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Bridges is produced just for you, our donors, highlighting how your contributions make a difference.

Shared in this issue are gratitude stories about a beautiful legacy gift honouring the memory of an alumni, students helping others with the help of donors, alumni connecting, and a class award that provides financial support to dental students.

Hero's among us: Florence and Harold Summach



Harold and Florence Summach

The College of Dentistry is honoured to recognize Florence and Harold Summach for their years of generosity. The Summachs ran a family footwear business, Lipsett's Shoes, in Saskatoon for over 30 years and loved to travel. Their longtime friends Murray and Gaylene Johnston described the store as a wonderful place to shop saying, "The Summachs were great folks and every visit was special."

The Summachs and Johnstons met and became great friends through their church community. The Johnston's son, Kirk, graduated from the College of Dentistry with distinction in May 1994 and began practicing dentistry in Weyburn, SK in June. While on a trip to the family's cottage for his 23rd birthday, Kirk was killed in a tragic car accident in August 1994.

Inspired by the Johnston family's actions to set up an award in Kirk's name and enable the College of Dentistry to assist other young individuals with the same aspirations as Kirk, the Summachs choose

to generously donate to the award. After Harold passed away in 2003, Florence continued giving to the scholarship annually until she passed away in the fall of 2017.

The Summachs contributed to the Dr. Kirk Johnston Spirit of Dentistry Memorial Scholarship for over 25 years and more than 40 students have been impacted by their generosity and support. In order to continue this support beyond their lifetimes, Florence left a bequest to Dr. Kirk Johnston's memorial award on behalf of herself and Harold. Their generosity will reach many more dental students in the years to come and will continue to honour the memory of their friend's son. The college is humbled and grateful for Florence and Harold's kindness. ♥

If you would like to learn more about legacy giving and supporting Dentistry students through a gift in your will, please contact Vicki Corbin, Gift Planning Specialist at 306-966-6571 or vicki.corbin@usask.ca.

Greetings from the Dean



I hope that you and your families are remaining safe and healthy during these uncertain circumstances.

This is an unprecedented time for our college, and I extend my thanks to everyone who has stepped up to maintain student education and emergency patient care services. I am also grateful to all those who support our college and students. From our local dentists working in the student clinics sharing their knowledge and expertise, to our donors who provide financial support to create the best learning environments and experience possible for all students, you continue to encourage and inspire dental students. Thank you, you are the true heroes of our college.

Stay safe, stay separate, and stay connected. We will get through this together. ♥

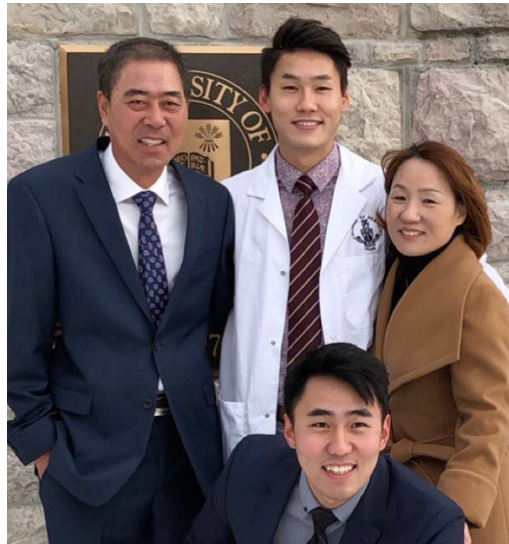
**Sincerely,
Dr. Doug Brothwell**

A class supporting students

A student award is an essential resource to help provide financial and emotional relief for dental students.

To help students with tuition costs and living expenses, the Class of 1996 created an annual award to provide financial assistance to a dental student in their second year of studies. Last year's recipient On Cho, shares his insights and gratitude to the Class of 1996 and to all donors who support dental students, like him.

"Many students come from unwealthy backgrounds like myself, and the tuition for dentistry grows every year. It can be tough to juggle school and everyday life, including finances, which increases the stress level for students. I believe scholarships and student awards drive good students to be great. A gentle nudge to continuing doing your best. With the help of our alumni and donors, students graduate as more appreciating and mature dentists."



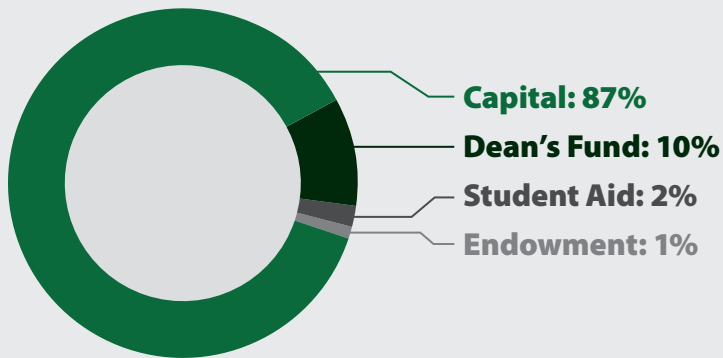
On Cho and his family at his White Coat Ceremony 2019

On has enjoyed his time at the College of Dentistry so far. He loves learning the practice of dentistry and hopes to pursue an Oral Surgery speciality in the future. He strives not only to be a good dentist, but a good clinician, who sets an example and a high standard in the profession across Canada. ♥

"I truly believe because of your support as a donor that you push us to be better students, helping shaping us into better dentists. Thank you so much for this generous award. I hope to contribute to the college one day, just as the Class of 1996 has done."

ON CHO

2019 WAS A RECORD BREAKING YEAR, THANKS TO YOU!



dentalcorp's million dollar donation will support our Prince Albert, SK new campus student clinic which is **tentatively planned to open in fall 2020.**

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87
donors

12
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Saskatoon West dental clinic

Support carries forward

Thanks to the generosity of all DIRECT—Dental Initiative Rendering Emergency Care Treatments—donors in 2018-19, this student initiative was able to continue in 2019-20 without need for further financial support.

With the help of caring partners and donors, DIRECT scheduled more clinical days and acquired more equipment for patient care. Thank you to all the oral health professionals in the community that volunteered their time and shared their expertise with our students and patients at the DIRECT clinic.

Their contributions added to the success of DIRECT this academic year and the clinic would not be possible without their help and support. DIRECT Dental held 12 clinics sessions during which 111 patients received over \$35,000 of pro bono care. The students would like to thank all of the volunteers who took part in DIRECT Dental. They would also like to extend special thanks to Dr. Laurretta Gray, Dr. Glenn Riekman, Dr. Arjunn Sachdev, and dental assistant Lisa Mogleby. ♥

Pacific Dental Conference Alumni Reception sponsored by dentalcorp

It is always great to see our alumni, and this year was no exception. The college welcomed over 125 people in the Princess Louisa Suite at the Fairmont Waterfront Hotel on Thursday, March 6, 2020. Dr. Doug Brothwell, dean, Dr. Walter Siqueira, professor and associate dean academic, and Dr. Alan Heinrichs, assistant dean clinics, were on hand to share what is happening at the college and get feedback from our valued alumni. We'd like to extend a special thank you to our sponsor for the event, dentalcorp, for making this even such a success. ▀



Alumni from across Canada joined us in Vancouver in March, like the Class of 2018 pictured here.

An Evening with Thomas Yu

On February 8, 2020, Thomas Yu (DMD '03) joined the symphony for a musical performance and the college was proud to be there to support him. Drs. Alan Heinrichs (DMD '81) and Garnet Packota (DMD '78) hosted a dinner at St. Tropez Bistro for 27 people, including a mixture of alumni and their guests. Following dinner, guests enjoyed a night filled with music and memories at the symphony. Thank you to the USask Alumni Association and MNP for being sponsors for this event and dinner. ▀



Thomas Yu entertained our alumni in Saskatoon in February.



Did you know you can't feel gratitude and fear at the same time?

In times like these when the world is in a tumultuous phase, it is important to feel gratitude more than ever.

Gratitude for your health and your loved ones will change your mindset and state of being, and your perceptions will change too. Those at the college are appreciative of the kindness you share with dental students every day.

Thank you for being a shining light, the future continues to look bright with your help. ▀

Stacey

Contact

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.**

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22nd Annual Kent McLeod Memorial Classic Golf Tournament
Sept. 12, 2020
(TENTATIVE)

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