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College of Health Sciences Newsletter



Dr. Holly (Beard) Holzen, a 2007 graduate of the Health Services Research Doctoral Program at ODU has been awarded a 3 year, \$460,000 MacArthur Foundation grant titled "A Multistat at ODU"

Outstanding ODU School of Dental Hygiene Alumna,
Dr. Juliana Kim, Honored at Annual Event



When was the last time you visited a dental hygienist?

If the answer to that question has you scratching your head, Old Dominion University has a convenient solution.

The Sofia and David Konikoff Dental Hygiene Care Facility, located in ODU's Health Sciences Building on 46th Street at the intersection of Hampton Boulevard, offers comprehensive dental hygiene services from late August to June. ODU students, faculty and staff are welcome, along with members of the local community.

And, with this year marking the 100th anniversary of the opening of the nation's first formal school for training dental hygienists, there is no better time to get acquainted with the students and faculty from the Gene W. Hirschfeld School of Dental Hygiene who staff the clinic.

In 1913 the first formal school for "dental hygienists" opened with a strong emphasis on the concept of preventive care. Dr. Alfred Fones, the first dental hygiene educator, envisioned dental hygienists as outreach workers, treating people outside of the private dental office. In fact, in the early years, the dental hygienist was employed predominantly in public health settings and in school-based programs.

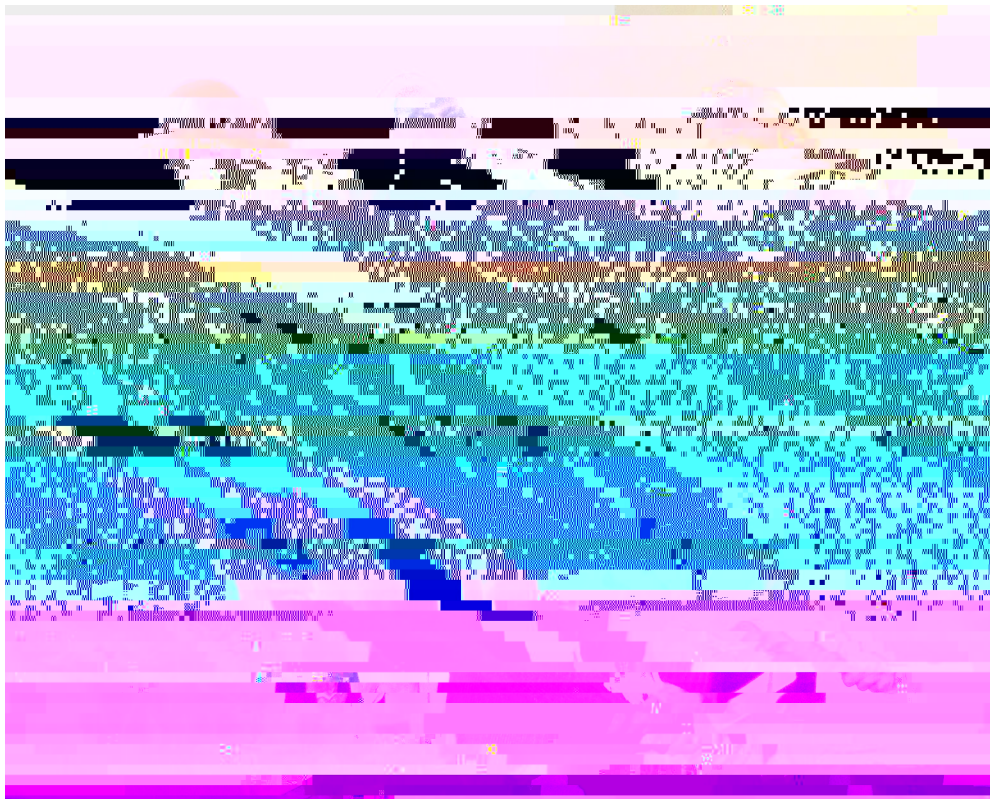
The ODU clinic logs about 6,000 patient visits each year. Students in the School of Dental Hygiene also visit schools, public health centers and senior citizen homes as part of the community engagement and service-learning portion of the degree program.

The services provided at the clinic not only help maintain good oral hygiene, but also identify potentially dangerous threats to general health.

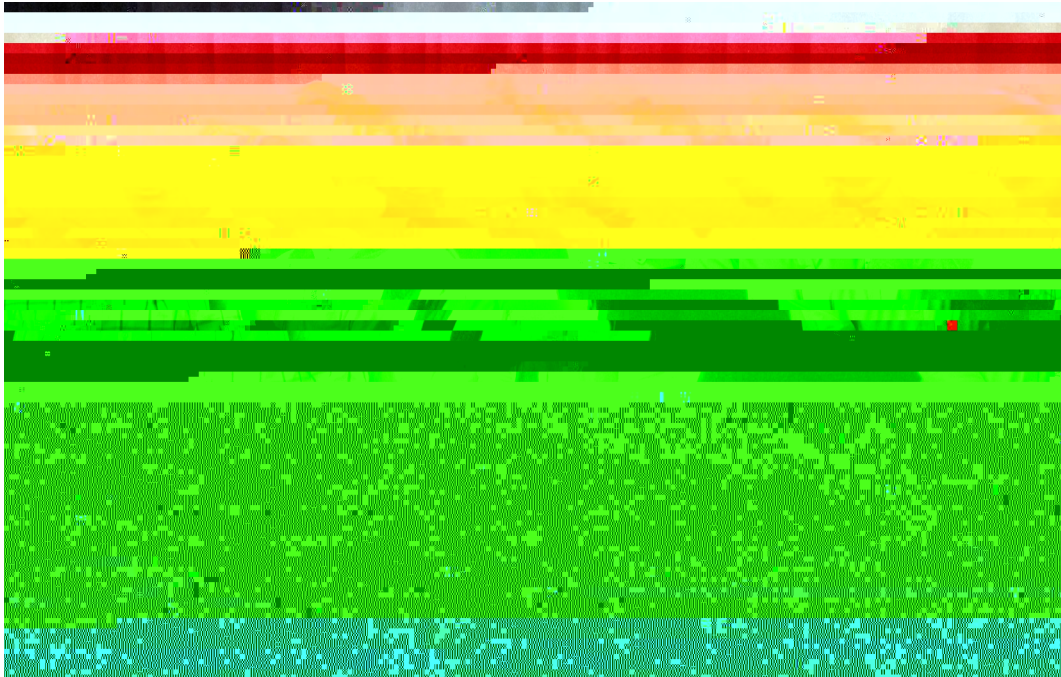
"The mouth is the portal of entry, and site of disease, for microbial infections that affect general health," said Lynn Tolle, ODU University Professor of dental hygiene and director of clinical affairs. "Oral disease places a burden on our society in the form of lost days and years of productivity. A clean mouth is the first line of defense in a healthy body." Tolle cited increased risk of heart disease, stroke, obesity, respiratory disease and







(l-r) Gail Grisetti, Shelley Mishoe, Muge Akpinar-Elci, Benjamin Keyes, Angelo Maker, Robert Parsons.



On October 18, 2013, the Interprofessional Education Collaborative (IPEC) Task Force and the College of Health Sciences held a faculty retreat, more than 70% of the college full



