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To improve oral health  
in Kansas through  
advocacy,  
public awareness  
and education.*

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## Dental Champions Corner:

Through the Dental Champions program, class members learn that leadership is an activity, rather than a position.

Progress on difficult issues can be made only with collective action and leadership exercised

## Outstanding Dentist and Hygienist Recognized

Last month Oral Health Kansas held the annual Excellence in Oral Health Awards Luncheon. During the luncheon two outstanding Kansas dental professionals were recognized for their dedication to improving the oral health of Kansans.

**Denise Maus was honored as the 2013 Outstanding Dental Hygienist.** She has been a very active member of the Kansas Dental Hygienists' Association (KDHA) for over 30 years. Through the years, she has constantly shown dedication to dental hygiene and dentistry through leadership roles in KDHA, Kansas Dental Board, two clinical Regional Dental Hygiene Testing Agencies, and the Kansas Mission of Mercy. (KMOM) She has been active in her local and state hygiene associations through participating in nearly all roles from committees, all the way through President. She was the first and only hygienist who has ever served as President of the Kansas Dental Board. She is one in only a handful of people who has participated in all 12 KMOMs over the past 10 years. She established an oral health education program

at every level. Learn more about the Kansas Leadership Center model of leadership education in a short video on the new Dental Champions website: [www.ksdentalchampions.org](http://www.ksdentalchampions.org)



## Save the Date...

On Friday, May 30, the KDHE Bureau of Oral Health and Oral Health Kansas will host a summit to gather stakeholder input for the next State Oral Health Plan.

Read the current [State Oral Health Plan](#) here.



## Did You Know...

Regional data about the usage of Kansas emergency rooms for dental pain is available in the new [2013 Kansas Oral Health Snapshot](#).

at the fifth KMOM, that continues today and that other states have implemented at their own Missions of Mercy.



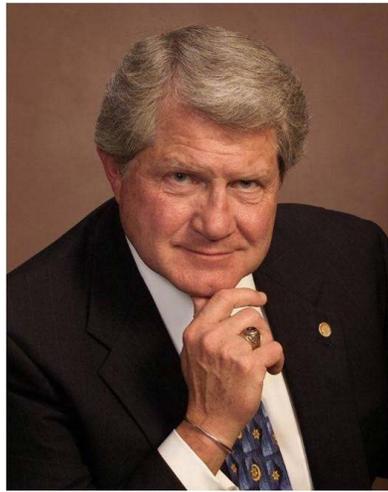
Just like all heroes, she will continue to see needs in all areas of dentistry and endeavor to improve them. She already is encouraging others to make difference at the next KMOM. She is preparing to participate in Career Fairs in high schools to encourage students to choose careers in dental hygiene. She is working with Wichita Dental Hygienists' Association to help set up opportunities to go out into the community and provide oral health education.

**Dr. Charles Squire was recognized as the 2013 Outstanding Dentist.** Dr. Squire is a periodontist who retired from his private practice in Wichita in 2012 after decades of dedicated service. In addition to serving in leadership roles at the Kansas Dental Association and American Dental Association, he currently serves on the Kansas Dental Board and as an examiner of the Western Regional Dental Examination Board.

**2013 KANSAS ORAL HEALTH SNAPSHOT**  
A Kansas County Profile

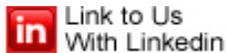


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Dr. Squire is not only a skilled and respected clinician, but also a giving and dedicated volunteer who truly embraces the philosophy of giving back to his state and his community. As such, he is perhaps best known for his years of service to the Kansas Donated Dental Services Program, which is a program that connects people with disabilities in need of dental services with dentists who volunteer to provide the needed treatment. He was one of the founding members of the Kansas organization and served as the board president for eight years. He was especially effective in keeping the program functioning when legislative appropriations for the small administrative costs were not made in 2010-2012. Because of his passion and exemplary effort, many Kansans with disabilities received the vitally needed dental care during this trying time.

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