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BRIDGES

Welcome to the latest issue of *Bridges*, a newsletter produced just for you, the donors to the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan, to highlight the difference your contributions make.

Included in this issue are stories about how the donor-funded Clinic 120 is helping Dr. Jessie Zoorkan build her skills, how Dean Doug Brothwell is working to build a new vision for the college, how individuals and entire classes are supporting students, and how donations were directed in 2017. Enjoy!

Jessie's story: The Clinic 120 Advantage

Meet Dr. Jessie Zoorkan (class of 2017), a resident in the College of Dentistry's General Practice Residency (GPR) program. Her work in the new Clinic 120 is where she is mastering the most important skill of all—gaining the trust of her patients.

Clinic 120, which was built with the support of numerous donors, provides a full range of dental care but also serves patients with particular physical or emotional needs. For Jessie, that requires making a special connection.

"We work in such an intimate area of the body that for many, this can be a huge issue. In Clinic 120, we see patients with extreme anxiety, patients with head and neck cancers who have gone through surgeries or radiation that has left their mouths painful. To gain the trust of these patients to the point where they allow us to



Dr. Jessie Zoorkan

help them has been one of the most rewarding skills I have learned so far."

Jessie has a passion for learning, but she admits it has not always been easy. Early in her dental education, "there was a fixed prosthodontics competency and a complex amalgam competency that, at the time, I sincerely thought would be the end of me. This profession has a steep learning curve that is basically like

climbing a mountain but as you progress through dentistry, the mountain doesn't get any flatter—you just get better at climbing it."

Working in Clinic 120 has also expanded Jessie's view of the role of her profession in what she terms the mouth-body connection. "Working in the GPR means being part of a team of health-care providers. As far as the body goes, we are the mouth experts. Being a dentist also means educating

both patients and other health-care professionals about how oral health can impact overall health, and vice versa."

Specialized facilities like Clinic 120 are providing new and exciting opportunities for young dentists like Jessie to further their learning, and to advance the dental profession in Saskatchewan.



Dean's Message

It's just human nature to find ourselves immersed in the day-to-day life of our college—the classes, the clinics, the student assessments, the meetings, the budget—so it's good to occasionally be reminded to look up and take in the bigger picture.

Our College of Dentistry is often thought of as “just a place where we educate dentists,” but I would argue it is much more than that. I believe the college represents the very best of the profession on many fronts. Yes, education is important but so are research, public service and outreach. In these areas, the college plays a key role in advancing the science and practice of dentistry across this province, and beyond.

As dean, the future of the college is, and will always be, my top priority. That future requires a new vision for the role of the college in Saskatchewan and the world. I don't think this dental school can be all things to all people but I know we can find one or two areas of focus where we can excel and truly make a difference. The contribution of our alumni, faculty, staff and students, on many levels, will be important in meeting this aspiration.

With your support, we can ensure our College of Dentistry is truly the dental school that Saskatchewan needs.

Dr. Doug Brothwell



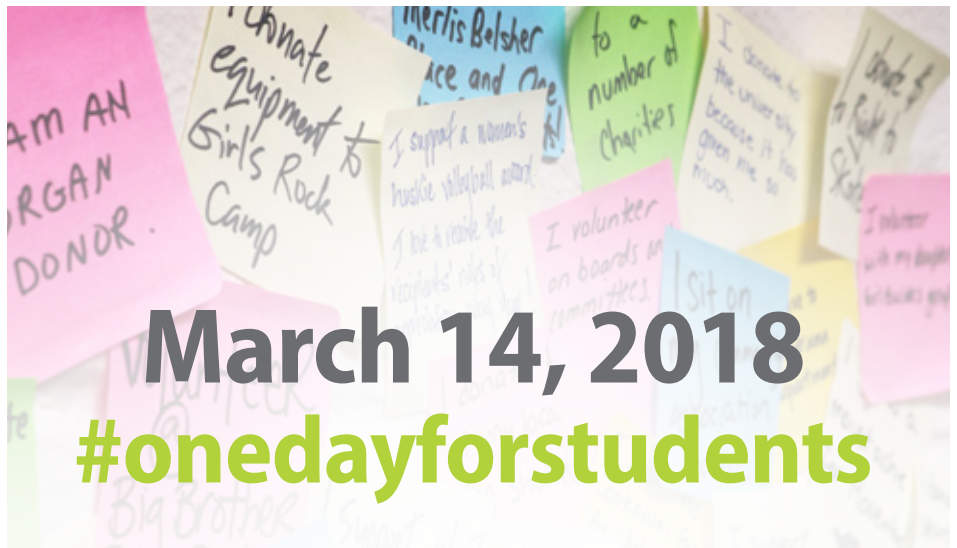
Your Gift Makes a Difference

Sabrina, a third dental student, no longer has difficulty treating her patients due to the equipment in her operatory being old and always in need of fixing. Your generosity has allowed us to acquire new radiology equipment on the clinic floor and a new CBCT scanner that allows students to get the exposures they require. In addition, sharing your knowledge and time with students provides key clinical guidance as they learn the profession. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are appreciated every day.

Thirteen ADEC carts still need to be replaced due to age and frequent repairs. Please consider a donation to the Infrastructure Revitalization Fund today for equipment replacement.

Together we can make anything possible.

To donate, visit donate.usask.ca/online/dentistry.php or contact Stacey Schewaga at 306-966-4001.



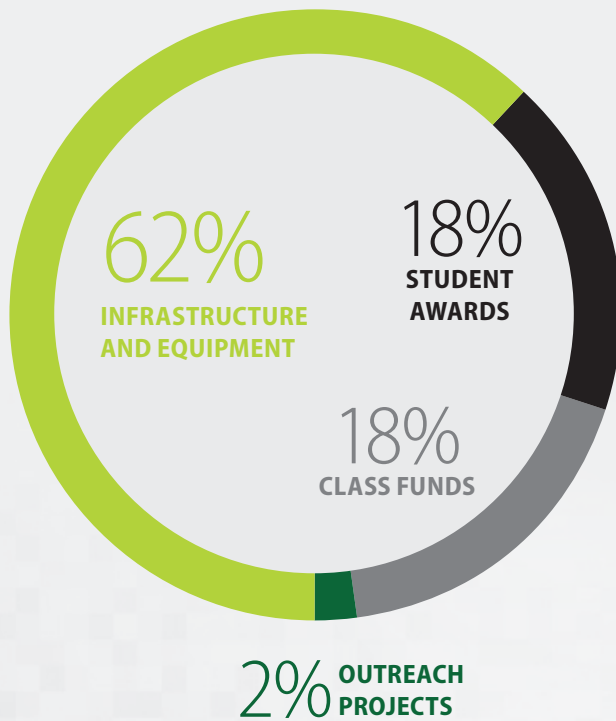
March 14, 2018

#onedayforstudents

Students have something to celebrate—the generosity of donors to the University of Saskatchewan's One Day for Students. Thanks to you and College of Dentistry faculty, staff, alumni and friends, we have been able to purchase two new ADEC carts with the funds donated in 2017. The decision to buy ADEC carts was made after students voted them as the top choice for new equipment in the clinic.

One Day for Students 2018 takes place Wednesday, March 14, 2018 and will support all university students through the Nasser Emergency Fund. Stay tuned for details on the college's own One Day for Dentistry.

HOW YOUR 2017 DONATIONS WERE DIRECTED



\$263,491.80

donated
in 2017

121

donors

\$7,980

raised on
One Day for Students

DID YOU KNOW?

... while replacing the 40+-year-old ADEC carts, it was discovered we had dental cart serial number one. This cart will soon have a new home in ADEC's own museum in Newberg, Oregon.



... two \$50,000 pledges were fulfilled in 2017 by two alumni couples. Their monthly gift supported infrastructure and equipment needs over the last five years.

Heroes Among Us: CI Investments

CI Investments has been providing financial support to the Dr. Kirk Johnston Spirit Memorial Scholarship since 2010. As an ongoing contributor, CI Investments, along with other donors, have ensured that 14 dental students have benefited from scholarship funding over the last eight years, and there will be more in the future. Our appreciation goes to CI Investments and all donors to the Dr. Kirk Johnston award.

The Dr. Kirk Johnston Spirit Memorial Scholarship recognizes a third-year dental student who displays qualities of creativity, leadership and humanitarianism in tandem with genuine compassion for patients. It also recognizes those who support their classmates, motivating fellow students and others to strive for excellence. This scholarship is the largest annual financial award given to dental students.

Class Act

Graduation creates many feelings—excitement, relief and sometimes, fear of the unknown. As each dental student becomes a professional dentist, the memories of heading to school, working hard and studying fade away. In a new daily routine with new people and experiences shaping their lives, students may look back on their time in the College of Dentistry with a new feeling—gratitude.

The Class of 2017 recently did something no other class has ever done before to express their gratitude. As class representative Dr. Sara Rayner explains, the Class of 2017 had funds left over from graduation and they decided to donate the money back to the college. By doing that, the class ensured that those people willing to support their

graduation are still helping students.

“We know first hand that more new equipment is needed in order for students to have the best possible opportunities for learning and practicing successfully,” she said. “When we heard that ADEC carts were a top equipment priority this year, we were excited to help out. This became a chance to help our friends at the college who are still students as well as those who will enroll in the future, eager to learn the profession. It’s also our way of saying ‘thank you’ to those who helped us throughout our dental education.”

The Class of 2017 gift was used to purchase an ADEC cart for the clinic as well as items for the student lounge.



Working Together for a Better World

Wear pink and get your moustache on!

On Oct. 20 last year, 73 dental students wore pink to school, as did a number of faculty and staff members, all in support of breast cancer awareness. A group of faculty members pledged their support of those students wearing pink, and as a result, the college was able to donate a whopping \$887 to breast cancer research.

Thank you to the following instructors who made this possible: Dr. Copete, Dr. Berscheid, Dr. Nagle, Dr. Sutherland, Dr. Brothwell, Dr. Packota, Dr. Kolbinson, Dr. Braun, Dr. Hildebrand and Dr. Otero.

In November, Movember fun was upon us. Moustache-mouth masks were for sale and a challenge was on that encouraged students to give the razor a break and make it a season of warm upper lips and scruffy kisses. In all, \$875

was raised for prostate cancer research. Dr. Doug Brothwell, dean of the college, also challenged anyone in the college to grow a better ‘dirty squirrel’ than he could, with an added incentive of an additional donation to prostate research.

A special thank you goes to fourth-year student Desiree Loeffers and third-year student Christopher Bertsch for organizing these initiatives.



The 2018/2019 academic year will mark 50 years for the College of Dentistry and we look forward to sharing more information about that, and other stories of interest, with you again soon. In the meantime, if you have any comments or suggestions, or would like to contribute to the College of Dentistry, please contact me any time at 306-966-4001 or stacey.schewaga@usask.ca.

