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At the time when our Founding Dean, John H. McQuillen, was lobbying to open his dream dental school to educate dentists using a structured curriculum and not through apprenticeships, Ralph Waldo Emerson, the famous American writer and a leader of the transcendentalist movement, wrote *The Conduct of Life*, his seventh collection of essays in which he critically attacked slavery and all its ills, and President Lincoln was directing a difficult war that shaped the future of this country.

“Hitch your wagon to a star.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Just as Emerson’s saying goes, McQuillen hitched his wagon to a star in his quest to open a competing dental school during a turbulent time. The school was able to begin operations only after he and the school’s four other founders each made a personal contribution of $700. McQuillen’s vision was clear, and he never gave up, succeeding and opening the Philadelphia Dental College in April 1863. Today, 150 years after the dogged determination and the personal sacrifice of Dean McQuillen, the Philadelphia Dental College, now Temple University Maurice H. Kornberg School of Dentistry, has experienced a long history of rejuvenation and decline, budget increases and cuts, and in spite of all the challenges, the faculty and students over the last 150 years have succeeded in creating a high-quality center for dental education.

The school is now undergoing a period of rejuvenation with the support of Temple University, its Board of Trustees and alumni and friends like you. It is a marquee school that defines and supports the mission of Temple University in community service, access to excellence in education and research, and global engagement. The school is at a pivotal point in its history, with many potential opportunities and challenges due to the changes in demographics, economics and healthcare in the U.S. and throughout the world. We will make you proud as we prepare the school for educating the next generation of dentists.

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— Dean Amid I. Ismail

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Neighborhoods
North Broad, Boulevard for the Rich
The thoroughfare was conveniently close to industrialists’ factories and mills, so North Broad became a boulevard of colorful and fanciful Gilded-Age mansions for the newly rich.

Beer in Brewerytown
Just three years after he arrived in America in 1846, Louis Bergdoll founded a brewery that eventually produced one of the most popular brews in America—in appropriately named Brewerytown.

Frankford’s Mills
By the mid-1800s, 30 textile mills produced woolen blankets, felt, carpet and more. Flooding from Frankford Creek was a continuing problem, impeding production and bringing attention to the desperate need for turning the stream into a concrete channel.

Transport
Economic Engines of Coal and Oil
After the Titusville oil gusher in 1859, trains transported more than just coal and iron ore from central Pennsylvania, using Philadelphia as one of the funnels for natural resources to the rest of the country and the world.

Shipping Channels for Cargo
Steam engines and sailing ships, especially cheap-to-operate schooners, plied both the Delaware and Schuylkill rivers in the mid-1800s, making the aquatic freeways as congested as interstates today.
Communication
Newspapers Boom
Between 1836 and 1880, a dozen daily newspapers were published, in lock-step with the city’s booming population. *The Evening Telegraph*, living up to its name, used the telegraph to transmit news of the Civil War and to compile editorials from newspapers across the U.S. and Europe.

Photography with Daguerreotypes
Affordable, luminous images captivated Philadelphians so much between 1839 and 1860 that the number of city studios increased from 20 to an astonishing 150.

Daily Life
Fire Company Rivalries
In the early 19th century, wild races between fire brigades and hose companies were the norm, as each tried to be the first to connect to pressurized fire plugs. Harshly criticized, volunteer fire companies regained respect when many of their members gave their lives on Civil War battlefields.

A Place for Children
The Northern Home, founded in 1853, was the first in the country to open its doors to the children of enlisted Civil War soldiers, particularly when their fathers died in battle.

Public Education for Boys
In 1838, Central High School began as the second public high school in the country. Enrollment for boys climbed, and a new school was built in 1854, much larger and with expanded curriculum and facilities.

Public Education for Girls
Established in 1848, Girls High was one of very few public education institutions for women. When increasing enrollment meant a new building in 1876, only Girard College and the University of Pennsylvania had larger facilities than what Girls High showcased for learning.

Innovators
Wanamaker’s Gamble
After the Civil War, manufacturing of consumer goods exploded and shopping became entertainment. John Wanamaker capitalized on the trend by consolidating all consumer offerings under one roof, first operating two small Center City stores, then purchasing a railroad freight depot in 1875 for his future, sprawling store next to City Hall.

Baldwin’s Locomotive
In the 1830s, Matthias Baldwin began building steam locomotives, an immense boon to America’s railroad system since most locomotives had been produced in England. By 1866 when he died, Baldwin’s plant near Broad and Spring Garden had produced 1,500 engines.

Widener’s Business Savvy
First working as a butcher, A.B. Widener, born in 1834 to a bricklayer, saved enough money to start one of the country’s first meat store chains. He then started buying stocks, becoming powerful and wealthy and eventually settling into a mansion built in the late 1880s at Broad and Girard.

Kneass’ Boldest Design
Using cast iron, an untested material, for a major arterial bridge on Chestnut Street, Stickland Kneass created a sweeping structure that was unlike any other in the country. Opened in 1864, the Gothic-inspired bridge was an engineering marvel until it was demolished in 1958.
Dr. J.H. McQuillen
Visionary Founder of Philadelphia Dental College, Later to Become Temple Dental School
It’s the fall of 1862, and Dr. John Hugh McQuillen believes what many do not: Philadelphia needs a second dental school. Besides opposition to the idea, the timing is not auspicious. The Battle of Antietam has brought America’s bloodiest day and anxiety about separate governments. The city’s soup kitchens are everywhere. Yet, McQuillen sees that for a population of a bit more than 500,000, only 114 men are practicing dentistry, and of those, only 18 have degrees. The need is clear.

So he resigns from his position as chair of operative dentistry and physiology at the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, the only dental school in the state, let alone the city, and begins to make his case. It’s not easy. The current school has trouble with finances—many students cannot pay the tuition—and with enrollment—average class size is just 46. Surely, another college will go beyond unnecessary; it will be detrimental.

But McQuillen’s vision is that competition and expanded study facilities will drive interest in dentistry locally and even in the world. Although handicapped by a lack of money, he lobbies to persuade dentists, doctors and attorneys throughout the state to help him secure a charter. The Hon. Robert McClellan, a dentist, introduces the bill to the House of Representatives in Harrisburg. The vote is affirmative, 65 to 15; however, a tougher battle awaits in the Senate. Called to present his argument, he is convincing enough to get the bill accepted, 28 to 3. Still, the signature of Governor Andrew Curtin is needed, and McQuillen gets it, after a personal interview, on April 18, 1863.

His Early Years

What’s the background of this man who could debate with such skill and instill such confidence? He was born on February 12, 1826, the son of an Army captain who served with distinction in the War of 1812. His mother was a Scattergood, a family of Quakers who came to this country with William Penn. Perhaps that background was the reason he attended a Friends school as a boy.

His first job, at 16, was as a clerk at an importing house near Delaware Avenue. However, once he was 21, he began studying medicine while also studying dentistry with Dr. Elisha Townsend. In 1849, McQuillen was elected a member of the Pennsylvania Association of Dental Surgery and opened a dental office. Then, in 1852, he earned an M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. Yet, from then on, he devoted himself to dentistry. In fact, a year later he received an honorary D.D.S. from the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery at its first Commencement, and in 1857, became part of the college’s faculty.

First Dean

When Philadelphia Dental College began operations on the first Monday in November 1863, on the second floor of 108-110 North 10th Street just above Arch,
McQuillen had been named dean and professor of anatomy, physiology and hygiene. His carefully selected Board of Corporators, all influential men, had elected him and four other professors. The faculty held lectures for 11 students, but were forced to each pay $700 to keep the doors open because the school had no endowment. This was reduced to $50 the second term, and then the school was self-sustaining.

Committed to a high standard of professionalism, McQuillen immediately instituted strict graduation requirements, a revolutionary idea at that time. So of the 11 entering students, only six graduated. Over the next six years, growth was so rapid that 100 students graduated. They came from Canada, Germany, France, England, Ireland and China, as well as from the United States, and many already had degrees other than dentistry. As Philadelphia was becoming the country’s center of dental education, these students were attending the college to take special courses in dentistry.

McQuillen’s forecast to the legislature had proven to be true: the city’s two dental schools fostered growth in the profession. Rather than becoming competitive, a general esprit developed among the students and faculty of both colleges—especially when the older school moved diagonally across the street from the newer one.

Writer and Editor
A skilled teacher and practitioner, McQuillen also was a serious investigator. His lectures included much beyond what was expected. For instance, talks on comparative anatomy might last more than two hours and feature rare specimens from the Academy of Natural Sciences.

Such interest in a multitude of subjects was reflected in his writings, many of which were translated into foreign languages. So respected was he as a writer that when J.D. White retired as editor of the Dental Cosmos newspaper in 1865, McQuillen assumed the responsibilities. Interestingly, his journalism contacts must have been strong when Philadelphia College was first formed. Not only did he gain the good will and support of The Press during arguments before the legislature, but he enlisted that newspaper’s popular and well-known literary editor, R. Shelton Mackenzie, as the school’s board secretary.

During his time as editor of Dental Cosmos, McQuillen brought energy and an acute appreciation of the scientific phase that dentistry had
entered. Soon the publication was looking to the future, ahead of its time in advocating higher professionalism. When he retired from the position in 1872, he said, “The effort has been made through the medium of editorials and other communications to touch every chord likely to … result in a broad and thorough, rather than a fractional, mental development on the part of members of the dental profession …” Remarking that charlatans must be prevented from entering dentistry, he added, “Prevention is always better than cure, and in this matter thorough education is the only reliable remedy as a preventive and a cure.”

**Dental Society Involvement**

In 1875, McQuillen had an opportunity to regulate the practice of dentistry in Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania State Dental Society appointed him as one of five to draft a bill. He had been a strong proponent of regulation ever since he first penned an article in 1859 advocating organization of an American Dental Association.

In fact, when the association was formed in Niagara Falls, he was there as a delegate from the Pennsylvania Association of Dental Surgeons. He helped draft the group’s constitution and later became its president in 1864.

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**His Legacy**

On March 3, 1879, McQuillen died suddenly at the age of 53. Under his leadership in a bit more than a decade, the college’s facilities had become the most modern offered, and student enrollment had soared to numbers not seen at any other similar institution. As a result, throughout the world the college was recognized as a great center for dental education. What McQuillen considered as his life work, the Philadelphia Dental College, was a success. What he valued most, a high degree of professionalism, was helping to advance dentistry. No longer someone between an artisan and a quack, the dentist of 1879 was moving toward being a respected member of the healing arts.

Sources: *The Dental Cosmos*, January 1934; *The Diamond*, 1938; “History of Temple University School of Dentistry”

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**Achievement Highlights**

- Successfully argued the case for a new dental school before the state’s Senate and governor
- Considered a pioneer in the scientific development of dentistry
- Advocated higher dental professionalism as editor of the *Dental Cosmos* journal
- Became a nationally recognized authority as writer, teacher, investigator and practitioner
- Elected president of the Pennsylvania Association of Dental Surgeons
Sitting in his two-room office, rimless glasses on a genial face, Dean Timmons answers a reporter’s question with a smile. “How did you become one of the world’s most distinguished figures in dentistry?”

Scratching his head, he responds, “I guess lucky timing had much to do with it. I just happened to be at the right places at the right times.”

The exchange is captured in a 1963 newspaper article, one of many that concludes timing had only a little bit to do with the dean’s success.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
Newspaper clippings, letters, cards, citations, and speeches—the collectibles of a dean’s life—fill an oversized scrapbook that’s stored behind a secure door in the archive rooms of the Dental School. The pages are brown and crumble at the merest touch. Worn edges and torn corners show that this book has been handled many times—and with good reason. Here are the clues to the type of leadership needed in 1942 when Timmons became dean.

According to historical records, Dr. Robert Livingston Johnson had just become president of Temple University when he found an evaluation report harshly criticizing the Dental School. The recommendation was to change dramatically or close the doors. Clearly, the school needed a dean who could re-establish its great name. Approaching the search with great care, Johnson began writing letters and conferring with noted colleagues in the field. In almost every instance, Timmons was mentioned as the ideal candidate.
For 15 years Timmons had established a solid reputation as a teacher and administrator at Indiana University, his alma mater. In fact, he was acting dean when he decided to take a hiatus from education and serve as executive secretary of the American Dental Association. Timmons had been in the position only two years when Johnson approached him, discussing possibilities for the Dental School’s reorganization. The challenges seemed insurmountable: aging facilities deteriorated beyond repair, low faculty morale and dropping enrollment due to the war.

Yet, Timmons accepted the position and immediately started making changes. He reorganized the faculty to remove dissension between departments and individual members and laid the groundwork for attracting new faculty. He updated curriculum and even added an accelerated course for a three-year degree. Then, after the war ended, he addressed the building issue. Searching for a new location, he heard from a university trustee that the Packard Building on North Broad was for sale. The government had used it during the war and was asking $1 million. Temple negotiated the price down to a manageable $300,000, and renovations began.

In 1947, the Dental School moved from its 50-year home at 18th and Buttonwood Streets to the totally modern building. To get the most perfect physical plant possible, Timmons had visited and studied other dental schools across the country. He also had supervised almost every part of the construction. As a result, the facility was first-rate and even included space for the Pharmacy School.

At the formal dedication in April 1948, Timmons typically downplayed his role in all of the school’s accomplishments. “I was but a victim of circumstances. It could have happened to anybody, and it would have happened to anybody whether it was I who took the job or somebody else.”

THE BEGINNINGS OF LEADERSHIP
Born in 1897 in Valparaiso, Ind., and the son of a dean at that city’s university, Timmons graduated from there with a degree in pharmacy, his father’s field. He then earned a dental degree in 1925 from Indiana University, financing his study with part-time work as a pharmacist.

Fifty years ago, Dean Timmons buried a time capsule beneath the lobby floor of the Dental School. During the 150th anniversary celebrations this April, we will reveal the contents of the time capsule and build one of our own! If you would like to make a contribution to the new time capsule, please e-mail alarosa@dental.temple.edu.

Just six years after receiving a D.D.S., he became president of the Indianapolis District Dental Society. At the same time, in 1931, he was named secretary of the faculty at Indiana University, where he had been teaching since graduation.

To be opened April 13, 2013: Lowering the time capsule into the floor.
Vision Realized: Dean Timmons shows the impressive differences between the old and the new Dental School facilities.
Yet, newspaper articles show he didn’t expect leadership. Commenting on his last appointment at Indiana University, he said, “I never thought I’d wind up a dean.” One reason may have been that in school he was known more for his athletic aptitude than his scholastic success. He consistently won varsity letters in football, baseball, basketball and track, later admitting, “I had hopes of becoming a pro baseball player, but I had to change my mind when I found out I couldn’t hit a curve ball.”

Other surprises awaited Timmons during World War I. As a young private first class in the Army, he was laid out in the morgue at Camp Custer, presumed dead. But he was revived, a victim of only the flu. Then, amazingly, he lost all his teeth. “People often compliment me about my teeth,” he would remark. “I almost hate to tell them they’re dentures.”

LATER YEARS
When Raymond Myers, a fellow member of the ADA, introduced Timmons at a 1959 dental association meeting in Kentucky, a list of accomplishments was not the focus. Rather, Myers spoke about “what Jerry Timmons is like.” A love of dentistry was foremost. “He has given his heart and soul to the task of improving dental education and of advancing the profession. … He is firm and unyielding in what he believes. … [Yet] Jerry Timmons is a diplomat … in the exercise of fairness and judgment, regardless of his own opinions concerning the matters under discussion. … Jerry Timmons is a good man … of superior intellectual and moral qualities … [whose] contemporaries call him great.”

In 1963 at age 66, a year from mandatory retirement as the Dental School’s dean, Timmons was widely known. He was the newly elected president of the American Dental Association, with 100,000 dentists, and also one of five delegates to the Federation Dentaire Internationale, a worldwide convention of dental authorities. In those capacities he traveled extensively, making speeches and attending conferences, all while organizing the Dental School’s centennial celebration.

After retiring from Temple, Timmons was not idle. He moved to Arizona with his wife and in 1965 led the American Fund for Dental Education. Other posts most likely followed, but here the archival trail ends. Research on the Internet shows that he died in 1978. Beloved, immensely capable, unsparingly devoted to dental education—that was Dr. Gerald D. Timmons.

Achievement Highlights
- Speaker of American Dental Association’s House of Delegates, then president
- Secretary-treasurer, then president of American Association of Dental Schools
- On boards, then president of American College of Dentists
- First dentist to receive annual Health-USA Award and Shaffrey Medal from St. Joseph’s College
- Recipient of more than 70 other awards, including the Conwell Award from Temple University, Distinguished Alumni Award from Indiana University and the Gies Award from the American College of Dentists
- Fellow of Faculty of Dentistry of Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Consultant, Department of Defense Dental Advisory Committee
- Supreme grand master of Delta Sigma Delta
- Honorary degrees from Muhlenberg College, Manitoba University and Fairleigh Dickinson University
1875

**Foreign Students, an Early Tradition**

Even in its earliest days, Philadelphia Dental College welcomed foreign students. Of the 41 graduates, 11 students had traveled far—from Canada, Denmark, England, Prussia, Scotland, and Switzerland. Many of these students had other degrees but came to the school for its special courses in dentistry.

1891

**Dr. Masatsune Ichinoi, ’91, Pioneer of Modern Dentistry in Japan**

When he left home to study dentistry in America, did Masatsune Ichinoi foresee how much he would improve Japanese lives? In fact, when he left the harbor amid a three-cannon salute, did he know the advancements he brought back would be just as sensational as his sendoff?

The answer most likely is “yes” because that was Ichinoi’s plan. He wanted to serve his country. Writing to a friend and supporter for U.S. school funds, Ichinoi outlined his future: “I will educate students living in poverty, helping Japan reach its goal to become a modernized and advanced country.”

His planned route to success included both dentistry and farming. Yet, while working on the gardens of a prominent dentist in San Francisco and learning more about his employer’s work, he decided that only dentistry would be his path.

In 1891, Dr. Ichinoi graduated from the Philadelphia Dental College (now Kornberg School of Dentistry) and became both the college’s first Japanese professor of dentistry as well as the first Japanese dentist to open an office in Philadelphia. However, Japan beckoned. He headed west, teaching and practicing briefly in Portland, Ore. Then, in 1894, he returned home to Hitoyoshi before moving to Tokyo to open his own clinic. While also teaching at Takayama Dental School (now Tokyo Dental College), he worked hard to introduce modern dentistry to his country.

Known as a meticulous craftsman with an eye for design—whether in dentistry, in the garden or in the woodshop—Dr. Ichinoi used the latest tools, methods and technology. Anxious to share the knowledge he mastered in America, he introduced the use of nitrous oxide for anesthesia, as well as local anesthesia techniques and the electrical medication machine. He also pioneered prosthodontics, dental orthopedics and medical practice management tools such as an appointment system. It all created quite a sensation and led him to serve as dentist to three generations of emperors and their families.

Firmly established in Japan, Dr. Ichinoi bought a large farm in Tokyo for his wife and four children. There he pursued interests in gardening, hunting and new agricultural techniques before dying at age 67. Masatsugu, the oldest son, also came to Philadelphia to study and become a dentist.
1913

Dr. W.J. Scheifley, ’13, Founder of Dental School in Korea

Another exemplary pioneer, Dr. W.J. Scheifley established the Department of Dentistry in Severance Union Medical College and a dental clinic in the Severence Hospital in Seoul, Korea, just two years after he graduated. That department became the current College of Dentistry at Yonsei University.

Modern dentistry was first introduced to Korea when Dr. Scheifley went there in 1915.

1975

Dr. Eric Shapira, ’75, in China, Teaching and Learning

“Would you like to work in China?” That was the question that put Dr. Eric Shapira in an earthquake-shaken nation just two days after the 2008 tragedy was making news around the world. Dr. Shapira was there to teach hospice care and palliative medicine, but suddenly his role changed.

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Later, he was able to focus on the subjects he came to teach—ones previously unavailable in the hospital. In gratitude, the hospital named him visiting professor of geriatric medicine and nursing and asked him back. He has returned six times—again to #2 People’s Hospital as professor of stomatology and to the Jengcho and Yangzhou hospitals. His work has earned him the Friendship Award, China’s highest humanitarian award. Dr. Shapiro has also hosted two Chinese dentists and their interpreter for three months.

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After graduation, Dr. Shapira found that “each step of my training and life led to another that was more challenging, rewarding and fruitful, allowing me to see more clearly how I could make a difference to my patients and profession.” Work at Mount Zion Hospital and Medical Center, 35 years of general practice, and teaching at the Pacific School of Dentistry—all in the San Francisco area—have been preparation for his work in China. “All of my teaching there has been done on a humanitarian basis,” he says, “and that’s because we teach what we want to learn most. For me, that is to be a better person and practitioner.”

At #2 People’s Hospital in Taiyuan, Shanxi province, Dr. Shapira, right, teaches Chinese doctors how to do implants.

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Dr. Mark R. Harrison, ’84,
Treating Children in the Developing World

The special-needs children lined up by the dozens, 190 in all, during seven hours of screenings at their school. But the questions remained: Who could be helped, and who would let the dental team provide that help? In the end, 40 children were brought back for treatment at the temporary clinic set up in the village.

Dr. Mark Harrison, a pedodontist from Exeter, N.H., was with that recent team in Dundee, South Africa. Also there were two dentists from Finland and two from the U.S. The trip was his fifth to the region, his ninth with the nonprofit organization, Medicine: Arm-in-Arm, Inc., that focuses on providing dental care to children in the developing world.

“Helping these kids who have nothing, who live in these conditions, is phenomenal,” he says. “I appreciate it personally and professionally more than you can possibly imagine.” Although he doesn’t often deal with adults, he remembers one who was especially grateful for dental work. “Thank you for being here; I won’t be hurting this winter.”

Dr. Harrison’s first mission trip was to Siberia with the same organization and many of the same people. “We’re like a family,” he explains, because with a pool of 15 dentists in a group, “you get to know them and they tend to come back again and again.” In fact, he notes happily that he now has pen pals in Siberia, South Africa and Armenia, all places he’s visited through this work.

Although translation through the volunteer interpreters from Rotary Club International is provided during the trips, sometimes he has had to improvise. “In Siberia we spent four days home staying with people who spoke no English, passing the dictionary back and forth, using sign language. It was wonderful,” he says.

That cultural exchange is important to him “Serving the underserved is always rewarding.” But just as important, he believes, is increased awareness of the world and of others. “Seeing the sights in Red Square, going to a flea market outside Moscow. Things like that make it fantastic.”

He has only gone on trips with this organization because the entire visit is structured around clinical work and clinical exploration. They take care of all the arrangements—and it is safe. “All we do is show up,” he says.

Will he go again? “Yes, it’s rewarding, and they need help.” His advice for others? “Do it, get into it, today is a good day to start!”

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2012

Current Partnerships Abroad, the Tradition Continues

- **Egypt**: Future University in Egypt
  Global partnership, student opportunities, faculty research since 2009
- **Taiwan**: Chung Shan Medical University, College of Oral Medicine
  Faculty exchange, student exchange since 2009
- **Israel**: The Hebrew University Hadassah
  Student and faculty exchange, joint research since 2010
- **Tanzania**: Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences
  Student exchange, faculty exchange and research since 2010
- **China**: College of Stomatology at Guangxi Medical University
  Student exchange since 2011
- **Kuwait**: Ministry of Health of the State of Kuwait
  Professional training since 2011

Dean Ismail meets with the Guangxi Medical University’s College of Stomatology dean in Nanning, China.

Predental and graduate Kuwaiti dental students meet for dinner at the Union League in downtown Philadelphia.

The Kornberg School of Dentistry is proud of our diverse student population. Students hail from Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Egypt, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Kenya, Kuwait, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Korea, Ukraine and Vietnam.
REACHING OUT to the Community

More than 40 volunteers—freshmen students through residents, as well as faculty and staff—prepared for and helped provide free screenings at a Community Health Fair, Saturday, Nov. 17, at the Dental School. “The suggestion came from the dean,” says Linda Schultz, community oral health coordinator, who organized the event. “He heard that nearby Zion Baptist Church was having a health fair the same day and said we should have a clinic here.” From 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.,” Schultz says, “a steady stream of people,” about 100, came through the doors, with only one needing immediate care.
Taking the Lead in Coordinating Screenings

Finding various ways to connect with the community is a Temple Dental goal that couldn’t be missed at a very busy Liacouras Center, Oct. 19 and 20. That’s when dentists, dental hygienists and dental assistants, many from Temple, came together for Take a Loved One to the Doctor Day, a popular, large-scale event of WRNB radio host Tom Joyner. Shown on the left, Dr. Renee Fennell-Dempsey, ‘93, was one of the lead coordinators for free dental screenings. Dr. Eric Hodges, ‘94, was there, too, at the Ask the Experts desk, fielding specialty questions before going to the screening station.
Two years ago, Dr. Lisa Deem responded to an issue that was becoming increasingly troubling. In her work as associate dean for admissions, she was seeing more and more dental school applications proudly highlighting dental care delivered on international mission trips. First, the number was 10 in a year, then 20. “It kept escalating,” she remembers. “The students were trying to show how motivated they were to get into dental school, but we were rejecting them.”

Why Temple Dental’s Admissions Committee took that action is the subject of her “In My View” article published in the Pennsylvania Dental Journal in 2011. The article so clearly presents the tensions that exist between potentially doing harm while trying to do good that she has won the journalism competition of the American College of Dentists and American Association of Dental Editors. In October, Dr. Deem received a plaque and a $1,000 cash award from the AADE in conjunction with the ACD and American Dental Association. In addition, the article was republished in the Journal of the American College of Dentists.

When No Care Is Better Than Harmful Care
Her viewpoint article, “College Students Practice Dentistry in Third World Countries,” describes how students not yet in dental school are practicing dentistry on the world’s most vulnerable people. “They presume that any care is better than no care,” she writes. Yet, “In many cases, no care is indeed better than harmful care.” Although she admits that dentists facilitating these practices are in the minority, she points out they are in large enough numbers that dental school admissions committees are seeing many applications describing the experience.

Solutions Offered
She does present solutions. First is reminding dentists who participate in dental outreach of their ethical obligations to patients, whether at home or abroad. In fact, she suggests that the ACD post a policy statement on the issue. She also recommends that continuing education classes on ethics and professionalism include the issue and, further, that the state boards of dentistry take disciplinary action against licensees who delegate duties to someone not competent or authorized to perform them. Additionally, she proposes that the American Dental Educators Association publish a policy statement so college students are educated about the ethical principles.

Since she wrote the article, Dr. Deem has seen some changes. ADEA has developed guidelines and a policy statement, and applications describing questionable practices have ceased. “We assume a position of trust in the communities we serve within our borders and beyond,” she says at the end of her article. “It is our responsibility to ensure that the trust … is not misplaced.”
These awards are not easily won. So Dr. Allen Fred Fielding says he is especially pleased that not only he, but his former students, received recognition for outstanding work from the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons last Sept. 12. The obvious connection with his students was one of many criteria considered when Dr. Fielding was nominated for the Daniel M. Laskin Award for Outstanding Predoctoral Educator in the OMS specialty. Just one measure of his students’ respect for him was their outpouring of recommendations for him to receive the award.

A professor in Temple Dental’s Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Medicine and Surgery Department, Dr. Fielding has taught here for more than 35 years. Throughout that time, he has been “an exemplary mentor and leader whose dedication to his students and our specialty are unequaled,” said Dr. David M. Shafer, when he presented the award at the annual AAOMS meeting in San Diego, Calif.

Emphasizing that the recognition is given to only “a very select group of oral and maxillofacial surgeons,” Dr. Shafer noted three examples of Dr. Fielding’s exceptional commitment to students. First, for several years he has taken teams of dental students to 100 villages of the Haitian Health Foundation to perform OMS procedures that included extractions, I&Ds and fracture treatments without electricity or suction. Additionally, he started a student OMS Honor Society, inviting educators and private-practice oral maxillofacial surgeons from around the country to give presentations to students. Finally, his students’ gratitude for this extra measure of teaching and mentoring has been expressed in their electing him to be class faculty speaker at graduation several times.

“This recognition is certainly very humbling, but very rewarding,” says Dr. Fielding. Then, he adds, “It makes me very proud that the people I have taught have won these very prestigious awards. They are not handed out without a lot of effort, work and commitment to their patients and communities, both locally and internationally.”
Dariya Momot, second-year dental student, has done more in her 25 years on Earth than most people have done in a lifetime. She was not born in the U.S., but she considers herself a city girl. A native of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, she lived in Chernovtsy, Ukraine, and moved to the U.S. in 1998 at age 11. Momot grew up in Brooklyn, N.Y., where she attended high school and graduated from the Macaulay Honors College (MHC), a new program of the City University of New York with a B.S. in Biology, B.A. in Chemistry, and minor in Art. As part of the program, MHC generously supported two study-abroad programs, first to spend a summer studying photography in Italy and later to study Chinese over a winter in China. Since then, she has visited over 30 countries across South, Central and North America, Africa, Europe and Asia.

After graduation, Momot spent two years doing research at the Laboratory of Cancer Biology and Genetics at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. “There I had a terrific mentor, Dr. Ofelia Olivero, and a PI, Dr. Miriam Poirier, who allowed me to develop my own research project and try novel ways to approach the problem,” explained Momot. “While Dr. Poirier is one of the pioneers in demonstrating genotoxic damage of the NRTIs, including AZT, the first FDA-approved drug to be used in HIV therapy, I was focused on identifying the cellular mechanism used in repairing damage caused by these drugs. During my time there, I presented my findings at the regional, national, and international conferences, including the American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting, the largest cancer research meeting in the world, and received a Best Oral Presentation by a Student award at the Environmental Mutagen Society 41st Annual Meeting.”

Though always interested in research and its problem-solving aspect, Momot greatly enjoyed hands-on work, which led her to dentistry. “I’ve always had a passion for arts and crafts, taking numerous drawing, painting and photography classes throughout high school and undergrad,” she said. “I thought that artistic skills and attention to detail, combined with love for sciences, would be tremendous aids in a dental career.” She also greatly enjoyed spending time at the NIH Dental Clinic and attending weekly clinical rounds. For her, this experience demonstrated how dentists, physicians and researchers all came together to solve problems. “Many of the patients with dental abnormalities had genetic disorders and thus required specialists from different medical fields. This interdisciplinary approach to dentistry was something that definitely heightened my interest.” Kornberg School of Dentistry caught her attention because of its strong clinical reputation. Having no previous dental office experience and no dentists in her family, Momot wanted to make sure that she was as skilled in the clinical setting as possible. “Kornberg has a long history of producing skillful and successful doctors, and I wanted to be one of them. I further wanted to find the right fit for me, where I would feel comfortable for the next four years, which Kornberg was.”
Momot added that on the morning of the interview day, a second-year student from the train walked her to the admissions office. “Such a warm peer interaction I haven’t previously encountered. Having spent the day further talking to students and learning about the school, I was convinced that Kornberg was the right place for me.”

A highlight of her Kornberg experience to date was being selected for the NIDCR Summer Dental Student Research Program, which was based on academic record, letters of recommendation from faculty, a letter of recommendation from the dean, previous research experience and a personal statement. Momot’s focus over the course of the summer was to analyze a toxicology study of a new AAV2 vector proposed to treat salivary hypofunction patients who underwent radiation treatment. Radiation therapy, often used for cancer treatment, destroys secretory acinar cells, eliminating ability of the salivary glands to produce saliva and leading to xerostomia, decreased host defense, and reduced quality of life. Proposed AAV vector would carry a gene for an aquaporin channel, which would allow for water flow and secretion of saliva. The study looked into potential toxic effects and biodistribution of the viral vector administered into the salivary gland of a mouse. “It was very insightful to not only witness how novel treatments are being designed, but also to analyze first-hand and assess the data from a large-scale animal study first exposed to the new treatment.”

Research teaches Momot to always stay open minded. “Often-times you have to accept results that contradict your hypothesis not as an error but as a clue to a new pathway, something you haven’t thought of before. Similarly in dentistry, while anticipating certain outcomes, a good dentist should always be ready to customize treatments, procedures and approaches based on individual patient responses. Research also teaches dentists to question the materials and techniques they are using, rather than mindlessly performing a routine because of its ease or using materials provided by a skillful salesman.”

Momot, who is the alumni events coordinator for the Dental Practice Management Club and the programs chairperson for the Hispanic Student Dental Association, believes that anyone graduating from Kornberg will be clinically proficient, and the curriculum and skilled and caring faculty make sure of it. “Philadelphia also has a vast patient pool, which is not always available in every city, and the school definitely recognizes this advantage. Graduation requirements here are higher than at a lot of other schools. This provides a great opportunity to obtain extra practice, build confidence and separate yourself from graduates of other schools.”

Momot has found the student body to be very close-knit, which she said is rarely seen in professional schools. “The curriculum is rigorous enough where the last thing you want is to be stressed with other students, and I think Kornberg doesn’t have that. As a classmate pointed out to an interviewee, when during a practical exam someone’s provisional flies off in the last few minutes, everyone around drops what they’re doing and gets down on the floor to help with the search. You can approach anyone for help, especially in the preclinic, and not be afraid of being rejected, even if you have never talked to that person in class. It might not seem like much, but considering how many hours out of every week get spent on completing preclinical projects and studying for exams, it is comforting to know that you’re not alone in it.”
Not many people can claim to have thousands of children. Yet that easily describes Dr. George E. Monasky, who died on June 5 from complications of non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. “His students adored him,” says Dr. Meredith C. Bogert, who knew him well. “He had four children, but he gave his talent and compassion to thousands of other ‘children,’” his many students, over an exemplary 32-year career. I can’t express strongly enough how much he was loved.”

An associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry and director of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program, Dr. Bogert recalls with delight the Facebook comments of Dr. Monasky’s former students. As one put it, “I would go out of my way to walk through the removable clinic so that he would sigh and wave dismissively at me from his chair. He’d be shaking his head, but his eyes would be smiling and it would always brighten my day.” That captured the essence of this grumpy, yet endearing and mischievous man, as did this post: “Like many of the women students, I was ‘pretty good for a girl…’” and this one: “I never met anyone who could say, ‘Now what in the hell do you want?!’ in such a loving way.”

Dr. Monasky taught at both the predoctoral and the postdoctoral levels. However, he didn’t begin his career in education. For 20 years he served in the Navy as a dental officer, retiring with the rank of commander. During that time, he served on four ships and lived in Pearl Harbor, Guantanamo Bay and along the East Coast from Boston to Charleston, S.C. He also earned a master’s degree and a certificate in prosthodontics from the University of North Carolina, then went on to become board certified in prosthodontics in 1975.

He came to Temple Dental School in 1980 and was known to be both knowledgeable and practical. “Other faculty directed their consultations specifically to George, trusting in his expertise and common sense,” says Dr. Sally Gray, associate dean of graduate education. Adds Dr. Bogert, “He was gifted as a clinician.”

Because his gruff exterior never fooled anyone, students chose him as their graduation speaker countless times. “He was a teddy bear inside, and he had a special way of making everyone feel like a good friend,” recalls Dr. Gray. A committed and devoted husband, he and his wife, Barbara, traveled extensively. When she died in 2009, he continued to live in Ambler, Pa. His daughter, Ann, is a 1999 graduate of the Dental School.

Last summer, a small, informal memorial dinner was held in honor of “Our George.” Stories about his generosity to the school and his love of food, gardening, dogs, faith and family were plentiful, and they still pop up in conversations. “We often share anecdotes about him,” says Dr. Bogert. “He was a great, great person, one of my favorites. A friend, colleague and mentor.”
The Kornberg School of Dentistry celebrates the many legacy families who continue to support the school in significant ways. Please help us chronicle the important news and narratives about your family. If you are part of a Kornberg University School of Dentistry legacy family, please contact Ashley LaRosa at 215.707.2799 or via e-mail to alarosa@dental.temple.edu to share your stories.

The Batastini Family

Smart, successful and ambitious, seven members of the Batastini family share their professional passions: Parents Amelia, a pharmacist, and Paul, an orthodontist, raised five children who became pharmacists, lawyers and orthodontists. All of them are Temple alumni. As for the next generation of Batastinis, Amelia and Paul hope the Temple legacy continues. Amelia says, “It should be a family tradition.” —Alison DiPaolo, SCT ’05

Father Paul Batastini Jr., DEN ’60
Mother Amelia Zammarelli, PHR ’59
Daughter Lyn Batastini Vizzi, PHR ’83
Daughter Lisa Batastini Krusinski, PHR ’84, LAW ’87
Son Paul Batastini, DEN ’88
Son Frank Batastini, BUS ’88, DEN ’96
Son Jon Batastini, ENG ’95
The conditions could not have been worse: thick cloud cover, snowy, icy ground, winding roads through the forests of the Ardennes, Allied troops unprepared for the coldest winter in Europe in 50 years, let alone a fierce German attack. It was the Battle of the Bulge, the most devastating, biggest battle of World War II and Hitler’s last chance for victory.

There as battalion surgeon for the “Fighting 69th” Infantry Division, was Colonel Saul Strauss, then a captain.

As confusion mounted with advancing lines blurred, he treated whomever he could reach, Allied soldiers first, then German, as medical ethics dictate. “I treated the wound, not the uniform,” he says. That would mean a dislocated spinal disc, never fully treated, from using a fireman’s carry to move a severely hurt private from a land mine to the road. He recalls the date: February 23, 1945, one of the last days of the battle.

He was injured again in the Hürtgen Forest on March 4. “A tree burst, killed my aid man, Edward Sells, and wounded Private Picone and myself. I lost a piece of elbow and received a shell splinter in my left orbital bone. I was too busy treating the wounded to make out an EMT for myself. I also was awarded a dent in my helmet.”

Despite these injuries, Col. Strauss was never awarded a Purple Heart. In addition to treating the wounded, he was responsible for writing their Purple Heart orders and never wrote one for himself. He was awarded many medals, including two Bronze Stars, one for bravery in combat; a Combat Medic Badge; the Presidential Unit Commendation; and the Legion of Merit, the Army’s highest honor bestowed in peacetime.

In combat for only a few months, he was given the battlefield commission of battalion surgeon because he was told, “You know more surgery than most physicians.” That was despite his response, “I’m a dentist.”

After the Bulge, his infantry division, the 69th, spearheaded the initial link-up with the Soviet army. On April 25, on the Elbe River at Torgau, they met the 58th Ukrainian Guard Division and spent a week with them. “And, oh, what a week that was,” he says. “We invited the Soviet doctor and nurse to share our aid station and the German house we moved into. Each night they brought out their vodka. I don’t drink alcohol, so my sergeant gave me water.”

When the war was over, he spent a year in Germany, assigned to various displaced persons camps. One that he helped liberate was
Buchenwald. “I stayed in uniform for 37 years because of what I saw in Europe,” he states firmly. “I didn’t want it to happen in this country.”

Back home, he became commander of the Command and Control Headquarters in the First U.S. Army, overseeing 252 dentists along most of the East Coast. “I went from camp to camp to make sure things were going the way I wanted them to, that they were doing their jobs correctly,” he says.

His last command headquarters was at West Point. “As commander, I could choose which headquarters I would use. West Point was close to where I lived.” On weekends he would go home to Rutland, Vt., close to where he practiced oral surgery part time. “I had a good staff,” he explains.

He continued to work in both private practice and the Army until retiring in 1979.

Now 93 years old and living in Chapel Hill, N.C., he has a ready answer to the question, “What did you most appreciate about your long career?” It’s simply, “That I was asked to serve.”

Fairly recent letters from Col. Strauss to the Army reflect his ongoing desire to receive the Purple Heart, an honor that he should have been awarded. Photos used with permission of Col. Strauss
VALUING ALUMNI RELATIONSHIPS

Dr. Morton Goode, ’46

They’re in their nineties, but lunch, friendship and memories still bring them together every month. They laugh at jokes told many times before, reminisce about the days when Dean Timmons “did so much for Temple,” and sympathize about each other’s aches and pains. They’re members of the Dean’s Class, the first group of students to graduate under Dean Timmons’ tenure when he started rebuilding the Dental School.

Helping to keep this group together—and inviting other alumni to join when they’re in town or move nearby—is Dr. Morton Goode. Called Goodie because that’s how you pronounce his name, he and the others live in Florida enjoying retirement.

His idea to connect with graduates in the area began when Dr. Goode and his wife, Amy, first moved to Delray Beach in 1986. “I found out that about 10 others were living here,” he says. So he contacted them, and they’ve been meeting ever since. According to Dr. Goode, that’s a record. “There isn’t another class from any dental school that’s been meeting as long.” Their numbers are down to six now, but they’ve agreed “to meet until the last man’s standing.”

One of the stories he tells is about the days before starting school. “I was ready to be drafted. Many of us were. But the dean said, ‘Leave it to me, and I’ll take care of it.’ In a few days, he did. We were exempt from active duty to go to professional school. I fell in love with him right there. He looked out for us, would straighten things out but was always very, very fair.”

Dean Timmons had to intervene again when Dr. Goode was in basic training. The Army wanted him for the Signal Corps because he did so well in a series of aptitude tests. But the dean “came to my rescue,” he says, and made sure he was sent back to school.

Almost everyone in the class was in the Army, he remembers. “We had to drill—not with a dentist’s drill,” he laughs, “and the sergeant said we were the worst soldiers in the world!” They also had to go to school all summer with no vacation—military orders—so they could finish more quickly.

Group of Another Kind

After graduation and two years before he was called up for the Army Reserves, Dr. Goode became an associate with an older dentist in Washington, D.C. While there, he met with a group of another kind, the DC Study Club.

He sets the scene. Dentistry was evolving in those days, and preparing teeth took a long time. Dr. John Borden lived in Washington, too, and was soon to be famous. He met with the eight members of the Study Club and introduced them to a prototype: a new high-speed drill. “He gave us a sample to see if it would work well in dental practices,” recalls Dr. Goode. “We were the guinea pigs for seven or eight months, making recommendations. That was the beginning of the high-speed drill in dentistry, and we helped him develop it.”

Recounting the stories and remembering some standout classmates—in the Dental School one became dean, another was head of the Operative Department and assistant dean, then president of the ADA and four became professors—Goode ends the conversation with a comment that isn’t so surprising for someone who values his alumni friendships. “After all these years, I still think about Temple.”

Dean Ismail presents Dr. Goode with an anniversary diploma during the 65th reunion of the Dean’s Class.
Dr. Harry Chalfin, ’50
What do you do with someone like Bobby? How do you provide safe, comfortable, quality dental care to a strong 19-year-old with the IQ of a two-year-old, an unmanageable teenager who is impossible to examine, let alone treat?

That was the question that continued to trouble Dr. Harry Chalfin when he was a dentist at Embreeville State Hospital, a facility for the mentally ill near West Chester in the Philadelphia suburbs. Beginning in 1969 when the “profoundly retarded” started arriving from a nearby institution, he struggled for years with the problem of how to provide care for these patients, trying one method after another until he finally found one that worked. The result is shown in a video he produced with his son, and Bobby is front and center.

Put on tape to show others a unique way for treating patients who otherwise would receive no care, the procedures were groundbreaking when they were filmed in 1979. Primarily, they involved use of a commercially available papoose board, customized for dental use. “I had to change my thinking and accept the use of physical restraint,” says Dr. Chalfin, who was also in private practice much of the time he worked at Embreeville, using nothing more than hypnosis for extremely apprehensive patients, especially children.

To easily fit any patient’s size, a carpenter at Embreeville built the papoose board’s supporting frame with fully adjustable pieces. Integral to the design was a head restraint for patients who needed additional management. The two measures ensured that most patients at the hospital could be treated. But others needed an additional protocol, and for them intravenous valium proved to be the answer.

Using Intravenous Valium
The idea for conscious sedation through an IV drip did not come immediately to Dr. Chalfin and his staff. At first, they considered general anesthesia, the only recommended technique at the time. Yet, risk to the patient was their concern. After trying what he calls “various chemical cocktails,” he tried intravenous valium, and it was very safe, very successful. To administer the IV, they built an arm support into the papoose board frame and developed an accessory elbow splint. Studying the IV procedure in a special course provided the necessary knowledge and safety.

“Somehow or other, somebody at Temple Dental found out about what we were doing,” he remembers. As a result, he was appointed to the faculty so he could provide postgraduate dentists with on-site training in the new methods for oral pediatrics. Two of them at a time would live for two weeks at the hospital, while the state covered expenses.

Even as education spread the word, a change in administration at Embreeville stopped the work. After three years of unprecedented success, Dr. Chalfin was told he could no longer use the protocols. Because his wife was developing Alzheimer’s, he left the hospital and retired.

Now 90, Dr. Chalfin is grateful to Temple “for preparing me with an education to live comfortably and making possible everything I did.”
John D’Alessandro and Raymond Chase have been friends for over 60 years, since the day they met at Temple Dental School, and the camaraderie that exists between these two gentlemen was quite evident in the relationships between the students of the Class of 1951.

“We have stayed friends since graduation, and we used to visit one another and get together at the reunions,” explained Dr. D’Alessandro, who practiced dentistry in the Mayfair section of Philadelphia until the late 1980s and was an assistant clinical professor at the school until 1977. “Unfortunately, health issues now stand in the way of seeing each other as often as we would like.”

“The Class of ’51 had a lot of ‘firsts’ and is still a proud group of graduates,” said Dr. Chase, who practiced general dentistry in the Philadelphia suburbs for 30 years.

- FIRST class to enter the renovated Packard Building at Broad and Allegheny in 1947
- FIRST Christmas Vaudeville Show
- FIRST Class Club, which evolved later into the Big Hug ’51 Club
- FIRST 50th reunion at Temple University’s Sugar Loaf mansion
- FIRST dental class reunion (50th) to be entered into the Congressional Record
- FIRST dental class reunion (60th) to be held at the Union League

Drs. D’Alessandro and Chase believe that the bond that developed between the students was due in part to 97 percent of them being veterans from World War II, many with families. “The special relationship that developed still endures after 61 years,” said Dr. Chase. “The class also accepted and persevered with its task at hand … learning the art and science of dentistry.”

Dr. Chase remembers the first day in class and how he was struck by the seriousness of each professor. “Dental school was totally different than high school and college. The dean and his faculty at the time were wonderful, and there was an open-door policy. The professors were always available if we needed to speak with them.”

Members of this class became professors, clinicians, specialists and ranking officers in all levels of organized dentistry, and some were founding members of local dental societies.

The highlight for both Dr. D’Alessandro and Dr. Chase was the 60th reunion, which was coordinated by classmate Sylvan Morein. Although the group that gathered was small, their fondness for one another was enormous.
Dr. Allen Peyser, ’55

Shortly after he graduated from Temple Dental School in 1955, Dr. Allen Peyser enlisted in the Air Force and was told an important fact: Dental surgeons there wanted to work with Temple grads before anyone else. He explains: “Officers in charge of dental clinics didn’t need to check on our progress. They just turned us loose. They knew if you put us in a clinic, you wouldn’t have to worry. We were well schooled, and if we had any difficulties, we’d try other techniques. We solved problems.”

Because of that training, just a little more than a year after enlisting, Peyser was assigned to run the satellite clinic of a newly built base hospital, taking care of several squadrons. That was at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. While there, he also took courses at J.M. Mey Company on the use of gold in dentistry.

More study followed, this time at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama. He graduated from the command course, Wing Base Dental Surgeons, and moved up to chief dental officer at Moran Air Force Base outside Seville in Spain.

From Air Force to Private Practice
In 1958, Peyser left the Air Force and opened a private practice in Lindenhurst on Long Island, N.Y.

Greatly involved in his profession, Peyser became an attending dentist at Nassau County Medical Center, Department of Dentistry; associate professor of clinical medicine at Stony Brook University, New York; executive chair of the New York State Council on Laboratory Relations; and held many positions in dental societies, including general chairman of the Greater Long Island Annual Dental Meeting for Nassau, Suffolk and Queens and president of the Suffolk County Dental Society.

While in practice, he was asked to field-test new dental equipment with S.S. White Dental Manufacturing Company. Incorporating the creative problem solving that Temple Dental had fostered, Peyser recommended design changes. The only problem that surfaced after his suggestions, he remembers with a smile, was when the plumber hooked up a master unit wrong. “Although they were clearly marked, he mixed up the air and water lines, so when you wanted air, you got water, and when you wanted water, you got air.”

Even after retirement in 2002, Peyser continues to value the professionalism and preparation he received from the Dental School. “Temple opened doors and gave me opportunities. I’ve wanted to pay back the profession for the education I got. I owe it to dentistry. Temple’s been good to me.”

PREPARED FOR PROBLEM SOLVING

“They knew if you put us in a clinic, you wouldn’t have to worry.”
**Dr. Arthur Burns, ’59**

It’s the *irony* that is so harshly evident to Dr. Arthur Burns—the complete disparity between two different dental schools’ judgment of his work. One was at Emory University, whose program at the time flunked an abnormally high number of Jewish students, including Dr. Burns after his sophomore year. The other was at Temple, where he became an honored, top student.

Just this past fall, the story of Emory’s anti-Semitism hit the news in a big way—in the *New York Times*, CNN, Fox News and many other national and local media outlets across the country. Headlines such as “Emory apologizes for past discrimination of Jewish students” refer to a “reign of terror” for 13 years under the college’s Dean John E. Buhler.

“In labs we felt like we were victims of a silent conspiracy; a great uneasiness prevailed,” Dr. Burns recalls. “And then in a letter we were told we didn’t have adequate manual skills and that we had flunked out. We didn’t even get a notice at mid-term that we weren’t doing well.” The feelings of shame and inadequacy were so strong that only two of the 14 Jewish Emory dental students kicked out under Dean Buhler wanted to pursue dentistry and then overcame the blacklisting. Dr. Burns was one of them.

It was anything but easy. First, he interviewed at Tufts, where his orthodontist uncle had a friend. But the dean there said, “You have no chance.” The negative record at Emory was too big an obstacle. Then he volunteered for the draft during the Korean War, still trying to figure out a way to prove Emory wrong and get back to his studies.

**Acceptance into Temple**

A set of lucky circumstances opened the door at Temple Dental. Although his family had lived for years in Florida, they had come from Philadelphia, and his father had a close friend there. That friend had another friend, a judge who was on the Board of Trustees at Temple, and he knew Dr. Louis Herman, a professor in the Dental School and head of the Admissions Committee. The route just to get an interview was circuitous, but it was enough.

“Temple had a great mood and was terrific to me. The staff and student body were diverse. They boosted me up and gave me a second chance.”
“I showed Dr. Herman my previous Emory lab work that included tooth carvings, restorations and bridge work on dentoforms,” he remembers. “After a few anxious moments, Dr. Herman replied, ‘My seniors can’t do technical work that’s this good.’”

The professor warned that acceptance wouldn’t be easy but said, “I’ll stick up for you.” His confidence in Dr. Burns’ ability must have swayed Dean Timmons because the day after Dr. Burns got out of the Army, he entered the freshman class. “Dr. Herman never told me what was said in the conversation,” he explains, “but he gave me a chance even though Dean Buhler had been a protégé of Dean Timmons’ and had taught oral surgery at Temple.”

Although he was last in a class of 72 at Emory, he immediately became first in a class of 131 at Temple. In fact, he was so accomplished at the very skill negated at Emory, digital dexterity, that students would line up at his desk to show their work before taking it to the professor.

“Temple had a great mood and was terrific to me,” he says. “The staff and student body were diverse. They boosted me up and gave me a second chance. They were helpful, encouraging, friendly and instructive. It was a blessing from God.”

Dr. Morton Amsterdam, “everyone’s idol, the king of dentists,” as he remembers, was a guest lecturer teaching occlusion at the Dental School. “He became my main mentor and under his wing I worked in his private practice lab. I got the benefit of this advanced experience while still a student during summer break.”

For his parents, who had been so disappointed with his record at Emory, Dr. Burns’ graduation from Temple Dental was a proud day. He won the Faculty Prize for highest proficiency in dentistry, the Alumni Prize and the Alpha Omega Scholarship Award for being first in his class all four years, as well as the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Scholastic Fraternity Award.

Postgraduate work in orthodontics at the University of Washington lay ahead, and placement there was a plum. Only 10 students, six of whom were also first in their class, made the cut. They were “the cream of the crop,” he says, and he was proud to be one of them. Dental School staff had suggested the program because they were familiar with its prominence.

“I give Temple the credit for getting me there,” he states firmly. “Dr. Herman, who later said I could be his own son he was so proud me, gave me a chance. Dean Timmons, too, was good to me, dictating a letter on the spur of the moment to Florida’s Board of Dental Examiners, endorsing me. He did it while I was sitting in his office.”

Resilience in the face of disappointment, some anger, determination and then the satisfaction of success—they’re all part of his emotional mix about that time. But, mostly, what comes through is Dr. Burns’ gratitude for Temple Dental. Now a retired orthodontist and forensic dentist, he says, “The best thing that ever happened to me was to get kicked out of Emory and get the chance to spread my wings. Imagine what I owe to Temple. I can never repay it.”
Dr. Bernie Dishler, ’62  
Kornberg School of Dentistry is fortunate to have Dr. Bernie Dishler, Class of 1962, in its corner. Not only does Dr. Dishler devote his time to his patients, he supports current and future colleagues by being a leader in the Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) and at Kornberg.

While Kornberg has a lot for which to thank Dr. Dishler, he feels indebted to his alma mater as well. Serving in the Army, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. and working alongside over 100 dentists trained at schools across the country, Dr. Dishler realized the skills he gained at Kornberg were far superior to those of his counterparts. Dr. Dishler is completely candid when he identifies Kornberg’s relatively low tuition as his primary reason for choosing it over other dental programs. He recognizes, though, that Kornberg was the best choice for many more reasons, particularly the quality of its supportive, knowledgeable faculty.

Dr. Dishler learned a lifelong lesson from his father-in-law, a 1936 Temple Dental graduate: It is imperative to help the school give its students a quality education and experience. Dr. Dishler’s close contact with Kornberg is threefold. Besides donating to the school financially, Dr. Dishler gives his time and attention to Kornberg by teaming up with Dean Amid Ismail on issues that affect both Kornberg and the PDA. Dr. Dishler shares that Dean Ismail is currently working on a pilot program with the American Dental Association to train individuals to reach out, educate and help provide dental care to urban patients; this is one of the initiatives on which the two gentlemen partner. Dr. Dishler and the dean are also collaborating on a legislative initiative to help faculty members encountering problems with licensure. Lastly, Dr. Dishler communicates the importance of the role of organized dentistry in students’ futures; many Temple dental students accompany him to Harrisburg to lobby on the PDA’s Day on the Hill.

As he imparts to current Kornberg students, Dr. Dishler appreciates the need for organized dentistry and fair legislation. It is for this reason that he currently serves as the president of the PDA and has worked at the local level, state level and with the ADA to “help dentists thrive while they provide quality dentistry for their patients.” Dr. Dishler explains that the organizations are important because they “try to help keep outside forces from interfering with that goal ... influence the government to help us provide care for those who are underserved. ...” One of Dr. Dishler’s goals in working with the PDA is for the state to attract more dentists; as many dentists are nearing retirement, it is necessary that new ones settle in Pennsylvania so that residents can continue to access excellent oral care. Temple does a great job of facilitating this goal as it strives to interest its undergraduates in dentistry and encourages Pennsylvania applicants who are more likely to remain local upon graduation.

Dr. Dishler believes that a dentist’s number one priority should be his or her patients and takes great pride in the fact that Kornberg makes this message quite clear to its students, unlike other institutions where the outlook is not the same. Dr. Dishler subscribes to this altruistic philosophy as he will be participating in an upcoming dental mission of the MOM-n-PA board. This May, the Liacouras Center will serve as the grounds for two days of free dental care to impoverished Philadelphians. Both Dr. Dishler and Dean Ismail have played an instrumental role in creating and carrying out this unique, generous event.

While Dr. Dishler devotes himself to his patients, he also has the well-being of future dental students in mind. Upon being asked about his wishes for Temple Dental School, Dr. Dishler states, “I hope the school can continue to attract the best and the brightest. I have been very impressed with the quality of the students. ... I hope somehow we can reduce the
Dr. Walter Stuccio comes from a family of scholars in northeastern Pennsylvania. His two brothers had set their goals to be physicians, while Stuccio wanted to pursue his love of music. “I had been studying the guitar since I was 9 years old,” Dr. Stuccio explains. “I was 16 when I graduated high school, so college was the furthest from my mind.” Dr. Stuccio went off to New York to try to make it big, but after struggling there for three years, and after much encouragement from his parents and brothers, he returned home to enter college. “I was still undecided as to what career path to follow. I liked being with people, liked working with my hands and possessed the dexterity necessary for the dental profession. I researched various college catalogues to determine the requirements necessary to attain the DDS degree.”

Life then became a whirlwind for Dr. Stuccio. He completed college, met his sweetheart and got married, and was accepted into the 1956 class of Temple Dental School. “When I entered the dental school to officially begin my dental education, I was filled with anticipation. I was in awe as I walked the halls of such a fine institution. I thought of the thousands of other students that had passed that way before me. Our class was made up of 89 students, two of whom were women.”

After a severe auto accident in November of 1956, which took the life of his young daughter, Dr. Stuccio was confined at home in a full body cast for four months. He began his freshman year again in 1957 with his wife at his side.
“Every day was a new adventure in dental school,” explains Dr. Stuccio. “As days progressed, and as one gained more knowledge, one could feel the confidence begin to settle in, thanks to the excellent faculty members who were truly professional at all times. The greatest and most memorable moment that I can recall has to be in my junior year, when I met my first ‘live’ patient and completed a medical history, and then seated him in the dental chair in the huge clinic. Wow—I had arrived!”

Following his graduation, Dr. Stuccio held many positions with the Army. He joined the Army Dental Corps and was ordered to Fort Dix, N.J., where he and his family spent two years while he completed his military obligation. “It was a wonderful experience. It provided me an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in mass casualty management, the use of operating facilities in a hospital environment, and all phases of dentistry.”

After discharge from the Army in July 1963, they returned to Pennsylvania where Dr. Stuccio established a dental practice. “With the excellent education and instruction that I received at Temple University Dental School, coupled with my additional training and experience in the Army, I entered into private practice feeling confident that I would achieve my goals.”

But, in 1969, the military came calling again. Dr. Stuccio accepted a position as staff dentist at the Department of Veterans Affairs in his area. Eight years later, he re-enlisted in the Army Reserves and was assigned to a dental unit close to home. He retired as a colonel after 18 years of duty.

Military experience gave Dr. Stuccio a tremendous opportunity to view life as it exists here on earth—wealth and poverty. In 1988, he traveled to Honduras to provide dental support to an army engineering unit that was building roads in the jungles there. “These roads were meant to help their economy by connecting villages and making travel easier for them. It was here that we found tremendous poverty. Shacks with sticks for walls and a piece of corrugated metal for a roof. One-room school houses with dirt floors and simple wooden benches for seats and a blackboard on the wall.”

In 1993, he traveled to the Middle East after “Desert Storm” and saw the other side of the economic spectrum. “Kuwait, Abu Dhabi (United Arab Emirates) and Oman were wealthy places. A walk through any market place and one could see 24-karat gold bracelets, necklaces and rings strung up on racks like meat in a butcher shop. Autos on the streets were of the most luxurious brand names. Labor was imported from poor third-world countries. These two contrasting experiences really opened my eyes to the rest of the world.”

Dentistry and life itself have been good to the Stuccio family. Through hardships and celebrations, Dr. Stuccio’s loving wife, children and grandchildren have stood by him. “Here is the wealth that dentistry has provided for me.”

Ballroom dancer, former Pittsburgh Panther’s mascot, former boxing manager, inventor ... and let’s not forget well-known dentist in the Pittsburgh, Pa. area ... these are just a few of the many titles we can give to Dr. S. Rand Werrin, ’67. More about that later …

While attending the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Werrin knew dentistry was his calling. “I love interacting with people and was blessed with great coordination in my hands; therefore, a perfect fit for the dental profession. My undergraduate roommate’s father was a dentist, and he enlightened me about the profession. After struggling with Spanish, not enjoying marching with ROTC, and realizing after three years that I could leave college early, I had a strategic plan to go to dental school to avoid all these requirements.”
Dr. Werrin had heard Temple Dental School had a very good reputation, and a neighbor of his knew some of the instructors at the Dental School, including Dr. Amsterdam, Dr. Paris, Dr. Landay and Dr. Weisgold, and he spoke very highly of them. “These men ended up motivating and inspiring me. I also chose it because at my visit to the school, I was very impressed with the facility and the students I met.”

Highlights of his time at the Dental School include being chairman of the All Dental Dance and the managing editor of the yearbook, which prepared him well for later in life when he had to manage an 18-person dental office. He also helped fabricate a mouth guard for the upcoming heavyweight champion, Joe Frazier, while he was in the dental clinic. He also recalls in 1963, sitting in Dr. Harold Lance’s prosthetic laboratory waxing up a denture and listening to the unfolding drama of the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

After graduation, Dr. Werrin was assigned to the more complicated and technically difficult cases when was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. Additionally, he was the only dentist assigned to surgical endodontic cases. “This was valuable because when I started in private practice, I was able to fill some of my time with endodontic work for my senior partner as well as teach new endodontic techniques in the early ’70s as an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine.”

Dr. Werrin is very proud of his inventions. They include the Dental Bite Tray Posterior, Dental Bite Tray Anterior, Quadrant Triple Tray, Sideless Triple Tray, Extended Quadrant, Alpha, Loc, Richmond Reflective Shields and Three-Quarter Arch Triple trays. He has also published many articles in leading dental journals.

“One hundred million of my triple trays have been sold worldwide, and I am very proud,” added Dr. Werrin. “They are the most popular impression trays in the world.”

Dr. Werrin can add hypnotist to his list of titles as well. “I learned how to hypnotize patients because in my early years, there wasn’t IV sedation. I decided if I had a technique to calm phobic patients, I would be a successful dentist. Hypnosis served me well in my early dental career, but later it was a source of great satisfaction when I helped professional athletes like Payne Stewart and Rocco Mediate, Penguins and Panthers team members and other athletes improve their peak performance athletic mindset.

When not behind his mask and white coat in his dental office. Dr. Werrin has kept busy over the years with his many hobbies. He has raced and managed thoroughbred horses at Churchill Downs, Aqueduct, Belmont and Keeneland; through his training as a Pitt Panther mascot, he learned how to walk on stilts, so he has entertained as Uncle Sam during July 4th celebrations and other national holidays; and in the past few years, a great form of exercise and fun has been partner dancing. He even competed in the “Dancing with the Celebrities” fundraiser in Pittsburgh, dancing salsa, which raised thousands of dollars for a local charity.

“I’m still playing golf and tennis, but my full-court basketball days are slowly coming to an end at age 70. I am always looking and probing my mind for better ways to accomplish things. I am presently working on a safe and healthful mouthwash, and I am still lecturing and teaching locally and internationally. I’m very excited about upcoming lectures in the Philippines and Australia.”

Gathered for a photo at a Parkinson’s disease charity event in Pittsburgh are (from left) Gary “the Bull” Winmon, Dr. Werrin, who managed Winmon for 18 years; and famous boxer Muhammad Ali.
Dr. Thomas J. Balshi, ’72, has had an impressive, 40-year career in dental medicine. A board-certified prosthodontist and founder of The Institute for Facial Esthetics in Fort Washington, Pa., Dr. Balshi is also a devoted clinician, avid researcher and seasoned academician who has given lectures all over the world. His extensive experience also includes prosthetic implant training at both the University of Toronto and The Institute for Applied Biotechnology in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Over the years, Dr. Balshi has treated hundreds of patients with a myriad of needs. But in 2011, Dr. Balshi met an 8-year-old boy who put his skills and expertise to the test. The boy, Sisay, was at home in Kolu, Ethiopia, when a hyena viciously mauled him. Sisay survived the attack, but it left his face disfigured, including the loss of his nose. Sisay’s plight caught the attention of Adam Waksor, DDS, an Ethiopian maxillofacial surgeon at the Pennsylvania-based Geisinger Medical Center who was in Sisay’s homeland on an annual medical mission. Dr. Waksor brought Sisay to the U.S. for treatment. He received a temporary prosthetic nose and upper jaw surgery performed by Dr. Robert Pellechcia at Geisinger and Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York.

Dr. Balshi became aware of Sisay’s condition through his colleagues at the American College of Prosthodontists and Geisinger Health System. “It was through the generosity of Dean Ismail and the cooperation of my classmate and maxillofacial prosthodontic colleague, Dr. William Rieger, that Sisay was brought to The Institute for Facial Esthetics for prosthodontic treatments,” said Dr. Balshi. “A team was quickly formed to provide ongoing treatment for Sisay.”

The team developed a concept for a titanium framework reconstruction supported by osseointegrated implants in Sisay’s cranial bones. “The challenge with treating a young child is the anticipation of his facial growth,” said Dr. Balshi. “This special framework required the engineering of expansion mechanisms to allow facial growth to occur uninhibited as it supports the silicone nose that is held in place with tiny, but powerful, magnets.” Dr. Balshi applied two of his own clinical protocols known as Teeth in A Day® and No BoneZ Solution™ to Sisay’s reconstruction. Today, Sisay has come a long way and he can now face the world with a level of self-esteem he may not have had.

For Dr. Balshi, the seed to practice medicine was planted when he was a boy. His father, an ENT, was one of the first surgeons to operate on the middle ear. “I became intrigued by very precise surgery in small places,” said Dr. Balshi. “It was his influence that led me to the specialty of prosthodontics at Temple University.” During his first year at Temple Dental School, he enrolled in the Army and served two years of active duty at the dental clinic in Fort Dix, N.J., where he was in charge of the Prosthodontic Treatment Center. He also taught in Temple’s Prosthodontic Department and formed the Pennsylvania Prosthodontic Association, an affiliate of the American College of Prosthodontists.

“Temple provided a level of excellence in developing clinical skills. It also gave young doctors a high degree of self-confidence to provide efficient treatment to their patients. I would highly recommend Temple to anyone interested in pursuing clinical dentistry.”
The 1970s was an interesting period in history. It was one of creativity and change, disco and bell-bottom trousers. It was also a dark and depressing time with an end-of-the-world obsession—nuclear holocaust, famine, overpopulation, disease, scarcity and running out of resources such as fossil fuels.

In the mid-1970s, when Lew Lampiris attended Kornberg School of Dentistry, the gay rights movement was beginning, and he and his partner, whom he met at Hunter College, had just become a couple. This was shortly after the Stonewall Riots, a series of spontaneous, violent demonstrations by members of the gay community against a police raid on June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City. “Although we were ‘out,’ we were welcomed and embraced by many of the dental students and faculty,” said Dr. Lampiris, a native of Brooklyn, N.Y. “It was quite unusual at the time. Some of my closest friends to this day are fellow Temple dental students.”

During his years at Kornberg, Dr. Lampiris participated in one of Philadelphia’s first gay “marches.” “I still remember Mayor Rizzo’s riot police with German shepherds lining the parade route to ‘protect us’—an experience I will never forget.”

As a clinician, Dr. Lampiris was privileged to practice in a variety of settings, including as a general dental officer at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, N.C. Upon relocating to Chicago, he served Medicaid beneficiaries in three of the city’s most impoverished communities. He also established a private practice in an upscale community. In the mid-1980s, HIV/AIDS emerged and became a significant public health issue. Dr. Lampiris was one of only three dentists in Chicago who would accept patient referrals from the Chicago Dental Society for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. “These patients were stigmatized and rejected by the dental community as there was a fear of the virus and an underlying bias toward those infected,” he recalled. “This was a turning point in my career; after 17 years of clinical practice, I began my studies at the University of Illinois Chicago School of Public Health, with a concentration in Health Policy and Administration.”

In 1997, Dr. Lampiris was appointed chief of the Division of Oral Health within the Illinois Department of Public Health’s Office of Health and Wellness and was the Illinois State Dental Director. In 1998, he joined the Executive Committee of the Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors. He was ultimately elected to serve as president of the association. In 2007, he received the association’s Distinguished Service award for dental public health.

He has been invited to serve on numerous expert panels and advisory committees, has lectured widely, and has written extensively for both professional and lay publications.

In 2006, Dr. Lampiris joined the American Dental Association as the director of the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations. He received the ADA’s Presidential Citation in 2010 and is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the Institute of Medicine Chicago and Mid-America Public Health Leadership Institute.

“Temple helped me understand that to improve the oral health of people in our country, all dentists must work together, trust and honor each other, and most importantly, count on each other,” Dr. Lampiris concluded.
Dr. Jay M. Goldberg, ’83, ’85, certainly has the credentials. After receiving his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the Temple University School of Dentistry in 1983, he completed an endodontic residency in 1985. He has been in full-time private endodontic practice ever since.

Named a Top Doc in Endodontics in the February 2010 and 2012 issues of Philadelphia Magazine, Dr. Goldberg is a past president and active member of the Louis I. Grossman Endodontic Study Club of Philadelphia, the Eastern Dental Society and the Greater Northeast Dental Society. He has had an ongoing involvement in organized dentistry, having served on the Board of Governors of the Philadelphia County Dental Society and recently completed a two-year term as president of the society. Dr. Goldberg has also served on various industry boards and is a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

But the wealth of experience and skills that the Pittsburgh, Pa., native has accumulated over the years did not fall into his lap—he worked for it. And the path to his career successes began at Temple Dental School.

“Temple University gave me an opportunity to pursue a dream,” said Dr. Goldberg. “I was the first one in my family to pursue a dental degree and was very excited about the road ahead.”

But dental school proved to be demanding for Dr. Goldberg. “The education itself was grueling at times,” he commented. “I remember feeling afraid that I would fail. Temple was hard, but it challenged me to put forth my best effort.”

It was at the graduate level that Dr. Goldberg had the opportunity to study with leaders and founders of his specialty.

The highlight of Dr. Goldberg’s career may have come several years ago when he was asked by Dean Amid Ismail to “come back” and visit the school. “I was impressed with the changes Dean Ismail initiated and how progressive the school had become, offering students an exceptional educational experience,” said Dr. Goldberg. “In fact, I was so impressed with the visit that I joined the faculty as a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Endodontics. The entire experience has been inspiring. The students I assist are bright, energetic, knowledge-seeking and the most diverse group one could ever imagine.”

Dr. Goldberg said that the new technology, materials and techniques that are being introduced today are making the dental profession tremendously interesting and demanding. However, he is confident that those who work for their dreams will receive success.

Noted Dr. Goldberg, “If you shoot for the stars, you may not reach them, but you will find yourself in some higher place than where you started.”
MAKING CONNECTIONS IN THEIR HOMETOWN

Drs. Kellyn and Eric Hodges, ’92

Every couple has a story, and Drs. Kellyn and Eric Hodges have one that goes back to their childhoods. They grew up in families who knew each other well: her brother went to all the same schools that Eric did, and his father, a vet, tended to her family dog. Their paths continued to cross when they both came to Temple Dental School—in fact, excelled here—via different routes.

Kellyn has a strong connection to the dental program. Her father is a ’72 alumnus, and her brother graduated in ’90. So she had ample support for choosing the Dental School after graduating from Howard University.

Eric, a scholar athlete, earned his bachelor’s from the University of Florida, then played football in the NFL. In one year he was wide receiver for four teams. That prompted him to get back to school. “I had my heart set on Temple,” he says. “I was raised here, educated here, so to study dentistry here and practice here just made sense.”

They started studying together, got to know each other better and that led to marriage. When asked what Temple has meant to him, he says, “Number one, it’s where I found my wife.” But he’s also clear about what the school has done for his family. “The quality of the education at Temple is far greater than anything in the area. To say we went to Temple is a proud thing.”

Both graduated from the Dental School with honors after years of impressive academic and leadership records. Kellyn studied opera as a lyric soprano at Philadelphia’s prestigious Girls High, was chosen as valedictorian for her college graduation and then was selected to speak for the Temple Dental students at the 1991 dedication of the clinical facility. A year later, she graduated summa cum laude and entered Temple’s postgraduate program in orthodontics, earning certification and a master’s degree, also summa cum laude.

Eric was junior and senior class vice president of the well-regarded magnet school, Philadelphia’s Central High. He played varsity sports in high school and Division I college football in Florida. In Dental School he was president of the Student National Dental Association, president of the Endodontics Study Club, chairman of the Graduate Awards Committee, student recruitment officer and played on the highly regarded Temple Dental basketball team. He graduated magna cum laude and, like his wife, immediately entered a specialty graduate program. “She pushed me, and I pushed her to make a decision about a specialty,” he remembers. He chose endodontics, earned a certificate and received the Louis Grossman Graduate Award as the top resident.

Today, their practices are just a few blocks apart. He’s on the city side of a main highway; she’s on the suburban side. In their free time, they are fully committed to serving the community through church, civic and professional organizations.

Recently, Eric was asked to join the Dental School Board of Visitors. He says he’s glad he did. “The recent changes—expanded clinics, higher morale, more involved alumni—all make this a great time for Temple Dental School. It’s a wonderful place to go to school, and my ninth-grade daughter wants to do just what her mother did—go to Howard University, then to Temple to become an orthodontist.”

In such a way the legacy continues.
IN SYNC FOR SUCCESS

Drs. Todd Weaver and John Reckner, ’91
They met as classmates, one raised in the Philadelphia suburbs, the other fluent in Swahili from a childhood spent in Tanzania. Seemingly so different, they connected at Temple Dental and now are partners in a Bucks/Montgomery County, Pa., practice. Perhaps, surprisingly, it’s built upon their similarities.

Dr. Todd Weaver explains, “I looked very quickly to be partners with John. Friendship was a basis, but when you get out of dental school, you have an affinity for doctors with the same education. At Temple, it’s patient-focused and hands-on.”

Elaborating, Dr. Reckner says, “We treated residents in the area, and they had terrific need. A lot of care was given—and received. We would get hugs and kisses; there was a great community feel. It was a strong curriculum with the chance to work on live patients.”

To provide the kind of patient-centered quality care they value, they’ve adopted a business model different from other area practices. It’s an all-under-one-roof idea offering a wide array of services. Peruse the web site for Weaver, Reckner, and Reinhart Dental Associates, and you see a long list: implants, root canals, endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics and even aesthetic procedures for facial rejuvenation. “We’re all generalists,” says Dr. Weaver, “but we’ve all pursued some specialty.” They’ve also pursued further education. Among the five dentists in the practice, three are fellows in the Academy of General Dentistry, including Drs. Weaver and Reckner.

Because they realize just how good their education was and how well prepared they were, they encourage others to attend the school. Most recently, Dylan Rauschenberger, who works as a dental assistant in their practice, has decided to apply to the Dental School. Another employee, Chris Zeledon, is currently a second-year student at Temple Dental.

“What the new dean is trying to accomplish, bringing a rigorous program up to modern standards with modern techniques, we want our name on it,” says Dr. Reckner. Agreeing, Dr. Weaver adds, “Amid Ismail is a terrific dean, focused on academic excellence and crossing racial and cultural boundaries. That’s something Weaver, Reckner, and Reinhart want to support.”

In fact, they’re solidly behind the dean’s renovations. They say they wanted to be one of the first to contribute to the capital campaign, so Temple Dental can continue to be the best institution. Then it reflects well on them as alums, and their contribution can help keep tuition lower so students have less debt.

Asking to be quoted for what is a strong belief, Dr. Weaver emphasizes, “It seems pretty lame to graduate from an institution like Temple Dental that’s given us so much and not want to give back. Anyone who has experienced success has to feel that way.”
A FAMILY LEGACY IN PEDIATRICS: MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Drs. David, ’75, ’79, Joshua, ’03, and Jason, ’06, Bresler
They were words that would entice anyone to come along: “Every day I go to work to play.”

That’s what Dr. David Bresler, ’75, ’79, well known around the Dental School as professor, past president of the Alumni Association, national spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and past president of the Pennsylvania Society of Dentistry for Children, would tell his family about a profession he truly loves. His oldest children, Josh and Jason, and even their younger sister, Rachel, couldn’t resist the temptation to see what that kind of day meant.

“He never forced us to become dentists,” Josh and Jason say, “just provided opportunities.” For instance, when they were old enough, their father would say, “Come work in the office for the summer, I’ll pay you.” Says Josh, “It was a no-brainer. We were paid more than at other jobs and got to go play with him. I fell in love with the business at a young age. I have a passion for it. We’re all following in his footsteps.”

For 10 years, Josh has been in the pediatric care practice his father started, Cavity Busters, which has eight locations throughout the Philadelphia area. His brother, Jason, has been there for seven years, and they both see the strong influence of another family member, their grandfather, at work. “He said, ‘Do what’s right, and the money will follow.’” For their father, that meant treating everybody, regardless of what they can pay.

“It may be less lucrative financially, but it’s better for your mental health,” says Jason. “Only a handful of dentists in Philadelphia do pediatric care for those on medical assistance. We’re one of them. We treat the richest of the rich and the poorest of the poor.”

Focusing on community service in Haiti as well as at home, the Bresler family each year leads dental teams to rural Haitian villages to provide the care that prevents people from living in pain.
According to both Jason and Josh, it’s all about the importance of providing care to those who need it. That’s why their father started going to Haiti 12 years ago. Josh was there, too. “We weren’t sure what to expect. You do whatever is needed with whatever you have, usually a beach chair under palm trees with minimal supplies.”

Each year since then, at least one of the Breslers has gone back to lead a team of 10 students and four faculty members who treat as many as 1,200 patients in seven to 10 days. “It makes you a better dentist,” says Josh, pointing out that each team member treats 30-40 people a day, compared to the usual two a day at school. “The end result is the same, but you’re practicing early dentistry.” Adds, Jason, “What hurts, we’ll fix it. It’s dentistry at its best.”

In fact, they call it a life-changing experience, one that has provided impetus for community work at home. For instance, Jason is involved with the Special Olympics and each year brings 30-40 student volunteers for a southeast regional event at Villanova University. They screen for dental infections, fit mouth guards and do whatever they can for those with special needs, who are so severely underserved.

“They are not just mouths,” he says. “It’s the whole person. You can make a difference, without always looking at the bottom line.”

Since Josh and Jason are professors in pediatrics, like their father, at Kornberg, they have the opportunity to give such real-world advice. They also can give students the kind of education they continue to appreciate: “The tools we need to do what we do—provide the highest-quality care to patients.”
Drs. Justin Marostica and Neil Patel, ’09

Just three years out of dental school, Drs. Justin Marostica and Neil Patel were in front of an intimidating group. At least that’s what the recent graduates felt as they stood at the podium, laptop at hand and ready with a PowerPoint presentation. Facing their professors as well as some students in the Dental School’s new lecture hall last November, the two dentists/entrepreneurs were there at the invitation of Dean Ismail because they have a great idea. They call it MolarGeek. The dean calls it “the way we’re going—a community of learning.”

Dr. Marostica, who flew in from Oregon, started with the back story. At Temple Dental he was a hard worker, but not too social and not comfortable speaking up in class. Determined his shyness would not hold him back, he formed a group, asking what he calls “the most intelligent” classmates to meet daily to quiz each other and bounce ideas off one another.

Not only did it help his education, the group led into Friends in Dentistry, a Facebook community of close friends and family who still talk about procedures, share photos and educate each other. “It’s like a CE course,” Dr. Marostica explained, “with unbiased opinions from your peers. They have your back. You’re not afraid to ask for opinions or admit mistakes because they won’t make fun of a case.” That’s the big advantage of a trusted social media community—an idea that’s at the center of MolarGeek.

Taking a turn at the podium, Dr. Patel, who practices in Philadelphia, picked up the story. “You need colleagues to build bridges. It’s all about doing great work and being a great dentist, improving the quality of life for patients.”

That thought was brewing as he connected with Dr. Marostica on Friends in Dentistry when they were both out of dental school. They e-mailed, they brainstormed and finally met face-to-face in Portland, Ore., near where Dr. Marostica lives and practices. Hiking up Multnomah Falls, they bonded further, discussing values, families and the future. “In a short period of time, Justin and I forged a
friendship,” said Dr. Patel, “although we barely talked in dental school.”

The result is what Dr. Patel described as “something cool, combining Facebook and DentalTown (a popular web site), with no advertising, just clean, objective content. It’s the Medici effect: different disciplines connecting and spawning a renaissance.”

With MolarGeek, they said, you are globally and indefinitely connected. Operating like a blog, and therefore user friendly, it’s a great tool for students and faculty, they said, pointing to the projection screen. Professors can know what concepts are giving students trouble, then tailor the curriculum. Students can be in tune with what’s happening in the real world. Foreign students who don’t know English well can more easily ask questions through a special app. Polling, Q&A, internships, a jobs board, local events and more are all part of the concept. In short, professors with decades of experience and insight can use technology for a new era of teaching—and students can enter a new era of learning. They emphasized that no other school is doing this.

Later, asked how Dean Ismail learned about MolarGeek, Dr. Patel responded, “I approached him because I saw the progress of the school and that he’s a doer, not a sayer. He’s accessible, and he has a good rapport with his faculty. That helped open the door.” He added, “I was almost in tears when I came back. It’s great that the students are benefiting from all of the state-of-the-art changes.”

Agreeing that Temple Dental is clearly open to thinking outside the box, Dr. Marostica said, “The dean is backing us as former Temple students. We’re unveiling MolarGeek here, looking for input and willing to listen. We want process innovation as well as product innovation.”

Dr. Patel added, “Speaking of innovation, the future of dentistry isn’t tomorrow, a year from now, or five years from now. The future of dentistry is now.”
This past October, Dr. Robert Bargramian, ’60, was appointed the interim director of the Michigan Center for Oral Health Research. The appointment was made by Dean Peter Polverini for a period of two years. Dr. Bargramian is currently a professor in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine.

Dr. Robert R. Hoopes, ’64, announced his retirement from active general practice in 2007 after a rewarding and enjoyable career during which he served as president of the Delaware State Dental Society, on the Credentials Committee at Christiana Care, and as a member of the State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr. Hoopes was awarded fellowship in the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Since retiring, he has enjoyed traveling with his wife, Judy, to many destinations, including India, Russia, Turkey and the Arctic. He also enjoys spending time with his two children, their spouses, and his five grandchildren in his homes in Wilmington, Del.; Stone Harbor, N.J.; and Key West, Fla.

Dr. Charles Mandell, ’64, is currently director of Faculty - Community Smiles - Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Fla. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology. Dr. Mandell also traveled to China as a guest of the Chinese government. In Beijing, Dr. Mandell trained the 93 dentists that were on duty for the Olympics.

Roger I. Michaelson ’72, announced his retirement after 40 years of practicing dentistry. Dr. Michaelson graduated with a B.S. degree from Kansas Wesleyan University in 1967, then graduated from Temple University in 1972. He achieved the rank of captain in the Army Dental Corps, and soon after, established his private practice in general dentistry in Elkton, Md. Dr. Michaelson resides in Elkton, Md., with his wife, Linda. They have one married son and two grandchildren.

Isabel A. McLauchlan, Hygiene ’79, is currently employed by Byron M. Gratson, D.D.S.

In Memoriam

Dr. Stanley B. Becker, a former professor of removable prosthodontics from 1989 to 1999, died on Dec. 29, 2011. Dr. Becker served at the 3201st USAF Hospital, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and remained a reservist for 15 years. He was a member of the ADA, PDA and Chester/Delco Dental Society and a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry and in Britain’s Royal Society of Health. A founding member of the Springfield Optimist Club, he was honored in 1981 by the Chapel of the Four Chaplains for community service. In 1990, the State of Pennsylvania and the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped recognized him for his volunteer work. Contributions in his memory may be made to Temple Dental School.

Dr. Robert Schoor, a former professor of periodontology at the Kornberg School of Dentistry, died on Nov. 17, 2012. At the time of his passing, he was director of the Graduate Periodontology Program at the New York University College of Dentistry.

Dr. Theodore Simpson, Jr., retired chair of Oral Medicine, died on Nov. 15, 2012, in Woodbridge, Va. Dr. Simpson received his dental degree from Indiana University School of Dentistry and was a faculty member at Howard University College of Dentistry before teaching at Temple.

Dr. Edwin F. Weaver, ’48, past chairman and secretary of the Pennsylvania State Board of Dentistry, died on March 3, 2012. Among his many other affiliations, Dr. Weaver served as a member-at-large of the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners from 2000 to 2003.
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Contact Nicole at 215.707.7541 with any questions.
VERSE 1
It all started back in eighteen sixty-three
Since that time nine thousand grads have earned degrees
The place was Tenth and Arch, with the Civil War on the march
With standards set high – we challenged the rest
And soon became one of the best – (Now)

CHORUS
Let's pay homage to all who passed through these doors
To leadership for inspiring us to be more
To teachers and staff, unsurpassed
To students from far and wide
And to alumni pride – all working Side By Side

VERSE 2
A vital part of Temple University
Adopting its tradition of diversity
Respected everywhere, for comprehensive care
A vision renewed – a building reborn
It's time to toot our own horn – (So)

REPEAT CHORUS:

EXIT FANFARE
CELEBRATION – BELL TOWER!
CELEBRATION – TREE OF PEACE!
CELEBRATION – FOR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY YEARS!
THE BEST IS YET TO COME!
CELEBRATION – TEMPLE!
Join us as we honor history and make history during our 150th Anniversary Celebration. With a full lineup of exciting events, festivities will commemorate the Dental School’s first 150 years and look toward its next 150 years.

To register and purchase tickets to the event, visit [http://dentistry.temple.edu/150](http://dentistry.temple.edu/150).

Be sure to secure the group hotel rate at the Sheraton by Friday, March 8th. Visit [https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TempleDental](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/TempleDental) to make your reservation!

We hope to see you here!

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH**

**Afternoon/Evening** Check-in and Registration Enjoy getting together with classmates and friends.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**

**Morning** Opening Ceremony Join us as we salute our past 150 years. Take a tour of our recently updated facilities allowing us to continue the tradition of clinical excellence for which Temple Dental is known.

**Morning/Afternoon** Free Dental Health Clinic See how the Dental School is engaging with the community, serving as a model for dental care in urban areas.

**Interactive Luncheon** Share your professional experiences with today’s students.

**Evening** 150th Anniversary Gala Be part of the concluding event, with a night of dancing and the unveiling of Dean Timmons’ time capsule, at the dazzling new location of The Barnes Foundation, renowned for its world-class art collection.