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## TEMPLE DENTAL'S LEGACY AND FUTURE: *an* **ALUMNI PERSPECTIVE**



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Enjoy a look back at the dental school's history—and forward to its future—through the eyes of alumni.

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## Our Heritage and Future



### **Since the 1860s, Temple has educated thousands of dentists.**

In this issue, we are proud to share with you the dental school's history, through stories told by our alumni. Ours is a rich heritage – one that is at the foundation of planning for the school's future. When we spoke with alumni for the feature *Temple Dental's Legacy and Future: An Alumni Perspective* (pages 3-8), the pride and gratitude each of them feels for their Temple dental education is overwhelming. They expressed great appreciation for the clinical skills and experience they developed at Temple; skills which prepared them for private practice, teaching, and public service leadership. Please

take some time to enjoy their memories of Temple, perspectives on its legacy, and visions for its future.

As Kornberg School of Dentistry moves forward, we must remain ever vigilant that this link between our heritage and future remains strong. The school is on a path to develop new approaches to educating men and women who will serve as excellent dentists globally. Just as it is now, patient care will continue to be our core mission. In the new clinics, which will be fully renovated by the beginning of the next academic year, teams of junior and senior dental students will work in general dentistry practices that are designed and managed as real-life patient care centers.

The new general dentistry practices will enable us to integrate behavioral and basic sciences with clinical education and allow us to introduce real-life practice management protocols that ready dental students for the future. Moreover, the new practices will prepare our students to evaluate quality of care and learn from each other as members of a team.

Renovations continue, with complete renovation of the predoctoral clinics expected by August 2012 and the postgraduate clinics by December 2012. Funding for this phase of the \$11.4 million project comes from Temple University (\$5.5 million); contributions made by the late Frank S. Kaiser, DDS; '14 alumni; and the dental school, as well as future "friend-raising" from our alumni and friends. The ongoing Innovation Campaign also helps support current faculty, hire new faculty, and bring cutting edge technology to the classroom and clinics.

Kornberg School of Dentistry's heritage is solid and our future is bright. We are especially grateful for the committed support of Temple University's President, Ann Weaver Hart, as well as its Board of Trustees, and Provost Richard M. Englert.

Finally, plans have begun for Kornberg School of Dentistry's 150th anniversary in 2013, when we will celebrate our heritage and the contributions the dental school has made to millions of people since its inception in 1863. Please prepare to join us for the celebration in April 2013.

Best wishes,

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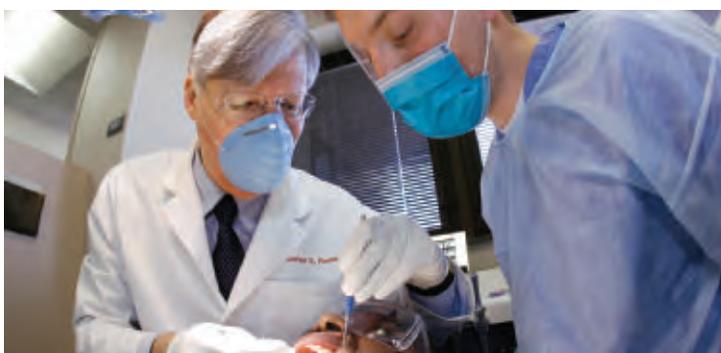
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## AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Renovation Update

(Clockwise from left) Newly renovated lobby; Central sterilization; Faculty and student practicing in the clinic



### Kornberg School of Dentistry Accredited

In an effort that involved all full-time faculty over the course of approximately two years, the Kornberg School of Dentistry conducted a comprehensive self-study of its operations that included curriculum, clinical programs, faculty and staff, student services, student admissions, patient care services, finances, research, and outcomes assessment. From this study, the school leadership developed a series of documents measuring the school's compliance relative to standards established by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

In March 2011, fifteen national experts gathered at the school for three days to review the self-study and meet with faculty and administrators to determine the school's compliance with CODA standards. The final

report of the site visit team, released in September, decreed that all programs at the Kornberg School of Dentistry are fully accredited until 2018— a truly outstanding result!

### Kappa Kappa Chapter Wins 2011 Chapter Award

Annually, Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), a national dental honor society, presents an OKU chapter with an award that recognizes its exemplary programs. This year, Kornberg School of Dentistry's Kappa Kappa Chapter received the award.

The chapter was honored for its financial support of the school's annual white coat ceremony and Haiti Club, which sends students every year to remote locations in Haiti where they provide dental care to underserved populations.

OKU also cited the Kappa Kappa Chapter for its recent actions in response to the move of Kornberg

School of Dentistry's predoctoral clinic from a disciplined-based model to a comprehensive care clinical model. In the spirit of the academic excellence that the OKU Honor Society exemplifies, members of the Kappa Kappa Chapter voted to support a competition among the junior and senior students for a case documentation, which follows a case from treatment planning to the successful completion of the proposed treatment plan. This plan includes extensive documentation with radiographs, photos, and diagnostic study casts. The Chapter Award also recognizes the Kappa Kappa Chapter for creating and maintaining a website that keeps its members and guests apprised of chapter activities.

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**The time was 1863**, the place, Philadelphia. Our profession was in its infancy, with only 114 men practicing dentistry (no more than 18 had degrees) to serve a population of 500,000. This was the year the Kornberg School of Dentistry, then known as Philadelphia Dental College, was founded. Eleven students enrolled, and were required to meet what at the time were revolutionary standards for graduation, setting the stage for the demanding, yet supportive, education that future alumni would experience.

Many alumni have returned recently to visit Kornberg School of Dentistry, and many have expressed, in words and through different forms of support, their gratitude for the Temple experience.

Over the last century and a half (the school is set to celebrate its 150th anniversary in 2013), the Temple dental experience has been characterized by academic rigor, real-world experience, camaraderie with fellow students, and an underlying passion to serve the profession and the community.

As Kornberg School of Dentistry enters into a new era, defined by innovation and transformation, the *Diamond* looks back—and ahead—at our school. In this issue, graduates from different decades share their memories and thoughts about Kornberg School of Dentistry's legacy, and how the years of hard work, long hours, and lasting relationships have shaped their lives.

## OUR FIRST ALUMNI

The Alumni Association of the Philadelphia Dental College was formed in 1865, two years after the school's founding. By 1870, 100 students were members. These aspiring dentists had come to study at the school from throughout the United States and around the world, and many had already earned degrees in other fields.

In its early years, the school grew in size and reputation quickly. Its original location was at 10th and Arch streets, where the facility evolved to include a Dental Anatomical Museum and infirmary with the most modern equipment the time had to offer. Faculty members were the most well-respected in the field, and soon a new field of interest and specialization was born at the school—oral surgery. The curriculum continued to evolve, combining medicine and dentistry, which was both an experimental and groundbreaking step.



In 1907, the school became affiliated with Temple University and moved to 18th and Buttonwood streets. Six years later, in 1913, when the Dental College celebrated its 50th anniversary, several hundred alumni joined in the celebration.

The few decades to follow proved to be the most difficult in the school's history—dental education as a whole was changing rapidly, and during this time, Temple dental worked hard to respond by reorganizing the faculty, establishing a School of Oral Hygiene in 1921, and opening a Children's Clinic in 1932.

A new dean, Dr. Gerald Timmons, began his tenure in 1942, and immediately began reorganizing the faculty and creating a curriculum that met the needs of a quickly evolving profession. A new facility was desperately needed, and in 1947, through government support and the generosity of alumni, the school moved to a modern new building at 3223 North Broad Street. More than 1,000 people attended the opening event, and a dynamic new time at Temple dental had begun. By 1962, the School enrolled more than 500 students. Alumni fondly remember these times at Temple: the camaraderie, the challenging instruction, and the excellent career preparation they received.

“Dean I. Norman Broomell [1918-1941] interviewed and accepted me as an incoming student. He was a very kind and quiet man, and I aspired to be like him. I was 19 when I started dental school, a young man from New York whose first trip, out of New York, was across the Hudson River to Temple. Being so far from home made me more responsible. My classmates felt the same way — we supported each other. That was also part of the Temple environment. To me, Temple was a big and a very important family.”

**Jack Mishkin, DDS '43.** Mishkin financed his tuition by working as the school's janitor, sweeping the clinic floors and taking out the garbage. He moved to Florida in 1958 to practice periodontics.

“As students, it was hard to realize how good Temple's program is. It just seemed very, very hard. The longer we were out of school, however, the more we appreciated it. The school's legacy as a premier clinical program is its more than 100 years of preparing excellent practitioners for the dental profession.”

**Goldanna Cramer Perlsweig, DDS, '46.** Perlsweig practiced for 52 years and just recently celebrated her class' 65th reunion.

“Nine members of our class live in Boca Raton. We have been meeting once a month for more than three decades. We hadn't seen each other for 50 years and then started this tradition. I don't think there's another class in the country where so many members get together every single month like we do. It's wonderful.”

**Morton Goode, DDS, '46.** Goode practiced in Washington, D.C. before retiring to Florida.

## A SECOND CENTURY OF TEMPLE DENTISTS

In 1963, Temple dental celebrated the centennial of its founding. At this time, the School enrolled more than 500 students who benefitted from expanded clinical facilities. To further its commitment to the community, a partnership was formed with the Health Sciences Center and a Department of Community Dentistry was established. As a result, a more robust community service program flourished, with patient visits topping the 50,000 mark in the 1970s.

The school's 125th year was celebrated in 1988, and there were more than 6,000 alumni by this time in its history. It was a time of new frontiers in dentistry: implantology, cosmetic dentistry, and dental research rose to the forefront, and Temple responded strategically to these changes. Size of facilities had again become a challenge, and with help from the Commonwealth, a new teaching facility, with both pre-clinical and clinical facilities, was opened at Broad and Allegheny to much excitement. Even before the facility opened in 1991, Temple dental was in demand. The previous year, the School received the second largest number of applicants of any dental school in the nation.



“I was the only woman in the school when I started. It had never occurred to me that women weren't dentists. The first day of school, I walked into the old auditorium, and there were all men. All men. And I looked around and thought 'oh my gosh.' I went into my locker and it was in the men's room. It was an interesting time. I started in 1967, before women's lib, right at the time when things were starting to change. Some people had a problem with me but the department heads were all very supportive and nice.”

**Lynne F. Heckert, DDS, '71. Heckert was the first woman to graduate from Temple dental school after the Korean War and the only woman in her class. She teaches Law and Ethics for Dentists at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and practices with her husband, George Heckert, DDS, 1969 in Audubon, PA.**



“I sterilized student instruments at night, a job for which I was recruited by the secretary to the director of clinics. She was Puerto Rican and excited to finally have a Hispanic student. I worked two or three hours when I was only paid for one—that's how much I loved the work. It showed me the other side of the school—the employees, who were really nice people and helped make our student experience special, as did our phenomenal professors. I still refer my patients to Drs. Ed Eisenberg and Jeff Carroll at Kornberg. We are like family. They were good instructors, caring, and very professional.”

**Manuel Cordero, DDS, '83. Cordero was the first Hispanic graduate of Temple dental school. He maintains two private practices in New Jersey, one serving mostly English-speaking patients and the other Spanish-speaking patients. He is an active member of the American Dental Association, Academy of General Dentistry, and the Hispanic Dental Association. Dr. Cordero is currently working on a master's degree in public health. Cordero is Secretary of the Academy of General Dentistry and President elect of the Academy of Richard V. Tucker Study Clubs (to be installed as Pres. in Oct. 2012)**

“I used to bring my two children to school and put them in an empty classroom to write on the blackboard or do homework. They were 'Temple Dental' kids and many friends and staff helped me watch them while I completed late night lab work. When I see my colleagues many ask, 'How are the kids?' Well the kids are now 29 (talks about going to dental school) and 30 (works with me as a registered hygienist).”

**Renee Fennell-Dempsey, DMD, '93. Fennell-Dempsey is the president of the New Era Dental Society. She leads Women's Dental First, a practice founded 40 years ago by her father Perry Fennell, DDS, '59.**

## A LEGACY CONTINUES

Setting the standard for dental schools worldwide on how best to educate dentists for the 21st century, the school continues the legacy of which our alumni are so proud. From the creation of a new hospital-style Central Sterilization Unit and the opening of a Community Dental Clinic, to a new Master of Public Health degree track and enhancements to the pediatric dentistry program, today's Temple experience is evolving as the profession demands. Plans are currently underway to renovate all clinics so that all three floors of the school provide the most current education and comfortable patient experience.

This year, more than 4,000 applicants resulted in 128 enrolled students for the class of 2015—students who will learn in new clinical operations, including four clusters—distinct stand-alone clinics that are similar to private practices—and newly renovated state-of-the-art lecture halls.

The Kornberg School of Dentistry will be a true patient-centered and comprehensive general dentistry model, one that honors the experience of our alumni and creates the most advanced and comprehensive learning experience for those who will join their ranks.



“ Temple graduates are knowledgeable, well-qualified, well-rounded contributors to society; more than dentists, we are stewards who go out into the community and provide not only dentistry but professionalism... I am 50% owner of a private practice and practice with dentists 20 years my senior. It's a level playing field. Temple gave me the confidence and ability to be where I am today.”

**Jason Hanyon, DMD, '04. Hanyon practices in Scranton, PA.**



“ The Class of 2011 made it through a rigorous program and wanted to leave something behind to thank the school and encourage those coming after us. Our goal was to make a gift that would be meaningful for patients and students; something that would also augment the current renovations and add to the forward momentum of the school.”

**Geoffrey S. Zinberg, DMD, '11. Zinberg was a member of the Student Council of the School of Dentistry. He helped lead the effort to raise funds from the Class of 2011 for a ping pong table for students and several television monitors in public spaces for announcements and information that pertain to students and patients.**

# WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION *in the* **FUTURE**



We welcome your participation in the future of Kornberg School of Dentistry. You are encouraged to get involved with your alma mater as we educate the next generation of Temple dentists.

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“Those of us who went to Temple, where we received the opportunity to be compensated for what we love to do, must say thank you to the school in as many ways as possible.”

**Jack Mishkin, DDS, '43**

“It's always been a priority of mine to give something to Temple every year since receiving my degree. If it weren't for the dental school, I wouldn't have what I do today. Temple imbued an idea of caring into its students, and to be able to help others is a special gift.”

**Jack Belchinsky, DDS, '66**

“I'm hoping that as time goes on, more of my classmates and other alumni feel the excitement for the school that I do and participate. Everything you felt in dental school was exhilarating. It was such a huge part of your life and it's exciting to come back, see it again and be able to support it in new ways.”

**Jay Goldberg, DDS, '83**

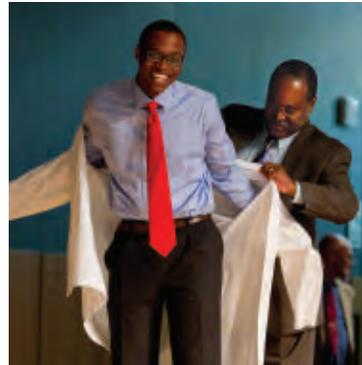
“Temple is on a phenomenally good path. The sheer number of students applying and the high level quality of those accepted is exceptional. The very modern, beautiful new clinics, the updated equipment and classrooms are all very important steps for continuing to attract the best students. Temple is in a leading seat among dental schools preparing graduates for practicing with state of the art equipment in real world environments with strong clinical skills. The School now has a very strategic vision and an unwavering will to realize it.”

**Joseph Roberts, DDS, '83. Roberts is in private practice in Center City Philadelphia with his wife Kathryn Ames, DMD, '83.**



## White Coat Ceremony

The 2011 White Coat Ceremony, a milestone event for the Class of 2013, took place on May 6 in the Temple Performing Arts Center.

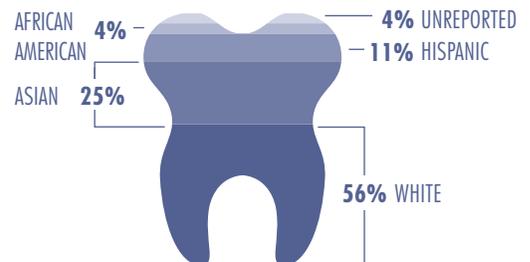
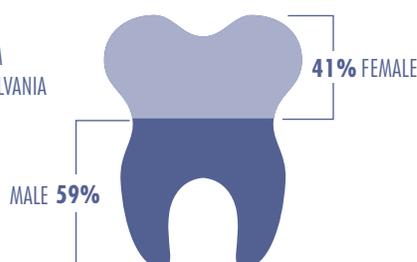
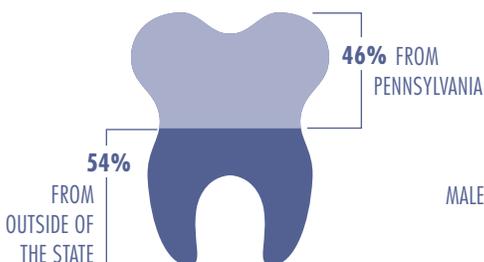


## CLASS OF 2011

On May 12, 2011, Kornberg School of Dentistry held its commencement

ceremony at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. Speakers included Dean Ismail; Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, DMD, executive director and chief operating officer, American Dental Association; David Bresler, DDS, '79,

alumni board president; Louise Skarulis, DDS, assistant professor, restorative dentistry; and valedictorians Gregory W. Carr, DMD and Geoffrey S. Zinberg, DMD. Below are demographics from the class of 2011.



## Multi-Class Reunion

On May 6, Kornberg School of Dentistry hosted its first multi-class reunion. Graduates from the classes of 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1986, and 2001 attended and celebrated their accomplishments together at the dental school.

Dean Ismail welcomed guests and updated them on happenings at the school. Temple Men's Basketball Coach Fran Dunphy, the event's special guest speaker, spoke about being one of the winningest coaches in Philadelphia's Big 5 history. Attendees also enjoyed lunch, tours, and attending the Class of 2013's White Coat Ceremony, as well as a reunion cocktail reception and dinner. With more than 100 attendees, the inaugural reunion event was a great success. See more photos at [www.temple.edu/dentistry/reunion2011/index.html](http://www.temple.edu/dentistry/reunion2011/index.html).

We look forward to celebrating with the next reunion classes at Reunion 2012 on May 4.

For more information on upcoming alumni events and Reunion 2012, please visit [www.temple.edu/dentistry/alumni/events.html](http://www.temple.edu/dentistry/alumni/events.html) or contact Gianna Fenimore Quinn in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs, [giannafenimore@temple.edu](mailto:giannafenimore@temple.edu) or 215-707-9005.



## Class Notes

**Barbara Mancini Cavicchio '82**, was installed as President of the Rhode Island Dental Association in May 2011. She practices in North Providence, RI, where she lives with her husband Charles M. Cavicchio, a podiatrist, and their two daughters, Alison and Andrea. Cavicchio is a member of the American Dental Association, Rhode Island Dental Association, and Providence District Dental Society. She is also a member of the Academy of General Dentists, the International College of Dentists, and the Pierre Fauchard Honor Society.

**Mark Harrison, '82**, a pediatric dentist in New Hampshire, traveled to South Africa to

help provide dental care in underserved areas as part of a Rotadent outreach program.

**Manuel A. Cordero, '83**, was elected as secretary of The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) in July. Cordero lives in Sewell, NJ and is a member of the Hispanic Dental Association's Board of Trustees and its Governance Committee. Cordero and his wife of 34 years, Harriet, have four children. The eldest, Maria, is a dentist completing a pediatric residency at Ohio State University.

**Aneel Belani, '10**, recently earned his certification from the American Board of Endodontics. At age 28, he is the youngest endodontist to do so. Belani is in private

practice with Elite Dental Specialists, located in Aurora, IL.

**Allen L. Finkelstein, '83**, received the Harry Strusser Memorial Award from NYU College of Dentistry in March. He was honored for his outstanding contributions to improved public health.

## Tell us your news

We want to hear about you. Please post your news at [myowlspace.com](http://myowlspace.com) or e-mail us at [gianna.fenimore@temple.edu](mailto:gianna.fenimore@temple.edu).



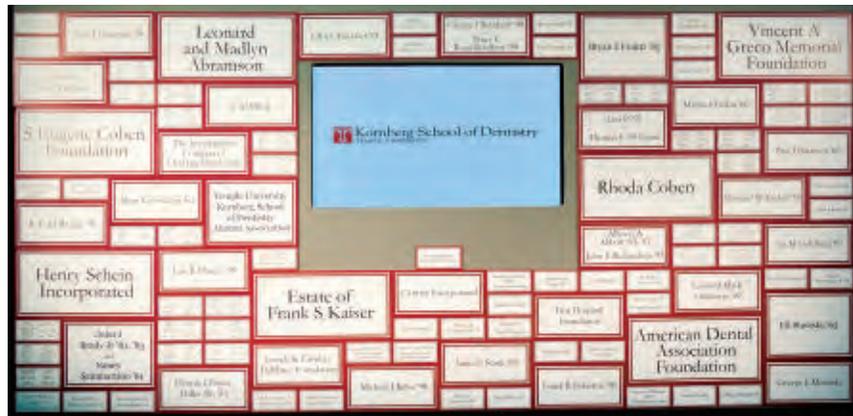
## SEEING THE FUTURE *by Amid I. Ismail, Dean*

Vision statements explain aspirations of organizations or individuals for the future. Without a clear vision, an organization loses its heading to shape its future. In developing our vision for Kornberg School of Dentistry, faculty, staff, and students have been guided by our long history and brand as a school where dentists graduate with well-developed clinical skills. Based on this heritage, we aspire to become a major center for patient care and education of dentists in a humanistic and comprehensive patient care environment. It may sound like a simple vision, but in reality it requires a change in the way we educate and provide patient care. We need to prepare future dentists to provide comprehensive and ethical care, rather than to just focus on how many procedures must be completed before they graduate. We must continue to require they achieve clinical competencies and graduate with real experience before going out into the world to practice. More importantly, the provision of care will focus on what is the best care for the right patient at the right time. This change will take place in 2012 when we introduce the general dentistry clinics, where students, staff, and faculty work as teams to provide all care, including admission, treatment planning, emergency care, restorative, periodontic, endodontic, and prosthetic care, in one clinic. Students will learn to work not only with one patient at a time, but with a family of patients in each cluster. Our “brand” will remain focused on educating dentists who provide patient-centered and evidence-based care and have a high level of clinical skills.

*“In developing our vision for Kornberg School of Dentistry, faculty, staff, and students have been guided by our long history and brand as a school where dentists graduate with well-developed clinical skills.”*

**Amid I. Ismail, Dean,  
Kornberg School of Dentistry**

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## Renovation Sneak Peak

On April 27, Kornberg School of Dentistry hosted a Renovation Preview Celebration for more than 175 alumni and friends. Guests had the opportunity to preview the renovations, and Dean Ismail expressed his gratitude to alumni and friends for their support of the school.

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