Board Meeting January 19, 2006

## RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND VOLUNTEERISM BY THE DENTAL STUDENT COUNCIL, UIC COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, CHICAGO

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois sincerely appreciates and recognizes the unselfish dedicated commitment, leadership, and volunteerism as demonstrated by the Dental Student Council and other dental student organizations of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) College of Dentistry in its service of oral health care to the underserved and undocumented children of the State of Illinois.

UIC's College of Dentistry students, both individually and collectively through the Dental Student Council and by affiliation through UIC chapters of national dental student organizations, have engaged in volunteer efforts such as fundraising formal dances, bake sales, Valentines' sales, candy and doll sales, auctions and forays into the community to raise monies to provide better oral health care and dental education to children and underserved populations through UIC's Department of Pediatric Dentistry's Children's Associated Care Fund. This year the students raised over \$10,000. UIC's College of Dentistry students also worked and volunteered in community clinics throughout northern Illinois.

The UIC College of Dentistry, Department of Pediatric Dentistry is the largest safety net in the City of Chicago for children needing oral health care sometimes receiving up to 50 emergency cases per day. Besides helping to finance dental work for

needy youngsters, the students' efforts help them to become more compassionate dentists.

Most recently, on October 12, 2005, the UIC College of Dentistry students were formally recognized in a State of Illinois Declaration presented by Lieutenant Governor Pat Quinn at the annual "Healthy Kids, Healthy Smiles Day" for their unselfish efforts to promote better dental health care for the citizens of the State. More than 85 volunteer dental students, hygiene students, and pediatric dental residents took care of 200 plus children, providing services ranging from oral examinations, teeth cleanings, fluoride treatments, and dental education to the parents. The day included a visit from the tooth fairy, free toothbrushes and floss, educational brochures in both English and Spanish, balloons, and lots of toothy smiles.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the UIC College of Dentistry Dental Student Council and its related student organizations for their stellar example of student volunteerism that contributes to a vital campus life, to a meaningful educational experience, and to a better society.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meetings to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to the UIC College of Dentistry Dental Student Council on behalf of all the UIC volunteer dental student organizations, as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which you are all held.