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BRIDGES

Welcome! We have created *Bridges* exclusively for YOU, the donors of the College of Dentistry, to keep you informed, share stories from the students you help and to celebrate all the extraordinary things you make possible.

You can expect to receive this twice a year—June and November. I encourage and welcome your thoughts— what you like, want more of, or what you don't want. Share your feedback with me at: stacey.schewaga@usask.ca.

Desiree's Story

It's about 5 pm and Desiree, a third-year dental student, just arrived home from a busy day of school. She is stressed and exhausted from the day. Desiree is greeted by her spouse Michael and their 18-month-old son Lenzen. It's almost supper time when she gets home and she barely has her coat off or her books out of her hands before Lenzen is clinging to her legs wanting to be picked up and held. Being a mom, a wife and a student is stressful and can take a toll. But on this particular day her phone rings; it is a call that will change her life. Desiree learns she is the recipient of the Dr. Kirk Johnston Spirit Memorial Award. In her words, Desiree describes that moment.

"I was speechless for the first few minutes, followed by becoming completely overcome with emotion. I burst into tears of joy and could not stop

saying, 'thank you so much.' I wish that the phone call with Gaylene Johnston could have been recorded and sent to all of the donors of the award, along with the selection committee. While I can say 'thank you' a billion times, I feel like it will never do justice to the gratitude that I feel towards those who gave their hard-earned money to help someone like me. When I was told about the award, it was like a weight was lifted off of my shoulders, and I was able to take my first deep breath in a long time. I will never, ever forget the generosity and will be eternally grateful."

Without the generosity of family, friends, and past recipients of the award, Desiree would have continued to struggle to get by. Thank you to all our donors who, through student awards, give students like Desiree a sense of relief and motivation to finish strong.





A class above the rest

“ Students spend a lot of time in the lab. Having new, reliable equipment saves enormous amounts of time—the new upgrades will make a huge difference in how we work.

Daniel, Class of 2017

The renovations to the student lab are almost complete. Thanks to the Class of 1990, students will get the privilege to work in an updated lab this fall.

The Class of 1990 committed, in honour of their 25th reunion, to revitalize the lab off the main student clinic on the second floor. In 2013, there was a flood and insurance covered replacing the lower cabinets but, unfortunately, limited resources left the rest of the space exactly as it was before. Now, because of this class, new equipment was purchased and renovations to the space started in May.



New Dean



On September 1, 2017 the College of Dentistry will welcome one of their own, **Dr. Doug Brothwell**, as new dean.

Class of 2003

In 2015 a new oral surgery chair was purchased thanks to the 2003 (fifth year) class' generosity. This past December they made a difference again, with four new amalgamators for the student clinic.

WHAT WILL THEIR GENEROSITY DO THIS YEAR?

You will have to wait and find out because this class has reoccurring annual donations that supports more improvements every year! Thank you Class of 2003 for making a difference for dental students—now and for years to come.

You can make a difference

to a student's practical learning by supporting new equipment on the clinic floor. Thirty-eight ADEC carts need to be replaced due to age and frequent repairs. **Thank you to the Class of 1972** who have agreed to support this initiative from their class fund. Because of them, 16 new carts are coming this summer. You can support the remaining 22 students who need a new cart through the College of Dentistry Infrastructure Revitalization Fund. Every student deserves to learn on the best equipment.

Together, we can make this possible.

To donate, visit donate.usask.ca/online/dentistry.php

One Day for Students



Thursday, March 9, 2017, was the university's day of giving. The university community, alumni, faculty and staff made this day amazing with their support to dental students.

Over \$3,990 was raised for dentistry, and a surprise match from Dr. Kay Nasser and his family doubled that!

You can read more at give.usask.ca/oneday

College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan, Faculty Practice and Dr. Frank Hohn

Together with the outstanding support of the College of Dental Surgeons, Faculty Practice in the College of Dentistry and Dr. Frank Hohn, the radiology department now has a new CBCT scanner. In 2012, a used CBCT scanner was donated by an alumnus. Unfortunately in 2016, it took its last image.

Thank you to the College of Dental Surgeons of Saskatchewan, Dr. Frank Hohn and the Faculty Practice for enabling students to learn and practice their craft.



Dental Day **YXE**

On April 8, 2017, the College of Dentistry hosted the first Dental Day that offered free dental services to individuals and families unable to access care due to financial constraints. You can read more at words.usask.ca/donornews/2017/04/21/smile-yxe/



Jessie in GPR clinic

Jessie's Educational Journey

You had a major part in the success of Jessie's educational journey. Without you she wouldn't have learned how to become a dentist. She would have far more debt. She would have practiced her craft on an old dental chair that would've posed issues with her patient treatments and care.

In her exact words—you made her time at the College of Dentistry special. Jessie

is thankful to all the people who have contributed towards her education and allowed her to be part of the dental profession. She is very excited to take the next step, learning and practicing in the new Clinic 120 (GPR Clinic).

In the November 2017 issue of Bridges, her story will continue. Stay tuned to find out how you have provided more opportunities for her and her future.



I hope I have bridged the gap on your interests and passions and have shown you how your generosity has benefited those in need at the college.

Together, we can continue to make the college a

leader in dental education. Thank you for enhancing the student experience and making a difference. Feel free to contact me anytime at 306-966-4001 or stacey.schewaga@usask.ca.

Your feedback is welcome

and I look forward to sharing more stories about you, the donor, and the amazing things YOU make possible.

Much appreciation,

Stacey