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DENTAL LABORATORY, INC.
Intentionally Different

It's hardly surprising that Nakanishi Dental Laboratory in Bellevue, Wash. (www.nakanishidentallab.com) was an early participant in our School's Business Partners program. Long before the program's advent, Nakanishi had established a strong record of support for the School.

In fact, 2017 marks this business's 35th year of giving, and Nakanishi has earned designation as a University of Washington Benefactor and Dean's Club Gold Member with



contributions that have enriched the lives of our students, faculty, and alumni.

Nakanishi's contributions are exceptionally wide-ranging. They include gifts to the Dean's Fund for Excellence, the Chair's Fund in

Restorative Dentistry, and support for student events, the Dean's Club Dinner, and the Dental Alumni Golf Tournament.

President and owner Dave Nakanishi says that two reasons for supporting the School of Dentistry stand out.

"As a third-generation company which has served Pacific Northwest dentistry for 64 years, our support of the School serves as a repayment of sorts for the privilege of being an integral part of the dental team over the years. Also, the economic reality of the reduction in state and federal monies and the increasing costs to operate a world-class dental school with the best faculty and facilities require private individuals and local business to fill the widening fiscal gap," he says.

"It is sometimes easy to take for granted the influence of the School of Dentistry on our dental community, and for many years I did, but the more involved I have gotten with the School, the more I understand that a quality dental education does not happen without numerous good people making the right decisions on a daily basis," Nakanishi says. "I have seen firsthand how the donations we make positively impact the School, and we are grateful for the opportunity to stay connected."

Says Dean Joel Berg: "Our School is grateful for the strong and steady support that we've received from Nakanishi Dental Laboratory over the years. It's partners like these who can make all the difference as we continue our work to produce a true Dentist of the Future." ■



Dave Nakanishi, president and owner