BUILDING ON STRONG FOUNDATIONS

POSTLE HALL PHASE I REPLACEMENT
For more than 125 years, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry has embraced its public purpose of educating exceptionally capable and compassionate dental hygiene and dental professionals, providing care to patients, conducting research at the forefront of dentistry and oral health, and serving the community.

As we plan for the college’s future, we take stock of our strengths of today:

- Nearly two-thirds of Ohio’s dentists are our alumni.
- At least one College of Dentistry graduate is practicing in every state in the country.
- Alumni are leaders in their communities and nationally in the profession; for example, Joseph Crowley, ’76 DDS, is president-elect of the American Dental Association.
- Admission is competitive, with one in ten applicants gaining admission.
- The college’s clinics have treated Medicaid patients from 84 of the 88 counties in Ohio.
- Research funding has doubled during the past five years, to $6.4 million, with leading-edge inquiry in areas such as bone biology, biomaterials, oral cancer prevention, and neuroscience.
- The college’s research ranking among all U.S. dental schools has risen from 35th to 15th.

Message from the Dean

Dear Colleagues:

The excitement in the college about our new facility is palpable. It is a topic of discussion among students, staff, and faculty, spurred on by the many group meetings we have held over the past year as we shared plans developed by the fifteen companies that are designing our new building. As our college community engages in this process, they use words like “innovative, impressive, and cutting-edge” to describe the floor layouts and sample equipment they have seen and worked with.

When I walk through Postle Hall, I can sense the pride people feel about our future. They know that for the first time in nearly fifty years we are at the top of the university’s priority list for new construction. But more importantly, they realize that this high-level attention the college is receiving goes well beyond getting a “new building.” This project shows that legislators across the state and senior officials at the university recognize how valuable we are to the mission of Ohio State and to the citizens of Ohio.

The unprecedented support we have received from the state, in addition to the university’s major commitment to our new facility, positions us most favorably to meet our part of the funding goal for the project. Thanks to some early gifts made by a handful of alumni who want to express their gratitude for all that dentistry has done for them and their families, we are well on our way.

I am confident that other grateful and loyal alumni — in Ohio and across the country — will consider how they, too, can be part of our college’s exciting future by contributing to our capital campaign. There will likely never be a better time to leave a legacy, help your alma mater to lead the profession forward, and inspire others to give.

With great anticipation,

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS
Professor and Dean
College of Dentistry
Leading-edge facilities are critical to the success of Ohio State’s historic land-grant mission. Once complete, the new Postle Hall will equip the College of Dentistry with vital resources to better serve patients here locally and across Ohio as well as elevate the student experience for future generations of aspiring dentists."

Michael V. Drake, MD
President, The Ohio State University
Why Now: The Needs of Tomorrow

In the nearly seven decades since Postle Hall was built, the world has changed at a hastening pace. Our building was constructed in a vastly different era – before penicillin’s use was widespread, and before gloves were second nature to care providers.

Years of retrofitting and renovating have ensured that the College of Dentistry has been able to maintain a high standard of education, research, and patient care. But Postle Hall’s age and configuration now limit our future growth and aspirations.

The facility is structurally dated and operationally inefficient. Several university-funded studies by outside consultants confirm that the building does not support the college’s academic and clinical missions. In fact, Postle Hall’s condition has been rated the lowest among all buildings in the university’s health science district.

Navigating the building’s 11 points of entry, 17 exits, and labyrinth of hallways is not simple for our 600 students, 300 full- and part-time faculty, and 250 staff members. Doing so is especially challenging for the 450 patients our faculty and students care for each day.

By every measure, the College of Dentistry’s outcomes against its mission are exceptional. But we know they could be even stronger – and a contemporary, designed-for-the-future building is the key.

“It means a great deal to my family to be able to continue our parents’ legacy of helping students get an outstanding dental education and, more importantly, to do what we can to contribute to the future of dentistry.”

Gary Bitonte, ’69 BS, ’73 MD
(Son of the late Dominic, ’47 DDS and Helen Bitonte)
Our Vision for the Future: A Facility to Accelerate Excellence

The College of Dentistry is launching a campaign to raise $25 million to strengthen our ability to provide the most effective education, the most innovative research, and the most advanced levels of care. Our Building on Strong Foundations campaign is about our future. About realizing the college’s enormous potential to expand our position as a national leader in dental education, research, and patient care. Funds will be used in a Phase I replacement of Postle Hall – on the same ground where more than 11,000 living alumni have been educated – to create a transformative facility. It will be one that others throughout the world will admire.

The new Postle Hall will enable the College of Dentistry to:

• Incorporate proven technologies to improve teaching, research, and patient care
• Enhance the delivery of care through the creation of small group student practice clinics
• Increase the number of students we admit by 10% so we can recruit more students from underserved counties, students who are most likely to practice in underserved areas of the state
• Grow partnerships throughout the health science district, across the university, and all throughout Ohio
• Improve access to our clinics, classrooms, and laboratories, ensuring that students, faculty, and patients can easily and safely be part of our community

This campaign is part of a public-private partnership among the State of Ohio, the university, and private philanthropy. In spring 2016, the state appropriated $26 million for the project. The university has committed $34 million. Alumni and friends of the College of Dentistry have previously given $10 million to the replacement effort. The additional $25 million we seek in private and corporate gifts is critical to ensuring our success.

“With a new facility, students will benefit immensely both in the classroom and in the clinic from the higher caliber education, and our beloved school will evolve from excellent to eminent, as a world leader in formal dental education.”

James Zimmerman, Dental Class of 2018

Building on Strong Foundations: Campaign Priorities

Thoroughly grounded in its land-grant mission, the College of Dentistry is committed to elevating and expanding our work on behalf of the people of Ohio and the profession to which our graduates devote their lives. With initial planning complete and resources firmly committed from the university and the State, we are enthusiastically moving forward with Phase I of this project. A significant portion of the east end of Postle Hall will be razed in spring 2018. Construction will begin that summer, with the new facility ready to open its doors in 2020 – providing over 125,000 square feet of new space to help us meet our missions. In addition, more than 30,000 square feet of vacated space in “old Postle” will be repurposed for student use, academic programs, and college administration.

The renowned New York City-based firm Robert A.M. Stern Architects, which has a reputation for designing university buildings that highlight the strengths of the architecture across a campus, has been selected to design the new facility, which will capture the best of adjacent buildings by utilizing a façade of brick and limestone. The building will enable and foster innovative approaches in classroom instruction, advanced simulated technologies, logical adjacencies of clinics and faculty offices, more intimate and compassionate spaces for patient care, and better resource stewardship through greater sustainability and reduced maintenance.

“Over the years, the different additions and renovations to Postle Hall have resulted in a building with constant maintenance and—despite our building’s distinguished name—without a distinctive identifying external feature. At long last, a new construction milestone is a reality and I believe the mission of the college will be better served. Postle Hall will be prominently displayed as the College of Dentistry at the northeast corner of the Medical Center—a gateway to the health sciences district.”

Rudy C. Melfi, ’57 DDS, ’59 MS, ’66 PhD, Professor Emeritus and Chair, Internal Campaign Committee
The new facility will be inviting, dynamic, and easy to navigate – a place where students and faculty want to spend time, where patients and visitors feel welcome, and where alumni feel proud. Classrooms will be equipped with the capability to capture lectures for students’ later review, enabling class sessions to be even more interactive. It will provide learning spaces with greater versatility and 24-hour access.

Through the College of Dentistry’s $25 million Building on Strong Foundations campaign, we seek private resources to support construction of:

- Three high-tech classrooms
- Pre-clinical simulation and technology labs
- Eight small group student practice clinics
- Four ambulatory surgery clinics
- An expanded, state-of-the-art radiology center
- A highly visible Office of Student Admissions
- A new student commons
- An upgraded sterilization facility for new clinics
- Improved public access and greater campus visibility

**Partnership for a New Era**

Having demonstrated excellence in delivering on our missions – even with the physical constraints of Postle Hall – the College of Dentistry is poised now to take a meaningful step forward to shape the future of dental education at Ohio State and beyond. The Building on Strong Foundations campaign presents the opportunity to accelerate our excellence, and to do so in partnership with alumni and friends. We seek philanthropic investment from those who believe, as we do, that the College of Dentistry can be even greater tomorrow than it is today.

In turn, the college will develop the most appropriate and lasting ways to recognize the financial commitment of donors. Recognition and naming opportunities exist across a range of areas, commemorating the lasting improvements made possible by private giving. It will be our honor to ensure that our donors’ names are forever linked to the good their resources foster.

The Ohio State University College of Dentistry is ready to advance the pace of education, research, and care across Ohio and throughout the country. We invite you to join us.

“Postle Hall has provided a forum for us to learn, to grow as individuals, and to forge lifelong relationships with colleagues who became dear friends. Donating to the capital campaign is a way to say thank you to those who helped us on our professional journey, a way to show gratitude for our present fortunate situations, and a way to be part of building a positive future for people like us who will follow.”

Dale Anne Featheringham, ’97 DDS, ’00 MS
Chair, External Campaign Committee
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