Remembering a Legend
Dr. John Haynes
1934–2014
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As another academic year draws to a close, we take time to reflect on what has been accomplished and look towards where our road ahead may lead us. It was another very productive year and for that I am grateful. As I write this piece, I have just had a conversation with an alumnus for whom I have the highest respect. He reminded me further about gratitude for our accomplishments as dentists, dental hygienists and researchers in our ability to give back to society. He noted characteristics important to him, including having compassion and being a positive force in moving our professions and our School forward. It was a great way to start off the week! I must say that this individual is most generous — with his sage advice and with his actions.

And so, my gratitude for this past year encompasses the following items that are important for our School.

- We recently celebrated the graduation of 105 dental, 25 dental hygiene and our advanced education/PhD students.
- We opened a state-of-the-art, 7-chair clinic for our predoctoral and dental hygiene students where they can gain experience in using the latest technology and equipment.
- Our students continue to have significant, relevant clinical experiences that prepare them well for patient care as professionals.
- Our faculty consistently commit their expertise and efforts, one-on-one, to help our students be well prepared to enter practice in their respective professions.
- Our external outcome data (National Board, clinical licensure results) indicate that our students have access to the highest quality didactic and clinical instruction, which is a credit to our faculty and leadership teams.
- Dental and dental hygiene students participated in an all health-sciences-student Inter-professional Education event. This event marks the first effort at bringing students of all the health science schools together for an educational activity.
- Our students gain important opportunities for giving back to others through their work in community health centers and clinics.
- Our faculty have developed exciting educational programming that leads the way nationally. For example, new assessment methods; technology in education; and expanded Practice Management content that spans all four years of the pre-doctoral program.
- Modification of our core endodontic pre-clinical laboratory curricula to introduce contemporary methodology that includes the use of electric handpieces.
- Many of our faculty have held key leadership roles in our national professional organizations including the American Dental Association, American Association of Dental Research, American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, American Dental Education Association, American Dental Hygienists’ Association and many of the other dental specialty organizations. Additionally, several students hold leadership positions in the American Student Dental Association and have had great successes in representing the School at research competitions.

- About 15 students participated with me in a leadership seminar series focusing on critical skills for success.
- We partnered with the ADA and our local and state dental associations to participate in the ADA's National New Dentist Conference held in Kansas City, Mo., in late summer. It is the first time a dental school has partnered in this way and provided students the opportunity to attend.
- We honored six faculty members who retired and have hired seven talented faculty members to assume new roles at the School of Dentistry.

We are working as a faculty to craft an updated strategic plan that will set the stage for our activities and funding over the next five years. Our accomplishments speak volumes to the hard work of those who have their eye on improving and expanding the impact of our programs. My congratulations to all of our graduates and new School of Dentistry alumni, and a huge “thank you” to our faculty and staff for the commitment they show every day to our mission! Life is good!

Sincerely,

Marsha
Late 40s–Early 50s: As a patient at the UKC School of Dentistry, his interest in dentistry is sparked. Receives encouragement from his student doctor, Leo Nassimbene.

1951: Graduates high school and enters Kansas City Junior College.

1953–56: Earns B.S. in biology at University of Kansas City.

1956–60: Earns dental degree at UKC School of Dentistry.

1960: Starts dental practice in downtown Kansas City.

1961: Marries Judith B. Madison, a dental hygiene student he met in the summer of ’59.

1962: Joins UKC pediatric faculty part time.

1963: UKC joins UM system and Haynes becomes a full-time instructor in pediatrics.

1966: Promoted to assistant professor.

1967: Elected as a faculty member to OKU; elected president of Rho Chapter in 1972.


1972–2014: Chapter advisor for Chi Chapter of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity; 1984–86, serves as supreme president.

1975: Begins helping host alumni receptions at annual ADA and state meetings. Elected to UMKC alumni Board of Trustees and serves as secretary. Serves as general arrangements chair.

1976: Promoted to full professor.


1978: Named chair of UMKC alumni Board of Trustees.

1987: Elected to Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.
1988: Serves as president of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association. Leads the formation of the Recent Graduate Committee. Hosts the first annual alumni gathering for the Kansas City Royals opening day game.
1992: Appointed chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. Receives UMKC Alumni Achievement Award for Dentistry.
1993: Named Dental Alumni Association Alumnus of the Year.
1995: Receives Outstanding Community Service Award from UMKC.
1996: Elected a regent of the American College of Dentists for a four-year term. After completing the term, runs successfully for vice president.
2000: Receives the UMKC Elmer F. Pierson Excellence in Teaching Award.
2002: The Dr. John I. Haynes Leadership Award scholarship is created by the Trustees of the UMKC Dental Alumni Association.
2003-04: President of American College of Dentists.
2004: Named UMKC Alumnus of the Year.
2005: Receives Distinguished Service Award from Missouri Dental Association.
2013: Retires from the faculty of the UMKC School of Dentistry with the rank of Professor Emeritus. Joins the School’s Office of Alumni and Development as a special advisor.

Dr. Haynes was truly the name and face of UMKC School of Dentistry. If we were at school or at anything school-related, we knew we’d see Dr. Haynes. He was a man dedicated to service and took the time to do things that others either didn’t want to or find important enough to do. We thank him for all he has done for us, our school, and our profession.

Darren, DDS ’05 and Sarah Mahaffey, DDS ’05

I am heart-stricken to hear of the passing of John Haynes. He was and will always be an icon of the School.

Chris Buttner, DDS ’90

It’s with a heavy heart that I say goodbye to my mentor, colleague, fraternal brother, and most importantly my friend. You will be missed, but not forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.

Matt Niewald, DDS ’01

The world has a few really exceptional people; however, only rarely does a true shining star touch our lives. Someone who is unselfish, compassionate, giving, mentoring and a friend to everyone they meet. We experienced a falling star yesterday with the loss of John Haynes, and that is sad news to all of us.

Steve Hechler, DDS ’84

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On Saturday, Feb. 8, 2014, the UMKC School of Dentistry’s dental practice labs were filled with some unusual faces as the UMKC Dental Research Explorer Post hosted a day of “Dental Exploration.” The goal of the special session was to give students interested in dentistry an opportunity to experience it first-hand. Participants in the event came from a variety of organizations, including: Children’s Mercy Medical Explorer Post, Latinos of Tomorrow, Avanzando Scholars, the Learning Institute Pipeline Program, University Academy, UMKC Admission Enhancement Program, Prep Kansas City, and Kuwait Pre-Dentistry Program.

The 85 would-be dentists participated in hands-on activities that exposed them to real-world dentistry. Twenty members of the U.S. Naval Reserves were on hand to mentor the participants as they performed IV insertion, blood pressure monitoring and suturing. Additionally, UMKC dental students who are members of the Student National Dental Association/Hispanic Student Dental Association (SNDA/HSDA) instructed the participants as they practiced drilling and filling teeth on models and making dental impressions.

The event was organized by John Cottrell, director of Minority and Special Programs at the School of Dentistry. Cottrell has served as advisor to the Dental Research Explorer Post for the past 23 years of the Post’s 32-year history. Two members of the U.S. Naval Reserves assisted Cottrell in planning the event: Derek Williams, DDS, MS, an associate professor of Restorative Dentistry at UMKC, and Obie Austin, RN, MSN, BC, ANP, a clinical instructor at the School of Nursing.

The UMKC Dental Explorer Post hosts participants from throughout the KC Metro five or six Saturdays during the academic year and explores all aspects of the dental profession. The two-hour sessions feature a presentation by a dental faculty member or a graduate student, followed by hands-on experiences in the preclinical laboratory directed by SNDA/HSDA members.

The Post enables participants to:

• Gain first-hand knowledge about dentistry from dental students and dental professionals.
• Understand the requirements and application process for admission into college and dental school.
• Work with the faculty, staff and students at the UMKC School of Dentistry so they can get to know Post members personally as potential dental students.
• Experience the depth and breadth of the dental profession by performing hands-on preclinical laboratory projects.
• Learn from former Dental Research Explorer Post members who have become dental students at the UMKC School of Dentistry.
UMKC Works with ADA to Host the New Dentist Conference in Kansas City

Held at the Sheraton Crown Center July 17-19, 2014, the New Dentist Conference was perfect for someone who earned their D.D.S. or D.M.D. in 2004 or later. New dentists face challenges and opportunities that are different from colleagues who are more established in their careers. This opportunity to partner with the ADA can help them in their transition by enabling them to build a network with other new dentists from across the country and get a jump on their future success. For ADA staff, it was great way to learn new ways to enhance member value for new dentists and share challenges and successes with other society staff.

Hands-on endo and implant courses were held at the UMKC School of Dentistry, which enabled us to share our outstanding clinical facilities with others. The conference also offered attendees:

• Up to 14 hours of continuing education
• A full day of leadership development
• Clinical and practice management courses from exceptional speakers
• “Hot topics” discussion with officers and members of the ADA Board of Trustees
• A social event in the Power & Light District

Our fourth-year students were able to participate in the conference thanks to a collaboration between the School, local dental societies, the Kansas Dental Association and the Missouri Dental Association. The conference was fun and informative, and we enjoyed sharing all of the great things UMKC School of Dentistry has to offer.
by Dr. Linda Wells, Associate Dean for Clinical Programs

UMKC continues to educate students for the practice of dentistry now and into the future. Just as the practice of dentistry continually embraces new technologies, so, too, does the School of Dentistry. The School has made major advances integrating technology into the curriculum as we’ve recently acquired several technologies and equipment that will greatly enhance our students’ educational experience:

• Last year we purchased two SmartBox X2’s that automatically dispense the correct ratio of powder to water for different types of dental stones and plaster. The equipment is currently used in the pre-clinic lab and has helped expedite pouring up models with better quality.
• We have purchased several digital sensors to use with our NOMAD units when doing Endo in the Teams. Having the sensors and NOMADS available eliminates the need to take the patient to radiology for the required radiographs.
• We installed integrated cavitrons in the 24 cubicles used by dental hygiene students. The students no longer need to check out cavitrons from the dispensary and wheel the cart to their cubicles. The School made an initial purchase and the Dental Hygiene Alumni Association funded the rest of the units.
• We installed two additional X-ray heads — one in the Emergency Clinic and one in the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.
• We acquired 10 CEREC units through Sirona’s school-gifting program. As CAD/CAM technology is becoming more common in private practice, the School has an obligation to train students in their use. The plan for the CEREC units is to introduce the system to students in the pre-clinic lab, so they are well-trained before using it in the clinic. In addition, one CEREC unit was donated by a private dentist to our Innovation Clinic. The clinic’s director, Dr. James Trotter, has several ideas for the D4 students to get acquainted with the system.
• We have started teaching a new Endo system utilizing reciprocating electric handpieces because evidence shows there is less likelihood of perforation of canals using the system. The School currently has 55 handpieces with plans to buy more.
• We are planning to purchase 12 electric handpieces to be installed in the Teams. Student response to the electric handpieces in the Innovation Clinic has been very positive. Installing electric handpieces in the Teams will enable students to gain more experience using them.

Advances such as these provide our students the opportunity to experience new technologies so they can evaluate their costs and benefits for themselves. We know that the cost of doing so produces incalculable benefits to our graduates’ professional lives.
William “Doc” McCready (DDS ’66, MS Perio ’76) has pursued two passions throughout his adult life: periodontics and music. Recently his musical side received a well-deserved honor: in recognition of his lifetime contributions to music in Missouri, Doc was inducted into the Missouri Music Hall of Fame in the producer category. However, he’s not the only McCready to be so honored: his son, Rich, also was honored with induction into the Hall of Fame in the singer/songwriter category. The Missouri Music Hall of Fame was created in 2009 in St. Joseph, Mo., to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the State of Missouri through music. It honored its first inductees in September 2010.

Although much of Doc’s life has been a balancing act between making music and practicing periodontics, he’s always found a way to do both. After completing his DDS degree and periodontics training at UMKC, Dr. McCready practiced periodontics in Joplin, Mo., for more than 30 years. In the meantime, Doc McCready pursued his passion for music from his home base in Seneca, Mo., where he resides with his wife, Ramona. Doc formed the Nashville West Country Band, as well as the band Lost Creek. He also found time to contribute to dentistry and periodontics beyond his private practice. Dr. McCready co-founded the Dental Hygiene and Assisting Program at Missouri Southern State University with President Leon Billingsly. He also served as a professor at Oral Roberts School of Dentistry, including two years as chair of the ORU Department of Periodontics.

Rich McCready didn’t follow his father’s dental footsteps, but he did share his passion for music. After attending Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Mo., Rich moved to Nashville in 1992 and plunged into the music scene. By the end of 1996, he had two songs in the top 40. In 2000, Rich and his dad, Doc, started their own recording studio, McCready Recording Studio in Seneca, Mo. Rich also developed American Original Records, which is producing several chart hits. He continues as a singer/songwriter, recording his own music, touring throughout the country to promote his music, and working with other artists to produce their records.

Doc says that his greatest thrill has been to perform with his son, Rich, at a variety of venues. Doc accompanied Rich on bass guitar, his instrument of choice. Thanks to the Missouri Music Hall of Fame, they’re a father/son musical force that will live on.
Attendees enjoyed a couple dozen continuing education programs, more than 100 technical exhibits, a variety of class reunion activities, as well as free food, refreshments and entertainment.

**MDC 2014**

The annual Midwest Dental Conference, hosted by the UMKC Dental and Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Associations, kicked off its four days of scientific sessions, technical exhibits and social events on Thursday, April 10, at the Sheraton and Westin Crown Center Hotels in downtown Kansas City, Mo. This year’s MDC again delivered an unforgettable weekend of laughter and learning as attendees immersed themselves in a variety of educational programs and entertaining events.
More than 350 guests enjoyed an enchanted evening at the 2014 Pouring from the Heart gala and auction. The party patrons enjoyed a gourmet meal followed by a raucous auction of priceless packages.

Recognition, admiration and celebration for those who attended the Rinehart Alumni and Friends Recognition Breakfast. The event, hosted by the UMKC Dental Alumni Association and the Dr. Roy J. Rinehart Memorial Foundation, honored the Alumnus of the Year Dr. Russell Tabata of Hawaii (R). Dental Alumni President Dr. Gordon Kanemaru of Hawaii presented the award.
The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) honored Vance J. Dykhouse (DDS ’66, MS Ortho ’70) with the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics on Saturday, April 26, 2014, at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, which was held in conjunction with the 2014 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in New Orleans, La.

The ABO bestows this award upon an exemplary senior clinician and diplomate who demonstrates exceptional dedication to orthodontics through clinical excellence and/or devoted teaching in the image of Dr. Dale B. Wade, a past president of the ABO.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected by my peers for a prestigious award like this,” said Dr. Dykhouse, who is a past president of the ABO and a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontists. “This award is especially meaningful because I knew Dr. Dale Wade. We met at the Naval Academy in 1964 when we were both dental students. Dale, who was the son of an orthodontist, was the first person to influence me to consider orthodontics as a profession. Dale was a great teacher and clinician, and I appreciate all he did for the specialty of orthodontics.”

Dr. Dykhouse, of Lee’s Summit, Mo., currently practices with his son, David, in Blue Springs, Mo. Throughout his career, Dr. Dykhouse has been involved in teaching UMKC orthodontic students and residents. From 1976 to 1981 and from 1990 to the present, he has served as a part-time clinical instructor in the Department of Orthodontics at the UMKC School of Dentistry. In 2009, he received the UMKC Distinguished Orthodontist Award from the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association.

The UMKC School of Dentistry’s Staff Council provides opportunities for recognition, appreciation and development for all School of Dentistry staff. To advance their mission, the Staff Council created the “School of Dentistry Staff Development Fund” in 2011. This past year the Council hosted a number of successful events to raise funds to make the final installment on the endowment in April 2014. Their activities have included: a soup/chili luncheon, a nacho luncheon, sandwich lunches, a Thanksgiving raffle, a Holiday Craft Fair, and “Halloweenie.”

A highlight of the Staff Council’s recent activities was the “BLOCK PARTY” it hosted on the School’s front patio during Staff Appreciation Week. Staff Council members prepared burgers and hot dogs, School staff members contributed side dishes and desserts, and everyone enjoyed the event’s games, music and dancing.
Research Team's Findings Published by Prestigious Journal

The international Journal of Dentistry has published an article written by a multidisciplinary research team in the UMKC Center of Excellence in Dental and Musculoskeletal Tissues at the School of Dentistry. The article, “Extracts of irradiated mature human tooth crowns contain MMP-20 protein and activity,” details the results of the researchers’ investigation to determine how high-dose therapeutic radiation, a standard treatment for oral cancer, causes the enamel of irradiated human teeth to subsequently delaminate or flake off from the underlying dentin. The researchers associated with the project and the article include:

- Dr. Jake McGuire, endodontist and Ph.D. student in Oral Biology and Craniofacial Sciences
- Dr. Ahmad Mousa, postdoctoral fellow
- Bo Zhang and Lauren Todoki, both DDS students who worked as Summer Dental Scholars on this project
- Nichole T. Huffman, Gorski Lab supervisor
- Dr. Andrew Keightley, mass spectrometry expert
- Dr. Yong Wang and Dr. Mary Walker, collaborators and co-workers (along with Gorski) on Dr. Walker’s NIDCR NIH-sponsored grant
- Dr. Jeff Gorski, biochemistry project director

Funding to bring together investigators from a variety of major universities in order to improve the success rate of junior faculty seeking grant funding and promotion and tenure. Together with faculty from University of North Carolina and Oregon Health Sciences University, they were awarded an AAOF Center Award that will support two Innovators’ Workshops in 2014 and 2016 to facilitate the development of collaborations among leaders in research endeavors relevant to the practice of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics.

Recent publications by Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel include:

Grad Perio Update

Two recent graduates of the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics have successfully challenged the American Board of Periodontology Exam and are now Diplomates: Dr. Nabil Beaini and Dr. Adam McClellan.

A Testy Appointment for Dr. Gorski

Dr. Jeff Gorski, a professor in the Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences and the Center of Excellence in Musculoskeletal and Dental Tissues, has been named to the Test Construction committee for the National Dental Board Exam Part I in Biochemistry-Physiology by the ADA for 2015.

KDA Honors DDS Student Emily Taylor

Emily Taylor (DDS ’14) was honored with the Brian D. Stone Memorial Award for Dental Student Volunteerism during the Kansas Dental Association’s 2014 Kansas DDS Program’s Volunteer Awards Ceremony, April 12, 2014. KDA held the ceremony as part of its Annual Membership Assembly, held in conjunction with the UMKC School of Dentistry’s Midwest Dental Conference, in Kansas City, Mo. Taylor is the first recipient from UMKC to be honored with this national award.

At UMKC, Taylor participated in the Senior Departmental Advanced Studies Program in Pediatric Dentistry, and she received the Arthur E. Iwersen Award of Excellence in Pediatric Dentistry. Having graduated in May 2014, Emily plans to enter a pediatric dentistry residency program at Indiana University-Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.
Dr. Linda Sturrup Publishes Children’s Oral Health Book

Linda Sturrup (DDS ’00) has published *A Sugar Bug on My Tooth*, a children’s book about a child’s first visit to the dentist. The book, published by AuthorHouse, describes Natalie Jean’s first dental appointment during which the dentist tells her that she has a SUGAR BUG!

In addition to earning a DDS degree at UMKC, Dr. Sturrup also earned an MS Degree in biology and a Science Curriculum Education Certificate at Prairie View A&M University and a BA degree in biology at Indiana University. She is a 2009 graduate of the Institute of Children’s Literature Course, Writing for Children and Teenagers, located in West Redding, Connecticut. In addition to writing for children, she also has produced research papers and narratives for historical and archival documentation. Dr. Sturrup is part of the creative team for the animation property of Puppy Preschool. She and her brother, Randolph D. Sturrup, are co-founders of Minna Mae Productions LLC, based in New York City and Houston, Texas. She is working on a children’s animation project, the *Dental Journeys of Dr. Canine*, which educates children on the importance of dental health. Dr. Sturrup practices general dentistry in Houston, Texas.

A Season of Change

By Dr. Saima Ali

Editor’s note: Dr. Saima Ali experienced two life changing events this spring. She became a full-fledged American dentist when she graduated from UMKC in May and she also became an official U.S. citizen in March.

I was born and raised in Pakistan. My mother’s family (uncles, aunts and grandparents) had lived in the U.S. since the late 1980s. After my father died in 1992, my mother started missing her extended family a lot. So in the early 2000s, while I was completing my Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree at Karachi University, my family immigrated to Chicago, Ill. I joined them two years later after I graduated as a dentist. I moved to St. Louis, Mo., in 2005 after I married Yousaf Ahmad (who’s also a foreign-trained dentist). My husband is a 2012 UMKC DDS graduate and is working as a general dentist in Kansas City. We are both very grateful to Dr. John Killip, former associate dean of Student Programs, who guided us through every step of being UMKC dental students.

In March 2014, I received my U.S. citizenship. Naturalization is the process by which U.S. citizenship is granted to a foreign citizen or national after he or she fulfills the requirements established by Congress in the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The process involves an interview and an oath ceremony. During the first week of March I completed the interview, which consisted of a test on English proficiency and U.S. history/civics. I passed the test and was invited to an oath ceremony later in March. I was honored to have my team coordinator Richard Prine (BA ’68, DDS ’73), clinical assistant professor of Restorative Clinical Sciences, attend my oath ceremony. He left from a Team 3 meeting at the School in order to join the ceremony, held at the Federal Court House in Kansas City, Mo.

Now that I am a graduate of the UMKC School of Dentistry, DDS Class of 2014, I will begin an AEGD residency in Wichita, Kan., in August.
Classes of the 1950s

Douglas C. Woodbury (DDS '54), Salt Lake City, Utah, retired in 2008. He has seven children, 34 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. His youngest son, Spencer, graduated from Creighton University with his dental degree in 1995 and took over his practice.

John Riddlebarger (DDS '59) (pictured), Bartlesville, Okla., writes that he and his wife, Sue, are retired. They are still very busy with volunteer activities such as Meals on Wheels. They are planning a class reunion for September.

Marvin W. Reed (DDS ’59), Oak Hill, Va., lives in northern Virginia with his wife and two sons. He has been retired since 1998. His time is divided between golf, genealogy, travel and their four grandchildren.

Classes of the 1960s

George Karr (left) (DDS ’60), Rolla, Mo., has been retired since 2004. His wife died four years ago. He attends church weekly and is in the Rolla Rotary Club.

Robert C. Beaver (DDS ’64), Andover, Kan., will have been married to Helen Louise for 55 years in August. He is still working four days a week. They enjoy traveling in their 1929 and 1931 Model A cars. Their farthest driving trips have been Galveston, Green Bay and Vancouver. They have three grown children and six granddaughters.

Richard Brown (DDS ’64), Westminster, Colo., practiced dentistry in Colorado for 40 years. He sold his practice in 2011 and now enjoys retirement. He served six years as president of the Denver Dental Society of Adams County. His first wife, Tam, passed away in 1983. He married his hygienist of 39 years, Sharon Moore, in 2005. They have enjoyed climbing, hiking, racing sailboats at Dillon reservoir in the summer, and sailing San Francisco Bay in the winter. They continue to sail a remote-control sailboat and still travel.

J. Michael Allen (DDS ’64), Orlando, Fla., still practices and serves as dental director of Orange Blossom Family Healthcare Center in Orlando.

Robert C. Lee (DDS ’64), Lake Quivira, Kan., retired in 2004. He enjoys traveling, golfing, and Dixieland band music. He plays piano, trumpet, trombone and banjo. He also sings in professional ensembles. In his spare time he is a master gardener.

Samuel J. Higdon (DDS ’64), Portland, Ore., has devoted his practice to the management of temporomandibular disorders for 30 years. He is the author and illustrator of a patient education aide, “Illustrated Anatomy of the Temporomandibular Joint in Function/Dysfunction,” now in an expanded 2nd edition.

Jerry Fankhauser (DDS ’69), Springfield, Mo., sold his practice in 2012 and is working part-time. He has been married 46 years and has one son. He is still an active scuba diver.

Ken Lyle (DDS ’69), Manhattan, Kan., retired from practice in 2012 after 40 years. He and his wife try to spend as much time as possible with their seven grandchildren.

Ben K. Sherman (DDS ’69), Silver City, N.M., received a Fellowship in the International College of Dentistry and a Masters in the Academy of General Dentistry. His son, John, graduated from the UMKC School of Dentistry in 2002 and took over his practice.

Classes of the 1970s

Joe Spalitto (BS ’68, DDS ’72), Kansas City, Mo., was honored by the National Elks Lodge with its Distinguished Citizenship Award.

Galen Miller (DDS ’74), Aurora, Colo., has been on the faculty at Colorado University, Orthodontic Department since August 2005. He has taken multiple orthodontic mission trips to Moscow, Russia, and Kijabe, Kenya. He and his wife, Beth, have been married 40 years.

Paul Lambert (DDS ’74), Boise, Idaho, became the first non-physician to be appointed as chief of staff in the Department of Veterans Affairs, assigned to VAMC Boise, Idaho, in 2008. He was elected to the position of District IV Trustee in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Board of Trustees in 2012. He retired after 40 years from the Department of Veterans Affairs in March 2013.

R. Chris Bohon (DDS ’74), Tucson, Ariz., writes that he semi-retired in 2004 and moved to Arizona. He practiced part-time until full retirement in 2010. He and his wife, Marilyn, celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in August 2014. They now split time between Arizona and Kirkville, Mo. They send “Best Wishes to the Class of 1974.”

Doug Reid (DDS ’79), Makawao, Hawaii, retired in August 2013, after selling his practice 2 ½ years ago and has worked for his partner since. He is moving to a place he’s had for 10 years on Maui, North Shore, above Paia on Baldwin. He says, “Come on by. I’ll be on the porch!”

Classes of the 1980s

Rob Dakin (DDS ’84), Wichita, Kan., has been married nearly 38 years to Karen. They are still doing mission trips, mostly recently to the slums of Nairobi, Kenya, and Fiji. They are working on...
the development of healthcare in remote islands. He finished his second novel, which is in the editing phase at the publisher. They enjoy time with their adult kids, boating and hunting.

**Bill Moorkamp** (DDS ’84), Rolla, Mo., has been happily married for 30 years. He recently bought a farm with their oldest son, a petroleum engineer. Their daughter, Emily, is married to Charlie Arthur (DDS ’14). Emily teaches at Park Hill High School. Their son Stephen is a second-year dental student at UMKC. “Life is good!” he says. “And if you’re ever by Rolla, come visit.”

**Michael S. Klein** (DDS ’84), Bucyrus, Kan., is a part-time faculty member at the UMKC School of Dentistry in the Graduate Orthodontic Department. He has a new partner in practice, Dr. Cameron Walker.

### Classes of the 1990s

**Toni Erickson** (DH ’93), Overland Park, Kan., has owned HealthStaff, her own staffing company for dental professionals, for 14 years. She has hired over 1,200 employees (a large majority from UMKC SOD) and placed staff in over 800 offices (mostly UMKC SOD grads). Toni served as the 2002-2003 president of the UMKC Dental Hygienists’ Alumni Association.

**Carla King** (DDS ’94), Kansas City, Mo., attended UMKC’s AEGD program for one year after graduation. She then opened a practice in Parkville, Mo., for four years before moving it to the Plaza to be closer to home. Her daughter, Tracy, received her D.O. degree from KCUMB and is now in her third year of pediatric residency in Sioux Falls, S.D. Carla is working three days a week and part-time at Concorde Career College in the new Dental Hygiene Department.

**Melanie Huckabee** (DDS ’94), Kansas City, Mo., is married to Sam Huckabee (DDS ’95). They practice dentistry together and have five children.

**Lisa Thurlow** (DDS ’94), Prairie Village, Kan., is now teaching at the Dental Hygiene Program at Concorde Career College.

**Staci Blaha** (DDS ’99), Platte City, Mo., loves practicing dentistry in Platte City and San Pedro, Belize. Her son, Trenton Blaha, is entering his second year of dental school at UMKC.

**Steven D. Aeschliman** (DDS ’99), Spokane, Wash., recently moved to a new building. He has two children: Porter, age seven, and Sophia, age five. He is head of continuing education for Spokane District Dental Society and a member of the Board of Delegates for the State of Washington.

**Matt Hlavacek** (DDS ’99, OMX ’04), Liberty, Mo., is married with two children: a 4-year-old daughter and a 2-year-old son. He recently opened his own office, “Kansas City Surgical Arts.”

### Classes of the 2000s

**Nellie Kim-Weroha** (DDS ’04), Rochester, Minn., reports that she and her husband’s lives are busy with happy twin boys who are four years old. The boys love to go to prekindergarten class to have fun with their friends.

**Melissa (Melton) Smith** (DDS ’04), Washington, Mo., just had her third baby, Barrett. They also have Kendall and older brother Charley. She recently finished construction on her new office.

**Alison Rickhoff** (DDS ’04), Salina, Kan., has three children ages one, three and five. She has been off work for three years but started back in January 2014.

**Misty (Fuji-Carr) Trybom** (DDS ’04), Wilsonville, Ore., married Joseph Trybom on Sept. 25, 2010. They had a son, Jonah, on July 7, 2012, and were expecting their second child in May 2014.

**Amanda (Wood) Fitzpatrick** (DDS ’09), LaPlata, Mo., has a baby girl, Morgan Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, born Oct. 19, 2011.

**Jon Copeland** (DDS ’09) and **Stephanie Copeland** (DDS ’10), Wildwood, Mo., report that Jon purchased a practice in Wildwood in September 2013. On St. Patrick’s Day 2013, they welcomed their second daughter, Addie, who joins Evie, who is two years old.

**Jay Main** (DDS ’09), Garden City, Kan., is married to Courtney Main. They have two children (Jozlynn, age six, and Jaydan, age three) and one on the way.
The pomp and circumstance of the UMKC School of Dentistry’s 2014 commencement ceremony moved graduates and well-wishers to tears and cheers as 153 students crossed the stage at Swinney Recreation Center to receive their diplomas and certificates, Saturday evening, May 17. The School conferred 105 Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees, 25 Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene degrees, and 17 Graduate Dental Certificates. The Department of Oral and Craniofacial Sciences conferred four Master of Science degrees and two Interdisciplinary Ph.D. degrees. Five dental students received commissions to branches of the U.S. armed services.
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene

Amanda Jean Burrell  •  Carolyn Carmosino  •  Megan Rose Dayton  •  Samantha Marie Forsyth  •  Courtney Erin Goff  •  Heather L. Grimm  •  Jessica Hiestand  •  Katrina Marie Hutson  •  Malissa Kidd  •  Christie Lauren King  •  Laurie Anne Kuhl  •  Robyn Nicole Montesano  •  Emily Lynn Morgan  •  Shelby Taylor Nelson  •  Jessica Poague  •  Erin Denae Reagan  •  Carley Smith  •  Shannon Smith  •  Rebecca Sorensen  •  Chelsea Elizabeth Blotter Storrs  •  Mathew Gene Sudbrock  •  Shelbie Lynn VanVleck  •  Elyse Zarr

BSDH Degree Completion

Kay Lynn Neumann  •  Kristina Lynn Speers

Graduate Dental Certificates

Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Endodontics
Shane Thomas Clark, D.M.D. 2  •  Jason R. Hansen, D.M.D. 2

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics
Natalia Henbest, D.D.S. 1  •  Michael Olsen, D.D.S. 1  •  Adam Reynolds, D.D.S. 1

Periodontics
Bahman (Mike) Norouzinia D.D.S. 1  •  Sara Walls, D.D.S. 1

Graduate Degrees in Oral & Craniofacial Sciences Programs

Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program
Jacob McGuire, D.D.S.  •  Melanie Simmer-Beck, M.S.

Master of Science
Natalia Henbest, D.D.S. 1  •  Bahman (Mike) Norouzinia D.D.S. 1  •  Michael Olsen, D.D.S. 1  •  Adam Reynolds, D.D.S. 1

1 Graduated – Fall 2013;  2 Graduated – Summer 2014
**Military Commissionees**

Jacob Anderson, Captain, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, Okla.
Phillip Buckley, Captain, U.S. Army, Fort Campbell, Kent.
Sean McAnarney, Captain, U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas

**Legacy Graduates**

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An UnFOREgettable Day of Golf

Friday, May 30, 2014, turned out to be a beautiful day for the 15th Annual UMKC Dental Alumni Scholarship Golf Tournament at Shoal Creek Golf Course. Dr. Joe Spalitto once again lent his leadership skills to organizing the event, with assistance from Steering Committee members: Dr. Michael McCunniff, Dr. Chad Barth, Dr. Phil Gravino, Dr. Jim Osborne, Dr. Wes Christian, and Donna Weber.