D. '58, Eugene, Ore., died March 1 at age 80.

**Suzanne Olsen**, R.D.H. '52, has died.

**Muriel A. (Sands) Peterson**, R.D.H. '57, Eugene, Ore., died Jan. 31 at age 98.

**Marian Pattison de Stoppelaar**, D.M.D. '54, Milwaukie, Ore., died Dec. 17.

**Hal Pickett**, D.M.D. '56, Boise, Idaho, died April 12 at age 87. Dr. Pickett was featured in the Summer 2013 *Caementum's* Class Notes, page 15.

## 1960s

**Carl Blackburn**, D.M.D. '60, Sausalito, Calif., died Jan. 8 at age 84.

**Robert Blair**, D.M.D. '62, White Bird, Idaho, died Jan. 13 at age 81.

**John Henry "Jack" Hartleb**, D.M.D. '67, Portland, Ore., died recently. Dr. Hartleb has been on faculty since 1976, most recently as assistant professor of restorative dentistry.

**Joseph Kiaser**, D.M.D. '61, Elk Grove, Calif., died Nov. 28 at age 81.



**Ardon Overby**, D.M.D. '68, Endodontology '77, Vancouver, Wash., died April 15 at age 71. Dr. Overby, who was Alumni Association

president for the 1998-1999 academic year, was profiled in the Summer 2007 *Caementum*, page 16, at [www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni](http://www.ohsu.edu/sod/alumni).

## 1970s

**Arden R. Johnson**, D.M.D. '73, Santa Rosa, Calif., died Nov. 5 at age 73.

## 1990s

**William G. Lesh**, D.M.D. '97, Longview, Wash., died Jan. 22 at age 44. Dr. Lesh's brother, Matthew, D.M.D. '12, Chehalis, Wash., is also an alumnus.

## Faculty

**Stacy Lomeli**, D.D.S., died Jan. 20 at age 45. Dr. Lomeli was an assistant professor who led the St. John's bridge group. She joined OHSU School of Dentistry in 2006.

## Staff

**Dar Reveal**, Honorary Alumnus '92, Tucson, Ariz., who was director of development for the dental school, died Feb. 17 at age 77. His wife, **Marge**, is an RDH 1969.

**Beverly Watkins**, M.S., Portland, Ore., recently died. Beverly was a microbiologist who was employed at the dental school for 30 years (1967 to 1997). She was married to **Robert Johnson**, D.M.D. '77.





**Back Row:** Fred Buchanan, Jerry Eastwood, Norm Zeller, Dick Gilbert, Gary Hall.

**Front Row:** Henry Mishima, Jerry Heston, Gene Kelley

## DMD 1959

*Eight members of the class of 1959 gathered for dinner at the DoubleTree Hotel on Friday evening during Oregon Dental Conference weekend. Those of you who were not there missed a great get together. It was great to see old friends. The new dean told us about what was going on at the new school and it was interesting to hear how dental education has evolved. I think that if we would have known that this was our swan song there might have been more in attendance. It was brought up that perhaps we could hold a final reunion in two years. It was met with approval by all in attendance. Hope you will join us for our 57th reunion!*

– Jerry Heston, D.M.D. '59



**Front Row:** Guest Robert Quinn (D.M.D. '55), Jack Clinton, Dean Philip Marucha, Robert Burnside, Jerry Caples, Glen Durham

**Second Row:** Ed Hagan, Chuck Farrell

**Third Row:** Donald Sirianni, Vern Wright, James Davis

**Fourth Row:** Wilbur Jensen, Larry Rask, Fred Bremner, Tom Creager

**Fifth Row:** Ken Durham, Alma Judd, Skip Barnwell, Gary Maxwell

**Back Row:** Jim Cartwright, Emory Hamilton, Clair Hopkins, Jim Graves, Christ Bouneff

## DMD 1964

*Led by classmate and Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, 23 members of the 1964 class began their 50-year reunion celebration with a tour of the new OHSU School of Dentistry facility. After the tour, classmates gathered at Oswego Lake Country Club for a social and dinner. A trumpet solo by classmate Wilbur Jensen set the tone for a great evening. Following dinner, class president Bob Burnside started a discussion with classmates which included remembering those who are no longer with us and continued with memories of a very important time of our lives, the years we spent together in dental school. On Saturday the venue shifted to the Oregon Convention Center where the class was recognized at the OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Association luncheon. The weekend reunion was a great time to share memories and renew friendships. For those of you who were unable to attend, you were missed and we hope to see you at our 55th!*

– Don Sirianni, D.M.D. '64



Dean Emeritus Jack Clinton, D.M.D. '64 (yellow vest with back to camera) leads a tour of 1964 alumni and their spouses in the Collaborative Life Sciences Building, which houses the Skourtes Tower OHSU School of Dentistry. (Photo Sydney Clevenger)

## RDH 1964

The dental hygiene class of 1964 was well represented at our 50th reunion. We have remained an amazing group of women (and a few husbands) with outstanding families. Our children are young professionals in medicine, law and EMD/firefighting; and entrepreneurs. Even those of us without children have contributed to our profession by helping to educate over 450 new hygienists through Portland Community College. But those new grads were no threat to the class of '64! These 12 alumni have practiced an average of 36 years. We were told by Miss Hannon, our program director, that we'd probably have careers of three or four years, and then go on with our lives. Not this group! Two of us just retired, and three are still practicing.

We thoroughly enjoyed the bed and breakfast we had stayed in 10 years ago. Portland's White House let us hang out all afternoon after the Alumni Luncheon, nibbling crackers and sheep cheese, and filling in the past 50 years. We also want to thank Dean Phillip Marucha for his personal guided tour of the new dental school. We totally approve but are still sad to see no dental hygiene program represented there.

– Diane Smith, R.D.H. '64

## DMD 1969

Two dozen members of the class met in the student lounge of the school for a catered dinner and a chance to reminisce. The event was billed as "The Last Chance Reunion", as many of the attendees will not see inside the building in which they spent four years. A feature of the evening was a tour of the "old" building led by Alumni Relations Director Mark Kemball. The previous day, a number of our classmates took a tour of the new building down on the waterfront and were very impressed.

After the meal, nearly everyone had something to share about their experiences during our school years, including slides taken at the time. Former Dean Lou Terkla and his wife, Phyllis, were special guests. New dean Phillip Marucha dropped by to greet the attendees and field a flurry of questions about his plans for the future of the school.

Classmates traveled from as far away as Montana, Texas, and Queen Charlotte Is., B.C.. One classmate unable to attend in person did so by cell phone from his care facility, speaking to everyone individually as the phone was passed around the room. Judging by the enthusiasm of those attending, this "Last Chance Reunion" may not be the last. Some were already talking about a 50-year reunion in 2019.

– Rich Mielke, D.M.D. '69

## RDH 1969

The Dental Hygiene Class of 1969 gathered at Veritable Quandary May 10. We shared what we have been up to for the last 45 years. Most of us are retired after generally long careers. Two are still practicing four days a week. Good people, good food and the desire to get together again sooner.

– Arden King, R.D.H. '69



**Front Row:** Lana Kowalski, Carol Parisotto, Judy Pappin, Diane Smith, Donna Stuart

**Back Row:** Joyce Olson, Jan O'Neal, Adrianna Cho, Connie Killion, Lynne Shafsky, Carolyn Turnbull, Deanna Orthmeyer



**Front Row:** Max Higbee, John Fawcett, Doug Smith, John Koot, Ted Fujioka, Marvin Smith

**Second Row:** John Turner, Richard Tillman, Brett Hestmark, Dennis Farnesi, Ben Hoerner, Dean Burtch

**Third Row:** David Hughes, Barry Evans, Lou Terkla, Richard Mielke, Al Funston, Mike Shirtcliff, Bob Grew

**Fourth Row:** Gary Fisher, William Knight, Tim Toman



**Starting at lower left and going around the table**

**clockwise:** Becky Wolf, Arden King, Cheryl Lolich, Shereda Benfield, Diane McKeel, Diane Donaca, Marjorie Reveal, Linda Phelan, and Judi Branstetter





**Front Row:** Tom Pollard, Glen Shimshak, Sherry Puziss, Steve Hull, Dean Phillip Marucha, Duane Paulson

**Back Row:** Norm Saager, Don Christensen, George Siegrist, Dennis Brown, Rich Meltebeke, Gordon Croft, Bob Kitch, David Taylor, Lynn Harris, Thomas Westfall, Doug Klein

## DMD 1974

*The Class of '74 had a fun and friendly dinner at Bluehour in a private dining room on Friday night of Oregon Dental Conference. It was a comfortable evening with 27 people attending. After 40 years we have changed a little but that just adds character. Near the end of the evening, we were visited by Dean Phillip Marucha and his wife, and some of our alumni staff. The required photographs were taken and then we just chatted and enjoyed our beverages of choice. If only it had been this stress-free in school. I want to thank the alumni staff and the people that were able to attend for what I felt was an enjoyable evening.*

– Tom Pollard, D.M.D. '74



**Front Row:** Cathryn Majeran, Gordon Marshall, Leo Sander, Dean Phillip Marucha

**Second Row:** Jay Wylam, David Washburn, James Miller

**Third Row:** David Ten Hulzen, Pat Sabin, Mark Miller

**Fourth Row:** Steve Hagler, Clarice Johnston, Jim Tinkle, Kim Kutsch

**Back Row:** K. Willeford, Dave Hatch, Rich Knight, Beverlee Cutler

## DMD 1979

*The Class of '79 met at the Heathman Hotel for our 35th reunion. It was so good to see everyone and catch up on news and share stories. I think most everyone left with a smile on their face. We missed all those who did not attend, and those who are no longer with us. Time has not diminished the bond between us.*

– Cathryn Majeran, D.M.D. '79



**Front Row:** Mike DesJardin

**Second Row:** Martha S. Bibb, Dean Phillip Marucha, Susan Smith, Duane Cartwright, Ron Veto, Terri Calcagno

**Third Row:** Steve Thurn, Dan Ries, Richard Arave, Arne Pihl, Michael Radcliffe, Bob Bauder, Luis Contreras, Kathy Gorman Reddicks, Kenneth Winokur, Tom Bartoletti, Joe Radakovich

**Back Row:** Paul Madden, Duane Pegg, Dale DeWan, Jim Lee, Steve Hanns, Duane Starr, Russ Bibb, John Goodwin

## DMD 1984

*The DMD Class of 1984 met at the Multnomah Athletic Club, sharing memories and exchanging stories and career and family updates. A big thank you is due to Michael DesJardin, D.M.D. '84, for bringing us all together in such colorful style.*

– Alumni staff

## RDH 1984

The Dental Hygiene class of 1984 consisted of 20 graduating students and this year we celebrated our 30th reunion. Some came from as far as Nevada, and those who couldn't make it, located in far away states, sent pictures and emails of their families and lives. The classmates who could attend spent many hours catching up and eventually had to call it a night because it was past our bedtime. What a great time! Reconnecting with many laughs and good stories, makes us look forward to the next get-together!!!

– Jenny Seton, R.D.H. '84



**Back Row:** Toni Alderman, Elyse Standerfer, Kimberly Ellison, Jackie Briles, Debra Dale

**Front Row:** Debbie Dazey, Teri Hearing, Mary Teeter, Jenny Seton, Diane Geyer

## DMD 1994

I can't believe I am summarizing our 20-year reunion but here goes. This year we had two functions over Oregon Dental Conference weekend. We started with a happy hour gathering at The Chart House on Friday and had a lovely dinner on Saturday at the Paragon Restaurant in their private Gallery Room. We still have class funds to help supplement the costs, therefore those that attended were well fed! Thirteen of our classmates were in attendance at the dinner with a few brave spouses in tow. We were introduced to the new dean of the dental school who fielded questions about the new school which was exciting. A big thank you to Dave Carneiro, who helped me plan for these events. He was sorely missed as he had a prior obligation. I hope this finds everyone well and we'll catch you at our 25th!

– Renee Weichel, D.M.D. '94



**Front Row:** Greg Jones, Tim Shannon, Shon Sendelback, Melodee Tran, Roaul Calderon

**Back Row:** Trevor Allen, Robert Lloyd, Renée Weichel, Todd Beck, Cheryl Higer Tate, Lisa Wipf, Parichehr Samani, Scott Edgar, Dean Phillip Marucha

## DMD 1999

The '99 class celebrated their 15-year anniversary during the Oregon Dental Conference weekend. A great time was had by all attendees as they caught up with their classmates over dinner and drinks at Bridgeport Brewery. Thanks to the alumni association for helping to plan this wonderful event.

– Stephen Stuehling, D.M.D. '99, Pediatric Dentistry, '07



**Front Row:** Weston Heringer III, Heather Fife-Griffin, Alyssa Franzen, Oksana Boyechko, Jeff Lemon

**Second Row:** Christina Vy, Dewi "Crystal" Kriswandi,

**Back Row:** Stephen Stuehling, Daniel J. Oehler, Ken Shirtcliff, Jim Shelton, Amy Roberts Wark, Ivan Wolthuis

**In attendance, but not in photo:** Lisa Gittson, Jen Shawn





**Front Row:** Dean Phillip Marucha, Jared Erickson, Erinne Lubisich, (Unidentified), Kevin Larson, Linh Tran

**Second Row:** Lucas Mesdag, Jana Frydberg, Linh Vo-Cheng, Cher Chang-Balducci, Jennifer Shields, Jessica Robertson, Laurissa Champion

**Third Row:** Wesley Thompson, Mandy (Matsuda) Hawes, Wendy Kincaid Smovir, Liann Drechsel

**Fourth Row:** Salwan Adjaj, Tuan Truong, Michelle Crocker, Matt West, Marwan Adjaj, Sarah Nguyen, Derek Lamb, Jared Seal, Brent Call, Richard Ah You, Dennis Simonsen, William Hu

**Back Row:** Tom Shields, Wendell King, Craig Robbins, Tracy Robinson, Dmitri Alexandrov

## DMD 2004

*The Class of 2004 celebrated their 10-year class reunion at the Chart House in Portland in April. A total of 33 classmates showed up, and including guests, the total was 53 so it was a great turnout with lots of laughter and photos. We had classmates come from as far as Alaska and Canada, and we even had some new little ones attend. With good food and great friends, the only complaint was that it went by so quickly. We are hopeful that we can make it more of an annual event rather than every five years! We would like to thank all those that attended as well as those who helped to organize this awesome evening including the Alumni Association!*

– Sarah Nguyen, D.M.D. '04



**Front Row:** Alan Chen, Charlie Hartman, Mike Harper, Spencer Campbell

**Second Row:** Jessica Burk, Ryan Sill, Lindsey Popov, Cole Johnson, Stefanie Hardy, Ali Buccat Kawazoe, Jennifer Williams Driver, Katie Bickler, Christina Blatchford

**Back row from left:** Amy Fine, Elsa Nordahl, Cassie Fede, Travis Agee, Nik Rawley, Ben Driver, Kyle Smith, Jaimie Lyke, Annalisa Smith, Randy Castle, Melanie Grant, John Galucci, Paul Brannen, Michael Bliss, Veronica Powers, Allison Daniels

## DMD 2009

*The Class of 2009 celebrated its five-year class reunion at The Cleaners in downtown Portland. They had a great turnout with more than half of their classmates and many significant others. Many could be heard reminiscing of dental school days and telling funny stories. Discussions of new practices, new spouses, and new babies were also in abundance. It was a wonderful evening for all who attended. The class of 2009 would like to thank the Alumni Association for helping to organize this fantastic event and looks forward to its next reunion!*

– Annalisa Taylor, D.M.D. '09

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#### ON THE COVER

Annalisa Smith, D.M.D. '09, Oregon City, Ore., and  
Melanie Grant, D.M.D. '09, Hillsboro, Ore., were two  
of the Alumni Association's handful of reunion  
coordinators this spring for the dozen doctor of  
dental medicine and registered dental hygienist  
reunions. *(Photo Dan Carter)*



## 2014 Calendar of Events

### September 12

#### DS2 White Coat Ceremony

OHSU Auditorium, 2 p.m.

### September 19

#### Cantwell Memorial Golf Tournament

The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club

7 a.m. Registration and Breakfast, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start

### September 20

#### Cantwell Memorial Lecture/Margaret M. Ryan Dental Hygiene Update

*"Pain that Persists after Root Canal Treatment: What the cause may be and what can we do about it?"* Donald Nixdorf, D.D.S., M.S., and Alan Law, D.D.S., Ph.D. (four credits)

\*Location to be finalized

7 a.m. Registration and Breakfast, 8 a.m. Course Begins

### October 9-12

#### American Dental Association Annual Session

San Antonio

Come visit us in booth #2224, World Market Place Exhibition Hall!

### October 10

#### ADA Alumni Reception

Hilton Palacio del Rio, La Vista C, 5:30 to 7 p.m.

### October 10

#### DS1 Welcome Dinner

OHSU School of Dentistry

For more information about these events please contact us at  
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## OHSU School of Dentistry Alumni Reception in San Antonio

Join us for an alumni-and-friends hosted reception  
during the 2014 ADA Annual Session.



**Friday, October 10, 2014**

**5:30 to 7 p.m.**

*Hilton Palacio del Rio  
La Vista C*

RSVP required. Please call (503) 552-0745 or  
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