

## **John Fales – Class of 1974**

### **Dentist**

After graduating from Franklin in 1974, John attended the University of Kansas where he became a Jayhawk fan. He attended dental school at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and then completed his pediatric dentistry fellowship at the Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City and has practiced pediatric dentistry in Olathe, Kansas since 1989. John lives in Olathe with his wife and they have two children attending college. He has a certified animal therapy dog, Spencer, a Golden Retriever, that he takes to the office every day to interact with his patients to help ease any anxiety they may have. At least one day, each month, is set aside at his office as a free clinic day to provide dental care to children whose parents cannot afford to get care elsewhere. John also travels at least twice each year to various places in the Midwest to participate in Mission of Mercy free dental clinics and was recently named to the board of directors of the America's Dentists Care Foundation and the America's Mission of Mercy Projects. He also serves on the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry's Advocacy team and is the current president of the Kansas Association of Pediatric Dentists.

In 2008, John was named the 'Dentist of the Year' in the local dental society and recently received the Susan Brockman-Bell Humanitarian award. In his time away from work, he enjoys flying, skiing, warm beaches with Buffett music and a margarita and playing guitar, drums and singing in his church choir.

