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Shared in this issues are stories of gratitude. Because of your support and generosity, each dental student can tackle daily challenges with a little more ease. Your encouragement inspires them to be their best.

You Bring Joy and Gratitude

Your kindness creates joy and makes a positive impact on dental students everyday.

With fall upon us, it is a natural time to reflect and be thankful. It is also the perfect time for USask dental students to share their appreciation with you.

"I am very fortunate for your generosity and support of my dental education. Your contribution helps alleviate some of the financial pressure I face funding my own education and inspires me to achieve my dream and passion of becoming a dentist."

- Erica (3rd year dental student)



"Your collaboration with our college provides us with an environment to learn and develop our dental skills in, and you are also providing a means for us to work with and serve priority populations within our communities by increasing access to oral health care. As a college and amongst the dental profession, this is something we are continually striving for, and we thank you for your support."

"Your continuous support for dental students like myself helps promote confidence while continuing to drive *me both academically and in my* patient skills. Thank you for giving back to us students."

- Duke (4th year dental student)

- Ashlyn (2nd year dental student)

Largest Gift in College's History

The College of Dentistry has received \$1,050,000 from dentalcorp, the largest donation in the college's history since its inception in 1968. The generosity of dentalcorp will be applied to the construction and equipment costs for the dental clinic located in the future USask campus in Prince Albert. The Prince Albert clinic is scheduled to open in fall 2020.

"We are so grateful to dentalcorp for this gift," said Dr. Amrinderbir Singh, Assistant Professor Dental Public Health and Director, Inclusive Community Outreach at the College of Dentistry. "A focus for the college is inclusive community care



and taking dentistry to underserved populations. The clinic in Prince Albert will play a key role in improving access to oral health care services for priority populations in that community. This wouldn't be possible without the generosity of dentalcorp."

Ashlyn, a second year dental student, who will be among one of the first classes to have a chance to learn and work in the PA clinic is excited for the upcoming opportunity. "The experience we will gain from this Prince Albert clinic is absolutely invaluable, and I don't think there are enough thank yous or words that can be said to truly encompass

our gratitude. This will give dental students the opportunity to learn in an environment that serves priority populations and develop our dental skills."

Annual Kent McLeod Memorial Golf Classic a Success

The 21st annual Kent McLeod Memorial Golf Classic took place Saturday, September 7, 2019. The Saskatchewan Dental Student Society once again organized a phenomenal and fun event to honour USask alumnus Dr. Kent McLeod. This event would not be possible without the generosity of alumni, the McLeod family, and those that support the dental profession.



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Proceeds from the tournament support student initiatives like DIRECT Dental and student awards that recognize academic achievement, leadership, spirit, and participation in extracurricular activities. Fifty awards have been awarded to USask dental students since 2003, totalling over \$74,000.

NEXT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 AT MOON LAKE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB.



All of us at the college want to wish you a very *Happy Thanksgiving*. As you reflect on your blessings in your own life, know we are extremely thankful for YOU! Thank you for your kindness, enthusiasm, and continuous support of dental students at the University of Saskatchewan. With your generosity, students excel, the community thrives, and the profession becomes stronger.



If you have any comments or suggestions, or would like to contribute to the College of Dentistry, **please contact Stacey Schewaga at 306-966-4001 or stacey.schewaga@usask.ca.**