THE DENTAL SCIENCE BUILDING IS A BUSY PLACE—bustling with patients, researchers, faculty, staff, and students. While this locus of activity is ever present, we also open our doors to the world as we receive prominent local, regional, national, and international guests. One week in early May was the perfect picture of this—with visits from the FDI World Dental Federation, Congressman Dave Loebsack, and the President-Elects of both the American Dental Association and the Iowa Dental Association.

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FDI WORLD DENTAL FEDERATION VISITS THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

The FDI World Dental Federation (FDI) is the largest membership-based dental organization in the world. In August 2017, Dr. Kathryn Kell (’79 DDS) was installed as the president of the FDI. She and many other FDI delegates visited in College of Dentistry in early May. Dean David Johnsen gave Dr. Kell and the FDI a tour of the college’s facilities and services.

One such delegate was Dr. S.M. Balaji from the Balaji Dental and Craniofacial Hospital. Dr. Balaji’s hospital wrote about his experiences at the University of Iowa.

US REPRESENTATIVE DAVE LOEBSACK VISITS THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

US Representative Dave Loebsack also visited the College of Dentistry. Dean David Johnsen and several others gave Congressman Loebsack a guided tour of our facilities. Dean Johnsen and Associate Dean Brad Amendt used the opportunity to talk about the wide variety of cutting edge research being conducted at the college—from the tens of millions of teeth that won’t have to be drilled into because of our research to new basic science research for growing bones and teeth without the need for surgery.

Dean Johnsen also highlighted how the college is able to coordinate efforts to improve and individualize care alongside other medical providers. In particular, the University of Iowa is one of the first institutions to have its dental clinic and the hospital patient databases work together. The hope is that this collaboration can become a model for other dental and health care providers.

ADA AND IDA LEADERSHIP VISITS THE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

The American Dental Association’s President-Elect, Dr. Jeffrey Cole, and the Iowa Dental Association President-Elect, Dr. Ryan Stuntz (’05 DDS), along with other Iowa Dental Association representatives also visited the College of Dentistry during the same week that Congressman Loebsack visited.

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The group of FDI Representatives visiting the College of Dentistry.

LEFT: Congressman Dave Loebsack speaking with Dr. Julie Holloway in the Prosthodontics Lab.

ABOVE: Congressman Dave Loeback speaking with Dr. Lina Moreno-Uribe, Dean David Johnsen, and Dr. Stacey Howes (’18 DDS).

Dr. Ryan Stuntz (’05 DDS), Dr. Justine Stemper (’14 DDS), Dr. Jeffrey Cole, and Dean David Johnsen.
Female alumni continue to lead the world of dentistry

The parade of female dental alumni who are leading major national and international organizations continues. The latest remarkable achievers are Pam Den Besten (’80 DDS) and J. Leslie Winston (’88 DDS). Dr. Den Besten has just been elected Vice President for the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), which puts her in line to become President. IADR is the largest dental research organization in the world. Pam is Professor of Pediatric Dentistry at the University of California San Francisco School of Dentistry. Dr. Winston now just completed her term on the Council on Councils for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which reports to the NIH Director Francis Collins. NIH is the largest sponsor of research in the world. Leslie is currently a Vice President for Proctor and Gamble in Cincinnati. These achievements follow two other remarkable female alumni in national and international positions. Kathy Kell (’79 DDS) is currently President of the Federation Dentaire Internationale (FDI) with over 130 member countries. FDI is the most far reaching dental organization in the world. Judy Greenlea-Taylor (’91 DDS) just finished her term as President of the National Dental Association, representing African American dentists. WOW!! We are so proud of the achievements and impact of all of our alumni. This theme of female alumni leading the world of dentistry is one we look to continue.

Recent Notable Collegiate

HIGHEST AWARDS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL AWARDS & HONSORS

Dr. Brad Amendt, Associate Dean for Research
International Association for Dental Research Distinguished Scientist Award

Dr. Julie Holloway, Department of Prosthodontics
Garver-Staffanous Prosthodontic Program Director’s Award for Excellence (2018)

Iowa Orthodontics Residency Program
American Association of Orthodontics’ Resident Care Competition, first place (2017) and fourth place (2018) out of almost 70 orthodontic residency programs, which continues a streak of top finishes with three first place finishes in the last five years

MILLION DOLLAR RESEARCHERS
(dental researchers who have obtained research grants totaling $1 million or more)

Dr. Brad Amendt, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Orthodontics
National Institutes of Health

Dr. Jeff Banas, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Pediatric Dentistry
National Institutes of Health

Dr. Azeez Butali, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Oral Pathology, Radiology, and Medicine
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust; National Institutes of Health

Dr. Peter Damiano, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Dr. Isabelle Denry, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Prosthodontics
National Institutes of Health

Dr. David Drake, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Endodontics
National Institutes of Health

Dr. Lui Hong, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Prosthodontics
National Institutes of Health

Dr. Raymond Kuthy, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Dr. Steven Levy, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry
National Institutes of Health; University of Michigan

Dr. Lina Moreno-Uribe, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research and Department of Orthodontics
American Association of Orthodontists Foundation
Achievements
TISTRY FACULTY, STUDENTS, AND STAFF, 2017–2018

NATIONAL SPECIALTY LEADERS

Dr. Richard Burton, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
President, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (2017)

Dr. David Drake, Iowa Institute for Oral Health Research &
Department of Endodontics
Treasurer, American Association for Dental Research (2018)

Dr. Sandra Guzman-Armstrong, Department of Operative Dentistry
Secretary, American Academy of Cariology (2018)

Dr. Keith Krell, Department of Endodontics
President-Elect, American Association of Endodontists (2018)

Dr. Michelle McQuistan, Department of Preventive & Community Dentistry
President, American Association of Public Health Dentistry (2018)

Dr. Fabricio Teixeira, Department of Endodontics
Director, American Board of Endodontics (2018)

Dr. Anne Williamson, Department of Endodontics
Director, American Board of Endodontics (2018)

Dr. John Warren, Department of Preventive and Community Dentistry
President, American Board of Dental Public Health Board of Directors (2018)

NOTABLE JUNIOR FACULTY RESEARCHER

Dr. Brian Howe, Department of Family Dentistry
National Institutes of Health K08 Award

STATE APPOINTMENT

Dr. Michael Kanellis, Associate Dean
for Patient Care
Member, Iowa State Board of Health (2017-2018)

STUDENT AWARDS

Dr. Suvendra Vijayan, Resident, Oral Pathology,
Radiology, and Medicine
American Dental Association Robert H. Ahlstrom
New Investigator Award (2018)

Dr. Kan Wongkamhaeng, Department of
Prosthodontics
3rd place, Sharry Prosthodontic Research
Competition from the American College of
Prosthodontics (2017)

Flora Yen, Class of 2020
Awarded a 2018 Dental Trade Alliance
Foundation scholarship in recognition of her
commitment to community service

Dr. Wenjie Yu, PhD, Department of Anatomy and
Cell Biology
International Association for Dental Research
(IADR) Bernard Sarnat Award in Craniofacial
Biology, senior division

Cynthia Lo and Sagar Gupta
For 2017 and 2018, high school students, Cynthia
Lo and Sagar Gupta, won Best Peer-Reviewed
Presentation awards based on their work in
Dr. Azeez Butali’s lab as part of the Secondary
Student Training Program.

THINGS WE’VE ACHIEVED TOGETHER …

Second nationally
in papers accepted for
presentation at the 2018 AADR
meeting. Top five
in 2017.

College of Dentistry
students pass the
final part of their
National Board
Dental Examinations
at a significantly
higher rate, with
significantly higher
scores, than do their
peers across the
country.

For three of the
last four years, the
college has been
ranked in the top five
in number of papers published
annually in the Journal of Dental
Education.
Dr. Gerald H. Schleier (’73 DDS) was born in Albia, Iowa, on October 12, 1946. His family moved to rural Eddyville, Iowa, where he attended elementary and high school graduating in 1965 as valedictorian of his class. His early leadership and citizenship skills were learned through 4-H as well as on the athletic field.

Dr. Schleier attended Iowa State University on a baseball scholarship and later transferred to Central College in Pella, Iowa. He played baseball for four years and basketball for one year while in college. In 1969 he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from Central.

During his undergraduate years, Dr. Schleier enjoyed a variety of jobs with John Deere and John Morrell and Company. This experience, along with the fact that his uncle was a dentist, allowed him to arrive at the decision that he wanted to be a dentist and not work in industry. Dr. Schleier received his D.D.S. in 1973 from the University of Iowa. He served as President of Psi Omega Dental Fraternity and in 1973 received the National Council’s Fraternal Achievement Award. The summer of his junior year he was a dental intern at the Veterans Hospital Dental Clinic in Knoxville, Iowa.

In 1974 he completed a General Practice Residency at Moncrieff Army Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. His next assignment was at Ft. Ritchie, Maryland, near Camp David. After three years of service he attained the rank of Major and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service to his country. Upon completion of his military service, Dr. Schleier returned with his family to Iowa and established a private dental practice in Keokuk, Iowa, where he has practiced for the last 42 years.

While living in Keokuk, Dr. Schleier has served within many organizations. He is past president of the Keokuk Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He has served in numerous civic roles in the Keokuk area. Dr. Schleier has spent years coaching Little League Baseball and Softball as well as AAU Basketball and he sings in the church choir.

Professionally, Dr. Schleier is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD), serving as State President of the Iowa AGD in 1987. Dr. Schleier is also a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

During 2009, Dr. Schleier was elected as a trustee of the Iowa Dental Association and served until 2015. He was also the IDA’s annual Program Chairman in 1999 and will do so again in 2019.

He was coordinator of the Keokuk Dental Study Club for over 20 years. Dr. Schleier has participated in the Iowa Mission of Mercy and provided dental care through the Give Kids a Smile Program, Donated Dental Services, and Doctors with a Heart.

Dr. Schleier has always been appreciative of the dental education he received from the University of Iowa. He has been a member of the University of Iowa’s Dental Alumni Association Board of Directors for many years and served as its President from 2014–2016. According to Dr. Schleier, “being an Iowa Dental Graduate is a great privilege.”

Dr. Schleier and his first wife, Joan, now deceased, raised three children, Sarah, Matthew, and Emily. All are University of Iowa graduates. His present wife, Dian, children’s spouses, and his four grandchildren have been a tremendous blessing for the entire family. All are great Hawkeye fans.

The University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association and the College of Dentistry recognize Dr. Gerald Schleier’s long and fruitful dental practice career and his commitment to the University, the College and to his class, and wish to honor him with the 2018 Alumnus of the Year Award.
2018 James McLearn Faculty Award
Terry Lindquist, DDS, MS

Known as an excellent teacher and mentor who models the very best of patient-centered care, Dr. Terry Lindquist (’90 DDS) began her thirty-seven year career in the oral health sciences in a Periodontics clinic in La Crosse, Wisconsin. “Being positive with patients empowers them to get where they need to be,” said Dr. Lindquist. In that practice, it was Dr. Gary O’Connor who encouraged Dr. Lindquist to continue her education.

Dr. Lindquist continues to draw a close connection between her work as a clinician and an educator. After five years as a dental hygienist, she came to the University of Iowa for dental school and graduated with her DDS in 1990. She completed her General Practice Residency at Emory in 1991 and her Prosthodontics Residency and a master’s degree in Oral Sciences from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1994. Later that same year, she returned to the University of Iowa College of Dentistry as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics, and she was promoted to Associate Professor in 2001. Dr. Julie Holloway, the chair of Dr. Lindquist’s department, said that Dr. Lindquist embodies “the truest essence of what it is to be an outstanding Professor at the University of Iowa; with the deepest commitment to teaching, patient care, and professional development.”

Dr. Lindquist’s primary teaching responsibility is to instruct and mentor third-year dental students during their prosthodontics clerkship. Dr. Julie Holloway said, “This is without a doubt the most challenging clerkship in the college from both the student and faculty perspectives.” She shows them how to approach clinical situations by “breaking up the entire process into discrete steps so that students can absorb and perform them on their own.” The goal, Dr. Lindquist explained, was not for a student to acquire the knowledge of this particular case; rather, it was for them to know why each part of the process was done so that they learn how to apply the general principles to a much wider group of cases.

Dr. Lindquist also uses her time with students to educate her students’ patients. Dr. Lindquist encourages her students to verbally describe what they see to their dental assistants. For Dr. Lindquist and her students, patient-centered care is not simply listening to and following the lead of your patient—though that is, of course, essential—but it also includes presenting options in a positive manner that empowers and supports patients.

Among her numerous other collegiate and professional responsibilities, Dr. Lindquist also leads a Thursday lunch meeting with new prosthodontics faculty members discussing clerkship requirements, conducting calibration exercises, and developing educational strategies, and she played a vital role in the college’s accreditation process.

Dr. Lindquist is also active in the larger profession as a member of the American Dental Educational Association, the American Prosthodontic Society, the American College of Prosthodontists, and the American Dental Association (ADA). She also served as President of the Removable Prosthodontics Section of ADEA, and in 2015, she was awarded the James H. McLean and John C. Montgomery Pierre Fauchard Academy Award, which recognized her service to the college and to the profession as a whole.

Because of Dr. Terry Lindquist’s excellence as an educator and her commitment to patient-centered care, it is our great honor to award Dr. Terry Lindquist the 2018 James H. and Hermine E. McLean Faculty Award.
Dr. William J. Synan was born and raised in the Bronx, New York, the son of a United States Postal Service Manager and a stay-at-home mother and part time neighborhood crossing guard. Dr. Synan attended Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx where he discovered his interest in the sciences.

Dr. Synan subsequently attended Fordham University, on an academic scholarship where he majored in biology and chose to be a predental student even though his academic advisor was recommending premedical. He graduated Summa Cum Laude in 1979 and was also inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Synan attended Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery. Following his 1983 graduation from dental school Dr. Synan entered a general practice residency program at Bronx Municipal Hospital/Albert Einstein Medical Center. A significant portion of his residency involved oral surgery and he came to the conclusion that this is what he wanted to do.

He accepted an Oral and Maxillofacial surgery residency position at the State University-Kings County Hospital Center in Brooklyn, New York. Shortly before he began his oral surgery residency, Dr. Synan was introduced on a blind date to Ann Powers. They became engaged at Windows on the World at the top of the World Trade Center and were married in 1985.

His former Chief Resident, Dr. Neal Futran, paid a visit to Kings County and told Dr. Synan of a one-year fellowship at the University of Iowa. Dr. Synan, Ann, and their newborn daughter, Katy, moved to Iowa in 1987. He spent the majority of his time at the University Hospital but also some time at the College of Dentistry and the VA hospital. In addition to the orthognathic experiences, he also had the pleasure of spending the year with a Visiting Professor from Sweden, Dr. Ragnar Adell. Dr. Synan and his family moved back to New York at the completion of the fellowship, and Dr. Synan felt he would eventually return to Iowa.

Dr. Synan was an associate in private practice in New York for about 18 months when he had a conversation with a former adjunct professor at Columbia University, Dr. Louis Loscalzo who was retiring. Dr. Synan applied for his position and subsequently served as Chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for the Bronx VA for five years.

By 1994 Bill and Ann had three children and a faculty position became available at the College of Dentistry. After some discussion, a little bit of soul searching, and some coincidental events, they decided to move back to Iowa and have never regretted their decision.

Dr. Synan joined the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in 1994. He has served as predoctoral director of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the College of Dentistry since then.

Over the past 24 years, Dr. Synan has served as the course director for four predoctoral courses, Anesthesia and Pain Control I and II, Basic Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and Clinical Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He has also been a lecturer for several other courses and a clinical instructor in the Implant Clinic, College of Dentistry Oral Surgery Clinic, and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

His teaching awards include Instructor of the Year Award 1999, the Collegiate Teaching Award 2002, Instructor of all Four Years 2004, and the James McLeran Faculty Award 2007.

Dr. Synan has served on the Admissions Committee, Clerkship Directors Committee, Faculty Promotion Advisory Committee, Omicron Kappa Upsilon (past president), and Clinic Management Committee to name a few.

Nationally, he has served as an item writer for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Training Examination Committee. He served as an officer and councilor for the section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Anesthesia, and Hospital Dentistry for the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) from 2002-2007. Dr. Synan served as a member of the ADEA Liaison Committee for AAOMS.

In 2005 Dr. Synan was appointed to the Examination Committee of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and in 2015 he was recognized for 10 years of dedicated service. In 2008 Dr. Synan earned recognition by the Committee for Best Case Submissions in Surgery Section I for the oral certification examination.
Originally from Chicago, Dr. J. Leslie Winston (’88 DDS) has lived in the Midwest her entire life, including living in 3 separate Iowa cites (Iowa City, Waterloo and Des Moines). Her father was a neurosurgeon and her mother a nurse so she grew up with interest in the health professions. She made the decision to be a dentist by attending a Boy Scout’s Explorers Club for dental careers and spending time in the operating room with an oral surgeon in Des Moines, Dr. Bob Moore. She received her BS in chemistry from the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. While at UNL she had an opportunity to work in a biochemistry lab introducing her to the scientific life and changing her career path forever.

Dr. Winston decided to attend dental school at the University of Iowa because it provided her with an opportunity to pursue her interest in research while being a dental student. She quickly identified a research mentor (Dr. Murray Hill) and spent many evenings and weekends studying to understand wound healing in the Dows Institute. While a dental student she received an NIH Short Term Training Grant and the Max Smith Young Investigator Award from the Iowa Section of AADR for her research. She also began serving a leadership role in research nationally by serving as the National President of the Student Section of the AADR. While at University of Iowa College of Dentistry she was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, received the Frank Mosberry Award in Periodontology and received both Outstanding Scholar and Dean’s Leadership awards.

Upon graduation from Iowa with her DDS in 1988, Dr. Winston received a 5-year Dentist Scientist Award from NIDR and decided to pursue periodontology and a PhD in Oral Biology at the State University of New York at Buffalo. While at UB she discovered a love for oral microbiology and most importantly her classmate, Dr. Aaron Biesbrock, who was also studying perio along with salivary genetics. Following her Dentist Scientist program, Dr. Winston was awarded a National Service Research Award from NIDCR as well as a Young Investigator Award from the American Academy of Periodontology.

Drs. Winston and Biesbrock had an opportunity to continue their research interests in the clinical research department of the Oral Care Division of Procter & Gamble. Over the next 23 years, Dr. Winston has worked in clinical research, technology development and professional & scientific relations. One of the bonuses of working in a company is the opportunity to see your ideas come to life in market. Dr. Winston was part of the team that brought Crest toothpaste to China, giving her the opportunity to visit China over 30 times and influencing government officials on the critical need for fluoride toothpaste well in advance of their shift to more Western diets and treating periodontal diseases.

While working at P&G, Dr. Winston has also practiced periodontology for over 20 years in a family practice in Cincinnati.

Currently Dr. Winston is Director, Global Oral Care Professional & Clinical Operations, Health Care Statistics & Data Management. She responsible for identifying research development projects and technologies that will help support and improve the oral health of the worlds’ consumers. Her current role involves interfacing with regulatory bodies, dental associations, dental academic institutions and other stakeholders in the oral health community. Dr. Winston has served on two advisory councils at NIH, both the NIDCR Advisory Council and NIH Council on Councils influencing the critical need for public private partnerships to address our biggest oral health issues. She has also served on the ADA Foundation Board along with their Science Subcommittee to drive tighter links between dental practice and the latest scientific evidence.

Dr. Winston and her husband Dr. Aaron Biesbrock have two children. Their son Kellen is a junior at The Ohio State University, majoring in biomedical engineering and their daughter Devin is a senior in high school currently deciding where to attend college and play basketball.
LEGACIES

FIRST-YEARS CONTINUE FAMILY DENTAL TRADITION

Cameron Geyer D1
Taylor Geyer (sister) 2017
Curtis Geyer (father) 1987

Joshua Chamberlain D1
Thaddeus Chamberlain (father) 1991
Brandon Greenwood (uncle) 2002

Kelsey Edwards D1
Karen (Fuller) Edwards (mother) DH 1980
Richard Fuller (grandfather) 1956
LEGACIES
FIRST-YEARS
CONTINUE FAMILY
DENTAL TRADITION

John Schaeffer D1
Michelle (McLaughlin) Schaeffer (mother) 1992

Kane Louscher D1
Michael Louscher (father) 1996
Blake Louscher (brother) current D4

David Rosenthal D1
Leonard Rosenthal (grandfather) 1961

Ross Westercamp D1
F. Jeffrey Westercamp (father) 1979

Max Loew D1
Mike Loew (brother) 2014

Grant Gullion D1
Chip Kiple (uncle) 1995

Emma Miller D1
Tom Ervin (grandfather) 1965
The University of Iowa College of Dentistry held its White Coat Ceremony on May 18 at Hancher Auditorium. The event honored first-year dental students and signified they have earned privileges to see patients in the college’s clinics.

The 2018 College of Dentistry Commencement was held on May 25 at Hancher Auditorium. Congratulations graduates!
Introducing Shoemaker and Garvin

Last summer, Amanda Shoemaker took over the role of Director of Alumni Relations and Continuing Education for the University of Iowa College of Dentistry. Amanda comes to the college after almost 15 years at Western Illinois University (WIU) where she worked in Alumni Relations and most recently as the Director of Donor Relations, Foundation Communications, and Special Events for the WIU Foundation. Before that, she was a television news anchor/reporter/producer at KHQA TV 7 News in Quincy, Illinois. She earned a bachelor’s degree at Illinois College and a master’s degree at WIU. If you want to get to know Amanda better, ask her about her two miniature schnauzers—Cooper and Sawyer; her CrossFit training; being a St. Jude runner; which concerts she has been to recently; or her support of the Green Bay Packers, the women’s Philanthropic Education Organization (P.E.O.), and now, of course, the Hawkeyes! During her first seven months with the College of Dentistry, she has been excited to build relationships with UI Dentistry alumni, and she has been impressed with how engaged and loyal they are.

In February of last year, Kelly Garvin joined For Iowa as the advancement officer for the College of Dentistry. Kelly comes to Iowa after being the marketing coordinator at Mercy Iowa City for 23 years, with extensive experience in marketing, public relations, sales, and fundraising with various national and local non-profit organizations. She earned her MBA from St. Ambrose University. If you want to get to know Kelly better, ask her about her children and their academic and athletic activities, her most recent travels, or her participation in local community organizations. Going forward, Kelly is most interested in meeting and working with alumni and others so that she can match their passions with opportunities to give back to the College of Dentistry—whether as donors, volunteers, or well-informed ambassadors. In particular, she is interested in partnering with those who want to support:

- Faculty
- Advanced Programs
- Students
- Research

Dental students, faculty, and staff traveled to Sioux City to provide free dental care as part of the Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM).

IMOM is an annual, large scale, community dental clinic where dental professionals and others volunteer to provide free oral health care to those who face barriers to receiving dental care. Since 2008, almost 15,000 patients from all areas of the state and beyond have received free dental care totaling over $9 million.

The Iowa Mission of Mercy was held October 5-6, 2018, at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa, and University of Iowa faculty, staff, and students were vital in making this outreach event a success!

“Our 11th Iowa Mission of Mercy was very successful this year in Sioux City,” said Dr. Patricia Meredith (’83 DDS, ’08 MS), the dental chief for the Iowa Mission of Mercy. She continued, “We provided nearly $600,000 worth of free dental care to 793 unique patients. Although Sioux City is a long way from Iowa City, the College of Dentistry was well represented. Thank you to all the students, faculty and staff that carried the day for this IMOM!!"
Because of his commitment to research excellence, Dr. Peter Damiano ('86 DDS), MPH has been appointed as the Morris Bernstein Professor, named in honor of Dr. Morris Bernstein ('39 DDS).

On Monday, August 13, Dr. John J. Warren ('86 DDS, '91 MS) was presented with the 2018 Collegiate Teaching Award for his outstanding contribution to the intellectual and professional development of dental students, graduate students, and residents.

The 2017-2018 Student Research Mentor of the Year recipient was Dr. Karin Weber-Gasparoni, DDS ('99 MS, '03 PhD).

Dr. Mike Kanellis ('79 DDS, '82 MS, '95 MS), Dr. Karen Baker MS, and Dr. Kyle Stein ('09 DDS), FACS were all appointed by the Iowa Dental Board to serve on the Opioid Task Force.

CoD Teacher of the Year Awards

The following Teacher of the Year Awards were presented at the Apollonian Frolics in April 2018.

- Dr. Darren Hoffman – First-Year Dental Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Mahrous – Sophomore - Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. Ahmed Mohamed Mahrous – Junior - Super-Block Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. Nidhi Handoo – Junior - Non-Superblock Faculty of the Year Award
- Mr. Steve Vercande – Junior - Support Staff of the Year Award
- Ms. Becky Todd – Senior - Support Staff of the Year Award
- Dr. Steven West ('76 DDS) – Senior – Extramural Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. Jim Harris ('79 DDS) – Senior - Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. David Iglehart ('83 DDS) – Senior – Family Dentistry Faculty of the Year Award
- Dr. Manuel Gomez – Senior – Faculty of All Four Years Award
- Ms. Lisa Piper – IASDA Advocate Award

Accreditation Site Visit Was a Success

The College of Dentistry and Dental Clinics’ Accreditation Site Visit was successfully completed with no recommendations for either the predoctoral program or for the nine advanced programs. Dean Lily Garcia led this process for several years by engaging a core planning group, DEOs, Deans, Clerkship Directors, Program Directors, Committee Members, IT, Ed Media, Staff, Primary Admins, Students, Faculty, and University officials. There are at least fifty people, probably more, who spent long days, weeks, and even years getting us ready. Two of Dean Garcia’s staff, Michelle Krupp and Lauren Moniot, merit special commendation.

The Site Visit Team was led by Dean Mark Latta of Creighton, and the team was thorough and constructive. While the college did not receive recommendations, we did get three helpful suggestions and one note. The college will be following up and including these suggestions in our planning agendas. According to Dean Johnsen, two themes seemed to stand out from the Site Visit Team: the substance of our programs and our humanistic culture. Dean David Johnsen said, “The pride and the ‘take care of each other’ culture shown by our faculty, staff, and students showed through loud and clear at all levels.” Some faculty and staff members were here until midnight on Tuesday during the site-visit week to get information for the Site Visit Team. Dean Johnsen added, “I personally felt so proud of the way all our people performed under these demanding conditions!”

Dr. Peter Damiano ('86 DDS), MPH was presented with the 2018 Underserved Champion Award by the Iowa Primary Care Association (Iowa PCA). The award recognizes those who are committed to ensuring access to quality, affordable health care for all Iowans.

The Sixth Edition of Pediatric Dentistry: Infancy Through Adolescence, edited by our own Dr. Arthur Nowak, DMD, MA and Dr. Tad Mabry, DDS, MS was published in 2018 and it remains the standard textbook for Pediatric Dentistry.

Orthodontics in the Vertical Dimension: A Case-Based Review (2015), a textbook by Dr. Thomas Southard, DDS, MS is being translated into Mandarin by a researcher from Chongqing University in China.
Jennifer Sukalski ('17 MS), a Graduate Research Assistant in the PPC’s Health Policy Research Program, was awarded the Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health for Master and Doctoral Degree Students in Dental Public Health and Dental Public Health Residents.

Dr. Jered Vislisel ('13 DDS), a first-year Endodontics students in the Advanced Program, was awarded an American Association of Endodontics Foundation grant for his project, Application of Gene-activating BMP-2/FGF-2 Scaffolds for Dental Pulp Capping.

Dr. Paula Ortega Verdugo ('14 MS), a PhD student in Oral Science with an emphasis in Dental Public Health, was awarded a Delta Dental Graduate Student Thesis grant for her project, “Treatment of Deep Carious Lesions: Study of acceptability of Alternative Caries Removal techniques among dentists practicing in Iowa.”

Sarah McGowan (D4), Kali Disterhoft (D2), Briar Voy (D2), Paige Peters (D2) and Dr. Natalia Restrepo-Kennedy ('12 MS) hosted over 200 junior high girls in a Girls Go Stem event in December.

Dr. Katrina Goebel and Dr. Paula Gomez Hernandez ('18 DDS), both first-year Pediatric Dentistry residents, and Ashley Spooner (D4) and Courtney Schulte-Wikan (D2) gave a presentation on oral health to the iGrowClub, a group of parents and young children, at the Coralville Library.

McKenna Kilburg (D1), Kali Disterhoft (D2), Kayla Erps (D2), and Adam Woroniecki (D3) ran a booth for a STEM conference for Girl Scouts in November teaching the girls about the sugar content of many common beverages.

Emily Starman (D1), McKenna Kilburg (D1), Allyson Orwig (D2), Turner Reid (D2), Liz Skotowski (D2), Chase Wedemeier (D2), Steven Thrap (D3), Adam Woroniecki (D3), and Ashley Spooner (D4) ran a booth for the Johnson County STEM festival at the Kirkwood Regional Center in Coralville. Children visiting the booth would sort popular beverages based on their sugar content.

In July, a group of students and faculty visited local housing areas for families of seasonal farmworkers to provide dental exams and apply fluoride varnish to children. The group that provided care was Ms. Cathy Skotowski ('81 DH, '91 MS), and Dr. Kecia Leary ('04 DDS '07 MS); first-year pediatric dentistry residents, Dr. Alison Christensen ('18 DDS), Dr. Jennifer Feingold ('18 DDS), Dr. Katrina Goebel, Dr. Paula Gomez Hernandez ('18 DDS), Dr. Kyle Nordeen; Dr. Demah AlGheity, Dental Public Health resident; and Beth Pfohl (D4) and Leah Barshinger (D4).

Sioux City man him to take on

From being homeless in Southern California to learning to play golf on one of Chicago’s posh golf courses, Malachi Zeitner’s childhood was one of starkly different realities. Today, as a second-year dental student at the University of Iowa’s College of Dentistry, Zeitner says he’s grateful to be laying the groundwork for a future that is both service oriented and financially stable.

“I actually don’t have many memories of my early childhood, of that time when I was homeless with my mom in Southern California,” Zeitner says. “But when my mom went to jail, I went to live with my father in Chicago, and then when he died, I went to live with my grandparents in Sioux City.”

Before he died, Zeitner’s father was a golf professional at a private golf club in Schaumburg, Illinois, and it was there that Zeitner was introduced to the sport that eventually would win him a full-ride scholarship to Miami University in Oxford, Ohio—the Chick Evans Scholarship for Caddies. The scholarship, named for famed amateur golfer Charles “Chick” Evans, has provided a college education to more than 10,000 golf caddies since 1930.

When Zeitner arrived on the University of Miami’s campus as a freshman with a full-ride scholarship, he says he was tempted to put all of his energy into becoming a professional golfer, but he quickly realized that if he wanted a secure future—something he never had as a child—dentistry was a safer bet. It helped that Zeitner had gotten to know several dentists while caddying at a golf course in Columbus, Ohio, where his uncle was a golf pro.
But in addition to that exposure, Zeitner says he has long admired dentists.

“Dentists seem to always have an important role in the community,” he says. “And I guess that for me, especially given my childhood, I always liked the idea of people being able to look at me as a role model.”

Once his mind was made up, Zeitner chose to study zoology and biology so he could prepare for dental school applications. He says that because his grandparents in Sioux City had played such a big role in his life, he was drawn to the idea of returning to Iowa. He also was interested in studying at a top-rated dental school. Zeitner’s dream was realized with his acceptance to the UI College of Dentistry in 2016.

Now in his third year of dental school, Zeitner says he is confident that he made the right choice.

“At the University of Iowa, we get clinical experience very early on in our education,” Zeitner says. “I had already done four or five restorations, or fillings, in my second year. When you talk to dental students at other schools, you find out that this is rare. In most dental schools, you don’t even drill until the third year.”

UI College of Dentistry Dean David Johnsen says this early experience in dental clinics forces students to learn quickly and build confidence. He says students also benefit from working with the college’s top-notch professors, and, in some cases, assisting them with research. For students, the opportunity to learn about the science behind dental techniques also is a way to stand out in the job market.

“Our students regularly outperform students from other dental colleges on national board exams, and all of them are highly sought after upon graduation, either for jobs in dental practices or for advanced programs such as residencies,” Johnsen says.

For now, Zeitner isn’t too focused on what he will do after he graduates in 2020, but says that if he can help his family—he has four half-siblings—he will.

“I’m only 24 years old, and at this time of my life, I feel like I need to be a little bit selfish,” he says. “You know, do what’s right for me to get my career off the ground. But obviously, if they need me, I will be there for them.”
Donald Morrison ('61 DDS) celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2018. He is retired and volunteers with Meals on Wheels; his wife Mary continues to direct music and teach.

J. Bernard Machen ('72 MS) PhD, former president of the University of Florida and the University of Utah, was the 2018 recipient of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Honorary Membership. AADR Honorary Membership is given to a person who has made significant contributions to and/or supports dental research.

Bruce Justman ('83 DDS) was elected vice president of the Delta Sigma Delta International Dental Fraternity during the 134th Annual Meeting. He also received recognition for his years of service to the local chapter here at the University of Iowa.

William Maixner ('83 DDS), PhD was the 2018 recipient of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Distinguished Scientist Award. Maixner is the Co-director for the Center for Translational Pain Medicine, the Joannes H. Karis, MD, Professor of Anesthesiology and the Vice Chair, Research of the Duke University, Department of Anesthesiology Center for Translational Pain Medicine.

Jack Gerrow ('85 MS) received the 2018 Gies Award for Outstanding Innovation in recognition of his support of dental education. Dr. Gerrow spent 24 years as Executive Director and Registrar of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada; he’s currently an adjunct professor at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.

Sharon Schmahl ('83 DDS), MSD was joined in private practice by her daughter, Dr. Katharine Powers, DMD, MSD, who recently graduated from the orthodontic program at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, where Dr. Schmahl is an associate professor. Established in 1995, the Schmahl Orthodontic Group is a certified Platinum Invisalign® Provider and is located in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Timothy Wellik ('86 DDS) enjoyed reading the article about Dr. Vince Williams ('57 DDS, '80 MS) in the Spring 2018 issue of The Dental Link. He stated: “Dr. Williams made a huge impact on me during the final year of my dental education at Iowa. Many of the things he taught during our treatment planning sessions I have carried with me these past 32 years. Not only did he train us how to treatment plan a case but also the importance of keeping detailed accurate records and teaching organizational principles in our work and personal lives.

he put the icing on the cake for me and I’m very grateful that I had the opportunity to study under him. Congratulations on being named 2017 Dental Educator of the Year.”

Charles Boswell ('87 DDS) joined Smile Illinois School Based Mobile Dental Clinic full-time after 5 years as part-time dentist and team leader. He retired from general practice in Waukegan, Illinois in June 2017.

Ernie Lam ('94 ORALS) is one of the new coeditors of the 8th edition of the textbook: Oral Radiology, Principles and Interpretation which was released in December 2018. Dr. Lam is currently a professor and the associate dean of graduate education at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Dentistry.

Brad Rand ('06 DDS) currently president-elect, will serve as president of the Maine Dental Association starting in June 2019.

University of Iowa College of Dentistry alumni and friends join Dean David Johnsen at the ADA Annual Alumni Reception in Honolulu, Hawaii in October 2018 during the American Dental Association’s Meeting.
Dr. Dale F. Redig (’55 DDS ’65 MS), the sixth dean of Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry at the University of the Pacific in San Francisco, California, passed away Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 at age 89.

Redig served as dean of the Dugoni School of Dentistry from 1969 to 1978 and later served as a regent of University of the Pacific from 1986 to 1997.

He was a 1955 graduate of the University of Iowa College of Dentistry and practiced as a pediatric dentist until 1961, when he joined the faculty of his alma mater. He rapidly progressed in leadership roles as his outstanding organizational and administrative talents were recognized, ultimately serving as Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

Selected at age 39 as the new dean of University of the Pacific’s School of Dentistry in 1969, Redig arrived to a brand new building with a vision for humanistic education that forever changed student-faculty relations and dental education. In 1986, Redig was awarded the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry Medallion of Distinction in recognition of his service to the school and the university.

Redig went on to lead the California Dental Association as executive director for 18 years in the 1980s and 90s. He was active throughout his career in professional leadership in a variety of capacities, including serving as president of the American Association of Dental Schools. He was also honored by the American College of Dentists with a Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his more than 50 years of service to the profession. In 1997, the University of Iowa Dental Alumni Association named Dr. Redig Alumnus of the Year.
Dr. Frank Breene: Sixth Dean of the College of Dentistry

After graduating from dental school at Iowa in 1888, Dr. Frank T. Breene joined the dental faculty as a demonstrator. By 1895, Breene was a full professor; in 1914, Dr. Breene became the sixth dean of the College of Dentistry.

Dean Breene’s challenges and accomplishments included:

- An M.D. degree (1893);
- A new dental building (1917);
- Advocating dental students’ deferment from military service during WW I until graduation;
- Changing the minimum entrance requirement from 27 high school credits to a high school diploma (1917), then to one year of college (1921);
- Modifying the dental program from three to four academic years, nine months each (1918);
- Suspended university classes in 1918 during the flu pandemic (two dental students died);
- Becoming president of the American Association of Dental Schools (now the American Dental Education Association).

Dean Breene died in 1931 after 43 years at the College of Dentistry.