



# Alumni in Action

The alumni of Okayama University Dental School are active in various areas.

## Graduate of 1988 Takaaki Ueno

Osaka Medical College Medical Dept. Oral Surgery Professor



In the super aging society of Japan, the medical importance of the chewing function is being recognized and the importance of dentistry is rising. At the university, I teach the undergraduate medical students the examination and treatment for oral lesion and the relationship between oral environment and systemic disease. I treat the sick ward and outpatients for the overall oral surgical treatment in the affiliated hospital. My specialty is reconstructive surgery of maxillofacial area.

## Graduate of 1996 Masahiro Hiramatsu

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, USA School of Dental Medicine Assistant Professor of Department of Pediatric Dentistry and the Director of Undergraduate Pediatric Dental Clinic



There are poor children in the U.S. in the shadow of the bourgeois lifestyle who cannot receive dental care and have problems in their daily lives due to cavities and sometimes lose their lives. I teach the dental students hoping to save such children and I continue to study so that someday children of the world wouldn't suffer from cavities.

## Graduate of 1988 Keiso Takahashi

Ohu University Dental School Conservative Dentistry Chair Periodontology Professor



I specialize in periodontology and endodontology and practice comprehensive periodontal care at the clinical level mainly for periodontal tissue regeneration and oral implant treatment and write books for the clinic practitioners. Currently, I try to foster problem solving mental ability of the students for the undergraduate studies, in addition to studying for the national examination.

## Graduate of 1987 Norio Togawa

Matsumoto Dental University Dental Pharmacology Chair Professor



I transferred to current university 5 months ago from my alma mater. I am involved in the training of "dentists who can think and learn for themselves and practice EBM" in medication in Nagano. I want to foster dentists who can truly collaborate medical care between pharmacology and medical department.

## Graduate of 2001 Hiroshi Maeda

Osaka Dental University Oral Medicine Chair Professor



I transferred from Okayama University Periodont Science to Osaka Dental University oral medicine chair. I am responsible for endodontics and conducts research in oral bacterial flora control. I am involved in dental education, research and clinical practice leveraging my experience in Okayama University.

## Graduate of 1989 Makoto Funabashi

Hokkaido University Graduate School Dentistry Research Oral Function Chair Oral Physiology Department Professor



I am engaged in the education and research of dentistry at Hokkaido University and devoting myself in student university member.

Physiology is namely the understanding of the mechanism for healthy living and there is no end to my interest in it. I am aiming to treat stomatology from a new perspective of brain science and neuroscience.

## Graduate of 1997 Hiroshi Takagi

Coldwater Dental Office Private Practice (Ontario, Canada)



I was aiming for getting the dentist license in the N. America from my undergraduate days. After I graduated, I enrolled in the Dental School at a university in Canada (UWO) and received my dentist's license. Currently, I have a private practice in Ontario, Canada. I am glad that I can practice as a dentist in a foreign country.

## Graduate of 1996 Midori Tsuneishi

Japan Dentistry General Research Organization Chief Researcher



I work at the research organization set up inside the Japan Dental Association as a regular researcher. I perform information and data collection and analysis for the medical policy being deliberated in the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and the policy being decided by the Japan Dental Association. I strive to establish the dental health medical system in order the people of this country to secure healthy lives.

## Graduate of 1989 Kazuhito Tomizawa

Kumamoto University Graduate School Life Science Research Department Molecular Physiology Professor



After graduating from Okayama University Dental School, I was involved in research and teaching. Currently I serve also as the head of Kumamoto University Clinical Research Support Center, am involved in the development of the therapeutic agent of Asian type 2 diabetes and the mitochondrial disease. When students graduate from Okayama University Dental School, they can be active in various fields such as medicine and administrative organization for the people of this country, in addition to being dentists or dental researchers for the health and welfare of the people.

## Graduate of 1988 Yoshimi Matsuka

Tokushima University Graduate School Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacology Research Department Jaw Functional Occlusion Reconstruction Professor



I perform education, clinic activity and research regarding the regeneration and reconstruction for tissue deficit such as teeth in the field of dental prosthesis. When I reflect to my undergraduate days at Okayama University, it was joyful and meaningful days and what I learned in Okayama University Dental School has become the foundation of my current life. I hope you can spend splendid undergraduate days as well.

# Warm hands watching over the students

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Center for Student Health (Shikata Room)



Educational Affairs, School Affairs Group (in charge of Dental School)

# Invitation to a class reunion

Dental School Class Reunion Chief

Toshihiro Chihara

Graduate of 1988



University and class reunions are inseparable as the wheels of a car. Their activity is founded on collaboration and cooperation. A class reunion is a "home" to a graduate. Each class reunion offices at the region and prefecture throughout Japan will support the graduates. Class reunions also support the welfare of the current undergraduates.