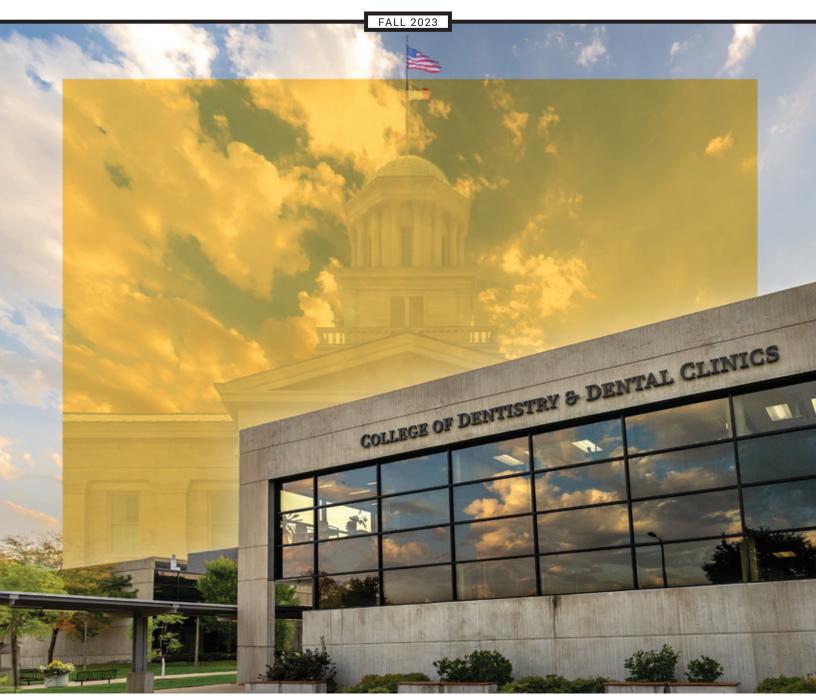


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to fulfill the following historic campaign goals: reach 300,000 alumni and friends, establish 3 million points of connection, and raise \$3 billion for lowa's boldest aspirations.





Dear members of the University of Iowa Alumni community and friends, Fifty years ago, the Dental Science Building opened its doors and created a new standard for dental education at the University of Iowa. Over 200,000 square feet of space was now dedicated toward improving oral health, treating our patient population, and making groundbreaking research. I think about that sometimes — 50 years — and how much our profession has changed during that time. As a prosthodontist, if I was practicing 50 years ago most of my cases would require extraction, and now we have incredible resources allowing us to save natural teeth with greater success than ever.

As a profession we pivoted from being reactive to preventive. This included fluoride in toothpaste, risk-based exams, the role of nutrition in oral health to "break through" therapies such as silver diamine fluoride. The 12 American Dental Association-approved specialties evolved with it which brought our profession to greater heights and smiles to our patients. No matter if you are a general dentist or have specialized, you have seen meaningful progress and positive change.

Through The Together Hawkeyes Campaign, our college is looking for more ways to upgrade, renovate, iterate, innovate, and amplify it's work toward advancing our mission of improving oral health in Iowa and beyond through patient care, research, service, and education.

Our students have changed as well.
Our student population is now a majority female, and we anticipate that trend to continue. More students are choosing to specialize, honing in on an area of dentistry where they feel they can make the biggest impact. Lastly, our students are in a better position than ever to succeed and move the profession forward because they are building upon achievements of the previous generations.

Technology is changing. We are seeing a wave of new dental technologies make its way into the spotlight. CAD/CAM, 3D printing, digital scanners, ongoing developments in ceramic restorations, and improved oral cancer detections are just a few of many innovations the Dental Science Building is housing.

Dentistry is one of the largest healthcare professions. There are over 200,000 of us around the country and so going back to when I asked myself how dentistry has changed in 50 years, I am now asking what hasn't changed? We are woven into the fabric of health care in this country and our impact on society is immeasurable. Through The Together Hawkeyes Campaign, our college is looking for more ways to upgrade, renovate, iterate, innovate, and amplify it's work toward advancing our mission of improving oral health in Iowa and beyond through patient care, research, service, and education.

It's exciting to know that positive change is all around us and at all levels of the profession. So, I'll amend my initial question and leave you with this final question — How have you changed dentistry?

Cheers! And Go Hawkeyes!

Clark Stanford DDS, PhD, MHA

Professor and Dean Edwin B. Green Chair

College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics

Jorge Ceballos turns chance meeting with alum into chance of a lifetime

hird-year Iowa Dentistry student **Jorge Ceballos** comes from a family of medical professionals—his mother is a nurse, and he has uncles, aunts and cousins who are doctors and dentists. However, his future in the medical field was never guaranteed. Ceballos is a recent immigrant from Cuba, and if it weren't for a chance encounter with an Iowa Dentistry alum, Jorge's career path might have taken a different turn.

Ceballos came to the US in 2016. His parents were already living and working in Carroll, a small town in western Iowa, and once he joined them, he threw himself into the American lifestyle. He finished the last few months of his senior year at Carroll High School and then completed an associate degree at the Des Moines Area Community College in three semesters. Ceballos received a scholarship to Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa, and graduated two years later with a bachelor's degree in biomedical sciences. He says his undergraduate years were busy ones because he would attend classes during the day and then, at night, watch YouTube videos on the same subjects in Spanish to be sure he understood the course material.

Over the years, Ceballos has worked several part-time jobs to pay for his studies. It was at one of these jobs, at a Mexican restaurant in Carroll, that he crossed paths with Iowa Dentistry alum Lynn Curry. The two had a conversation about dental school that Curry always remembered, and when Ceballos was

accepted to Iowa, Curry encouraged him to apply for an employee scholarship that he and his wife started at the local Carroll hospital.

At this point, Ceballos had moved on from the restaurant and was working as a pharmacy assistant at the hospital. He won the scholarship and used the money to defray costs during his first year of dental school. "Knowing there are people who are investing in my success makes me even more motivated to excel," says Ceballos, who also receives scholarships and financial aid from the college.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs **Sherry Timmons** said of Ceballos: "Jorge is a great example of the value of connecting and nurturing learners, you never know where a conversation or a word of encouragement can lead someone. Through his demonstrated hard work and commitment to his education, Jorge was identified as someone who warranted all the support we could provide to help him succeed. His story reinforces the value of scholarship funding to support and advance the next generation of healthcare providers. Without these funds some aspirations won't be realized, limiting our ability to help someone achieve their dreams."

Ceballos is eager to start practicing general dentistry in Iowa or someplace else in the US. But wherever he goes, he says he will always be grateful for his degree from Iowa Dentistry. Says Ceballos: "If my kids want to be dentists, no matter where we live, I want them to come to Iowa."



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SHERRY TIMMONS, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS



Spearheading an International Network of Cleft Lip and Palate Research for African Populations

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AZEEZ BUTALI, GILBERT E. LILLY PROFESSOR OF DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCES

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zeez Butali, the Gilbert E. Lilly Professor of Diagnostic Sciences at the University of Iowa, is a global leader in cleft lip and palate research and the world's foremost expert in the genetics of these conditions in African populations. As part of his research mission, he has also spearheaded the formation of a diverse, international network of researchers in Africa and the US to develop, refine, and apply their findings for the benefit of African populations and their genetic descendants.

Cleft lip and palate are common birth defects that affect millions of people around the world. They can cause a range of problems, including difficulty eating, speaking, and hearing. There is no cure for cleft lip and palate, but the conditions can be treated with surgery and other therapies.

Butali's research is focused on understanding the genetic factors that contribute to cleft lip and palate by studying the genomes of people with these conditions. In doing so, he has helped identify genes, specifically for African populations, that cause clefting. Cleft lip and palate account for a significant proportion of neonatal birth defects in Africa, but prior to Butali's groundbreaking work, there was very

little data on the genetic causes of the condition for this population.

Butali has also made these findings relevant to affected children and families—whether that's supporting families through cultural challenges unique to an African context, addressing mental health and quality of life, or improving access to available care for those affected.

To make the most of what's needed for these children and families, however, required more than the work of one researcher, and that's why Butali, over the course of a little over a decade, has made Iowa a destination location for training a diverse, international network of researchers in Africa and around the world; all of whom are committed and working to improve the lives of affected families.

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Preventive Oral Health Care for Toddlers and Infants

reventive care, particularly for infants and toddlers, is one of the most cost-effective ways to improve oral health," explained **Karin Weber-Gasparoni**, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Iowa.

But improving preventive oral health care for very young children, especially children from low-income families can be challenging.

One challenge is that only a small percentage of infants, and an even lower percentage of children from low-income families, see a dentist.

That's why, in 1998, Weber-Gasparoni, along with **Mike Kanellis**, professor of pediatric dentistry, founded the Infant Oral Health Program in collaboration with the local Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) through the Johnson County Department of Public Health. Twice a week, University of Iowa dental students, pediatric dentistry residents, and pediatric medicine residents provide free dental screenings, preventive care, and education to low-income children up to age three at the WIC clinic.

"Health professionals have an obligation to provide patients from low-income and underprivileged backgrounds the same access to care as patients who are more affluent," Weber-Gasparoni said.

Including pediatric medical residents in this process is a crucial step to improving oral health for these families. Although few infants see a dentist before the age of one, most infants visit their pediatrician several times during their first year of life. Thus, training pediatricians to provide basic infant oral screenings and education, and to identify risks for childhood cavities is a has been shown to improve preventive oral health care in early childhood.

"Medical professionals need to be trained in early childhood oral health, and our research has shown that it really makes a difference when they are," said Weber-Gasparoni.

Weber-Gasparoni and her interdisciplinary team drew from their experiences working with families and children in the WIC clinic to develop an innovative clinical trial, informed by self-determination theory, that empowers caregivers of young children to support positive and healthy oral health for their infants and toddlers through a nurturing and supportive relationship with health care professionals. The National Institutes of Health and the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research provided a \$4.4 million grant for this clinical trial.

These efforts show Weber-Gasparoni's passion for supporting new caregivers and improving oral health for underserved populations and how new collaborative clinical research initiatives at Iowa Dentistry are transforming oral health care for toddlers and infants.

"If we can keep a child cavity-free in the first three years of life, it will increase the opportunity for this child to enjoy better oral health for their lifetime," Weber-Gasparoni exclaimed.

A History of the College of Dentistry's Buildings

stablishing an Iowa dental society and a dental department was difficult.

Although there were one hundred fifty-four Iowa dentists in 1860, only seven dentists and one apprentice attended an 1863 meeting in Muscatine to organize what became the Iowa State Dental Society or ISDS (now the Iowa Dental Association). The low attendance resulted from travel issues, money, and a reluctance of dentists to share their knowledge.

In 1882, after repeated efforts by the ISDS, a dental department was finally created at Iowa. The department included two rooms in South Hall, \$300 from the Board of Regents, one used dental chair, 15 pre-owned barber chairs, and a bit of equipment. The first class in 1883 had eight graduates; by 1890, however, there were more than 150 students.

A new dental building for 200 students (later called Old Dental) was completed in 1895 for \$20,000, plus \$2500 for repairs and equipment. In 1900, the dental department had become the College of Dentistry.

However, because of complaints about Old Dental's lighting, inadequate sterilization, and a lack of hygienic operating conditions, a new building (now called Trowbridge Hall) was finished in 1917 for \$290,000, including equipment. Trowbridge Hall served the College of Dentistry for fifty-six years while weathering the Spanish influenza epidemic, World Wars I and II, and the Depression. But with advances in dental technology, a greater emphasis on research, and requiring space to treat patients with special needs, a new dental science building was needed.

Completed on the health sciences campus in 1973, the Dental Science Building (DSB) cost nearly \$11,000,000. Recently, there have been extensive renovations, with an addition added to the DSB.

Today, 50 years later, the College of Dentistry continues to provide excellent clinic and outreach services to all Iowans.



Old South Hall, 1882.



Trowbridge Hall.

Original foundation construction of the Dental Sciences Building, 1973.



Bob Williams Receives College's

ob Williams, who received his DDS from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in 1973 and then left Iowa immediately for Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State to provide dental care to soldiers in the Vietnam War, is named Alumnus of the Year 2023, an honor he says he is humbled to receive.

"I'm surprised to receive this award because there are many who are deserving," he says. "I am a big believer in the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, and I'm proud to be part of its long-standing tradition of excellence in dental education, care, and research."

Bob has practiced dentistry for 50 years in the South Puget Sound/ Tacoma region. During his career, he has volunteered with and supported local and global dental initiatives, including working in public dental clinics and traveling to third-world countries to care for people with oral diseases. He served as President of the Peirce County Dental Society and attended the L.D. Pankey Institute and Frank Spears Study Club.

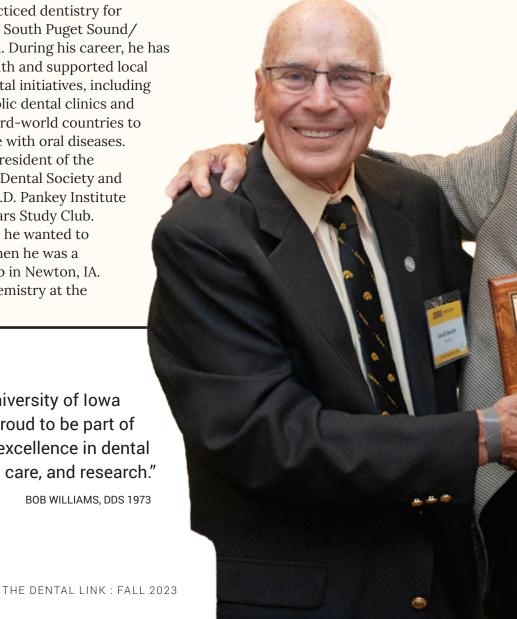
Bob decided he wanted to be a dentist when he was a boy growing up in Newton, IA. He studied Chemistry at the

University of Iowa, graduating with a BS in 1969. When he applied to the College of Dentistry, Dr. Richard Rabedeaux ('55 DDS), his hometown dentist, whom he had known most of his life, wrote a letter of recommendation for him.

During his time at the college, Bob studied operative dentistry with Dr. Gerald Denehy ('70 MS), and Dr. James Fuller ('62 DDS, '72 MS), and participated in academic research led by Dr. Kai Chan ('67 DDS, '64 MS), and Dr. Carl Svare. He graduated in 1973 and was immediately drafted to serve in the Vietnam War. He was assigned to

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BOB WILLIAMS, DDS 1973



Highest Alumni Award

Madigan Army Medical Center at Joint Base Lewis-McChord and was a member of the 9th Medical Division.

Fortunately, the war ended, and Bob never went to Vietnam, but his three years in the Army taught him much about perseverance. When his division was sent to Fairbanks, Alaska, to protect the Trans-Alaska Pipeline, he performed urgent dental surgeries in medical clinics that never warmed due to frigid outside temperatures of -50°F.

Bob met his wife, Jerilee (Jeri), at Madigan Army Medical Center, and after his discharge, they decided to put down roots in the Pacific Northwest.

Over the years, they have enjoyed many outdoor activities together, including hiking, camping, and golf. They have also participated in six humanitarian trips to provide dental services to people in China, Bolivia, Nepal, and other countries. Their next humanitarian trip is to Kenya with the Hardwick Foundation.

Bob and Jeri also volunteer with and financially support Guide Dogs for the Blind, a national organization that matches trained guide dogs with blind or visually impaired people.

The couple returns to Iowa at least once a year to visit family and friends, including many from the college. They are generous college supporters and, over the years, have made several financial

gifts. In 2003, they endowed the Dr. Bob H. and Jerilee H. Williams Professorship in Restorative Dentistry Fund, and in 2014, they contributed to the College of Dentistry Building Fund. In 2020, they supported the James L. Fuller and Gerald

E. Denehy Operative Dentistry Professorship Fund and, more recently, provided funding to support the Operative Dentistry Advanced Education Program.

Bob says he feels
fortunate to have been
given the opportunity to
study at the University of Iowa
and the University of Iowa College
of Dentistry, and he is grateful
that he and Jeri can support the
institutions that have given them
so much. Says Bob: "It is all about
giving back."

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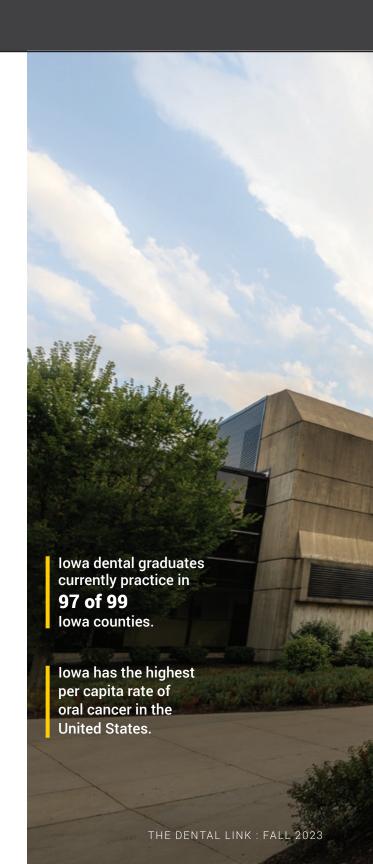
The University of Iowa College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics has focused on meeting the needs of our patients. Clinical care frames and undergirds our approach to dental education and our commitment to translating oral science research and discovery into reality for our patients.

As the only dental school in the State of Iowa and a nationally leading program in terms of clinical experience, the college plays a vital role in meeting the oral health needs of Iowans. That includes over 170,000 patient visits each year, including serving as the largest provider of dental care for Medicaid patients in Iowa.

Throughout their four years at Iowa, our students' patient experiences are a crucial part of their time here. These patient experiences and our comprehensive educational programs ensure that Iowa's dental workforce meets the current and future needs of the state.

Iowa Dentistry continues to rapidly expand its research and discovery, exceling in regenerative biomedicine, genetic research, and biomaterials, alongside an innovative oral cancer program. This expansive research and discovery mission is establishing Iowa as a global leader in oral science research, which benefits everyday Iowans.

The long-term flourishing of the college is structurally supported by four pillars that bolster and strengthen our ability to deliver excellence in each of these areas.

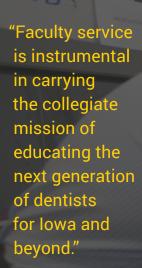


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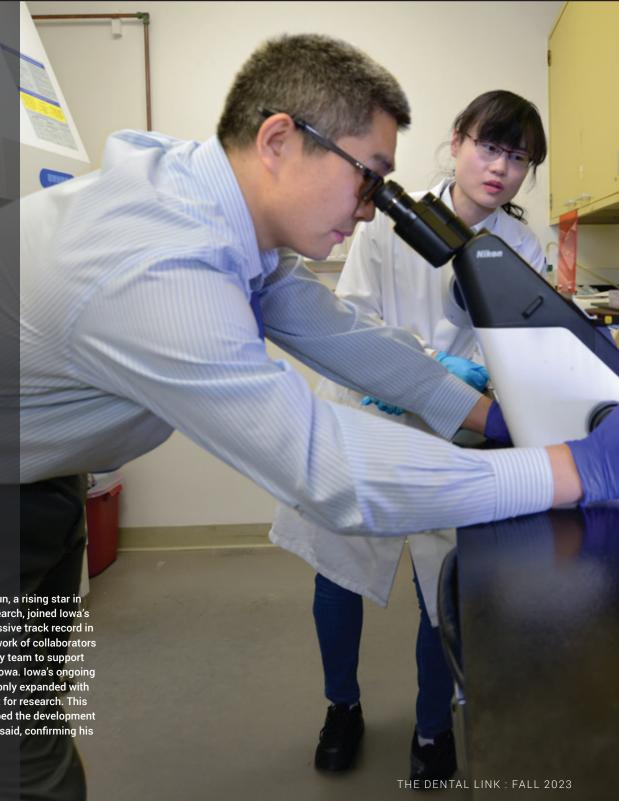
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GALEN SCHNEIDER EXECUTIVE ASSOCIATE
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Associate Professor Hongli Sun, a rising star in regenerative biomaterials research, joined lowa's faculty in 2018. Iowa's "impressive track record in dental research" and the "network of collaborators for building an interdisciplinary team to support his research" brought Sun to Iowa. Iowa's ongoing commitment to research has only expanded with greater resources and support for research. This support has "significantly helped the development of my research program," Sun said, confirming his choice to come to lowa.



Retain Faculty



entistry faculty at Iowa have long been a strength of the college. Our faculty continue this legacy as they provide an excellent educational experience for our students while maintaining active clinical and research efforts that benefit patients around the world. Yet, among dental colleges, there has been a growing trend of an aging dental faculty and a competitive environment for recruiting and retaining faculty.

Iowa is no exception to this trend, and that's why the college is prioritizing faculty recruitment and retention so Iowa's dental faculty remain one of the finest in the country.

Executive Associate Dean **Galen Schneider** knows that this is vital to the success of our college in teaching, patient care, research, and service.

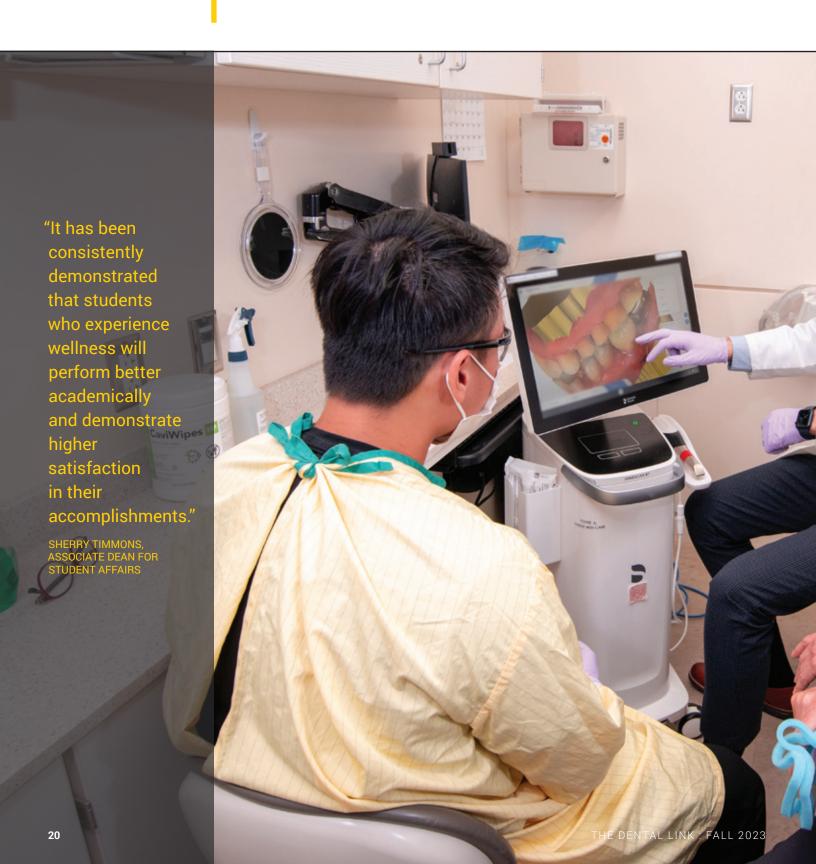
"Our world-renowned faculty educate the next generation of dentists and provide oral health care to patients in need. They conduct cutting-edge research that develops the education of our students and translational applications to advance patient care. Faculty service is instrumental in carrying the collegiate mission of educating the next generation of dentists for lowa and beyond," Schneider said.

These recruitment and retention efforts involve:

- Continuing to support and expand endowed professorships;
- 2. Providing seed grant funding opportunities for research faculty;
- 3. Supporting faculty-led dental education and clinical initiatives.

These ongoing initiatives are crucial for Iowa to remain a top-tier destination for recruiting and retaining excellent faculty. TOGETHER, HAWKEYES WILL ...

Support Student



Wellness and Success



ental school is a formative experience for students—forging bonds that last a lifetime as they jointly move toward a career in dentistry, but it is also a time of great stress. Many factors contribute to stress, but personal factors can exacerbate the effects. Studies consistently show that stress-reduction and stress-managing programs are effective at supporting student success in dental school. Iowa has made student wellness a priority and has a variety of offerings to support students during their four years.:

- 1. College-provided free tutoring;
- 2. Embedded counselor for mental health and wellness support;
- 3. Support for seeking post-graduation employment; and
- 4. Dentistry-related clubs and support groups

Associate Dean for Student Affairs Sherry Timmons is a champion for student success and wellness at the college.

"It has been consistently demonstrated that students who experience wellness will perform better academically and demonstrate higher satisfaction in their accomplishments," Timmons said. "They will have the stamina, energy, and endurance needed to successfully meet the challenges of our curriculum. By providing opportunities and supporting our students to prioritize their health and wellness through programming and academic support, they will present the best version of themselves to patients, our community, and the profession."

Maintaining and further expanded these initiatives are vital to the long-term health of the profession of dentistry in Iowa, and Iowa Dentistry is committed to the well-being of each student.

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he Dental Science Building was constructed 50 years ago in 1973. With expansions, renovations, and updates, the building has been a vital resource supporting the college as it fulfills its mission. Yet several critical areas, including student success and achievement, student wellness and wellbeing, and faculty research, are pushing against the limitations of our current structure.

- 1. Dental students have inadequate access to space for tutoring.
- 2. Dental students have inadequate space to confidentially receive wellness services as needed.
- 3. Dental students have inadequate space for educational and co-curricular activities outside of the classroom and clinic.
- 4. The expansion of the college's research productivity over the last five years has pushed the research spaces to its limit.

Updating the Dental Science Building is crucial as we build for the needs of future students, faculty, and staff.

"As the College of Dentistry and Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research continue to build their national and international research prominence, it is important that the physical facilities keep pace in order to accommodate a growing workforce and to provide state-of-the-art wet and dry lab space that fosters collaboration and discovery,"

JEFF BANAS, DIRECTOR OF THE IOWA INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH.

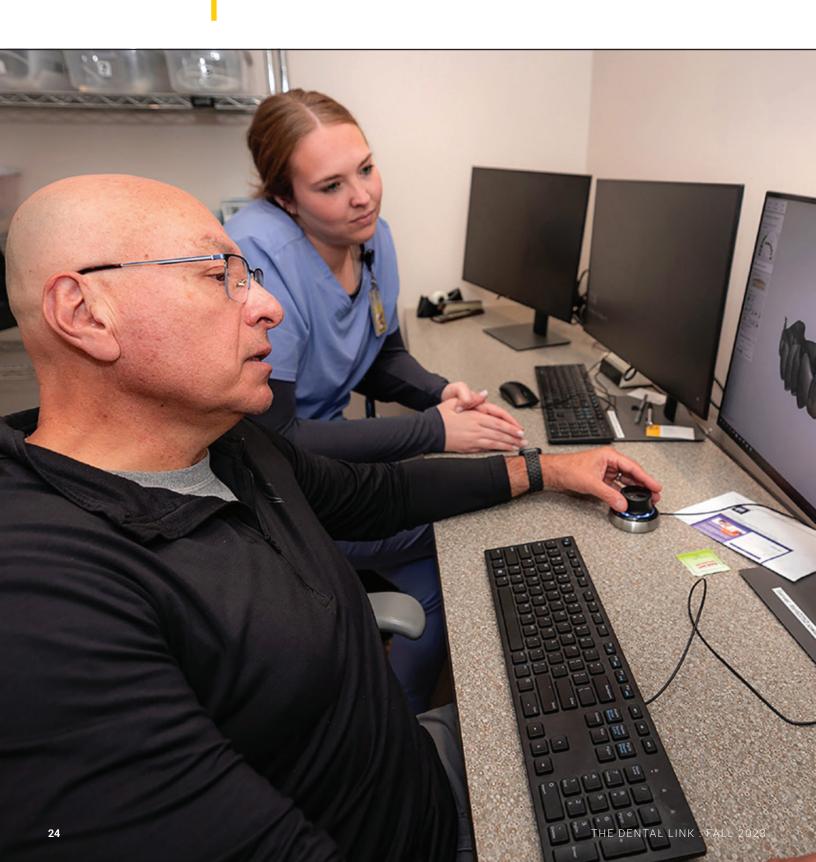


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ew digital technologies are transforming dental practice at a rapid pace. Whether it's computer-aided design (CAD) and computer-aided manufacturing (CAM) to design and 3D-print customized restorations, dentures, orthodontia, or implants; powerful intraoral digital scanners for fast and accurate digital images of a person's teeth; or high-resolution 4K monitors for student simulation clinics, Iowa is committed to helping our graduates thrive as they learn to use, evaluate, and apply these transformative clinical technologies.

These technologies are important because they enhance other priorities in effective clinical care. Aaron Cho, chair and associate professor of prosthodontics, spoke to the specific benefits of CAD-CAM in customized prosthodontics:

- 1. Patient-centered: the technology allows for easy customization and for demonstrating in real time what a customized prosthodontic device will look like.
- 2. Reproducibility: digital files and storage allows for a standardized chain of production, which increases precision and planning.
- 3. Opens new opportunities for the use of new materials via digital manufacturing.
- 4. Speed and accuracy are substantially improved.

It is vital for Iowa to harness these transformative clinical technologies more effectively for the benefit of our patients and for the patients of our graduates who fluently use these new technologies.

The Long-term Success of Iowa Dentistry

As Iowa Dentistry continues expanding its clinical care, its education of the next generation of dentists and specialists, and its research and discovery, it requires continuous support in these four pillars of what has made our college successful and what will ensure its future success.

Together, Hawkeyes Make a Difference



At the state of Iowa's flagship university, we do things the Hawkeye way — collaboratively, persistently, and with an eye toward bettering humanity.

This is our moment to fulfill the following historic campaign goals: reach 300,000 alumni and friends, establish 3 million points of connection, and raise \$3 billion for Iowa's boldest aspirations.



At Iowa, we're seeking solutions to some of our planet's most pressing issues. Together, we're sparking curiosity, pursing breakthroughs.



Our students, faculty, and graduates are at the forefront of world-class teaching, research, and practice. Together, we're shaping culture, inspiring innovation, and bettering humanity.



We believe in building a healthier world—and that starts with healthy citizens. Together, we're caring for one another, finding cures, and saving lives.

JOIN US IN MAKING INCREDIBLE THINGS HAPPEN AT IOWA



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FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

The University of Iowa College of Dentistry's oral health research training program has been renewed. The training grants prepares the next generation of researchers in oral, dental, and craniofacial science and support dentistry PhD candidates and postdoctoral researchers.

Salahaldeen
Abuhammoud, clinical
assistant professor and
a collegiate leader in
digital dentistry,
recently had one of his
images featured on the
cover of the Journal of
Dental Technology for
the month of April 2023.
The image occupies a
story about planning
and executing a
complete arch
restoration.

As a global leader in cleft lip and palate research and a decorated mentor. Azeez Butali was invited to deliver the commencement address for the 2023 International Student Graduate Celebration. In his charge. Butali challenged the graduates to believe in themselves, recognize their failures, show persistence, find a mentor and be a mentor. and to be intentional about what you do-all with gratitude!

The National Institutes of Health via the University of Kentucky awarded Azeez Butali, professor in the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine, and Erliang Zeng, associate professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, a grant to identify genome-wide genetic susceptibility variants around the world.

On Sept. 21, Azeez Butali and Kyungsup **Shin** were recognized as the Gilbert E. Lilly Professor of Diagnostic Sciences and Ross D. Christensen Family Professor of Orthodontics, respectively. Butali and Shin were joined by members of the college and their families during an investiture that served as one of the highest honors the college can bestow upon a faculty member.

Robert Bowers, Sukirth Ganesan, and Aline Petrin were each selected as 2023 Mentors of the Years by the Dental Student Research Group.

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researchers, Huojun
Cao and Eric Van
Otterloo, received an
NIH grant to investigate
the genetic causes of
tooth development. The
long-term goal of their
work is to better
understand tooth
development so that
new regenerative
treatments for teeth can
be developed.

Department of
Prosthodontics chair
Aaron Cho was invited
as one of the keynote
speakers at the annual
scientific meeting of the
Korean Academy of
Esthetic Dentistry
(KAED) on November
12. The KAED is one of
the largest academies
with different
specialties in Korea.

The college's Clinical/ Dental Education Research Initiative Support Program (CRISP) selected Joseph Curtis's pilot study assessing various modern methods of the design and fabrication of custom edentulous impression trays and record bases. This purpose of the study is to update the third-year curriculum incorporating more modern, digital components into the denture design process.

At the Iowa Dental Association Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids, Satheesh Elangovan, professor emeritus of periodontics, and Christopher Barwacz, associate professor and chair of the Department of Family Dentistry, were inducted as new fellows of the American College of Dentists (ACD). William McBride ('10 DDS) introduced the new fellows.

Established in 2007 by the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Foundation, the annual Jerome B. Miller "For the Kids" Award is presented to an up-and-coming clinician, researcher, or academician in pediatric dentistry for their outstanding efforts directed to children's oral health and welfare. The AAPD selected Matt Geneser, clinical professor of pediatric dentistry, as the 2023 recipient of the award.

At the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Academy of General Dentistry, Carlos Jurado, clinical associate professor of prosthodontics, won the first-place prize for his poster presentation of Fracture Resistance of Zirconia Surveyed Crowns in the category for Scientific Research. The research presented in the poster was also published by the Journal of Prosthodontics.

The University of Iowa was one of four research institutions, along with Michigan, Duke, and Indiana, collaborating on a newly-funded National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)/ National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant investigating the causes and implications of adolescent tooth decay, especially among underserved populations. Steven Levy is leading the Iowa research team.

Steven Levy, Wright-Bush-Shreves Endowed Professor of Research, is part of a six-person panel advising Health Canada on allowable water fluoride levels for public drinking water supplies. This re-assessment process is similar to what is done periodically in the United States by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In January 2023, Iowa orthodontics faculty, Steve Marshall, Kyungsup Shin, and Thomas Southard (and Laura Bonner) published Practical Early Orthodontic Treatment: A Case-Based Review. The text is receiving rave reviews and is sure to become the definitive textbook in the orthodontic treatment of children.

The Academy of **General Dentistry** awarded Carrie McKnight, clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine, her Mastership in the organization. Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry is the highest honor it bestows on its members, and it recognizes excellence and the highest levels of achievement in general dentistry and oral health through high-quality continuing education.

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FACULTY & STAFF NEWS

The Office of the Vice President for Research named Sara Miller, research manager in the Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research in the College of Dentistry and Dental Clinic, for the Distinguished Research Professional Award. This university-wide award recognizes staff members who performed exceptional service in support of research at the University of Iowa by conducting experiments, collecting, and analyzing results and performing operational duties associated with a laboratory or research program.

The National Dental
Foundation and Colgate
awarded Abimbola
Oladayo, a postdoctoral
researcher in Azeez
Butali's laboratory, a
scholarship to support
her research on ethical
issues related to the
handling of genetic
information obtained
through she and her
team's research.

Assistant Professor
Aline Petrin's research
on identical twins has
shed led on the
epigenetic causes of
orofacial clefting. Her
new study receiving a
collegiate CRISP grant
to explore the
epigenetic causes of
mirrored clefting among
twins.

Jean Redlinger, department administrative specialist in the Department of Family Dentistry, was named a College of Dentistry Ambassador due to her impact, knowledge, and work ethic over more than 20 years at the college.

Julie Reynolds, assistant professor in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry, received a \$300,000 grant to study the impact of Medicaid adult dental coverage on children's access to care.

Dean Clark Stanford presented two talks at the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) Meeting in Phoenix on March 18, 2023. He is the past-president of the AO (2020-2021) and Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (IJOMI). His presentations included preparation of a paper for publication and a keynote talk on the future of digital dentistry as it relates to implantology. He was also awarded, at this meeting, the highest honor the Academy can provide as he became one of the few "Diplomates," by written and oral examination, of the Academy of Osseointegration.

Hongli Sun, associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Iowa Institute of Oral Health, was one of four lowa faculty members to receive the 2023 Iowa Mid-Career Faculty Scholar Award. The award recognizes some of the most promising scholars at lowa with three years of financial support for their research. Sun is a rising star in the field of biomaterials and tissue engineering, focusing on innovative strategies to improve bone tissue regeneration.

The Office of the Vice President for Research (OVPR) awarded Hongli Sun and his collaborators an Interdisciplinary Scholars grant for their project investigating a novel approach to orofacial cleft reconstruction.

Fabricio Teixeira, chair and professor of endodontics, was appointed as a commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) representing the American Association of Endodontists.

Teixeira's four-year term will begin in October 2024.

The Academy of Osseointegration awarded I-Ching (Izzie) Wang, clinical assistant professor of periodontics, and Anvita Maharishi, assistant professor of family dentistry, a \$30,000 translational and clinical science research grant for their project, Correlation Between Peri-implant Mucosa Color and Tissue Dynamics: Phenotype and Health **Recognition Using** Dental Ultrasonography. The 2023 Regents Award for Faculty Excellence recognized the exceptional impact six University of Iowa faculty members, including Karin Weber-Gasparoni, have made in teaching, scholarship, and service. Weber-Gasparoni was honored at an awards celebration during the June 2023 Board of Regents, State of Iowa, meeting.

Welcome, Jack Rossi



Hello UI College of Dentistry alumni and friends, my name is Jack Rossi and I started as the college's Communications and Alumni Relations Manager in July. It has been a great first few

months on the job, and I have already worked on our three alumni tailgates and alumni reunion in September. I'm excited to help communicate and highlight the amazing things the college is doing from education to research to service. Some background about me: I'm from Gurnee, Illinois, and came to Iowa City in 2012 for college. After graduating I worked in Iowa Athletics as the Sports Information Director for softball, volleyball, men's/ women's gymnastics, and rowing before moving to Iowa's Office of Strategic Communication in 2021 to focus on internal communications and other communications projects. My wife and I recently bought a house on the west side of Iowa City, and she works as the Epidemiologist for Linn County Public Health in Cedar Rapids.

New chairs in Periodontics and Preventive and Community Dentistry



Sivaraman Prakasam has joined the dental faculty at Iowa and been named Department Executive Officer of periodontics. With a strong department under Prakasam's leadership, the Department of Periodontics will continue to excel in clinical care, teaching, and research.

Prakasam studied dentistry at the Ragas Dental college and hospitals, Chennai, India and earned a Bachelor of Dental Science degree from The T.N. Dr. M.G.R Medical University, Chennai, India (2000) before completing a PhD in Oral Biology and Pathology from the State University of New York, Stony Brook (2009), and a MS (2011) and residency (2010) in periodontology at Indiana University. Prakasam joined the faculty at Iowa on August 31. He previously was associate professor of periodontics at the Oregon Health and Science University, where he served from 2014 until joining Iowa's faculty. He also served as a clinical assistant professor in periodontics at Indiana University from 2010-2014.



Leonardo Marchini has returned to the dental faculty at Iowa and been named Department Executive Officer of preventive and community dentistry. Prior to last year, Marchini had been teaching and caring for patients in the Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry for nine years. Last year, Marchini began a new chapter, leaving Iowa and moving to Cleveland to serve as Case Western Reserve University's Professor and Chair of the Department of Comprehensive Care. Marchini returned this fall when the DEO position for preventive and community dentistry became available.

Marchini has DDS and MS degrees from São Paulo State University in Brazil, and a PhD in microbiology from the University of São Paulo in Brazil. He treats patients as part of the geriatric and special needs clinic, and conducts clinical and dental education research pertaining to dental care of older adults.

New Associate Dean for Clinics

Following a national search, Kecia Leary ('04 DDS, '07 MS) has been appointed as the Associate Dean of Clinics for the College of Dentistry. She holds the rank of clinical professor (2021present) in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry and currently is the Program Director for the residency program in Pediatric Dentistry. She is the Director, Division of Pediatric Dentistry at UIHC. She is dual boarded from the American Board of **Pediatric Dentistry** (since 2008) and the American Board of **Dental Public Health** (since 2011). She is the recipient of multiple teaching awards and an alumnus of the Leadership in Education and Administration and Chairs and Academic Administrative Management Program of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. She currently serves on the board of directors of the National Network for Oral Health Access. Prior to returning to the College in 2015, she was the Director of Pediatric Dentistry at the Jordan Valley Community Health Center (Missouri) from 2007-2015.



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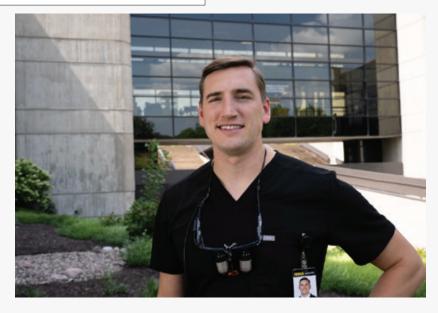
STUDENT NEWS

For eight consecutive American Association of Orthodontists Case competitions, the University of Iowa has been recognized as a top-ranked program. This year, our Orthodontics Department captured an "honorable mention" in a cleft case supervised by Lina Moreno, associate professor and chair of orthodontics.

Tim Nguyen, a T90 trainee in the Iowa Institute of Oral Health Research and a PhD student in the Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Genetics, was awarded an F31 grant.

The Department of Periodontics presented three awards at its annual awards luncheon on Wednesday, May 17 to third-year dental student Holly Weber, fourth-year dental student McKenna Schnack, and Taylor Leos ('23 DDS).

At the Iowa Dental **Association Annual** Meeting in Cedar Rapids awards luncheon, several Iowa Dentistry students were recognized. Uzair Ahmad ('23 DDS) received the Outstanding **Achievement Award** from the Iowa Section of the American College of Dentists. Guillermo Cortes ('23 DDS) received the Humanitarian Award from the International College of Dentists for exemplifying and demonstrating passion for altruistic humanitarian service as a dental student. Fourth-year dental student McKenna Moreland received the 2023 Oral Health Scholarship Award from the Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The winner was selected because of demonstrated leadership development in university, dental school or community activities, and is expected to exhibit integrity, imagination, initiative and communication skills.



Third-year dental student **Zach Graham** was named a 2023 Tillman Scholar. Each year, the Pat Tillman Foundation selects 60 leaders from over a thousand applicants. These leaders have all served in the military, are passionate about academics, and seek to impact the world via service for others.

The American Student Dental Association awarded third-year dental student **Zach Graham** the Excellence in Advocacy Engagement Award. Advocacy is vital to the protection and welfare of dental students and the dental progression, and this award is presented to the person who participates in the most advocacy-related engagement activities.



College of Dentistry students staff a booth at the Johnson County Fair.

ALUMNI NEWS



Professor Caplan Named 2023 Educator of the Year

Professor Dan Caplan, a 1988 graduate of the College of Dentistry and Head of the College's Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry from 2007—2022, is named Educator of the Year 2023.

During his tenure as department chair, Dan oversaw the expansion of the Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry program and helped foster the development of a new graduate certificate program in that area. He also worked with college leaders to make geriatric and special needs dentistry a required rotation for all dental students.

"Working at the College of Dentistry has been a rewarding experience, and I am honored to receive this award," said Dan.

Dan received a BA in Chemistry from the University of Virginia and worked in private practice in Iowa City for three years before entering a PhD program in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina. He stayed on the campus for 15 years, eventually becoming a professor there after his graduate training.

He returned to the University of Iowa in 2007 to take on the department chair position. Dan continues to help lead the D4 extramural program, teach clinical research methods, serve on multiple college and university committees, and support colleagues with their scientific research.



Dr. Janet Guthmiller named Leader of the Year 2023

Janet Guthmiller, Dean of the University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry and a 1988 graduate of Iowa Dentistry, has been named Leader of the Year 2023. Janet was a faculty member at Iowa from 1997 to 2007 and credits this experience, and others in academia, with preparing her to take on top-tier leadership roles.

"It is so meaningful to receive this award from my dentistry alma mater," says Janet. "I'm proud to be a Hawkeye."

She was selected for the deanship at UNC in 2022. Prior to that, she served as dean at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry for eight years (2014-2022). Janet received her certificate in periodontics and PhD at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. She served as a professor at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry (1993-1999), the University of Iowa (1997-2007), and UNC (2007-2014).

"My goal is to do for others what my lowa mentors did for me," says Janet. "I am thrilled to be able to give back and to inspire and support the education and career development of my faculty, staff, and students."

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Neill Luebke ('69 DDS, '72 MS Operative) presented to University of Iowa Endodontic graduate students and also at the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) on Rotary NiTi instruments. He holds 12 national and international patents on heat-treated NiTi instruments. He continues to work with the development of standards starting in 1987 which today includes AAE representative to the **ADA Standard** Committee and Chair of Subcommittee 4. Instruments. Recently, he returned from the ISO meeting in Sydney Australia where he was Convener of endodontic instruments and US representative to Subcommittee 4. He also had his adult son and daughter join him on a raft trip down the Grand Canyon in June. Last year he was inducted into the Wisconsin Collegiate Volleyball Conference Hall of Fame for my pioneering work with the organization.

Henry Fields, Jr., ('73 DDS, '75 MS Cert. Pedodontics) named the recipient of the 2023 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award by the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO).

On September 12, an Obermann Conversation with University of Iowa faculty, including dentistry's own Heather Heddens ('80 DDS), a retired adjunct professor in Family Dentistry, and former women's basketball players contextualized the past, discussed the present, and looked forward to the future of women's basketball.

Last spring, Iowa dentists and University of Iowa dental students were in Washington D.C. for the ADA Dentist and Student Lobby Day. Alumni John Arend ('82 DDS), Michael Franzman ('04 DDS, '07 MS), Sara Stuefen ('10 DDS) and Iowa Dentistry students: IASDA President Morgan Scholtes ('23 DDS), Carter Coppinger (D3), Zachary Graham (D3), Alex Hsieh ('23 DDS), Mallory Obenauf (D3), and Morgan Swanger (D2) along with other IDA representatives participated in the event.

Mark Barnes ('85 DDS) is a diplomat in ABC Des Moines, ABCFP, American Board of Orofacial Pain and American Association of Physicists in Medicine, member in American Academy of Sleep Medicine, master/fellow in International College

of Cranio-Mandibular Orthopedics, fellow in Pierre Fauchard Academy and Academy of Dentistry International, certificate in Biomechanics Trauma (whiplash), and Thermography of TMJ. Kimberly Swanson ('86 **DDS)** was president of the Southeastern Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (SSOMS) for 2022-2023. The 73rd annual meeting was held in Napa, CA, in May 2023. She was the first woman president of SSOMS.

At the annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) last fall, Steven Nelson ('87 DDS) was elected to his 21st term as Speaker of the House and also received AAOMS's 2022 Presidential Achievement Award.

lowa Dentistry and His Hands Clinic in Cedar Rapids, under dental director **Jeff Akey** (**'87 DDS**), began a new partnership this year offering clinical outreach experiences for second-, third-, and fourth-year dental students on select Saturdays.

Timothy Trulove ('89 MS Cert. Orthodontics) was installed as President of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) of Montgomery, Alabama for the year beginning April 23, 2023.

At the Iowa Dental **Association Annual** Meeting in Cedar Rapids, new fellows were inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The newly inducted fellows included: Adam Fuller ('03 DDS): Zacharv Kouri ('03 DDS); Lucynda Raben ('83 DDS); John Arend ('82 DDS); Clark Stanford, dean of Iowa Dentistry; Jordan Moffitt: McAllister Castelaz. dental public health

candidate; Christopher Barwacz, associate professor and chair of the Department of Family Dentistry; Sara Stuefen ('10 DDS); and Michael Callan, clinical assistant professor of orthodontics.

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At the spring meeting of the University of Iowa Student Research Group, Cyrus Mansouri ('23 DDS) and Sydney Woods ('23 DDS) received the awards for 2023 Outstanding Dental Researcher, recognizing their excellence as a student researcher.

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

The College is looking for extracted teeth for student courses and projects. If you are a dentist who extracts teeth, please consider saving the extracted teeth and sending them to the College of Dentistry. Dental students use the teeth to learn pre-clinical procedures.

For more information, please contact Hunter Floyd at 319.335.7151 or hunter-floyd@uiowa.edu



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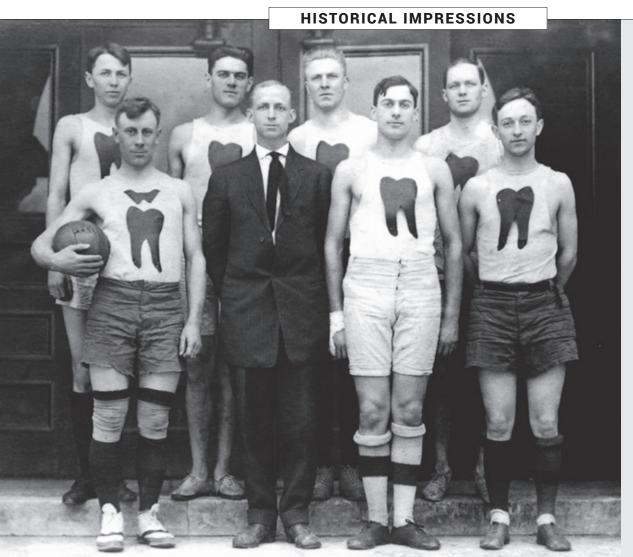
- **DDS 1946: David Silverman** of Monterey, CA, died December 21, 2022.
- **DDS 1951: James Van Antwerp** of Reno, NV, died January 29, 2022.
- DDS 1952, MS Cert. Orthodontics 1953: Charles Fredericks of Bonita Springs, FL, died April 22, 2023.
- **DDS 1952: William Schlegel** of Drakesville, IA, died November 20, 2011.
- **DDS 1952: Everett Wilkie** of Houston, TX, died November 10, 2018.
- DDS 1953, MS Cert. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 1956: Richard Lindenmeyer of Rapid City, SD, died August 26, 2022
- DDS 1954: Ted Harper, Jr. of Manning, OR, died October 26, 2021.
- DDS 1954: James Johnson of Iowa City, IA, died October 8, 2023.
- **DDS 1954: Charles Kromer** of Waverly, IA, died September 6, 2023.
- DDS 1954, MS Cert. Prosthodontics 1957: James Schweiger of Reading, PA, died May 17, 2023.
- DDS 1954: Charles Tucker of Storm Lake, IA, died June 13, 2023.
- **DDS 1955: Keith Korneisel** of St. Petersburg, FL, died August 20, 2021.
- **DH 1955: Maurine Morgan** of Treasure Island, FL, died January 6, 2023.
- **DDS 1955: Arthur Van Cleve** of Cedar Rapids, IA, died October 6, 2019.
- **DDS 1956: George Daskalos** of Mason City, IA, died March 3, 2023.
- MS Cert. Orthodontics 1956: Paul Fleming of Acampo, CA, died December 28, 2020.
- DH 1956: Mary Jo Haarsma of Des Moines, IA, died May 1, 2023.
- MS Cert. Orthodontics 1956: Philip Maschka of Chula, GA, died April 17, 2023.
- **DH 1956: Jean Porner** of Manhattan Beach, CA, died February 26, 2014.
- MS Cert. Orthodontics 1956: Pramod Soparkar of Lexington, MA, died March 5, 2023.
- DDS 1956: David Vincent of Maple Grove, MN, died July 22, 2023.
- DH 1956: Mary Winter of Winnebago, IL, died May 23, 2022.
- DH 1957: Emma Amme of Oklahoma City, OK, died July 9, 2021.
- **DDS 1957, Cert. Pedodontics 1961: Thomas Goblirsch** of Del Mar, CA, died January 13, 2023.
- **DDS 1958: William Dahlberg** of Mukilteo, WA, died March 12, 2020.
- DDS 1958: Frank Denz, Jr., of Escondido, CA, died May 19, 2022.
- **DH 1959: Virginia Campion** of Winter Park, FL, died October 29, 2021.
- DDS 1959: Thomas Coad of Yorba Linda, CA, died May 29, 2022.
- DDS 1959: Roger Nemmers of Dubuque, IA, died July 7, 2023.
- DDS 1960, MS Cert. Orthodontics 1964: James Carroll of Decorah, IA, died March 15, 2023.
- DH 1960: Karen Ingram of Beaverton, OR, died January 18, 2013.
- DDS 1960: James Wiese of Glenwood, IA, died May 12, 2022.
- **DH 1961: Barbara Coppock** of Cedar Rapids, IA, died October 1, 2023
- DH 1962: Marneta Cody of Littleton, CO, died July 11, 2022.
- MS Cert. Prosthodontics 1962: Arthur Roraff of Chandler, AZ, died May 20, 2014.

- **DDS 1963: Robert Locher** of Evanston, IL, died December 6, 2022.
- **DDS 1963: Jerry Young** of Knoxville, TN, died September 20, 2023.
- MS Cert. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 1964: Robert Calderwood of Florence, WI, died December 16, 2017.
- DDS 1964: Donald Garsh of Cocoa Beach, FL, died October 14, 2018
- DDS 1964: John Read of Cedar Rapids, IA, died October 2, 2023.
- **DDS 1964: Andrey Straumanis** of Des Moines, IA, died November 14, 2019.
- DDS 1965: Carl Rowley of Bettendorf, IA, died August 9, 2023.
- **DH 1965: Donna Vick** of Sun City Center, FL, died November 12, 2019.
- **DDS 1965: John Wallace** of San Antonio, TX, died February 11, 2019.
- MS Cert. Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 1967: Robert Fontanesi of Los Angeles, CA, died December 13, 2021.
- DDS 1968: Charles Edwards of Monona, WI, died July 27, 2023.
- DDS 1968: Jerry Harrison of Wilton, CA, died September 1, 2022.
- DDS 1969: Alan Maris of Waterford, CT, died July 19, 2019.
- DH 1971: Chris Ball of Lakewood, CO, died December 15, 2018.
- **DH 1971: Anne Cloninger** of Las Vegas, NV, died May 17, 2019.
- **DDS 1972: Craig Knouf** of Worthington, OH, died December 24, 2021.
- DDS 1972: John Mullen of Dubuque, IA, died August 11, 2023.
- DH: 1973: Elaine Lawrence of Fairfield, IA, died May 5, 2023.
- DDS 1974: Kent Van Vark of Pella, IA, died May 24, 2023.
- DDS 1975: Bobby Collins of Memphis, TN, died May 2, 2023.
- **DH 1975: Peggy Jones** of Eau Claire, WI, died September 26, 2023
- DDS 1975, MS Operative Dentistry 1982: Craig Phair of New Brighton, MN, died July 8, 2023.
- Cert. Prosthodontics 1977: Richard Cheng of Potomac, MD, died March 23, 2022.
- **DH 1977: Nadine DeVoss** of Council Bluffs, IA, died September 25, 2023.
- DH 1979: Mary Kelting of Davenport, IA, died September 1, 2022.
- DDS 1978: John Heasley of Iowa City, IA, died April 21, 2023.
- **DDS 1978: Kent Hinrichsen** of Georgetown, TX, died January 11, 2023.
- **DDS 1978: Geoffrey Mykleby** of Wauwatosa, WI, died May 12, 2023.
- DDS 1978: Thomas Walker of Forest, VA, died October 11, 2020.
- DDS 1980: Stephen Rees of Ashton, ID, died April 21, 2023.
- DDS 1982: David Crane of San Jose, CA, died September 7, 2022.
- DDS 1984: Mark Davis of Forsyth, MO, died July 4, 2022.
- DDS 1985: Benita Caldwell of Coralville, IA, died June 19, 2023.
- DDS 1985: James Knight of Cedar Rapids, IA, died June 9, 2019.
- MS Cert. Periodontics 1990: Jeffrey Fleming of Willows, CA, died June 28, 2022.
- DDS 1999: Terry Wade of Meridian, ID, died August 12, 2022.
- DDS 2000, MS Oral Science 2003, Cert. Periodontics 2003: George Holling of Loveland, CO, died June 20, 2023.
- **Cert. Prosthodontics 2010: George Syros** of Houston, TX, died July 12, 2021.



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From early on, lowa Dentistry has always had a reputation as intramural juggernauts. This intramural basketball team from 1912 knew how to show pride in dentistry, and that legacy continues today with our current dental students."