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Dear member of the University of Iowa alumni community and friends,

I hope all is well all is well as we enter the winter months. Shortly we will begin 2025 and be one quarter of the way through the century, which scares me a bit as time flies by quicker each year, but I also like to think it's because my time leading the UI College of Dentistry has been so enjoyable. Sure, there are highs and, well challenges, but that is to be expected at a prominent dental college. I don't spend as much time looking back as I look ahead -- looking ahead to the future of the college, the future of the University of Iowa, and the future of our faculty, staff, and students. Hardly a day goes by that I'm not thinking about new workflows or ways of incorporating emerging and amazing technologies for the benefit of the college's students, faculty and patients. I keep an open mind when I hear about a new digital workflow using CAD/CAM or how artificial intelligence can interpret radiographs, but I remain cautiously optimistic to ensure that our students and patients remain our priority and not lose focus of what makes our college great. We are living during an impressive time when these kinds of advancements are becoming as routine as a dental visit. Yet, I'd be remiss to not acknowledge that where we are today would not be possible without the previous classes of alumni paving the way forward for today's students. Your presence, guidance, and support are the reasons why our college is more sought after than it ever has been. No matter how engaged you are with your alma mater – whether you're a member of our alumni board or casually flipping through the pages to see what is new with your school – our students look up

to each one of you. You are our greatest ambassadors and because of you, we are positioned to succeed well into the future.

Cheers! And Go Hawkeyes!



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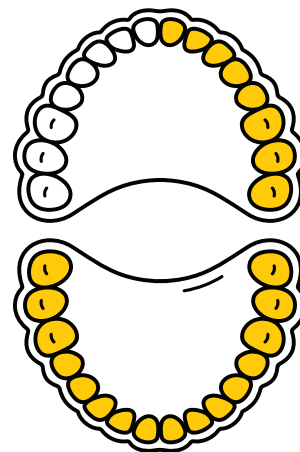
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The UI College of Dentistry is tasked with raising \$32M which will impact four key areas of our college:

- Faculty recruitment and retention
- Student wellness and success
- A building for the future
- Transformative clinical technologies



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

\$32M goal
 \$24M raised

 \$8M remaining

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IOWA DENTISTRY

CLASS OF
2028



“Long story, but best decision of my life.”

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UI COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY: BY THE NUMBERS

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oldest dental school
west of the Mississippi



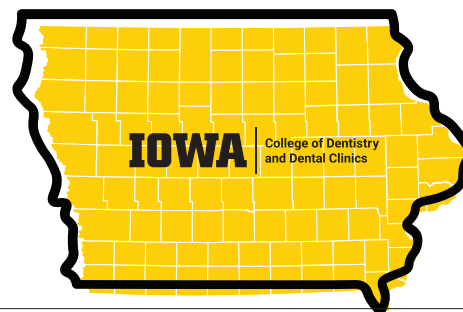
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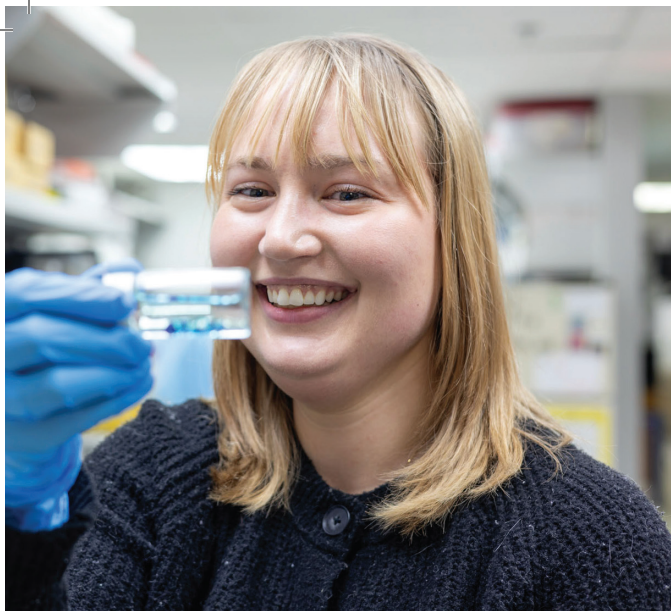
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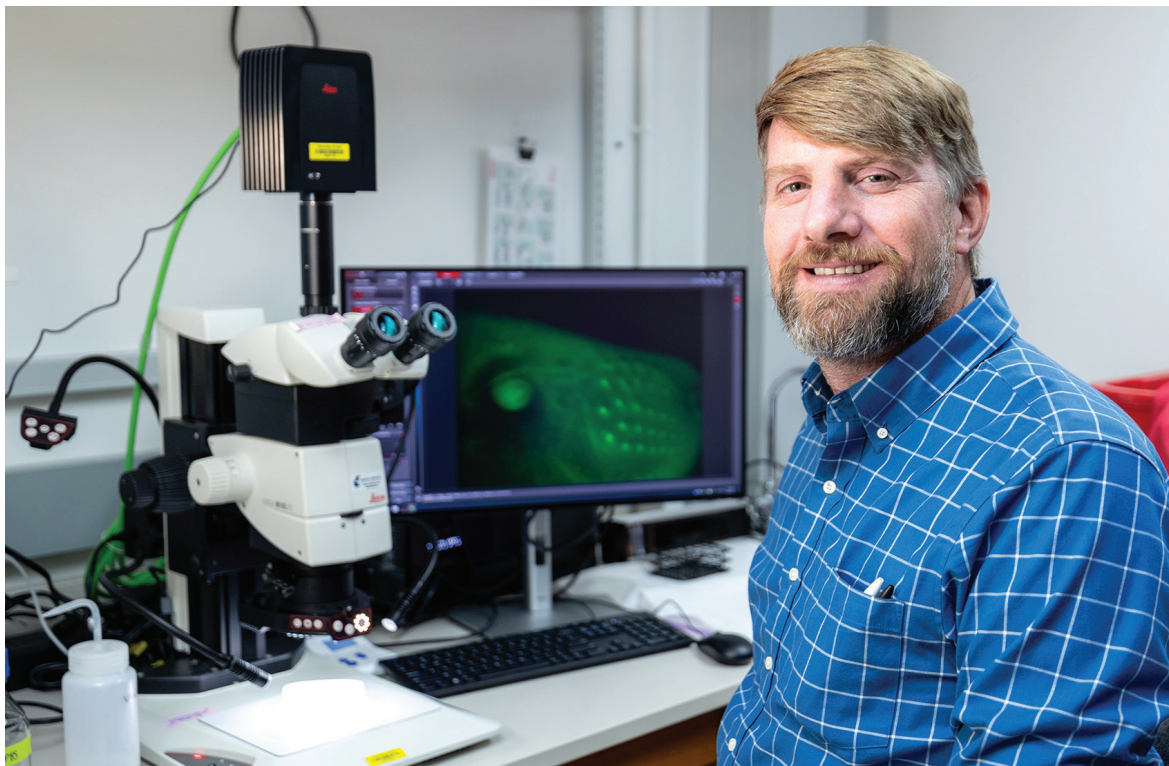
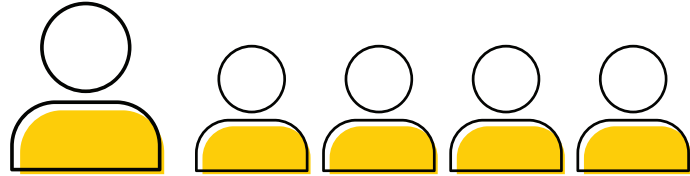


The College of Dentistry
saw patients from all
99 Iowa counties





1:4 faculty to student ratio




12TH

in the nation in
NIDCR research
funding




5,220
Living alumni


~1,900
Alumni living in
Iowa

AI

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A

rtificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly revolutionizing healthcare. Nearly every industry is seeing emerging workflows using AI, including dentistry. While optimism garners the most attention, looming right behind are ethical dilemmas that challenge the immediate integration of AI technologies.

BY JACK ROSSI

Trishul Allareddy, professor and department chair of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine, has had a front seat in the evolution of AI and machine learning algorithms and recognizes these dilemmas in dentistry. He has been working with collaborators, including the American Dental Association (ADA) and Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM), to ensure the creation a national baseline for AI within organized dentistry, the maintaining of patient privacy, and the integrity of clinical decisions.

“My collaborators and I have been working with AI for the last 11-12 years, even before it became mainstream like today,” says Allareddy, “Around 2010 we started working with big data and eventually thought on how AI could be implemented in the future to read radiographs.”

Fast forward to 2024 and AI is now capable of interpreting radiographs. However, this rapid progress has outpaced regulatory oversight, raising concerns about potential misuse and bad actors. Through his roles at the national level, Allareddy is developing ethical frameworks to address these issues as well as his vision for the future of AI in dentistry.

“We want to set standards on guidelines that we should use when you are developing these deep learning models,” says Allareddy, “If a company develops a model to evaluate a disease, we would run it against our model and see how it performs. We would then report back whether it is good enough to use in a practice. In that way, we can almost act as an independent agency within the ADA.”

AI’s momentum over the last year has been sparked by widespread access to Large Language Models (LLM), the driving force behind what we understand as AI today, and that has significantly quickened the pace at which AI is advancing.

While LLMs have swiftly progressed, granting greater freedom and capability to just about everyone for nearly any task, this broad accessibility brings more ethical issues to light. The most pressing challenges center on safeguarding patient confidentiality and preserving the soundness of clinical judgments.

“There should be checks and balances when using a third-party algorithm or AI to protect our patients,” says Allareddy, “A patient’s information must be de-identified before being sent off to be read and interpreted by an AI and then there must be a mechanism to put that information back in place, so that the patient’s information is always secure.”

Dr. Allareddy works with members of the Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine Advanced Education Program. From left to right: Dr. Allareddy, Menthen Abdulrahim, Justin Martin, and Austin Hughes.



LLMs

are a type of model designed to understand, contextualize, and generate human language. These models are trained on vast amounts of data for instructed use on specific tasks. Examples of LLMs include Chat-GPT from OpenAI, Microsoft's Co-Pilot, Google's Gemini, and Claude by Anthropic.

Since many LLMs like Chat-GPT send prompts off to an external server to process information, that creates a large breach in personal health information. De-identifying information before using AI is a necessary but cumbersome step that many health care organizations are still grappling with.

AI's capabilities in reading radiographs are impressive but not without limitations. For the foreseeable future, human oversight will be necessary. Allareddy won't go as far as to say AI will soon replace radiologists, but insists that adopting it into their workflow will enhance efficiencies rather than over-relying on it.

"It mainly helps as a diagnostic aid," says Allareddy, "So if I use an algorithm in my workflow and normally I do 15-20 cases a day, I could probably do 25-30 cases a day because for certain portions of it, I can depend on the algorithm and I provide quick oversight to ensure everything is right. I still use my expertise and knowledge, but it is in making sure nothing in the big picture is missed. Human oversight is essential."

For common diseases, the vast amount of data available fine-tunes these algorithms to create increasingly accurate results, so when creating an AI algorithm, the key is the volume of data provided. The more data an algorithm has absorbed, the more reliable the results, which means the most common diseases will see the greatest benefit from AI-driven diagnostics.

"When you're developing AI algorithms, what you're doing is kind of marking out the areas where you think the disease processes is going on, and we have that information in structured reports which can be easily extracted for thousands of cases. The more common the disease, like the detection of caries or periodontal disease, the more cases an AI algorithm can learn from."

The onset of AI provides a powerful tool for providers that promises efficiency and accuracy, but while it may be tempting to take a large leap forward into AI, small steps are necessary to ensure those in our clinics receive the best possible care.

2024 Alumni Award winners



DR. LISA HOLST

Dr. Lisa Holst, a 1989 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, was named Alumnus of the Year in 2024. For 30 years, Lisa practiced dentistry in her hometown of Knoxville, IA, and she currently serves as the vice chair of the Iowa Dental Board. She is passionate about mentoring and supporting young dentists, aspiring dentists, and her staff, particularly women in the field.

Lisa is married to her husband, Dr. Peter Olberding ('89 DDS), who she met in dental school, and they have twin daughters—Allison and Erica ('24 DDS). Allison is an accountant in Washington, D.C. After retiring from her practice in Knoxville this year, she will be starting a new chapter in her professional life working with her husband and her daughter in their practice in Des Moines.

The award recognizes her commitment to the dental profession, mentoring young dentists, and the college.



DR. KECIA LEARY

Dr. Kecia Leary, the UI College of Dentistry's associate dean of clinics, graduated from Iowa with her DDS in 2004. She grew up around dentistry – her dad was a beloved faculty member who came to the college for her own dental care and orthodontia as a child, but she always knew what it meant to be an educator. She knew she wanted to teach and completed her MS and residency in Pediatric Dentistry. She paved her own path by first working at a community health center in Missouri before moving back to Iowa as the Associate Dean of Clinics in 2023.

Kecia is married to Kyle Vogel and the two have children – Ben and Michaela. This award recognizes Kecia's commitment to the education of dental students at Iowa, the profession, and the college.



DR. ZACH KOURI

Dr. Zach Kouri, a private practice dentist in Des Moines who graduated from Iowa with his DDS in 2003, received the 2024 Dental Service Recognition Award. He has consistently served the dental profession in Iowa in several prominent roles. Since 2015, he has served as Clinic Chief of the Iowa Mission of Mercy where he ensures its smooth operation and clinical effectiveness for Iowans. He has also played important roles in the Iowa Dental Association and Iowa Dental Foundation, leading the dental profession in Iowa through pandemic-related challenges and infection control decisions, Medicaid reform efforts, and now mental health initiatives for dentists.

Zach is married to his wife, Lona Scott Kouri ('04 DDS) and they had two children, Matteo and Zara. This award recognizes Zach's service and commitment to the dental profession in Iowa.

Becoming the business

Many dentists are passionate about clinical work, but executing the business side of the profession is nearly as essential for building and sustaining a successful private practice. Success requires more than leveraging masterful clinical skills, it involves creating efficiencies, growing a patient base, and navigating inevitable financial challenges.

BY JACK ROSSI

Brian James ('87 DDS), a first-generation dentist, retired as a private practice dentist in rural Iowa and now focuses on helping the next generation of dentists create successful private practices and avoid common mistakes. "I retired in 2019 after practicing for 32 years," says James, "When I practiced I did pretty much all the procedures, but my niche was extractions, and I became proficient at it. I kept track up to about 25,000 extractions, including diagnosing eight oral malignancies. When I walked in at 7:30 a.m. until leaving at 5:30 p.m., in order to maximize my efficiency during the day, I was all business — the mindset was like flipping a light switch."

James started Monticello Family Dentistry, Stone Creek Dental in Dyersville, and Cedar Ridge Dental, which he sold to his associate in 2007. He practiced solo and in a group, employing multiple dentists, hygienists, and an orthodontist. His approach to patient care extended beyond his procedures and his business acumen allowed him to integrate community outreach programs into his practice, providing thousands of dollars in free dentistry each year.

"We offered free athletic mouth guards for anybody that wanted one,"

says James, "While I did not serve the Medicaid population, I provided free dental care in the early years through Drs. with a Heart Program and later in my career provided approximately \$25,000 in free dentistry to the community each year per office. There is a tremendous need and we tried to help as many folks as possible."

The tips and tricks he learned in part came from the generation of dentists before. His mentors are many and you can find them listed on his website, many of whom served as College of Dentistry faculty. He recalls the warm welcome he received from his colleagues when he entered the profession.



savvy DDS

“When I graduated, the older docs welcomed me, and I always tried to do the same. That meant so much to me and I want to repay the favor. This is my mission. I look forward to helping young dentists fast track their careers,” says James, “I absolutely loved owning and practicing in rural Iowa. You can only hunt and fish so much in retirement, so after five years, I created the website mentoringdentist.com as my way of giving back to dentistry and providing what worked for me in 32 successful years of private practice dentistry.

mentoringdentist.com is a passion project of James in hopes of providing young dentists the tools and knowledge to thrive in a private practice and bridge the gap between clinical expertise and business efficiency. The website includes blog posts, tips, products, consulting, and more that allow dentists to learn from James’ experiences as a private practice dentist.

“The focus of the site is severable downloadable courses for a nominal fee and this program is really all any dentist needs as it will serve as a template for a successful private practice,” says James. “Some dentists don’t know how to schedule, how to lead, how to compensate their staff, how to establish consistent cash flow, or how and when to bring on an associate. My experiences allow me to talk about all of that and I make it easy to understand,” says James.

However, James explains that today’s landscape means graduating dental students need to mind the business aspect more than before. Many students are leaving dental school with a lot of student debt and that may seem unmanageable. James reassures that there is hope in carving a successful path forward while ensuring high-quality patient-centered care.

“People are leaving dental school with \$350,000 to \$600,000 in debt and that is a huge hole to climb out of,” says James, “You’ve lost eight of your primary earning years while in school. What I aim to share is that there is hope that you can own a successful practice and recoup that money, but you must start thinking of this since you are getting a late start. I want to help any way I can.”

Through mentoringdentist.com, James shares his knowledge on everything from practice management to patient care. His goal is simple: to equip the next generation with the skills they need to succeed, just as the mentors before him did.

“If you focus on taking care of your patients and focus on taking care of your staff, the rest will take care of itself. If you’re only in it for the money, that will also elude you and you’ll never have enough.”



A GIVE BACK TO DENTISTS, STEAD FAMILY CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL AND THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

Dentists pay tens of thousands of dollars per year to expensive consultants. My program is being offered to all general dentists for the student discount of just \$349. This is a one-time fee. Download it and it’s yours. \$49 of each sale will be split between Stead Family Hospital and The College of Dentistry. I hope this can help thousands of dentists each year. In addition to online courses my website features blog articles, tips and recommended products and services, consulting and more.

Introducing the Class of 2028 and New Residents

Earlier this fall, the College of Dentistry welcomed a new cohort of dental students to the Dental Science Building. Student participated in ice breakers, got to know each other, completed the White Coat Ceremony, symbolizing the beginning of their dental journey.

The College of Dentistry welcomed 23 residents to campus earlier this year. This exceptional group will shape the future of dentistry with passion, innovation, and excellence.



CLASS OF 2028



NEW RESIDENTS

Iowa Dentistry contributes to groundbreaking research aimed at reducing childhood tooth decay



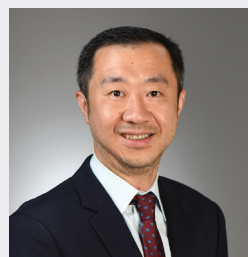
STEVEN LEVY

A story published by Pediatric Dentistry highlights groundbreaking research on silver diamine fluoride (SDF) as a treatment to halt cavity progression in children. The study that included Dr. **Steven Levy**, Wright-Bush-Shreves Professor of Research at the UI College of Dentistry, served as the site principal investigator at Iowa. Along with collaborations with Dr. **John Warren**, Dr. **Justine Kolker**, **Sara Miller**, and **Eileen Hermiston** and despite facing logistical hurdles, the trial produced impressive results, with the intervention group showing such success that the study was ended early to allow broader use of SDF. This treatment may soon receive FDA approval, promising to transform pediatric dental care by improving access to essential, non-invasive cavity treatments for children. The published, preliminary report paves the way for further research on this topic and could revolutionize access to dental care for children most in need. Future publications are targeted for 2025-2026.



Iowa dental researchers explore periodontitis-associated bone-loss treatment

A group of researchers, including **Hongli Sun**, **Shaoping Zhang**, and **Erliang Zeng**, have received a \$660,000 exploratory grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Institutes for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) to develop a novel treatment for bone loss associated with periodontitis. Severe periodontitis affects nearly 10% of the population and in many cases results in loss of bone and teeth. The team is working on an injectable and biodegradable hydrogel delivery system for a metabolite of Alpha-Ketoglutarate (AKG) to the site of the damaged bone. AKG is commonly consumed as a dietary supplement and is seen as a mechanism for improving human and animal lifespan because it improves protein synthesis, making targeted injections necessary. Drawing from Sun's tissue engineering strategies to regenerate bone, this targeted approach could regenerate bone tissue lost due to periodontitis, enhancing dental treatments. The project lays the groundwork for future applications in bone regeneration more broadly.



SHAOPING ZHANG



ERLIANG ZENG



HONGLI SUN



WHY IOWA?

On Sept. 13, the College of Dentistry welcomed alumni from class years ending in 4s and 9s for a reunion weekend filled with activities, including continuing education and a reception at The Graduate Hotel in downtown Iowa City. During the event, alumni were asked to provide their “Why Iowa” and share their reason for choosing the UI College of Dentistry.

Dad went,
sister went,
I love it!

*I am an
Iowa
farm girl.*

I GOT IN!!!

Early admission to
dental school after
3 years at Iowa as an
undergrad. There’s no
better place to be!

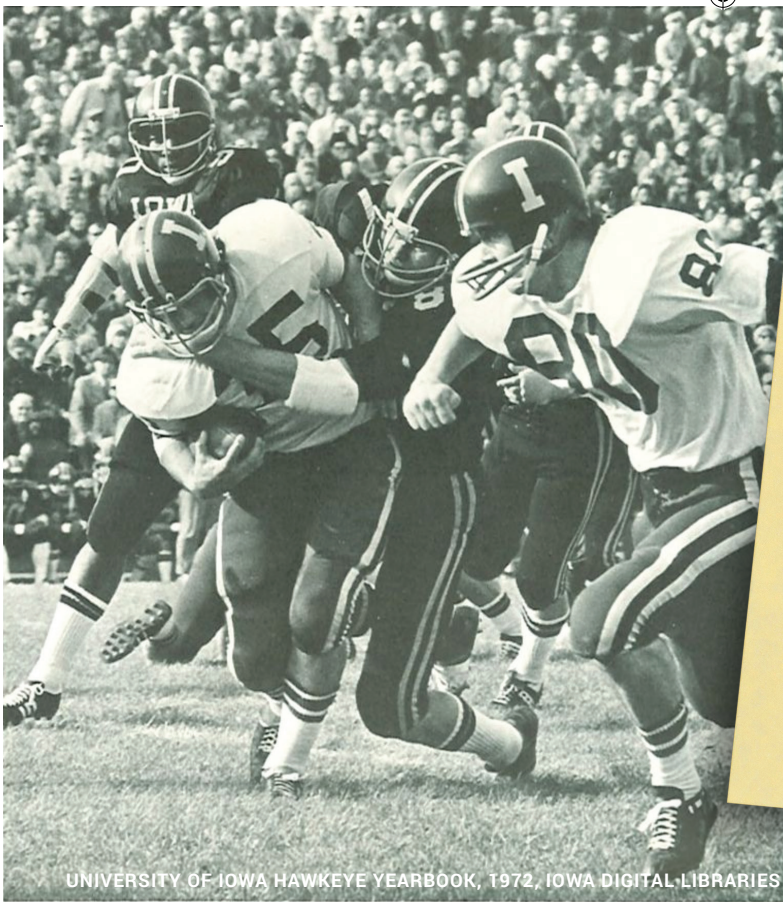
Born and
raised in
Iowa.

The best dental
education and
reputation.

The bonds
made for life.

Family
tradition.





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*Great football
in the 70s!*

I was raised in SE Iowa.
I had no choice as I'm a
Hawkeye since birth.

Long story, but
best decision of
my life.

Why I came to Iowa?
**Because it's the
BEST**

I love the people,
the profession,
and the life.
Thank you
UI College of
Dentistry!

**I'M A
HAWKEYE!**

Grew up here and
my dad taught at
the dental school.

Dr. Fuller
called me!

Only place the
students didn't seem
miserable.

CATCHING UP AT THE CoD

Timothy Wellik ('86 DDS) retired in June 2023. "I'm obsessed with golf and have two daughters in El Paso and Phoenix; waiting for grandkids!"

At the Iowa Dental Association's annual meeting in May, Dean **Clark Stanford** ('87 DDS, 92 PhD, 92 PROS) received the IDA President's Outstanding Service Award during the President's Dinner.

College of Dentistry alumni **Chris Bogue** ('02 DDS) was named the 161st Iowa Dental Association President on May 3.

Rohit Nair, clinical assistant professor in the department of preventive and community dentistry, was a recipient of the Alfred Healy Leadership Award in Developmental Disabilities, given by the Center for Disabilities and Development.

Bruce Justman ('83 DDS), professor emeriti in the Department of Endodontics) was installed as Secretary of the Board for the Foundation for Endodontics during the American Association of Endodontics annual meeting.

Gurjot Kaur Bhatia ('23 MS) won first place for the Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health from the American Association of Public Health Dentistry. Her presentation titled "Associations between Longitudinal Fluoride Intakes and Bone Densitometry Outcomes in Young Adults," was nominated by her mentor, Dr. **Steven M. Levy**.

Four College of Dentistry professors - **Victor Feitosa**, **Salah Abuhammoud** ('18 CER, '18 MS), **Sally Roushdy**, and **David Gimer** ('76 DDS) - were recognized as Teachers of the Year by the Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA) during the college's annual Talent Show on Friday, May 17.

The College of Dentistry's Geriatrics and Special Needs Program, led by Dr. **Howard Cowen**, was named a recipient of the 2024 University of Iowa Health Care Culturally Responsive Health Care award.

Third-year dental student **Sam Allen** was named a recipient of the Steve Vercande Prosthodontic Clerkship award.

Peter Damiano (86 DDS), the Bernstein Endowed Professor of Preventive and Community Dentistry, was named a Co-Chair of the Advisory Board for the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights (UICHR).

Daniel Finn ('84 DDS) retired in July after 40 years of dental practice. "Looking forward to chasing grandkids and doing some traveling!"

Fabricio Teixeira, Professor and DEO of the Department of Endodontics, was a keynote speaker at the 2024 World Congress of Dental Traumatology in Tokyo, Japan.

Shareef Dabdoub has been awarded a grant (R03) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) to investigate the complex role of viruses in oral health and disease.

Alberto Gasparoni ('03 PhD, '10 DDS), associate professor and director of patient admissions, was named the USA-International College of Dentists (ICD) Regent for District 10.

Lina Moreno ('05 PhD, 08 ORTHO) was named the B.F. and the Helen E. Dewel Chair in Clinical Orthodontics (see story on page 21).

Anvita Maharishi, assistant professor of Family Dentistry, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (AAED) to support her research project on chairside graded zirconia materials.

UI College of Dentistry alumna **Lindsey Meder-Cowherd** ('07 DDS, '09 ENDO) was inducted into the Iowa Athletics Hall of Fame. Meder-Cowherd played under head coach Lisa Bluder during the beginning of her Iowa coaching career (98-02).

A team at the UI College of Dentistry, led by Drs. **Jennifer Hartshorn** ('12 DDS, 13 CER) and **Julie Reynolds** ('11 DDS, '13 CER, '13 MS), have released a toolkit to help Iowa dental providers understand ways they can utilize teledentistry in their practice to improve care efficiency and access.

Polly Iben ('97 DDS, '99 PEDOS), clinical assistant professor in the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, was invited to speak at a national webinar sponsored by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. She spoke on dentistry's role in identifying and reporting orofacial child abuse, neglect, and endangerment.

Azeez Butali, the Gilbert E. Lilly Professor of Diagnostic Sciences, was elected President of the University of Lagos' Dental Alumni Association (CMUL-DAA) from 2024 to 2026.

Moreno named B.F. and Helen E. Dewel Chair



In July 2024, Dr. **Lina Moreno** was named the B.F. and Helen E. Dewel Chair in Clinical Orthodontics for a five-year term. Moreno is currently the Department Executive Officer for the Department of Orthodontics and, in 2017, was named to an endowed position as the Ross D. Christensen Family Associate Professor in Orthodontics. Moreno is a renowned expert in craniofacial genetics and has had numerous NIH/NIDCR and American Association of Orthodontists Foundation grants supporting her research in the fields of genetics of cleft lip and palate, malocclusion, and facial variation.



Arneson to retire after 21 years at COD

After I was asked to write a brief column saying goodbye to the place that has been so special to me for the past 21 years, it took me a long time to start putting my thoughts to paper. Partly because I'm not an eloquent writer and partly because I couldn't figure out how to express my gratitude in just a few words. As I reflect on the incredible journey I've enjoyed since Dean Johnsen gave me the opportunity to join the team, I want anyone and everyone to know it has been an honor and a privilege to be part of the best darn College of Dentistry in the world. I hope I've made a positive impact on the business and finance parts of the college. I believe we have systems and finances in place to serve as a foundation for continued success. The individuals charged with leading each of the areas (Greg – Finance, Lynn – Revenue Cycle, Angie – HR, Jerry – IT, Justin – Facilities and Supply) are all the epitome of excellence and are responsible for much of the success we've had. And the list wouldn't be complete without mentioning Hilda, my right hand, for keeping me on task and helping on anything asked of her. As I embark on the next chapter of my life, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to them and every member of the college for making the college such a wonderful place to come to work each day as we strive for success. While it is bittersweet to say goodbye, I'm excited to see what lies ahead and I know the future will continue to be bright under Dean Stanford's leadership and your new Associate Dean for Finance and Administration, Paulina Janczuk, who has hit the ground running. Thank you for a wonderful 21 years. Wishing all continued success and happiness.

Prakasam named Phillip A. Lainson Professor in Periodontics

On Oct. 11, 2024 Dr. **Sivaraman Prakasam**, the Department Executive Officer in the Department of Periodontics, was named the Phillip A. Lainson Professor in Periodontics. Established in 2021, this professorship was named after the former department head of periodontics. Prakasam joined the UI College of Dentistry in 2023. Since 1999, the college has created 13 college-wide endowed faculty positions. He is pictured below with **Cory Borsheim** during a ceremony naming him the Phillip A. Lainson Professor of Periodontics.



Welcoming new faculty and staff!



JOAN SMOTHERS

Joan Smothers joined the UI College of Dentistry in January 2024 as the college's new Continuing Education and Practice Transitions Manager. Smothers will organize future CE and help connect employers with dental students as they seek employment after graduation. She previously worked in the Carver College of Medicine as the Registrar Services Specialist.



JODI GRAFF

Jodi Graff (91BA, 97MA) joined the College of Dentistry as the Director of Dental Student Admissions on November 13. Born and raised in Dubuque, IA, Graff earned her undergraduate degree in Journalism and Mass Communication, English-minor and graduate degree in Higher Education Administration. She served as the Director of Admissions, Wahlert High School, Dubuque, IA from 1991 to 1993, Admissions Representative, Clarke College, Dubuque, Iowa, from 1993 to 1996. Graff's career at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine included positions as Recruiter from 1998 to 2000, Program Associate from 2000 to 2011, Director of Admissions and First-Year Experience from 2011 to 2014. More recently, she served as the Carver College of Medicine's Administrative Director, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, from 2014 to 2020. From 2020-2023 she also served as the Administrative Director, Biomedical Science Graduate Program.



DHARINI VAN DER HOEVEN

Dr. **Dharini van der Hoeven** joined the College of Dentistry as Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs earlier this year. She was previously John M. Powers Endowed Professor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry. She received her MS (Biochemistry and Molecular Biology) in 2004 from Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada) and her PhD in Pharmacology and Toxicology from the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2008. She currently serves as a CODA site visitor and is on the ADEA Board of Directors. Further, she is chair-elect of the ADEA Council on sections administrative board and chairs the ADEA Micro-credentialing for faculty development program. She was an ADEA AAL Leadership fellow in 2020. Van der Hoeven is a sought after national key opinion leader in professional education, clinical critical thinking and curricular integration in faculty development.

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. We'll send you a container for collection and pay for the shipping.

For more information, please contact Hunter Floyd (319 335 0230) or hunter-floyd@uiowa.edu



TONY SMOTHERS

Dr. **Tony Smothers** was named Assistant Dean for Students in January. Smothers has a significant and impactful history in higher education specifically addressing the needs of student learners in various capacities. Smothers served as an Academic Advisor (2005-2018) at University of Northern Iowa and served the same role at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (1999-2001). He was the Coordinator of Student Affairs and Residence Life at Columbia College of Nursing in Milwaukee (2001-2005), a Residence Hall Director at Marquette University (1997-1999) and held various other advisor roles at University of Northern Iowa, Marquette, and Drake (1995-2016). Before coming to the COD in 2021 Dr. Smothers served as the Registrar at Hawkeye Community College (2018-2021).

Smothers received BS (Business Administration) from Drake University (1992), his Master of Science in Education also from Drake (1997) and his Doctorate of Education from UNI (2012).



PAULINA JANCZUK

Paulina Janczuk joined the College of Dentistry over the summer as the Associate Dean for Finance and Administration. She received her BS in Psychology from Loyola University Chicago in 2010, her MBA from the Univ of Illinois, Chicago (UIC) in 2014 and her Master Public Health (w/ a focus on Health Policy & Admin) in 2016. She has a business certificate in Lean Six Sigma (2014) and her certificate in Lean Six Sigma Green Belt (2020). She was Assistant Director of Clinical and Financial Operations for Restorative Dentistry at UIC from 2013 to 2016, Director of Financial Operations for the College of Dentistry, 2016-2021. She has been Senior Sites Dental Department Director at the NYU Langone Family Health Centers (Manhattan) from 2021-2023 and currently is Director of Dental Operations, NYU Langone Family Health Centers in Manhattan, NY.



KAYLA BALIK

Kayla Balik joined the UI College of Dentistry as the new Dental Registrar on April 30. She was previously the at the University of Chicago Law School as Associate Registrar. She has served in the Office of Registrar since 2015 and in higher education since 2012. Balik was awarded her master's from the University of Chicago in May 2024. Her Bachelor of Arts was earned at the University of Northern Iowa.

Faculty Footprints

KARIN AND TOM SOUTHARD



Karin and Tom Southard were both longtime faculty members in the Department of Orthodontics. Karin retired in 2008 while Tom retired in 2022.



Where are you living now?

Tom and I split our time between Iowa and the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. We are very near the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Appalachian Trail. With milder winters, we are able to get outdoors to walk/hike most of the cooler months and we walk or hike almost every day.

What are your hobbies or interests you partake in?

We have been volunteering for the local SPCA. Tom started by walking the dogs at the shelter. I joined him and then I started making and narrating 19 second videos for the dogs up for adoption on Petfinder. We accidentally fell in love with one of the dogs and adopted a wonderful husky, named Orion after the winter constellation. Orion keeps us busy, makes us laugh all day long, and is always ready for a walk. Plus, I have discovered that I enjoy pattering with watercolors and acrylic painting. I follow some tutorials online or do a few pictures of my own. I also enjoy gardening, seeing friends, reading, and a little photography.

What do you miss most about Iowa?

I really miss seeing all my friends on a regular basis at the College. The College was a big part of my life for many years. Working with students, faculty, staff, and patients was fulfilling, interesting and fun.

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Meet the College of Dentistry's Development Officer: Kelly Garvin



**KELLY JOINED THE
CENTER FOR ADVANCEMENT IN:**
February 2018

FAVORITE IOWA SPORT:
Football and Wrestling

PET PEEVE:
Automated customer service systems

FAVORITE BOOK/MOVIE:
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation

FAVORITE THING ABOUT IOWA CITY:
Parks and Recreation

**FAVORITE RESTAURANT
IN IOWA CITY AREA:**
30Hop

**IN ANOTHER LIFE
SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN AN:**
Attorney

BIGGEST ACCOMPLISHMENT:
Raised 3 kind, courageous, and
hardworking kids.

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IN MEMORIAM

- DDS 1947: **Gilbert Glasson** of Waterloo, IA, died December 4, 2023.
- DDS 1953: **Thomas Joslyn** of Clear Lake, IA, died April 9, 2024.
- DDS 1954: **Harold Gannon** of Scottsdale, AZ, died June 8, 2024.
- DDS 1956, MS Cert. Prosthodontics 1957: **Charles Bolender** of Lake Forest Park, WA, died April 30, 2024.
- DDS 1959: **John Fetter** of Blairsburg, IA, died July 12, 2024.
- DDS 1959: **Robert Mason** of Coralville, IA, died August 15, 2024.
- DH 1959: **Sandra Parsons** of St. Charles, IL, died May 25, 2024.
- DDS 1960: **Donald "Ock" Peterson** of Tubac, AZ, died February 15, 2024.
- MS Cert. Fixed Prosthodontics 1961: **John Yoder** of Holden, MO, died March 31, 2024.
- DDS 1963, MS Cert. Orthodontics 1967: **William DeKock** of La Quinta, CA, died August 18, 2024.
- DDS 1963: **Stephen Hyde** of Woodinville, WA, died April 23, 2024.
- DDS 1965: **Larry Book** of West Des Moines, IA, died September 18, 2024.
- DDS 1965: **C. Porter Hamilton** of Clive, IA, died June 10, 2024.
- DH 1965: **Barbara Mainen** of Salem, NH, died April 17, 2024.
- DDS 1966: **Harold Johnson** of Eldridge, IA, died August 1, 2020.
- DDS 1966: **Robert Reinke** of Onawa, IA, died April 1, 2024.
- MS Cert. Orthodontics 1967: **Donald Degnan** of West Des Moines, IA, died May 12, 2024.
- DDS 1967: **David Helgevold** of Hawarden, IA, died April 23, 2024.
- DDS 1967: **Patrick O'Brien** of Backus, MN, died April 16, 2024.
- DH 1968: **Patricia Johnson** of Glenview, IL, died August 8, 2022.
- DDS 1972: **James Boltz** of Des Moines, IA, died August 31, 2024.
- DH 1974: **Janet Lindeberg** of Bellvue, CO, died April 4, 2024.
- DDS 1984: **Art Staniforth** of Ames, IA, died August 16, 2024.
- MS Cert. Orthodontics 1985: **Paul Burkey** of Libertyville, IL, died May 31, 2024.
- DDS 1985: **Kellee Shey** of Webster City, IA, died May 18, 2024.
- Cert. Periodontics 2019: **Joseph Ballatore** of Tiffin, IA, died October 3, 2024.

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HISTORICAL IMPRESSIONS

The History of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (Mu Chapter) at Iowa

Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national dental honor society, was first established in 1914 by a Northwestern University Dental School committee. Northwestern's dental dean, Dr. G.V. Black (who had taught at Iowa's dental program in 1890), sent a letter to U.S. and Canadian dental schools inviting them to each create their own chapter. The new organization became known as Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU). (Iowa's Mu chapter of OKU was established in 1923. Today, there are currently 63 active chapters in the U.S. and Canada.)

Although the original purpose of OKU was to honor dental students for their academic excellence and character, other programs were later developed. In the 1980s, OKU began supporting the American Fund for Dental Health (AFDH)-Charles Craig Education Fellowship. This fellowship offered two years of tuition and living expenses for postgraduate specialty students, if they agreed to serve in academic dentistry for at least five years. Many of those who received the fellowship later became dentistry leaders.

While the AFDH-Charles Craig Education Fellowship was later discontinued, other awards have since emerged. The Stephen H. Leeper Award for Teaching Excellence, the Charles Craig Teaching Award, William S. Kramer Award of Excellence, the OKU Chapter Award, and the Research Award. Dean Clark Stanford, University of Iowa College of Dentistry, is currently the OKU President, Supreme Chapter.

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OKU pin. Omicron is the first letter of the Greek word for "teeth," Kappa means "and," and Upsilon is the first letter of the Greek word for "health."



Dean Clark Stanford, current OKU president, Supreme Chapter.