

Clark College maintains perfect dental record

Donna Wittmayer, who serves as division chair in the dental hygiene department at Clark College, said her colleagues are grinning from ear to ear after 25 dental hygiene students passed the National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), which extends the college's perfect record to 38 years.

"Beginning with the first dental hygiene graduating class in 1970, every student from Clark College has successfully passed the NBDHE on the first attempt," said Clark College president Robert Knight. "Clark College is the only long-standing program in the United States that can attest to this 100 percent pass rate for the NBDHE. That's an amazing accomplishment--one that brings pride to our dental hygiene program, our college and

our community."

The NBDHE is administered by The Joint Commission on National Dental Examination of the American Dental Association. The examination is taken by all dental hygiene students from over 265 programs throughout the nation. It is an all-day written, 350-question examination based on the entire curriculum taught in dental hygiene programs. Completion and passing of the NBDHE is required for licensure by each state.