

# DENTAL LINK

SPRING 2023

## New first-gen students in the Class of 2026 begin their dental journey

A first-generation college student is a student whose parents have not completed a four-year degree or higher. Such students often have numerous characteristics that are highly desirable in dental students—self-motivation, grit, and understanding the complexity of health disparities in dentistry, among several others.

Nevertheless, many students who are excellent candidates lack access to dental education. According to a U.S. Department of Education report, students who have one or more parents who earned a bachelor's degree were 2.5 times more likely to enroll in a doctoral or professional program than were first-generation college students.

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## FIRST-GENERATION D1 STUDENTS' DENTAL EDUCATION SUPPORT SYSTEMS

Some of the challenges that first-generation students face in dental school often include financial challenges, finding community at school, balancing familial and school obligations, and/or establishing the social and cultural capital conducive to success post-graduation.

Iowa is proud of the successes of our first-generation students and we are committed to ensuring that first-generation dental students, like all our students, have access to the resources to ensure their success in dental school and in their dental careers.

### DESTINY HO, CLASS OF 2026

#### Tell us about your family.

I grew up in Dallas, Texas, raised by my single mother. My family is my support system, especially my mom. She worked three jobs to help me get through college and continues to help me through dental school. I would not be where I am without her.

#### Where did you go to college?

I graduated Magna Cum Laude from Texas Tech University with a BS in nutrition and biology and chemistry minors.

"DESTINY HO" CONTINUES ON PAGE 5

### SARA BUYSMAN, CLASS OF 2026

#### Tell us about your family.

I grew up in northwest Iowa on my family's dairy farm run by my father, Leroy. My mom, Kolette, introduced me to dentistry and has been a receptionist at a local dental office for the last 40 years. My husband, Nick, has supported me through all the highs and lows of dental school, while working fulltime and supporting my dentistry dreams.

"SARA BUYSMAN" CONTINUES ON PAGE 5



**SARA BUYSMAN**  
Nick Buysman (Husband)



**BRANDON COOLEY**  
Liz (Sibling), Julia (Girlfriend),  
Father



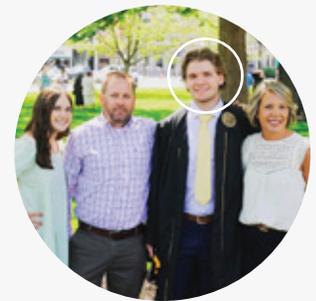
**ELIZABETH CORONA**  
Brizia Bardales, Lynette  
Solomon, Gabby De Los Reyes  
(Friends)



**AMY FONG**  
Alicia Fong (Sibling),  
Sengdeuane Fong (Mother)



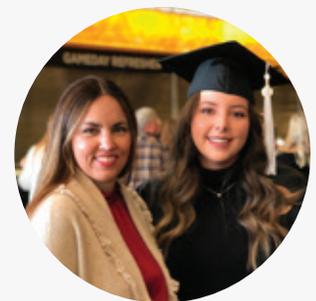
**DESTINY HO**  
Thu Choi (Mother)



**REID HOGAN**  
Emma Hogan (Sibling),  
Dan Hogan (Father), Barb Hogan  
(Mother). Not pictured:  
Hannah Hogan (Sibling)



**ZINIA MANGLEBURG**  
My family and my husband's  
family



**GABRIELLE MUMM**  
Kristi Stutsman (Mother)

# ALUMNI LEGACIES

## FIRST-YEARS CONTINUE FAMILY DENTAL TRADITION



**MADELINE BERST**



**JENNIFER BERST**  
'96 DDS  
(Mother)



**MARTIN BERST**  
'96 DDS  
(Father)



**TAYLOR FRIDRICH**



**KIRK FRIDRICH**  
'87 MS  
(Father)



**LORI FRIDRICH**  
'94 DDS  
(Mother)



**JENNIFER HUGHES**



**JACKIE HUGHES**  
'21 DDS  
(Sibling)



**SYDNEY FISHER**



**FLOYD NESBIT**  
'58 DDS  
(Grandparent)



**BRYCE BUTLER**



**SYDNEY EATON**  
D2  
(Cousin)



**BRAYDEN LYMAN**



**DAVID LYMAN**  
'92 DDS  
(Uncle)



**AN-VI PHAN**



**JANE VU FERRERA**  
'13 DDS  
(Cousin)



**MARGARET ROONEY**



**AMY REIS**  
'07 DDS  
(Cousin)



**GABRIELLE MUMM**



**HANNAH MUMM**  
D4  
(Cousin)



**BREANNE MUMM**  
'16 DDS  
(Cousin)



**KAITLYN RICHMOND**



**STEVEN WETRICH,**  
'87 DDS  
(Uncle)



**AARON KEITH**  
'18 DDS  
(Cousin)



**PETER WESTLUND**



**KURT WESTLUND**  
'85 DDS, '89 MS  
(Father)



**NICK WESTLUND**  
'15 DDS  
(Sibling)



**CAROLYN HALBUR**



**JOHANNA (WELSH) HALBUR,** '92 DDS  
(Mother)



**ADAM HALBUR**  
'16 DDS  
(Cousin)



**NICHOLAS SHAW**



**RYAN SHAW**  
'20 DDS  
(Sibling)



**HANNAH JOHNSON**



**MARGARET JOHNSON**  
'55 DH  
(Grandparent)



**SARAH JOHNSON**  
D2  
(Sibling)

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## FROM THE DEAN

Dear Members of the University of Iowa Alumni Community,

Thank you for being a Hawkeye! Now that I'm back a year, this is feeling familiar, warm, and inviting. A few months ago I spoke with an alumnus from the class of 2009 who is in Chicago, and we discussed the innovations of an Iowa education and the impact it has had on him. He has built a large group of innovative practices performing the very best in oral health care across Chicago—a powerful Hawkeye legacy making dynamic changes. I also had an opportunity to talk with alumni at the recent Music City Bowl Game in Nashville, TN and at various regional events including the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention in Denver, CO and the Chicago MidWinter Meeting. In each case, alumni repeatedly tell me how much they respect the quality and impact of their education and how transformative it has been. I hear multiple stories of success...Hawkeye Success!

As I mentioned before, in early February, I enjoyed working with our students in the first of six, all-day business healthcare leadership educational programs taught by University of Iowa's finest faculty in the Tippie College of Business Executive MBA Program. Wonderful! The students were immersed in leadership principles and grappled with the various issues in managing people including team building, negotiation, conflict resolution, power, and communication styles impacting their leadership of a team. Future courses this year will cover negotiations, finance, human resources and hiring, entrepreneurship, and decision making. The credit of this course counts to a future Iowa MBA degree, if desired. The program is excellent, and we are providing this as an elective to interested students in which the college is covering the cost of the program. What is phenomenal is seeing the organization of the program is operated by a professional C-Suite of elected student officers coming from the Colleges of Pharmacy and Dentistry as a joint effort for this program. These are officers elected by the current student membership of the program. As I sat in the audience and listened to the insightful comments, I could not be more pleased to be a Hawkeye!

Iowa is on the move! In March, we led a team of students to meet with the Iowa legislature to discuss health issues for Iowans. It was a great introduction to the advocacy process in healthcare. Over the past year we have seen a tremendous increase in patient demand for our care services and we are working to

address these needs. This includes a significant increase in Medicaid patients seeking our services. To address this, we are looking at multiple approaches to increasing efficiency including shortened appointments, co-provider models, and alternative time periods to provide care. We are doing everything we can to support the oral health of Iowans. I should add I have found it fascinating; in Chicago I saw patients and was busy but not slammed. I returned to Iowa in April 2022 and though I only see patients in the faculty practice, I'm thrilled to be absolutely booked with technically demanding but delightful patients. We are very busy! I continue to see my genetic syndromic patients and other comprehensive care adult patients, teach denture care to pediatric residents, and now I am teaching in the chronic pain TMJD pain clinic. With a year in, it is a privilege and honor to once again be a Hawkeye! Yes, you can go – home.

Cheers!



Clark Stanford DDS, PhD, MHA  
Professor and Dean  
Edwin B. Green chair  
College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

**What barriers did you have to overcome as a first-generation college student?**

Navigating the dental school application and financial aid was challenging, since I had to start from the ground up, not knowing anything.

**Why did you choose Iowa?**

I chose Iowa because it felt like it would be a home away from home. The people I met through the Summer Health Professional Education Program (SHPEP) and during my application and interview process made me feel extremely welcomed. Finding an inclusive and welcoming community was one of my top priorities.

**Future goals?**

I want to practice as a general dentist after graduation.

**Where did you go to college?**

I graduated from Bethel University in Minnesota with a BS in biology and minor in chemistry.

**What barriers did you have to overcome as a first-generation college student?**

Understanding the financial side of higher education was a completely new experience for my whole family, and it was quite complex the first couple of years. Given that experience, I know that I'm on a good path to handle the debt I will have accumulated after dental school.

**Why did you choose Iowa?**

Iowa stood out among the rest with the way their curriculum was set up to get you lots of diverse experiences. I want to leave dental school knowing I was set up to succeed and I know Iowa was going to be do that for me.

**Future goals?**

I want to be a private practice general dentist where I can grow and see a variety of patients, preferably moving closer to our families in northwest Iowa.

# Military Service and Iowa Dentistry

From our career-retired military dentists who spend the second half of their career teaching at Iowa to our veteran students, from our esteemed alumni who carry on the Iowa legacy throughout their military careers to our veteran patients who wouldn't have access to dental care without our college, Iowa Dentistry is committed to those who have served in the United States uniformed services.

From Military Service to Dental Education, Iowa has long had an elite reputation as a premier dental education institution among each branch of the U.S. military. Veteran alumni consistently report that when they started their military dental careers, their dental officers expected the very best from them because of their Iowa pedigree. This reputation also means that military dentists often attend Iowa to receive their specialty education.

After graduating with a DDS from Howard University,, **Catherine Hopkins ('22 MS)** was commissioned in the U.S. Navy and served at Walter Reed in Bethesda, MD. Shortly thereafter, the Navy wanted her to pursue specialty training.

"I was told that the operative dentistry program at Iowa would be a great fit for me, and that was true; it felt like family from the start," Hopkins said.

In her three years in the operative dentistry advanced education program, Hopkins says it was a great experience.

"The department and college were very military friendly—they made sure that everything the Navy needed and that I needed for my education was provided," Hopkins explained, "and some of the faculty even gave me the scoop on what I'd experience at my current appointment at 29 Palms."

Although many in the armed forces pursue specialty dental education at Iowa, others come to Iowa to start their dental education after military service. Second-year dental student **Zach Graham** did just that. After completing his four-year ROTC program at Iowa State and four years of active-duty service in military intelligence—ask Graham about Russia's air defense system if you want the low down on the war in Ukraine—he went back to college to complete prerequisites for dental school, and entered dental school at Iowa in 2021.

Iowa Dentistry is proud to support and educate students like Hopkins and Graham. Their experiences make a profound difference in the life and culture of the college.

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CATHERINE HOPKINS ('22 MS)



### CATHERINE HOPKINS ('22 MS)

Dentist and Program Director, Dental Credentialing at 29 Palms Marine Base in California

Active duty

**RANK:** Lieutenant Commander

**FUTURE PLANS:** Career military with interest in teaching dentistry after retiring from the Navy



### ZACH GRAHAM

2nd Year Dental Student

4 years of prior military service

**RANK:** Captain when he left the U.S. Army

**FUTURE PLANS:** Dentistry private practice



### JOHN HELLSTEIN ('91 MS)

Professor in Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine

Retired from U.S. Army in 2002

**RETIRED RANK:** Colonel

## Service for Others

Military dentists pursuing advanced specialty training at Iowa play a vital role in educating our dental students. When she was an operative resident, Hopkins taught D1, D2, and D3 students.

Because this teaching experience is so rewarding, many of our veteran specialists come back to Iowa to teach when they retire or leave military service. That's part of the reason that the college has 14 former active-duty faculty members.

For instance, after **John Hellstein ('91 MS)** retired from the Army in 2002, he was promptly recruited as a professor of oral pathology.

"I knew everyone and everyone knew me," Hellstein said with a grin, "so it was a great fit."

Having residents and faculty who have served also shapes dental student life. Not only do students see what it's like to wear the uniform through their personal encounters, but it has also allowed the Tau Sigma military club to become one of the more active dental student groups at Iowa. Tau Sigma helps students learn about what a military life and career is like while providing support and outreach to local veterans. Hopkins served as a graduate student advisor for the organization, Graham is serving as president, and Hellstein and **Richard Williamson**, clinical associate professor emeritus of prosthodontics at Iowa, have both served as faculty sponsors of the group.

Over the last couple of years, Tau Sigma has focused on encouraging Iowa dentists to join Everyone for Veterans while also raising funds to the 2011 Veteran Fund intended to support veteran patient care at the college. Additional resources for veterans will be available starting in the fall of 2023 via the Dr. Jo Rummelhart Veteran Appreciation Fund, which was established to help United States Veterans have access to sustainable, private financial assistance for dental care.

# 689

active veteran patients at the College of Dentistry in 2022

# 26

2011 Veteran Fund patients served

## Making an Impact for Iowa Veterans

Having a healthy presence of those who have served or are currently serving also shapes how Iowa delivers oral health care for veteran patients.

Approximately 6% of the US adult population have served in the U.S. armed forces, but dental care isn't covered by Veteran Affairs except for a few months after discharge or if the condition was caused as a direct result of their service. As a result, veterans are an underserved population.

"Many veterans aren't able to access care at Iowa or elsewhere because of financial barriers, and this is especially true for dentures and other prosthodontic services," Hellstein said.

**Jo Rummelhart ('81 DDS)** established the Dr. Jo Rummelhart Veteran Appreciation Fund to establish a sustainable, long-term resource to provide financial assistance for U.S. veterans to receive dental care at the College of Dentistry.

"I was a Navy dentist for 10 years, and like many veterans, I feel a strong connection to those I have treated and served with," Rummelhart said. "I know that having financial assistance available will greatly benefit our veterans who have sacrificed so much and suffered many hardships due to their service."

For their efforts to improve veterans dental care at Iowa, both Hellstein and Rummelhart were recognized as 2022 Hawkeye Distinguished Veterans.

Our veteran dentists, like Hellstein and Rummelhart, have left a deep and abiding legacy at the college. Their efforts shape our culture and our education, and that, in turn, transforms how we provide dental care for our veteran patients. That legacy is bearing fruit today with veteran students like Graham, and active-duty young alumni like Hopkins, who are likewise committed to improving oral health care for veterans at Iowa and around the world.



### JO ANNE RUMMELHART ('81 DDS)

Retired periodontist in Madison, WI

Active duty 1981-1992 US Navy

**RETIRED RANK:** Lieutenant Commander

### How you can help!



Sign up as a private practice provider for Everyone For Veterans, a national program to pay for veteran health care, including dentistry.



Donate to the Dr. Jo Rummelhart Veteran Appreciation Fund to help United States Veterans have access to sustainable, private financial assistance for dental care at the UI College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics.

# 2023 IOWA AADOGR RESEARCH AWARDS

The 70th Annual Iowa Section of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research was held on Tuesday, February 14. Judges evaluated each submission for each category and determined the award winners based on the quality of the research and the presentation. These awards represent the exciting research that students, staff, and visitors are conducting and presenting.

## BASIC RESEARCH – INTERNATIONAL PRESENTER: STUDENT



Honghong Liu

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AWARD



Madeleine Reed

### AAJR STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD



Tanveer Vasdev

### P&G COMPETITION



**1st Place**  
Tanveer Vasdev

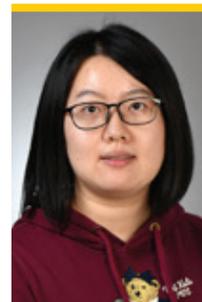


**2nd Place**  
Claire Campbell



**3rd Place**  
Kierston Evenson

### STAFF RESEARCH



Jinmei Zhang

### MAX SMITH PRE-DOCTORAL COMPETITION



**1st Place**  
Colton Curtis

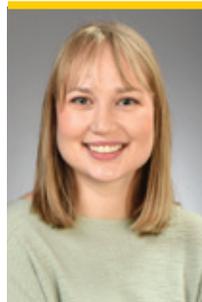


**2nd Place**  
Sara Saey



**3rd Place**  
Luke Hovey

### MAX SMITH GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL COMPETITION



**1st Place**  
Samantha Wuebker



**2nd Place**  
Lea Sarment



**3rd Place**  
Michael Chavez

### ADA TABLE CLINICS COMPETITION (PREDOCTORAL)



**1st Place**  
Sarah Johnson



**2nd Place**  
Katie Meinecke



**3rd Place**  
Alanna Bram

### ADA TABLE CLINICS COMPETITION (POSTDOCTORAL)



**1st Place**  
Ryan Abdelrahim



**2nd Place**  
Maria Rosas



**3rd Place**  
Jeffrey Anderson

**DENTAL SPECIALTY AWARDS**

**CLINICAL RESEARCH  
– INTERNATIONAL  
PRESENTER: STUDENT**



Hang Chen

**JAMES S. AND JANICE I.  
WEFEL MEMORIAL FUND  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**



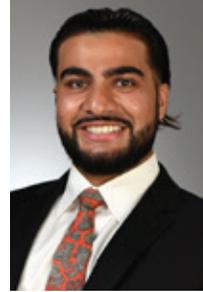
Erika Araujo

**JAMES S. WEFEL  
PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
PREDOCTORAL  
COMPETITION AWARD**



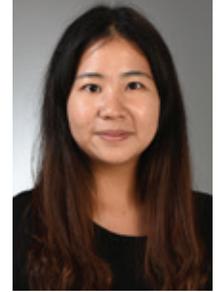
Sara Saey

**IOWA SOCIETY FOR  
PERIODONTOLOGY  
PREDOCTORAL AWARD**



Tanveer Vasdev

**ENDODONTIC MICHEL  
FULLER POSTDOCTORAL  
AWARD**



Tadmamol  
Krongbaram

**DEPARTMENT SPECIALTY AWARDS**

**OPERATIVE DENTISTRY**



Veronica Sule

**ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL  
PATHOLOGY**



Wattawan  
Wongpattaraworakul

**ORTHODONTIC/  
CRANIOFACIAL BIOLOGY**



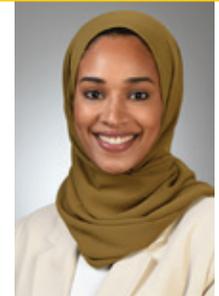
Lea Sarmant

**TISSUE ENGINEERING  
AND REGENERATION**



Jessica Faber

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**



Ryan Abdelrahim

**DEPARTMENT SPECIALTY AWARDS**

**PROSTHODONTICS**



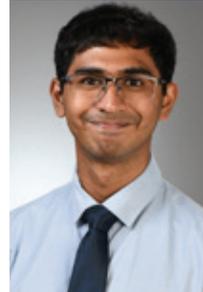
Maria Rosas

**PREVENTIVE AND  
COMMUNITY DENTISTRY**



Pamela Nwachukwu

**BASIC SCIENCE**



Chawin Upara

**COD OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

**PREDOCTORAL**



Kendall Oldham

**POSTDOCTORAL**



Abimbola Oladayo

# Make a Gift – Get Paid for Life!

Give back to the College of Dentistry and receive lifetime income.

Due to new and improved annuity rates, now is the best time to make a gift to the College of Dentistry that pays you predictable monthly income for life. This type of planned gift is a charitable gift annuity. You simply make a gift in support of the College of Dentistry, and in exchange, the UI Center for Advancement pays you annual income for the rest of your life!

The annuity rates for charitable gift annuities at the UI Center for Advancement just increased to their

highest levels in years. For people aged 65 and older, the rates now significantly outpace current interest rates and yields for certificates of deposit, money market accounts, and high-yield savings accounts. The amount received over your life depends on the amount and your age at the time of the annuity. The below chart shows several options based on age and amounts. The new rates ensure that donors who establish charitable gift annuities will receive significant annual income for the rest of their lives.

## THE UI CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA) PAYMENT SUMMARY CHART

Age	Rate	\$100,000 CGA Annual Payments	\$250,000 CGA Annual Payments	\$500,000 CGA Annual Payments
65	5.4%	\$5,400	\$13,500	\$27,000
70	5.9%	\$5,900	\$14,750	\$29,500
75	6.6%	\$6,600	\$16,500	\$33,000
80	7.6%	\$7,600	\$19,000	\$38,000
85	8.7%	\$8,700	\$21,750	\$43,500

**DID YOU KNOW?** In addition to charitable gift annuity (CGA) rates increasing to their highest levels in years, Congress just passed a new law regarding CGAs. If you are 70 ½ years of age (or older), you can now fund a \$50,000 CGA with your traditional IRA without paying income tax on the distribution from the IRA. This is the first year this has been allowed, and if you are subject to a required minimum distribution (RMD), such distribution from your IRA will count as part (or all) of your RMD.

## YES, PLEASE, I’LL GIVE BACK!

This is a fantastic way to give back to the College of Dentistry and guarantee income for your future. The process is simple, comes with tax advantages, and can also provide income to a spouse.

Contact Kelly Garvin or Nathan Seger to learn more and receive a personalized illustration.

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## Tom and Char Strub

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**Tom ('81 DDS)** and **Char Strub** have generously set aside an estate gift for the College of Dentistry Priorities Fund. Tom and Char met while studying at the University of Iowa in 1976 and were later married in 1981. The couple relocated to Albert Lea, MN until 1996 when they decided to return to Tom's hometown of Cedar Falls, IA. Tom practiced as a solo fee-for-service dentist in both locations until retiring in 2018. He was a member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Dental Practice Administration, Iowa Dental Association, and Minnesota Dental Association. He is an active member in the Cedar Falls community and dedicates his time to mission work around the world. He has volunteered on 22 dental mission trips including Honduras, Panama, Mexico, India, and Belize.

During her time at the University of Iowa, Char participated and lettered in Track and Field. Throughout her career, Char practiced as a physical therapist at Naeve Hospital, Sports Medicine Centre in Des Moines, St. Olaf Hospital, and Cedar Valley Medical Specialists before retiring in 2019. Char was one of the first 95 physical therapists nationally to be certified in Sports Medicine and was also certified in Manual Therapy. She volunteered as an Athletic Trainer at the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado, the US Olympic Sports Festival, and at the Pan American Games.

Tom and Char understand the impact of unrestricted funds and designated their estate gift to support the most pressing needs of the college including resources for student financial aid, faculty development programs, and research projects.

## Nancee Dixon in honor of James E. Dixon

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**Nancee Dixon** chose to honor her late father, **James E. Dixon ('58 DDS)**, with an endowed scholarship for dental students from rural or agricultural towns with demonstrated financial need. James "Jim" Dixon was from Correctionville, IA, and the first of his family to attend college. After discharging from the Navy in 1952, he attended Westmar College in LeMars, IA where he graduated with his bachelor's degree. He went on to the University of Iowa where he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree and was a member of the Delta Sigma Dental fraternity. Dixon lectured in Beirut, Lebanon and Varna, Bulgaria in his early dental career. He purchased his dental practice and settled in Clinton, IA, where he practiced for 35 years. He was active in the local, district, and state dental societies. He was a member of the Elks Club, the Flying Dentists Association — a professional organization that focuses on missionary work, church, and he became a 32nd degree Mason. After retiring from his private practice in Iowa, Dixon served in the military again as a civilian dentist at both Barksdale Air Force Base and Fort Hood Army Base. After retiring for the final time, he and his wife settled in the hill country of Lago Vista, TX, where they resided for 16 years.

Nancee says her father will always be remembered for his big smile, gentle nature, good sense of humor, and philanthropic goodness in the community and in dentistry. Nancee believes the College of Dentistry played a large part in who her father was as a man and she would like to assist other students from rural Iowa towns become who they are meant to be.



Over 100 students, several residents, and over 20 faculty and staff turned out to support IMOM on November 5 in Des Moines. Several members of our collegiate community brought along family members to support this vital work. **Kyungsup Shin ('15 MS), Kari Maas ('98 DDS), and Carrie McKnight ('98 DDS),** (above), each brought along one of their children to help at IMOM; Iowa College of Dentistry faculty are vital for overseeing the work that our students do at IMOM.

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) awarded **Robert Bowers ('16 DDS),** assistant professor of Family Dentistry, a 2023 Early Career Scholars grant

for his project, "A Novel Use of the Periodontal Ligament Injection for Delivery of Extended-Release Periodontal Therapeutics."

Faculty members **Huojun Cao, Susan McKernan ('09 MS, '12 PhD), Heidi Steinkamp, Juhi Uttamani, and Shaoping Zhang** were awarded seed grants from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics to support their research and help generate data that will help the awardees be competitive for grants from external funding agencies.

The college's Clinical/Dental Education Research Initiative Support Program (CRISP) selected the pilot study of **Aaron Cho,** chair and

associate professor of prosthodontics, and **An Yi Ma,** visiting assistant professor, investigating the use of intra-oral scanners for use in measuring posts for crown places.

**Azeez Butali,** professor of oral pathology, radiology, and medicine, was one of two Iowa faculty named a 2022 fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). The AAAS is the world's largest general-scientific society and publisher of the journal, *Science*. Butali is a professor of oral pathology, radiology, and medicine, and the world's foremost expert in the genetics of cleft lip and palate among African populations.



**Azeez Butali** (above) was elected to and inducted as a fellow into the Academy of Medicine Specialties of Nigeria. This academy is the leading academic organization for all medical-related fields in Nigeria, and members are elite researchers with at least an H-index of 25 and over 1,600 citations among other professional accomplishments demonstrating mentorships and service.

**John Hellstein ('91 MS),** professor of oral pathology, radiology, and medicine in the College of Dentistry, was honored as a 2022 Hawkeye Distinguished Veteran for his military service and his efforts to help veterans find information on financial assistance to address urgent needs.

The Office of the Vice President for Research awarded **Anvita Maharishi,** assistant professor of Family Dentistry, a 2023 Early Career Scholars grant for her project, "Strength and Translucency of Lithium Disilicate Glass-Based Ceramic CAD/CAM Blocks."

**Fabricio Teixeira,** professor and chair of endodontics, was elected as secretary for the International Association of Dental Traumatology (IADT).

The National Institutes of Health awarded **Shaoping Zhang,** assistant professor of periodontics, and his team a 5-year, \$1.95 million R01 grant to assess and understand the role of type I interferon (IFN-I) in periodontal disease.



At SmileCon 2022, the ADA Annual Meeting in Houston, **Satheesh Elangovan**, (above) professor emeritus of periodontics, and **Chris Barwacz ('07 DDS)**, (above) associate professor and chair of the Department of Family Dentistry, were inducted into the American College of Dentists (ACD).

Each year, UIHC recognizes providers with Patient's Choices Awards for their excellence in patient experience. **Doug Kendrick ('10 DDS)**, clinical associate professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, was selected for a 2023 award.

**Mike Kanellis ('79 DDS, '82 MS, '95 MS)** and **Brian Howe ('13 MS)** along with aerosol expert at the College of

Public Health, Renee Anthony, and the University's Occupational Safety Specialist, Justin Newnum conducted a study on the risk of the college's aerosol-generating procedures. Their published paper on the topic earned the David L. Swift Award for Best Aerosol Paper in the *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Hygiene*.

Students from the UI REACH program learned about oral health and received one-on-one tooth brushing instructions during an event hosted at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. UI REACH (Realizing Educational and Career Hopes) is a University of Iowa comprehensive transition program for students 18-25 years old with intellectual,

cognitive, and learning disabilities. The event was coordinated by Gianna Marshall and her team from UI REACH in cooperation with dentistry faculty members **Kecia Leary ('04 DDS, '07 MS, '07 PEDOS)**, **Cathy Skotowski ('81 DH, '91 MS)**, and **Stephanie Gramlich**. Numerous other COD faculty, residents, and students volunteered for the instruction.

The Osteology Foundation awarded **I-Ching Wang**, associate professor of periodontics, an almost \$30K Young Researcher Grant for her project, *Ultrasound-based Imaging to Detect Early Changes of Hard and Soft Tissue Around Immediately Placed Implants With or Without Soft Tissue Augmentation*.



## Amanda Shoemaker returning to Illinois

After five years as the director of Alumni Relations and Continuing Education at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics, **Amanda Shoemaker** has accepted a new position in her home state as the Director of Advancement Operations at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences. Since 2018, Amanda streamlined the Continuing Education office with a robust new online CE registration portal that makes the registration process more efficient and user-friendly, increased CE registrations, modernized alumni communication efforts, and worked collaboratively with the other health science colleges at Iowa to host alumni and friends events. Amanda also served in various external leadership roles, including as secretary for the Association of Continuing Dental Education, a North American professional organization for continuing dental education programs. She also worked with the University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association Board to connect them further with collegiate events – from the selection of alumni award recipients to actively supporting collegiate initiatives. “Although I have loved being a Hawkeye, I couldn’t pass up this wonderful opportunity to return to my home state’s flagship university,” Amanda said. “I will greatly miss all the alumni, donors, faculty, staff, and friends I have met over the last five years.” Amanda will soon join dentistry alumni in calling the University of Iowa her alma mater. She will complete her Ed.D. in higher education leadership in the spring of 2025. “The college appreciates Amanda’s dedication and work over the last five years, and I’ve appreciated working with her over the last year. We wish her the best in her new endeavor.” The college expects to have someone in Shoemaker’s position sometime this summer and will announce her successor at that point.

# STUDENT NEWS



Dental students, **David Jun (D2)** and **Jackie Yeh (D2)** (pictured above with UI President Barbara Wilson), are participating in a four-phase entrepreneurs program aimed at getting a better idea and understanding of the process of developing equipment with the goal of creating better quality glasses for Asian people.

In November, 84 D3 and D4 students role-played the experiences of low-income patients as part of the College of Dentistry's annual poverty simulation. This simulation helps students develop cognitive and affective

empathy which enhances their ability to plan treatments that patients can realistically implement.

**Abhigna Akurathi (D2)** wrote a dental public health article for the *Daily Iowan* in October 2022.

## AZEEZ ALADE

seeks DNA causes of clefts



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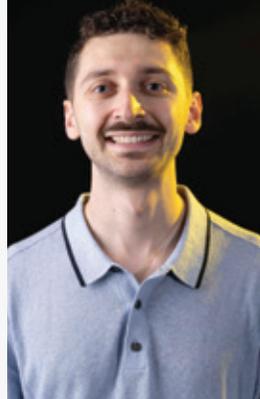
**IOWA**

**Azeez Alade '21 MS**, a PhD candidate in genetic epidemiology, specializes in identifying rare genetic factors associated with orofacial clefts in African populations, was highlighted in the University of Iowa Dare to Discover Campaign.

**Jake Lensing (D4)** completed a triple Ironman in October 2022, swimming 7.2 miles, biking 336 miles, and running 78.6 miles in around 52 hours.

## CYRUS MANSOURI

makes dental implants more feasible



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**IOWA**

**Cyrus Mansouri (D4)** was highlighted in the University of Iowa Dare to Discover Campaign. Mansouri's research investigates how dentists can preserve and/or regenerate bone and mucosa around teeth and dental implants. He began conducting research after his first year of dental school, and it opened doors for him in dentistry and academia.

## MARY YOUNG

investigates facial bone development



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**Mary Young (D3)** was highlighted in the University of Iowa Dare to Discover Campaign. This past summer, Mary had a research internship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD, where she worked on developing a novel tool to investigate neural crest cell fate decisions.



The February meeting of the Pre-Dental Club hosted 110 University of Iowa pre-dental students for a rotational session of impressions, pouring casts, and AADSAS application preparatory presentations. Pre-Dental Club advisor, **Hannah Mumm (D4)**, facilitated the impressions and cast activity in the Bench Lab in collaboration with the following DDS students, **Morgan Scholtes (D4)**, **Alex Hsieh (D4)**, **Megan Rott (D4)**, **Luke Farley (D4)**, **Chaz Konrath (D4)**, **Sydney Sanchez (D3)**, **Ethan Segerstrom (D2)**, **Gabrielle Mumm (D1)**, **Maya Olson (D1)**, and **Jessica Day (D1)**.

## University of Iowa College of Dentistry

# ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

### SAVE THE DATE

September 15 – 16, 2023  
For class years ending in 3's and 8's



#### Special Events include:

- CE Programs
- Reunion Reception
- Pregame Social
- Class Dinners
- Football Game against Western Michigan

If you are interested in chairing your class reunion, or for more reunion information, contact the Continuing Education office at (319)467 4206 or email [dentistry ce@uiowa.edu](mailto:dentistry ce@uiowa.edu).

#### To make hotel reservations online, visit:

→ [bit.ly/2023-COD-alumni-weekend](https://bit.ly/2023-COD-alumni-weekend)

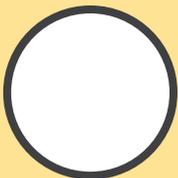
#### Or call:

Radisson Hotel Coralville | (319) 351 5049  
(formerly the Holiday Inn and Conference Center)

- Code: U of Iowa College of Dentistry Reunion Hampton Inn | (319) 351 6600
- Code: U of Iowa College of Dentistry Reunion

Please note, online reservations are the quickest and most efficient way to book your hotel room. Rooms are only available until **August 31, 2023** (or until they sell out).

## COD Tooth Collection Program Needs Contributors



Are you a dentist who extracts teeth? If yes, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry needs your help!

The college is looking for extracted teeth for student courses and projects. Dental students use the teeth to learn pre-clinical procedures in their Operative and Endodontics courses, as well as research projects. If you are a dentist who extracts teeth, please consider saving the extracted teeth and sending them to the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics. We'll send you a container for collection and pay for the shipping.

For more information, please contact Lisa Piper at 319-335-7151 or [lisa-piper@uiowa.edu](mailto:lisa-piper@uiowa.edu).



**Jacob Eisenbach ('55 DDS)** turned 100 on April 27 after surviving the Holocaust, immigrating to the United States, and practicing dentistry for sixty years.



Three generations of Iowa dentists (or soon to be Iowa dentists) served patients at the Iowa Mission of Mercy in Des Moines last November. Third-year dental student **Josh Strohm**, **Bill Strohm ('85 DDS)**, and **LeRoy Strohm ('58 DDS, '59 PEDO)**. Bill mentioned that his father, LeRoy, was able to assist and oversee Josh as he triaged a patient.



**Janet Wiegel Elmore ('63 DH)** has retired from the dental profession, after spending a number of decades at work.

**Kurt Studt ('72 MS)** was awarded the Washington University Dental Alumni Humanitarian Award.

**Thomas Taylor ('74 DDS)** was recently awarded the Thomas D. Taylor, DDS, MSD Endowed Chair in Prosthodontics at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. He has been the Dept. of Reconstructive Sciences head at the University of Connecticut since 1989. The endowment was created through industrial support.

**Jo Anne Rummelhart ('81 DDS)** was honored as a 2022 Hawkeye Distinguished Veteran for her 10 years of military service in the United States Navy and her efforts to establish the Dr. Jo Rummelhart Veteran Appreciation Fund to provide

sustainable, private financial assistance for fellow United States Veterans receiving care at the UI College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics.

**Derrick Williamson ('93 PROSS, MS)** (pictured above with College of Dentistry Department of Prosthodontics faculty and residents) visited the college with **Linda Ricks-Williamson ('93 ENDOS, MS)** on Friday, December 9, 2022. Derrick Williamson lectured on digital technologies in a private prosthodontic practice.

University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) and director of the UNLV Smiles Dental Clinic. She also happens to be a leading expert in caring for the teeth of exotic animals. The ADA featured Abbatangelo during its October 14 DENT Talk during the ADA Annual Meeting in Houston (SmileCon).

In December, **Sara Stuefen ('10 DDS)** completed the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership program.

At its 2022 Gala, the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center presented a Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award to **Reed Faldet ('19 DDS)** and **Addison Faldet ('20 DDS)**. The Faldets are practicing dentists, founders, and owners of Hometown Dental in Charles City, IA. In 2022, they constructed state-of-the-art dental clinics in Charles City, IA and New Hampton, IA.



**Tina Brandon Abbatangelo ('97 DDS)** is a visiting assistant professor of clinic sciences at the



The University of Iowa is collaborative! The College of Dentistry partnered with the Colleges of Medicine, Nursing, and Pharmacy to host an alumni reception in Nashville in December. Many University of Iowa College of Dentistry alumni and friends traveled from all over the US to attend the UI Health Sciences Reception before the 2022 Music City Bowl in Nashville. During the reception, these alumni and friends were able to hear updates from the four colleges, including from Dentistry Dean **Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PROSS, '92 PhD)**. Then they cheered on the Hawkeyes to a shut-out victory over Kentucky (a first in Music City Bowl history)!



Iowa Dental alumni and friends traveled from near and far to attend our Denver Alumni and Friends Reception during the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention in January. While there, they had the chance to chat with Dean **Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PROSS, '92 PhD)** as well as reconnect with some former classmates. Alumni also had the opportunity to talk with some current dental students who traveled to Denver to make some professional connections.



More than 100 Iowa Dental alumni and friends gathered in Chicago in February at The Blackstone Hotel for the annual Chicago Dental Alumni & Friends Reception held during the Chicago MidWinter Meeting. For some alumni in attendance, they graduated more than 50 years ago....others completed their dental degree last spring. Everyone enjoyed sharing their Hawkeye stories, chatting with Dean **Clark Stanford ('87 DDS, '92 PROS, '92 PhD)**, and hearing updates on their alma mater.

## IN MEMORIAM

- DDS 1956: John Bauer** of Iowa City, IA, died August 26, 2022.
- DH 1956: Nancy Christiansen** of Ann Arbor, MI, died August 11, 2022.
- DDS 1956: Franklin Hardy** of Mount Pleasant, IA, died March 25, 2021.
- DDS 1956: Charles "Chuck" Roudebush** of Cedar Falls, IA, died November 21, 2022.
- DH 1958: Connie O'Meara** of Northfield, MN, died November 8, 2022.
- DH 1958: M. Janet Patterson Allen** of Pleasanton, CA, died October 20, 2022.
- DDS 1960, MS Cert. Prosthodontics 1961: Duane Erickson** of Athens, GA, died July 10, 2022.
- DDS 1961: James Hileman** of Riverside, IA, died January 1, 2021.
- DH 1961: Jean Miller** of Overland Park, KS, died August 5, 2022.
- DDS 1961: Stanley Wise** of Saint Albans, WV, died August 2, 2022.
- DDS 1963: Gary Dundee** of Center Point, IA, died August 8, 2022.
- MS Cert. Prosthodontics 1963, PHD Medicine 1965: Trevor Harrop** of New Denver, BC, Canada, died April 9, 2022.
- DDS 1964: David Wilson** of Marshalltown, IA, died February 7, 2023.
- DDS 1965: Warren Chadima** of Cedar Rapids, IA, died October 7, 2022.
- MS Operative Dentistry 1968, Cert. Endodontics 1989: Carol Coffey, Jr.**, of Knoxville, TN, died August 26, 2022.
- DDS 1970: Ernest Primmer, Jr.**, of Cedar Rapids, IA, died August 3, 2022.
- DH 1970: Linda Shortell Jewell** of Longmont, CO, died February 3, 2022.
- DDS 1972: Michael Noonan** of Loretto, PA, died January 22, 2023.
- DDS 1973: Clark Scriven** of Broomfield, CO, died March 2, 2023.
- DDS 1975: Robert Cram** of Urbandale, IA, died November 4, 2022.
- DDS 1977: Steven Mott** of Knoxville, IA, died October 4, 2022.
- DH 1978: Sherri Hays** of Des Moines, IA, died December 25, 2022.
- MS Dental Public Health 2008: Rahul Nair** of Singapore, died November 4, 2022.
- PHD Oral Science 2013: Carol Fischer** of Forest City, IA, died February 25, 2022.

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## HISTORICAL IMPRESSIONS

### The Dental Program at Iowa During World War II

During World War II, UI College of Dentistry Dean **A.W. Bryan (1911 DDS)** had several issues. One was that dental faculty were being drafted and they were difficult to replace. Because they were not considered essential civilian personnel by the U.S. War Department, by the end of the war, nine of the College of



During the war, no time was arranged for a class photo. This casual graduation shot, taken on an Iowa River bridge, represents some of the UI dental graduates.

began in 1941, only 28 graduated. The rest either washed out or quit.”

Dentistry’s twenty-four faculty were serving in the military. While patriotism was undoubtedly a primary motivation for serving, the drafted dental faculty would also have received a higher salary than they were earning at the dental school.

In 1942, the College of Dentistry initiated a stepped-up dental education program, with a new class being enrolled every nine months. The 1943 Hawkeye Yearbook noted, “With the new system, skilled dentists will be available for army and navy use in almost half the time formerly required. Besides training their students in every phase of normal dental work, the school is now placing special emphasis on oral surgery in regard to the treatment of shell wounds.”

**David Heller ('44 DDS)** recalled in a letter: “We were placed in a year-round accelerated program and went to class from eight o’clock in the morning until five o’clock, Monday–Friday, and Saturday from eight o’clock in the morning until noon. We had no spring and fall breaks or holidays. Of the original 60 plus students who