Dental Hygiene Students

Trip to New Orleans

Thanks to the support of many donors who contributed a total of over $5,000.00, the Parkland College dental hygiene students visited New Orleans January 6–11, 2008, to provide dental care to students in several schools in St. Bernard Parish. This area was devastated by Hurricane Katrina and many children had not received dental care since before the hurricane.

“It was an amazing trip” said Kim Pankau, a dental hygiene faculty. “The students worked hard, were so professional and provided dental hygiene services to so many children!”

The students were able to provide cleanings, fluoride varnish and pit and fissure sealants to 526 children. They sealed 2,210 teeth, and the total amount of dollars spent for these preventative services would have totaled over $100,000.

In addition to funds raised by community individuals as well as Parkland faculty and staff, gifts-in-kind from area companies provided many supplies.

“The students learned much about the tragic circumstances that have come about because of Katrina, and we were able to hear many stories of continued hardship” said Peg Boyce, Dental Hygiene program co-director and one of the participants. “The people of St. Bernard’s Parish were tearfully thankful, and the students have a new understanding of the value and beauty of giving back.”

National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s Award

Mr. Omar Adawi, Parkland College professor of mathematics, recently won the 2008 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development’s (NISOD) Teaching Excellence Award for Parkland College. The award is given annually to a faculty member whose dedication to teaching and leadership excellence is evident by effectiveness in the classroom.

A talented educator and highly respected role model at Parkland, Mr. Adawi has taught full time at Parkland since 1995. He has also served since 1995 as coordinator of the college’s Peer Tutoring Program, where he tutors students in mathematics, physics, and chemistry courses, supervised daily operations, and serves as liaison to represented departments.

Mr. Adawi earned an MS in Physics at the University of Illinois and a BS in Physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He later completed all course work for both a PhD in Physics and a PhD in Biophysics at the U of I. He is a member of the Illinois Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers; the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics; the Mathematical Association of America; the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges; and the Illinois Mathematics Association of Community Colleges.

“I view my teaching as an evolving process and try to avail myself of opportunities for feedback and teaching innovations,” Mr. Adawi said. “I encourage student feedback so that I may adapt my lectures to suit the students’ academic backgrounds and levels of understanding.”

Mr. Adawi will receive $1,000 for professional development, a plaque, and award recognition during the annual NISOD conference at Austin, Texas in May.
The Parkland College Foundation would like to welcome to the Board of Directors five new members.

Ms. Marge Albin recently added an additional bank to the Longview Capital Holding Company. She resides in Newman, Illinois.

Mr. Ron Birkey is President of Birkey’s Farm Store, a wholesaler of farm and garden machinery, in Rantoul. He brings experience and knowledge of the agricultural community to the board.

Mr. David Johnson is a former Wall Street broker whose fiduciary expertise will be greatly beneficial to the Foundation.

Mr. Al Mitchell recently retired from Clifton Gunderson. He has spent over 40 years as a CPA. He is currently working as an executive at Kurland Steel.

Mr. Lawrence Roessler is Senior Vice President of Roessler Construction in Rantoul. A longtime supporter of Parkland College, he is introducing innovative ideas to the Foundation Board.
Parkland Inducts Inaugural Class into Athletic Hall of Fame

On Saturday, February 23, 2008, Parkland College welcomed the inaugural class into the Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremonies took place in the gymnasium during halftime of the Men’s Basketball game vs. Lincoln College. Joe Abbey and Jim Reed, the school’s first two athletic directors, unveiled the Class of 2007 banner which will hang on the north wall in the gym.

Members of the inaugural Class of 2007:

Joe Abbey
Joe Abbey started the sports programs at Parkland, serving as the first athletic director at the college, from 1968 to 1988. During his tenure at Parkland, he was also the head track and field coach and head cross country coach. In addition to many state awards, Joe was elected into the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics Hall of Fame (1990) and the North Texas Athletic Hall of Fame (2001).

Bob Abbuehl
Students affectionately gave Bob Abbuehl the name “Mr. A” during his years of service at Parkland, from 1967 to 1988. He taught leisure studies and aquatic classes and was a faculty advisor for Recreational Studies, as well as the long-time director of Intramural Sports. Bob was a volunteer supporter of all the team sports at Parkland, including an official and organizer of track and field events, announcer at basketball games, bus driver for the baseball team, and general helper in all facets of the athletics program.

P.J. Bowman
P.J. Bowman was a star on the 1988 National Championship Runner-Up team, earning All-American status for his play on the court, and Academic All-American for his work in the classroom. After completing his associate’s degree from Parkland in 1988, P.J. transferred to the University of Illinois, where he was named Academic All-American, as well as being a member of the 1989 “Flying Illini” Final Four team. He is currently the CEO and medical director of the Bowman Medical Group in Beverly Hills, California.

Russ Oliver
Russ Oliver, the first Parkland basketball player named as a 1st Team All-American, was a two-year starter on the Men’s Basketball team (1974-1975; 1975-1976). He held the single-game scoring record of 52 points (vs. Kankakee) until 2007. Russ completed his collegiate career as a two-year letterman at Baylor University, and then played professionally in Sweden for two years. Russ was previously elected into the Urbana (IL) High School Hall of Fame.

David Patrick
David Patrick, a two-year track and field athlete at Parkland (1978-1979, 1979-1980), won NJCAA championships in 1980 for the 600-meter hurdles and the 400-IH (setting a national record for the latter). He transferred to the University of Tennessee, where he was a three-time NCAA champion. David went on to win in the U.S. Track and Field Championships five times. David culminated his competitive track career by participating in the 1992 Olympic Games.

continued on page 3
As I write this spring update to you, it is snowing like mad outside my window. Of course, the day before it was nearly 70 degrees and sunny. I can't recall a more unusual set of weather patterns than those we have experienced these last few months. In any event, spring is on the way and we all look forward to the time when the campus will again be alive with the colorful flowers, green grass and trees – our campus is always beautiful at this time of year.

The campus is also alive with students as they prepare for summer semester, summer break, and for several hundred each May – commencement exercises, in which they will move on to the next phase of their lives. For over 210,000 students now, Parkland College has been a part of their educational journey.

In this edition of the Update, you will meet some of our student scholarship recipients. We hope that you will join us when we officially recognize them (and you!) with a reception on April 16 in the Parkland Gymnasium.

This edition also features a first for Parkland – the Athletic Hall of Fame – and you’ll meet the first inductees into this new program. You’ll also meet Omar Adawi, this year’s National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) award winner. Each year, Parkland is pleased to honor a dedicated faculty member with this award.

I’d like to extend a special thank you to our donors and alumni for your continued support through the Parkland College Foundation and for helping us to provide the best quality education for our students and our community. As usual, please let me know if I can be of service.

Thomas R. Ramage, Ed.D.

President
Athletic Hall of Fame  continued

Jim Reed
Jim Reed served Parkland Athletics for more than 30 years, first as the assistant basketball coach in 1969, and then in various roles, including Physical Education instructor, head baseball coach (1970-1982), and athletic director (1988-1991; 1992-2000). He was named Central Illinois Athletic Conference Baseball Coach of the Year four times. During his tenure as athletic director, he added three sports: men’s and women’s soccer, and women’s tennis.

1986 Men’s Basketball
Led by Coach Tom Cooper, the 1985-1986 Men’s Basketball Team was the first team in school history to win a national championship, defeating Keystone College 88-72. During the Cobra’s run to the NJCAA title, Guard Terrence Gray was named to the All-Tournament Team, and Center Dave Stein, who scored all 20 of his points in the second half of the championship game, was named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player. continued...

1999 Women’s Volleyball
Led by 1999 NJCAA Coach of the Year Brenda Winkeler, the Lady Cobras completed a 54-9 season by winning 22 of their last 23 matches, defeating Elgin Community College in four games to win the NJCAA title. Named to the NJCAA All-Tournament Team were Julie Brandmeyer, Shelly Kraeger, and Mia Perry, with Lauren Kostel being named the tournament’s Most Valuable Player.

Parkland College Distinguished Alumnus Award
Do you know someone who has taken classes at Parkland, has outstanding professional achievements, and made extraordinary contributions to the community? Maybe it’s you!

The Parkland College Alumni Association is seeking nominations for the Distinguished Alumnus Award to be presented in May 2008 to a former or current student who has at least 31 credit hours at Parkland. Self nominations are encouraged!

Please visit the Alumni Association web page at www.parkland.edu/alumni for a nomination form. Or feel free to call 217-351-2458 for more information!

Parkland College Alumni Association Membership Form

Become a member of the Alumni Association. As a member, you are entitled to: borrowing privileges at the Parkland Library; use of the Fitness Center via enrollment in NCR 850; invitations to Parkland College Alumni Association events; and more.

Type of membership:  ❑ Annual ($15) January to January  ❑ 3-year ($40) January to January  ❑ Life ($100)  ❑ Life - Family ($150) Spouse Only

Please charge my membership fee to:  ❑ VISA  ❑ MasterCard  Number _______________________________________

Exp. Date _________________________ Signature ______________________________________________________________

Name ____________________________________________ Social Security/ID Number _______________________________

Address __________________________________________ City ___________________________________________ State ______ Zip ________________________

Telephone __________________ Year Graduated _______ Degree ____________Program of Study _______________________ e-mail:  _____________________

Let others know what’s new with you! If you’re a Parkland graduate, or even if you’ve only taken one class, please complete the following and we’ll publish the information in our next newsletter.

Other institutions attended; degrees and awards earned ________________________________________________________

Name and place of employment and job title ________________________________________________________________

Personal news (spouse’s name, children, special interests and activities) ________________________________________________

Please use additional pages if necessary.

Mail completed form and membership fee to:  Parkland College Foundation, 2400 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign, Illinois 61821-1899. For more information, call 217/351-2458.
Spring 2008 Scholarships

Bank Champaign Scholarship
D. Ashanthi Eisele

Roby Gregory Barnes Memorial Scholarship
Andrea Edwards

Mary Elizabeth Bash Memorial Scholarship
Melissa Chavez

Joseph S. and Sarah E. Bash Nursing Scholarship
Jennifer DeWeese

Floyd Bauman Scholarship
D. Ashanthi Eisele
Sean Luna

Dane Bundy Memorial Scholarship
Kohei Jimmura

Julia F. Burnham Scholarship
Melissa Chavez
Jenna Musgrave

Carle Scholars at Parkland
Kristina Gabbard
Nellie Nussmeyer
Elsie Winkel

Marilyn Casey Scholarship
Rachael Steidinger

Clifford-Jacobs Scholarship
Ryan Ehrenkauffer

Computer Science & Information Technology Scholarship
Rebecca Bare

Donald C. Dodds, Jr. Scholarship
Jenna Musgrave
Ashley Richmond

Douglas Co. Community Scholarship
Autum Chapman
Kimberly Voyles

Sam Erwin Memorial Scholarship
Lauren Kara
Ashley Runck

Joyce & Dale Ewen Family Scholarship
Beth Fronczak
Lanell Kondratenko

Parkland College Faculty & Staff Scholarship
Margaret Grosshans

O’Dell Family Scholarship
Bradley Ash
Shelby Weckel

Champaign County Farm Bureau Scholarship
Blake Colclasure
Bruce Hites
Stephanie LaTour
Daniel Stierwalt

Ford County Community Scholarship
Amber Beckhoff
Breann Swann

Juanita Gammon Graphic Design Scholarship
Efrat Rothenberg

Hites Family Scholarship
Sara Gambrel
Susan King

Illinois Health Improvement Foundation Scholarship
Jennifer DeWeese
Elizabeth Froelich
Jenna Musgrave
Nancy Nickell
Lisa Stone

McGrain-Huft Scholarship
Melissa Chavez

Peter McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship
Jennifer Gilliland

August C. Meyer, Sr. Scholarship
Vilayphone Bangsenghong

Randall Millas Theatre Scholarship
Charles Miericke

CDR Leonard H. Nettin Memorial Scholarship
Adam Kerr

Richard D. Norris Student Government Scholarship
D. Ashanthi Eisele

Parts Plus Scholarship
Thomas Fischer

Piatt County Community Scholarship
Janet Mattingly
Leslie Pierce

Parkland Proud Scholarship
David Beinborn
Sherry Gray
John Masso
Michelle Miller-Shaw

Rantoul Community Scholarship
Melissa Chavez
Jennifer Gardner
Danice Roberts

Kyle E. Reid Scholarship
Alexandra Forrest

Kristine Rotzoll Memorial Scholarship
Karen Talbott

Jayne Ryoti Scholarship Award
Jeffery Arnold
Russ Laver
Erin Tuttle

The Rachel J. Schroeder and Vernie A. Schroeder Health Care Scholarship
Angela Stacey

Dorothea Fredrickson Smith Award
Clayton Dodson

Smysor Scholarship
Rachel Doss
William Rahn

Champaign County Social Science Club Scholarship
Melissa Creek
Linda Scribner

Champaign County Sports Car Club Scholarship
Thomas Fischer
Tom Cooper

Underwood-Alger Scholarship
Maria Dorofeeva

Parkland College Foundation Unrestricted Scholarship
Steven Lisanby
Bradley Hardcastle
Justin Duncan

Veterinary Technology Scholarship
Jennifer Payton
Lisa Weir

Vet Tech Anonymous
Phaedra Hutchison
Hannah Clark

Vitoux Family Music Scholarship
Kyle Buffo

Judi Davis Weatherall Memorial Scholarship
Laura Coblentz

JoAnna Tenneh Diggs Hoff Memorial Scholarship
Katrina Schoonover

Thomas James Neal & Lynnie Neal May Rice Neal Scholarship
Sean Luna