DENTAL IMAGES

BUILDING THE FUTURE
Renovations enhance clinic space and tech tools

For Alumni and Friends of Marquette University School of Dentistry
MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Building on Our Strengths

I know it’s hard to believe, but our “new” dental building is ready for an upgrade. When we completed construction of this building in 2002, we never could have imagined the kinds of technology our students would need to use to be fully prepared for a career in dentistry. As computer-based systems and digital technologies have become pervasive in all aspects of our lives, the practice of dentistry is not immune.

This summer, we began renovations on two of our pre-doctoral clinics, adding critical resources to each area to accommodate some of these advancements in technology and equipment. We expanded these spaces for a more welcoming feel to patients and providers alike—and everyone loves the natural light coming in through the windows. We’re also adding a new digital innovation center in the building to ensure our students, faculty and patients have access to the latest digital workflows in dentistry.

The School of Dentistry has been an important provider of oral health care to patients and has provided an excellent clinically based dental education to dental students for more than 100 years. These upgrades reinforce our commitment to providing the best comprehensive oral health care in a patient-centered environment. With these upgrades, we’ll continue to provide our students an integrated, patient-based dental education that focuses on clinical excellence reflecting the latest knowledge, research and practices in dentistry. You can read all about these wonderful upgrades in our feature story.

You can also learn about how one of our current students is pursuing a career in pediatric dentistry to make the world a better place. And you can read how one alum infused his lifelong passion for art into his successful career as a dentist and prosthodontist.

These stories illustrate why the School of Dentistry is a vibrant place that’s honoring our past and celebrating our future. As we move forward with these exciting advancements, we’ll continue to build on our strengths to serve the needs of our patients, students and alumni for many years to come.

Best Wishes,

William K. Lobb, DDS, MS, MPH
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BUILDING THE FUTURE
Marquette University School of Dentistry has a long and proud history of educating and training Wisconsin’s dentists through a patient-centered curriculum and community-based clinical service. Throughout the school’s 128 years of operation, one constant has been a commitment to preparing dentists to provide exceptional care and service to others.

That’s why the MUSoD recently began renovating four pre-doctoral clinics, a critical step in educating the next generation of dental students and caring for local patients who don’t have access to regular dental care. Although one new pre-doctoral clinic was included in an addition built in 2012, the existing four pre-doctoral clinics are more than 20 years old and were constructed before the latest technologies became available – and necessary – in the dental profession.

“If you’ve been to the dentist recently compared to 20 or 25 years ago, it looks a little different,” says Dr. Henry Rossi, department chair of clinical services. “Everything’s digitized now, including X-rays, records and cameras, and there’s a lot more direct patient involvement. Dentistry is pivoting to digital equipment and our curriculum has to keep up.”

That’s the goal of MUSoD’s patient-centered curriculum – to prepare dental graduates to enter the profession as competently trained general dentists. In today’s world, that means giving students access to the latest technologies in the field. “It’s a big change that’s occurring in all the schools around the country,” says Dr. Conrad Nenn, associate dean of clinical affairs.

“And you have to make that change because a lot of private practices have already made the leap. The newly trained dentists have to be familiar with that technology and the basic skills to use it.”

Adding technology and light

The clinic renovations are designed to create more space for people and technology in each operatory. Phase one, which included renovating two pre-doctoral clinics, started May 16, 2022, to coincide with the end of the spring semester and ended September 6, 2022, at the beginning of the fall semester. It also marked the beginning of construction on a new digital innovation center. Phase two, which will include renovating the two remaining pre-doctoral clinics, is slated to begin in early May 2023 and run through student orientation in August 2023. Finally, construction will finish with upgrading the seven specialty clinics, six classrooms and patient areas.

The completed renovations created more open space in the clinics through internal realignment of walls and rooms, which lets in more natural light. The original round rooms were moved from the center of the clinics to off the corridor, allowing use of these spaces for other activities without interrupting clinic operations. In addition, entrances were expanded for a more welcoming feel.

“It creates a more inviting and well-lit space,” says Kathy Kugi-Tom, project manager for the Department of Facilities Planning and Management. “We opened up the entrance to be a lot more inviting, and we gave students a little more room in the operatories so the assistant and doctor can do their work more comfortably and ergonomically.”

Most importantly, the renovations added square footage to the operatories without expanding the footprint of the building.
We’re doing the best we can to keep current. It’s a huge pivot, but these clinic renovations will keep MUSoD in the game.

The four clinics originally had 24 chairs each, but the renovated clinics now have 23 chairs, giving patients, faculty and students more room to function. Despite losing a chair in each clinic, what students gained was invaluable.

“Everybody loves the appearance when you walk in because it’s much more airy and open,” says Dr. Rossi. “You can actually see daylight when you walk in! The new LED lights, fresh paint and different flooring – it all has that ‘new car’ feel to it.”

“Besides the aesthetics and addition of current technology in the spaces, we were provided the opportunity to upgrade and improve the flooring, cabinetry and traffic flow throughout the space to better attend to the needs of our patients,” says Dr. William Lobb, dean of the School of Dentistry.

D3 student Abigail Yurs agrees with that assessment. Although her home clinic isn’t renovated yet, she occasionally assists in the new clinics, which she calls a “happy environment” that’s welcoming to patients and students alike. “There’s so much more room, and the accessibility is so much better than the other clinics. It’s really nice to have extra space so everybody’s comfortable. It’s so much brighter and the functionality is better, too,” she says.

Yurs has worked in several off-site clinics, and she believes the new equipment and technology will better prepare her to enter a similar clinic experience after graduation. “The renovated clinic experience will make it easier to transition from school to private clinics,” she says.

She’s looking forward to working exclusively in the renovated clinics during her D4 year. “I think change is always great, especially when it’s done with such great intent. These new clinics are for the benefit of patients and students, and will help us stay on track with the latest technology and standards. I’m very excited, and I think my patients will be excited as well.”

Technology enhancements include additional monitors in each operatory so students can more easily share images and information with patients in the chairs. Wireless keyboards enable students to sit face-to-face with patients while taking notes or adding information to their records.

“Before, you had a computer monitor behind the patient’s head, buried in a cabinet with a small screen, and patients had to crane their necks around to see anything,” says Kugi-Tom. “Now there’s a more ergonomically friendly computer behind the patient, plus another monitor on the chair so doctors and students can show the patient their X-rays or documents. It’s a more patient-friendly design and supports teaching about the patient-care side of things.”

Patient chairs now have LED lights and a Bien Air electric motor system on new A-dec chairs, which enables high-precision performance and reliability during procedures. New X-ray equipment was installed to upgrade the clinic’s imaging capabilities. The rehabbed clinics also incorporate standard technology that wasn’t previously available in the clinics, such as electric hand pieces.

“This isn’t really new technology, but we didn’t have it in the existing pre-doctoral clinics,” says Dr. Nenn. “It’s great to now have it in the remodeled clinics.”
Investing in innovation
A major goal of the renovations underway is to create a separate new “digital dentistry innovation center” that will house a five-chair clinic where students can learn how to use the digital tools of dentistry, including digital scanners, CAD/CAM milling machines, 3D printers and more. Dr. Nenn calls the innovation center the school’s “digital workflow area,” which will be centrally located in the dental school.

Here, students can use digital scanners to make an intraoral scan of patients’ mouths to create a 3D model, then send that digital file to the adjacent laboratory space for design and production of the restoration. This will allow students to learn not only the traditional impression and stone model methods, but will familiarize them with the latest technology in dental scanning and CAD/CAM production.

“The innovation center is important from an educational standpoint,” says Dr. Nenn. “We’re expected to keep up to date and digital technology is becoming the standard of care in dentistry across the country. Now it’s time now to introduce our students to that.”

Although students already have access to digital training in MUSoD’s simulation lab, the innovation center will give them more experience using technology in a patient-care setting. “We already had implemented that in the clinics, but it will be easier to do now because of the innovation center,” says Dr. Nenn.

Phase one of the project to renovate the first two clinics totaled $5 million, which was supported through fundraising efforts via university advancement, as well as the dental school and its partners, including the Wisconsin Dental Association and other organizations. Phase two, which includes the digital innovation center, is expected to cost $21 million, which will be funded by donors and potential support from the state of Wisconsin.

Enhancing dental education for today and tomorrow
According to Dr. Nenn, these renovations will give MU-SoD an edge in attracting dental school students. “It’s a modern clinic that will provide students with state-of-the-art equipment and technology to work with so they can take that with them when they become providers,” he says. “Things are changing rapidly, but our new clinics will be ahead of the curve compared to other schools.”

Dr. Rossi agrees, saying, “We’re doing the best we can to keep current. It’s a huge pivot, but these clinic renovations will keep MUSoD in the game.”

Some MUSoD alumni had the chance to tour the two newly renovated clinics in early September.

“The new lab and technology almost make me wish I was back in school again!” says Dr. Jack Sadowski, D ’68.

“It’s hard to imagine the ‘new dental school’ is ready for a remodel, but an improvement it is, in function and aesthetics,” says Dr. Scott Johnson, D ’84. “Dean Lobb and staff have been rightly proactive, and I applaud those involved for having the foresight to enhance the experience for patients and our future dentists. The remodeling process is ongoing, but the investment in dental education is worthwhile for our next generation.”
At the time of this writing, I’ve completed seven months at the School of Dentistry. Before I started here, my background in dentistry was limited to brushing/flossing daily and to see my dentist twice a year. As I’m still new to the dental world, here are two brief observations:

1. I continue to be amazed on how involved dentistry is – not only the education but also a career and a business. So rich in technology, career trajectory, information … and I still have so much to learn.

2. To call this just a school completely undervalues what is happening inside these walls. It is a true dental hospital and health care clinic.

By my observations, there is no other place on campus that sees more foot traffic than the dental school. This is a well-used facility. Over the last five years, MUSoD has averaged 80,000 patient visits. As you read about our new clinics in these pages, I hope that figure is a reminder of the ongoing impact of this school and why we will always need your support and generosity.

On my travels to visit with MUSoD alumni, I have met with alums from all eras – from the 1950s to the 2020s. Everyone has a unique story to share. I have heard the good and the not so good. We’ve learned from our past, taken what was great about the school like strong clinical preparation and a solid foundation – and continue to build on those pillars.

I can tell you this: in my short time here, I see the hard work faculty, staff and students are doing to make the school a place you should be proud of – a dental community that lives and breathes the Jesuit ideal of “Cura Personalis.”

At 1801 West Wisconsin Avenue, you’ll find a dedicated community of faculty, staff and students, as well as a thriving dental health care clinic that continues to serve not only the city of Milwaukee but has a huge footprint across the state of Wisconsin. We know that disparities in health care are prevalent in rural areas, and we’re recognized as trusted partners.

I hope you’ll take pride as an alum of the only dental school in Wisconsin, it is undoubtedly an important place for our city and state. Your advocacy, your mentorship of future dentists, your support and influence are critical to our ability to thrive far into the future.

I invite you to come see for yourself the good things happening at 1801 West Wisconsin Avenue. Please contact me anytime.

Our class was inspired to initiate a scholarship at our 40th Anniversary. Today it has reached $84,000 and honors MUSoD for the education my classmates and I needed to have very successful careers. It is awarded annually to students who show exceptional clinical skills.

– Mark S. Mandel, DDS, D’70
LUNCHEON TO CELEBRATE THE LEGACY OF SR. GLORIA LIST

On Friday, September 16, 2022, Marquette University School of Dentistry celebrated Sr. Gloria List, D ’64, Grad ’81, and her fifty-plus years of teaching at the Marquette University Alumni Memorial Union. Dr. Joseph Best, D ’89, donated his time and talent to put on a CE program in the morning, which was followed by a luncheon for Sr. List.

For more than five decades, students have felt Sr. List’s strong presence at Marquette as she helped them navigate the sometimes-overwhelming experience of dental education. Sr. List has always been there when students needed her most. After her retirement from the full-time faculty, Dr. Sandy Casper, Nurs ’71, D ’86, and Dr. Sue Meinerz, Arts ’79, D ’84, were co-founders of the Sister Gloria List Endowed Scholarship Fund to assist a female second-year dental student with tuition.

At the event, colleagues, friends, classmates and former students wrote notes, enjoyed lunch and spoke about the impact Sr. List had on their lives. All proceeds from both the CE program and the luncheon were donated to the Sr. Gloria List Scholarship Fund.

Our thanks to Dr. Best and to the planning committee: Sandy Casper, Nurs ’71, D ’86, Theresa Horton, D ’84, Jennifer Kitson, D ’84, and Sue Meinerz, Arts ’79, D ’84.

“"The scholarship launched in 2007 and awards approximately $5,300 annually," shares Dan O’Brien, director of development. "The fund currently has $106,455 among 84 donors, 72 of those gifts are $1,500 or below – proving you don’t have to give large amounts of money to make an impact on a student."
CULTIVATING ART THROUGH DENTISTRY

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

DAN ROTH, D ’74

Dr. Dan Roth and his wife Kathy

Dr. Dan Roth brings his creative skills to the art of dentistry

For Dan Roth, being a dentist runs in the family. His grandfather was a dentist and his father was a physician, which led him to pursue a pre-med education at Marquette University. His lifelong passion for art also drew him to the profession. “I’ve always liked to work with my hands, and I’ve always loved drawing,” he says. “Dentistry was a great profession to use those skills to help people and be creative at the same time.”

Dr. Roth, D ’74, was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. He learned about Marquette because of its Jesuit roots, which appealed to his devoutly Catholic parents. After he joined the university, he heard about a friend who had applied to MUSoD before getting his undergraduate degree, which “put a fire in my belly,” he says. At the time, students could apply to the MUSoD after successfully completing a certain number of college credits. He enrolled in MUSoD after two years at Marquette.

There, he met his wife, Kathleen Schleif Roth, and they graduated in the dental class of 1974. Dan continued at the dental school and received a certificate in fixed prosthodontics in 1977. Together, Dan and Kathy purchased a dental practice in 1974 in her hometown of West Bend, Wisconsin, where they worked side by side for their entire professional career. “In our practice, many of our patients became like extended family members. I’m thankful to know them and was privileged to treat them.”

Dan and Kathy raised two children, their daughter Sara and son Andrew. “The highlights of my life are my kids. They’re special jewels.” They retired in 2014 after 40 years in practice, then sold their West Bend practice. They now live in northern Wisconsin while they build a new home in Campbellsport, Wisconsin.

Throughout his career, Dr. Roth nurtured his lifelong love of art. After dental school, he took several art courses, and shortly before retirement, he joined an atelier – a dedicated art community – where he studied art intensely for four years. He’s completed several commissioned pieces, but lately he’s focused on painting Catholic saints from the last century. He starts with reference photographs before painting their likenesses in oil. “What intrigued me is seeing these people...
when they were really young,” he says. “When you look at them and see their faces and their eyes and their countenance, you wonder if they knew where they were going. It’s kind of a reflection of all of them and all of us.”

He’s also turned his skills to writing and illustrating children’s picture books based on the stories he’s created for his kids and five grandchildren.

Dentistry was a good fit for Dr. Roth because it allowed him to bring this artistry to his practice. “The way dentists create crowns, dentures or any restorations makes them aware of contour, shape, color and finish,” he says. “And that’s a big part of the art of dentistry. I think all dentists are artists.”

He’s proud of his Marquette roots and where the school is today. “I can’t say enough good things about Marquette University of School Dentistry. It’s been led by gifted and talented professionals, and under Dean Lobb’s guidance, Marquette has continued to be one of the premier dental schools in the country. It’s really a jewel to have in this state and in our country.”

ALUMNI NEWS

Jane Wright, DDS, MS, orthodontist wrote a children’s book called The Capture of Clementine about a tooth fairy named Clementine who flies in through the wrong window while collecting Tom’s tooth. Tom’s twin sisters capture Clementine and ask her all sorts of dental questions. Clementine educates them on how to brush, floss and why it’s important not to lose baby teeth too early. She also discusses the importance of eating a healthy diet and avoiding sugary junk food. It’s a magical dental education book for children and families. Dr. Wright, D ’09, Grad ’11, is in private practice in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and teaches part-time at MUSoD’s orthodontic clinic. The book will be available for purchase on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.
STANDOUT PROFESSIONALS

ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS
We were excited to be back in person for our Dental Alumni Awards program this spring to celebrate our winners: Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry – Timothy R. Kinzel, DDS, D ’84; Outstanding Dental Service Award winner – Gary A. Hendricks, DDS, D ’85; and Young Alumna of the Year – Zazell Staheli Cummings, DDS, D ’16. Our award winners exemplify the university’s pillars of leadership, excellence, service and faith. The group that gathered to celebrate was inspired and humbled by their stories.

In addition to the 2022 award winners, two of our 2021 recipients: Distinguished Alumna in Dentistry – Monica Dwyer Hebl, DDS, D ’85 and Outstanding Dental Service Award winner – Tammy M. Boudry, DDS, H Sci ’99, D ’06 whose celebration was virtual last year, were also able to attend in person and be recognized.

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE 2023 AWARD WINNERS
Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry - Donald J. DeNucci, DDS, D ’70; Outstanding Dental Service Award winner - John L. Scheels, DDS, D ’75; Young Alumna of the Year - Sarah Helen Blair, DDS, D ’13

Mark your calendar and join us for their celebration on April 21, 2023.

Dr. Austin Dodge D ’21, Dr. Jeffrey Garcia D ’21 and Dr. Laxmi Sukhtankar D ’19 passed the Oral Exam of the American Board of Periodontology and achieved Diplomate status. Currently, all eligible graduates of the Graduate Periodontic program are Diplomates of the American Board of Periodontology.

Dr. Peter H. Jacobsohn, D ’62, had an article published titled: “Dr. Edward Maynard Surgeon Dentist and Inventor,” published in Military Antique Collector Magazine. The article discusses how Dr. Maynard (born in 1813) patented military-arms related equipment inventions and an instrument to improve dental health – in the 1800s. Dr. Maynard practiced dentistry for more than 50 years in Washington, D.C. His inquisitive mind and exceptional mechanical skills led him to make significant contributions in both fields. Dr. Jacobsohn is retired from the practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery and from the Chair of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of MUSoD. He was the original museum curator and continued in that position until recently when he moved to curator emeritus. Many of the items on display are from his personal collection. Peter continues to be an active member of the school’s art committee, which helps to actively manage the dental museum.
Marquette University School of Dentistry receives $1 million HRSA grant to expand special needs care capacity and education

The Marquette University School of Dentistry has been awarded $1.02 million dollars from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to update its clinic equipment and increase capacity for patients with special needs. This award will support the nearly 50 operatories within the school’s clinics. This includes the Advanced Care Clinic, which serves adult patients with special needs, especially those who have “aged out of care” offered by Children’s Wisconsin.

“Children’s Wisconsin’s dental practice alone has more than 5,000 patients with special needs, including 500 adults who have ‘aged out of care,’” said Dr. William Lobb, dean of the Marquette School of Dentistry. “Typically, only 10% of dentists care for patients with cognitive, medical or physical disabilities, and the services needed are often not covered by private or state insurance plans. We’re partnering with Children’s Wisconsin to transition 500 special-needs adults to our Advanced Care Clinic. It’s imperative to have an adequate number of dental providers educated and trained to manage the oral health care needs of patients with special needs preferably in a non-hospital-based setting.”

Marquette University School of Dentistry increased in NIDCR National Ranking for Dental Schools in the U.S. from #39 in FY 2020 to #36 in FY 2021. Based on the school’s current trajectory of research focus and NIDCR funding success, we expect another significant increase in ranking for FY 2022.

Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim, the director of pre-doctoral endodontics, will speak at the next American Association of Endodontists meeting AAE23 in Chicago. The title is “Irrigation Technology: What is your North Star?”

Dr. Ibrahim and Dr. Tsatalis published in the Journal of Dental Education an article titled: “Impact of Learning-Style-Based Education on Student Performance and Perception in Preclinical Endodontics.”

Dr. Jenna Hang, periodontics resident, is the recipient of the 2022 Nobel Biocare Student Member Annual Meeting Scholarship and received funding for attending the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Periodontology. Dr. Hang’s application was reviewed through a rigorous process by the Membership Sustainability and Growth Committee of the American Academy of Periodontology.
CLASS REUNIONS

Marquette Dental School reunions welcomed 13 classes who celebrated and reconnected with their classmates. Great to see everyone back at Marquette!

1957
Fred Colombo & Robert Reichert

1962
Ron Giordan, Peter Jacobsohn, Richard Rappl, John O’Neill, William Hammond, Lawrence Cook

1967

1972

SAVE THE DATE
For those who graduated in years ending in 3 or 8, the 2023 Dental Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023.


Row 1: Jennifer Quizon Olsen, Biljana Latinovich, Lizette Padin Martinez, Gianira Lopez, Anita Vedi, Nora Tieel, Georgia Williams, Astrid Rivera, Maria Olivencia, Puneet Clair Moos. Row 2: Mary Karkow, Faith Pristal Miller, Dave Mabeus, Shirene Orandi, Robin Lobato, Dennis O’Leary, Phillip Baker, Dan Moos. Row 3: Roberto Sosa, Juan Medina, Susan Tubic, Luis Martinez, Mehdi Vandi, Ulises Guzman, Alex McCulloch. Row 4: Afshin Hamedi, Jose Soto, David Andersen

Row 1: Nathan Knutsen, Patrick MacDonald, Jennifer Ferreira, Anna Bell. Row 2: Mohamed Adli, Lisa Worthley, John Rydelewicz, Julie Melbinger Wagner
Row 1: Sofya Kats, Sarah Quesnell, Betsy Long, Shonna Jorgensen.
Row 2: Tiffany Nelson Jonasen, Laura Rammer, Leo Huck, Nicole Huggett, Katherine Kircher, Marie Mueske, Brad Foss, Rebecca Metzger

Row 1: Chris Potrykus, Stacy Michels, Jordan Lunak, Gina Grenfell, Katie Hansen, Allison Lehman, Melanie Nesbit, Gretchen Kelley.
Row 2: Jason Pendleton, Michael Bennett, Joe McNiell, Greg Latus, Caitlin Kudlata, Cathleen Meiling, Brad DeGroot

Row 1: Kinan Al-Bitar, Laura Landis, Casey Burns, Natalie Monette, Jose Alvarez, Kaleigh Fulmer McGhee, Brittany Huiras, Mary Lenz, Kendra Daniels, Emily Stancato, Maria Barnes.
Row 2: Brian Monette, Tyler Huiras, Nate Burns
A GLOBAL CITIZEN CHOOSES MARQUETTE TO FULFILL HIS DREAM

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

JUNO PARK, D ‘23

Park immigrated to America from South Korea with a dream to help people

When Juno Park’s family immigrated from South Korea to America when he was 13, he spoke little English and had a big dream: He wanted to help people by becoming a dentist. This vision was partly inspired by his mother, who attended medical school in Belgium.

“Whenever I hurt myself as a kid, my mom would pull out her anatomy textbook and show me where I got injured,” he says. “I always thought, ‘if I can have an opportunity to study the human body, that would be fantastic.’”

His family landed in the Chicago area, where he graduated from high school and attended community college before transferring to Marquette University. He received his BS in biomedical sciences in 2019. Part of the reason he chose Marquette was the dental school, where he could fulfill his goal of becoming a dentist. “I had always dreamed about becoming a dentist one day,” he says. “It was a perfect opportunity that I just couldn’t resist.”

During his time at MUSoD, he co-founded and co-directed the Asian Dental Student Organization (ADSO), which now boasts nearly 50 students.

“I wanted to make sure that students at MUSoD had an organization where they can feel comfortable,” he says. “I think it’s really important for us to make a connection with each other.”

Although he knew he wanted to specialize, he was so intrigued with all of dentistry that he couldn’t choose a focus. Then he remembered his mission trip experiences, the first to a small town four hours away from Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, and the second to Red Lake, Minnesota, a Native American reservation. “I realized that I really love working with kids and that pediatric dentistry isn’t about the procedures that I can do, it’s about the interactions I can have with both the kids and the parents,” he says.

After he graduates in 2023, he plans to attend a pediatric dental residency program, hopefully close to his family, who now lives in Texas. For now, he’s enjoying his education at MUSoD, saying “I’m getting a really good clinical education at Marquette. It’s a good choice because it really prepares students. I’m ready for what’s next.”

In the future, he has an even bigger dream – to build a school in Haiti. “If I can make an investment for those kids to learn and then practice in their community, then I can make a difference in the town, and they don’t have to drive four hours just for a cold or a flu checkup,” he says. “I want to make the world better than the way I found it.” ◆
It was a momentous graduation for those in the Class of 2022 – as this group celebrated the 10,000th graduate from Marquette School of Dentistry among its graduating class of 100!

And this year, graduation events were almost back to normal after the COVID years. “We were able to have separate programs this year,” says Dr. Lisa Koenig. “On Tuesday, May 17, we held our Honors and Awards event, and on Saturday, May 21, we gathered to celebrate the Hooding and Graduation Ceremonies.”

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**1901 GRADUATION PIN DONATED TO THE MUSEUM**

By Kenneth Waliszewski, DDS, D ’71, Grad ’74

Marquette University School of Dentistry recently received a most interesting and history-filled donation for the dental museum. The donor, who chooses to remain anonymous, gifted the graduation pin of a distant relative. The pin belonged to Dr. Mathew F. Adams, who graduated in 1901.

Under the graduation date 1901, you’ll see M.M.C., for Milwaukee Medical College, established in 1894 to train physicians. In 1897, the MMC added a dental department. On the pin under MMC, you’ll see a tooth form and then D.D. for Dental Department. That early medical school began training dentists. In 1907, The MMC and its DD merged into Marquette College. In 1913, Marquette College purchased the Wisconsin College of Physicians. This merging of both medical schools and their dental departments allowed Marquette College to become and call itself Marquette University.
Marquette University School of Dentistry welcomed the Class of 2026 with a White Coat ceremony during its orientation in August.
April
April 5
*ACDE CE: Ceramic Crowns: Esthetics & Function
Dr. Chris Wyatt 7 – 8:30 p.m. (online only)

April 5
CE **Dental Entrepreneur Program: Where Did All the Money Go?
Dr. Barrett Straub 6 – 7:30 p.m.

April 13
What Is That Lesion on the X-ray? Applying a Simple Algorithm to Arrive at a Reasonable Radiographic Differential Diagnosis
Dr. Yeshwant Rawal 6 – 9 p.m. (hybrid)

April 21
Dental Alumni Awards Reception: 5 p.m.
Alumni Memorial Union
No charge but registration is required
Join us as we honor three outstanding alumni:
Distinguished Alumnus in Dentistry: Donald J. DeNucci, DDS, D ’70
Outstanding Dental Service: John L. Scheels, DDS, D ’75
Young Alumna of the Year: Sarah Ketterhagen, DDS, D ’13

April 24
Digital Dental Forensics Team Update
Dr. Jerome Teclaw 6 – 8 p.m. (hybrid)

April 25
*ACDE CE: Periodontal Maintenance on the Implant Patient
Dr. Carlos Parra 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

April 28
*ACDE CE: A “St. Louis-Style” Oral Pathology Safari
Dr. Richard J. Vargo 10 a.m. – noon (online only)

May
May 1
*ACDE CE: Evolving Your Practice with Comprehensive Implant Dentistry: Prosthetic & Surgical Treatment Provided by the Same Hands
Dr. Herbert M. Mendleson 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

May 9
Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recertification
Jim Bovia 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 – 6 p.m. (onsite only)

May 10
*ACDE CE: The Oral Systemic Connection
Dr. Husham Edani 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

May 15
CE **Dental Entrepreneur Program: Virtual Office Hour
Kirk Behrendt & Dr. Barrett Straub 6 – 7 p.m.

May 18
*ACDE CE: Lasers in Dentistry – Come and See the Light
Dr. Donald J. Coluzzi 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

May 24
CE: Improving the Outcome of Your Daily Root Canal Treatment: An Evidence-Based Approach
Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim
Lecture: 9 a.m. – noon
Hands-on: 1 – 3 p.m.

May 25
*ACDE CE: When to Worry about White Lesions in the Oral Cavity
Dr. Austin Shackelford 7 – 8 p.m. (online only)

June
June 1
*ACDE CE: Reducing Post-Operatory Sensitivity Through Adequate Bonding Procedures
Dr. Grace De Souza 7 – 8 p.m. (online only)

June 2
CE **Dental Entrepreneur Program: Turn Your Front Desk into a Profit Generating Machine/Strategic Planning – Pulling it All Together
Kirk Behrendt & Dr. Barrett Straub 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

June 4 – 11
CE: Travel & Learn – SCOTLAND

June 5
*ACDE CE: Advances and Challenges of Digital Dentistry for Dental Implant Surgeries
Dr. Chia-Yu Chen 7 – 8 p.m. (online only)

June 14
*ACDE CE: Why Are Your Patients Angry and Fearful and What Can You Do About It?
Dr. Dave Carsten 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

June 22
*ACDE CE: Medical History Taking in Dental Patients
Sanjay Chand MD 7 – 9 p.m. (online only)

September
September 20
Advanced Cardiac Life Support Recertification
Jim Bovia 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 1 – 6 p.m. (onsite only)

Sept. 23
Alumni Reunions
For those who graduated in a year ending in 3 or 8, please join your classmates for reunion weekend. CE will be provided on Friday and tours of the school will be available. Watch for more information and contact your classmates to gather on campus!

* Marquette University School of Dentistry in conjunction with the Association for Continuing Dental Education (ACDE), along with 30 of its member schools jointly presents the “ACDE Webinar Series.” This series features university-based key opinion leaders presenting online live CE programs throughout the year.

** The Dental Entrepreneur Program (DEP) is a collaboration among the Wisconsin Dental Association, Marquette School of Dentistry and ACT Dental to help Wisconsin’s dentists develop and fine-tune their knowledge of the business of dentistry. With an annual membership that can start any time of the year, you’ll have access to a blend of in-person, live webinar and on-demand webinar programming, as well as an online community and robust suite of digital tools to ensure maximum learning and scheduling flexibility for today’s active dentists.
REMEMBERING OUR OWN

THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY JOINS IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY BETWEEN JUNE 2021 AND OCTOBER 2022. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

Since we last printed Dental Images, we have lost a number of our MUSoD family including full-time and long-standing part-time faculty. We remember them and their impact on Marquette Dental school and its graduates. We’re grateful they shared their time and talents with so many MUSoD students over the years.

Dr. Henry “Doc” Roepke, D ’52, passed away one month short of his 102nd birthday. He practiced dentistry in Milwaukee from 1952 to 2012. Dr. Roepke taught at both Marquette School of Dentistry and the VA from 1972 to 1998 in the areas of crown and bridge, and then graduate prosthodontics.

Dr. L. Thomas Johnson D ’61, operated a private dental practice for 34 years, first on the north side of Milwaukee and then at Bayshore Mall. He served as professor of Pathology, Oral Pathology/Oncology, Fixed Prosthodontics and Forensic Applications of Dental Science for 52 years at Marquette.

1953
Richard L. Sell, MANITOWOC, WI
Milton R. Walter, MEDINA, WI

1954
Daniel Joseph Casey, MILWAUKEE, WI
Michael J. Donahue, PORT CHARLOTTE, FL
Edward S. Minor, SAINT PETERSBURG, FL
Paul W. Roosmillar, DOUSMAN, WI
Roland L. Rothman, MILWAUKEE, WI

1955
Thomas Eugene Aspel, OCEANSIDE, CA
Francis J. Kysela, CHAGRIN FALLS, OH

1956
Ronald Joseph Holzhauer, PEWAUKEE, WI
John R. Wussow, WAUKESHA, WI

1957
Nathan Kittleson, BROOKFIELD, WI
Robert N. Long, SARASOTA, FL
Ronald Obrad Teofan, ROSSVILLE, TN

1958
Thomas Walter Kwak, WAUKESHA, WI
Sebastiano Norman Marchese, WEST ALLIS, WI
Theodore Christian Nielsen, RACINE, WI
Donald E. Van Scotter, WHITEWATER, WI
Frank Felix Vedelago, SPOKANE, WA

1959
George G. Kaprelian, SUNNYVALE, CA
Henry Leonard Leivih, SAINT GERMAIN, WI

1960
Ronald E. Cohn, GLendale, WI
Clifford J. Hackett, SUGAR LAND, TX
Joseph Thomas Herberger, DENVER, CO

1961
David A. Kent, APPLETON, WI

1962
Fred H. Ross, SHOREWOOD, WI

1963
Thomas E. Konke, LAKE HAVASU, AZ
Ennio Steve Senia, SAN ANTONIO, TX
Brian R. Spencer, LA GRANDE, OR
Arden L. Thorsbakken, EAU CLAIRE, WI

1964
Edwin D. Chelsa, LAKESIDE, CA
David P. Haro, SUN CITY CENTER, FL
Ronald John Komarek, MUSKEGON, MI

1965
John P. Sudimack, SUN CITY WEST, AZ
1966
Marvin E. Klippel, NEKOOSA, WI
Dennis L. Levitsky, MAPLE RIDGE, BC, CANADA
Roman W. Sarwas, BELLINGHAM, WA

1969
Michael G. Hollingshead, LAS VEGAS, NV
William Arthur King, CHESTER, NH
Donald Paul Kinsfather, LEAD HILL, AR
James Thomas Mellonig, MICO, TX

1970
Richard J. Donovan, DEPERE, WI

1971
Steven J. Banasik, SARASOTA, FL

1973
Gary Vaughn Burkholder, FORT MYERS, FL
James L. Cook, MILWAUKEE, WI

1974
William Edgar Iwen, ALGOMA, WI

1977
Robert Allan Sobczak, MEQUON, WI

1978
Ricardo Mark Carreno, TAMPA, FL

1979
Catherine Ann Gilgenbach-Burr, WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, WV
Mark Joseph Urban, MELBOURNE, FL

1980
John Breckenridge Jackson, MARQUETTE, MI

1984
Todd Russell Krueger, CAVE CREEK, AZ

1986
Mark John Biedlingmaier, PEWAUKEE, WI
David A. Marcantonio, PASCOAG, RI

1989
Ronald Erwin Kramer, MILWAUKEE, WI

1998
Christopher David Luedtke, OAK CREEK, WI
Adam Christopher Miller, MILWAUKEE, WI

Dr. Perry Cohn, D ’57 was a faculty member at Marquette School of Dentistry from the late 1950s until 1970. After practicing pediatric dentistry for decades in the area, he returned to the part-time faculty in 2014. Dr. Cohn remained on faculty until his retirement in 2020.

Dr. Daniel D’Angelo, D ’71, practiced as an oral surgeon with Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Associates for 36 years. From 1994 to 2006, Dr. D’Angelo was an adjunct associate professor and course director of Bioethics and Dental Professionalism at the Marquette University School of Dentistry.

Dr. Charles W. Steinbach, D ’74, ran a successful private dental practice in Brookfield from 1974 until 2017. Throughout his career, he additionally taught once weekly at Marquette University School of Dentistry for more than 40 years as his way of giving back to the university.

Dr. Donald E. Van Scotter, D ’58, Grad ’62, practiced in Milwaukee and Wauwatosa while teaching at various institutions including Marquette. Dr. Van Scotter served in a number of roles throughout his time at the dental school including head of the Division of Periodontics.

If you wish to make a gift to honor the memory of a loved one or colleague, please contact Daniel O’Brien, director of development, by emailing daniel.obrien@marquette.edu or calling 414-902-0907.
It was a momentous graduation for those in the Class of 2022 – as this group celebrated the 10,000th graduate from Marquette School of Dentistry among its graduating class of 100!