The University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry honors the legacy of Dr. A. Moneim E. Zaki. It is with sadness that we share that Dr. Zaki, Professor Emeritus of the Department of Oral Biology, recently passed away.

Dr. Zaki taught at the College for four decades—through architectural renovations, faculty and curriculum shifts, and other significant changes—and helped to develop an Oral Biology PhD program from its infancy. He retired from the College in 2009. Upon his retirement, colleagues and friends established the Dr. Moneim A. Zaki Curriculum Innovation Fund, which was created to enhance programmatic efforts to improve the curriculum and to develop faculty teaching skills.

Dr. Zaki earned his PhD in Anatomy from UIC in 1969, and was the former head of the Department of Oral Biology/Histology and the former director of graduate studies in histology at the College, as well as a former member of the UIC Senate and its Executive Committee. Dr. Zaki received the UIC Graduate Teacher of the Year Award in 1985, the College’s Dr. E. Lloyd Du Brul Faculty Achievement Award for 2002, and a Golden Apple Award by freshman dental students. He was a Fellow of the International College of Dentists, the Odontographic Society of Chicago, Omicron Kappa Upsilon Sigma Chapter, and the Sigma Xi Research Society. Dr. Zaki authored and co-authored 134 articles and abstract published in refereed journals.

The College recognizes the outstanding contributions of Dr. E. Moneim A. Zaki to the education of dental students and the advancement of dental education at UIC and internationally.