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I am pleased to share with you the 2021 Donor Impact Report. It offers a snapshot of how your contributions are helping our students, supporting our faculty, advancing research, and enhancing our facilities.

Thank you again for your support and all that you do for the School of Dentistry.

With great appreciation,
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DDS, MS, PhD | Dean

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Donors gave $2,618,606 in calendar year 2021

886 Total Donors
75% of Donors are University of Minnesota Alumni

SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS
Academic Year 2021-22

$1,045,752 Scholarship Dollars Awarded:

5 New Scholarships Established
139 Scholarships Awarded
114 Scholarship Recipients

STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2021-22

* Values can vary

42 Dental Hygiene—B.S.D.H.
5 Dental Hygiene—Master’s
9 Master of Dental Therapy
14 Dental Therapy / B.S. Dental Hygiene
431 Doctor of Dental Surgery
82 Advanced Education & Graduate Programs
47 Program for Advanced Standing Students
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INVESTING IN STUDENTS

“I want donors of scholarships to know how grateful and thankful I am. It provides so many different students with opportunities that we may have never had.”

—Kristelle Yewah, DDS ’23

INVESTING IN FACULTY

Donors fuel the school’s ability to capitalize on opportunities to attract and retain top faculty. The Dr. Robert J. Isaacson Chair in Orthodontics was established with a lead gift from his wife, Delores, and other generous donors. The chair celebrates Isaacson’s dedication to orthodontics. Dr. Amy Tasca became the first holder of this honor in 2021.

INVESTING IN OUR FACILITIES

Delta Dental of Minnesota Foundation and other donors helped transform the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery’s surgical suites and consult rooms. The renovation enhances patient care and the educational experience of our residents.

BUILDING YOUR LEGACY

In 2021, 5 donors joined 62 Heritage Society members

67 Total donors

83 Total gifts

$13M in total unrealized estate gifts

$1.1M in philanthropic income was invested in scholarships, research, digital technology, & more in calendar year 2021.

We include the School of Dentistry in our estate plans because we feel fortunate to have received an exceptionally high quality dental education from the University of MN. We believe strongly that providing financial support to the School of Dentistry is the right thing to do and that our gift will help future students receive the same high quality education. Strong education = better dental healthcare providers = better quality care for all.

—STEVE AND LIZ BEJARANO