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The College of Dentistry Vision Statement
To improve human oral health through education, research, clinical care and public service.

The UTHSC COD students learned in a state-of-the-art dental operatory at the University of Arkansas Medical School. Story on page 28. Photo courtesy of Arkansas BlueCrossBlueShield. - Chip Boyer

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From the Dean of the College of Dentistry

I t’s early May and the clinics are buzzing with activity and the excitement of the upcoming graduation is in the air – all signs that the College of Dentistry is alive and well. There are many new things to report and on behalf of the faculty and staff, I am proud to say that the college is becoming known for its outstanding faculty, faculty and graduates.

One major event that will take place in July is the realignment of the dental hygiene program back to the dental school. This move brings a very important asset under our wing, and plans are in the works to integrate dental hygiene into the clinical training of our dental students.

What a bonus for our student as they will get to work side-by-side with a dental hygienist in a clinical setting. This will be another plus to the now-established “group leader” program where we strive to teach our students in a private practice model. Of course, this means a crunch in room space as hygiene faculty move their offices from Allied Health to Dentistry. I believe this is a great problem to have.

When you arrive to visit the dental school, you will be surprised by the changes to the Dunn side of the campus. Our parking lot is being expanded into space that will be available after the demolition of the apartment buildings, Goodman Residence Hall and the Beale Building. This lot will accommodate additional parking needs of patients who are a part of the group leader program. This new parking is also needed as the additional building planned for the dental school will be built on some of the existing spots.

We have made a major change in our clinical training program with the addition of our new rotation site in Little Rock, Ark. In the near future, we will have new clinical rotation sites in both Nashville and Knoxville, in addition to our existing site in Jackson, Tenn. These locations will give our graduates the opportunity to gather additional skills and increase their training in many areas – boosting our current outstanding clinical experiences. This will help our graduates as they prepare to be the best that they can be!

As summer approaches, we begin our preparations for welcoming our new D1 class. Once they arrive, they will have the option to choose where they would like to train their first year of training in Memphis and then choose whether to spend their next three years in Nashville, Knoxville or Memphis.

Our College of Pharmacy is also extending its presence in Music City. In the near future, all of our pharmacy students will spend their first year of training in Memphis and then choose whether to spend their next three years in Nashville, Knoxville or Memphis.

As the needs of our patients rise, statewide and throughout the region, and the demands on our health care practitioners increase, we continually demonstrate our institution’s flexibility, resolve and dedication to bring health care education, training and clinical care wherever it is needed.

In February, during the UT Board of Trustees meeting, the board approved the UTHSC Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 with priorities that include:

- Educating outstanding graduates who meet the needs of the state and its communities,
- Growing the research portfolio of the institution focusing on targeted areas,
- Strengthening areas of clinical prominence while expanding outreach, and
- Expanding and strengthening key community and statewide partnerships, among others.

Representatives from across our organization have committed to position UTHSC as a national leader in targeted areas of excellence across the institution’s missions, colleges and campuses by the end of 2018. We are now engaging faculty, staff, students and administrators in identifying and implementing a variety of initiatives designed to address the strategic priorities outlined in the plan. In other action, the board approved renaming the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences as the College of Health Professions, which becomes effective July 1, and approved UTHSC’s acquisition of three neighboring properties in Memphis.

While we all take pride in updated facilities and shiny new buildings, we never lose sight of what truly matters – people like you, who together with our faculty, staff, students and partners, shape and fuel our organization in the service and care of those who need our training, compassion and help. Thank you for all you do to contribute to the consistent, forward movement of our organization.

What we are empowered to achieve would not be possible without your generosity and long-term commitment.

From the UTHSC Chancellor

Steve J. Schwab, MD

On Friday, May 30, the University of Tennessee Health Science Center graduated 672 health care professionals in a commencement ceremony held in FedExForum.

UTHSC Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD, presided over the ceremony.

UT System President Joe DiPietro conferred the degrees and gave the charge to the graduates.

The 672 graduates represent all six of the UTHSC colleges:

- 185 from the College of Allied Health Sciences;
- 74 from the College of Dentistry;
- 23 from the College of Graduate Health Sciences;
- 157 from the College of Medicine;
- 107 from the College of Nursing;
- 126 from the College of Pharmacy.

This year’s graduating class includes 75 African-Americans and 12 Latino-Americans. Additionally, 411 of the class are women, 261 are men. There are 147 graduates who came from out of state to study at UTHSC.

Of the out-of-state dentistry graduates, 16 are from Arkansas. Our Arkansas students come to Tennessee to train because their state has no dental college.

As I write this letter, the footprint of our institution continues to evolve and expand.

On our main campus in Memphis, construction and renovation projects valued at more than $124 million are either under way or in the planning stages. The new Translational Science Research Building is on track for completion in 2015, connecting its researchers via elevated walkways with the scientists in the adjacent Cancer Research Building.

Demolition of Goodman Residence Hall is finished. Following closely on its heels are razing of the Beale, Randolph and Feurt buildings. (See article on page 7, and short demolition video posted on April 4 at www.facebook.com/uthsc)

Transforming our main campus is a pivotal element in our plan for the future. We are making way for new, state-of-the-art research and educational facilities that will re-position UTHSC as the competition intensifies to recruit top-tier students, researchers and faculty.

Revitalizing the Historic Quadrangle as the focal point of our Memphis campus is also on the horizon, with some $68 million earmarked for this effort.

In tandem with the evolution of our headquarters campus, we are pleased to report that much progress is being made at our major location in Nashville. Through our deepening partnership with Saint Thomas Health, our reach and impact in Nashville and Middle Tennessee will increase exponentially. We are laying the foundation for a more vital clinical and educational presence for our College of Medicine in the central area of the state.

Preliminary discussions are also under way to establish a Nashville presence for the College of Dentistry as an expansion of our partnership with Saint Thomas Health.

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From the Dean of the College of Dentistry

Timothy L. Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA

University of Tennessee Health Science Center

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College of Medicine Reaccredited

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Medicine has been reaccredited for an eight-year term, the maximum allowed, by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME). The college received the official letter detailing this decision on March 11, 2014. The LCME accredits all allopathic medical schools in the United States and Canada. Accreditation signifies that national standards for structure, function, and performance are met by a medical school's education program. Only LCME-accredited institutions may receive federal grants for medical education and participate in federal loan programs. U.S. medical students must be enrolled in, or graduated from an LCME-accredited program before they can take national board exams (U.S. Medical Licensing Exam) or enter residency programs.

The preparations for the accreditation process took nearly two years and included an extensive self-study that involved more than 100 faculty, administrators and students. The medical students also conducted an independent self-study that was submitted to the LCME.

A five-member survey team comprised of faculty and administrators from other medical schools spent three days on campus in November reviewing the documentation and meeting with approximately 150 faculty and students. The survey team's extensive report was reviewed by the LCME at its February meeting. The college's excellent relationship with participating hospitals was cited as an institutional strength.

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Major construction projects are changing the face of the 103-year-old campus of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center located in the heart of the Medical Center area near downtown Memphis.

A $49 million Translational Science Research Building is set for completion in 2015, obsolete buildings are coming down, and multiple construction and renovation projects worth more than $175 million are in the planning stages or under way. The construction reflects efforts by the UTHSC administration to raise the profile of the university and draw top-tier students, faculty and researchers to Memphis. It also illustrates the support and willingness of state officials to help finance improvements to enhance Tennessee’s only public, statewide, academic health system.

“It’s about the infrastructure, if you want to attract the best and brightest,” said Kennard Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer for UTHSC. “We had to move to that state-of-the-art kind of space.”

The campus face lift began in 2007 with the opening of a 90,000-square-foot Cancer Research Building. The first new building on campus in 17 years, it cost $25.2 million, and houses research laboratories that investigate experimental therapeutics, genomics, and mechanisms related to adult cancer.

Since then, the pace of construction at UTHSC has picked up dramatically. In 2011, a new 183,000-square-foot, $57 million building opened to house the College of Pharmacy, which has been ranked in the top 20 pharmacy schools in the nation by U.S. News and World Report for more than a decade.

The 135,000-square-foot Translational Science Research Building is going up adjacent to the Cancer Research Building. Nearly a mirror image of the cancer building, the four-story Translational Science Research Building will house investigators from all colleges and departments doing “bench-to-bedside” work, or doing research as it applies to clinical settings.

More than $68 million has been earmarked for the renovation of buildings in the Historic Quadrangle at the center of campus. The Mooney Memorial Library, focal point of the quadrangle, will be converted to administrative offices, reception areas and meeting space. The Nash Research Building, and the annex that was added in the 1980s, will be renovated for state-of-the-art research space. A third building bordering the quadrangle, the Crowe Building, will be upgraded to house the College of Nursing. The projects, in the planning stages and expected to take 18 months to three years to complete, are aimed at “bringing people back to the quadrangle,” Dr. Brown said.

The Feurt Pharmacy Research Building will come down to make room for a $24.1 million Multi-Disciplinary Simulation and Health Education Building where students from all six colleges on campus will train together in cutting-edge simulation settings. Work on an $11.2 million GMP (Good Manufacturing Practices) facility for drug development and manufacturing will begin later this year in a building purchased on the outskirts of campus. Thanks to $4.5 million appropriated by the state for demolition, bulldozers began taking down vacant buildings on campus in March.

Two empty housing facilities, the Goodman Family Residence Hall and Randolph Hall have been torn down. Professional students no longer want to live in dormitory-style housing, Dr. Brown noted.

And the Beale Building, a former city bus barn built in 1925 and given to the university decades ago, is being leveled for immediate use as parking space, and later as a possible public-private residential venture that could attract students.

Renovations of existing buildings include: finishing the fourth floor of the Cancer Research Building for additional lab space, $4.8 million; completing the fifth and sixth floors of the Pharmacy Building for expanded research enterprises and office space, $9.5 million; and renovating the medical library in the Lamar Alexander Building and retrofitting the early 1980s structure to be more environmentally friendly, $6.1 million. Planned but unfunded projects include: building a Women’s and Infants’ Pavilion to provide top-quality care and facilities for mothers and babies to help combat the area’s high infant mortality rate; acquiring space and erecting a new building to house the College of Medicine; and adding a second building for the College of Dentistry.

Reshaping the UTHSC campus is an important step for the future, Dr. Brown said. “It will help us maintain the competitive edge.”

"It’s about the infrastructure, if you want to attract the best and brightest.”

As a part of the UTHSC Campus Master Plan, the Beale Building was demolished in April to make way for new developments.
TDAF increases support for student research

The Tennessee Dental Association Foundation (TDAF) is a great partner with the UTHSC College of Dentistry. Recognizing the growing need for student research funds, the TDAF increased its support for the college’s Summer Student Research Program in 2014. At the TDAs Music City Dental Conference in May, Steve Sawrie, DDS, TDAF president, and Bill Powell, DDS, TDAF vice president, presented a check for $12,000 to the college specifically designated for student research.

“The TDA Foundation is pleased that student research is growing and thriving at the UT College of Dentistry,” explains Dr. Sawrie. “We recognize that more students doing research means that more funding is needed. To help address the need, we decided to increase our annual donation from $10,000 to $12,000.”

The TDAF funding provides stipends for dental students involved in summer research projects. Students who participate in the program will present their findings at the UT student research day. In addition, selected students will make oral presentations and submit posters during the Hinman Student Research Symposium held by the college in October. These selected students are also asked to submit an abstract and poster to the American Association of Dental Researchers.

“We are truly grateful to the TDA Foundation for their partnership and support of dental student research at UT,” explains Franklin Garcia-Godoy, DDS, MS, PhD, senior executive associate dean for Research. “Their increased funding is tremendously important to the college as more of our students become active in research. Dental research can really change the profession.”

Students will be able to print out any texts they like, and study from paper copies anytime they want. Once they’ve paid their fee, they own their copies of the texts.

According to Edward J. DeSchepper, MA, Ed, DDS, MSD, the College of Dentistry’s associate dean for Academic Affairs, one problem with traditional texts is that students don’t always buy them, perhaps attempting to save money by sharing with their friends or waiting to see if they can get by without them altogether. Even if they buy them, they may not have them at the very beginning of the semester; the bookstore may run out and have to order additional copies.

“If we do this, they will have everything they need, from the very first day of class. That is, unless a particular instructor has something he uses that was not on the list, but if there is, we don’t know about it.” One possible drawback, Dr. DeSchepper said, might be that some people don’t like looking at a screen for long periods of time. “Some people will say they like paper. They don’t care to read from a computer screen, at least not for too long, and our students do study a lot.”

“They’ve worked out any kinks,” Carter said. “They know what worked and what didn’t, what students liked and didn’t like, and they’ve tweaked it.” The entire system is compatible with Apple and Windows machines, he added, so students will not have to purchase any new technology.

Paul J. Kolnnow, assistant professor in the College of Health Professions (formerly known as Allied Health Sciences), said the Physicant Assistant program’s experience with electronic texts has been positive. The PA program has used electronic textbooks exclusively since its creation last year.

“I like it for two reasons,” he said. “First, it is significant cost savings to the student, and second, they can carry around just their laptops, not a load of books.”

He added that he can highlight sections of the text and make marginal notes. Students then can subscribe to these notes. “It’s not just holding a book in your hand and reading it,” he said. “It’s more interactive.”

Vol Shop Manager Gary Carter

In fact, students using electronic texts will have the freedom to do everything they’ve traditionally done with paper textbooks, and more. They can highlight texts, for example, and make marginal notes, which might constitute defacing printed texts.

“You can form a study group,” Carter said, “and your study partners will have access to what you’ve written in your marginal notes.” Dr. DeSchepper agreed, adding that students may keep their copies of their texts and receive free updates every time these occur for the duration of their careers at UTHSC. Even after they graduate, they may pay an optional fee and continue to receive updates.

“They’re taking how people today are used to reading and learning outside the classroom and bringing it into the classroom,” Carter said. “The idea is engaged learning.”

At the annual UTHSC SGAEC awards held on April 22, Michelle Nixon, director of Alumni Programs, was surprised with the highest honor the students bestow on a staff member, the Imhopet Award. The award is given only in years when the students believe someone merits the distinction based on his/her going above and beyond in providing students with an additional voice to make changes and assist them throughout the year. To give you an idea of the importance of this distinguished award, Dr. Joe Johnson was the first recipient in 1972.

Nixon began working with the UTHSC Alumni Association in 2012. During this time, she has put together many well-received programs and activities for students including the Utensil University, the Resume Rodeo and the first-ever Student Philanthropy Week.

Congratulations on a much-deserved honor, and for representing Development/Alumni Affairs so well.
A look at the post-recession financial health of hospitals
While the recession was a major financial blow for many hospitals, particularly not-for-profit and safety-net hospitals, most emerged without permanent damage. But many still may not be financially strong enough to respond to the pressures of health care reform and industry restructuring.

That’s the conclusion of a paper presented at the National Press Club during a recent briefing to policymakers, congressional staffs and health care industry professionals by Health Affairs, a leading journal of health policy thought and research. Teresa Waters, PhD, professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine at the UTHSC, was the senior author of the paper. Gloria Biazzoli, PhD, professor of Health Administration at Virginia Commonwealth University, was the lead author, and Nalied Fared, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Health Policy and Administration at Pennsylvania State University, was co-author and presenter.

“Hospitals, especially not-for-profits, took a substantial hit during the recession, but came out financially pretty much about the same on the other side,” Dr. Waters said. “But many hospitals, especially safety-net hospitals, struggle immensely. Their margins are very thin, if not negative, and that means they are in no real position to accommodate the tremendous changes we are asking of them now.”

The findings were based on data from Medicare cost reports for 2,100 short-term, general-medical or surgical hospitals from 2002, two years before the recession started, through 2009, generally considered the start of the recovery. The researchers looked at two measures of hospital performance, total margins or bottom line, and operating margins including the income and expenses for patient care.

“One is strictly patient care, and the other actually takes into account donations,” Dr. Waters said. “Not-for-profits can lose money on their patient care, but they have donors who make up the difference, or it’s a public hospital, the government can fill the gaps. That’s often the difference between operating margin and total margin.”

Dr. Ken Brown travels to China in conjunction with UTHSC’s increasing efforts to develop and manufacture pharmaceuticals

Dr. Ken Brown, executive vice chancellor and COO of UT Health Science Center (fifth from right), is pictured with officials of Harbin Medical University during a recent trip to China.

Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE, executive vice chancellor and chief operations officer at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, traveled to China in May to participate in an international conference sponsored by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation to discuss global concerns related to pharmaceutical supply chain security. The conference also focused on the counterfeit pharmaceutical industry, manufacturing practices, shipping and distribution networks. The trip to Qingdao reflects UTHSC’s growing interests and efforts in pharmaceutical discovery, development and manufacturing.

Other concerns discussed centered on internet pharmaceutical sales, counterfeit pharmaceutical trafficking and pharmaceutical cargo thefts, Dr. Brown said.

UTHSC will begin construction of an approximately $12 million Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) facility for drug development and production in late summer or early fall. While in China, Dr. Brown visited Harbin Medical University to tour its pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, grow UTHSC’s successful partnership with Harbin that already includes student exchanges, and explore future joint pharmaceutical manufacturing and distribution possibilities.

“At Harbin, they have a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility, and because we’re in the throes of building a facility like that ourselves, I wanted to take a look at their facility,” Dr. Brown said. “Our facility will certainly be much smaller in scale, but we talked with them about being able to be engaged as a partner to our production facility, so as we move from smaller projects into larger volumes of production, we will have a GMP-quality facility that can do large-scale products for us.”

Dr. Brown said plans call for breaking ground in late August or September on the UTHSC facility, which will be built in a recently purchased building on the outskirts of campus. Construction should last 12 to 18 months. Since the Plough Foundation gave $4.5 million in initial seed money to support the development of the GMP facility, the building will bear its name. “Because of that initial seed money, this facility got traction and it’s going to ultimately come to fruition,” Dr. Brown said. “So, as a testament to the university’s appreciation to the Plough Foundation, it will be named as the Plough Center for Sterile Pharmaceutical Manufacturing at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.”

UTHSC has approached several pharmaceutical companies about doing production work for them, and is working to develop international partners, Dr. Brown said. Meanwhile, four labs on the second floor of the Van Vleet Building on campus have been renovated for training classes for the pharmaceutical industry on aseptic manufacturing and pharmaceutical compounding. Some small-scale cleanroom projects will be handled in the Van Vleet Building, which is serving as the home to the GMP facility staff while the Plough Center is being constructed.

“As we get the GMP facility built, we’re working on our business strategy for getting customers on the pipeline,” Dr. Brown said. “Hopefully, in 12 months when the facility is commissioned by the FDA and ready to come online, we’ve got a pipeline of customers that already want us to do pharmaceutical manufacturing for them.” In support of its drug development effort, UTHSC will also do production for clinical trials.

The UTHSC COD is pleased to introduce the full-time members faculty of the department of Dental Hygiene.

**Cassandra Holder-Ballard, RDH, MPA, EdD**

Associate professor, department chair, and director for entry-level Bachelor of Science program

- Earned BS and RDH from Tennessee State University and Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn.
- Earned BS in Dental Hygiene Education from Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tenn.
- Earned MPA in Health Science Administration from Memphis State University, Memphis, Tenn.
- Earned EdD in Educational Leadership-Adult & Higher Ed from University of Memphis, Memphis, Tenn.
- Started the Dental Hygiene Program at York Technical College in Rock Hill, S.C. and served as its program director
- Served on faculty of West Virginia University College of Dentistry’s Dental Hygiene Program
- Joined the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences Dental Hygiene faculty in 1996

**Elaine Stegman, RDH, BS, MDH**

Assistant professor, chair of Admissions, recruitment coordinator and student advisor

- Earned RDH, BS and MPA from University of Tennessee Health Science Center
- Earned MS in Dental Hygiene from University of Tennessee, Nashville
- Joined UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences Dental Hygiene faculty in 2001

**Nancy J. Williams, RDH, EdD**

Professor and graduate director in the Department of Dental Hygiene, holds joint appointment in the College of Dentistry

- Earned RDH and BS from University of Tennessee and MS in Community Health from University of Memphis.
- Earned EdD in Higher Education from University of Memphis College of Education
- Served as faculty member at UTHSC since 1980; was the second faculty member in Dental Hygiene Department to earn a doctoral degree; the first to receive NIH funding; the first DH faculty member to receive the highly prestigious Warner Lambert/ADHA Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene; named as one of the top 30 graduates at the College of Allied Health Sciences’ 30-Year Celebration
- First director of the Master of Dental Hygiene Program

New to the College of Dentistry are:

**Ahman Al Dayeh, BDS, MDS, PhD**

- Received BDS from Beirut Arab University, Lebanon
- Earned MDS in Orthodontics and PhD in Oral Biology from University of Washington, Seattle, Wash.
- Appointed assistant professor in Department of Orthodontics

**Shokoufeh Shahraei Farahani, DDS, MS, DMSc**

- Earned DDS and MS in Oral Medicine from Tehran University of Medical Sciences and Health Services, Iran
- Earned DMSc in Oral Pathology from Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston
- Served as faculty member at Shahid Sadoughi University of Medical Sciences and Health Service, Yazd, Iran, and was the first and only oral pathologist in the school. During her tenure, she founded the Oral Pathology Department and Biopsy Service
- Named associate director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Appointed assistant professor in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Oral Medicine

**Vickie Jones, RDH, BS**

- Received BS in Dental Hygiene from the UTHSC College of Allied Health Sciences
- Has more than 21 years of practical experience as a dental hygienist and 18 years as dental hygiene educator
- Appointed as instructor in the Department of Periodontology

**Matt Singer, BFA, BA**

- Earned his BFA and BA from New York University Tisch School of the Arts
- Specialist in the art and science of Anaplastology, a branch of medicine dealing with prosthetics
- Requires extensive training in both aesthetic and design
- Has numerous awards and recognitions from the film industry for his make-up and special effects artistry
- From the medical community for his innovations in the area of silicone prosthetics
- Appointed instructor in the Department of Prosthodontics
Ivanoff named director of Global Outreach

To build on the success of the foreign exchange program initiated in September, 2013, and to coordinate the multi-national collaboration of dental schools, UTCOD Dean Timothy Hottel has created the new position of director of Global Outreach. Chris Ivanoff, DDS, who was instrumental in launching the program, will serve as the first director. As such, he will be in charge of all aspects of the various programs that will be extended to our students as they go to other countries to learn about and understand true cultural competencies.

“This type of global experience is expected and becoming an integral part of many new accreditation standards (cultural competency) in the dental/medical field,” Hottel said. “Interest in our program is now reaching many dental schools worldwide. The program has the interest of outstanding global associations like UNESCO. None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of one of our faculty members, Chris Ivanoff.”

Teaching Awards

On Tuesday, April 22, the Student Government Association Executive Council (SGAEC) held its Annual Awards banquet at which faculty members from each of the six colleges that comprise the UTHSC received teaching awards. Receiving awards from the College of Dentistry were Assistant Professor Vernon Pennington and Associate Professor Mark Anderson. The awards were presented by Chris Wilson, a D4 student who serves as the dental college representative on the SGAEC.

Lessons in a Lunchbox

Community outreach events sponsored this Spring semester by the UT College of Dentistry brought dental services to nearly 500 under served youth in the Memphis area.

At Left: On Friday, Feb. 28, members of the dental faculty, staff and students from the UTHSC Colleges of Dentistry and Allied Health, along with representatives from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology and Memphis Dental Outreach, presented Lessons in a Lunchbox: Healthy Teeth Essentials & Facts About Snacker to 248 students at Bruce Elementary School in Memphis, Tenn.

At Right: For the third consecutive year, students from the Memphis Academy of Health Sciences received free dental screenings, teeth cleaning and a range of other oral health services. Faculty, students and staff provided the dental services to the nearly 200 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students on Jan. 30, who came to the clinic on the third floor of the Dunn Dental Building as part of the National Give Kids a Smile Day efforts.

Below: Each Student from the Memphis Academy of Health Sciences attending Give Kids a Smile received a special UT T-shirt.
The Hiram R. Fry Graduate Periodontics Clinic

The Hiram R. Fry, DDS, MS, Graduate Periodontics Clinic was dedicated on April 23, 2014, at a ceremony held on the fifth floor of the Dunn Building. The newly renovated graduate periodontics clinic was named in honor of Dr. Fry, a longtime faculty member who retired in 2011. He and his wife, Barbara, along with close to 50 UTHSC colleagues, faculty members, members of the administration and students gathered outside the entrance of the Graduate Periodontics Clinic to see the plaque bearing his name be unveiled.

The new clinic was funded through generous donations from former residents who trained under Dr. Fry, as well as faculty and staff who served with him at UT. Altogether, the renovations cost more than $235,000 and the money used to fund the project was raised over the past five years.

The Graduate Program in Periodontics began in 1974 at the Veteran’s Hospital in Memphis, but in 1976 was moved to UTCOD under the supervision of the chair of Periodontics, Bernard Rainey, DDS. He immediately began searching to bring an experienced postgraduate director to guide the program.

The result was the hiring of Hiram Fry, DDS, MS, who had retired from the U.S. Air Force as assistant chairman and program director in charge of Resident Education in Periodontics. He served as program director from 1979 to 2003 as well as serving as interim chair following the retirement of Dr. Rainey.

After assuming the position of graduate clinical director in 2003, he continued to play a pivotal role in the Graduate Program until his retirement in 2011.

During his tenure as graduate director, 44 residents completed their training and became periodontists and, as clinical director, he was intimately involved in training an additional 14 more before his retirement.

About the Perio Clinic

The Department of Periodontology at the UTHSC COD began in 1911 when Justin Towner, DDS, was appointed as its first chair. It remained as a division of operative dentistry until Dr. Towner’s retirement in 1935. Periodontology did not have a presence in the College of Dentistry from this time until 1955 when Dr. Robert Parrish, an operative faculty member, became interested in teaching students non-surgical periodontal therapy. In 1956, periodontics became a department under the Division of Periodontia, Oral Medicine, and Oral Surgery.

The Department of Periodontology has produced three Presidents of the American Academy of Periodontology.

As a resident 20 years ago, I could not have dreamed that the person who would ask me to recite literature references, and many times I could not, and who asked me questions in case conference that many times I could not answer, would be the same person standing here to be honored. Nor could I have dreamed I would be the one who would be presenting the honor of dedicating the Graduate Periodontics Clinic in his name. But I was very honored that I was able to do so. Dr. Fry was very demanding, but always ready to assist or help as well. This instilled a desire in residents to give their best. Many years later this has continued to serve me well.”

Paul S. Bland, DDS Associate Professor and Chair, Periodontology
ERODING VALUES

Mouth rinse protects, rebuilds enamel

In the Winter 2014 edition of Tennessee Alumnus magazine (published three times a year for the University of Tennessee Alumni Association, and distributed to all alumni donors and graduates), an article called “Discover Invent Change” features inventions at UT. In this article, written by David Brill, 12 UT-based inventions sponsored by University of Tennessee Research Foundation are featured, including one developed by UTHSC College of Dentistry faculty researchers.

Mojdeh Dehghan and Daranee Versluis, faculty researchers at the UTHSC College of Dentistry, will acknowledge that tooth enamel is the hardest substance in the human body. But they’ll also insist that it’s no match for the stomach’s powerful hydrochloric acid that lursicks into the mouth and then introduces a remineralizing rinse to rebuild tooth enamel. Research supported by the UTHSC COD Alumni Association has demonstrated that the proprietary rinse actually enhances the protective effect of saliva, making the combined two-solution process more effective than use of either individually. The UT Research Foundation is helping to obtain a patent for the product and is seeking industry funding for a small clinical trial. Patients with early stages of tooth erosion could benefit from this rinse by minimizing the rate and extent of tooth destruction. Dentists may overlook acid erosion; even a close visual inspection might miss the minute changes occurring in the early stages of the condition. While early detection is possible with a sophisticated computer-based measuring instrument, the proprietary rinse could reach large segments of the population and prevent erosion before it begins. In deference to the 10,000 taste buds that also occupy the mouth, Dehghan describes the product’s flavor as “entirely pleasant.”
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Rania Livada, DDS, MS (Periodontology)

Frank P. Bowyer Basic Sciences Faculty Award
Donald Donaldson, PhD (Anatomy and Neurobiology)

Samuel H. Hardison Faculty Award
Mustafa Dabous, PhD (Bioscience Research)

Carl Don and Glenda Mabry Faculty Award
John Shiloah, DDS (Clinical Affairs)

John S. Digs Nelson Faculty Award
Antheunis Verluis (Bioscience Research)

John S. Digs Nelson Graduate Faculty Award
Holland Maness, DMD (Orthodontics)

Distinguished Faculty Award from the Lori L. Miller Foundation
Janet Harrison, DDS (Restorative Dentistry)

David Cagna, DDS, has been elected as director/examiner of the American Board of Prosthodontics. This is a huge honor not only for Dr. Cagna, but also the Prosthodontics program and the UTHSC College of Dentistry.

Graduation exercises which included 672 students from all six colleges were held at FedExForum on May 30.

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Class of 2014 Hooding and Awards Ceremony

In a ceremony held at Lindenwood Church in Memphis on May 30, the 74 members of the class of 2014 received their doctoral hoods. A reception for all in attendance followed. Congratulatory moments that included smiles, tears and hugs were seen all around.

Congratulations to the members of the Class of 2014

Tyler Reed Allen ..................... Crawfordsville, Ark.
Michael Adel Antone ................. Memphis
Mary Marly Barron .................... Signal Mountain, Tenn.
Elizabeth Preston Basset ............. Hixson, Tenn.
Jacob Richard Bateman ............... Kingsport, Tenn.
Katherine Jeanette Bell ............... Memphis
Jarred Heath Benson ................. Lebanon, Tenn.
Robert Blake Bowman ................. Greenbrier, Ark.
James Bart Brannen .................. Clarksville, Tenn.
Anita Lulera Brown ................... Knoxville
James Edwin Bryant ................... Memphis
Anne Marie Cason ..................... Bryant, Ark.
John Wesley Caleb Cauldwell ........ Paris, Ark.
Mircea Daniel Chirila............... Spring, Texas
Suzeileen Young Cho ................. Germantown, Tenn.
Joseph Jong Il Choi ................... Knoxville
Corey Joseph Cloud ................... Russellville, Ark.
Nicole Ann Collins ................... Franklin, Tenn.
Brett Michael Dagon ................. Millington, Tenn.
Lesie Dava Dickson ................... Leoma, Tenn.
Chase Conway Diemer ................. Little Rock, Ark.
Shannon Elizabeth Iyle Dryer ...... Dayton, Tenn.
Jinheng Du .............................. Memphis
Alexander Stephen Edwards ......... Hohenwald, Tenn.
Ashley Renea Elliott ................. Smyrna, Tenn.

Shelby Mural Eary ..................... Alexander, Ark.
Brooks King Fier ...................... Fort Smith, Ark.
Todd Douglas Fisher .................. Murfreesboro, Tenn.
Adam Samuel FitzHugh .............. Cordova, Tenn.
Zachary Rhoades Foster ............. Lebanon, Tenn.
Latasha Michelle Garrett ............ Chattanooga
Bradley Thomas Gaw ................. Gainesboro, Tenn.
Rachel Renee Gibson ................. Little Rock, Ark.
Kent Daniel Griffin ................. Hendersonville, Tenn.
Marian Habib ........................... Lake Mary, Fla.
Amanda Danielle Hankins .......... Russellville, Ark.
Alesia Anastasieva Hatten ........... Ridgeland, Miss.
Reid Andrew Hill .................... Nashville
Nauzanene Jafari Fard Veyjooyeh ...... Memphis
Taylor James Jarrell .................. Dyersburg, Tenn.
Leesa Ruth Jeffries ................. Fayetteville, Tenn.
Ashley Michelle Jones ............... Little Rock, Ark.
William Thomas Jones ............... Memphis
Sophia Minjung Kang ................. Chattanooga
Paul Robert Lewis ..................... Memphis
Dana Irene Lipski ..................... Saint Charles, Ill.
William Andrew Mallard ........... Dyersburg, Tenn.
Brandon Mark Mann ................. Pittsburgh, Ark.
Josh Montgomery Mansfield ....... Jacksonville, Ark.
Laura Elizabeth Matthews ........... Jackson, Tenn.
Benjamin Dewitt McDonald ......... Indianapolis, Ind.

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Every year, UTHSC Dental Hygiene students contribute 2,300 hours of services and care to underserved children through the Urban Smiles initiative. The department, founded in 1926, is one of the earliest units established in the country to teach dental hygiene. It is accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation and offers both a Bachelor of Science and Masters of Dental Hygiene degree.

The Bachelor of Science program prepares its students through didactic, laboratory, and clinical experience to function as licensed dental hygienists. It is a “two plus two program” in that students first complete 58 hours (two years) of pre-professional college work, including certain prescribed courses, at an accredited institution. They may then apply for the program and complete the final two years of course and clinical work at UTHSC.

The Department of Dental Hygiene maintains the College of Dentistry’s primary patient recall system and provides regular ongoing preventive maintenance care in the dental hygiene clinic to a patient base of more than 2,700. In addition to the dental hygiene clinic, students have scheduled clinical rotations to provide preventive services to patients seen in dental specialty clinics. Approximately 60 percent of all student dental hygiene clinical experiences are provided in UT clinics.

Providing continuity for the change is Cassandra Holder-Ballard, RDH, MPA, EdD. She is the undergraduate program director and chair of the department.

On July 1, the Dental Hygiene Department was realigned under the UTHSC College of Dentistry. The seven full-time faculty, 16 adjunct faculty and four staff members of the department have now relocated from their 930 Madison Avenue offices to the Dunn Dental Building at 875 Union Ave. The leadership of the Dental Hygiene program will remain in place, reporting to John D. Seeberg, DDS, assistant dean for Clinical Affairs in the College of Dentistry.

“We recognized that consolidating the Dental Hygiene Department under the College of Dentistry has the potential to achieve more efficient use of academic, physical and financial resources,” said Chancellor Steve J. Schwab, MD.

The clinical education for dental hygiene students is housed in the College of Dentistry. Clinical education is a huge part of the undergraduate curriculum, so this is a more logical alignment. The program is now where their resources are located.

Future generations of dentists working side by side with future dental hygienists in the same college is a natural fit. We know our dentistry students, faculty and staff. All who are all engaged in varying aspects of this highly sought-after profession will appreciate the added proximity and ease of studying and training together.

The Master in Dental Hygiene (MDH) is an advanced post professional degree developed for licensed dental hygienists who hold baccalaureate degrees. It is offered primarily online. The goal of the program is to attract future graduate students from Tennessee, as well as nationwide, to initially prepare or further develop the individual’s skills so that they may serve as educators and leaders in the dental hygiene profession.

The web-mediated course design allows students to earn a graduate degree from their area of residence while continuing to teach or practice. The flexible curricula design allows for full or part-time enrollment. Students are only required to be on campus one week each summer.

Education

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Dental Hygiene

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Dean Noma Anderson
College of Health Professionals

Dean Timothy Hotel
College of Dentistry

How long is the Bachelor of Science program?
Two academic years, five semesters which are 15 weeks long and one summer session between the junior and senior years.

How many students are in each class?
Each class usually consists of 30 students.

Can out-of-state students apply and be accepted?
Yes. Even though students who qualify as residents of Tennessee are given first consideration, some students from out of state are accepted into the program each year.

What is the deadline for admission applications?
Feb. 15.

When do classes begin?
Students are admitted once a year for the fall semester, and begin classes in mid-August.
“We strongly believe that the use of advanced CBCT imaging is essential to the diagnostic training of the next generation of dental practitioners.”

LED Imaging partners with the UTHSC College of Dentistry to provide students with advanced imaging technology
LED Imaging’s premier digital extraoral imaging system now installed.

Students, residents and faculty at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry will now have access to new, sophisticated oral and maxillofacial imaging technology through a partnership between the UT College of Dentistry and LED Imaging, a new division of LED Dental announced in April. Residents and dental students will receive hands-on training with the RAYSCAN a – Expert, a multi-function digital imaging system, as part of their clinical training. This partnership demonstrates LED Imaging’s commitment to providing revolutionary technology to the dental industry and enhancing the education offered to the dentists and dental specialists of tomorrow.

“LED Imaging’s technology is vital to our clinical efforts and a tremendous asset to our students, faculty and community,” said Professor and Dean of the UT College of Dentistry Timothy Hottel. “The RAYSCAN a – Expert puts some of the best oral health imaging technology on the market in the hands of our students, so our graduates can feel confident that they received the highest diagnostic training available and will be able to apply what they learned when caring for their patients.”

The RAYSCAN a – Expert features 3-D cone beam computed tomography (CBCT), panoramic and cephalometric capabilities. The system, developed by Ray Co., Ltd., a subsidiary of Samsung, secures the images practitioners need to make fast and accurate diagnoses. The RAYSCAN a – Expert’s 3-D images are captured using an optimal 9 cm x 9 cm field of view, while its CMOS and Direct Deposition Cesium Iodide (CdI) Detector ensure practitioners can quickly capture high-quality, 16-bit DICOM images at a low radiation dose. To minimize error from patient positioning and movement, the system’s focal trough is stabilized and controlled through Adaptive Moving Focus technology. The RAYSCAN a – Expert’s exclusive noise-reduction algorithms enhance image quality by removing image noise that could otherwise blur the image.

“The dental industry is rapidly adopting 3-D technology, and it is becoming the standard of care in certain clinical applications,” said Lamar Roberts, president of LED Imaging. “We strongly believe that the use of advanced CBCT imaging is essential to the diagnostic training of the next generation of dental practitioners. We are excited to champion this endeavor with the UT College of Dentistry, and we look forward to partnering with other academic institutions in the future.”

The RAYSCAN a – Expert, the world’s first imaging system to utilize a wireless remote control for patient positioning, helps teach students the techniques for proper patient positioning for panoramic, cephalometric and CBCT image acquisition. Additionally, green, blue, yellow and red LED illumination indicates the status of the unit to the students at a glance: ready, standby, exposure and emergency, respectively. This ensures they are able to capture images effectively and efficiently for more accurate diagnoses.

This new equipment brings the latest in dental imaging technology to the university’s on-campus teaching clinic. The clinic provides learning opportunities for students and oral health care to the community, averaging more than 52,000 patient visits a year.

Top: An example of the images produced by the RAYSCAN a. Center: D4 student Alex Fitzhugh receives first-hand instruction in the use of the new technology from UTHSC COD Dean Timothy Hottel.
The UTHSC College of Dentistry held its 2014 Student Research Day and Table Clinic Competition on Feb. 18 in the Student Alumni Center at which 22 dental students and 10 residents presented results of their studies in 30 posters and table clinics. Altogether, 29 UTCOD faculty members assisted the students by serving as mentors for their projects.

“The College of Dentistry Student Research Day has grown exponentially in the past five years--from 10 to 12 students to almost 30 presenting the results of their research projects,” stated Franklin Garcia-Godoy, DDS, MS, PhD, professor and senior executive associate dean for Research.

D3 student Alex Fitzhugh was selected as winner of the Student Clinician Award for the most outstanding clinical presentation. In October, Fitzhugh will represent the UTHSC COD at the student poster competition of the American Dental Association Annual Session in San Antonio, Texas. His award was sponsored by the Dentsply Corporation and was presented by Dr. Garcia-Godoy, James C. Ragain Jr., DDS, and Keith Harper, Midwest region manager for Dentsply International.

Fitzhugh’s project was titled, “Protective Effect of a Patented Rinse on Acid Softened Enamel.” He was assisted in his project by Mojdeh Dehghan, DDS and Daranne Versluis-Tantbirojn DDS of the Restorative Dentistry Department and Antheunis Versluis, PhD of the Bioscience Research Department.

Also receiving awards for their outstanding presentations of 2013 summer research projects were Ammaar Abidi, winner of the Harold Cloogman Award; Mary Barron, Sueellen Cho, Cayce Connolly, and Amir Francis, winners of James C. Ragain, Jr. Awards; and Kent Griffin, Ashley Powell, Abigail Roach, and Jessica Tucker, winners of Tennessee AADR Section Awards for Student Research. Their projects were also presented in October 2013 at the Hinman Student Research Symposium in Memphis and in March 2014 at the American Association for Dental Research meeting in Charlotte, N.C.

Yaan Owusu, DMD, received the Graduate Program Research Award for her presentation, “Isolation and Characterization of Periodontal Ligament Stem Cells of Human Deciduous Teeth.” She was assisted by Dr. Donaldson of the Pediatric Dentistry Department and Drs. Huang, El Ayachi, and Garcia-Godoy of the Bioscience Research Department. The Summer Student Research Training Program, the students’ projects and Dr. Owusu’s master’s thesis research were supported by grants from the UTHSC College of Dentistry Alumni Endowment Fund and the Tennessee Dental Association Foundation.

In fiscal year 2013, UTHSC COD faculty published 76 percent more research than in 2012. Thus far, the College of Dentistry is on track to increase its published research by approximately 20 percent in fiscal year 2014 after review of its first quarter.
On Feb. 3, six UTHSC COD D4 students from Memphis crossed the river over into Arkansas and became the first students to take part in the newly founded, two-week clinical rotation in Little Rock.

This extramural program is a dream of UTHSC COD Dean Tim Hottel that finally came true. Work to implement the program first began in 2010, soon after he was appointed dean of the college. The initial plan was to establish the program within Phillips County in Helena, Ark.; however, timing and lack of funding caused the idea of establishing the program in this area to quickly dissolve.

A new plan was needed, and Dean Emeritus William Slagle, DDS, MEd, was then consulted. He engaged and furthered relationships throughout the state. He also used his connections with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) in Little Rock. “University Chancellor, Dr. Dan Rohn, and Director of Programs for the Center for Dental Education Dr. Charles Cranford, welcomed the new clinical rotation program with open arms,” said Dr. Slagle. This brought the program to life.

Through this partnership, D4 students will now be able to experience one week at the Arkansas Children’s Hospital (ACH) and focus on dental surgery cases. They will then spend a second week at UAMS seeing patients on the private practice side.

On the first rotation to Arkansas, the six D4 students spent a full week at both UAMS and ACH, treating several patients per day and often providing multiple procedures during the treatment session. During the months of February and March, eight more student volunteers took part in the new program. In the coming school year, all UT senior dental students will be scheduled to rotate through the program. While this program certainly enhances our students’ education, it is also a tremendous opportunity for public service.

During the two weeks students were in Arkansas, they treated 109 patients at UAMS, and 91 at ACH.

The Center for Dental Education at UAMS was designed to develop graduate dental programs. “UT has shown an interest in providing the didactic content to any post graduate program,” said Dean Hottel. A grant from BlueCross/BlueShield helps to support the program by funding new student housing and needed equipment.

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The success of the 2014 Dental Congress would not have been possible were it not for the tireless devotion and efforts of the MidSouth Dental Congress planning committee.

Course presenters included:
- Dr. Russ Baer
- Dr. Lynn Brock
- Dr. Susan Calderbank
- Dr. Harold Heymann
- Dr. Cassandra Holder-Ballard
- Dr. Les Binkley
- Dr. Tim Kelly
- Dr. Holland Maness
- Larry Oxenham
- Laci L. Phillips
- Dr. Morris Robbins
- Dr. Rose Sheets
- Dr. Jane Snowman
- Dr. Bethany Valachi
- Catherine Warren
- and Dr. Nancy Williams.

March 7-9, 2014, marked the 19th Annual MidSouth Dental Congress and another year of outstanding participation. The continued success of this meeting is a reflection of a first-rate program for the entire dental team featuring top-notch presenters, numerous exhibitors and exciting social events. Also, for the third year, the College of Dentistry showcased its stellar faculty during a very productive Breakfast and Learn on Friday morning.

The MidSouth Dental Congress continues to thrive due in large part to the support of its sponsors. "We are grateful to Delta Dental of Tennessee, Henry Schein, Nobel Biocare, Dentsply Caulk, Real World Endo, Nashville Dental, Patterson Dental Supply, and American Society for Asset Protection for their charitable financial support of the MidSouth Dental Congress and the UT College of Dentistry," said General Chair Stuart Hudsmith, DDS.

The Welcome Party was sponsored by Henry Schein and served as a highlight of the weekend. It provided a time for alumni, friends and staff members to unwind and enjoy live music, great food and fun fellowship. To help prepare our D4 and D3 students for practice before they graduate and join the dental community, on Friday, Henry Schein set up a simulated office for the education.

During the weekend, the College of Dentistry Alumni Association presented William O. Coley, Jr., DDS, 57 with the Outstanding Alumni Award and named Dr. Joe Johnson, president emeritus, as an honorary alumni board member during the alumni awards and reunion luncheon. Many attendees went on to participate in their class reunion activities on Friday and Saturday evenings.

The Alumni Association Board recognized the significant impact that Dr. William F. Slagle, dean emeritus, has had on the College of Dentistry by voting to rename the MidSouth Dental Congress in his honor. The committee is already busy finalizing the outstanding speakers and readying for reunions and vendors for this special 20th anniversary meeting.

UT President Joe DiPietro wore his super-bright orange sneakers to the MidSouth Dental Congress Luncheon in support of the nationwide Suits and Sneakers effort to promote cancer awareness.

In 2015, the 20th Dental Congress will be a walk down memory lane featuring exciting highlights from years past! Be sure to make plans to attend. It stands as a wonderful opportunity to catch up with classmates, make new contacts and attend cutting-edge continuing education courses all in one weekend, under one roof, for a reasonable price. Stay updated by visiting midsouthdentalcongress.com.
College of Dentistry celebrates

13th Annual Scholarship Banquet

Most were meeting for the first time. Others looked forward to becoming reacquainted while attending the annual UTHSC College of Dentistry Scholarship Banquet that brings together scholarship donors and the recipients. Over 200 students, donors, faculty members and guests attended the thirteenth annual banquet held at the Memphis Hilton on March 8. The evening was sponsored by Delta Dental of Tennessee.

The college now has 39 scholarship endowments that provide annual awards, and there are several more that are in the funding process. In addition, a number of organizations make annual awards to dental students. Thanks to our generous alumni and friends, the college presented 101 awards totaling more than $240,000 in 2014. “We are fortunate to be able to recognize our outstanding students and honor our generous scholarship donors through this banquet,” explained Dean Tim Hottel.

- With the cost of dental education on the rise, I know the scholarship recipients appreciate all of the donors for making these awards possible. The college is also grateful to Delta Dental of Tennessee for their sponsorship. We simply could not do it without them,” he continued.

As the cost of dental education continues to rise, scholarships are more important now than ever before. A gift or pledge of $25,000 or more will establish a scholarship endowment in the College of Dentistry. An endowment may be named in honor or memory of an individual, a family or an organization. The principal of the endowment is invested and never touched. Only the earned income is expended, ensuring annual awards in perpetuity. If you are interested in establishing an endowment in the UTHSC College of Dentistry for scholarships or other purposes, please contact Tim Lanier, director of Development, at 800-733-0482 or tlanier@tennessee.edu. Thank you for your support!

University of Tennessee Health Science Center
13th Annual Scholarship Banquet

Dr. Earl O. Henry Scholarship
Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes; Nadie Collins, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Thomas P. Himman Meeting Scholarships
Dr. Paul Siler, chair, Himman Board of Trustees; Katie Gibson, D3; Charlie Folks, D3; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Norris Howell Scholarship
Gavna Fox, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. Gerald R. Karr Family Scholarships
Dr. Gerald Karr; Sandra Karr; Michael Antone, D4; Taylor Jarrell, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Menner Scholarship
Megan Moskau, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Onstott Scholarship
Adam Fitzhugh, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Redwine-Mitchell Scholarship
Latasha Garrett, D4; Dean Tim Hottel; Dani Barnes, D3

Dr. Malcolm Overbey Student Leadership Awards
Dava Dickson, D4; Mary Anne Overbey; Varden Sturgeon; Chad Sasser, D2; Dean Tim Hottel

Second District Dental Society Scholarships
Dr. Susan Orwick-Barnes; Kyle Smith, D3; Jamie Mansor, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Mosier Scholarship
Megan Moshea, D4; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Earl O. Henry Scholarship
Suzanne Baum; Ashley Jones, D4; Mrs. Teri Graber; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. David Libby Scholarship
Dr. Mel Collazo; Sheri Collazo; Donna Libby; Dr. David Libby; Gavin Fox, D1; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas N. Weems Scholarships
Brian Dalton, D3; Morgan Gonder, D2; Samantha Hughey, D3; Cayce Connolly, D3; Ashley Hutchinson, D2; Amy Balestrino, D2; Dean Tim Hottel; Peter Stanley, D4; Christina Walls, D3

Dr. and Mrs. Buford Suffridge Scholarship
Dr. Buford Suffridge; Lynda Suffridge; Kimberly Pollard, D2; Dean Tim Hottel

Dr. Robert N. Wilson Scholarships
Grant Dasher, D3; Dean Tim Hottel; Justin Gentry, D3

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Wadsworth Scholarship
Brian Davis, D3; Morgan Goddard, D3; Samantha Hughey, D3; Cassie Connolly, D3; Ashley Hutchinson, D2; Amy Bakenstos, D2; Dean Tim Hottel; Peter Stanley, D4; Christina Walls, D3

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Dr. and Mrs. Stan Corrigan Scholarship
Paul Lewis, D4; Dean Tim Hottel
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Since 1953, the scholarships funded by the UT Alumni Association (UTAA) have been a source of financial assistance to thousands of outstanding students. Those who have contributed to the Alumni Association’s Fund for the Future know that the majority of their gift dollars are used to recognize and reward deserving students who have excelled academically and in leadership roles. The UTAA Andy Holt Scholarships are the most prestigious scholarships awarded by the UTAA. Those receiving the award are shown at the right.

Legacy Scholars
The UTAA Legacy Scholarship was also awarded at the banquet. This is a way the UTAA invests in the next generation of Volunteers. To be considered, a student must be a child/stepchild or grandchild/step-grandchild of a degree-holding graduate from one of the UT campuses, must have a minimum 3.0 high school grade point average (GPA), and must have a minimum ACT score matching the average score for the respective campus in the previous academic year (or the equivalent SAT score as recognized by the campus). He or she must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA in order to retain the award.

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Doug Fry ’71

Where would you be without UTHSC?

“Where would you be without UTHSC?”

By Linda Hollandsworth, PhD

“I still love what I do,” says Doug Fry, DDS, a pediatric dentist in Wilmington, N.C., who has practiced for more than four decades. “Every day is different. With each day, I’m able to improve the quality of life for young patients.”

Dr. French Fry, as he is called by his youngest patients, rises at about 5:00 a.m. on Monday (and every other Tuesday) to complete dental surgery at New Hanover Regional Hospital. Total reconstructions, which include vital pulpotomies, stainless steel crowns, dental restorations, surgical extractions and space maintainers, are all a part of his day’s work. The remainder of each week is spent in his Delaney Avenue office providing routine treatment for children, some of whom being the children of children he cared for earlier in his career.

He recalls the long hours spent with his dental student buddies studying for exams while a student at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

“We had rhymes and acronyms for all procedures,” he laughed, remembering one, in particular, that dealt with the lingual nerve. “I still remember some of those but, fortunately, I’ve learned the process for those after all these years.”

Dr. Fry has a unique childhood, growing up in several different states, as his father was associated with the National Park Service. His first job took him to Eden, N.C., where he worked as a public health dentist for Rockingham County. “There, I saw the real need of dentistry for children,” Fry said, “and that’s when I decided to specialize in pediatric dentistry.”

After completing his residency in pediatric dentistry at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Fry returned to North Carolina to practice in Wilmington full time. A diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Fry is a fellow in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a lifetime member of the American Dental Association. He is also a member of the North Carolina Dental Society, and the North Carolina Academy of Pediatric Dentists. He serves as the 2013-14 vice president for the Wilmington/Tria-County Dental Society. Additionally, he is also an adjunct professor in the UNC-Chapel Hill College of Dentistry.

Dr. Fry’s love of the University of Tennessee is evident all around his office and home. He flies a UT flag and dons an orange shirt and Tennessee hat when he’s not in the office. “The University of Tennessee holds a special place in my heart,” Fry adds, “since I spent so much time living and going to school there.”

He and his late wife, Peggy, established a scholarship for a dental student in honor of his mother, Helen. The Helen Flanagan Fry Scholarship has aided eight dental students since 2006.

Dr. Fry now lives in Carolina Beach, N.C. He is a charter member of the Holy Cross Episcopal Church where he teaches Adult Sunday School. Dr. Fry is a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award from the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts of America where he serves on the executive board.
**Event Schedule**

2014 Homecoming events will be held in Memphis from Oct. 15-17, 2014:

**WED., OCT. 15**
- Welcome Reception—Doubletree Hotel
- Dinner at Charles Vergos’ Rendezvous

**THURS., OCT. 16**
- College Open Houses and Receptions
- Lunch with Chancellor Steve Schwab, MD and Executive Vice Chancellor Ken Brown, JD, MPA, PhD, FACHE
- Golden Graduate Ceremony and Dinner, the Pink Palace Museum

**FRI., OCT. 17**
- Alumni Breakfast and Update Doubletree Hotel

*A full list of detailed events will be sent to all registrants.

SAT., OCT. 18
- UT vs. Ole Miss Football game—Vaught-Hemingway Stadium**

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185 Union Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103
Reservation deadline—Sept. 16, 2014
Reservations can be made by phone: 1-800-222-TREE (1-800-222-8733)
Ask for the University of Tennessee Golden Graduates room block.
Hosted by UT-SC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.
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September
September 1-5 ........................................... Annual End of Summer Meeting: Hot Topics at the Beach in Destin, Fla.
September 3-5 ........................................... 2014 Dental Consortiums Mid-Year Meeting in Memphis, Tenn.
September 12 ........................................... Implant Treatment Planning: Chaos or Clarity in Memphis, Tenn.
September 12-13 ........................................... Radiology for Dental Assistants in Memphis, Tenn.
September 13 ........................................... From the Body Farm to 9-11: Advances in Human Identification in Franklin, Tenn. (in conjunction with UAB School of Dentistry)
September 19 ........................................... CPR/AED Training for Health Care Professionals in Memphis, Tenn.
September 19-20 ....................................... Administering Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Sedation for the Dental Hygienist in Memphis, Tenn.
September 20 ........................................... Monitoring Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Sedation for the Dental Assistant in Memphis, Tenn. (with video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)

October - National Dental Hygiene Month!
October 3 ........................................... J. Joe Lashley Lecture on Implants in Memphis, Tenn.
October 10 ........................................... UT vs. Chattanooga Football Game Weekend!
October 17 ........................................... UT vs. Chattanooga Football Game Weekend!
October 17 ........................................... Esthetics Materials Update (1/2): Lecture and Hands-On Training in Knoxville, Tenn.
October 18-19 ........................................... The Dental-Medical Connection: Oral Alliances and Sleep Medicine in Memphis, Tenn.
October 18-19 ........................................... Basic Training in CBCT in Memphis, Tenn.
October 18-19 ........................................... Coronial Polishing in Johnson City, Tenn.

November
November 7-8 ........................................... Periodontics for the Entire Dental Team in Gatlinburg, Tenn.
November 14 ........................................... Three Ways to Increase your Practice Collections by 33 percent in Memphis, Tenn., and Dental Office Emergencies in Memphis, Tenn. (both courses with video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)

December
December 5 ........................................... Lasers as Adjuncts in Dental Practice in Memphis, Tenn.
December 6 ........................................... OSHA in Memphis, Tenn. (with video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)
December 6 ........................................... Chemical Dependency in Memphis, Tenn.
December 6-7 .......................................... Lasers as Adjuncts in Dental Practice in Kingsport, Tenn. (with video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)
December 6-7 .......................................... Chemical Dependency in Memphis, Tenn.
December 9 ........................................... Coronial Polishing in Nashville, Tenn.
December 9 ........................................... Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant in Memphis, Tenn.
December 12-13 ...................................... Local Anesthesia in Memphis, Tenn.

We are always adding to our CE schedule; visit our website frequently for new listings and updates on courses! To receive more course information or to register, please call the UT Office of Continuing Dental Education at (901) 448-5386 or visit online at uthsc.edu/dentistry/ce.

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Charles Ainsley, DDS ’56
Dr. Ainsley, a resident of Paragould, Ark., died on March 23, 2013. He was a member of the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International College of Dentists and the Federation Dentaire Internationale.

Cynthia Caceres Baker, DDS ’10
Dr. Baker passed away Feb. 5, 2013, from a sudden illness. Born in Peru and a former Memphis resident, she was living in Little Rock, Ark., at the time of her death.

David N. Barker, DDS ’67
Dr. Barker died Dec. 17, 2013, at his residence in Monroe, La. He was a Air Force veteran who served in the Vietnam War.

Percy A. Bennett, Jr., DDS ’62
Dr. Bennett, a resident of San Antonio, Texas, passed away quietly at his home June 24, 2013.

Douglas W. Beverly, DDS ’46
Dr. Beverly, age 91, of Holland, Va., died Jan. 19, 2013. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II and the Korean War.

Charles K. Caldwell ’64
On Nov. 3, 2013, Dr. Caldwell, of Redsville, N.C., died. He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps.

John Frederick Carletti, DDS ’63
Dr. Carletti, a resident of Sapulpa, Okla., passed away Feb. 17, 2013. While at the UT COD, he was senior class president.

Garry Lawrence Hargis, DDS ’74
Dr. Hargis, a resident of Little Rock, Ark., died Nov 9, 2013. His lifelong passion was helping children.

James “Jim” Fletcher Hughley, DDS ’42
A resident of Tuscaloosa Ala., Dr. Hughley died on May 21, 2013, at home. Active in dental professional groups, he served as president of the Alabama Dental Society.

Bruce Harding Kinnie, DDS ’56
Dr. Kinnie, a resident of Chapin, S.C., died on Feb. 22, 2013. He was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

William Lee LaFont, Jr., DDS ’54
Dr. LaFont, a resident of Jackson, Tenn., passed away Feb. 7, 2012. He was a delegate to the American Dental Association for 12 years.

Johnathan P. Luton, Jr., DDS ’59
Dr. Luton, 79, a resident of Virginia Beach, Va., died Jan. 22, 2014.

William “Doc” Douglas Lyles, DDS ’67
Dr. Lyles, 70, of Chula, Ga., passed away Feb. 15, 2013. He was a member of the U.S. Army’s 36th Medical Detachment that served in Vietnam.

David W. Mabe, DDS ’76
Dr. Mabe, a resident of Dixon, Tenn., passed away on July 31, 2013, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

Charles Dow Miller, DDS ’56
Dr. Miller, 81, of Norman, Okla., died on Aug. 25, 2013. He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 until 1957 and was the first orthodontist to practice in Norman.

Douglass Shelton Moore, DDS ’61
Dr. Moore, a resident of Paris, Tenn., passed Jan. 19, 2013. He was the former director of restorative dentistry at the UT College of Dentistry.

Malcolm Grant “Nick” Nichols, DDS ’52
Dr. Nichols, a resident of Tallahassee, Fla., passed Jan. 28, 2013. He served in the Army Air Corps in WWII. He then served in the U.S. Air Force as an officer in the Dental Corps.

Paul Edward O’Leary, DDS ’52
Dr. O’Leary, a resident of Memphis, Tenn., died on March 3, 2013.

Gibbs M. Prevost, DDS ’51
Dr. Prevost, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away on Feb. 26, 2014. He helped found a clinic to diagnose and treat children with cleft lips and palates in conjunction with the University of Tennessee Department of Audiology and Speech Pathology.

Charles Gee Ray, Jr., DDS ’60
Dr. Ray, a resident of Columbus, Ga., passed away Feb. 28, 2013.

Kearyn Durward Spears, DDS ’55
Dr. Spears, a resident of Oakland, Tenn., died Nov. 2, 2013. He served in the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant during World War II.

Harry Evans Taylor, DDS ’65
Dr. Taylor, a resident of Fort Worth, Texas, passed away Jan. 24, 2013. He retired from his private practice in oral and maxillofacial surgery in 1991.

Joseph Abbott Walker, Sr., DDS ’54
Dr. Walker, a resident of Birmingham, Ala., passed away Jan. 10, 2013. He was a pioneer in the practice of orthodontics in Northeast Alabama.

Sanford M. Truitt, DDS ’58
Dr. Truitt, a resident of Martin, Tenn., died on June 29, 2013.

Rodney Wayne Waldrop, DDS ’78
Dr. Waldrop, 61, died Jan. 27, 2013, at his home in Starkville, Miss.

Elbert Baker, Jr., DDS ’56
Dr. Baker, age 80 of Nashville, Tenn., passed away April 24, 2014, from surgical complications. He was a member of the Nashville Dental Society (past president), Tennessee Dental Association, American Dental Association, Greater Nashville Dental Study Group, American College of Dentists-Fellow, International College of Dentists, former Board of Governors’ National Alumni Association – University of Tennessee. He was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and had a passion for treating the dental needs of the mentally handicapped and those with special needs. He served two years in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Va.

This listing is current through May 21, 2014, and we have attempted to make it as comprehensive as possible. Please inform the UT Health Science Center Office of Alumni Affairs of any errors or omissions at (800) 648-5536 or (800) 733-0482 utalumni@uthsc.edu

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Periodontics resident Mohammad Najib Ghadri takes a “selfie” with Hiram Fry, DDS, MS, during the reception following the naming of the periodontics clinic in Dr. Fry’s honor. Read more about the dedication and the clinic on page 14.