

Dentist Check Up

2014-15 Delta Dental Scholars Announced

Delta Dental annually provides \$5,000 scholarships to 12 OU College of Dentistry students who intend to practice in Oklahoma and who exhibit exceptional scholarship, leadership and community service. To date, more than \$500,000 has been awarded to 112 recipients.

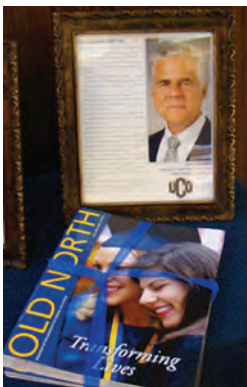


This year's 2014-15 Delta Dental scholars

Samantha Z. Ali, DS4, Oklahoma City
John C. Ferguson, DS4, Oklahoma City
Daryn L. Lu, DS4, Edmond
Samuel B. McNickle, DS3, Edmond
Mazen G. Naaman, DS4, Oklahoma City
Leaha D. Nels, DS3, Midwest City

Tung N. Nguyen, DS4, Oklahoma City
Chandani J. Ragha, DS3, Edmond
Christopher K. Ray, DS2, Edmond
Yousef S. Salous, DS4, Oklahoma City
Angela M. Tran, DS3, Oklahoma City
Joshua D. Woodward, DS3, Edmond

Gladden Receives Distinguished Alumni Award from UCO



John Gladden, president and CEO of Delta Dental of Oklahoma and chairman of its Oral Health Foundation, has been recognized with the 2014 Distinguished Alumni Award

by the University of Central Oklahoma Alumni Association. Selection for the annual award is made by a committee of UCO alumni board members based on peer recommendations and notable accomplishments in one of three

categories: professional, community service and university service.

During John's 20-year tenure as president, Delta Dental of Oklahoma has achieved consistent growth and now serves half of all Oklahomans who have dental benefits. In 1998, Mr. Gladden was instrumental in the founding of the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation.

Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$12.3 million to fund charitable dental clinics, provide dental scholarships and free dental education in our schools, support the MobileSmiles Oklahoma Program, the OU College of Dentistry and fund OkMOM – the largest free dental care event in state history.

Oklahoma Mission of Mercy Returns to Tulsa



In 2010, the very first Oklahoma Mission of Mercy served patients in Tulsa. February 6 and 7, 2015, OkMOM will return to the city where it all began!

Volunteer registration is now open at www.okmom.org.

Foundation Spotlight



Captain Supertooth Partners with MobileSmiles Oklahoma

Captain Supertooth, Delta Dental's oral health superhero, and the MobileSmiles Oklahoma dental care unit visited five schools across the state to participate in and raise awareness for the Oklahoma Dental Association's (ODA) "Back to School with a Healthy Smile" week.

Back to School with a Healthy Smile is a program created by the ODA to provide elementary school children with the opportunity to receive free dental screenings from participating volunteer dentists one week each September.

In addition to the many dentists who opened their offices to provide free screenings to the children in their

communities, volunteer dentists onboard MobileSmiles provided screenings at schools in Lawton, Chickasha, Norman, Oklahoma City and Stillwater.

Delta Dental's Captain Supertooth joined MobileSmiles for the back-to-school tour to get kids excited about taking care of their teeth.

MobileSmiles Oklahoma is a partnership program of the Oklahoma Dental Foundation and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation that utilizes two RV-style dental units to deliver dental care statewide to those who otherwise cannot access the services they need. To volunteer, go to www.MobileSmilesOK.org.

MobileSmiles Units Serve Together for First Time



For the first time ever, both MobileSmiles mobile dental care units served at the same site. The two units

provided dental treatment to 29 homeless veterans at the Sooner Stand Down event held in October on the West Town Homeless Resource Campus near downtown Oklahoma City.

Oral Health Foundation Receives Award



The Oklahoma Public Health Association has awarded its 2014 Special Business Award of Excellence in Public Health to the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation for significant achievement in

the initiative and advancement of public health. The Foundation was recognized for its part in making possible the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy, an annual two-day free dental clinic event it produces along with the Oklahoma Dental Association and Oklahoma Dental Foundation. Oklahoma Commissioner of Health Terry Cline presented the award to Foundation Director Terrisa Singleton at the OPHA annual conference.

Roberts Honored for Distinguished Service



Mary Maine Roberts of Tulsa was selected by the Oklahoma Dental Hygienist Association to receive the 2014 Delta Dental Distinguished Service Award for a Dental Hygienist.

Roberts, a hygienist for more than 30 years, has a long-standing relationship with Catholic Charities, where she volunteers once a month and assists in recruiting other volunteer hygienists. She also volunteers at local preschools to provide oral health education. Her past volunteerism includes serving at Neighbor for Neighbor, every Oklahoma Mission of Mercy and much more.