The Iowa Mission of Mercy (MOM) was held September 25-26, 2009, at the Iowa Speedway in Newton. More than 1,200 dental professionals, dental assistants, dental hygienists, and others volunteered to treat over 1,500 patients free of charge at a value of more than $800,000.

The Iowa Dental Foundation led the organizational effort for Iowa Mission of Mercy. Delta Dental of Iowa Foundation, Iowa Speedway, Principal Financial Group Foundation, Professional Solutions Insurance Co., Patterson Dental, Iowa Dental Supply, Henry Schein, and others were generous sponsors.

Volunteers from the College of Dentistry, including 127 dental students and residents, 17 faculty, and 18 staff, treated fellow Iowans during the two-day event. “We were honored to be part of such an important event,” said Dr. Michael Kanellis, associate dean for patient care. “Our faculty, staff and students have looked forward to this event since Iowa’s first Mission of Mercy a year ago. The opportunity to provide dental care to so many people in need is very rewarding.” (See additional photos on page 5.)

Note: Dr. Patricia Meredith, Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine, along with Larry Carl, the Iowa Dental Association’s executive director, accepted the Summit Award for the 2008 Iowa Mission of Mercy, which was held in Waterloo. See page 3!
College of Dentistry Raises $1575 for Cancer Research

Thanks to the generosity of the College of Dentistry faculty, staff and students, $1575 was collected on Friday, October 2, during Lee National Denim Day. Faculty, staff and students were encouraged to break away from the dress codes and wear denim for the day in return for a $5 donation to breast cancer research. The response was overwhelming!

The Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology and Medicine took the theme to heart by buying and wearing breast cancer awareness shirts. (Above photo, left to right): Keeley Carter, Jodi Markham, Jan Hinrichsen, and JoEllen Jepson.

Lee National Denim Day is one of the largest single-day fundraisers for breast cancer. Donations support the Women’s Cancer Programs of the Entertainment Industry Foundation (EIF) and Lee Labs, whose researchers are working to develop an early detection blood test and find less toxic, more effective treatments for breast cancer patients.

Dr. Robert Schneider Awarded First Place in 31st Annual Staff Art Show

Dr. Bob Schneider, Department of Prosthodontics (Hospital Dentistry), was recently awarded first place in the 31st Annual Staff Art Show, which was held at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics (UIHC). His hot glass art titled "Layered Fusion" was on display in the main lobby at UIHC from August 3-September 25, 2009.

The work is a combination of iridized and several types of dichroic fused glass in several layers. Dr. Schneider will also be displaying some of his artwork at the Chait Galleries in downtown Iowa City next month.
Lend a Hand to a Co-Worker

Ralph Daniello (left), RN for the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has always been one of the first to come to the aid of others. Now Ralph is in need of our assistance. Ralph has been placed on disability and needs time donated to his sick leave account to reach the 90 days necessary for his disability funds to begin. Please consider lending a hand to the valuable friend of the College of Dentistry. Anyone wishing to help Ralph by contributing vacation time may pick up a catastrophic leave donation form from Jane King (S457), or go to http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/benefits/forms/ contrib.pdf. Once the form is completed, please send it to the Benefits Office, USB. Any contributions of one hour or more on Ralph’s behalf are welcome and will be truly appreciated.

Iowa Dental Association Receives Award for Iowa Mission of Mercy

Dr. Patty Meredith, OPRM, and Larry Carl, the Iowa Dental Association’s executive director, attended the Summit Awards dinner in Washington, D.C. recently to accept the Summit Award for the 2008 Iowa Mission of Mercy, on behalf of the organizers, volunteers, and contributors who made the event in Waterloo possible.

The American Society of Association Executives and the Center for Association Leadership’s Associations Advance America (AAA) Committee honors associations with the Summit Award for implementation of innovative community-based programs that improve the quality of life in America.

The inaugural Iowa Mission of Mercy was held October 3-4, 2008, at the Five Sullivan Brothers Convention Center in Waterloo, Iowa, where 1,254 patients received necessary, no-cost oral health care valued at over $602,000.

The honor comes days after the second Iowa Mission of Mercy was held at the Iowa Speedway in Newton September 25-26, during which over 1,200 volunteers treated more than 1,500 patients with care valued at over $800,000.

Photos — (above, left): Dr. Patricia Meredith accepts the Summit Award from Velma Hart, board chair of the American Society of Association Executions; (left): Larry Carl, executive director of the Iowa Dental Association; Dr. Patricia Meredith; and U.S. Senator Tom Harkin.
Staff Development Announces a Salsa Cook-Off!

Staff Development announces its Fall Event: the Salsa Cook-Off. It will be held Tuesday, October 27, 2009, from 2-4 in the Filling Station Dining Room.

All faculty and staff are invited to participate by entering their favorite salsa in the cook-off. In addition, all are invited to participate in the tasting!

We are hoping there will be at least one submission per department – more if your department boasts of culinary talent! Individuals may submit entries as well. Please plan to prepare plenty so everyone who comes to the cook-off may have a sample.

Each department/individual is asked to name their salsa and also to make a sign. (Be creative but please do not exceed 8 ½” x 11” in size.) Costumes add to the fun, so feel free to dress the part!

Prizes will be awarded.

Please register by e-mail (joan-welsh-grabin@uiowa.edu) or phone (319-335-6962) by Thursday, October 22, at 5 pm.

May the best salsa win!

Dental Students Compete in Minneapolis Marathon

Congratulations to our four UI dental students who competed in (and completed!) the 28th Annual Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon, The Most Beautiful Urban Marathon in America® on Sunday, October 4, 2009.

Will McBride (D4); Allison Fuller (D3); Mike Schiff (D4); and Ashley Charmichael (D4) (above, left to right) ran the full 26 miles, 385 yards race. The course began in downtown Minneapolis, continued along Lake of the Isles and Lakes Calhoun, Harriet, and Nokomis, followed the north side of the Mississippi River, and finished on the south side of the river at the Medtronic Plaza, near the University of Minnesota campus.
A Thailand Visit

During their recent trip to Thailand, Drs. Ronald Ettinger, Department of Prosthodontics, and Dows, and Steven Levy, Department of Preventive & Community Dentistry, visited with several Thai alumni from the UI dental specialty programs.

(left to right): Dr. Ronald Ettinger; Dr. Kamolphan Phankosol (certificate, operative dentistry, ‘83); Sonia Ettinger; Pink Phankosol; and Dr. Piyawat Phankosol (MS and certificate in removable prosthodontics, ‘83)

Dr. Roonkit Leehacharoenkul (MS, prosthodontics, 2009)

Dr. Aroonwan Lamubol (PhD, oral/maxillofacial pathology, 2007) and Dr. Viracha Vachiramon (MS, operative dentistry, 2006)
(left to right): Dr. Oitip Chankanka, PhD candidate in dental public health/oral science, and Dr. Patita Bhuridej, (MS, dental public health, 2000; PhD, oral science, 2003)

(left to right): Sonia and Dr. Ronald Ettinger; Oitip Chankanka; Patita Bhuridej; and Drs. Barcey and Steven Levy dined on a floating Muslim village in Phang Nga, located in Puket Bay.

(left) Dr. Patcharawan Srisilapanan (Iowa MS, dental public health, 1984) poses next to her poster. To her right is a graduate student from the University of Chiang Mai, Thailand, where Dr. Srisilapanan teaches.
Do you need TWO dental fillings on your permanent FRONT teeth?

The College of Dentistry is recruiting subjects for a research study.

See Page 10 for details!

FILLING STATION MENU
October 12, 2009 – October 16, 2009

**Monday**
BBQ Chicken Sandwich & Chips $3.99
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, Sushi & Paninis

**Tuesday**
Smoked Pork Sandwich & Chips $4.79
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, Sushi & Paninis

**Wednesday**
Cheddar Bacon Chicken Sandwich & Chips $4.99
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, Sushi & Paninis

**Thursday**
Taco Bar!!!!
Chicken Strips & Ranch Dressing $3.99
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, Sushi & Paninis

**Friday**
Mini Steak Burger $1.29
Chili Cheese Dog & Chips $3.99
Soup du Jour $2.49 / $3.49
Salad Bar, Deli, Pizza, Sushi & Paninis

Transitions

**Appointments**
Jason Mailhot
Adjunct Professor
Periodontics

**Retired**
Judy Norris
Administrative Support Services
Administration

**Departures**
Nicole Donaldson
Dental Assistant
Clinic Administration

Stephanie Cooper
Adjunct Assistant Professor
OPRM

Bridgette Schmidt
Visiting Assistant Professor
Pediatric Dentistry

Volunteers Invited
UI Faculty and Staff are invited to attend the

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HEALTH FAIR

Wednesday, November 4
Main Deck - UI Field House
7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Free health screenings: bone density, blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, pulmonary function tests, and more
- Health and wellness information
- Blood drive by DeGowin Blood Center
- Visit with representatives from UI Health Plans, UI Benefits, TIAA-CREF, Wellmark, and Delta Dental
- Register to win door prizes
- Receive a participant bag and giveaways
- Sign-up to be a team captain for Live Healthy Iowa 2010

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Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you require an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Ruth Harlbur in advance at 353-2314.
Volunteers Invited

Do you have a need for two dental fillings on your permanent front teeth? The UI College of Dentistry is recruiting subjects for a research study to evaluate dental fillings of the front teeth. If you have:

- a space between your front teeth;
- a fractured or chipped front tooth; or
- a discolored restoration in your front teeth, you may qualify.

Call the Dental Clinical Research Center for a screening appointment at (319) 335-7414.

Compensation is provided. The DCRC will provide special assistance for people with physical or other disabilities.
UI Wellness is offering **Colorful Choices**, a free nutrition incentive program for University of Iowa faculty and staff. This 20-day program takes place **November 16 - December 4, 2009**.

**Colorful Choices** will help you increase your daily servings of fruits and vegetables by selecting produce from all colors of the rainbow.

**How it works:**
- Record the fruits and vegetables you eat
- Aim for 100 servings of fruits and vegetables in 20 days (just 5 servings each day)
- Choose foods from all colors of the rainbow
- Earn up to 400 points to the UI Wellness Store

**Get Started:**
- Register at: [www.uiowa.edu/hr/wellness](http://www.uiowa.edu/hr/wellness)
- Print your Log Form
- Track your Colorful Choices from Nov. 16 to Dec. 4

**Sign up today!!**

**Program starts Monday, November 16**

"This was a great opportunity for me to snack healthy. Several co-workers noticed I was snacking on apples, oranges, dried apricots...it made me feel healthy."

"By increasing my awareness and working on strategies to hit my 5 a day, I learned things that I will continue now that the program is over."

-2004 Colorful Choices participants

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