



Congratulations to the Class of 2019!



From the Dean

Dear Dental Alumni, Faculty, Staff, Students and Friends,

We have officially completed two academic semesters in our outstanding new facility. Among many triumphs, there have been days we experienced challenges and our faculty, staff and students met them head on. I truly appreciate all of the support they, and all of you, continue to give every day, and I am extremely proud and humbled by each and every one of you. Keep up the great work!

As you peruse this e-newsletter, you will see that it has a new look. I hope you will find this new version easy to read, and that you will learn more about the excellent work happening in our school. Please feel free to give us feedback by sending an email to dentistry@creighton.edu.

Congratulations to the Class of 2019 upon your graduation. We know that you are ready to take the next step in your profession as a premier practice-ready dentist, and we wish you luck and prosperity in your future endeavors. I would like to congratulate one graduate in particular, Nathaniel Hansen, DDS'19, who was presented the [Spirit of Creighton award](#) at this year's commencement. The award is conferred upon a student who embodies the spirit of Creighton's founders, and he was recognized for his many academic achievements, extracurricular activities and abundant acts of service. You may know Nathan better as Billy Bluejay, Creighton's mascot, which he has portrayed for the past four years.

I hope each of you enjoys a happy and safe summer.

Best wishes,
Mark A. Latta, DMD, MS
Dean

GRADUATION



Congrats, 2019!

At the morning commencement ceremony, 82 dental seniors graduated on May 18 at the CHI Health Center Omaha.

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SENIOR AWARDS



Seniors Honored

Dental seniors were honored for their high academic and clinical practice achievements during their four years at the School of Dentistry in a [May 16 ceremony](#).

WHITE COAT



Class of 2021

Every spring, incoming third-year students receive their white coats. The White Coat Ceremony is a century-old tradition and rite of passage, welcoming these students into the [dental profession](#).

ENDOWED FUND



Faculty Development

The Dr. Joseph and Rita Barsetti Faculty Development Endowed Fund — established by Creighton alumnus Joseph Barsetti, BA'77, DDS'81, and his wife, Rita — will support faculty in [their pursuit of...](#)

Trust, Care Draw Patient to Dental Clinic

When Creighton staff member Isaac Inkabi needed a dentist, opting to go to the Creighton Dental Clinic located in the School of Dentistry was an easy choice. Why? In part, because of a recommendation from a colleague in his department—Health Sciences-Multicultural and Community Affairs (HS-MACA). [The convenience of...](#)

Dental Student Rensch Elected to ASDA

Creighton dental student Brandon Rensch was elected national vice president of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) at the Annual Session in March. Rensch has previously served as an ASDA district trustee and dental student liaison to the ADA's Joint Commission on [National Dental Examinations...](#)

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Elects Members

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Dental Society (OKU) honored several alumni, students and faculty as newly elected members for 2019. OKU is a national dental honor society that encourages scholarship and advances the ethical standards of the dental profession. OKU recognizes dental [professionals who have...](#)

Dental Research Team Publishes in Journal

Takanari Miyamoto, DDS, PhD, MSD, MBA, chair and associate professor of the Department of Periodontology, along with Melissa Lang, DDS, MS, associate professor of periodontics and director of the Predoctoral Periodontics Program, Martha Nunn, DDS, PhD, professor of periodontics and director for [the Center of...](#)

Dean Latta Elected to National Post

Mark Latta, DMD, MS, dean of the School of Dentistry, was elected president of the Supreme Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU) for a one-year term, beginning March 2019. OKU is a national dental honor society that encourages scholarship and advances the ethical standards of the dental profession.

Harris, O'Meara-McKinney Present at YP Summit

Creighton University was a proud partner of the 2019 Omaha Chamber of Commerce YP Summit, held on March 15. This was Creighton's fourth year as the lead partner, a position the University is honored to share with the Chamber. The Summit is a marquee event for young professionals (YPs) in Omaha, bringing more [than 1,500 YPs...](#)

Dental Faculty Recipient of Humanitarian Award

Charles "Fritz" Craft, DDS, contributed services faculty in the Department of Community and Preventive Dentistry, was honored with the 2019 American Dental Association Humanitarian Award. [Read more on the ADA website.](#)

Miyamoto to Speak at Periodontology Meeting

Takanari Miyamoto, DDS, PhD, MSD, MBA, chair and associate professor of the Department of Periodontology, has been invited to speak at the American Academy of Periodontology's 2019 Annual Meeting in Chicago on Nov. 5, for a focused continuing education session on "Predictability of Long-Term Success of Periodontal Therapy: You Get What You Give!" For more information, please [visit here.](#)

Game Time

When it comes to serving the community and honing one's craft, it's best to be

where the action is. Two Creighton University School of Dentistry alumni — Michael Zacher, DDS'91, and Jared Mosley, DDS'06 — have found that place to be on the sidelines for their local youth and professional sports teams. [Both practitioners...](#)



Calendar

A sampling of upcoming school events and important dates:

6/19-6/22 International Association for Dental Research ([Vancouver](#))

6/21 Endodontics Symposium ([more](#))

7/13-8/11 Summer Recess

8/13-14 Freshman Orientation

8/13 Begin Classes/Clinics (So/Jr/Sr)

9/2 Labor Day

9/4-9/8 American Dental Association Meeting ([San Francisco](#))



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