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Correction: Dental Champions Class 6 Begins

Last week we published this story, but the link to the new class was not working. We apologize for the inconvenience. The link is functional now, and we invite you to meet the members of Class 6.

On May 10, the newest class of Dental Champions began. The eighteen members of Class 6 will spend the next year honing leadership skills and developing plans to exercise leadership in improving oral health in our state. The class members will take part in intense leadership training through the Kansas Leadership Center. They also will participate in the annual Oral Health Kansas conference in Johnson County, learn about legislative advocacy in Topeka and volunteer at the 2014 Kansas Mission of Mercy in Dodge City.

"Like" the ECP Facebook Page

A new Facebook page about the Extended Care Permit (ECP) for dental hygienists is available. The page was created by ECP hygienist and Dental **Champion Patty** Martinette in order to connect ECP Hygienists in Kansas and Missouri. The goal of the new page is to share information about how the permits are being used, as well as to establish community contacts to expand the use of the permits.

Join the <u>Facebook page</u> and spread the word about this valuable forum to promote the ECP model.

Dental Champions Corner:

Dental Champions are making a difference in Kansas!



Today eight Dental Champions Leadership Program



a program of Oral Health Kansas, Inc.

In 2005, Oral Health Kansas established the Dental Champions Leadership Program as a way to increase the number of diverse voices advocating for improved oral health in Kansas. Dental Champions has helped us develop a network of "Champions" who hold a progressive vision for improving oral health. Five Dental Champions classes have produced 89 program alumni who have worked on a wide set of local and statewide oral health improvement projects. Many also have gone on to serve in leadership capacities at Oral Health Kansas and in other oral health-related organizations.

Meet the members of Dental Champions Class 6 on the <u>Oral Health Kansas</u> website. While you are there, you also can browse through the lists of members of Classes 1 through 5.

Dental CEs to be Offered

Oral Health Kansas will offer a special continuing education session for Extended Care Permit dental hygienists and other dental professionals as a post-conference session on November 8, 2013. The Oral Health Kansas Conference on November 7-8 will present a variety of continuing education opportunities, and this year a special, in-depth session for ECP hygienists will be added to the agenda. ECP hygienists will have the chance to learn more about how to effectively serve people with disabilities during this session featuring Dr. Ray Lyons.

Save the date and watch for more details!

Students can explore dental careers at Wichita State June 15

Come and spend a day in the dental/dental hygiene field. Dental Day is a great opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in the field of dentistry and dental hygiene. We have many exciting events planned for the day including hands-on interactive experience in our state of the art dental clinic, and academic knowledge of dental terminology and the different fields of dentistry. This camp is geared towards High School Juniors and Seniors interested in pursuing an education in the field of dentistry. Lunch will be included for participants of the day.

alumni participated in the kickoff of Oral Health Kansas' new DentaQuest project called "A New Decade of Advancing Oral Health in Kansas."

2013 Oral Health Kansas Conference

Join us in
November as we
celebrate
Oral Health
Kansas' 10th
anniversary with
continuing
education and
networking
opportunities!

Brush with



Johnson County Community College November 7-8

Did You Know?

Boar, badger and horse hair were used for toothbrush bristles but were later found to be

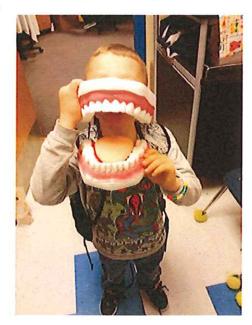
- Program instruction by distinguished WSU faculty.
- Students will experience what it is like to drill on teeth.
- Create a mold of your teeth.
- Get to use the latest dental tools.
- Learn what it takes to have a career in the dental field.
- Tours of the AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry) Building.



Sign up today, space is limited!

Traveling Sugary Beverage Display

Currently the Oral Health Kansas traveling library drink displays are on display at the <u>GraceMed</u> and the Salina-Saline County Health Department.



If you are interested in having the drink display on display in your area, send an email to <u>Tanya</u>.

One drink display is available for a host in July! Contact us now to make plans to host the display this fall too.



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