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## REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

This past spring, the various colleges and schools across Marquette University recognized alumni who have contributed to their fields, the university and/or society in outstanding ways. This is always an inspiring process, from reviewing the School of Dentistry candidates' remarkable achievements to honoring the winners at the annual awards gala.

This year our Distinguished Alumnus is someone many of you will know, as he not only attended the School of Dentistry but also taught here for 55 years: Jerry Ziebert. Dr. Ziebert is in very good company alongside our other winners: Charles, Robert and Thomas Ritter for Outstanding Dental Service; John Bergstrom for Friend of the School of Dentistry; and our Young Alumna of the Year, Tiffany Jonasen.

Dr. Jonasen was the first graduate to complete the Delta Dental Public Health Fellowship Program, which has been offered exclusively to graduates of the School of Dentistry since 2007. More than a decade later, the program is still going strong and achieving the objectives established at its outset: providing excellent real-world training and increasing access to care for underserved populations.

Originally conceived as an opportunity for fellows to gain experience before potentially going to practice in rural or underserved areas with more limited access to specialists, the program has seen its participants pursue careers treating the underserved, specializing in pediatrics, or simply opening private practices with more experience and the confidence that comes with it.

Dr. Jonasen, who has always been attracted to serving citizens in need, has dedicated her career to doing just that, dividing her time between the Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., clinics of a federally qualified health center. Our story describes and even quantifies the ways in which the program benefits the fellows, our partner clinics and the communities they serve.

You will also find an update on research here at the school, spotlighting our Research Day award winners and our prolific public health-focused researcher Dr. Christopher Okunseri; a story on our ASDA chapter, which again took top honors in the nation this year as Ideal Chapter; and another story on a tremendous supporter of the school, alumna Sue Meinerz, who among many other efforts has played an active and critical role on our alumni board.

Enjoy these updates along with the celebratory graduation images that may remind you of your own graduation day, and the excitement of starting a whole new chapter in your profession and your life.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Dean William K. Lobb, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H.**



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# Delta Dental Fellows Build **EXPERIENCE, SKILLS and CONFIDENCE**

**“WELL PREPARED”** is how many a newly minted dentist describes feeling as they complete Marquette University School of Dentistry and look ahead to general practice. But for those who plan to work in underserved rural or urban areas lacking proximity or access to specialists, extra training can boost their confidence in addressing more complex patient cases.

That’s where the Delta Dental Public Health Fellowship Program comes in. With financial support from Delta Dental of Wisconsin, the program was piloted in 2007 and has provided unique opportunities to Marquette Dental School graduates ever since.

“Upon completion of the program, we want our fellows to be confident enough in their skills to potentially become the only dentist in a given area because they can’t always refer to specialists when the nearest one could be many miles away,” says Dean William Lobb, who found himself in that very situation early in his career, practicing dentistry in the Arctic Region of his native Canada.

An intensive year treating a broad spectrum of underserved patients with a wide range of oral health needs, he reasoned, would also help fellows better understand the oral disease burden in underserved communities and allow them to contribute to easing it.

## **FELLOWSHIP PARTNERS**

The fellows build their skills practicing at one of two sites: the health education center at Chippewa Valley Technical College (CVTC) in Eau Claire, Wis., or the Tri-County Dental Clinic at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, Wis.

These community-based clinics provide care for underserved and underinsured patients from a large geographical area that includes rural communities. Both are partners in MUSoD’s outreach program, welcoming a rotating cast of D3 and D4 students to experience a community-based healthcare setting and to work alongside dental assistant and hygiene students.

CVTC was the fellowship’s pilot site and has since hosted 14 fellows. Tri-County Dental has hosted four fellows since 2014.

The arrangement is a win-win, says Lobb, who conceived the fellowship program and spearheaded its development with the assistance of Dr. Sheila Stover, former director of Rural Outreach Programs. “The students get the opportunity for training and development, and the sites are able to extend the service reach of their clinics, with more resources to serve patients.” Delta Dental, he adds, also reaps a return on their investment in community health, as the fellows provide care during the year with a market value that exceeds their Delta-funded stipends. “They’ve been very generous to the Dental School,” Lobb says of Delta Dental. “We couldn’t do this without their funding, and they understand how valuable (the fellows) are to the sites in extending the clinical services available.”

## **COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

CVTC’s Pam Entorf, director, dental hygienist and dental assistant programs, worked with MUSoD to add student rotations to her clinic in 2003 “because we had so many patients who had no access to dental care,” she says. “We could provide the hygiene services, but there were no (dentists’) offices to refer patients to.”

When Lobb approached her about hosting a year-long fellow to work full-time at the clinic, Entorf says, “I was all for it, as

it would increase access to care, benefit the community by establishing the feeder program for dentists joining practices in the northwest part of the state, and increase revenue to help offset costs. The revenue that the fellows provide while funded by Dental Dental enables us, as a low-income clinic, to expand services with less of a financial burden.”

Entorf reports that 2018 fellows Kaitlin Dougherty and Kelsey Maruska, both D '17, treated more than 4,800 patients, completing more than 12,565 procedures in their combined 23 months (Maruska took a one-month maternity leave). This translates to about \$392,000 worth of services at the low-income clinic's set fee schedule, which is based on Medicaid's maximum allowable reimbursement rates that top out at 35 percent of market rates.

The clinic at Tri-County Dental, which relies on volunteer dentists and specialists to provide care onsite and from a mobile clinic funded by foundation grants and corporate partners, offers a free dental home to children in the free and reduced-fee lunch program, whether or not they are insured traditionally or through Medicaid, says Jeff Buchta, executive director.

Buchta says 2017-18 fellow R.J. Villa, D '17, completed about 8,400 procedures during his year with Tri-County, worth more than \$1 million in market-rate dental services.

The previous fellow, McCarie Theil, D '16, completed 7,634 procedures worth \$835,571. “This is a bit lower because we try to design their involvement in the clinic around what they like and are planning to do once they leave us,” Buchta says. “McCarie wanted to do pediatrics so we gave her a lot of children to work with, and sometimes their appointments take longer.” Theil went on to a residency in pediatric dentistry at Ohio State University.

#### VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

The fellowship program is not an accredited program and is offered only to MUSoD graduates. Fellows are able to express a preference for CVTC or Tri-County and, once placed, they enjoy flexibility in regard to the types of procedures and care they provide.

Terry Miskulin, D '08, who completed the fellowship at CVTC in 2009, has stayed in the Eau Claire area to practice. He teaches first-year hygiene students and serves as a clinic preceptor when needed.

Miskulin chose to complete the fellowship as a way to gain experience and “put everything together that I had learned in dental school,” he says. “They did such a good job of simulating an actual practice setting. You still have a system and a daily schedule, hygienists and assistants. The fellows work with different specialists, which helps you hone your skills and increase your comfort level. And you get a really good sense of how it's going to be in private practice.”

Entorf emphasizes that working alongside assistants helps fellows learn to do procedures more efficiently, exposes them to a team approach to patient care and instills an appreciation of the value assistants and hygienists bring to a practice.

Another advantage Miskulin cites is the relationships he was able to build within the local dental community. The specialists who guided him as a fellow are there to answer questions he may have around challenging patient cases in his current practice (which also includes Courtney Reich, D '09, who completed the CVTC fellowship in 2010). As a fellow, Miskulin was also invited to continuing education study club meetings to learn from various specialists.

The fellowship program's pilot fellow, Tiffany Jonasen, D '07, was MUSoD's Young Alumna Award winner for 2018 (see page 8).

Jonasen completed her year at CVTC in 2008. Her rotations in dental school helped cement her commitment to community health; she thought the fellowship would be a good stepping stone to that career and was not disappointed. “I had a great experience with the dentist, oral surgeons and specialists I worked with,” she says. “I got a lot of support and became much more experienced.”

After her fellowship, the Minnesota native went to work for Lake Superior Community Health Center, a federally qualified health center with clinics in Duluth, Minn., and Superior, Wis., that provide care for some of the community's most vulnerable citizens.

Jonasen ultimately became the health center's dental director, serving for two years before stepping down to return to caring for patients full time.

“I feel comfortable doing most procedures,” she says. “The root canals, the tough extractions — those are usually referred to me.”

#### TRI-COUNTY DENTAL

2017–18 Fellow R.J. Villa, D '17, performed approximately

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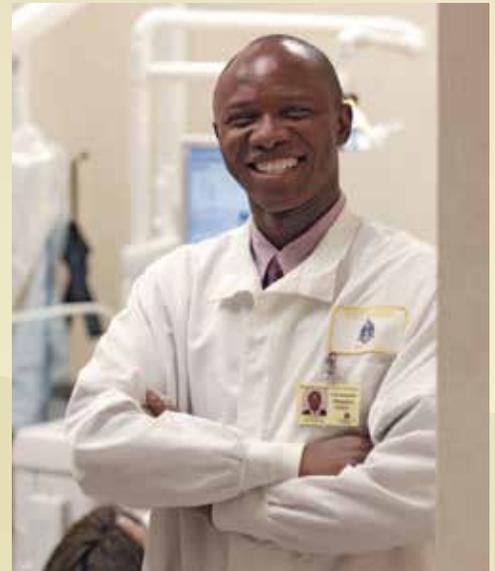
Researcher Spotlight: **Christopher Okunseri**

# Reducing no-shows, improving immigrant oral health

Appointment no-shows are an all-too-common occurrence in dental offices. Rather than blaming patients for failing to show up, Dr. Christopher Okunseri believes dental clinics can take the lead to reduce no-shows with an organizational change model.

In partnership with researchers from the Center for Health Enhancement Systems Studies College of Engineering at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Okunseri is working on a National Institutes of Health-funded project to test the effectiveness of an organizational change model that has been shown to reduce missed appointments in medical settings.

Okunseri, professor and predoctoral program director for Dental Public Health, met his key UW-Madison colleague at an expert panel meeting of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, where both were invited to talk



# Research Day

February 2018's annual Research Day at the Marquette University School of Dentistry offered more than 40 poster sessions and presentations from students, residents and faculty. **Congratulations to our award winners!**

## PREDOCTORAL RESEARCH

### First place: Zach Nicholson\*

Comparison Study of Osteoblast Cells Adhesion on the 3D-Printed Scaffolds (poster session)

### Second place: Seth Butcher\*\*

Immunohistochemical Analysis of VEGF Expression in Condylar Hyperplasia (poster session)

### Third place: Aatif Nowman

Effect of Lithium and Strontium Substitutions into 58-S-Bioactive Glass in Regenerative Dentistry (poster session)

\*Winner, AADR Student Research Day Award

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## PREDOCTORAL CLINICAL

### First place: Austin Dodge\*

Root Coverage Outcomes in Partially Exposed Connective Tissue Grafts: A Meta-Analysis

### Second place: Laura Hibbard

Digital Planning and Fully Guided Surgery for Three Adjacent Implants

### Third place: Joseph Burns

Immediate Anterior Implant Placement with Digital Fabrication of a Custom Healing Abutment

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about implementation research. Intrigued by the potential impact of evidence-based organizational change models in the dental setting, the two teamed up and secured a one-year grant.

Since October, the researchers have been piloting an evidence-based organizational change model called NIATx, which employs principles of systems engineering and has been proven effective in more than 3,300 organizations but remains untested in dentistry. Currently, they are working with five Wisconsin-area clinics to build appropriate and effective tools into their systems – practices such as calling and texting patients more frequently and closer to appointment times, creating shorter and more convenient appointments, using motivational interviewing to help patients prioritize oral health, and many more.

Okunseri points out that the no-show problem is an issue of access to care. While he does experience no-show appointments as a practitioner in the Dental School's faculty practice, he says, "My interest is not only personal ... this project appeals to my community-based focus of making sure access to dental care is available to the people who need it."

Okunseri's other NIH-funded project is equally unique and just as near and dear to his heart, as it explores how the oral health characteristics of immigrant children contribute to oral health disparities.

The Nigerian-born Okunseri knows firsthand how different his background is from that of African Americans whose forefathers were brought to the United States as slaves, yet he and others like him are lumped into the same broad racial category when it comes to oral health statistics. People of Asian and Latino ethnicities also fall into broad categories that do not account for immigrant status, country of origin or other differences of culture and influence.

"My curiosity is, maybe it's important to disentangle these broader groups," Okunseri says. "If I understand some of the simple differences between African Americans and (immigrant) Africans, and I'm trying to find a solution for inadequate access to care for Africans, I would expect it to be different from the way I find interventions for African Americans. The goal here is, how do we best provide the most appropriate intervention for the groups or populations that we see or that we serve? This research is geared toward providing some of those answers."

His partners on the two-year grant include the Medical College of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee School of Public Health.

## RESIDENT RESEARCH

### First place: Maksim Montatskiy

Injectable Gels with Potential Use in Endodontics

### Second place:

#### Mohamed M. Abubaker Elshewy

Time-Dependent Color Change of Adhesive Resin Cement Bonded to Ceramic by Different Curing Methods

### Third place: James A. Kolstad

Orthodontic Bond Strength Comparison Between Two Filled Resin Sealants

## RESIDENT CLINICAL

### First place: Jon Irelan

Retrospective Analysis of Medical and Dental Histories, and MRONJ-Related Events

### Second place: Adel Al Maaz

Fully Guided Implant Treatment Modality for a Terminal Dentition Patient: A Case Report

### Third place: Abby Yavorek

Molar-Incisor Malformation: An Exceptional Variant of a New Dental Anomaly

## POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHER/ VISITING SCHOLAR RESEARCH

### First place: Kimia Khoshroo

3D-Printed Poly Lactic-Co-Glycolic Acid/ Mineral Trioxide Aggregate Composite Scaffold for Craniofacial Bone Regeneration (poster session)

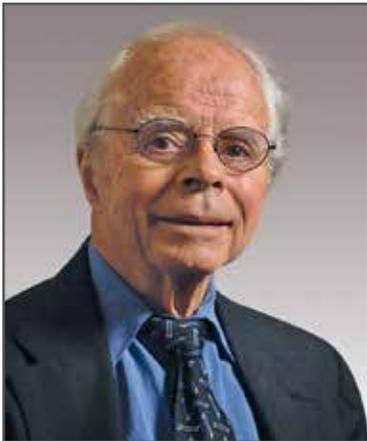
## FACULTY

### First place: Dr. Bhoomika Ahuja\*

Obstructive Sleep Apnea and Diabetes: Risk Factors Associated with Co-Prevalence

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**Congratulations to the 50 remarkable award recipients honored at Alumni National Awards Weekend, especially these outstanding individuals from the School of Dentistry. Their achievements exemplify the Marquette pillars of excellence, faith, leadership and service.**



## **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS IN DENTISTRY AWARD**

**Dr. Gerald J. Ziebert, D '56, Grad '71**

**For 55 years,** Jerry worked to ensure that graduates of Wisconsin's only dental school were rigorously trained to the profession's highest standards, teaching them how to provide the same top-quality care and service that he always worked to provide for his own patients.

Jerry, a prosthodontist and former director of the School of Dentistry's Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics, admits having a reputation among students as "hard-nosed." Still, his colleagues point out that a steady stream of returning alumni would regularly seek him out to thank him for the useful skills he imparted.

"I've never had a day where I did not look forward to coming to the Dental School," says the dedicated educator, who stepped down as graduate prosthodontics director shortly before he turned 80 and then continued to work at the school part-time. "Being in the academic environment is very stimulating.

My career as a dentist and educator has provided me with so much satisfaction."

While teaching, Jerry also maintained a private practice in prosthodontics and was involved in numerous local and national dental organizations. He was president of both the Greater Milwaukee Dental Association and the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, which awarded him the inaugural award for outstanding graduate program directorship. He also served on the Commission of Dental Accreditation for the American Dental Association and received a professional achievement award in 2004 from the Wisconsin Dental Association.

Jerry has lived the Marquette mission of excellence, faith, leadership and service in his professional approach, his daily attendance of Mass on campus, his work as an academic chair and his welcoming nature toward his students from other countries. "I tried to make them feel more at home by inviting them to my home for dinner, picnics and Christmas celebrations," he says.

# OUTSTANDING DENTAL SERVICE AWARD



**Dr. Charles J. Ritter**

Arts '49, D '52



**Dr. Robert P. Ritter**

D '79



**Dr. Thomas J. Ritter**

D '82

**Growing up,** Charles and Nancy Ritter's eight sons, including Robert and Thomas, thought it was perfectly normal to have parents who made regular trips to Haiti, using their medical skills to serve the poor. "We were raised," says Thomas, "to assume that using one's natural talents serving others was the way life worked."

All of the Ritter boys traveled cross-country with their parents and witnessed their consistent examples of service, which goes back generations in their family. Charles, a Milwaukee dentist, and Nancy, a nurse, volunteered on behalf of underserved populations both abroad and in their hometown.

Charles first visited Haiti during the regime of the dictator Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier and was deeply affected by the abject poverty he witnessed. He and Nancy returned to Haiti multiple times to provide care to underserved citizens.

Charles began by doing basic dental restorations in a Port-au-Prince hospital and eventually began treating patients living in remote mountain areas without access to health care. To reach patients, Charles would ride as far up a mountain as possible with a driver, then switch to riding horseback.

Robert first traveled to Honduras in 1993 on a vacation and in support of a Notre Dame Sisters' orphanage;

while there, he was introduced to MEDICO, a humanitarian organization providing health care in Central America. He and his wife, Gayle, have been working through MEDICO for more than 25 years, recently focusing on a vast remote jungle region of Honduras called La Mosquitia. In this largely forgotten part of the world, their medical and dental brigades have made a measurable impact on the area to provide restorative care, preventive and emergency treatment and basic health education.

Thomas has volunteered in Honduras, in Bosnia and in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, and for the past decade he has dedicated his service to the people of Haiti. He cares for patients and also has mentored and supported the staff and students at Haiti's only dental school. He was one of the first responders during the Haitian earthquake.

Charles has retired and turned his Milwaukee practice over to Robert, while Thomas has a private dental practice in Towson, Md.

The Ritters have lived the Marquette mission with a sustained devotion to selfless voluntary service on behalf of others. "The Jesuits made it clear," says Tom, "that success was to be measured by who and what you served, and not by what you have."

## CALL TO NOMINATE

Do you know someone you would like to nominate for an alumni award? Nomination forms and more information can be found at [www.marquette.edu](http://www.marquette.edu).



## YOUNG ALUMNA OF THE YEAR AWARD

Dr. Tiffany L. Jonasen, D '07

**With a passion for helping** those who have struggled with access to dental care, Tiffany became the dental director of

Lake Superior Community Health Center in Duluth, Minn., at a relatively young age.

But she missed being in the clinic. "I stepped down as director to be able to devote more time to seeing patients," she says. "I absolutely love the change."

The Minnesota native returned to her home state in 2009 to join Lake Superior after graduating from the School of Dentistry and then completing the one-year Delta Dental Public Health Fellowship Program.

"I love being able to provide a comfortable environment for those who have dental anxiety," she says. "I like to give people their smiles back and rid them of pain."

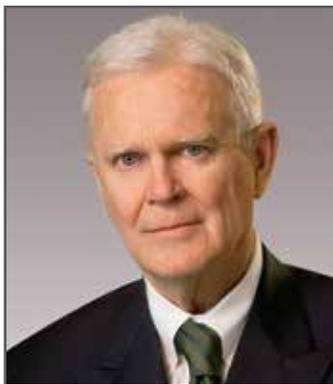
At Marquette, Tiffany found instructors passionate about their work and students who offered a

supportive community. Her mentor was Adjunct Professor Peter Schelkun, Arts '50, D '56.

"He was firm, but kind," Tiffany says, adding that when mentoring dental students in her own clinic, "I think about my experience with Dr. Schelkun and how I can be effective with teaching."

Tiffany says her plans are to continue working in community health for the foreseeable future and to expand key services at Lake Superior, including those for long-term care. Always thinking about how to make things easier and more comfortable for her patients, she is working in partnership with area nursing homes to arrange delivery of on-site dental care. She would also like to create a fellowship program similar to the one she completed, to bring dental graduates to Lake Superior's two clinic locations.

While the Young Alumna of the Year Award was a complete surprise to Tiffany, she is honored that "someone thinks that I am doing something right in my profession."



## FRIEND OF THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY AWARD

John F. Bergstrom, Bus Ad '67

**In the late 1990s**, when John served on the Marquette University Board of Trustees, the School of Dentistry proposed a bold initiative to build a state-of-the-art

building and reinvent its curriculum. John embraced the vision of a world-class program, and his leadership and support have contributed significantly to the school being at the forefront of dental education today.

Several years before he began working on fundraising for the new building, John's advocacy helped MUSoD survive amid threats of closure. He collaborated to secure a state funding contract and supported operational changes to make the school a profit center, laying the groundwork for the new building's campaign and its 2012 expansion. John was instrumental in selling the vision to the Marquette University Board of Trustees and administration, fundraising and generally keeping the process moving forward with a small group of key

players simply called the "Get It All Done" committee.

The chairman and CEO of Bergstrom Corp. in Neenah, Wis., and champion of Wisconsin economic growth says the work he has done for the School of Dentistry "has been incredibly rewarding because this amazing institution is educating the doctors who will provide state-of-the-art dental care for the six million people of Wisconsin."

John's professional success, ethical business leadership and contributions to his community have earned him numerous awards and accolades, as has his commitment to Marquette. He received the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award from the College of Business Administration in 1988, as well as the All-University Alumnus of the Year Award in 2003.

For John, "Success is about making a difference and caring about people who are made better as a result of your presence, and having that last into your absence. Marquette enhanced the incredible importance of giving back as part of my life plan."

# School Champion:

## Sue Meinerz Helps Keep Alumni Connected



**A**s a longtime member of the Marquette Dental School Alumni Association board and its immediate past president, Sue Meinerz, Arts '79, D '85, likes to tap into the good memories of her fellow alumni—even those who might recall receiving strong doses of tough love as dental students.

"The older I've gotten, the more I have valued the education I received from the Dental School, because I do think it was superior," says Meinerz, who recently retired from practicing dentistry in Elm Grove, Wis. "And I value the friendships that I made then and cherish now."

When she joined the alumni board in 2010, Meinerz knew she could find classmates who felt the same way. She was also excited to talk with alumni about supporting the school's culture of camaraderie, which her son Max, D '13, was enjoying as a student.

It proved a smart strategy from the start: One of her first initiatives was to rally her female classmates and women from

the classes immediately above and below to contribute to an endowed scholarship honoring Sr. Gloria List, D '64, for her years of teaching at the Dental School.

"I wanted to highlight someone who was special to me personally," Meinerz says. "Sr. List respected every student

**"I think the firm moral grounding is what makes a Marquette dentist stand out."**

and, in particular, she encouraged the women. She took us under her wing and was so special to us."

Meinerz says the Alumni Association also works to build relationships with current students and help them create fond memories that last well after graduation. Spending time with students is one of Meinerz's favorite aspects of being on the board.

"We do a reception before one of the MU men's basketball games, and we do a really fun tour of Lakefront Brewery with the D1s," she says. "It's a wonderful opportunity to meet these fresh faces."

Meinerz grew up in the near-south suburbs of Chicago and was one of nine children. She followed her two older sisters (Marcia Meyer Horan, Art '75, and Nan Meyer Annes, Bus Ad '78) to Marquette, where she met her husband, Scott Meinerz, Bus Ad '79.

The couple had their first of five children shortly after Meinerz graduated from dental school. She found a job she loved, running the office of Milwaukee-area dentist Henry Shore, D '56, while he was out recovering from surgery.

"At that office, I learned everything a person should learn about how to treat a patient and how to treat people in general," Meinerz says.

After nearly a year, she went to work in a different dental practice, first filling in while her MUSoD friend, Joan Sheedy Casey, D '84, went on maternity leave, and then officially joining the practice.

It wasn't long before Meinerz and Casey left to establish a practice together. The friends supported one another in balancing work and family until Casey, tragically, was diagnosed with breast cancer, which she battled for the next four years.

Several months before she passed away, Casey sold her practice to Milwaukee-area dentist David Paris, with whom Meinerz practiced for 25 years.

Today, son Max — one of three Meinerz children with Marquette degrees — has taken over his mother's practice and rechristened it Honest Teeth Dentistry. Max is married to Susan Angel Meinerz, Arts '09, D '13, a pediatric dentist based in Waukesha, Wis., who works alongside her mother-in-law on the MUSoD Alumni Board.

"Besides being trained clinically very well, I think the moral component is what makes a Marquette Dental School graduate stand out," Meinerz says. "I always felt that I got that, and in overhearing conversations that my son had with his classmates and colleagues, I heard them say things like, 'Well, Dr. so-and-so said to just do good work and the money will follow.' That, to me, describes the Marquette dental education. Patient comes first; ethics are at the top. Making a living, of course, is very important, but doing the right thing for the patient is of primary importance."

# Students Lead Marquette ASDA Chapter to Win Another Gold Crown

**Despite ever-stronger competition**, the Marquette chapter of the American Student Dental Association continues to stand out. Not only did the chapter take top honors at the ASDA Annual Session this past February in Anaheim, Calif., but three Marquette ASDA leaders were elected or appointed to serve in key national leadership roles for 2018-2019.

Tyler Robers, a D4 student and immediate past president of Marquette ASDA, was chosen as the board trustee for ASDA District 7, which encompasses seven dental schools. His classmate Ryan Twaddle was elected Speaker of the House, encompassing two delegates from each of 66 schools. The speaker sits on the board as a non-voting member. Stephanie Zbin, also a D4, will chair the ASDA Council on Communications, a six-student group that works to facilitate strong communications between ASDA leaders and the 24,000 student members they represent.

As for the Marquette chapter's National Ideal Chapter Gold Crown Award, which the chapter also won in 2014, Robers chalks it up to goal setting and focus.

"We've had a strong legacy, but things are changing and chapters keep getting better and stronger," he says. "We took a look at everything we were doing, all our strengths and weaknesses and what it would take to make our chapter the best it could be. We started with that goal in mind and said if that gets us to Ideal ASDA again, great."

A significant focus for 2017-2018 was leadership development, which included an executive board and committee head retreat to Madison, leadership workshops that drew more students to

monthly meetings and the creation of a smartphone app to help committee leaders improve their own groups. The app also tracks participation in ASDA events and enables students to earn perks via a point system.

Robers says the executive committee made a point of inviting incoming D1 students to the leadership retreat



Members of the Marquette ASDA chapter at the 2018 Annual Session in Anaheim, Calif.

as well, "to get them excited about ASDA and to spread the excitement to their class when they come in."

At Marquette, all dental students in the four-year program are automatically ASDA members. Not all schools follow that model, but according to Twaddle, ASDA represents 94 percent of U.S. dental students.

"They always say, 'If you aren't at the table, you're on the menu,'" says Twaddle, whose passion for ASDA's legislative initiatives inspired him to serve as legislative associate for the

“In addition to the networking opportunities, ASDA has given me the chance to start friendships with awesome students I would never have come across elsewhere.”

—Stephanie Zbin

Marquette chapter and as ASDA District 7 chief of staff as a D3. “Organized dentistry at the state and national level ensures our profession is protected from harmful regulations. The leaders have our patients’ and our best interests in mind. Plus, if you disagree with what’s happening, it is an even better reason to get involved.”

Zbin enjoys the connections ASDA forms among students nationwide. “In addition to the networking opportunities, ASDA has given me the chance to start friendships with awesome students I would never have come across elsewhere,” she says. Her council will leverage communication and connection to keep the organization cohesive.

Legislatively, a key focus for ASDA is advocating for licensure reform. Robers says ASDA’s position is that a live, patient-based exam is unethical, as the patient may receive substandard care if a student performs procedures incorrectly. ASDA is supporting the American Dental Association’s planned rollout of a new program called the DL OSCE, which Robers says is “more of a diagnosis and treatment planning-based exam, in a written and visual format. To test hand skills, it would be done on a mannequin instead of a live patient.”

Another issue is student debt, which Robers says can hold students back from practicing in the way they prefer and from serving underinsured patients. “We’re advocating for loan-repayment plans and being able to refinance more easily,” he explains.

Robers says his work with ASDA “will absolutely help me with leading a dental team. I think leadership is something every dental student should get more experience with ... As the leader of your dental team, you have to communicate with everyone and set a goal to work toward, and that’s exactly what we did this year.”

Twaddle agrees, and also has designs on another potential leadership role after serving as a dentist in the U.S. Navy. “I imagine one day owning a practice in Madison or Washington, D.C.,” he says. “Maybe even returning to MUSoD and becoming the dean.”



Left to right, Stephanie Zbin, Tyler Robers and Ryan Twaddle



Marquette ASDA members celebrate winning the Ideal Chapter award at the 2018 Anaheim Annual Session in Anaheim.

# CLASS OF 2018 HOODING AND GRADUATION



**67%**

OF THE 2018 GRADUATES  
WHO ARE

**WISCONSIN RESIDENTS  
REMAINING IN THE STATE**

**28%**

OUT OF STATE

STUDENTS  
**STAYING IN WISCONSIN**

**9**

STUDENTS  
**ENTERING  
POST-GRADUATE  
PROGRAMS**

**4**

STUDENTS  
**ENTERING  
THE MILITARY**

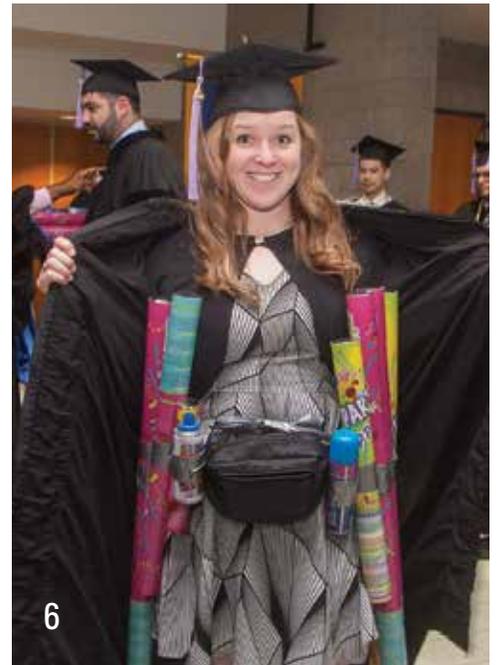
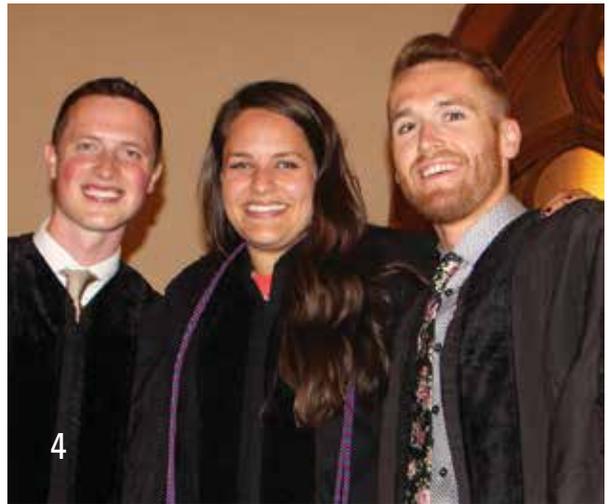
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STUDENTS  
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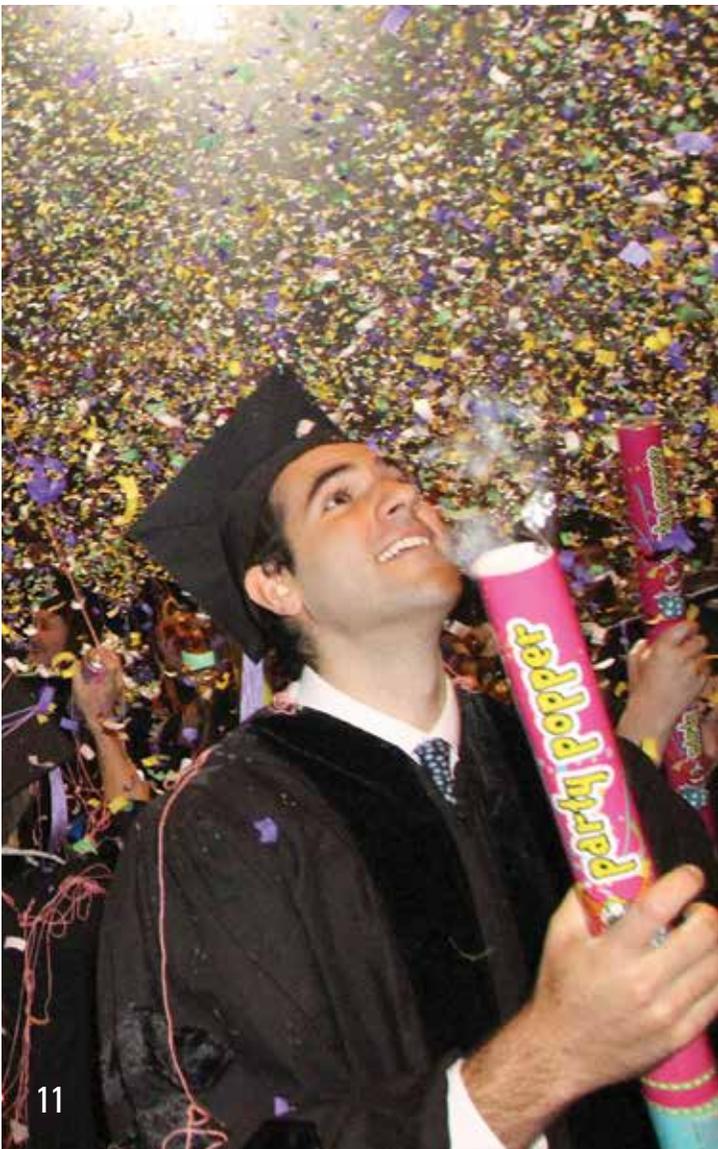


**1. First Row:** Miranda Johnson, April Nemeth, Mariela Gaughan, Julie Vandehey, Afreena Khan, Alyse Mikolas and Puja Bhagwakar  
**Second Row:** Cecilia Margraff, Katherine Schuler, Naimi Shah, Jacoby Hernick, Gauri Syal, Erin Heffez, Colleen Shandley and Justin Peters

**2.** Elizabeth Yahiro, Reema Patel, Allison Wisniewski, Andra Trapp, Nikki Kujawa and Martina Sieker



**3.** Eric Talus, Benjamin Strobel, Charles Wenzel, Kyle Zimmerman and Igor Sulim **4.** Alexander Flora, Mariela Gaughan and Justin Peters  
**5.** Cecilia Margraff, Taylor Jerominski and Colleen Shandley **6.** Ellen Krueger **7.** Laura Hibbard, Samantha Ringwolski, Samantha Johnson, Youngchi Chang, Natalie Stafford and Afreena Khan **8.** Desiree Hardy and Christophe Alexander



9. Taylor Jerominski and Amanda Lathe 10. Tapa Patel and Carl Rex 11. Eyad Bittar 12. Wesley Chiasson, Habib Rahemtulla and Marwan Ibrahim 13. Thomas Peirick, Charles Wenzel and Pete Hebl



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**14.** Military promotion ceremony:  
Brian Hodgson, Arts '83, D '87,  
Jonathan Criter, Emma Roy,  
Austin Peterson, Matthew Bean

**15.** Emma Sowiejka, Lydia Larson,  
Andrea Gunderson, Sara Mogensen,  
Natalie Bailey, Nicolette Klucas  
and Ellen Krueger

**16.** Wiley Yao, Payton Canchola,  
Paul Francisco, Christophe Alexander,  
Ronnie Ata and Erik Gilling

**17.** Jacoby Hernick, April Nemeth,  
Miranda Johnson, Allie Parthie and  
Sydney McPhillips

# Support from Alumni Helps the Dental School Grow and Thrive

## 6 WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1

### Patient Care Fund

The Marquette University School of Dentistry is one of the state's largest Medicaid providers of dental services and works with financially disabled and indigent patients to provide them with discounted care and services. The Patient Care Fund provides:

- ▶ Advanced care for developmentally disabled patients — The availability of facilities and providers of care for developmentally disabled patients in Wisconsin is severely limited. With support from the Patient Care Fund, we are committed to expanding our facilities, staff, programming and curriculum in order to treat these patients.
- ▶ Underserved and indigent patient funding — We are currently providing more than a quarter of a million dollars in discounted care, and in some emergency cases free care, to the most needy individuals in our community. The Patient Care Fund allows us to deliver these services to an increasing number of people in need.

### MUSoD Excellence Fund

The quality of education we provide our students is directly related to the quality of the individuals we have instructing them. Having funds available to send our faculty to important training meetings, continuing education, webinars, ADA/ADEA meetings, etc., is essential to keeping our educators as current and well informed as their colleagues throughout dental education.

2

### Scholarship Funds

Dental school has always been expensive, but gone are the days when a summer or part-time job could help make up the difference. Few students can afford the full cost of a dental education. The average debt of a Marquette dental student upon graduation is more than \$250,000, and the prospect of taking on this burden may send qualified students to look elsewhere for their professional dental education. Here's how you can help:

- ▶ Establish or contribute to an endowed scholarship fund, which is a permanent investment in Marquette School of Dentistry's students and its future. With a gift of \$50,000 or more, you can establish a named, endowed scholarship fund; a \$100,000 commitment will allow you to select additional criteria for the award. The funds live on in perpetuity with the interest funding the annual spendable and the balance added to the principal.
- ▶ Make an immediate impact gift. Immediate impact scholarships are gifts from donors used to address the immediate needs of current and incoming students and are spent in the fiscal year they are received. Donors can give any amount to support immediate impact scholarships, but a minimum commitment of \$25,000 over no more than five years is required to create a named fund.

4

### Equipment Replacement and Technology Upgrades

To ensure that our students are educated using the most advanced methods and technology, we must routinely evaluate, upgrade and replace outdated equipment and curriculum. Our facility, now over 16 years old, helped launch us into a new era of excellence in dental education. The Dean is committed to keeping us on top. Contributions to support equipment replacement and technology upgrades are critical to our long-term success.

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### Gifts in Honor of Your Class

If you graduated in a year ending in a 3 or 8 (such as 1963 or 1988), this year marks your MUSoD class reunion. The reunion will take place on September 22. A great way to contribute to the Dental School is through a cash gift or pledge from your estate in honor of your class.

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### Estate Planning

Have you included the Marquette University School of Dentistry in your estate plan? The gifts we receive each year from individual estates really help to make our work possible. And you can guarantee your gift is used for exactly what you intend.

For more information, contact:

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# Mission of Mercy



Habib Rahemtula, D '18, and Soleid Singh, D2



Kimberly Crowley, D3, at right, assisting her father, Dr. Robert Crowley.

More than 230 MUSoD students as well as many faculty and alumni were among 1,400 volunteers that provided charitable dental care valued at more than \$1 million to people at the ninth Wisconsin Dental Association and WDA Foundation Mission of Mercy event in June at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. The volunteers provided care to people ages 1 to 90 during 2,087 patient visits — performing 8,332 dental procedures — during the two-day event.

## THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE!

With nearly 150 years of combined service to the MUSoD, we offer the following faculty and staff members a fond farewell and best wishes on their retirement.

**Susan Suchecki**  
*40 years of service*  
 Participating Faculty

**Mary Semanko**  
*33 years of service*  
 Staff

**Maria Rivera**  
*22 years of service*  
 Staff

**Dr. Clem Stoeckl**  
*20 years of service*  
 Part-Time Faculty

**Dr. Michael Cahlamer**  
*19 years of service*  
 Part-Time Faculty

**Dr. Don Hoff**  
*10 years of service*  
 Full-Time Faculty

## INDUCTEES INTO OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON (OKU)



From left: Laura Hibbard, Amanda Lathe, Sidney Ebert, Matthew Bures, Martina Sieker, faculty inductee Dr. Charles Kosowski, D '04, Cert '05, honorary inductee Dr. Evelyn Donate Bartfield, Carl Rex, Joseph Burns, Matthew Bean, Adam Sorenson, Jeffrey Garcia and Eric Talus.

## CHICAGO MIDWINTER RECEPTION

Once again, a large crowd of alumni, students, faculty and friends gathered at the MUSoD reception during the Chicago Midwinter meeting in February. **Thanks to our sponsors for their support.**

### GOLD SPONSORS



### SILVER SPONSORS



- 1 Natalie Thillet, D3, Ariel Mitchell, D3, and Xavier Goode, D1
- 2 Dan Gerdes, D '16, and Brandon Meckelberg, D '17
- 3 D4 students Colleen Shandley, Cathleen Nick, Cecilia Margraff and Alison Agnes
- 4 Dr. Frank Karkazis, Brian Trecek, Sp '83, and D1 students Emelia Karkazis and Alexander Karkazis
- 5 Jeff Moos, Arts '79, D '83, Jerry Jelacic, D '83, and Mike Donohoo, D '80



**REMEMBERING OUR OWN**

*The Marquette University community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who passed away between January and June 2018. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**1947**

**Lowell A. Olson**  
Lake Forest Park, Washington

**1948**

**Fred H. Bleier**  
Mesa, Arizona

**1950**

**Robert G. Heimerl**  
Evansville, Wisconsin

**1951**

**Charles H. Bardenwerper**  
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

**Irving V. Behm**  
Hampton, Virginia

**Clifford J. Radtke**  
Sherwood, Wisconsin

**1952**

**John H. De Munck**  
Shorewood, Wisconsin

**1953**

**John S. Martell**  
Gilbert, Arizona

**Adrian P. Popelka**

Sun City West, Arizona

**1954**

**William J. Frome**  
Houston, Texas

**1955**

**Earl A. Marsan**  
Englewood, New Jersey

**Theodore J. Nord**  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

**1956**

**Franz M. Suhadolnik**  
Boise, Idaho

**1957**

**Luis G. Camacho**  
Hagatna, Guam

**John M. McNaughton**  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**1960**

**Donald E. Foley**  
Hartland, Wisconsin

**1963**

**Rodney C. Dukart**  
Glen Allen, Virginia

**1965**

**Paul T. Zhulkie**  
Marquette, Michigan

**1966**

**John M. Hecher**  
Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

**Gary R. Schwensow**  
Plymouth, Wisconsin

**1967**

**Ilsa D. Kelley**  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

**Charles W. Walk**  
Waterford, Wisconsin

**1968**

**Bruce Pendleton**  
Reno, Nevada

**1972**

**Terry J. Watermolen**  
Green Bay, Wisconsin

**1977**

**Paul L. Zelazek**  
Westminster, Colorado

**1981**

**Paul R. Smaglick**  
Brookfield, Wisconsin

**2005**

**Matthew J. Burt**  
Glenwood Springs, Colorado

SEPTEMBER

- September 7 **Continuing Education**  
Oral Medicine and Pathology from Diapers to Depends  
*Dr. Denis Lynch*
  
- September 12 **Continuing Education**  
Oh My Aching ----! Postural and Ergonomics Considerations  
for the Dental Professional  
*Dr. Jeffrey Wilkens and Dr. Andrew Starsky*
  
- September 21 **Continuing Education**  
Update on Oral Health Products — How to Make  
Informed Choices  
*Karen Baker*
  
- September 21 **Dean’s Circle Reception**
  
- September 22 **Dental Reunions**  
All classes ending in 3 or 8 are invited back for their class re-  
union. If you have not received information on your reunion,  
please contact us at the number below

OCTOBER

- October 4 **Continuing Education**  
Pain Control in Dentistry in the Age of Prescription Opiate  
Abuse (co-sponsored with the GMDA)  
*Dr. Joseph Best*
  
- October 19 **Alumni Reception**  
ADA Meeting  
Hilton Hawaiian Village, 5 – 7 p.m.
  
- October 26 **Continuing Education**  
Clinical Dental Update  
*Dr. Ken Waliszewski, Course Director*

NOVEMBER

- November 7 **Continuing Education**  
To Load Or Not To Load, Is That A Question?  
Let’s Talk About Immediate Loading  
*Dr. Chun-Yeh Chein*
  
- November 15 **Continuing Education**  
Everything You Need to Know About TMD  
*Dr. Yasser Khaled*
  
- November 30 **Continuing Education**  
OSHA  
*Dr. Katherine Schrubbe*

CONTINUING EDUCATION AND ALUMNI RELATIONS  
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