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SERVING
COUNTRY
AND THE
PROFESSION

FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY, DENTISTRY HAS ANSWERED A NATION'S CALL TO ARMS

If you are a faithful reader of this column—and I certainly hope you are—you will know that I use our mission and vision to frame my thoughts. The stories in this issue give me the opportunity to ponder service, the aspect of our mission that is the reason for our work.

To remind you (again—and not for the last time), our vision is defining excellence in global health.

That's the star we steer toward as we execute our mission of leading innovation in oral health education, research and service to improve quality of life. Education, research and service are the stated purposes of probably every institution of higher education. Education and research are easy to understand. But I think service is sometimes relegated to the status of obligatory virtue, more honored in the mission statement than in mission performance.

But not here. As you know from your own practice, we use our education and we use research to provide service. We heal our patients; we keep our patients healthy; we watch the health of our communities. That's our job. But first, it's our calling—to care for others, to act in their service.

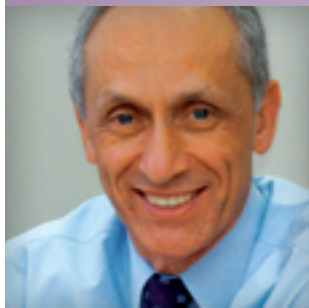
You will read here about the school's new mobile dental unit—an ultramodern dental office on wheels equipped with three complete operatories featuring the latest technology—which replaces the “dental van” we've used to bring care to underserved children in Chautauqua County here in Western New York for the

past 16 years. Underserved is a term that obscures the people it defines—we might better say, children who need us. Children we serve.

Another article in this issue describes the service of alumni,

faculty, staff and students in the U.S. armed forces. That would seem to be a very different kind of service than our service to poor children in Chautauqua County or your service to your patients and community, but it's simply another variation on the imperative that drives us all: Go where you're needed.

You will also find in this issue our thank-you to donors who made gifts to the school in the past year. I think of these gifts, so essential to our mission and so greatly appreciated by our students and faculty, as yet another kind of service, perhaps not in name but certainly in spirit. Your generosity is a service to the future. Thank you for that.



FROM THE DEAN

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Michael Glick". The signature is fluid and stylized, with a large, sweeping "M" and "G".

Michael Glick, DMD

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NewsBriefs

Genco receives prestigious award from AAP

Robert J. Genco, professor of oral biology, is the recipient of the American Academy of Periodontology's (AAP) Distinguished Scientist Award for 2012.

The AAP Distinguished Scientist Award is presented to an academy member who has actively contributed to the basic science and/or clinical science of periodontology through published literature and has contributed to pre- and postdoctoral education.



GENCO

Genco received the award in recognition of more than

three decades of research, scholarship and service that contributed to the understanding, prevention and treatment of periodontal disease. "I am pleased and humbled by this recognition," Genco says. "I have had a long and fruitful association with the American Academy of Periodontology, and to be honored by them is a highlight of my career. It is also recognition of the many colleagues I have had the honor of working with at UB and other universities."

The AAP, founded in 1914, is an 8,000-member association of dental professionals specializing in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of diseases affecting the gums and supporting structures of the teeth.

"His contributions to the University at Buffalo and the oral health community are immeasurable and continue to inspire researchers across the globe to pursue new discoveries that define excellence while improving quality of life," says SDM Dean Michael Glick.

A 1963 graduate of the UB School of Dental Medicine, Genco received a PhD in microbiology and immunology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1967.

2 Awards, service pins presented at annual picnic

On Aug. 20, SDM faculty, students and staff gathered on a beautiful day to kick off the new semester with some great food and conversation. Jason Chwirut was the

recipient of the Dean's Award of Excellence in recognition of his efforts and contributions to SDM's vision of defining excellence in global health.

Dean Glick also presented several employees with service pins for ongoing service to the university and the school. Awards were given for 10 years of service to Roger Apps, Frank Barnashuk, Cheryl Craft, Margaret Greco, Hyeong-Il Kim, Kimberly McCluskey and Barbara Weinberg.

Twenty-year service pins were presented to Hesham Eltagouri, Sandra Flash, Carole Pantera and Mark Townsend.

Faculty and staff members who have completed 30 or 40 years of service to UB were honored June 19 at a reception at the home of UB President Satish K. Tripathi. Tripathi and his wife, Kamlesh,

4 International Night features Italy and Egypt

SDM's annual International Night was held on June 9 at The Screening Room in Amherst. Two countries were featured: Italy and Egypt. Authentic foods with a variety of recipes were presented, and more than 85 people, including students, faculty and staff of the school, enjoyed such dishes as chicken breast with porcini mushroom in white cream sauce, fusilli with fresh pesto sauce, crostata di

ciliegie (cherry jam pie), moussaka, hawawshy and koshary, among others.

Food was prepared by Carla Beneduce (UB 2003), volunteer faculty member at the school, and Sandra Nairooz, '13, and her friend, Diana Moya.

After enjoying plenty of delicious authentic food, guests were entertained by the cultural program, starting with "A Day in Ancient Rome" by Sebastiano Andreana, MS '95, associate professor in the

Department of Restorative Dentistry. In his presentation, he described the activities of the ancient Romans of about 2,000 years ago, with 3D reconstructions of original buildings. The presentation also showed how those buildings look today.

The second cultural program was on Egypt, with historical notes on monuments from ancient Egyptian civilization presented by Nairooz. The presentation focused on monuments such as pyramids, the Great Sphinx of Giza and temples. Details on construction dates and the Pharaohs involved in the construction were given to the audience.



hosted the reception during which service-recognition pins were presented to Carol Colby, David Miesowicz and Katherine Vester for 30 years of service, and to Ming Shih Levine, '71, for more than 40 years' service.

3 Bush granted tenure

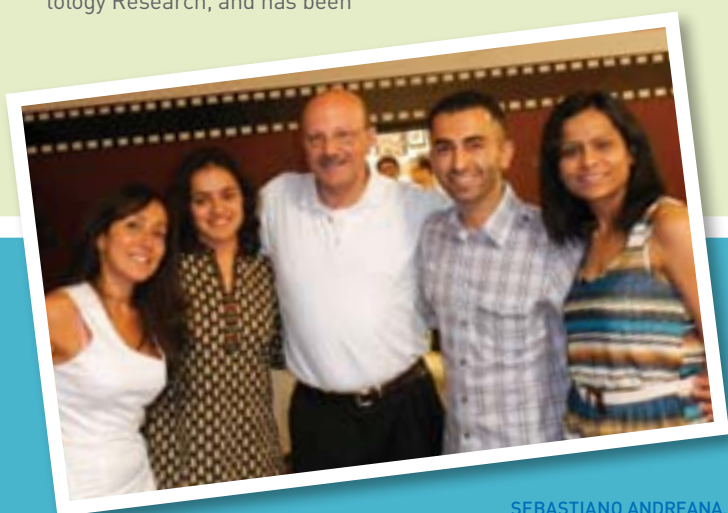
Mary Bush, '99, AEGD Cert. '00, has received continuing appointment as associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. She has been teaching at the school since 2005, becoming a group leader in the Comprehensive Care Clinics in 2012. Bush is director of the UB Laboratory for Forensic Odontology Research, and has been



BUSH

engaged in advancement of the field, especially in the areas of bitemark analysis and victim identification using SEM analysis of dental materials fragments.

Bush is on the board of directors and is past president of the American Society of Forensic Odontology. She is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, and serves on the editorial board for the Journal of Forensic Science.



SEBASTIANO ANDREANA, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY, CENTER, POSES WITH MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2013, FROM LEFT: SANDRA NAIRDOOZ, SAKSHI DEEP, ALFRED GOODARZI AND BINAL PATEL.

New this year was the awarding of door prizes consisting of ancient Roman coins.

International Night is the brainchild of Andreana and Elaine Davis, associate dean for student affairs, who believe in the value of sharing cultural heritage. Since the first International Night so many years ago, numerous countries have been featured, including Brazil, Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago, Syria, Iran, Poland, Germany, Korea, Yugoslavia, Thailand and India.

5 Neiders marks 50 years of teaching

Teaching for 50 years: "Who does that?" one might ask. Only the most dedicated, the most giving, the most committed and caring woman to all the students who cross her path. That would be Mirdza Neiders, known to many in the dental school as "Mitzi."

The Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences held a lunch in September in celebration of her career at SDM. During her academic career, Neiders was active not only as a teacher, but also as a mentor and researcher.

She organized many significant didactic courses in the dental school's predoctoral oral medicine/pathology curriculum, as well as in the advanced clinical specialty and graduate programs. In addition, she personally mentored many students, and devoted considerable time to the recruitment and tutoring of underrepresented students. She had a stellar research career, developing particular expertise in the areas of oral pathology, periodontal disease, immunology and immunofluorescence.

Among her awards, Neiders achieved the prestigious rank of SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Education at UB, in addition to being recognized as Outstanding Professor by the SDM graduating class of 2002.

Neiders "retired" in 2004, but immediately returned and, for the past eight years, has taught on a "part-time" basis.



MIRDZA "MITZI" NEIDERS, PICTURED DURING A CELEBRATION IN SEPTEMBER OF HER 50 YEARS OF TEACHING AT UB'S SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE.

6 Dean Glick leads Vision 2020 task force

SDM Dean Michael Glick led the Geneva-based FDI World Dental Federation's "Vision 2020" task force, which issued a report in August cautioning against an "unmanageable explosion of oral disease" worldwide if the problem of access to oral health care is left unchecked.

The FDI represents more than one million dental practitioners worldwide. The report was issued during FDI's annual Congress in Hong Kong. Its report details a five-point plan for addressing the issue.

"Major inequalities in oral health care exist both within and between countries, and it is urgent that the worlds of oral health and overall medical health come together to address a crisis that is compromising our quality of life and costing us far too much money at a time when national budgets are strapped," says Glick.

The FDI report highlights the stark disparity in access to oral health care, including the fact that in China there is one oral health care professional for every 82,000 people; in Ethiopia, there is one for every 1.3 million people.

"These numbers highlight how far we have to go to provide basic oral care to most of the world," Glick says.

7 SDM welcomes new faculty, staff

The School of Dental Medicine welcomed a number of new faculty and staff—including many who graduated from SDM—this fall.

The Department of Restorative Dentistry has several new part-time faculty, many of them alumni of the school, including Mark Barone, '85; Genene Crofut, '03; Eric D'Silva, '11; Elizabeth Hargrave, '11; Carlos Hernandez-

Terrazas, MS, Prosthodontics Cert. '12; Michelle Mai, GPR Cert. '11; Gina Muto, '11; Eunhae Park-Hyun, '11; Maria Perez '11, MS '09; and Miyoung Yoon, '11.

Also assisting with teaching are Mosa Altassan, Prosthodontics Cert. '12; Amanda Colebeck, '10; and Konstantinos Harogiannis, '10.

Patrick Battista, '09, AEGD Cert. '10, Endodontics Cert. '12, joined Periodontics and Endodontics as a part-time faculty

member, and J. Bradley Ecker, '90, Pediatric Dentistry Cert. '92, is now teaching in Pediatric and Community Dentistry; MHD Amer Allaymoui has been appointed in Orthodontics.

Lynne Karlsen joined the Dean's Office as chief financial officer, while Julie Rockmaker was hired as CARES program coordinator. Other staff hires include Jill Lizak and Xianghui Feng in Oral Biology, Nateesha Harris in Clinical Dentistry and Kimberly Trunzo in Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

8 Andreana receives multiple honors

Sebastiano Andreana, MS '95, associate professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, received the 2012 T.H. Maiman Award for Excellence in Dental Laser Research from the Academy of Laser Dentistry. The award was in recognition of his work not only as a researcher, but also as an academician and a professional clinician. Andreana directs the UB Center for Implant Dentistry.

He also received a unique award, Apulians in the World, presented by Pasquale Murgante, mayor of his hometown of Accadia, in the Apulia region of southeast Italy. This award recognizes people who were born or grew up in Accadia and who reached international success, thereby promoting the image of the region abroad and helping others from the region.

The honor included a commissioned piece of art by Elvio Marchionni, a renowned Italian sculptor. Also in attendance at the ceremony on Aug. 19, 2012, were Elena Gentile, regional representative of the Council of Welfare, and Professor Gaetano D'Andrea on behalf of the Torremaggiore (Twin City)/Buffalo Association.

SEBASTIANO ANDREANA RECEIVES ARTWORK CREATED BY NOTED ITALIAN SCULPTOR ELVIO MARCHIONNI.



9 Baker lands two R01 grants

Olga Baker, assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology, received two R01 grants from the National Institute of Dental



BAKER

Craniofacial Research this past summer. The first one is to study how new lipid media-

tors called "resolvins" could resolve inflammation in Sjogren's syndrome.

The second R01 grant is to study how fibrin hydrogels can be used to enhance cell differentiation in salivary glands to build an artificial salivary gland. Both projects involve resolution of inflammation and clinically applicable implants, and will bring tangible benefits to those who suffer from hyposalivation.

10 Eighth District Dental Society shares grant with CARES program

The Eighth District Dental Society received a grant from the Health Foundation for Western and Central New York to support strategies directed at improving the oral health of seniors in the community.

A portion of this grant was given to the UB CARES program to provide financial assistance to elderly patients receiving oral health treatment at the school.

CARES is an innovative social work program in its 11th year of providing assistance to patients of the dental school.

The program addresses their psychosocial needs, including financial health, mental health, transportation and care-giving issues, in an effort to improve access to oral health care and patient retention.



FROM LEFT: ANN MONROE, PRESIDENT, HEALTH FOUNDATION FOR WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK; BRENDAN DOWD, '86, PRESIDENT, EIGHTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY; VALERIE FATTA, CARES CLINIC DIRECTOR; VICKI PRAGER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EIGHTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY; AND FADI AYOUN, '97, CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR AND CARES ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER.



"4F" – Urban Myth or Fact Based?

Many recruits in both the Union and Confederate military were rejected for dental reasons. At that time, instructions for the examination of a drafted man were for the surgeon to ascertain "whether he has a sufficient number of teeth in good condition to masticate his food properly, and to tear his cartridge quickly and with ease. The cartridge is torn with the incisor, canine or bicuspid teeth." In other words, the soldier was expected to be able to tear open the gun powder cartridge cover with his front teeth, so as to load or reload his rifle quickly. Current military Standards of Medical Fitness state, among other items, that "current insufficient natural healthy teeth ... do not meet the standard." We do know that the expression 4F (unfit for military service) was not widely used until World War II, but could it be that the origin of the expression "4F" started with the Civil War draftees—if you didn't have "four front teeth" you were not eligible to serve? Myth or fact?

—Robin L. Comeau

PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ARMY DENTISTRY, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

S-MILES TO GO

NEW MOBILE DENTAL UNIT HAS ARRIVED

S-miles To Go, SDM's outreach vehicle, has arrived and was put into service this fall. Its arrival was celebrated at two ribbon-cutting events in November at UB and in Chautauqua County, where the unit will make regular visits.

Constructed by LifeLine Mobile in Columbus, Ohio, the new unit is a 42-foot mobile, three-chair dental clinic built on a semi-trailer base and equipped for service to children at elementary schools in Chautauqua County. Features include a wheelchair lift, a panoramic X-ray unit, digital radiography, an intake/education area and electronic patient record. With increased capacity, the program also will conduct a pilot program in Erie County in the spring at several Buffalo Public Schools.



THE NEW VEHICLE was funded in large part through a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Significant contributions to the project also were received from the Ralph C. Sheldon Foundation and the Lenna Foundation. The School of Dental Medicine has been operating a mobile dental program in Chautauqua County at 24 sites for the past 15 years, averaging 3,100 patient visits each year.

The county is designated as a Dental Health Profession Shortage Area, with few dentists serving Medicaid-eligible patients. The *S-miles To Go* program will continue the school's efforts to overcome barriers to children seeking dental services, such as finding dental providers, transportation to the

provider's office, distance between the provider's office and the family's home, and parents who are unable to take time off from work.

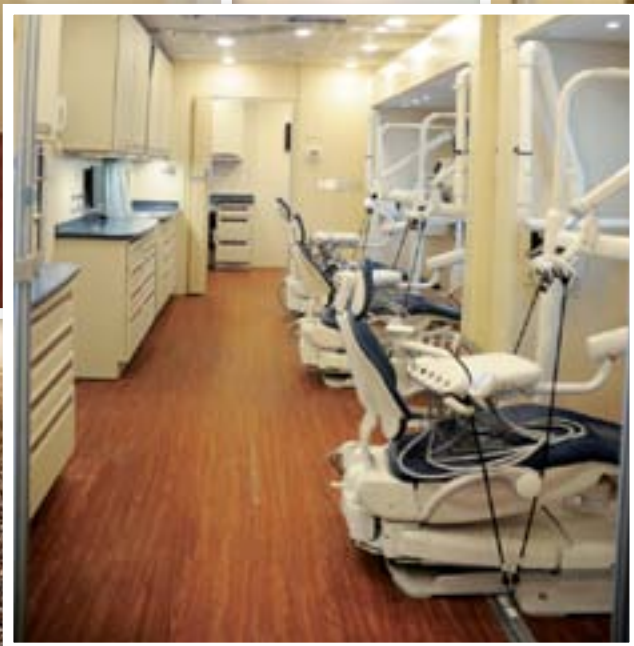
It will offer a full range of services, including preventive interventions, restorative treatment, referrals for acute cases and educational services.

"This was truly a team effort for the past 16 months to create this wonderful environment for the children to continue to receive great oral health services," says Pamela Jones, PhD '85, assistant dean, who served as project coordinator.

Thanks are due to many, but especially those staffing the clinic: Barbara Moore, '95, Pediatric Dentistry Cert. '97, clinic director; Michael Phillips, '95, Pediatric Dentistry Cert. '97, dentist; and Sarah

Caro-Barry, '11, AEGD Cert. '12, dentist; Lynne Ryan, dental hygienist; Deana Hazen, dental assistant; and James Harris, operations manager.

Thanks also go to individuals who facilitated the development, design and construction of the unit: Joseph Bernat, '73, Pediatric Dentistry Cert. '75, MS '83, HRSA grant principal investigator and chair of the Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry; James Harris, director of clinical business operations; Stephen Colombo, director of clinical operations; Paul Bell, information technology; Kevin Lizak, clinical dentistry; Jason Chwirut, academic services; Edward Morrison, marketing; and Donald Elick, UB Office of Corporate and Foundation Relations.





THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE CLASS OF 2016

comprises 90 dental students from more than 50 colleges and universities. Consistent with years past, the majority arrived with a collegiate background in biology, but a variety of other majors are represented, including business/finance, communication studies, management, mathematics, architecture and computer technology.

WELCOMING THE SDM CLASS OF 2016

CHRISTINA O'BRIEN IS CLOAKED BY DONALD ANTONSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS.,

23 ENROLLEES joined the Class of 2014 in May through the International Dentist Program. Seven of these students were from out of state and 16 were international, with 18 females among the class members. The average age is 29.



BRITTANY KRAFT, ENJOYING CONVERSATION WITH CLASSMATES DURING ORIENTATION.

SEVENTY-EIGHT PERCENT of the students are from New York State, while 17 percent hail from out of state; there are four Canadian students and one each from Korea and Tanzania. Five students are in the combined BS/DDS degree program and four are in the early assurance program. The remaining 81 students were selected from among 1,834 applicants. A few statistics for the Class of 2016: It is 47 percent female, the average age is 24 and the mean GPA is 3.28.

DEAN GLICK WITH STUDENT LANCE GUNTER, CLOAKED BY ANNE MEYER, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR RESEARCH. BELOW, STEVEN LEONIDAS RECEIVES HIS WHITE COAT.



A rigorous orientation was held for both groups, including welcomes, tours, presentations on student services and medical terminology, computer laptop and software training, supply distributions, social events and the beginning of classes. It culminated in Family Day on Aug. 10 as students—joined by their families, faculty, staff and upperclassmen—were welcomed into the dental profession at the **WHITE COAT CEREMONY**.



DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JOSHUA HUTTER, '05, CLOAKS DONNA SCOTT.

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Albarqawi
Maryam Mobarhan
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A FEW STUDENTS ARRIVED after spending time on another career path, like the enrollee who worked as a pharmaceutical sales representative before being nudged in the right direction; or the student who previously spent several years as a public school teacher in a tough Chicago neighborhood.

GREGG RIESS APPROVES OF ORIENTATION LUNCH.



ANSWERING THE CALL

SDM ALUMNI, STAFF AND STUDENTS RECALL VALUABLE EXPERIENCE
GAINED THROUGH MILITARY SERVICE

By DAVID J. HILL

WHILE EDGAR STANFORD WAS STUDYING IN COLLEGE IN BUFFALO IN THE EARLY 1940S, HIS BROTHER, JOSEPH, WAS FACING A FAR DIFFERENT, MORE TERRIFYING, SCENARIO ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE.

JOSEPH STANFORD HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE JAPANESE DURING THE FALL OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS. UPON HEARING THE NEWS, THOUGH, EDGAR DECIDED TO FOREGO HIS STUDIES AND ENLISTED IN THE NAVY IN THE HOPES THAT HE WOULD LOCATE HIS BROTHER. EDGAR BECAME A FIGHTER PILOT AND EARNED THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT, FLYING A NUMBER OF COMBAT MISSIONS. JOSEPH EVENTUALLY WOULD BE FREED IN 1945.

AFTER BEING SHOT DOWN AND RESCUED AT SEA, EDGAR SERVED AS A PILOT FOR NAVY RESCUE SQUADRON VH-3, WHICH RECEIVED A NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION FOR "SAVING THE LIVES OF 121 DOWNED AIRMEN ADRIFT AT SEA BY MAKING OPEN SEA LANDINGS IN SEAPLANES UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM ENEMY SHORE BATTERIES AND AIRCRAFT," ACCORDING TO HIS OBITUARY.

AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM THE WAR, EDGAR CONTINUED HIS STUDIES AND EARNED HIS DDS FROM UB'S DENTAL SCHOOL IN 1951. EDGAR PRACTICED IN KENMORE UNTIL 1991; HE DIED IN 2003 AT AGE 81.



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OF ARMY DENTISTRY,
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

THEN THERE'S WALTER SIELSKI, WHO AFTER GRADUATING FROM UB DENTAL OPENED A PRACTICE ON FILLMORE AVENUE IN BUFFALO IN 1935, ONLY TO CLOSE IT A FEW YEARS LATER TO SERVE IN THE ARMY DURING WORLD WAR II. ON D-DAY, SIELSKI WATCHED HIS LANDING CRAFT EXPLODE AS HE AND HIS TEAM MADE THEIR WAY ONTO OMAHA BEACH. ALONG THE WAY, HE HELPED CARRY HIS FRIEND, JOSEPH ZUMPARO OF YONKERS, WHEN THE WATER WAS TOO DEEP FOR THE SHORTER ZUMPARO.

REMARKABLE AS THESE TWO STORIES ARE, THEY ARE BUT A SMALL SAMPLING OF THE NUMEROUS—AND OFTEN HARROWING—TALES OF SDM ALUMNI AND STAFF WHO'VE PROUDLY SERVED IN THE MILITARY. IN FACT, UB'S SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE HAS A LONG AND RICH HISTORY OF DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SERVED, DATING BACK TO 1911 WITH THE CREATION OF THE U.S. ARMY DENTAL CORPS, A TEAM OF DENTAL SURGEONS WHO PERFORMED DENTAL WORK ON RECRUITS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE REJECTED FROM MILITARY SERVICE FOR DEFECTIVE TEETH.

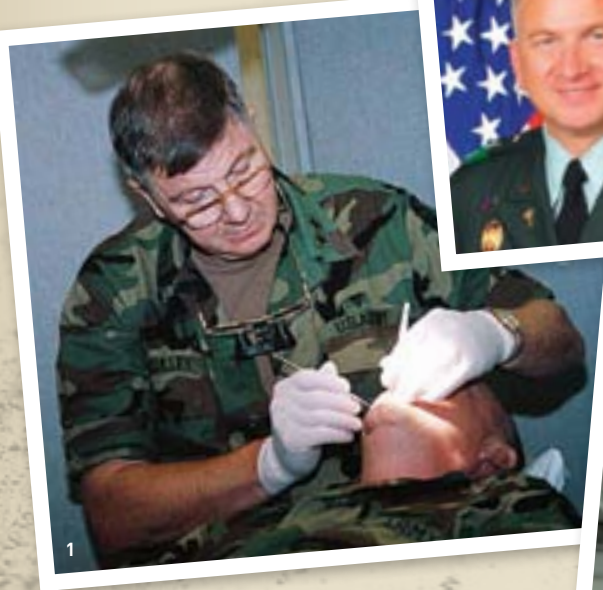
ON THE OCCASION OF THE 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE DENTAL CORPS, WE SHARE SOME STORIES OF THE IMPACT MILITARY SERVICE HAS HAD ON SDM AND THE DENTAL SCHOOL'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MILITARY SERVICE.

OVER THE PAST CENTURY, an impressive number of SDM alumni have attained prestigious ranks in the military, including a few flag rank officers, such as Patrick D. Sculley, '73, who retired from the U.S. Army in 2002 with the rank of major general. He served as deputy surgeon general of the Army, chief of the Army Dental Corps and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Medical Command. Another SDM alumnus, Russell J. Czerw, '87, led the Army Dental Corps from 2006 to 2010.

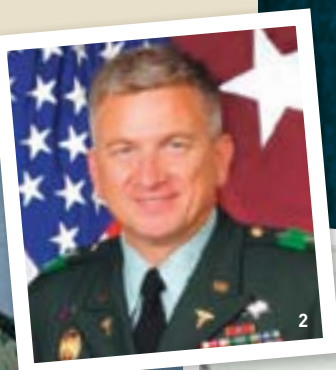
Roger Triftshauser, '61, a longtime supporter of the dental school, attained the rank of rear admiral (upper half) in the Navy. "I am proud to say I chose the Navy Dental Corps. I am also proud to say my naval career began right here at our school of dentistry," says Triftshauser, who serves as president of the Lee Coast Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America in Fort Myers/Sanibel, Fla.

Interestingly, the reasons for serving in the military aren't all that different for more recent graduates, such as Amie Heim, '12, than they were for UB alumni decades ago. Heim is a lieutenant with the 1st Dental Battalion/Naval Dental Center at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I chose to pursue dentistry in the military for many reasons," Heim says, adding that several family members, including her father and grandfather, served. "Their willingness to serve is something I have always admired. It is an honor to be given the opportunity to follow in their footsteps and a privilege to treat those who fight for our country."



1. MAJOR GEN. PATRICK D. SCULLEY, '73, WHO SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE U.S. ARMY DENTAL CORPS FROM 1999-2002. 2. MAJOR GEN. RUSSELL J. CZERW, '87, WHO SERVED AS CORPS CHIEF FROM 2006-10. 3. MAURICE VARON, '48, (FAR LEFT), WHOSE STORY APPEARS TO THE RIGHT OF THE PHOTO.



ALUMNI STORIES OF MILITARY SERVICE

Through emailed responses and research, we offer the following inspiring stories involving SDM alumni.



He served his country as a Naval officer over three decades with pride and dedication, including service as senior dental officer on board the USS Saratoga and as Chief of Oral Pathology at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology on the campus of Walter Reed Army Medical Center, for which he was awarded the Legion of Merit medal for outstanding performance of duty. He was among the first research investigators in the U.S. to apply the Scanning Electron Microscope to studies of biologic tissues.

From the obituary of
Capt. Seymour Hoffman, '45
U.S. Navy



I received a letter in 1951 from Selective Service directing me to volunteer. If I did not volunteer I would be drafted. ... My bride and I packed a couple of suitcases and went to Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. ... At the base we were given living quarters and a book, "The Air Officers' Guide." I was given a uniform allowance and directions to the clothing sales store. I bought summer and winter uniforms, socks and shoes, an Eisenhower jacket and silver First Lieutenant bars. I used the guide to show me where to place the bars, and how to return a salute. The Air Force wanted me to take care of the dental needs of the troops and wasted no time. I was assigned to a dental dispensary with another dentist, Lt. Larry Lang, from Indiana. ... He had accomplished three times as much as I did. And it was all first class. That was my first big lesson. I had thought that it was not possible to be both good and fast. After a few months there was a call for volunteers to serve in Japan. I raised my hand. A few months later my wife and I were living with a Japanese family in Nishi Ogikubo in the western part of Tokyo. I worked at the

Air Force hospital in Tachikawa, a short train ride away. It was a magic year, living in a world where people were always kind to us. The Dental Department had seventeen dentists and was run by Col. Edward McCue. For one month I was his assistant. I was amazed at how he could perform intricate surgery, and yet the following day the patient looked like nothing had happened. "My teacher told me, 'Treat the tissue like velvet,'" he explained.

Maurice Varon, '48
U.S. Air Force

Ellen Donohue, '13, will serve a three-year commitment in the Air Force after graduating in May. "I was prompted to serve because I am very thankful to live in a country where I have the option to fulfill any dream," she says. "I am humbled by the sacrifices of our military and their families, and consider it an honor to have the opportunity to help them take care of their health."

Each year, SDM students take their skills to the military. Over the past two decades, approximately 65 SDM students have entered military service either during or immediately upon graduating from dental school, including 20 in the three most recent graduating classes. The Navy and the Air Force are the two most popular branches, as nearly 75 percent of SDM grads have chosen either branch, while 25 percent have served in the Army, according to dental school records. Eleven percent of the SDM graduates who've served are women.

IMPACT ON THE SCHOOL

While military service clearly affected the students who enlisted, the armed forces also had an impact on the school itself. Perhaps nowhere is this more evident than a photo of a Class of 1947 that hangs among the other class photos on the third floor of Squire Hall. Every single graduate is pictured in a military uniform.



Barber joined the Army in 1942 and became a Teletype mechanic in the Signal Corps. He landed at Utah Beach during the Normandy Invasion and survived the Battle of the Bulge as well as combat in the Ardennes and the Rhineland only to be injured while riding a captured German motorcycle.

From the obituary of **Donald R. Barber, '51**

U.S. Army



During Army combat in Europe in 1944-45, Throm was wounded by a hand grenade, captured by Nazi soldiers and held in a prison camp. While pretending to pick up Red Cross food packages, he and two other soldiers escaped and hid in a church basement until American troops advanced and found them. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

From the obituary of **Charles M. Throm, '52**

U.S. Army

World War II caused a substantial drop in enrollment in the school. "From 1942 to 1945, most students were either in an Army or Navy reserve unit and had close order drill and other service duties under the direction of non-commissioned officers during the regular school day," notes a section in "Roots of Renown," a history of the UB dental school authored by Richard A. Powell, '49, a former associate dean and director of clinics who served as an officer in the U.S.

Marines during World War II. "As during World War I, many served overseas with distinguished records."

Among them was George D. Selfridge, '47, who rose to the rank of rear admiral in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps and served as chief of the Dental Corps before retiring from the service. After the military, Selfridge served as dean of the School of



One of my most precious memories was being on Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C., in 1956 when President "Ike" was inaugurated. I could almost touch him as his car went by, and also going to several inaugural parties that night. Would I do it again? By all means!

Ret. Col. Salvator J. LaMastra, '55

U.S. Air Force



I joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1955 with the rank of Ensign while still in the third year of dental school. Upon graduation I was given the rank of LT JG and assigned to the dental clinic at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. My duties, along with about eight other recent dental school graduates, were to serve on the so-called "amalgam line," where we saw eight to 10 patients a day, primarily for restorative dentistry. ... All in all, I enjoyed my experience in the Navy Dental Corps. In addition to gaining valuable clinical experience, I had many very interesting experiences, met many interesting people, and learned much about the U.S. Navy.

Norman Mohl, '56

U.S. Navy

Dentistry at Washington University in St. Louis.

The war, as one could imagine, had a pronounced effect on SDM students. Subsequent classes consisted of service veterans who harbored a no-nonsense attitude.

"After fighting the Germans and the Japanese, they wanted to learn in a hurry and were a bit overbearing to young faculty," according to a passage from "Roots of Renown." The classes also were cut short a year due to the war. Students entering the school in 1947 enrolled in the traditional four-year curriculum.



I was an Indian school dentist most of the time, but traveled to five Indian pueblos along the Rio Grande River. My patients were comprised of school children at the school and the pueblos. ... The Pueblo people are largely an agrarian community and good natured. ... It was an honor to be there. We were welcomed into their homes and to see the traditional Indian dances of the seasons. To see the American west 55 years ago was the thrill of a lifetime. The grandeur, beauty and vastness of the United States is not duplicated anywhere else in the world.

Joseph A. LaNasa, '57

U.S. Public Health Service



After graduating from Elmira Free Academy, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in September 1946, training with the Underwater Demolition Team, known today as the U.S. Navy Seals. During the Korean War, Jack fought at the Battle of the Chosin Reservoir under the command of Col. "Chesty" Puller, and was presented the Navy Commendation Medal for Valor by the Colonel himself.

From the obituary of **John J. "Jack" Aber, '59**

U.S. Navy

'A GREAT HONOR' TO SERVE

Dozens of SDM alumni, faculty and staff have served via the Dental Corps, including four alumni who in 1918 were members of U.S. Army Dental Co. No. 1 in Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. At that time, the Army surgeon general requested that each dental school in the U.S. provide four new graduates for dental service. Sheridan Waite was among the men chosen by SDM Dean Daniel Squire.

"A letter from the War Department arrived July 25 [1918] calling for active duty and another on August 16 with reporting orders in 5 or 6 days," Waite wrote. "Dental Company No. 1 was a busy camp on my arrival at Camp Greenleaf. The flu epidemic had hit the camp and I noticed the flag was at half mast, not a good welcome."

Since World War I, many alums have found a rewarding calling in the Dental Corps.

"It was a great honor to lead the Army dental care system," Sculley says from his home in San Antonio, Texas. Sculley became the Army Dental Corps' 23rd chief, serving from 1998 to 2002. At the same time, he was the Army's deputy surgeon general and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

In 2009, he became executive dean of the Postgraduate Dental College at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences



Considering that I was only 18 years old when I enlisted in the Army, being overseas was an experience that had a tremendous influence on molding my personality. It was sort of a family tradition to "join up" after high school and go to college afterwards. My older brother was a Korean War veteran, and my younger brother went into the Navy a year after I joined the Army. While stationed in Germany, I seized the opportunity to see most of Europe. It made me realize how fortunate and proud I was to be an American.

Gerald Suess, '72

U.S. Army



I joined the Army voluntarily after dental school since I was not sure if I wanted to be a general dentist or specialist. After going through basic training I was assigned to a military unit in Schweinfurt, Germany, which was a town on the border with East Germany at a time when the Berlin Wall had just been erected, not only in Berlin but also separating East Germany from West Germany. I joined the Army because two of my uncles had served in the Army and I had a strong respect for them. They were a source of encouragement to me.

Sebastian G. Ciancio, '61,
SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, UB School of Dental Medicine

U.S. Army



He served in the Army's Third Infantry, the Old Guard, in Washington, D.C., from 1950 to 1961 as a member of the Presidential Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery. Dr. Jauch's last major ceremony while in the Army was the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

From the obituary of **David E. Jauch, '68**

U.S. Army



WORLD WAR I NAVY DENTAL FIELD KIT, DISPLAYED IN GEORGE W. FERRY DENTAL MUSEUM, SQUIRE HALL.

in Bethesda, Md., where he is also vice president for university programs.

Sculley says he took great pride in the opportunity he had to empower individuals below his command to flourish and develop their skills, including people like Czerw, whom Sculley promoted to colonel.

"I've been given opportunities beyond my wildest imagination," Sculley says of his time in the Army, which allowed him to serve in the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association and become board-certified in both comprehensive dentistry and oral medicine.

"I had a great academic and clinical background from UB," Sculley adds. "I certainly wasn't behind any of my colleagues, and I was able to rapidly build on that foundation."

The leadership positions Sculley held during his dental school days prepared him for many of the leadership roles he would assume upon joining the Army.

Sculley says the Army Dental Corps offers dental students a wealth of unique opportunities and challenges. "You're going to be pushed to be the best you can. The Army Dental Corps lives that slogan," he says. "There are wonderful opportunities for education, travel, peer practice and leadership that can set you up for tremendous success, not only while serving, but throughout the rest of your life."

While the Dental Corps has undergone various changes over the past 100 years, its mission, Sculley says, has remained



I entered the Navy as an Ensign (in 1960), retired as a Captain and can truly say I enjoyed every day of my active duty career. I don't remember why I joined the Navy, but do not regret it.

Ed Monaco, '75, clinical assistant professor, Restorative Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine

U.S. Navy



My first assignment on active duty was as a new major at Ft. Bragg. I spent two years jumping out of airplanes, traveling worldwide and treating the finest soldiers in the world. (I also met my husband there!) ... Needless to say, the most challenging was deploying the dental unit (35 dentists and 73 auxiliary personnel) to Iraq for one year. This year was bittersweet in that the family separation was difficult but the professional and personal development could not have been gained anywhere else.

Dianne Pannes, '94

U.S. Army



Remembrances: Four months of fun in a live minefield on-board the minesweeper USS Adroit off the coast of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm, 1991. The Navy certainly kept its promise when it said "Join the Navy, see the world." Getting an email from some guy named Petraeus shortly after this little ole Reservist from Buffalo reported to NATO headquarters in Kabul!

Kurt Winter, assistant to the chair, Oral Biology

U.S. Navy



I wanted to do my part and use my new skills to help those who are risking their lives for the rest of us. This non-financial benefit was important to me. I also feel that the Army is a great place to hone your skills as a dentist with top-notch facilities and an enormous dental need. My grandfather, Lester Bardwell, flew dirigibles over South America during World War II. He did not live long enough to see me enter military service and I would like for him to know that he was a strong influence in my participation.

Rick Hill, '15

U.S. Army



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the same. "The basic mission hasn't changed, and that's to maintain the dental readiness of the force," he says, adding that the Dental Corps played a significant role in advancing the field of dentistry.

Czerw writes in the forward to a history of U.S. Army dentistry, published in 2007: "Today, our great Army Dental Corps remains a lynchpin of Army readiness as we practice dentistry and serve with distinction as soldiers and officers supporting the global war on terrorism."

Dental officers certainly have come a long way over the past century. "The dental profession really came of age when dental officers became commissioned in 1911," Sculley says.

S.W. Foster, an Atlanta dentist, noted the elevated status of dentistry in an address he delivered in April 1918 at the annual meeting of the Mississippi State Dental Association and reprinted in *The Dental Cosmos*.

"When [World War I] burst upon Europe in 1914, the position of the dental surgeon in our Army was that of contract dentist," Foster said in his speech. "Today, Congress has honored him with rank and emoluments equal to those of the medical profession. This recognition, which the dental profession has sought for in vain in the years past, has been given by reason of the splendid work done toward the relief of the injured."

UB's dental school has taken great pride in the military contributions of its alumni. Pride in both military service and dentistry runs deep for many SDM alumni, and the experiences they enjoyed as dental officers stick with them long after they leave military service. "I realize today many young dentists are not interested in the service. They not only miss a great opportunity for professional growth, they also lose out on great leadership development," says Michael W. Gawkins, '62.

"I can honestly say that as proud as I am of my DDS from the University of Buffalo, I just as greatly value my commission and honorable discharge," Gawkins adds. "They both were framed next to each other in my office during my 48 years of practice."



MEMBERS OF THE UB STUDENT ARMY TRAINING CORPS STAND IN FORMATION AT FORT PORTER IN BUFFALO, N.Y., IN 1918.

THE STORY OF STEVE GUTTENBERG AND LIFELONG BONDS

D.C. DENTIST MAKES \$1 MILLION BEQUEST TO SDM



When Steve Guttenberg, DDS '69 & BA '65, got together with UB friends in Washington, D.C., to break the Yom Kippur fast this year, the meal started with pieces of the challah he'd baked, as it has all the years they've gathered. Marriage and children have swelled the core group—which includes Marc Doctors, DDS '71, Dan Deutsch, DDS '71, and Wolf Blitzer, BA '70—to more than 50. A second-generation celebrant told Guttenberg that every year of his life he's broken the fast with a piece of his challah.



And you can be sure it's good. Among his other avocations (orchids and photography), Guttenberg is an excellent cook, good enough to have cooked for one of Buffalo's two French restaurants when he was a dental student.

Guttenberg maintains a busy practice as director of the Washington Institute for Mouth, Face and Jaw Surgery on K Street. He is chairman of the training and education committee of the oral surgery residency program at the Washington Hospital Center, where he trained as an oral surgeon from 1971-74 after serving in the Army Dental Corps. Guttenberg is a past president of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He has a list of awards and honors as long as his arm, and this year he published "Comesis of the Mouth, Face and Jaws" (Wiley-Blackwell).

A double twist of fate put Guttenberg on the path toward oral surgery. He was on his way home to Buffalo on Feb. 28, 1968, from the funeral of a classmate, Donald Kozlowski, who'd died in a snowmobile accident, when the car he was riding in skidded on ice and crashed near Utica, N.Y.

Guttenberg suffered broken arms, a broken back, a broken jaw and other injuries. He spent a month in a Utica hospital. During the long stay, he became interested in the rhythms of the hospital world and the work of the surgeons. Guttenberg, whose father was a dental technician with a lab in Passaic, N.J., had intended to be a general dentist or a prosthodontist. He's still proud of winning the George Snow Prize in Fixed Prosthodontics at UB.

Guttenberg came to UB as an undergraduate because he wanted to go to dental school. He formed bonds as an undergraduate and a dental student that he thinks are special to Buffalo and UB. Now he's supporting the school with a \$1 million bequest. "Because of my education, my life has been enriched in so many ways, with the great professional opportunities, with the great friends I made. I feel an obligation to give back."

When Guttenberg was lying in the hospital, Richard Powell, the tough-as-nails dean of students, assigned a student to take notes in all the classes and lectures he was missing—comprehensive notes in clear handwriting—and that got him through the year on time. Looking back, he still feels "blessed" by the way the school rallied around him. He wants to pass that on.

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STEVE GUTTENBERG, NOW—AND THEN!

— Judson Mead

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School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

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(9 A.M. TO NOON)

Forensic Dentistry: Current Perspectives (with live demos)

Ray Miller, DDS, Mary Bush, DDS, and Mr. Peter Bush

UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$95
NONMEMBER: \$125
TEAM MEMBER: \$65
3 CE HRS

DEC. 13
(6 TO 9 P.M.)

UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB Fixed Prosthodontics

Carlo Ercoli, DDS

SINGLE MEETING ATTENDANCE: \$295
3 CE HRS

DEC. 14
(8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Head & Neck Anatomy and Implant Placement Cadaver Workshop

Charles Severin, MD, PhD, and Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

TUITION: \$1,500
Enrollment limited to 15
7 CE HRS

FEB. 28
(6 TO 9 P.M.)

UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB Regenerative Materials / Techniques with Hands-On Socket Preservation & Sinus Augmentation Workshop

Kate Kolthoff, Certified Tissue Bank Specialist

SINGLE MEETING ATTENDANCE: \$295
3 CE HRS

APRIL 12
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Practical Periodontal Therapy: Save the Tooth or What's Next

Faculty: Sebastian Ciano, DDS, and Othman Shibly, DDS

UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$175
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$225
TEAM MEMBER: \$95
6 CE HRS

APRIL 19
(8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)

ANNUAL NYSSO MEETING

Hotel Albany

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6 CE HRS

APRIL 19
(NOON TO 5 P.M.)

1ST ANNUAL UB DENTAL / 8TH DISTRICT CONFERENCE: CE PROGRAM & VENDOR EXPO

Current Concepts in Dental Therapy

Drs. Glick, Ciano and Genco

UB South Campus
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3 CE HRS

APRIL 26
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Porcelain Veneers Workshop

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MAY 2-3
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

By DAVID J. HILL

Whether they are recent graduates or veteran faculty members, attendees of the annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting can find something of interest and value.

The 2012 installment, the 35th edition of the meeting, was no different, drawing thousands of dental practitioners to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center from Oct. 3-5 for engaging lectures on cutting-edge procedures, dental office equipment displays and, of course, one of the biggest draws, the UB School of Dental Medicine's alumni reunion events. The UB Dental Alumni Association sponsors the annual convention, which includes continuing education courses and information booths featuring more than 100 exhibitors.

For many, the Buffalo Niagara meeting offers all the substance of the larger dental conventions around the country with the added bonus of convenience. "Over the years, they've had some very good, nationally recognized speakers," says Joseph Zambon, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor in SDM's Department of Periodontics and Endodontics. "It's a good opportunity for local practitioners to be exposed to national speakers on a variety of topics without having to go to Chicago, Los Angeles or New York City."

This year, a diverse group of speakers—including several SDM alumni—hailing both from the region and from afar offered 30 courses in lecture and hands-on formats that appealed to dentists, dental students and dental staff members.

The speakers, courses and camaraderie are just some of the reasons Joseph Breloff, '75, has been coming to the meeting for three decades. "The people who organize this—everything is so efficient and run so smoothly. It's two to three days of continuing education, socializing and learning. It's why I haven't missed it for 30 years," says Breloff, who as a practice transition consultant at Jim Kasper Associates also helped staff the company's exhibit booth. There's also the enjoyment of catching up with classmates and seeing colleagues in dentistry from around the area. "It's been fantastic," says Breloff. "There's a real close bond and camaraderie with people who go to UB."

For many, like SDM's Zambon, the event serves as an avenue for seeing some familiar old faces. "I'll go in and see classmates I haven't seen in a while. People will come up to the school to take a look around and see what's changed," Zambon says, adding, "It's always nice to see former students come back."

The meeting offered several opportunities to connect with colleagues and former classmates, including the Wednesday evening opening night celebration, the "Remember When" reception for reunion classes, and the reunion dinner dance in the Hyatt Hotel.

The reunion dinner dance also provided the venue for salutes to the school's featured classes, with remarks provided by master of ceremonies Raymond Miller, '85, and presentation of the Honor and Humanitarian awards by SDM Alumni Association president Joshua Hutter, '05. In addition, longtime alumni office staff member Marilyn Sulzbach was surprised to receive a Distinguished Service award following a wonderful introduction by Stanley Zak, '76.

All in all, the food was great, the camaraderie was wonderful, and the final surprise of the night came when Major Gen. (ret.) Russell Czerw, '87, joined the band to sing his rendition of Louis Armstrong's "What a Wonderful World."

Next year's meeting is scheduled for Sept. 25-27 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.



HONOR AWARD

William R. Calnon, '78

William R. Calnon has been actively involved in advancing dentistry his entire career. Before he became president of the American Dental Association, he completed a four-year term on the ADA Board of Trustees representing the dentists of New York. He was a member of the Council on Dental Practice and served on key committees and subcommittees. Calnon is past president of the New York State Dental Association, the Seventh District Dental Society and Monroe County Dental Society. In addition, he is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He served on the New York State Board of Dentistry for nine years and chaired its Committee on Licensure. Calnon graduated magna cum laude from the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University and received his dental degree cum laude from UB in 1978. He is a partner in Calnon & Cilano, DDS, PC, a general dental practice in Rochester. He currently serves as interim director of the Eastman Institute of Oral Health, as well as

acting chair of the Department of Dentistry at the University of Rochester. Calnon lives in Spencerport, N.Y., with his wife, Mary Kay. They have two sons, Christopher, '08, a dentist in the same practice, and Timothy, who is in his fourth year at the School of Dental Medicine.



WILLIAM CALNON, '78, RIGHT, WITH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT JOSHUA HUTTER, '05.



HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Michael N. Hatton, '82

Michael Hatton came from humble beginnings, the son of poorly educated immigrant stock from Northern Europe. He was the first person in his family to graduate high school. He attended Chaminade High School in Mineola, N.Y., a Catholic college prep school for boys, which changed his life immeasurably for the positive. After high school, he became a professional "on the road" musician, and then worked for several years as a commercial fisherman. At the ripe age of 28, Hatton went on to graduate from Long Island University, C.W. Post College with a bachelor's degree in biology.

While starting in a graduate program in molecular genetics, he had a conversation with the late Robert Gorlin, a giant in the field of syndromes of the head and neck. Gorlin convinced Hatton to enter dentistry, with the goal of becoming an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. He graduated from the UB School of Dental Medicine in 1982. He received his master's degree in oral medicine in 1986 from UB, and completed specialty training in oral and maxillofacial surgery and board certification in 1988 and 1989 respectively. Hatton is currently a clinical associate professor in SDM's Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences. He has also been in the private practice of oral and maxillofacial surgery for nearly 25 years, and has more than 30 publications in scientific literature. Hatton recently started a course in physical diagnosis at the dental school, which now teaches second-year dental students how to examine the head and neck, cardio-pulmonary, abdominal systems and neuroextremities—similar to what a medical student learns. Hatton is the first dental instructor at the new Behling Simulation Center at UB. He trains medical and dental groups using the latest innovative "immersion-based" learning methodology.

Hatton was recently elected secretary/treasurer of the honorary dental fraternity Omicron Kappa Upsilon, Lambda Lambda Chapter. He has participated in several BOCA missions and local charitable clinics as part of the dental school. He holds advanced "black belts" in two martial arts, is an active scuba diver, an ocean sailor, and holds a 100-ton merchant marine license, in addition to being a ham radio operator.

He is married to Elizabeth R. Hatton, who is a family medicine physician in Amherst, N.Y. Elizabeth is also a teaching faculty member in the departments of Family Medicine and Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

The Hattons are most proud of raising eight children, four of whom have served in this nation's military, with a few more ready to join.



MICHAEL HATTON, RIGHT, WITH JOSHUA HUTTER.



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Marilyn Sulzbach

Marilyn Sulzbach was presented with a Distinguished Service Award from the UB Dental Alumni Association and the UB School of Dental Medicine at the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM) in October. The award was in recognition of her outstanding dedication, commitment and support.

Sulzbach has worked at UB for 28 years. Until 1993, she worked with Norman Corah and Elliot Gale in the Department of Behavioral Sciences, and with Norman Mohl and others in the Department of Oral Medicine. She then moved to the school's alumni office, supporting the Dental Alumni Association and the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. Over the past 20 years, more staff has been added as activities have increased, but Sulzbach has been the one constant.

"Marilyn has had the best interests of the alumni association in mind all the time she has worked for us," says Paul Di Benedetto, '79, committee chair of the BNDM. "She guided all of the alumni presidents as to important dates, letters to write, meetings to attend and correct protocol. I also feel privileged to have worked so closely with her for the BNDM. She has been with us every step of the way as the convention grew to what it is today—upstate's premier dental event. She has been our representative on the phone or in person with our members, exhibitors, the convention center and especially with the school administration. She has always handled herself in a most professional manner. Virtually everyone in the Western New York dental community knows Marilyn, and because she has positively touched so many of us, our recognition of her is well deserved."

Although she passed the torch as executive secretary to Sherry Szarowski in 2010, Sulzbach remains a vital member of the alumni office staff and is co-editor of UB Dentist magazine.

"Marilyn has been an excellent mentor for me," says Szarowski.

"She models dedication and loyalty, and shows great concern for the welfare and success of the alumni and the school, always placing their interests first. The respect that alums and the school community have for her is always evident. She has been so generous with her time to teach me this job. She means so much to all of us."



MARILYN SULZBACH IS SURROUNDED BY STAFF AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

REUNION CHAIRS

By DAVID J. HILL

REFLECT ON SDM DAYS

Of his time in dental school, Michael Hess, '72, still remembers one time in particular, a moment that quickly laid the foundation for his attitude toward patients. It was during his first lecture in a gross anatomy course taught by Dr. O.P. Jones, an intimidating and highly respected instructor in the school.

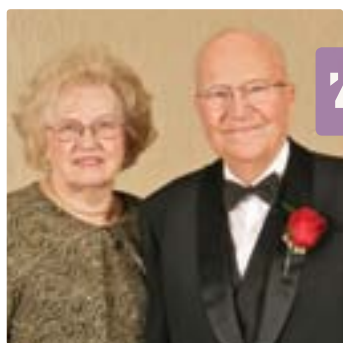
"He lifted up his finger and pointed at all the freshman medical and dental students and said, 'Don't ever forget: You'll be given a license to treat other human beings. Treat that privilege with respect.' I thought that was pretty

powerful and it really set the tone for me as far as how I treat patients today," says Hess, Class of '72 reunion committee chair.

Alumni from across the decades surely shared similar stories over the first few days in October at the annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, the area's largest meeting of dental professionals and exhibitors. UB Dentist sought out a few SDM alumni to share their

that Powell, a former Marine, "ran the school like a battlefield," while Feagans placed greater emphasis on research. "They were strong leaders, two standard-bearers," says Hess.

He operates a practice in Lockport, where he grew up. Dentistry has enabled him to pass many opportunities on to his family, including his children and 11 grandchildren. "My New York State license plate says it all," Hess says, adding that it spells out "A great family."



CELIA AND ROBERT GARTLER, '47.

experiences and advice for SDM students.

In addition to Jones, Hess fondly recalls two leaders of the school during his time: first Richard Powell and then Dean William Feagans, who offered Hess a part-time teaching position immediately after graduation. "The combination of their strengths meant so much to us," Hess says, noting

'62



'57





'72

He adds that he's been blessed to have enjoyed long-term relationships with several of his classmates, most notably Peter Mascari and his wife, Robyn, and the late Robert Smith.

Asked what advice he'd offer SDM students, Hess says: "I would say they need to enjoy what they are doing, whether it's clinical dentistry, research or teaching, and remember that they do have the privilege of helping others and they should respect that privilege and wear it as a badge of honor."

Mark Mahaney, '82, also has enjoyed a long and rewarding career in dentistry. He can look back on his dental school days at UB and say now with certainty that while it might not have seemed worthwhile at the time, those long hours truly paid off.

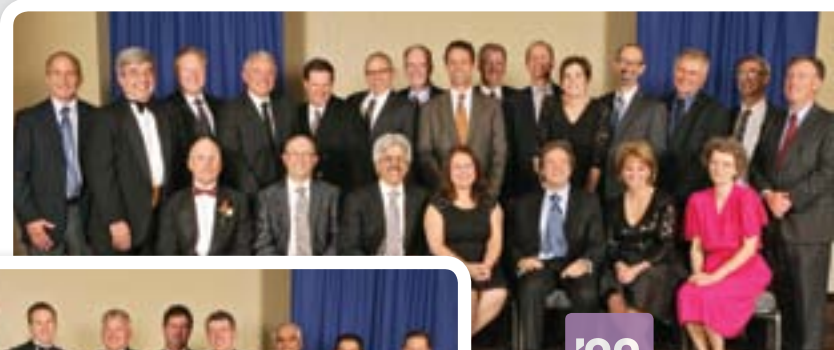
That's the advice he offers to current SDM students. "It's a lot of hard work, but if you stick with it, it's a very rewarding career," Mahaney says. "Dentistry is a wonderful profession. I wondered sometimes if it was worth it, but it turned out to be."

Mahaney, who chairs the Class of 1982 reunion committee, said he looks forward to the reunion events that are planned each year around the meeting. "Just the feeling of camaraderie with fellow classmates. It lasts to this day," says Mahaney, who operates a practice in Lockport. "We pick up right where we left off. You can go decades without seeing someone and feel like we're still friends at the reunion."

Alfred Falcone, '47, also recently shared some fond memories of his dental school days, including this slightly different memory of O.P. Jones: "He occasionally gave an unannounced 10-minute quiz to the assembled class. Papers were turned in and corrected. The top grade was about 70, so if one got a 45 he was doing well. One day when the papers were returned and the questions reviewed, Leonard Fox noted an error and thought he should have a better grade. He went up to Dr. Jones and

pointed out the error. Dr. Jones said, 'Leave your paper with me and I'll go over it.' When Leonard got his paper back the grade was much lower than before. Lesson learned: Do not mess with Dr. Jones."

Joseph LaNasa, '57, recalls his SDM days when he carpooled to school each day with a few other students who all lived on



'82



'87

Buffalo's West Side. "One of the fellas asked me to be a study partner. I said I wasn't a particularly good student, but I'd do it. If it wasn't for him, I don't know if I'd be a dentist now. We studied hard, repeated stuff, quizzed each other," says LaNasa, whose nephew, Joseph Modica, '82, operates the Williamsville practice LaNasa owned until his retirement in 2001.

To current dental students, LaNasa says, "I suggest they absorb as much as possible and don't try to shortchange yourself—take advantage of all the knowledge afforded you."

JOHN CANNEY, '52, AND VINCENT JAGODZINSKI, '52, JOIN MICHAEL VALERIO, '14, WHO PROVIDED MUSIC AT THE REUNION DINNER.

ClassNotes

Irving Plutzer, '45, reports that he is great-grandfather to Caleb Mallo. Plutzer and his wife, Ethel, will be celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary on April 18, 2013. He is looking forward to his 70th reunion being held during the 2015 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting.

William B. Maher, '63, and his wife, Dawn, were presented the Hilbert College Medal for their enduring humanitarian efforts and resolute commitment to the impoverished people of the Dominican Republic. Maher is a retired oral and maxillofacial sur-

geon; his wife is a surgical assistant and currently a client service manager at Scheff Thompson Cress Investment Group.

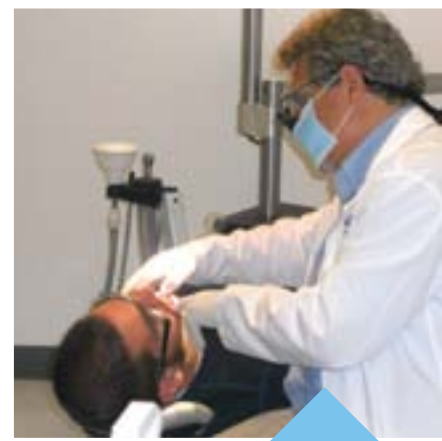


HALLIWELL-KEMP

Northtowns Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery welcomed **Tara Halliwell-Kemp, '05**, to the practice.

Halliwell-Kemp, a Buffalo native, completed her bachelor of science degree at Canisius College and received her medical and dental degrees and oral and maxillofacial surgery training at UB.

Lisa DeLucia, '08, teaches pediatric dentistry residents at URM's Eastman Institute for Oral Health, and is a faculty member for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (LEND) Fellowship program in hopes of inspiring another generation of oral health providers to care for this population. She also has a private practice in Webster, N.Y. DeLucia completed a pediatric dentistry residency at Children's Hospital in Boston and Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and became a Diplomate of the American



Al Cantos, '81, was appointed director of the Screening Clinic at the dental school May 1. He had been acting director since August 2011.

InMemoriam

Hubert W. Merchant, '42, died Jan. 14, 2012. He was 91.

Michael T. Phillips, '49, of Norwich, Conn., died Sept. 26, 2012, at age 90. He interrupted his education at the University of Connecticut as a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, waived his college deferment and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in December 1941. He was a first lieutenant in the 401st Bombardment Group, and flew as navigator of the lead B-17 "I'll Be Seeing You" in 25 missions over Germany and five over France and Belgium. His name is inscribed on the Wall of Liberty, European Theater of Operation, World War II. After UB, he returned to Norwich to practice dentistry. He was a 61-year member of the Connecticut State Dental Association, and he was bestowed a Life Membership in the American Dental Association.

Burton H. Singer, '49, a retired dentist, World War II veteran and retired colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, died Aug. 13, 2012, in Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital in Buffalo. He was 89. During World War II, he served as a medical assistant on the USS Comfort, a hospital ship, in the Pacific Theater. He was awarded the World War II Victory Medal,

American Campaign Medal and Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. After completing dental school, he opened a practice in Buffalo. He later opened an office in Kenmore with his twin brother, Eugene. Singer was sworn in as a major in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1968 and retired as a colonel in 1983.

Robert Silsbee, '51, died at the Syracuse Veterans Hospital on May 29, 2012. He was 88. In his life's work as a dentist, he dedicated himself to promoting and practicing modern dental techniques and procedures. He was known for his consummate professionalism and his complete commitment to the health of those whom he treated as patients and thought of as friends. He served in the Army in World War II from March 1943 to February 1946 and after receiving an honorable discharge, studied dentistry on the GI Bill at Baylor University and UB.

Rosario V. Triolo, '51, died July 20, 2012.

Charles John Foss, '52, died March 4, 2012. He was 86. Foss joined the Navy at the start of World War II, when he was 17. He served in the Pacific Theater aboard the USS George Clymer until February 1946. Upon returning to the States, he went back to high school

for his diploma and received his DDS degree from UB. Instead of dentistry, Foss went into business with his father-in-law and became a Chevrolet dealer in the Bronx, N.Y. He retired in 1980.

Christy M. Feneck, '53, died July 27, 2012, at age 92. He retired from dentistry after practicing for 27 years in New York, California and Florida.

Robert A. Olsen, '53, of Lansingburgh, N.Y., died on July 19, 2012. He was 91. Olsen enlisted in the Navy in 1944 and served until 1946, serving aboard the USS John R. Pierce DD 753. He served on the Third District Dental Society Executive Committee for 25 years, 19 years as treasurer, and was the second recipient of the Dr. David E. Hunn Award for Dedication to Perfection of Dentistry. He was a member of the American Dental Association and the New York State Dental Association, and was selected by his peers for election to the American College of Dentists.

Douglas W. Moran, '55, of Whitesboro, N.Y., died June 7, 2012, at age 86.

Jarvis E. Hyzer, '56, of Otego, N.Y., and Vero Beach, Fla., died July 7, 2012. Hyzer served



Mike Hatton ('82; MS Oral Sciences, '86; GPR, '88; Cert. in Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, '88)

was appointed director of the Urgent Care Clinic in the dental school, effective May 1. He had been acting director since August 2011.



Board of Pediatric Dentistry and an active member of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, among others. She returned to her native Rochester to complete the LEND Fellowship, which allowed her to gain additional experience in care for people with developmental disabilities, especially with policy issues affecting their access to health care. Since then, she's been a staunch advocate by not only treating patients with intellectual dis-

abilities, but also by educating other providers in order to increase their comfort level in caring for and awareness of this severely underserved population.

Khaled Shaikhi (MS in Oral Sciences, '12; Cert. in Oral Pathology, '12) became a fellow of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology after successfully passing the fellowship examination at the annual meeting of the AAOMP in Minneapolis in June.

the local community as a dentist for 40 years before retiring in 1994. He was a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Society of UB and the Sixth District Dental Society. He was also a captain in the U.S. Army.

Edward J. Downes, '58, former president of the New York State Dental Association, died June 12, 2012. He was 78. Downes practiced general dentistry in Albany for 47 years. As president of the New York State Dental Association, he revitalized the Empire Dental Political Committee and created the New York State Dental Foundation.

Charles M. Morreale, '63, of Fairport, N.Y., died Sept. 22, 2012.

John R. Boulé, '64, of Plattsburgh, N.Y., died Dec. 26, 2011. He was 73. Like his father and brother before him, he pursued a career in dentistry. Boulé returned to Plattsburgh in the summer of 1964 with his wife to join his father and brother at Boulé Family Dentistry until his retirement in 2007. He served in the United States Army Reserves from 1964-69 with the 310th Army Field Hospital.

Ted Aspes, '71, died at home in Atlanta on Aug. 29, 2012, after a valiant fight against

brain cancer. He was 66. He served as a captain in the Air Force at Moody Air Force Base in Valdosta, Ga. In 1975, he moved to Atlanta and established his practice in Smyrna, Ga., where he worked for more than 33 years. Though best known for Julia Roberts' smile, he treated thousands of patients during his career and was honored to be treating the children of many of his former patients.

Elliot L. Kaminitz, '72, died June 20, 2012.

He was 65. After dental school, he was commissioned in the Navy and spent his last tour of duty in Newport, R.I., where he decided to stay and raise his family. Kaminitz practiced dentistry for more than 40 years in Newport.

Larry Michael Rubin, '72, died July 13, 2012, at age 65, following a long illness. Rubin served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force from 1972-74. He practiced dentistry in Rotterdam, N.Y., for 33 years.

Robert E. Smith, '73, of Milford, Conn., died Aug. 6, 2012, after a brief illness. Smith practiced dentistry in the Milford/Derby area for nearly 40 years.

JOSEPH EDWARD MARGARONE JR., '62

An oral surgeon and a former department chairman in UB's dental school, Margarone, of West Seneca, died July 24, 2012. He was 75. He served as chair of UB's oral and maxillofacial surgery department from 1983-97 and was instrumental in creating a program with the medical school to train oral surgeons as physicians. In addition to his private practice, he was a clinical instructor and a clinical assistant professor at UB. With Ugo Covani, he established the annual surgical anatomy and advanced implantology course at UB for visiting dentists from Italy. Fluent in Italian, he also lectured on dental topics in Italy during a sabbatical in 1985. He was director of the UB oral and maxillofacial surgery training program and director of the oral surgery training program at Buffalo General Hospital. He was the first dentist to serve as president of the medical and dental staff at Buffalo General.

Q&A

A CONVERSATION WITH Mark Wrobel

An innovative new interprofessional partnership between SDM and UB's School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences is allowing dentists and pharmacists at UB to work more closely than ever before—all with an eye toward providing better patient care.

Under the new partnership, which began in June 2012, a member of the UB Pharmacy faculty and a fourth-year pharmacy student are available to support patient care in the dental school's clinics, providing a unique opportunity for students in both disciplines to learn from one another.

Mark Wrobel, PharmD '05, is heading up the program. This is Wrobel's seventh year at UB. Prior to that, he completed a one-year postgraduate ambulatory pharmacy care residency at Lifetime Health Medical Group in West Seneca.

This interprofessional partnership offers a number of benefits in the clinics, including the opportunity for in-person and written pharmacy consultations with DDS students providing patient care, as well as real-time answers to medication-related questions and helping dental students with counseling techniques and prescription writing.

Wrobel answered a few questions about the new program.

What is your involvement with the dental school?

I was given a faculty appointment as a clinical assistant professor at SDM. I'm in the clinic providing consultative services, answering any questions that may arise from students, patients or faculty. My students and I do this either by providing them with immediate answers or, if the question requires some researching, through our newsletter distributed to all third- and fourth-year DDS students and faculty, usually twice monthly.

How many days a week will you be in Squire Hall?

My teaching responsibilities at the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences sometimes take me away from Squire Hall, but I'm usually there at least twice a week and sometimes three, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, when the clinic is busiest. When I have pharmacy students on their fourth-year clinical rotations with me, they are at the clinic most days of the week.

What is unique about this arrangement between SDM and the pharmacy school?

Honestly, it's probably the only one of its kind in the country. Other dental schools do have relationships with pharmacy students and faculty where they provide consultation services within a large

multidisciplinary clinic, but there are none to my knowledge where a pharmacist is a dedicated faculty member and clinic resource like we have at SDM.

How beneficial is it to have a pharmacist working alongside the DDS students?

It's an extra resource to communicate with outside of a tertiary database. Databases about drugs are great, but they can't make clinical decisions for you. There is a human component, a decision component, to every choice in dental practice. What's good for one person isn't good for the next and it helps to be able to consult with a pharmacist in such cases. Not only is it beneficial for the students and faculty, but it is also important to instructional methods in both of our schools. Accrediting bodies like to see interprofessional teamwork between health care professions and this is a wonderful example of how we're making that happen in practice. We're happy to be part of the SDM team.

Do you teach any dental courses?

I don't teach in any dental courses yet, but it has been talked about and I would be thrilled to have that opportunity. I think that by seeing me early in the curriculum, it might help reinforce to the DDS students that I'm here and ready to help when they get to the clinic in their third year.



How might the curriculum change as a result of this new partnership?

Dental pharmacotherapy isn't a big component of our education, but I'm looking to change that in our curriculum. While it doesn't need to be a major topic, it is still important for pharmacy students to know how medications they may suggest can have an impact on the oral cavity.

What have you enjoyed thus far about this experience?

I'd say the same thing about working at the pharmacy school, but I love teaching the students about the subtleties of drug therapy and how it can affect their patients. Dentists really don't prescribe that many things, but a lot of things they prescribe or use in dental procedures can interact with a number of disease states or drug treatments. It makes me most happy when I can teach a student—be it dental or pharmacy—about an important clinical pearl.

— David J. Hill



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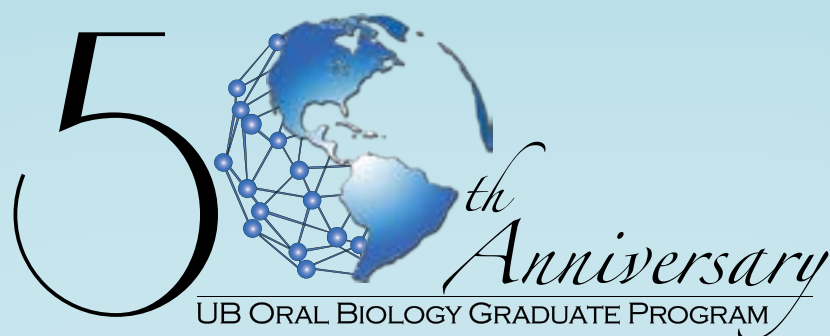
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Dinner Thursday evening at Templeton Landing on the Buffalo waterfront. Attendees and guests invited. Optional pre/post-event Buffalo-Niagara tours and trips.

Event registration, travel and accomodation information, dinner and tour reservations online at www.BuffaloCE.org or call 716.829.2320

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