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

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center
As Tennessee’s only public, statewide, academic health system, the mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service. Offering a broad range of postgraduate and inclusive academic training opportunities, the main UTHSC campus is located in Memphis and includes six colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. UTHSC also educates and trains cohorts of medicine, pharmacy and/or allied health students -- in addition to medical residents and fellows -- at its major sites in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Nashville. Founded in 1911, during its more than 100 years, the UT Health Science Center has educated and trained nearly 56,000 health care professionals in academic settings and health care facilities across the state. For more information, visit www.uthsc.edu.

About the UT College of Dentistry
The UTHSC College of Dentistry was founded in 1878 -- making it the oldest dental college in the South, and the third-oldest public college of dentistry in the United States. The college is located in downtown Memphis, Tenn., in the ninth floor of the Dunn Building, named for the college’s distinguished alumnus and former Tennessee governor.

The college maintains a four-year dental program enrolling approximately 320 dental students and those taking part in postgraduate dental programs. The college is dedicated to providing professional, graduate and postgraduate education; conducting dental research; and delivering state-of-the-art patient care and public service.

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7,200 dental graduates since its inception, the UTHSC College of Dentistry has educated more than 75 percent of the dentists practicing in Tennessee.

The Himan Student Research Symposium is co-sponsored by the Himan Dental Society and the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry, with the support of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, the Procder & Gamble Company, the ADEA Gies Foundation, and the Tennessee Dental Association Foundation.

Between its founding date of July 12, 2012 and Nov 25, 2013,

Dentistry alumni have made gifts to the 1911 Society.

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Dentistry is still one of the most sought-after careers available today! In fact, according to a recent U.S. News & World Report article, dentistry is currently, and is predicted to continue to be, the number one profession for the next 20 years. This trend is very positive for the profession and for each individual who is involved in the field of dentistry.

At the UTCOD, we are attracting the brightest and the best applicants from across the state and nation to both our pre-doctoral and postgraduate programs. Because of the generous donations and support of our alumni and corporate partners, I am pleased to announce that we have now completed the renovation of our postgraduate AEGD, Endodontic, and Orthodontic clinics (excluding the oral surgery area). Now our residents are trained with state-of-the-art equipment, and their patients benefit from the best possible treatment. We are now finished upgrading our facilities and equipment, and are currently renovating the clinical offices and the lobbies on the second, third and fifth floors.

In the 2012-13 fiscal year, the dental school hit another milestone – 117 publications – a record in any school of dentistry! Because of this, each of you will see the name of your dental school in local, national and international publications – something of which we can all be proud.

In recent months, much has transpired on a programmatic level to move UTHSC and our partners toward greater alignment and fulfillment of our plans. In his letter, Dean Hottel outlines a few of the major initiatives launched in tandem with our alumni and corporate partners. He also sketches our plans for a new dental educational facility (see page 7). I hope you will make the time to read about these initiatives now under way.

In addition, during the past year, UTHSC has undertaken several major organizational efforts including laying the foundation for our strategic planning process, for our independent accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), and for the reinvigoration of our Campus Master Plan. In a recent Town Hall presentation to the campus, we provided a detailed overview of our strategic planning process.

Strategic effectiveness is defined as an organization’s ability to set the right goals and consistently achieve them. We are committed to ongoing assessment, evaluation and adjustment of our strategic priorities across all our major locations and we value your input as stakeholders in this process. You may review the strategic plan data at: http://mediaserver.uthsc.edu/uthscms/Play/827fd92296da8eb86e5725eb29a5fd4

Our organization has grown so large and disparate from Big Orange that SACS Accreditation is being required of UTHSC as an independent entity, rather than being accredited under the Knoxville campus umbrella. We are well under way to marshaling all the forces required to meet these project deadlines with quality data. If you’d like to learn more about our SACS accreditation, please visit: http://www.uthsc.edu/sacs/

When completed, our Campus Master Plan will produce proposals for property acquisition, partnerships, land use, site selection, building use, open space, circulation and utility systems. These initiatives will spur the ongoing transformation of the Memphis campus into a state-of-the-art Health Science Center. We are inviting interested parties to keep abreast of the 24-month process through our website: http://www.uthsc.edu/masterplan/

The impact of each of these three major organizational initiatives will ultimately be measured by our ability to sustain our forward momentum – not only for the coming year, but for the next five to 10 years. Collaboration is playing a significant role in these efforts as we build relationships with nationally recognized partners who bring expertise, insight and well-delineated resources to assist us as we navigate through proven processes that lead to success.

We trust you will enjoy this issue of Dentistry. As you do so, know that our organization’s vitality, stability and success can be, in large measure, credited to partnerships with talented students, passionate faculty, diligent staff, and devoted alumni like you.

Steve J. Schwab, MD

Chief Academic Officer

Winter 2014
Typhoon aid

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center raised $3,569.05 to aid the victims of Typhoon Haiyan, which slammed into the eastern Philippines on Nov. 8. Morning and afternoon fund drives were held on the campus on Nov. 13, with students, faculty, staff, members of the local health care community and the public contributing. Physical therapy student Rusty Middleton, whose mom is from the Philippines, brought $340 he had raised from his classmates. All the money went to the American Red Cross for relief efforts for those recovering from the devastation of the typhoon. “We want to thank everyone who made the time to contribute to this important campaign,” said UTHSC Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Operating Officer James C. Ragain, ’84 DDS, MS, PhD. “You’ll never know how much your generosity means to people in need.”

Radioprotective drug development

The threat of a nuclear accident, like the one at Fukushima, or the explosion of a nuclear device necessitates the development of radiation countermeasures that are safe and effective when applied 24 hours or later after a radiation injury. There are no such FDA-approved countermeasures available today.

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, a subsidiary of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), has awarded $2,392,253 to a team led by Gabor Tigyi, MD, PhD, in the Department of Physiology at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) for the development of radioprotective drug candidates. Jur Sroboos, MD, JD, RxDia, Inc., is Tigyi’s co-investigator on the research study titled, “IND-Enabling Preclinical Development of a New Radiomitigator.”

In addition to Dr. Strobos, Professor Tigyi’s research team includes an academic-industry collaboration with Erzsbet Szabo, PhD, Andrea Balogh, PhD, both from the UTHSC Department of Pharmaceutics; Fridtjof Thomas, PhD, from the UTHSC Department of Preventive Medicine; as well as W. Shannon McCool, DPh, Karin Thompson and Alyssa Bolier, all from RxDia, Inc. The team developed RP239, a novel small lead molecule that protects rodents from very high levels of radiation.

The goal of this project is the development of a new improved analog of RP239 for priority or fast-track regulatory approval and inclusion in the Strategic National Stockpile, the repository of medical equipment, antibiotics, vaccines, supplies and treatments available in case of national emergency. RP239 and its derivatives also offer applications — 14 qualified applicants for each open slot. Aspiring dental students are hearing about the great things our school has to offer — a state-of-the-art dental simulation center, a fully operational dental clinic on-site, opportunities for mentorship with alumni in the office setting, and groundbreaking student research.

The four pillars of our mission statement, teaching, patient care, service, and research, support a strong dental college. Each pillar is important in maintaining a growing and thriving academic institution. However, the College of Dentistry student research enterprise is near and dear to my heart. A strong research program is key to ensuring that our college is engaged in the clinical advancements of our profession. Through the leadership of Dr. Franklin Garcia-Godoy, Dr. Mustafa Dabbous, and numerous faculty mentors, along with the support of the UTCOD Alumni Association and Dean Hostel, our Student Summer Research Program has grown and flourished. This program is a wonderful way to introduce our students to dental research. Although research topics include cutting-edge basic science, most of the research projects have a clear clinical focus.

Dental student participation in this program has grown by more than 40 percent in the past four years. Our students are currently presenting well-received scientific presentations at the Hinman Research Symposium and the annual meetings of the American Association of Dental Research and the American Dental Association.

With the recent addition of highly qualified research-minded faculty, the only limiting factor in the maintenance and continual growth of our student research program is funding. Unfortunately, a number of our students are turned away each year from participation in the program, and 50 percent of the students who do participate are unable to present their research on a national stage, due to a lack of funding. Hopefully, the College of Dentistry Alumni Association will look into this situation in the coming years and will increase its support of this important and worthwhile program for our dental students.

If we have proven one thing, it’s that the College of Dentistry Alumni Association can achieve great things when we join together. If you are interested in supporting the effort to increase the endowment for student research, I encourage you to contact Tim Lanier, development director, at (903) 448-5516 or tlaniener@utfi.org.

Warmest Regards,

James C. Ragain, DDS, MS, PhD
The College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC) opened its new state-of-the-art endodontics clinic in the Winfield C. Dunn building at 875 Union Ave., on Friday, Sept. 6. The Dentsply Tulsa Endodontics Graduate Clinic, located on the north side of the fifth floor of the dental building, is named in honor of major contributor Dentsply Tulsa Dental Specialties, which gave $100,000 to support the educational mission of teaching future endodontists at UTHSC.

The clinic embodies a total digital operator with custom endodontic carts, digital radiography, and endodontic practice management software designed to simulate the contemporary endodontic practice. Each of the six operatories is outfitted with a Zeiss microscope with high-definition cameras connected to 42-inch plasma screens. Residents, dental students, and even patients will be able to see the procedures being performed under the microscope on the screen. Video feeds from each microscope to a nearby conference room will let instructors also view what is being done on a large projector screen.

The clinic is a major step for the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics at the College of Dentistry. The program received initial accreditation in 2011. Prior to that, UT dental graduates received their specialty endodontic training out of state, and then returned to practice in Tennessee. Now, residents can receive their training here and help patients locally. Fashioned from the Greek endo “inside” and odont “tooth,” endodontics is the dental specialty focusing on the study and treatment of the dental pulp, commonly referred to as root canal treatment. Endodontists perform root canals, endodontic surgery, treat cracked teeth, and care for other dental traumas.

“I am thrilled we have been able to partner with Dentsply Tulsa Dental Specialties, a company that has always been a strong supporter of our specialty and advocate for higher education,” said Adam Lloyd, BDS, MS, associate professor and chair of the Department of Endodontics. “The graduate residents and patients really benefit from this investment by being able to provide excellent and compassionate care in a state-of-the-art facility. It really is a gem that rounds out all the specialties at the College of Dentistry.”

A major mission of the program is to provide patients better alternatives to tooth extraction and attract new patients who want to save their teeth, but cannot afford private practice fees. Appointments can be scheduled at the clinic by calling (901) 448-1546.

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First Floor
- A state-of-the-art dental clinic to be used by our faculty
- A new, special-needs clinic with easy access

Second Floor
- 12-15 small student conference rooms to be used by the group leaders
- A large area for continuing education and faculty use

Third Floor
- A possible expansion of our research labs and TMD/sleep apnea clinics

Fourth Floor
- Much-needed faculty office space, a faculty lounge and meeting space

Lessons in a Lunchbox
Faculty, staff, and students from the UTHSC Colleges of Dentistry and Allied Health, along with representatives from the Tennessee College of Applied Technology Memphis Dental Outreach, are scheduled to present Lessons in a Lunchbox: Healthy Teeth Essentials & Facts About Snacks® on Friday, Feb. 28 to 248 students at Bruce Elementary School in Memphis, Tenn. Lessons in a Lunchbox is a nationwide, comprehensive, outreach initiative sponsored by the Children’s Oral Health Institute. Since 1996, the institute has created oral health programs and projects that reach out to children and families in novel ways. Its goal is to improve the attitudes and behavior of children and families on a variety of oral health issues through early health promotion and disease prevention education.

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Determined to be a Doctor Someday

On Saturday, Aug. 24, 2013, approximately 75 students, volunteers, and health care professionals gathered at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center for the third annual Determined to be a Doctor Someday (DDS) Symposium. The symposium began in 2011 with the American Dental Association president, Dr. Raymond Gist, as a special guest. It was initiated by UTCOD alumna Christina Rosenfelt, DDS, to encourage more underprivileged youth to pursue various degrees in health care. This year, the students were able to interact and speak to health care professionals from the community and were also treated to a petting zoo! The future doctors had a blast feeding and caring for the animals.

In addition to the activities, gift cards and prizes were given away, along with two $500 scholarships in honor of Dr. Wisdom F. Coleman, former dean of admissions for the College of Dentistry. The annual Cornhole Tournament and the Riverboat Party. Its officers are: President Zac Berry, Vice President Andrew Johns, Communications Chair Jarred Benson, Editor Nicole Powell, Rush Chair Sandie Worley, and Treasurer Amber Owens.

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry (BCM) hosts noonday lunches on Tuesdays and Thursdays for dental students to enjoy fellowship with classmates and hear about The Word. BCM members are very involved in the community and go on an annual summer mission trip.

The American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) strives to support women in their common interests within and outside of a career in dentistry, while mentoring dental school students. The AAWD was not intended to foster separation of women from men, and all men are encouraged to participate in the program. AAWD officers are: President Laurel Merweather, Vice President Allyn Johnson, Secretary Jessica Tucker, Treasurer Nicole Powell, Historian Ashley Hutchison, Community Service Chair Lesley Milton, and Faculty Advisor Janet Harrison, DDS. Class representatives are: D4 - Jessica Todd, D3 - Cayce Connolly, D2 - Emily Kymer-Davis.

The College of Dentistry Student Organizations

The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) is the largest student-run organization for dental students in the United States. It gives students a voice in the decisions. The 2013-14 ASDA leaders are: President Will Jones, President-elect Emalee Bent, Secretary Cayce Connolly, Editor Amber Owens, Editor-elect Chris Robertson, Community Service Chair Amanda Hankins, Community Service Chair-elect Amber Owens, Treasurer Amechi Echetebu, Treasurer-elect Brian Platz, Social Chair Nathan Heinsohn, Luncheon Chair Kendall Payne, Vendor Fair Chair Kyle Meek, Vendor Fair Chair-elect Andrew Johns, Webmaster Blain Reynolds, Legislative Liaison Charlie Felts, Legislative Liaison-elect Alex Fitzhugh, and New Member Chair Laurel Merweather.

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) offers dental students educational resources for preparing for parts I and II of the National Boards. It hosts dental specialties and networking opportunities for students through community outreach and other Memphis-area programs. The officers for 2013-14 are: President Sueellen Cho, Vice President/D3 Representative Richard Anderson; Treasurer/D3 Representative Nathan Heinsohn; D4 Representatives Paul Lewis, Brent Dagen and Christopher Swearingen; and D2 Representatives Kathy Ramsey and Emily Kymer-Davis.

The UT Esthetics Study Club seeks to expand the understanding of the artistic formula for success in dental treatments. The organization works closely with established cosmetic dentists in the Memphis area, and invites experts in the field from several different states to the college to speak.

Xi Psi Phi, also known as ZIPS, is the largest social dental fraternity on campus. It hosts several events each year, including the annual Cornhole Tournament and the Riverboat Party. Its officers are: President Charlie Felts, Vice President Amechi Echetebu, Treasurer Nathan Heinsohn, Rush Chair Colton Popp, Social Chair Van Guthrie, Editor Kate Bell, and Historian Daniel Fields.

Christian Medical & Dental Association (CMDA) meets on Wednesdays at noon for a great, hot lunch and a little information about Jesus and Christianity. The organization sponsors yearly mission trips for students.

The goal of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) is to get dental students involved in the community. Members attend health fairs where they perform oral health screenings and hand out information on oral hygiene along with supplies such as toothbrushes and toothpaste. The organization has several social gatherings throughout the year where members relax and interact with dentists from the Memphis area. Additionally, SDNA sponsors an Impressions program where members offer information to undergraduates who are interested in applying to the dental program. This allows potential students to ask questions and meet currently enrolled dental school students. 2013-14 officers are: President Jonathan McNair, Vice President Dan Barnes, Secretary Jessica Jordan, Assistant Secretary Jessica Tucker, Treasurer LaToya Legrand, Chaplin Nicholas Brooks, Fundraising Chair Mindy Knox, Community Service Chair Mary-Austin Smith, Social Chairs Anita Brown and Latasha Garrett, and Historians Richard Anderson and Sara Oh. Class representatives are: D4 - Mariam Habib, D3 - Diane Chavis, D2 - Amechi Echetebu, Shelby County Representatives are Anita Brown and Latasha Garrett.
Welcome

New faculty members

Ryan Austin, DDS
- Graduated with DDS from the University of Maryland Dental School
- Completed a certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry
- Currently a staff oral and maxillofacial surgeon at Memphis Veterans Administration Medical Center
- Appointed as assistant professor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Shawna Renee Clark, DDS
- Graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry
- Completed a certificate in AEGD from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry/Lutheran Medical
- Currently a general dentist at Oakland Family Dentistry
- Appointed as instructor in Restorative Dentistry

Frank Dalton, DDS
- Earned DDS at the University of Mississippi
- 30 years in private practice
- Board member of the Mississippi State Board of Dental Examiners
- Appointed as assistant professor and group leader in Restorative Dentistry

Edward DeSchepper, DDS, MA, MSD
- Earned DDS and MS in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Missouri, Kansas City
- Graduated from Indiana University School of Dentistry with MSD in Operative Dentistry
- National director and consultant for Consortium of Operative Dentistry Educators
- Appointed as associate dean of Academic Affairs and professor in Restorative Dentistry

William Deuring, DMD, FACD
- Graduated with DMD from Boston University
- 34 years in clinical dentistry in the U. S. Navy
- Retired as Captain, Dental Corps, U. S. Navy after 34 years of meritorious service
- Appointed as assistant professor and group leader in Restorative Dentistry

Darryl Jones, DDS
- Graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry
- Currently a general dentist at Perfect Smile Dentistry
- Member of the American Dental Association, Tennessee Dental Association, Memphis Dental Society, and Shelby County Dental Society
- Appointed as assistant professor in Restorative Dentistry

Tom V. Korioth, DDS, PhD
- Graduate of University Cayetano Heredia in Lima, Peru
- Received a PhD degree in Oral Physiology from the University of British Columbia and a certificate in Prosthodontics from the University of Minnesota
- Held academic appointments at the University Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru, University of British Columbia, University of Minnesota and NOVA Southeastern University
- Appointed as professor in Department of Prosthodontics

James Lea, DDS
- Earned DDS from the University of Oklahoma
- 28 years in private practice
- Clinical instructor for several years in Chemical Dependency
- Appointed as assistant professor and group leader in Restorative Dentistry

Jennifer Blakely Lou, DDS
- Earned DDS from the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
- Fulfilled pediatric residency at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Board Certified/Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
- Appointed as assistant professor in Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health

Holland Maness, DMD
- Graduated from the Medical College of Georgia with DMD and a certificate in Orthodontics
- Completed a fellowship in Forensic Odontology at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center – San Antonio
- Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Board of Forensic Odontology
- Five years in private practice
- Appointed as assistant professor in Orthodontics

James C. Ragain, Jr., DDS, MS, PhD, FICD, FACD
- Graduate of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center College of Dentistry
- Graduate of The Ohio State University with a PhD in Oral Biology/Dental Materials
- Retired as Captain, Dental Corps, U. S. Navy after 37 years of meritorious service
- Appointed as associate professor in Restorative Dentistry

Hamid Yazdi, DDS
- Graduate of the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas
- Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston
- Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry
- Appointed as assistant professor in Pediatric Dentistry and Community Oral Health
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Dr. James (Jay) Ragain has been appointed a member of the editorial board of the Journal of Dentistry, Oral Disorders, and Therapy.

Dr. David Cagna’s paper, A simple technique to control the heat generated during light polymerization of custom impression trays, has been accepted for publication in the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Bob Hatch was inducted as a fellow into the International College of Dentists at the ADA meeting held on Nov. 1, 2013.

Dr. Janet Harrison has been named as one of the “Top 25 Women in Dentistry.” in Dental Products Report, Volume 47, Issue 9, Sept. 2013, pg. 28

Dr. Sanjay Karunagaran’s paper, The effect of a bioactive collagen membrane releasing PDGF or GDF-5 on bone regeneration has been accepted for publication in Biomaterials 2014.

The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Alumni Association presents
Global Health Initiative begins at the College of Dentistry

By Peggy Reisser-Winburne

Neli Dilkova, a dental student from Bulgaria, laughed when she thinks about the first thoughts that popped into her head when she heard she was selected to travel to Memphis to spend a month studying at the College of Dentistry at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC). “Ehls,” she said.

But if the King of Rock’n’Roll was top of mind before she and fellow Bulgarian dental student, Pavlina Ivanova, arrived in mid-September, he took a back seat on the return trip, edged out by thoughts of the city, its people and culture, the university and the practice of American dentistry.

Dilkova and Ivanova are students at the Medical University of Sofia School of Dental Medicine in Bulgaria. They are among the first to participate in the new Global Health Initiative developed by the Florida Board of Dentistry. Dilkova and Ivanova shadowed UTHSC dental students in classes, clinics and lectures to learn how dentistry is practiced in the United States.

The contingent came for the opening of the program and included Vanyo Mitev, MD, PhD, DSc, rector and professor; Anton Filchev, DMD, DSc, professor and dean of the faculty of dental medicine; and Krassimira Yaneva-Ribagina, DDS, PhD, associate professor and associate dean of academic affairs. Two pre-doctoral students, Pavlina Krasimirova Ivanova and Neli Yordanova Dilkova, were also in the group. They stayed in Memphis for a month, shadowing UTHSC dental students in classes, clinics and lectures to learn how dentistry is practiced in the United States.

Tim Hottel, DDS, MS, MBA, dean of the College of Dentistry, worked on the exchange with Chris Ivanoff, DDS, associate professor in the Department of Bioscience Research and newly named director of Global Outreach at the UTCOD. “None of this would have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Dr. Ivanoff,” Dr. Hottel said.

Dr. Hottel also said he expects the initiative to expand to institutions in other countries and on the UTHSC campus to other departments. “It’s a big deal in medical education that you participate in cross-cultural educational efforts,” he said. “This has really blossomed into a huge event. We have more than 25 other universities from around the world that want to join us, and we are now creating the Global Oral Health Institute (GOHI).”

National and international dental organizations are also showing interest, he said. “We’re talking about world-renowned organizations that are now saying, ‘We want to take a look at what’s going on at the University of Tennessee and the GOHI.’”

Prior to forming the exchange, a survey was done of dental students at UT and the Medical University of Sofia to determine their perceptions about the role of dental schools in fostering global dentistry and philanthropy initiatives. About 85 percent of the UTHSC students indicated it is important for dental schools to provide students with opportunities to participate in international exchange missions. Bulgarian students echoed this opinion, the survey said. And about 80 percent of all the students surveyed indicated they would participate in an international exchange program during the school year if it were offered.

The study, Student Perceptions about the Mission of Dental Schools to Advance Global Dentistry and Philanthropy, was published in October in the Journal of Dental Education, a publication of the American Dental Education Association. The program’s objectives are achieved through education, direct patient care, and humanitarian service to underserved populations in community clinics in each other’s country. Cultural competence training ensures that graduates have interpersonal/communication skills to manage diverse patient populations and function successfully in a multicultural work environment. Graduating dentists who are community-oriented members of a culturally competent health care workforce can improve patient-provider communication and access to care among disparate groups both domestically and abroad.

“We would like our students to go abroad, to take our dentistry practices, and go out and treat people who are underserved,” Dr. Hottel said. “If these two young students (from Bulgaria) learn techniques that we use here in the states, and they then go back and help treat more people, then the work that’s gone into establishing this program has been worth the effort.”

Showed below: Vanyo Mitev, SMU rector; Steve Schwab, UTHSC chancellor; Timothy Hottel, UTCOD dean; Anton Filchev, SMU dean; Krassimira Yaneva-Ribagina, SMU associate dean of Academic Affairs

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A small clinical space in the upper northeast corner of the Dunn Dental building that houses five treatment bays stays extremely busy. Tough calls are made, as residents evaluate patients with complicated dental conditions and provide treatments. If one averages the patient load of this clinic with its other two locations, almost 15 patients are seen each and every day.

This clinic is the home of the College of Dentistry’s Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) practice, and in 2012-2013 alone, 2,700 patients who required more difficult treatments than can be done in the undergraduate clinics were seen. Add to this number the 1,270 patients who were seen at the Christ Community Dental Clinic and the 1,427 patients who were treated at the Church Health Center Clinic, and the total is 5,397 Memphis-area patients receiving comprehensive dental care through this practice.

The AEGD clinic operates under the supervision of Robert Brandt, DDS, professor of Prosthodontics, and Sue Langham, DMD, assistant professor of Restorative Dentistry. Its goals are in keeping with the institutional mission of education, public service, research and clinical care of the underserved.

Residents who take part in a one-year program affiliated with and sponsored by the Lutheran Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y., staff the clinic. Diagnostic skills and treatment modalities for medically compromised patients, age-specific conditions, implantology (both surgical and restorative), anesthesiology, periodontics, prosthodontics and general dentistry are all a part of the residents’ training. The residents spend half their time seeing patients at the clinic at the dental school. The remaining time is spent at the Church Health Center and the Christ Community Health Centers, where they provide care to patients with low income or no income.

At present, there are eight residents in the AEGD program. In 2013-14, there will be spots available for 10 residents with the addition of the Interfaith Dental Clinic in Nashville. To be considered for the program, applicants must be graduates of an accredited U.S. or Canadian dental school and have passed the National Board Dental Examinations Part I and II. Many residents participate in the AEGD program as preparation for entry into specialty programs.

Upon finishing the program, residents will receive a certificate of completion from Lutheran Medical Center. Residents may choose to stay an additional year to participate in research and concentrate on an area of dentistry of their choosing.

During the past year, program participant Dr. Eva Swenson presented her research findings at the March 2013 meeting of the International Academy of Dental Research held in Seattle, Wash. The study was entitled, The Effect of Gingival Retraction Materials on Dentin Shear-Bond Strength. This year, Drs. Jennifer Collins and Lakeshia Thomas are investigating Undiagnosed and Insufficiently Treated Hypertension in Community Health Centers’ Dental Populations.

For additional information about the AEGD program, please contact Dr. Brandt at (901) 448-6272 or Dr. Langham at (901) 448-6271.
Curiosity is high at the College of Dentistry as it is taking a dynamic, new approach to research. In the past two years, the six centers of the Department of Bioscience have been actively engaged in research and involved both College of Dentistry faculty and students in projects that promote the advancement of the college and the profession. The department has also established private and federal affiliations to conduct research projects whose results will further dental health. These efforts are in alignment with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center’s mission and its emphasis on research.

The Department of Bioscience Research

This department, chaired by Senior Executive Associate Dean for Research Franklin Garcia-Godoy, has 10 full-time faculty and seven support staff members. It is composed of the Biomaterials Research Center, Bioscience Research Center, Clinical Research Center, Stem Cell Center, Craniofacial Research Center, and the TMD/Sleep Disorder Center.

Each of the six centers provides unique opportunities for our faculty and students to conduct research that advances the industry while enhancing individual expertise through the development of evidence-based practices, cutting-edge technologies and new bioscience.

The research being conducted through these centers has generated a remarkable number of results that have received national recognitions.

The UT College of Dentistry research achieves results

UTCOD professor and bioscience researcher, David Tipton, DDS, has joined the editorial board of the Journal of Periodontal Research.

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- Academy of General Dentistry Meeting convened in Nashville, Tenn.
- 2013 – 4th National Dental Congress held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- European Society of Endodontology Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal
- Southern Association of Orthodontists Meeting, Hilton Head, S.C.
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Sleep Medicine Conference in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Thus far in 2014, UTCOD faculty members and students are on the agenda to present at the following meetings:

- 14th International Meeting on Simulation in Healthcare, San Francisco, Calif.
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Research facilities and equipment

Bioscience Research Center
Research conducted here focuses on oral microbiology, oral cancer, stem cell and regenerative medicine, biocompatibility of dental materials, and biomaterials. Under the guidance of Senor Executive Associate Dean, Dental Research Franklin Garcia-Godoy, this center runs clinical trials using the plaque glycosylate and the regrowth model (PGRM) and has become one of the three most successful centers worldwide in this area of research. PGRM is a proven clinical assay for testing the biological activity of anti-gingivitis/antiplaque drug products (Food and Drug Administration 21 CFR Part 356 Vol 66: 103, May 29 2003). Typically, the Bioscience Research Center teams up with the college’s Clinical Research Center during PGRM clinical research trials. The biocompatibility screening of restorative treatments has been funded by the National Institute for Health (NIH) R01.

Stem Cells and Regenerative Therapies Center
Opened in June 2012 in the Cancer Research building on the UTHSC campus, this center enables the coordination and collaboration of investigators to conduct stem cell related research. Under the direction of George Huang, DDS, MSD, DSC, research projects at this center include the studies of stem cell stemness and differentiation, stem cells for craniofacial and dental tissue regeneration, stem cells for neurogenesis and regeneration. Projects have been funded by an NIH R01 grant, an AAE Foundation grant and alumni grants. A number of papers resulting from the research at the center have been published in journals such as Stem Cells and Development, Stem Cells Research and Therapy; several are in preparation for submission.

Working with Dr. Garcia-Godoy, Dr. Huang is now in the planning phase to establish a current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) facility at the UTHSC campus. Its purpose is to provide investigators and clinicians with clinical grade live cells isolated from the donors for various clinical trials or therapies.

Biomaterials Research Center
Our Biomaterials Research Center seeks to enhance our understanding of current and future dental treatments. It is home to the latest technology used in biological and materials research, including a scanning electron microscope (SEM). The SEM has the ability to image traditional samples, wet samples, and tissue samples without fixation. In addition, our SEM can perform sample elemental analysis. Our technology is capable of evaluating color, gloss, surface roughness, surface scanning, microhardness, microscopic structure, and mechanical strength (static and fatigue). This technology is also used for finite element analysis, and elemental analysis.

Craniofacial Research Center
The Craniofacial Research Center supports clinical and basic science research programs in the College of Dentistry. It also enables collaborative research with scientists across the UTHSC campus and other Mid-South institutions. The center’s 4,500 square feet of laboratory and office space houses equipment and expertise used for microbiology and immunology, cell and molecular biology, and biochemistry research, along with other basic science and analytical procedures. The center also serves as a focus for master’s thesis training of residents in clinical departments of the College of Dentistry, for the Summer Student Research Program, and for the annual Hinman Student Research Symposium, which attracts research oriented dental students and faculty mentors from across the United States and Canada.

Clinical Research Center
The Clinical Research Center (CRC) is a facility established solely for College of Dentistry clinical research projects. It is also under the direction of Dr. Garcia-Godoy and has approximately 3,000 square feet of clinic space used as four dental units, a consultation room, a dispensing storage room, and a separate office. Research projects at the CRC include, but are not limited to, dental instrumentation and device testing, whitening kit testing, toothpaste, toothbrush and mouth rinse testing. Since its opening in September 2012, five industrial-sponsored clinical trials have been successfully completed; six more clinical trials and pilot study projects are ongoing.

Craniofacial Pain and Sleep Disorders Center
The University of Tennessee Craniofacial Pain and Sleep Disorders Center and The Sleep Disorders Center are ongoing.

Major equipment utilized in the Bioscience Research Center includes:
- Carl Zeiss EVO HD LS15 (LaB6) scanning electron microscope
- ABI 7000 sequencing detector
- PerkinElmer Envision Multimode Plate Reader (with AlphaScreen)
- ICN Biomedicals EasyPul E1000 Test System
- PerkinElmer Victor3 1420 Multilabel counter
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- Tissue culture and Western blotting equipment, incubators, thermostirrers, centrifuges etc.
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**Research Recruiting**

We have begun aggressively searching for new research faculty. We are now in collaboration with St. Jude and the Oak Ridge National Lab, and we expect these partnerships to be our major recruiting pluses. This is our best recruiting position in a long time.

**Large Grant Proposals**

Large grant proposals – multimillion dollar awards extending for multiple years, typically not R01s -- now are eligible for support from the Research Council. The council is willing to consider providing UTHSC support up to a value that is one-third of the F&RAs the award will bring to UTHSC. We believe a commitment to this effect, accompanying the original proposal, will enhance success by affirming institution reinvestment.

We have seen substantial success in the clinical enterprise. Now we are very well positioned to post steady gains in the research arena as we deploy our resources. We are in a very favorable go-forward position in the research enterprise. Together, we can grow our research mission.

**Student Summer Research Fellowship**

The Student Summer Research Program is a unique program at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. It has been described by reviewers at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research as a “model program” for other dental schools. This program began in 1974 with funding from the L. G. Noel Foundation, which allowed two students to participate in summer research projects each year. As popularity of the program grew and obtaining one of the two available positions became highly competitive, program directors sought funding from the National Institutes of Health. A T33 grant from NIDCR was used to support student research until the grant was phased out in 2005. With the impending loss of federal funding for the program, the UT Dental Alumni Association committed funds to student research and established the Student Summer Research Fellowship. The research fellowship continues to be supported by the UT Dental Alumni Endowment for Research, with additional assistance from private sponsors.

The Student Summer Research Fellowship is open to first (D1), second (D2) and third (D3) year dental students. Previous research experience is not required. Currently, funding is available for 20 students to take part. The research fellowship continues to be supported by the UT Dental Alumni Endowment for Research, with additional assistance from private sponsors, including the Tennessee Dental Association Foundation (formerly the L. G. Noel Foundation).

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Their projects covered a wide range of dental practice topics and include:

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- Evaluating natural food substances with antimicrobial or anti-inflammatory activity
- Testing new products to restore acid-softened tooth enamel
- Measuring strength of bonding of orthodontic brackets and the effects of debonding on the teeth
- Establishing best practices for use of flowable composites in restoration and achieving the ideal surface finish
- Developing methods for early detection of oral cancer
- Evaluating cone-beam tomography as a tool in orthodontics
- Testing new methods to prevent formation of bacterial biofilms or to eliminate them from oral surfaces
- Evaluating lighting in the dental operatory to facilitate esthetic dentistry
- Evaluating the role of substances formed in diabetic patients on inflammation of oral tissues

19 presentations given by students at national meetings
Public Service

About the award

The UTAA Public Service Award is presented annually. It recognizes a full-time faculty or professional/employee staff member who has made a significant contribution beyond his or her usual responsibilities within the university, to the university’s public service role. The winner is voted on by peers serving on the Public Service Award Committee.

Marjorie Andrews Woods, DDS

Dr. Woods, a UT dental hygiene and dentistry graduate who has taught at the UTCOD since 1987, received the award at the year-end meeting of the UTAA Board of Governors in Knoxville, Tenn., on June 14, 2013. She was recognized for her dedication to the University of Tennessee and her involvement in numerous organizations that have benefited from her professional expertise and leadership. Chief among these is the Tennessee Smiles Program.

“I love people and, as a dentist, this is one of the best ways I can give back to our community and help recognize the University of Tennessee and the College of Dentistry in our community,” said Dr. Woods. She says she finds great joy in community service, and since joining the faculty, has participated in well over 150 health fairs and other volunteer opportunities to promote oral health and the College of Dentistry in the Memphis area.

Throughout her teaching career, Dr. Woods has received many honors including the College of Dentistry Enrichment Award, being named to the Academy of Distinguished Teaching Professors, and the John S. Diggs Nelson Faculty Enrichment Award. She has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Dentists.

A decade of caring for the community

For 10 years, the volunteers have gone to health fairs held in schools, malls and parks. They use simple tools -- flashlights, tongue blades and gauze squares -- to examine soft tissue and teeth for obvious problems. “It is surprising that we don’t find more children with decayed teeth, that we don’t find more dental problems,” said Tennessee Smiles volunteer and UTCOD faculty member Marjorie Woods.

Since its inception in 2003, the Tennessee Smiles Program, a volunteer oral health outreach initiative based at the UT College of Dentistry, has become a much sought-after participant for Memphis area health and career fairs. The faculty and students who volunteer for Tennessee Smiles provide complimentary dental screenings, oral health screenings and oral health information. Carrying an array of donated dental care products and oral health educational tools, the grassroots initiative often serves area residents, both young and old, who have fallen between the cracks when it comes to dental care.

Tennessee Smiles was initiated by Waletha Wasson, DDS, associate professor in the Department of Endodontics and Operative Dentistry. Those who volunteer also serve as ambassadors of the dental profession and the UT College of Dentistry. In speaking of her volunteer experience with Tennessee Smiles, Dr. Marjorie Woods said, “Interacting with people, the patients, the students, is the fun part of this job. We get information to people who may not realize where or how they can receive dental care.”

Information about the UT College of Dentistry dental clinic is also available at the events. Many of the citizens are pleased to learn they have dental health care options and can receive quality care from student doctors practicing at the centrally located Dunn Dental building clinics. “Many don’t know that this option is available. We hear it all the time, people have no idea that we are here even those who cannot afford dental care,” passionately explained Dr. Wasson.

Tennessee Smiles brings together members from all facets of the college. “We have everyone from the college pitching in at these community engagement efforts -- deans, chairs, directors, faculty, student doctors, staff, family and friends. It is quite remarkable,” said Dr. Wasson.

Tennessee Smiles has grown so that requests are outpacing the time and resources that the group can provide. The demand for screenings, supplies and dental instruction has provided a few hurdles that are forcing the outreach program to become selective as to which events they attend. “There is an enormous need for oral health care in the community, and the requests are coming in so fast, there is more than we can possibly do. It’s disheartening,” says Dr. Wasson.

As a side result of this volunteer effort, two articles about the work carried out by Tennessee Smiles has been published in peer reviewed publications.

For more information about Tennessee Smiles, or to assist in this oral health outreach initiative, please contact Dr. Waletha Wasson’s office in the UT College of Dentistry, (901) 448-6271.

Everyone screened by the Tennessee Smiles Program receives a free toothbrush, a sample of toothpaste and information about the UTCOD dental clinics.

In 2012-2013, the Tennessee Smiles Program served the Memphis area in the following ways:

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Tennessee Smiles Mission Statement

To increase awareness of oral health issues through education, research and community service for citizens of Tennessee, with special emphasis for underserved populations.
“I went into dentistry because my dentist was one of my favorite people,” said Perry Brickman, DDS, ’56. “He was a role model. His name was Ewing B. Connell and I always enjoyed the activity in his office. I thought, this is something that I would like to do and it stuck with me.”

Though inspired by Dr. Connell, it would be through the help of James T. Ginn, former dean of the UT College of Dentistry, that Dr. Brickman would finally achieve his dream of becoming a dentist. Dr. Brickman, a Chattanooga native, was an excellent student who grew up in a warm, loving Jewish family. Determined to pursue a career in dentistry, he graduated from Bayley Military Academy at 16, and enrolled as an undergraduate at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

At the time of his college graduation, there were only three dental schools in the southern United States — Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., the University of Tennessee in Memphis, Tenn., and Loyola University in New Orleans, La. Dr. Brickman applied and was admitted to both Emory and UT. Because Dr. Brickman had completed his undergraduate degree at Emory, was familiar with the city, and had established friendships in Atlanta, he chose to attend dental school there.

However, his dental school experience at Emory would be far different from his days as an undergraduate. “The method of instruction at Emory was gruesome,” Dr. Brickman reflected. “The environment was intimidating and humiliating.” The ultimate blow came at the end of his first year. Dr. Brickman was told he had flunked out of school and could not come back. He would later discover that his grades were not the reason for his dismissal. Unbeknownst to Dr. Brickman and several of his fellow Jewish students who were also dismissed from the school, anti-Semitism was in practice at Emory Dental School. The abuse and discrimination practiced at the school lasted for 13 years.

“After leaving Emory in 1952 and being told not to come back, my parents encouraged me to re-apply to UT Dental School,” he said. “So I did.”

Dr. Ginn, who served as dean of the College of Dentistry from 1950 to 1959, granted Brickman an interview for admission, and he was accepted into the college. When recalling the interview, Dr. Brickman said Dr. Ginn was “very welcoming and cordial.” From this point forward, Dr. Ginn would serve as a reminder to Dr. Brickman that the field of dentistry was where he needed to be. “I had an overall good experience at UT,” said Dr. Brickman. “Most of my time there consisted of classes and studying, but I did engage in intramural softball every now and then.” During 1955, his senior year, Dr. Brickman married Shirley Berkowitz. He graduated with honors from UT in May 1956.

After graduation, Dr. Brickman volunteered to serve his country in the Air Force. While awaiting his appointment, he took and passed his dental state boards in Tennessee, Alabama and Florida, (deliberately skipping Georgia after his experience at Emory) so that he could go into practice once his tour of duty ended. By passing boards in three states, Dr. Brickman felt he would “have something to hang his hat on.”

Upon completing his military service, Dr. Brickman decided to practice oral surgery — a choice that required three more years of education and training. After he completed his residency in New Orleans, La., at Ochsner Foundation Hospital in 1961, Dr. Brickman’s wife convinced him to move back to Atlanta so they could be closer to family. It was at this time he took and passed his Georgia board exams.

Dr. Brickman opened his own practice, Georgia Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, in Decatur, Ga. in 1962. He became actively involved in multiple organizations, including the Georgia Dental Association, American Dental Association, Southeastern Society of Oral Surgeons and the American Society of Oral Surgeons. Dr. Brickman also was a founding member of the Georgia Society of Oral Surgeons, and later became its president. In addition, he was extremely involved in the UT Dental Alumni Association, where he served as a board member from 1986-1994 and held the office of president from 1992-1994.

Upon his retirement in 2004, Dr. Brickman decided to speak out about the discrimination he endured while in dental school at Emory. In 2008, Dr. Brickman began crisscrossing the country at his own expense to interview students undermined the academic integrity of the dental school and ultimately of Emory. I am sorry. We are sorry.” Emory President James W. Wagner said. In addition to acknowledging Dr. Brickman’s efforts, Emory University presented him with the Maker of History Award.

Working on the documentary brought back memories of his UT College of Dentistry days and the opportunity he was given. He made a decision that will influence future dentists for years to come by establishing a dental scholarship in Dr. Ginn’s name. “For me, it was a natural decision,” said Dr. Brickman. “You reach a certain point in life where you reflect and want to show your gratitude. I have been grateful to UT, and especially to Dr. Ginn, since 1953. Given my background, UT did not have to admit me. When you are given a second chance, you shouldn’t ever forget it.”

By endowing the James T. Ginn Scholarship, Dr. Brickman has cleared financial obstacles for many future dental students. “Life has enabled me to put into action all the things I was taught as a child. There will be some bumps in the road, but you get up and keep going,” he said.
1911 Society Launches 1911 Society for Donor Recognition

O n July 1, 2013, the UT Health Science Center Office of Development and Alumni Affairs unveiled a new donor recognition society. Named the 1911 Society in honor of the year that our campus was started, this new recognition opportunity acknowledges donors who make annual, recurring gifts that serve as the renewable basis of private support each year. "Members of the 1911 Society are the leaders of our past, present and future," said Bethany Goolsby, associate vice chancellor for Development at UTHSC. "The ongoing, annual support of our alumni and friends provides funding necessary for administrators, faculty and students to succeed in all areas of health care training, education and community service."

All donors whose gifts to the UT Health Science Center totaled between $100 and $10,000 during the period July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, were granted charter membership in one of the six 1911 Society giving levels. Charter membership will also be extended to all individuals who give at 1911 Society membership levels between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. Membership level is based on total contributions across six different levels of private support.

To be named in one of the 1911 Society recognition levels, donors can direct gifts to any college, program or fund at the UT Health Science Center. "That is the unique aspect of this level of recognition," said Goolsby. "We want to proudly identify individuals who are supporting the Health Science Center with their financial resources each year." Members will be listed in a 1911 Society Roll of Honor to be published in various newsletters, magazines and other publications throughout the year.

As members of the 1911 Society, donors are recognized as vital partners of the UT Health Science Center community. Depending on membership level, various benefits are available to all members along with the most obvious benefit — the satisfaction of knowing that your support has provided meaningful resources for UT Health Science Center faculty, students and staff. Your loyalty matters to us ... and to you. And to our students, faculty and staff as well. For more information on how to make a gift and become a member of the 1911 Society, please contact the UTHSC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (901) 448-5516.

1911 Society Benefits

- 1911 Milestone Member
  - $100 - $249

- 1911 Visionary Member
  - $250 - $499

- 1911 Dean’s Alliance Member
  - $500 - $999

- 1911 Chancellor’s Circle Member
  - $1,000 - $2,499

- 1911 Patron Member
  - $2,500 - $4,999

- 1911 Hyman Associate Member
  - $5,000 - $10,000

1911 Society Board of Trustees President-elect Jeannie Beauchamp has two thriving pediatric dentistry offices in the Clarksville, Tenn., area. Despite her busy schedule and community involvement, she still finds time to volunteer for the UTCOD, including the UT College of Dentistry MidSouth Dental Congress, one of the most successful, volunteer-led continuing dental education programs in the country. We recently asked her, "Where Would You Be Without UTHSC?"

Why did you select the UTCOD? When I applied to dental school, the one thing I heard most about was the stellar reputation of the UT dental school, in particular, for clinical dentistry. At the time, I was living in North Carolina and wanted to return to my home state of Tennessee, so it was a perfect fit.

What are the highlight(s) of your professional career? I enjoy being asked to share my experiences with young people. I never miss the opportunity to tell each of them to visit one of the UT campuses as a potential college choice.

How have you volunteered? I have held various leadership roles on the UTCOD Board of Trustees, and MidSouth Dental Congress Committee. I have served on system UT Alumni Association committees, too.

Why did you get involved? I know that I would not be fulfilling my dream of helping others if it was not for the skills that I learned at UT. Each day, I want to give back here locally with dentistry and help children by encouraging their futures. One of the highlights of my career was getting to travel help the people of Haiti.

What is your advice to other UT Alumni about getting involved? I want other graduates to realize how good it feels to give back and think how their life would be different without their education. Education opens many doors and improves their lives. I am thankful that there were others before me who donated their time, talent and treasure so I was able to attend and experience UT.

About Dr. Beauchamp

Hometown: She was born in Oak Ridge, Tenn., lives in Springfield, Tenn., and practices in Clarksville, Tenn.

Family: Married to Lee Scott (UTC 58)


Specialty: Pediatric Dentistry

Favorite UT memory as a student: The faculty — in fact, I continue to be impressed by them. I vividly remember how determined they were that we learned and were prepared for the "real" world after dental school. You do not find that type of passion everywhere. As a student, I was selected to serve on a UT board. I developed great pride for UT, given that I was exposed to the UT organization as a student. I will never forget that great experience. I have to mention that I still enjoy traveling to Knoxville for football and basketball games. I make new memories each time I go to Knoxville and see classmates, friends and colleagues.

Where would you be without UTHSC?

Dr. Beauchamp with her husband, Lee Scott
Despite holding tickets to the Tennessee-Georgia game, Ernest McElroy “Mac” Edington, DDS, and his wife, Linda Kay, made a three and a half-hour trek to Memphis for the inaugural Golden Graduate Homecoming being held for graduates of all six colleges of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. His reasons were simple and compelling: Dr. Edington, a 1963 alumnus of the College of Dentistry, wanted to see former classmates and celebrate the ongoing success of the Health Science Center. He served as a change agent for his class and assisted the Alumni Office with inviting his classmates to attend.

“The alumni folks did a fantastic job,” said Dr. Edington. “They provided us with a list of all the 1963 graduates, and I started calling right away and encouraging them to attend.” Dr. Edington finally coaxed one of his most reluctant former classmates to show up. “He balked at first because he said we’d be asked to give money; but in the end, he was glad that he’d come. He couldn’t believe what all is happening in the College of Dentistry and on the campus.”

Once on campus, Dr. Edington and other Golden Graduates had lots of time to see the progress that’s been made since their days in school, most notably the expansion of the Dunn Dental building, thanks, in large part, to their contributions. The Golden Graduates also had time to reflect on what UTHSC has meant to them. “We have always had an exceptional dental college,” said Dr. Edington. “Those of us who were here 50 years ago know that it was one of the most difficult professional schools to get into.” Today he is grateful that it was. Dr. Edington now knows that his professors and the College of Dentistry were doing him and others a huge favor by setting the bar so high. “It’s because I graduated from the UT College of Dentistry,” he said. “Our expertise was sought out because we were always the lead dog in the team.”

Though he enjoyed the entire range of reunion activities, Dr. Edington especially enjoyed the camaraderie of being with his former classmates and the free time set aside to mingle with graduates of the other colleges. During the free times, he engaged in some lively conversations with graduates of the other colleges and started listening to their stories. “I started to talk with people from the other colleges, I didn’t see the need for having all the colleges come back together,” said Dr. Edington, who was trained with only students from his own college. However, when he talked with graduates of the other colleges, Dr. Edington discovered that their experiences were similar to his. “Their credentials as a UT grad were always highly valued by the institutions where they worked and opened many doors throughout their careers,” he said.

For Dr. Edington, the most personally significant event of the reunion was the Golden Graduate ceremony at which he received his Golden Graduate medallion. “I was touched that UT thought enough of us to provide these specially designed medals to honor us for what we have done.”

Even after a full weekend, Dr. Edington and his wife managed to drive back to Clarksville, grab a few hours of sleep, and still make it to Knoxville for the Georgia-Tennessee game. “It capped off a wonderful weekend,” he said. Reflecting on the progress on display during the reunion, Dr. Edington spoke as a member of the Golden Graduate class of 1963: “We left here with great pride knowing that our university and college have evolved to fit the times.”
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Fall 2013
Golden Graduate Homecoming honors class of 1963

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Oct. 2-4 were filled with fond memories, familiar faces and trips to fun places as 125 members of the class of 1963 assembled in Memphis for the first-ever, Golden Graduate Homecoming for all six colleges. It was hosted by the UTHSC Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. Golden Graduates, their spouses and family members traveled from 17 states to attend – many from our border states, a couple from San Antonio, and others from as far away as Virginia Beach and Tucson.

One theme was woven throughout all the homecoming events: the progress that’s been made on our campus over the past 50 years would not be possible without the support and the groundwork laid by these graduates during the early years of their careers in science and medicine. This point was underscored by Jerre Freeman, MD, a member of the honored class of 1963. “Our medical training during the early 1960s occurred during watershed years,” he said. “So many of us who graduated then, entered areas of medicine and research that truly revolutionized modern American and worldwide medicine and surgery. A reunion encourages how much we’ve grown by our training on what a wonderful experience our training at the University of Tennessee gave us.”

Hershel P. “Pat” Wall, MD, chancellor emeritus of the Health Science Center, liked the idea of inviting the Golden Graduates from all six colleges to return together. “When I was in school, we were all trained within our own college,” he said. “Today, health care is a team sport. We educate all the future team members to work together from day one so it’s appropriate that we all come back together.” He also felt that the Golden Graduates would appreciate having more time on campus. “There’s so much to see with all the new growth,” he said.

Kris Phillips, associate vice chancellor, Alumni Affairs, explained why the program was expanded from the traditional Golden Graduate Ceremony to a homecoming event. “We want to put our Golden Graduates front and center so we can enhance their experience and give them their just due – two and a half days just for them,” he said.

Though we especially honored the class of 1963, other Golden Graduates were invited and attended,” said Phillips. He explained that one of our themes for the homecoming was, “Once a Golden Graduate, always a Golden Graduate.” Knowing that Golden Graduates return to see friends and colleagues, the Alumni Affairs office scheduled lots of free time in the hospitality room at The Peabody for that purpose, said Phillips.

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During lunch, Steve Schwab, MD, chancellor of the Health Science Center, thanked the Golden Graduates for their generosity in helping UTHSC build and equip the Dunn Dental building and other state-of-the-art facilities on campus. He also shared his vision for future growth of the Health Science Center and advancing our mission of clinical care, research, education and public service. One of the highlights of the weekend was the opportunity for our Golden Graduates to have breakfast and “tour the world” with the UT Alumni Association’s tour partners. The tour program, in its 42nd year, provides first-class world destinations, while offering the opportunity to travel with fellow alumni in Clinto to the great information, the partners gave away door prizes, including discount vouchers for travel to 2014 destinations.

On the final day of homecoming, Golden Graduates took tours of their respective colleges to see the progress that’s been made with their support. One Golden Graduate brought his son and granddaughter. She plans to apply to UTHSC in the fall and said the visit helped to solidify her choice.

The capstone event was the Golden Graduate Ceremony at the Pink Palace Museum. Randy Farmer, vice chancellor, Development and Alumni Affairs, paid tribute to the class of 1963. “You have helped to make us who we are today,” he said. He then asked the group to honor their classmates whose journey has ended. “Though they are no longer by your side, most assuredly they remain close to your hearts, and it is with this thought in mind that we ask for a moment of silence to remember them.”

Golden Graduates who served in the military were also asked to stand and be honored for their service to our nation. Classes were called to the front of the room by college and Chancellor Emeritus Wall placed their medallions on the Golden Graduates, amid family members flashing their cell phones and proud spouses videotaping recipients.

After the event, Phillips said, “We are happy with the first effort, and hope to grow it next year with our new concept of a campus-wide celebration.” When asked how he would measure the success of this inaugural Golden Graduate Reunion, he responded, “Seeing that our Golden Graduates come back, reconnect and truly understand what we mean when we ask ‘Where would you be without UTHSC’ because we wouldn’t be where we are without our Golden Graduates.”
The University of Tennessee College of Dentistry Alumni Association has selected Dr. William O. Coley, Jr. as the 2014 recipient of the Outstanding Alumnus Award. The Alumni Association’s highest honor is presented to Dr. Coley in recognition of his contributions to his alma mater and the dental profession.

Growing up in Memphis, Tenn., Dr. Coley dreamed of becoming a great athlete. Instead, he became a great dentist and a true humanitarian, for which countless people in Memphis and around the globe are grateful.

A graduate of Memphis Central High School and Southwestern at Memphis (now known as Rhodes College), Dr. Coley received his Doctor of Dental Surgery from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in 1957. Following his graduation, Dr. Coley practiced in Memphis for 48 years — 15 as a general dentist and 33 as an endodontist. He also managed to find time to serve as an associate professor in the Department of Operative Dentistry for 40 years at the UTCOD.

Dr. Coley holds memberships in the American Dental Association, the Tennessee Dental Association, the Memphis Dental Society, the American Association of Endodontics, the Tennessee Academy of Endodontics, Southern Endodontic Study Club, and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Throughout his career, Dr. Coley has received numerous awards for his humanitarian efforts in Memphis, Haiti, Honduras and Mexico. Yet no community has benefited more from Dr. Coley’s humanitarian efforts than his beloved hometown of Memphis. In 1987, while serving on the first board of directors of the newly opened Church Health Center, he recognized a need for the center to expand its focus to include dental care as well as medical care for the working uninsured. He convinced Dr. Scott Morris, chief executive officer at the Church Health Center, to give him a small space for a dental office. Dr. Coley’s next step was to get the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry involved, and the rest, as they say, is history.

Two years after his vision for affordable dental care was initiated, the “small space for a dental office” was home to 50 volunteer general dentists, and 18 volunteer dental specialists who cared for patients in their private offices.

Knowing that his dream had come to fruition, Dr. Coley retired from active practice and teaching at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. He, and his wife Frances, then moved to Heber Springs, Ark. Still, something in Dr. Coley tugged at his spirit, suggesting there was more work to be done in service to others. Guided by the Shakespearean quote and his personal motto, “to thine own self be true,” Dr. Coley reactivated his license and returned to Memphis, the Church Health Center and the practice of dentistry.

Today, almost 27 years since its founding, the Dental Clinic at the Church Health Center has 10 operators. It is projected that the number will increase to 25 in three to four years when the Sears Crosstown building is renovated and as additional clinic is established there. The clinic offers comprehensive dental care, including examinations, X-rays, cleanings, fillings, extractions, root canals, crowns and periodontal therapy.

Dr. Rebecca Barton, DDS ’84
Alumni Awards & Reunion Luncheon

William Coley
UT College of Dentistry Outstanding Alumnus

“My compassion for patients and students, his professionalism, dedication to UT and his colleagues, as well as his extraordinary altruistic accomplishments involving both the dental community and the community at large, serve as an inspiration to us all.”

Rebecca Barton, DDS ’84
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- February 14-24 . Panama Canal Cruise

**March 7-9** . MidSouth Dental Congress in Memphis, Tenn.
- March 18 . Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant in Memphis, Tenn.

**April**
- April 7-10 (Beginning)  . Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Restorative (Week 1 of 3) in Nashville, Tenn.
- April 11-13  . Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Prosthetic Course (Week 1 of 2) in Memphis, Tenn.
- April 28 - May 1  . Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Prosthetic Course (Week 2 of 2) in Memphis, Tenn.
- April 11-21  . Baltic Cruise
- April 21-28  . Greek Isles Cruise

**July**
- July TBD (Beginning)  . Implant Continuum/Externship (Weekend 1 of 4) in Memphis, Tenn.
- July 26-27  . Coronal Polishing in Memphis Tenn.
- July 21-28  . Greek Isles Cruise

**August**
- August TBD (Beginning)  . Expanded Functions for Dental Auxiliary – Restorative (Week 1 of 3) in Nashville, Tenn.
- August 6-12  . Annual End of Summer Meeting: Hot Topics at the Beach in Destin, Fla.
- September 20  . Monitoring Nitrous Oxide-Oxygen Sedation for the Dental Assistant in Memphis, Tenn. (video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)
- September 26  . CPR/AED Training for Health Care Professionals in Memphis, Tenn.
- October 1-5  . Laser Light as an Adjunct in Dentistry: Soft Tissue Management and Dental Hygiene Protocol in Memphis, Tenn.
- October 3  . J. Joe Littlejohn Lectureship on Implants in Memphis, Tenn.
- October 15  . Basic Training in CBCT in Memphis, Tenn.
- November 7-8  . Periodontics for the Entire Dental Team in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

**December**
- December 6-7  . OSHA in Memphis, Tenn. (video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)
- December 6-7  . Chemical Dependency in Memphis, Tenn. (video conference to Kingsport, Tenn.)
- December 6-7  . Coronal Polishing in Nashville, Tenn.
- December 9  . Certification in Sealant Application for the Dental Assistant in Memphis, Tenn.

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William "Bill" Herbert Jolly, DDS '41
Dr. Jolly, former dean of the College of Dentistry, died on April 4, 2013. Dr. Jolly served in the U.S. Army during WWII as a part of the Dental Corps. After his military service, he operated a dental practice in Paris, Tenn., for 10 years. He then returned to the UTCOD as an associate professor in Oral Medicine and Surgery. In 1958, he became the clinical director for the UTCOD. He was named dean in 1952 and served in this position until 1961. He was named acting dean from 1969-70. Dr. Jolly is the only UTCOD alumnus to be appointed dean.

Dr. Jolly was a founding member of the Tennessee Dental Alumni Association and an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Water Valley, Miss. In March 2012, he was honored by Mason Lodge No. 108 in Paris "for more than 65 years of outstanding service to his brethren."

Herbert Butts, DDS '50
College of Dentistry graduate and former faculty member Dr. Herbert Butts died on Sept. 24, 2013. After serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Butts chose to pursue a career in dentistry and completed his pre-dental education at Memphis State University in 1947. After graduating from the UTCOD, he opened a general practice in Memphis. Early in his career, he began teaching dentistry part-time at the UTCOD and by 1958 had become a full-time faculty member. In 1960, he became a dental education advisor with the International Cooperation Administration (ICA), a branch of the U.S. State Department and was assigned to the University of El Salvador Dental School. As advisor to the dean, he guided school officials in improving their administration, curriculum, and teaching techniques. After completing his contract with ICA in 1963, he remained in El Salvador as chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry and Clinical Director of the El Salvador School of Dentistry until 1964.

Dr. Butts then returned to the United States and obtained a MS degree at the University of Iowa Graduate School in Operative Dentistry and Education. From 1967-1970, Dr. Butts served as professor and chair of the Department of Operative Dentistry at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine in Charleston until he was named acting dean in 1971. Dr. Butts was selected by the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association (ADA) to be editor of its publications in 1974. In 1978, he moved back to Memphis to become associate dean of Academic Affairs of the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry. Butts was named dean of the Southern Illinois University School of Dental Medicine in 1981. After his retirement in 1985, he returned to Memphis and worked part-time as an advisor to the dean at the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

Fleming Blackwell "Sonny" Cooley III, DDS '56
Dr. Cooley, 78, of Plantation, Fla., died Oct. 4, 2012. He was a commander in the Navy, and retired from the Naval Reserve after 20 years. Dr. Cooley was one of the first practicing dentists in the Naval Career where he practiced for 50 years. He was an avid fisherman who was well known in Chokoloskee Island, Fla.

E. Wayne Davis, DDS '58
Dr. Davis, a former director of the UT Dental Residency Program, died on June 1, 2013. He served in the U. S. Air Force for 20 years and retired as a colonel. He then worked in private dental practices located in Anchorage, Alaska and Knoxville, Tenn. for 20 years.

Dan W. Moore, DDS '72
Dr. Moore, 67, of Texarkana, Ark., died Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. He was born Jan. 31, 1946, in Texarkana, and was an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. Dr. Moore was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church.

Kirk Savage, DDS '50
Dr. Savage, 93, of Nashville, Tenn., passed away on Sept. 3, 2010, in Nashville, Tenn. An army veteran who served in World War II, he practiced dentistry for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He was a member of the American Dental Society, and his hobby was growing orchids. In addition, he enjoyed riding motorcycles and flying airplanes. He was a member of Woodmont Baptist Church.

Robert T. Smith, DDS '88
A Knoxville, Tenn., resident, Dr. Smith died on April 15, 2013. He graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1985, then earned his doctorate in dental surgery from the UTCOD in 1988. He received a Master of Science with a specialty in Orthodontics from the University of Detroit in 1991 and afterwards opened orthodontic practices in Fountain City, Tenn., and Halls, Tenn. He was a water and snow skier, a talented cook, a skilled golfer, and an avid UT sports fan.

Harry Neal Baldwin, DDS '54
Dr. Baldwin, of North Wilkesboro, N.C., died on June 22, 2013. He was an Army veteran who served in World War II and practiced dentistry for over 42 years. As a tireless volunteer, he served on the board of directors of the Wilkes County Health Department and the Wilkesboro Town Planning Board for 18 years. Because of his commitment to community health, he established the Wilkes Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. After his retirement, Dr. Baldwin served as an adjunct faculty member at the Wilkes Community College and was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Wilkesboro, N.C. and the Lions Club.
Shannon Slagle Scholarship established

Dr. Bill Slagle, dean emeritus of the College of Dentistry, has established the Shannon Slagle Endowed Scholarship in memory of his wife of 42 years.

Dr. Slagle said that his wife, who passed away in 2013, loved serving as "first lady of the college," because of her interaction with the students. She enjoyed her time representing the UT College of Dentistry during his tenure as dean, particularly when serving as a hostess for student and alumni events. Because of this, he believed that the most appropriate way to honor her memory was to establish a scholarship in her name to provide perpetual financial support for dental students.

Dr. Slagle served as dean of the UT College of Dentistry from 1981 until his retirement from full-time service in 2003. He was named dean emeritus shortly after his retirement.

If you would like to contribute, please contact Tim Lanier, director of development, at 800-733-0482 or tlanier@uthsc.edu.

What they learned:

Dilkova was impressed by the always-helpful instructors, the simulation training not available in Bulgaria, the computer systems, and the comprehensive method of treating patients in the clinic.

Ivanova applauded the low-cost treatment of patients in the dental clinics at UTHSC, and the volunteer work done by dental students in the community. "We don’t have this type of missionary work," Dilkova said.

Ivanova was struck by the opportunities open to dental students here. “Every student who has a desire to study in-depth in something or do something extra, there will always be somebody who is willing help him," she said. "That’s really something that they need to appreciate, that they have all this opportunity to learn more and to do more."

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MidSouth Dental Congress

March 7-9, 2014

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- Rose Sheats, DMD, MPH
- Jane Soxman, RN, DDS
- Catherine Warren, RDH
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- Bethany Valachi, PT, MS, CEAS
- The College of Dentistry will also showcase its stellar faculty during its third annual Breakfast and Learn session on Friday morning.

This year’s programming offers a total of 18 credit hours that may be earned by attending the maximum number of courses, mini-sessions, and the Breakfast and Learn session with UT faculty.

On Friday, Henry Schein has arranged a 21st-century, model dental office simulation, complete with all the state of the art equipment, for the College of Dentistry’s D-4 class. That evening, Henry Schein is also sponsoring the Welcome Party – a highlight of the weekend. It will be a great time for alumni, friends and staff members to unwind and enjoy live music, great food and fun fellowship.

Currently, the UT Health Science Center Office of Alumni Affairs is busy finalizing the Alumni Awards and Reunion Luncheon that will honor the 2014 Outstanding Alumni Award winner. It is also planning reunion events for the Classes of ’74, ’84, ’89, ’94, & ’04. Individual reunion dinners are planned in the city for Friday and Saturday night. Alumni are encouraged to come and 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.

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