



# Journey With Us

— Historical Highlights —





**DECEMBER 30, 1890**

Ohio Medical University (OMU), including the colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy, is chartered. The College of Dentistry is known as the Dental Department of the OMU, a free-standing, private institution.



**SEPTEMBER 7, 1892**

The Dental Department of OMU begins classes on Park Street in Columbus. The program for dentists is three years. The department opens with 10 dental students and 17 faculty members (7 dentists and 10 physicians). Tuition is set at \$50 per year with an additional \$20 for lab fees in the first year.

**MARCH 13, 1894**

James Sherman Elder of Millersburg, Ohio, and James Whiting of Canada are the first dentists to graduate from OMU.



**1898 - 1901**  
Otto Arnold, MD, DDS, '79 serves as dean.

**1892 - 1893**

A.F. Emminger, DDS, serves as the first dean of the Dental Department. Dr. Emminger was one of eight planners to charter the Ohio Medical University. Dr. Emminger was also a founding member of the Ohio State Dental Society (Now the Ohio Dental Association).



**1893 - 1897**

Albert Ross, DDS, serves as dean.



**1900**

**1896**

The Ohio Medical University "Medics" play their first football game against the Ohio State Buckeyes, losing 24-0. After OMU merged with Ohio State in 1914, OMU lettermen were retroactively awarded Ohio State letters.

**1900**

Nina Dunlop and Sophia Kimball are the college's first female graduates.



Nina  
Dunlop



Sophia  
Kimball



**1901 - 1906**

Louis Bethel, DDS,  
serves as dean.

**1902**

Gillete Hayden graduates.  
Dr. Hayden, great-grand  
daughter of the co-founder of  
the first dental college in  
the world (Chapin Harris),  
would later become the  
organizer and co-founder  
of the American Academy  
of Periodontology in 1914.



**1903**

Charles Bernard Cox, DDS, is the  
college's first African American  
graduate. He returned home to  
practice in Anderson, TN.



**1906 - 1938**

Harry Semans, DDS,  
serves as dean.



**1906**

The College hires its first female faculty  
member, Bessie Bell Thompson, DDS  
'04, as Professor of Oral Prophylaxis.  
She goes on to teach until 1913.

**MARCH 12, 1907**

OMU merges with Starling-  
Ohio Medical College.



**1913**

D.P. Snyder, DDS, becomes the first  
instructor dedicated to teaching Oral  
Surgery. During his tenure as the Oral  
Surgery and Anesthesiology chair, he  
initiates an internship in Oral Surgery  
and Prosthodontics.

**JULY 1, 1914**

The Starling-Ohio Medical College is  
acquired by Ohio State, creating a College  
of Dentistry and a College of Medicine for  
the university.

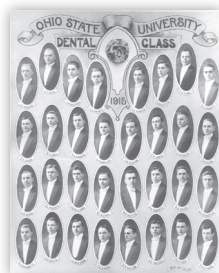


**SEPTEMBER 21, 1914**

Classes commence for the new Ohio State College of Dentistry; however, the college remains located on Park Street.

**SPRING 1915**

The first dental class graduates from The Ohio State University.



**FALL 1916**

The College of Dentistry becomes one of the first U.S. dental schools to institute a four-year program.

**MAY 1916**

The Theta chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honorary, is chartered at Ohio State.

**1925**

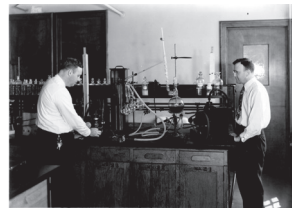
**SPRING 1925**

The medical and dental colleges move from Park Street to Hamilton Hall on Ohio State's main campus.



**1925**

Paul Kitchen, DDS '24, begins the research program at the college. Dr. Kitchen went on to become the father of the American Association of Dental Research and the *Journal of Dental Research*. He began his career studying the relationship between diet variations and the incidences of dental caries.



**1938**

Harry M. Semans, DDS the college's longest-serving dean, retires.

**1939-1965**

Wendell Postle, DDS, '23, serves as acting dean in 1938 and is then appointed dean.





**1939**  
James "Jimmy" Hull, DDS '43, serves as captain of the 1939 Big Ten Ohio State basketball Championship team, the first Ohio State team to play in the NCAA post-season tournament.

Dean Wendell Postle initiates the Dental Hygiene Program. He appoints Dr. Harry Spangenberg as the program's director.



**1944**  
College of Dentistry senior Leslie "Les" Horvath, DDS, is named an All-American and wins the Heisman Trophy.

Earl Barr, DDS; and Patrick Toto, DDS, are the first graduates from the Oral Pathology Residency Program. Currently, it is one out of only sixteen similar programs in North America.

## **APRIL 12 - 13, 1939**

The college hosts its first Post College Assembly (PCA). The lectures are held in Campbell Hall Auditorium. The registration fee is \$1 and the keynote speaker at the dinner meeting is Dr. Sterling V. Mead of Washington, D.C., speaking on "Diseases of the Mouth."

## **1941**

Earl Jones, DDS, and Robert Wade, DDS, begin offering a post-graduate course in Orthodontics.

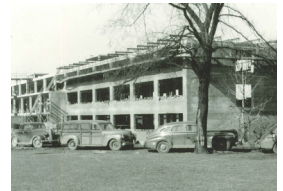
## **1944**

Twenty-five students are admitted as the first Dental Hygiene class.



## **SPRING 1948**

Ground is broken for the new dental building on 12th Avenue and construction is completed by the end of 1950.



## **1950**

## **1951**

Carl Boucher, DDS '27, becomes the founding editor of *The Journal Of Prosthetic Dentistry*.





The Class of 1955 produces the first "Odontos" yearbook. Allan E. Blair, DDS '55, serves as editor. Roger Fulkner, DDS '55, creates memorable cartoons for the book.

**1955**

**MAY 15, 1951**

The new dental building is dedicated. Classes had been taking place in the building since January, 1951. Several additions are added to the building over the next three decades.



**1960**

The Zeta Chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, the national honor society for Dental Hygiene, is chartered at Ohio State.

**1965 - 1974**

John R. Wilson, DDS '43, associate dean and chair of Perio, serves as dean.



**1966**

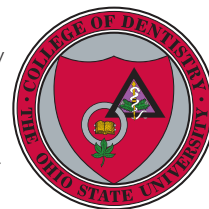
The first Endodontics Alumni Resident, Richard Mechan, DDS, graduates.

**1966**

Donald F. Bowers, DDS '50, initiates a separate clinical area for pedodontics, facilitating a move from the college's General Practice Concept.

**FEBRUARY 12, 1970**

The Ohio State University Board of Trustees approves the college's official seal, designed by Assistant Dean William C. Dew, DDS '40.



**FALL 1973**

A three-year curriculum with class sizes of 200+ is implemented from 1973 to 1979, which resulted in two graduating classes in 1974 and no graduating dental class in 1982, when the college returned to a four-year curriculum.

**1974**

William R. Wallace, DDS '56, MS '62, is named acting dean.



1975

**1975 - 1980**

Charles A. Howell, DDS, serves as dean.

**SPRING 1975**

The college holds its first convocation.



**APRIL 20, 1977**

The dental college is dedicated as Wendell D. Postle Hall.



**MAY 20, 1977**

The Dental Alumni Society is chartered. The first president is John G. Kramer, DDS '57.

**SPRING 1978**

The first African American woman, Benay Gilmore, DDS, graduates.

**1979**

The four-year curriculum is reinstated.

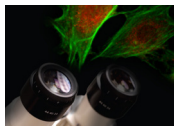
**SPRING 1978**

Legendary football coach Woody Hayes delivers the college's convocation address.



**1984**

The college introduces Research Day, an annual event to showcase research conducted by its dental students, graduate students,



post-doctoral fellows, and residents. The event features a distinguished lecturer from among the world's leading oral health researchers.

**1980-1991**

William R. Wallace, DDS '56, MS '62, is again named acting dean in 1980 and is appointed dean on June 11, 1981.



Joel Weaver, DDS, PhD, develops the Dentist Anesthesiologist Master's Degree Residency Program. Currently, there are only 10 accredited programs of this type in North America.



The college celebrates its Centennial. The culminating event is a dinner dance on April 28, 1990 during PCA.



Henry W. Fields, DDS, MS, MSD, serves as dean.



John Sheridan, PhD, is appointed as the college's first endowed chair, the *George C. Paffenbarger Alumni-Endowed Chair in Dental Research*.



Jan E. Kronmiller, DDS '78, PhD, serves as dean.

**1986**

**1985**

The General Practice Residency Program (GPR) is initiated by Jon Pike, DDS. The program is currently the largest-single-site dental school- based GPR program in the U.S. with 10 residents.

**1989**

A 98-year tradition of dental students purchasing their own instruments comes to an end when the college purchases sufficient instruments to supply four classes of dental students.

**1990**

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The college creates the Oral Biology doctoral degree program, the first PhD program at the college.

**1991 - 2000**

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**2001**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH)/ National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research awards the college a T32 training grant to support training of predoctoral, dual degree, and postdoctoral fellows. The first dual-degree graduates resulting from the grant are Michael Horan, DDS, PhD, and Raymond Tseng, DDS, PhD.

**2001 - 2006**



## 2006-2011

Carol Anderson, MS, PhD, serves as interim dean and is appointed dean in 2009.



Dentistry students build and submit the college's first float in the annual Ohio State homecoming parade.

## 2012

The Periodontology Division celebrates 60 years at the College of Dentistry.

## 2014

The college launches its new 45-foot Dental H.O.M.E. Coach, continuing its mission to provide basic care to Ohio's children and at-risk populations.



## 2004

The college launches the Oral Health Improvement through Outreach (O.H.I.O.) Project with funding from a five-year, \$1.5 million grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Through the program, fourth-year dental students spend 50 days providing care in community clinics throughout Ohio under the direct supervision of associated faculty.

## 2011-PRESENT

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS, is appointed dean.



## 2013

The college initiates the first Master's of Dental Hygiene program in Ohio.



## 2015

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