

Academy Examiner

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ACADEMY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: LESSONS FROM BARGES, CEMENT AND LATIN

2020 has indeed been an interesting year. Being a leap year, it started with February having 29 days, and was followed by March having 30 days, and April feeling like 3 years. None of us is sure if 2021 is ever really going to come. I wonder if that is the way the Jaredites felt? We are reminded in Ether chapter 6 that they spent 344 days in a confined “shelter-in-place” environment – a barge about the “length of a tree” - not knowing when it was going to end. This year, due to the pandemic, we may be feeling like them in that they experienced “great and terrible tempests”, “the winds never did cease to blow”, and they were “tossed upon the waves of the sea”. I also suspect they did not spend the

entire journey with the “this end up” arrow on their constructed moving barges pointed in the desired direction. They were completely at the mercy of winds and water. Like them, we may feel “buried in the depths of the sea”. And how did they respond? We read that “they did sing praises unto the Lord”. I believe they were able to do that because they knew that “no monster of the sea could break them...and they did have light continually, whether it was above the water or under the water.”

While most of us are not singing about this pandemic and its effect on our lives and practices, like the Jaredites in their barges, we also “have light continually” even when we feel like we are under water. Like the Jaredites, we know in whom we trust. And we may find that this storm will blow us toward a better life, mentally in a new place, as we learn to spend more time with our family and develop new techniques for our practices. What about cement? When the Nephites spread into the new territories in the land northward – a new environment for them, just as this post-COVID world will be for us – they found they had to develop new techniques to survive. In Helaman chapter 3 we read that “there being but little timber upon the face of the land, nevertheless the people who went forth became exceedingly expert in the working of cement; therefore they did build houses of cement, in which they did dwell.” We learn from this the importance of looking at what we have and seeing what better approaches we can explore. We would all agree that a house of cement is better than a house of wood, but it took not having wood to learn how to work with cement. We just lost a lot of wood. Now what can we do? The key word for this season may be “Resilience”. The word comes from the Latin *resiliens*. The root word is *salire* “to jump, leap” is combined with *re-* “back”. The word literally means “to jump or leap back”. Since it is literally “leap year” this year, it will remind us to “leap back” into our lives of service, using the “light” that we have through the Gospel to never lose sight of our goals. The Academy is here to help, through our commitment to Education, Fellowship, and Service. We look forward to helping you build houses of cement that will bless you in the years to come. Come and “leap back” with us.

Warmly,

Richard L. Call

Elder Rich Call, DMD, MS.

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2020 SCHOLARSHIPS

After many hours of deliberation and prayer our Executive Scholarship Committee selected the following outstanding individuals for receipt of this year's scholarships:

Brock Nichols, Tanner Townsend, Jacob Tuft, Jacob Collins, Daniel Duvall, Carson Bell, Nicholas Bradford, Logan Smith, Griffin Laker, Brayden Crump, Courtney Hiatt, Heather Merrill, Sarah Kelly, Erandeny Mendoza, Madeline Ure.

CONGRATULATIONS AGAIN!

Meet all of our recipients:



Congratulations to Carson Bell, LECOM School of Dental Medicine!!

My name is Carson Bell and I hail from Southern Utah. I was born in St. George, UT and grew up loving anything to do with the outdoors – hunting, shotgun shooting, sports, hiking, horses, cattle ranching out at the ranch, you name it! I graduated high school in a small town called Parowan and left to serve a two-year mission in Colombia, South America. When I returned, I jumped right into college at Southern Utah University where I graduated with a degree in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. I married the love of my life who I've had by my side for 6 years, and have two of the most beautiful princesses, ages 4 and 2. We got into dental school, and moved across the country to enjoy the beaches of Florida for the last 3 years. I have been involved in various extracurricular activities from service opportunities in the community to doing Giving Kids a Smile with the school. I served as the president of the chapter of Academy of LDS dentists for LECOM last year, and I have held multiple callings in the church while living here in Florida the last 3 years. We have grown so much and made some of the best of the best lifelong friends. We are still excited about the journey we are on and look forward to an incredible future in this wonderful career!



Congratulations Danny Duvall, 2LT USAF Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry!!

I'm Danny Duvall, and I am a rising D3 at VCU in Richmond, VA. I'm originally from California, I served my mission in New York City (Spanish-speaking), and I completed my undergrad at BYU. My wife Sarah served her mission in Richmond (also Spanish), and she convinced me that we needed to be here for school! We enjoy hiking and exploring all of the historical sites on the East Coast and we currently serve in the Spanish ward together. After dental school, I hope to pursue a fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics with the US Air Force.

I'm humbled and grateful to have received the scholarship, and I hope to be able to bless the lives of other students and my patients throughout my career and life. Thanks again, Danny.



Congratulations to dental hygiene student, Heather Merrill!!

I'm from a small farming town called Saint Johns Arizona. I grew up working hard and learning to love it. I am married to a wonderful man, Colton, and have a golden retriever named Mozzie. I love my family. We like to hike, camp and be adventurous. I have always wanted to make a positive difference in others lives. Dental Hygiene has given me avenues I never thought were possible to help people in a unique way. I am so grateful to be the recipient of your scholarship. I feel truly thankful and humbled to be given such a generous award. This year has been truly challenging with hygiene school, the virus and the unexpected passing of my sister. I always knew that I wanted to press on in my career goals despite how debilitating the recent trials have been. This gives me renewed strength and resolve to continue and unexpressed excitement and joy! Thank you for believing in me and assisting me in my efforts to get my education, to give back, and to help people.

- With gratitude, Heather Merrill.



Congratulations to Logan Smith, School of Dental Medicine at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus!!

I was born and raised in Littleton, Colorado. I served in the Russia, Novosibirsk mission and earned a BS in Finance from the Marriott School at BYU. I am finishing my second year at the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, and I am very excited to start seeing more and more patients over the next two years of dental school. My wife just had our second daughter, so we are trying to adjust to a man-to-man parenting defense. I am a first generation college graduate in my family, and I have had so much help and mentorship along the way. So my long-term vision is to pay it forward and help inspire other young people to believe in their potential. I see the dental profession as an excellent means for accomplishing that. I am so grateful to the Academy for providing this scholarship opportunity.



Congratulations to Brock Nichols, University of Oklahoma Dental School!!

I grew up in Bakersfield, CA and Lindon, UT and attended Pleasant Grove High School. After school, I served a mission in Perth, Australia and loved everything about the country and the people there. Upon returning home from Australia, I attended BYU in Provo where I majored in Economics and did my pre-dental studies. While at BYU, I met and married my wife, Hannah (Hall) Nichols and immediately began growing our family. We are currently living in Edmond, Oklahoma and I have just started my final year of dental school at the University of Oklahoma (Go Sooners!). We have a 3-year-old girl (Aniston), a 1-year-old boy (Grayson), and a third baby who is due at the beginning of December. We have loved our time in Oklahoma, and are currently trying to decide if we will stay here to practice or move to Utah or Oregon where Hannah is from. We feel very blessed to receive this scholarship and are excited for what the future holds for our little family.





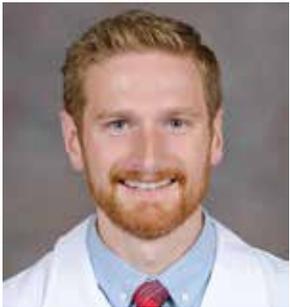
Congratulations to Tanner Townsend, Virginia Commonwealth University Dental School!!

I'm Tanner Townsend. I'm a D3 attending Virginia Commonwealth University. I'm originally from Roseburg, Oregon.

My wife and I have enjoyed exploring the east coast during our time in Virginia.

Upon graduation I am excited to pursue a career in general dentistry. Within one to two years after graduation I would like to own a practice. Thank you so much for being granted the scholarship. It is sad to hear the conference has been cancelled due to Coronavirus.

- Thanks so much, Tanner Townsend.



Congratulations to Nicholas Bradford, Oregon Health Science University!!

Nick Bradford is a third year dental student at Oregon Health Science University from Northern Virginia. Prior to dental school, Nick enlisted for 6 years in the Air Force, studied nutritional science at BYU, and served a Spanish-speaking mission in Las Vegas. Nick is currently president of the OHSU chapter of the LDS Academy of Dentists and enjoys the opportunity he has to mentor underclassmen. Outside of school, Nick stays busy serving as ward clerk and exploring Portland and the surrounding area with his family. He and his wife were excited to welcome their first child in May. Nick intends to specialize in Pediatric dentistry, and hopes to settle in the Pacific Northwest, and is currently looking for opportunities!

Congratulations to Jacob Shonota Collins, University of Michigan School of Dentistry!!



My Name is Jacob Shonota Collins. I was born in Oklahoma, grew up in New Mexico, and am currently living in Michigan. I am a 4th year student at UM School of Dentistry. My wife and I have been married for 13 years and have 5 children between the ages of 0 and 12. My wife and I are both Native Americans (Navajo and Choctaw) and we enjoy teaching our children about our culture.

Before dental school I spent many years in education teaching PE and health. I decided when I was 30 years old to pursue a career in dentistry. After graduation I am hoping to move back to the west and start practicing general dentistry. I enjoy doing activities with my family such as camping, fishing, bike riding, and wrestling. I have been a student member of the LDS Academy of Dentists now for three years and look forward to continuing my association and fellowship with this organization.





Congratulations dental hygiene student, Courtney Hiatt!!

I am 20 years old. I have lived in Elk Ridge, Utah my whole life. I am the third of four girls in my family. I enjoy the outdoors, especially the beach, and spending time with my family. I have loved the dentist ever since I was little and have always wanted to become a dental hygienist. I became a certified dental assistant and interned for Dansie Neil DDS. I graduated Summa Cum Laude from Snow College. During my time at Snow College I was able to work as an Anatomy Tutor where my passion for science and the healthcare field grew immensely. I am currently a senior in the dental hygiene program at Utah Valley University and serving as the SADHA president. I love the program and even more so, the professors and peers I have met. I will be graduating with my bachelor's degree in May of 2021. I look forward to the amazing and rewarding dental career ahead of me. I am honored to receive this award. This award will help me achieve my academic goals, and I couldn't be more grateful. Again, thank you! - Courtney Hiatt.



Congratulations dental hygiene student, Sarah Kelly!!

I am currently attending the dental hygiene program at Fortis College. I was a dental assistant for three years, during which I was inspired by watching my coworkers, to become a dental hygienist. With my husband soon serving as an Army medical officer, I will have the honor to work on military bases and care for our nation's heroes. As a dental hygienist, my goal will be to develop the kind of relationship with my patients that will positively impact their oral health and overall quality of life. I am very grateful for this scholarship and assistance it provides with the financial requirements of my education. I cannot fully express my gratitude for being allowed to take part in this great opportunity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! With gratitude and respect, Sarah Kelly.



Congratulations to Brayden Crump, University of Washington School of Dentistry!!

Brayden Crump is a 4th year dental student at the University of Washington School of Dentistry. The oldest of three children, Brayden was raised in Spokane, Washington. He attended BYU and completed a mission prior to applying for dental school. Brayden intends to apply for Pediatric Residency to continue his training beyond completion of dental school. He and his wife have 1 child and are expecting another at the end of this year. Congratulations! "Thank you very much! What a wonderful Monday morning surprise! I am very excited, humbled, and grateful to receive this award and am extremely grateful to the Members of the Academy who have made this scholarship possible. It is a bittersweet opportunity to receive this scholarship with the cancelation of the 2020 annual conference, however my wife and I are looking forward with even greater anticipation to attending the 2021 annual conference. Thank you again for this wonderful gift, the wonderful association and mentorship provided through the Academy of LDS Dentists. Stay healthy and stay safe." - Braydon Crump



Congratulations to Griffin Laker, Ohio State University College of Dentistry!!

My name is Griffin Laker. I was born and raised in Murrieta, CA. I graduated from BYU with a major in microbiology, and started at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 2017. I think if I had to sum up my goals as a person they would be about taking it easy! I want to own a few acres of property with some old trees and some type of river, pond, or lake on it. I'd like to be able to wake up every morning excited for my day at the office, and even more excited to go home for the day/weekend to enjoy time with the family. I've converted my garage into a workshop and enjoy making stuff that's somewhat practical/mostly fun. After this crazy experience called dental school I hope to find a great practice to work with, with people I enjoy being around!



Congratulations dental hygiene student, Maddie DeLoach Ure!!

My name is Maddie DeLoach Ure and I am from the small town of Delta, Utah. I am currently halfway through the Dental Hygiene Program at Fortis College in Salt Lake City, Utah. In 2016, I chose to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints and was called to the New Zealand Hamilton Mission. I loved serving the Maori people so much and was amazed by all the beauty of their culture. I plan to continue to serve individuals of all cultures and backgrounds after receiving my RDH certificate. I hope to travel the world doing humanitarian trips and helping as many people as possible as a skilled dental hygienist. I love people, and I love helping them feel their absolute best. This is why a career as a dental hygienist is such a wonderful fit for me. My husband and I have not yet decided where we will live once I graduate, but for now we look forward to the time I have left in school and the wonderful service opportunities that lie ahead.

Thank you so much. I am honored! - Madeline Ure.



Congratulations to Jacob Tuft, Roseman University College of Dental Medicine!!

I grew up in Wyoming and have always enjoyed playing any sport, being outside, and learning. I loved my two years spent in the San Antonio, Texas mission. I completed my Bachelor's degree at BYU and currently attend Roseman University. My wife, Kandis and I love to hike, play sports together (especially golf right now) and spend time with friends and family. We have a 4 year old girl, 2 year old boy and a baby girl due in September- they bring us a lot of joy! My future goals are to continue to better myself as a father, husband, disciple of Christ and Dentist. I have really enjoyed learning in dental school and would like to specialize to further my knowledge and continue growing as a professional. I am leaning toward specializing in pediatrics right now. The academy of LDS Dentists has already provided many ways for me to develop meaningful mentor relationships, service opportunities, and further my education during dental school. And I am very grateful for that. I hope to continue developing those types of relationships to help me become my best self.



Congratulations dental hygiene student, Erandeny Mendoza!!

I am a senior at Weber State University studying Dental Hygiene. I am 21 years old and I have 3 younger brothers. In my free time, I play the violin and love spending time with my family through outdoor activities. I was born in Salt Lake City, Utah and grew up in a Hispanic household; this has given me an understanding and respect for different cultures. One of my goals is to continue my education by obtaining a master's degree. I would like to express my gratitude to have been selected as the recipient of the Academy of LDS Dentists Annual Conference Scholarship. Thank you for your generosity, which has allowed me to continue my education and motivation to finish. I thank you for your confidence in helping me achieve my goals.
Sincerely, Erandeny Mendoza

Academy of LDS Dentists Annual Conference



**Friday-Saturday,
August 13-14, 2021**

We are happy and grateful to be welcoming many of the presenters and performers previously scheduled for 2020. It promises to be an amazing conference! **PLAN TO ATTEND!**

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HUMANITARIAN DONATIONS:

A sincere thank you to: Dr. Scott E. Williams from Zaneville, Ohio for his generous donation of 18 dental handpieces that were donated to: Ayuda Humanitarian and Arizona Health Outreach.



UPDATE ON GHANA, AFRICA:

Due to the pandemic, three humanitarian trips to Ghana have had to be cancelled. Currently, our dental clinic there

is closed and we have paused any visits there. I may be going this Fall by myself or with a very small group to take care of some residents of the children's home, but that is likely it for the year. If people want to reach out to me there is still a possibility of planning trips in 2021. I hope to have a bunch of them. - Dr. Glen Stephenson - glen_angie@icloud.com

If anyone has good used equipment to donate, he has a used equipment re-seller that will turn it around and provide some financial support for the children's home during this difficult time. The donating dentist would get a tax deduction for the maximum reasonable value of the equipment. Good for everyone.



UPDATE IN KIRIBATI, TONGA, & SAMOA

The Church Clinics in Tonga and Samoa are temporarily closed. We have reserved accommodations at Moroni High School in Kiribati for February to do a service project. As of now all three of these countries are completely closed to travelers, so we may need to change our plans—maybe to September 2021. We have several dentists anxious to volunteer their services in these countries. We have a waiting list and will let them know when we hear anything about these countries opening up.

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Do Good Be Good

SEEKING ECUADOR SUPPLIES:

We do have dental expeditions to Ecuador. Dr. Zambrano, in Quito, Ecuador is our organizer. He has been a dentist for over 40 years. Usually our expeditions are for 10 days. You name the time and he can put you to work. Dentists that would like to donate: they can use all your dental equipment and supplies.

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SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR KENTUCKY CLINICS!

We are actively seeking volunteers for our KY clinics! I believe we still have a few more slots left for volunteers in the next few weeks. We are launching pilot clinics in Appalachia this week (3 clinics) and we anticipate holding them again in early 2021 in Appalachia and Florida. We are currently scheduled to hold international clinics in 2021 but the exact impact of covid is still TBD pending case rates, vaccines, and volunteer interest. The most efficient way that the Academy can help in the short term is to highlight our <https://www.globaldentalrelief.org/volunteer-overseas/project-schedule/> which will be where updates to our schedule will be posted, with a specific note to look out for domestic clinic dates to be published as soon as possible and our international dates for the 2nd half of 2021. Thanks!

For Domestic clinics, contact: Nate Raymond
nathan@globaldentalrelief.org

For International clinics, contact: Becky Bay
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DENTAL HUMANITARIAN SERVICE IS AVAILABLE!



If you need financial assistance for your dental service project or expedition, the Academy can help! By offering humanitarian funds, the Academy's mission is being fulfilled through members to further the work of the Lord by improving dental health and dental education throughout the world, and to help alleviate oral pain and suffering.

Funds may be used for patient care, facility expenses, equipment and supplies, and training/teaching materials. Travel, lodging and meal expenses are the only exclusion. Please be current with your yearly Academy membership dues when requesting funds and allow 30 days after approval for disbursement of funds.

To obtain a request form go to www.academyofldsdentists.com, select service, service resources, and then click on the request for humanitarian funds bar. Please submit the form to Tricia Tippets, Service Coordinator, @triciatippets@gmail.com. If your request is approved, then an additional reimbursement form will be sent to you. Once the reimbursement forms and receipts are received then a reimbursement check will be sent to you within 30 days.

To let Academy members know how their dues and donations are being used, if your request is approved, a 1-2 paragraph report summarizing your project and a couple of photos are requested within 30 days following the completion of your expedition. Please email the report and photos to our Service Coordinator. We thank you for your service.

PORTABLE DENTAL UNITS ARE AVAILABLE!



The Academy has 6 portable dental units available for rent for your next service expedition. The units can be rented for \$100/unit for members & \$150/unit for non-members. Pickup is available at no cost and shipping is available for \$100/unit.

**Please contact David Dickerson
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