Dr. Frank Ayers Honored by School of Dentistry

Francis “Frank” Ayers, DDS’69, received the School of Dentistry Alumni Merit Award at Alumni Homecoming Weekend activities in September, 2013.

Dr. Ayers joined Creighton in 1972 and has served as a part-time clinical instructor, associate dean of student affairs, director of admissions, director of the Dental Auxiliary Utilization Program, dental director of the ILAC program and as the interim chair of pediatric and orthodontic dentistry. During Ayers’ tenure, applications to Creighton’s School of Dentistry grew by 188 percent from 1989 to 1994.

“Dr. Ayers is a most beloved and accomplished member of the Creighton community and we are thrilled to see him recognized for his significant contributions,” said Dean Mark Latta. “He has made a huge imprint on his alma mater and contributed significantly to its reputation for high-quality, compassionate dentistry in the Jesuit tradition.”

Past honors bestowed upon Dr. Ayers include the Distinguished Faculty Service Award and the Frank J. Ayers Spirit of Compassion Award, created by students in his honor. Additional awards established in his name include an endowed scholarship and an endowed faculty development fund.

Creighton President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., presents the 2013 Alumni Merit Award to Dr. Francis “Frank” Ayers

Healthy children learn best, but nearly half of Omaha children lack a regular healthcare provider. Thanks to a collaborative effort between Omaha medical, dental and mental health providers, the needs of underserved children are being addressed through the non-profit organization, Building Healthy Futures. Kelly Gould, MA, RDH, assistant professor in the School of Dentistry and director of Extramural Programs, serves as the program’s oral health services coordinator and head of the Child Oral Health Collaborative.

“Improved oral health positively impacts academic success,” says Gould. “Building Healthy Futures and its partner agencies strive to assess community needs and evaluate the impact that our efforts can have on improving child oral health and learning outcomes.”

In the past three years, Building Healthy Futures helped establish eight school-based health centers, helping to link students to a medical home. The centers have provided care to 9,394 students during 12,304 medical visits. Approximately 26 percent of those served are uninsured, and 60 percent are enrolled in Medicaid. More than 75 percent are African-American or Hispanic, and 76 percent are between the ages of 5-15 years.

Now the organization will work toward linking underserved children to a dental home. The School of Dentistry will contribute by providing dental screening and preventive services in schools in high poverty areas. A dental care coordinator will assist families whose children have untreated decay to establish a dental home.

Other partnering agencies in the collaborative include Charles Drew Health Center, Children’s Hospital and Medical Center, Douglas County Health Department, Omaha Public Schools, OneWorld Community Health Centers, Omaha District Dental Society, Omaha Public Schools and University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, among others.

Save the Date!
ADA Alumni & Friends Reception
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014
5:30 – 7 p.m.
Hilton Palacio del Rio, La Vista A
San Antonio
Visit alumni.creighton.edu this summer for the event details!
Many exciting changes are under way in the School of Dentistry, designed to enhance the education we provide to our students and the dental care we provide to our patients.

Promotions

I am happy to announce that James Howard, DDS, MS, was promoted to senior associate dean for clinical and external affairs. His new position will include community relations with alumni, service organizations, the Catholic Health Initiative (CHI) network, the VA and other community programs. Dr. Howard will play a key role in the design and implementation of the infrastructure plan for the School of Dentistry; will continue to oversee clinical policies; and will supervise a new position, the assistant dean for clinical operations.

W. Patrick Kelsey III, DDS’76, was promoted to senior associate dean for academic affairs and administration. Dr. Kelsey will manage the school’s academic programs and strategic plan, including the expansion of interprofessional initiatives and the University’s strategic plan “bridges.”

Patti Churchill was promoted as the school’s first director of student services. Churchill has worked in this area since 1980 and will oversee all student organizational activities.

In addition, the title for Neil Norton, PhD, has been changed to associate dean for admissions and students affairs.

Carol Murdock, DDS’84, has assumed the new position of assistant dean for clinical operations, responsible for the operation of clinics, including staff management, patient intake, patient assignments and quality assurance. Dr. Murdock is also responsible for development, evaluation and modification of all aspects of clinical programs.

CAD/CAM Technology

The CAD-CAM technology initiative, described in detail on page 3, was made possible through a generous lead gift from Arne Ness, DDS’77, to advance the school’s reputation of clinical excellence and honor Dr. Ness’ classmates, friends and longtime faculty members, Terry Wilwerding, DDS’77, and Scott DiLorenzo, DDS’77. In gratitude to Dr. Ness, I am proud to announce the establishment of the Wilwerding-DiLorenzo Digital Technology Center.

Next Steps

And finally, as you may know, Creighton University President Timothy R. Lannon, S.J., recently announced that he will retire in June 2015. We are immensely grateful to Fr. Lannon for his leadership and all that he has accomplished. His impact on our campus will be felt for generations, and Creighton is positioned well to harness the tremendous momentum he has created.

Fr. Lannon and Provost Edward O’Connor, PhD, have determined that over the next 15 months, they will move forward with several projects outlined in the University’s strategic plan, which was unanimously approved in December 2013.

In that plan, the School of Dentistry was identified as a key University priority. The current infrastructure and space constraints of the School of Dentistry will be addressed, and University leadership and the Board of Trustees will assess viable solutions. As we move forward, I will keep you – our valued stakeholders, alumni and friends – apprised of our progress.

I extend my gratitude and best wishes to Fr. Lannon on his pending retirement; my congratulations to the above faculty and staff on their new positions; and my thanks to Dr. Arnie Ness for the generous gift to his alma mater.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Latta, DMD, MS
Dean, School of Dentistry

Enrollment in the School of Dentistry for the fall 2013 semester was 341 students. The school received 2,449 applications for 85 first-year seats – more than 20 percent of the national applicant pool. Approximately 50 percent of Creighton undergraduates who applied to the school were accepted for admission.

Overall University enrollment in 2013 surpassed 8,000 students for the first time, and included 960 new freshmen and transfer students. The academic profile of the freshman class places Creighton among the top 10 private universities in the Midwest with more than 4,000 undergraduates and among the top 50 national private Catholic universities.

By the Numbers

School of Dentistry Class of 2017

| 2,449 | TOTAL APPLICANT POOL |
| 85 | INCOMING CLASS |
| 37.6% | FEMALE |
| 62.4% | MALE |
| 3.53 | AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE GPA |
| 19.27 | DAT (Academic Average) |
| 20.22 | DAT (Psychomotor Average) |

School of Dentistry Class of 2013

POSTGRADUATE STUDY PLANS

9 Advanced Education in General Dentistry
3 General Practice Residence
1 Endodontics
2 Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
2 Orthodontics
1 Periodontics

POSTGRADUATE PLANS

50 Private Practice:
7 Public Health / Community Health Center
7 Other / Undecided
Dental Manufacturer Sponsors Industrial Research Scholar

A dental materials scientist from Japan will spend 12 months in the School of Dentistry as an industrial fellow and research scholar through collaboration between the school and world-renowned dental materials and equipment manufacturer Shofu Inc., of Kyoto, Japan.

“This is the first time Shofu Inc. has sponsored a research fellowship at a university in the Americas,” said Brian Melonakos, president of U.S.-based Shofu Dental Corporation, a subsidiary of Shofu Inc. “We are excited to work with Creighton University and Dean Latta on such an exciting endeavor and look forward to further collaboration.”

Satoshi Fujiwara (pictured center), will work with Dean Latta and Wayne Barkmeier, DDS, dean emeritus and professor of general dentistry, to gain a more in-depth understanding of the potential clinical benefits of S-PRG, or GIOMER, a tooth-healing technology used in restorations and other disease prevention materials. Fujiwara hopes to gain insight into how dentistry is practiced in North America and how different models of reimbursement affect market demand for products, important to Shofu Inc., as the company moves to globalize research and development.

“The partnership with Shofu Inc., provides research opportunities for Creighton faculty while further expanding Creighton’s international presence, particularly our relationship with dental research in Japan,” said Latta. Creighton University and Shofu Inc. have worked together in the past on a multi-center clinical trial, currently awaiting publication. Both believe the research fellowship will serve as a template for long-term collaboration.

“We’re humbled by Shofu Inc.’s tremendous commitment in Creighton and the School of Dentistry,” said Latta. “You just don’t see companies making this kind of commitment, and it’s even rarer in the dental industry.”

ILAC Celebrates 40th Anniversary

The Institute for Latin American Concern (ILAC), an international, Catholic, Ignatian-inspired collaborative, marked its 40th anniversary in 2013. Programs are offered at Creighton in partnership with the ILAC Mission in the Dominican Republic. Healthcare professionals, volunteers and students, including more than 450 to date from the School of Dentistry, serve the poor and marginalized in the Dominican Republic.

The first summer program in 1973 involved pharmacy, dentistry, medical, nursing and undergraduate students. Under the direction of the late Raymond Shaddy, DDS, one dental student and one professional served at each campo. Teams provided extractions only, with access to surgical instruments and anesthetic only.

Today, ILAC operates a center in Santiago and clinics in six rural towns, providing care to more than 3,000 Dominicans annually. Under the direction of Terry Wilderding, DDS’77, and James O’Meara, DDS’86, and assisted by Stuart McNally, DDS’05, 12 dental students will participate this summer – two assigned to each of six rural campos. Portable generators, compressors, dental chairs and other equipment are shipped in to the Dominican Republic in advance, making it possible for teams to provide fillings, sealants, cleanings and other dental services.

The School of Dentistry has taken great care over the years to adopt advanced treatment approaches and dental technologies that allow graduates to step confidently and competently into their careers.

To ensure that students will continue to flourish in technologically advanced practice settings, the School of Dentistry must incorporate cutting-edge, computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing — CAD/CAM — technology into the curriculum and bring CEREC (ceramic reconstruction) technology to the school.

Developed in Germany, CEREC is one of the CAD/CAM systems available to dentists worldwide. CAD/CAM technology generates a variety of high-quality dental restorations – even in only one patient visit.

Today, more than 12,000 CEREC units are in use in the United States. At least one CEREC unit is in use at 37 dental schools. Eight dental schools use the units for imaging and design training, and an estimated 25 percent of practicing dentists use the technology.

Digital technology will soon be the standard for dental practice, and the goal is to ensure that Creighton graduates are up-to-speed with the latest technology, and that alumni are well-versed in the technology through meaningful continuing education experiences.

Ness gift leads effort

Arne Ness, DDS’77, has generously provided the lead gift, establishing the Wilwerding-DiLorenzo Digital Technology Center. A leading vendor has committed to providing 10 CEREC acquisition and design units, along with Windows computer software, 10 milling units and ancillary materials – or $1.2 million worth of equipment – to Creighton University at a reduced price of $300,000 – a 75 percent discount.

Additional investments are welcome from those who share in the belief that the School of Dentistry must pursue innovation if it is to continue to provide the premier dental education in the United States.

The benefits are many. CAD/CAM technology offers dentists the ability to deliver high-quality esthetic restorations. In a school setting, this technology fills a knowledge gap and supports the recruitment and retention of the best students and faculty. It is a cost-effective means for the University to add technology that will enhance research as well as student and patient experiences.

For more information, contact Director of Development Cortney Bauer, by phone at 402.280.3533, or email at cortneybauer@creighton.edu.

Volunteers from the School of Dentistry provide care to more than 3,000 Dominicans annually.
The Patient Assessment Clinic has been operational since September 2013. Dental students in the clinic are using the new indirect digital radiographic system – PSP – or photostimulable phosphor plates. The advantages to the system are that the plates – which produce a high-quality, two-dimensional image – are the same size as regular film but more flexible, easier to position than the direct digital sensors, and more comfortable for patients.

Four student teams comprised of one junior and one senior dental student each are assigned to a chair. Juniors are responsible for infection control, cleanliness and obtaining patient x-rays; seniors for assessing patients and managing electronic health records.

“We spent the fall semester training students on the new system. The school went totally digital in 2007 with electronic health records and the direct radiographic system. That move represented a significant change in the education process. Now, this move to the PSP system is another step forward in preparing students for private practice,” said director John Shaner, DMD, MS, chair of Diagnostic Sciences.

Patients are scheduled for assessments in the afternoons, Mondays through Wednesdays, and Thursday mornings, and students see five patients in half-hour intervals, allowing for 25 patients per session. Shaner says the clinic has been well-received by students and patients.

“Students are engaged because they are able to work more independently, and there are times when extra chairs are available, so they have the opportunity to learn how to work two chairs at once. Students are allowed to select one patient per session to treat as one of their own patients – it’s a big incentive, to be able to select a patient that fits their educational needs.

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“Students must select patients whose treatment needs correspond to their own preparedness levels, and who do not require referrals to specialists. Being able to identify conditions such as uncontrolled angina, diabetes or seizure disorder, for example, is vitally important,” says Dr. Shaner.

In the future, the last hour of each session will be devoted to treatment planning cases by senior students before faculty and fellow students. Each will present a patient, highlight the treatment process, and explain how he/she and the patient arrived at the plan.

Faculty in the Patient Assessment Clinic include Dr. Shaner, Donal Scheidel, DDS’81, William Carney, DDS’81, and Joseph Franco Jr., DDS’84.

Third-year student Nate Mollner (left) and fourth-year student Drew McDonald assess a patient.

Plan Now to Attend the Fall Dental Continuing Education Assembly

Make plans now to attend the 2014 Alumni Homecoming Weekend, September 18 – 21, with the Fall Dental Continuing Education Assembly scheduled for September 18 - 19.

Learn more at: alumni.Creighton.edu/weekend, and keep up-to-date through the Bluejay Buzz. Join the Creighton Alumni Homecoming Weekend Facebook page: facebook.com/CreightonAlumniHomecomingWeekend, and follow us at twitter.com/CreightonAlumni #weekend.

We look forward to seeing you!
Kathleen Gates, DDS’95, was assigned as commander of the 31st Dental Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy. Col. Gates was previously assigned as Deputy Chief, Dental Care Branch, TRICARE Management Activity and Consultant for Dentistry to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, where she provided oversight of dental contacts for 2.9 million beneficiaries with a value of $5.7 billion. Gary Westerman, DDS, attended the July 2013 ceremony with his daughter, Lt. Col. Amy Dayer, DDS, Deputy Squadron Commander.

Justin Phillips, DDS’96, of Phillips Family Dental Care in Santa Rosa, Calif., was voted Best Dentist in Sonoma County, through the Press Democrat’s Best of Sonoma County Readers’ Choice Awards. Dr. Phillips practices comprehensive general dentistry with an emphasis on cosmetic dentistry.

William Nelson, DDS’81, is president-elect of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, a 9,000-member organization that promotes oral and maxillofacial surgery. Nelson was in a group practice in Green Bay, Wis., for 26 years and is an adjunct associate professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Minnesota.

Calvin Utke, DDS’84, was named president of the Colorado Dental Association. The association serves 3,100 members and represents 80 percent of the licensed dentists in the state. It strives to advance dentistry and oral health and provide members and the general public with products and services to enhance member practices, professional growth and patient care.

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Scheidel and Students Provide Outreach at St. Francis Mission

Lakota adults and children now have access to dental care services at the St. Francis Mission Dental Clinic in St. Francis, S.D., a free clinic operating on the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

During the summer and fall of 2013, Creighton dental students under the supervision of Donal Scheidel, DDS’81, voluntarily provided 41 patients nearly $15,800 of dental care, which included hygiene instructions, fluoride varnish treatments, fillings and extractions.

Native Americans are part of the historical, service and cultural foundations of Creighton and quite literally, the University foundation itself, as the Creighton campus is situated on the ruins of an Oto earth lodge. From the 1730s to the 1760s, there was an immense village that extended from the site of the current campus to downtown Omaha.

In more recent history, Creighton has enjoyed relationships with Native American populations and has coordinated service immersion trips to reservations in Nebraska, South Dakota and Arizona, serving the tribes of the Navajo, Winnebago, Rosebud, Oglala and Cheyenne River. The University provides health services at reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Creighton also encourages Native American students to enroll at the University. In 2013, Creighton graduated the largest group of Native American students in the history of the University – 23 – including three dentistry students, who were supported in part with a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Dental Pipeline program. Two of Creighton’s dental graduates advanced to postgraduate work either for their tribes or with the Indian Health Service (IHS).

NOTICE

Do you have position vacancies in your dental practice, or are you interested in selling your practice? Contact Patti Churchill, Director of Students Services, 402.280.2881, to bring opportunities to the attention of School of Dentistry graduates, pattichurchill@creighton.edu.
Dobleman gift expands interprofessional education of oral cancer screening

Dobleman Head and Neck Cancer Institute directors Thomas Dobleman, MD, and Mary Cimino Dobleman, MSN, hope the gift of a special exam room at the School of Dentistry will help Creighton health sciences students grow in their knowledge of cancer detection through interprofessional education. According to Dr. Dobleman, more than 80,000 Americans each year are diagnosed with head and neck cancer, and the number of healthcare professionals who screen for them needs to increase.

Diagnostic Sciences Chair John Shaner, DMD, says that Creighton dental students are taught how to conduct an oral cancer screening as part of every examination, and that the Doblemans’ generous gift will increase awareness of head and neck cancer prevention and detection even more.

“Involving medical students in a dental treatment setting will expand their knowledge and understanding of oral cancer and make them better qualified and motivated to look for it during physical exams, especially important for patients who do not see a dentist regularly,” said Shaner.

The Dobleman Institute builds cancer awareness in the region and organizes free screenings for symptoms such as a lump or a sore in the throat, neck, lip, jaw or tongue that does not heal or go away. The institute also provides emotional and tactical support for cancer survivors.

“Philanthropy is most successful when the goals of donors are aligned with the educational priorities of an institution,” said director of Development Cortney Bauer. “The School of Dentistry and the Dobleman Institute are working together to reduce the incidence of cancer and improve lives.”

Publications & Abstracts

• Published in the Journal of Dental Research
  Nunn M, Williams D, Miyamoto T. Retained Asymptomatic Third Molars and Risk for Second Molar Pathology.

• Published in J Dent Implant 2013; 3:87-90

• Published in the Journal of Dental Education, Volume 77, Number 5

Moir presents at ADA conference

Second-year dental student and table clinic team leader Tanner Moir presented research findings at the American Dental Association Annual Session in New Orleans.

The research compared the overall diagnostic quality of periapical and cone-beam computed tomography images in endodontically treated teeth, and addressed determinants of preferential image acquisition when retreatig root canals.

The original group included students Alexandra Blomquist, Ashley Bowland, Joseph Formanek, Saidah Mayo, Tanner Moir, Lauren Reed, Robert Weiss II and Matthew Wiles; and faculty advisors Thomas Beeson, DDS, and Timothy Walker, DDS, MS.

“The experience provided me with a chance to talk with other dental students who were involved in research, and allowed us to share ideas and talk about our dental school experiences,” said Moir.

Wilcox Recognized with Reflection Award

Chuck Wilcox, DDS, professor of prosthodontics, and his wife, Donna, received the Midlands Community Foundation Reflection Award, for leadership and service contributions in Cass and Sarpy counties in Nebraska.

Wilcox is active in state and national dental organizations and is an examiner for the state of Nebraska. He is a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists and the American College of Dentists.

Retirement Updates

Familiar faces who retired from the School of Dentistry in 2013 included: Geraldine (Geri) Anthony, General Dentistry; Susan (Susie) Weber, dental assistant, Pediatrics/Adult Clinic; Thomas (Tom) Mertz, technician, Fixed Prosthodontics Lab; and David Wimer, technician, Fixed Prosthodontics Lab.
Part-Time Faculty Spotlight: Cyndi Russell, BA’80, DDS’84

“Creighton dentists are seen as well-rounded because they’ve done hands-on work in all fields.”

In 25 years assisting freshmen in the dental anatomy lab, helping them carve teeth from wax, there is one question that Cyndi Russell has heard a million times: “Why do I have to do this?”

Her answer: “I guarantee that you will use these skills every day in your dental careers.” Many of those students have returned after graduation, Russell says, to express gratitude for the lessons they learned.

Dr. Russell, who practices dentistry in Omaha, earned undergraduate and dentistry degrees at Creighton and since graduation, has taught part-time in the School of Dentistry. With only a short sabbatical, she has been at Creighton for 37 years – eight years as a student, and later in the labs in Dental Anatomy and Materials and one afternoon a week on the clinic floor.

“The freshman anatomy lab is an all-day class and lab on Mondays, and I am one of five faculty and two graduate students who work with students. Skills developed through carving teeth allow students to think about variables such as height of contour and cusps placement. It helps them form mental images of teeth that stay with them forever. Being able to visualize small, subtle nuances of individual teeth helps students immeasurably when they advance to restoring real teeth, so they don’t do additional damage to the mouth.”

Although she knew as an undergraduate that she wanted a career in the health sciences, it was a summer job with her own dentist, Jim Huerter, DDS’52, that clinched Russell’s decision to pursue dentistry. “He got me excited about the profession and about Creighton. People like Jim, and another terrific mentor, Tom Cavel, DDS’70, have made huge impressions on me, personally and professionally. They are wonderful people and great ambassadors of Creighton.”

Russell is proud of the positive reputation the school enjoys. “Creighton dentists are seen as well-rounded because they’ve done hands-on work in all fields. In many programs, opportunities for advanced procedures are reserved for residents. Not at Creighton. Our graduates can accept a position in a small-town practice and feel comfortable knowing they’ll be able to treat almost any need that a patient might have. They don’t have to rely on specialists who may not be easily accessible to their patients,” Russell explains.

Russell has remained connected to her alma mater and has volunteered as chairperson for six class reunions. “The Class of 1984 is spread out. I think we are now practicing in 34 of the 50 states. Even graduates who cannot attend a reunion will often contribute to the reunion booklet.”

Like her classmates, she has seen many changes over nearly three decades.

“Twenty-five years ago we were mixing composite from two tubes and waiting for it to set. The advancements in technology are just unbelievable. Dean Latta is very knowledgeable in technology and is a wonderful resource for alumni, as they update their own practices.”

In her spare time, Russell gardens, quilts and remodels her home, and in the last couple of years, has taken up photography.

Dental Students Honored

Teryn Sedillo was awarded a scholarship to the Paul Ambrose Scholars Program Symposium in Washington, D.C., in June 2013. She joined 45 healthcare students dedicated to bringing health promotion and prevention to communities. Recipients were selected from more than 80 health professions schools. The program is administered by the Association for Prevention Teaching and Research and sponsored by the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Andrew (Drew) McDonald received the Dr. David A. Reinsch Humanitarian Award, presented to a senior dental student who demonstrates concern for the welfare of others through service, advocacy and leadership. McDonald received his undergraduate education at the University of Arizona at Tucson and the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, playing baseball at both schools. He says that many years of orthodontia left him with a healthy smile and a thorough indoctrination to Creighton from his own dentist, Henry Mohr, DDS’73, who “couldn’t say enough good things about his alma mater.” McDonald is involved in several outreach efforts including providing dental care to inmates of the Douglas County Correctional Center.

Eric Lomas was awarded an annual scholarship from the Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation for outstanding academic achievement in dentistry. The academy is an honorary dental service organization that encourages professionalism, integrity and ethics worldwide. Recipients of the annual scholarship must demonstrate high leadership characteristics and above-average academic qualifications.
Thank you, dental alumni and friends...

Thank you for your participation in the feasibility e-survey completed in July 2013!

A response rate well above the average (18 percent, compared to an expected 10 percent) tells us that our alumni and friends are very invested in the future of the School of Dentistry.

Your candid feedback was very helpful. We learned that the majority of those who responded agree that addressing the physical structure of the School of Dentistry is a top priority. We also learned that 92 percent of respondents have a positive attitude towards the School of Dentistry, and that 70 percent are willing to accept a volunteer role, if asked.

We were very excited to share the results with Creighton University leadership and the Board of Trustees, who support this project.

We will keep you updated as the School of Dentistry planning process moves forward.