WELL DONE!

THE CLASS OF 2010 STEPS OUT

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Commencement is a rite of passage, the ceremonial moment that signifies promotion from one state of life to another. Classically, it marks the formal initiation of youth into adulthood. In our case, it celebrates graduation from student to professional standing. By the magic of the rite, the men and women of the Class of 2010 mounted the stage as our students and descended from it as our colleagues.

But in reality, the 87 graduates in the Class of 2010 became dentists over the course of their four-year program, and they will continue to learn and grow into the role for the next several years. They came to the school knowing little or nothing about dentistry. They built their knowledge and skills incrementally until they were qualified to leave the shelter of faculty instruction and supervision and make their own way.

At commencement I said we watch these young dentists venture forth with tremendous pride. I’m sure they take pride in their accomplishment. And I encourage them not to be modest in the pride they feel as graduates of this school.

In fact, let me make the same request of every reader of this magazine who has a connection with the School of Dental Medicine: This is your school. This is a great school. Do not be modest about it.

As someone who can still claim to have the perspective of a newcomer, I am surprised that the School of Dental Medicine doesn’t currently enjoy the visibility its quality merits. This school is a jewel. You are our ambassadors. Indeed, any of your accomplishments in the profession brings credit to the school.

I asked the members of the graduating class to think about who they are, in the most fundamental terms—Who are you? I am a son. I am a daughter. I am a college graduate. I am a husband. I am a wife.—in order to bring them to the identity we were celebrating that day: I am a health care professional. I am a dentist.

I told them what I believe that identity carries in it: They are role models. They now have the tools to become vital members of their communities. They will make a difference.

And I told them that they are all now, in their fundamental identities, University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine alumni. Let people know. Spread the word proudly.

Michael Chick, DMD
1 Accreditation site visit nears

Preparation for the September accreditation site visit and review by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) is accelerating. On April 22, some 75 faculty and staff convened for an accreditation informational seminar to review progress and discuss upcoming steps.

Dean Michael Glick presented information from the proctorial self-study and highlighted the logistics behind the accreditation process. He noted that the self-study had identified infection control monitoring and training, and dental unit water lines as areas in which recommendations for action were considered necessary.

Tabetha Magnuszewski, accreditation coordinator, gave an overview of her experience as a silent observer during a CODA site visit at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and she said her observation confirmed that the site-visit team’s goal is to help schools achieve accreditation. She also described the hospitality UNC provided to its guests.

In other accreditation-related news, Carolyn Gray, a well-regarded consultant in the field of dental education, visited the school for several days in May to meet with faculty and staff and review proctorial self-study documentation. She observed that the self-study does not yet adequately showcase the school’s strengths. Many of her recommendations have since been incorporated into the documentation.

In early August, the school will host Cecilia Feldman, dean of the New Jersey Dental School, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Stephen Stefanac, associate dean for patient services at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, for a full-dress mock site visit.

2 Aguirre receives Chancellor’s Award

Alfredo Aguirre, MS Oral Sciences ‘83, Certificate in Oral Pathology ‘83, DDS ‘01, is a 2010 recipient of the SUNY Chancellor’s Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Each year, the award, established in 1973, honors faculty throughout the State University of New York system who have demonstrated outstanding teaching ability through superb classroom performance.

Aguirre is director of the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences’ Advanced Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. A UB faculty member since 1991, he has balanced teaching with responsibilities that include researching human salivary glands and oral mucosa, and serving as director of UB’s oral pathology biopsy service.

Aguirre has developed courses on advanced oral pathology, oral histology and embryology, and oral mucosal diseases; he has mentored students who now work in private practice and as faculty members at universities in the United States and abroad. Students have already honored Aguirre. In 1997, he was named Educator of the Year by UB’s Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity and received the Richard A. Powell Award for Teaching Excellence. In 2003, he received the Alan Gross Award for Educator of the Year.

3 Recent grants in Oral Biology

Chris (Chunhao) Li, assistant professor, was recently awarded a 4-year, $1.1 million research grant from the National Institutes of Health for a project that may lead to the development of processes that are able to inhibit the biofilm formation of oral bacteria. Newly appointed assistant professor Olga Baker has received a grant of $419,869 from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to fund a two-year research project on the effect of Staphylococcus’ Syndrome-associated cytokines on salivary gland dysfunction.

4 A night at the auction

The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) held their 2010 charity auction on April 15.

A $15 admission bought dinner and drinks, and entertainment by Barry Boyd’s newly formed Caribbean Ensemble (that’s Barry Boyd who has a day job as clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).

The centerpiece of the evening was the auction itself, with the opportunity to support BOCA, Angel Flight and the Oral Cancer Foundation by bidding on dozens of donated lots ranging from fine dining to wilderness adventure. The event drew a crowd of around 150.

Auction lots included Daniel Conny’s “Lions and Labatts” canoe trip, billed in the catalog as a six-day, late summer wilderness canoe trip to Northern Ontario for three people, all provisions, transportation and major gear provided. “If you’ve never seen a moose up close, had a black fly bite, fallen asleep to the sound of a loon or seen the northern lights, this is your chance.” This specialty item went for $500.

AUCTIONEER BOB SCHIFFERLE, ’91, MD ’72, WORMS THE CROWD WITH HIS MAGIC.

5 Dean’s Associates meet the dean

On the evening of June 3, the School of Dental Medicine held a reception at the Park Country Club in Williamsville, N.Y. for members of the Dean’s Associates, supporters who have contributed $1,000 or more annually to support the school, and their guests to meet Dean Michael Glick. The event was organized by Robert Genco, ’63. Shown here are, left to right, Sebastian Ciancio ’61, Nick Martinez, ’98, Dean Glick, and Frances and Robert Genco.

The evening began with a reception and a tour of the school, followed by dinner, drinks and dancing. The theme of the evening was “Casino Night and Dinner with Drs. Todd and John Havens,” dinner and merriment for up to four persons at the Seneca Niagara Casino, “gambling losses not included.” A lucky high roller took this away for $250. And “Drs. Hatten’s Bar Harbor Sailing Trip,” a cruise, lunch and sunset dinner for four students who could get themselves to Bar Harbor, Me., for a weekend. $1,000 value—experience priceless! And, after the bidding was over, a steal at $220 (the 1,500 mile roundtrip drive to collect this item might have held down the price).

In all, the evening produced almost $12,000, with half of the takings going to BOCA and the other half split between Angel Flight and the Oral Cancer Foundation.

“WE DON’T NEED NO STINKING BADGEES.”
Kohn was recognized for his work overseeing the design of an electronic oral health record, the part that the Office of Information Resources is playing in the clinic modernization plan, and implementation of the point-of-care information system that provides a full spectrum of data—from patient records to radiographs to teaching materials—to monitors in each clinic operatory. In a message to the dental school community about Kohn’s award, Dean Michael Glick noted that in addition to his marquee accomplishments, Kohn is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school’s information technology infrastructure. “Under his direction, the IT staff has successfully responded to numerous and continuous computer-related challenges from our student body, faculty and staff,” Glick wrote.

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The 2010 graduating class selected Michael N. Hatton, ’82, MS Oral Sciences ’86, GPEP ’88 and Certificate in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery ’88, as Educator of the Year. As this year’s honoree, Hatton carried the mantle at commencement.

At commencement, Ernesto DeNardini was awarded the 2010 Richard A. Powell Award for Teaching Excellence. The recipient of this award demonstrates appreciation of differences of individual students and works to help them realize their full potential. DeNardini is currently professor in the Department of Oral Biology. The Dental Student Association presented the William M. Fugans Award to Joseph E. Gambaccorta, ’93, in recognition of his concern that encompasses the finest aspects of academic dentistry, tempered with an appreciation of the demands of “real life” dentistry and the inherent challenges of student life.

The Dental Student Association 2010 Staff Appreciation Award went to Bernadette (Babe) Simbaldi for her dedication and sincere interest in the education and welfare of dental students. The Florence Kronson Award was presented to Donald Hanavan for executing his responsibilities in an outstanding manner and contributing significantly to the welfare of the students. The Society for the Advancement of Dental Research selected Mira Edgerton, Certificate in Removable Prosthodontics ’81, MS Oral Sciences ’94, PhD Oral Biology ’94, to receive the Society for the Advancement of Dental Research Award. It is presented to honor the faculty member whose contributions and support have been invaluable in fostering the principles of student research. Edgerton is currently research professor in the Department of Oral Biology.
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THE FUTURE, AT LAST

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UB Dentists Lead in New York State

UB School of Dental Medicine alumni are notably active in organized dentistry leadership roles. To name two prominent examples on the national scene, William Calnon, ’78, is currently running for president of the ADA and Roger Trifftshauser, ’61, is chair of ADPAC, the ADA’s political action committee.

But the number of UB alumni now holding leadership positions in organized dentistry in New York State deserves special note. They are presidents or presidents-elect of five district dental societies, stretching across the state from the Great Lakes (Eighth) to the Atlantic Ocean (Second). They hold three seats on the new New York State Dental Association Board of Trustees, including the at-large student representative seat. And UB is represented in NYSDA leadership as secretary-treasurer, ADA delegate and chair of EDPAC, the association’s political action committee.

See Page 22 for a photo of four of these power-alums in action.

Salvatore Manente, ’91
President, Eighth District Dental Society
Charles Travagliato, ’80
President-elect, Eighth District Dental Society
Jeffrey Baumler, ’80
Eighth District representative, NYSDA Board of Trustees
Andrew Vorrasi, ’80
Seventh District representative, NYSDA Board of Trustees
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President, Sixth District Dental Society
Janice Pliszczak, ’90
President-elect, Fifth District Dental Society
Christopher Walsh, ’97
President-elect, Third District Dental Society
Stuart Segelnick, ’92
President-elect, Second District Dental Society
Richard Andolina, ’80
Secretary-Treasurer, NYSDA
William Calnon, ’78
ADA Delegate, NYSDA
Lawrence Volland, ’75
Chair, EDPAC, NYSDA
Jamie Cohn, Class of 2011
Student representative, NYSDA Board of Trustees
Most part-time faculty do their teaching through clinical supervision of student dentists, but some teach entire courses, some lecture in courses and others engage in research. Volunteer faculty have more occasional involvement with the school, primarily through service opportunities for students, such as community outreach. Unlike full-time practice, volunteer faculty are not on the payroll.

Part-time faculty participate in the governance of the school as full voting members of the faculty; they serve on committees (including, along with volunteers, the admissions committee—see Page 17). And they do draw a salary, although as Jude Fabiano, ’77, associate dean for clinical affairs and himself a former part-time faculty member notes, the income from part-time teaching is a sacrifice.

David Croglio

David Croglio, ’87, always felt that if it weren’t dentistry, he might have gone into teaching. He always had an interest in science. “My fallback was always to be a biology teacher, either at high school or college level,” he says. He particularly relished his student experience as a teaching assistant for underclassmen in dental school.

The UB alumus joined the part-time faculty in 1988, a year after he graduated. He teaches restorative procedures during two clinical periods each Friday and maintains his own general practice, established more than 20 years ago.

“I’ve always been very grateful for how well the school prepared me to go out and start a career. Whatever success I’ve had in my practice goes back to the roots of UB and the dental school. The people here love to teach and really make it worthwhile.”

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By JIM BISCO

He tradition of practicing dentists taking time to teach is as old as dentistry itself; the central role of practitioners as faculty is as old as the earliest organized dental schools. That’s true at the School of Dental Medicine, as it is at dental schools across the country. The four part-time faculty profiled here are representative of practitioners who teach.

At the close of the 2009-10 academic year, the School of Dental Medicine had 75 full-time faculty, 106 part-time faculty and 104 volunteer faculty. The distinction between full- and part-time faculty as teachers is primarily time commitment, although even that can be slight: in special cases a part-time faculty member might have a .9 FTE (full-time equivalency) commitment. Most are .2 (one day) or .4 (two days), scheduling their teaching to balance the school’s needs and their professional obligations.

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Maureen Sullivan, ’87, found time for seven days of interviewing between her duties as chief of the Department of Dentistry and Maxillofacial Prosthetics at Roswell Park Cancer Institute and clinical assistant professor of restorative dentistry at UB. She wanted to hear interviewees’ personal struggles and stories of how and why they chose dentistry and why they want to study at UB.

One candidate she remembers particularly was a former French teacher. Lynch interviewed a fishing boat captain who had decided dentistry was his true passion. “We want to know if they’re good people as well as good potential dentists,” Lynch says. “They should also be able to demonstrate an understanding of total patient care, and how they plan to support our profession.”

All of the volunteers say they’ll serve on the committee next year. Brown also plans to enlist their help to screen applications before interviews begin.

“It’s been great fun, and a good recruiting tool,” says Sullivan. “I’m grateful for what UB gave me. I may be busy, but it’s important to find the time to give back.”

—L.N.M.
The School of Dental Medicine with support from the John Cunat Educational Fund presents

DECEMBER 17
9 A.M.-5 P.M.
A Day with Special Guest Faculty Dr. Tarek EL-Bialy
6 CE Hrs ADA/CERP
Self-ligating Orthodontic Bracket Systems: Friction and Clinical Efficiency
Review and differentiate different companies’ claims on the scientific evidence about friction and self-ligating bracket systems and the clinical efficiency of different self-ligating orthodontic systems. A detailed description of the key differences between different self-ligating systems, and how these affect clinical utilizations will be presented.
Can We Re-Grow Teeth? Facts and Future
Review current facts about regrowing teeth and implications for general dentists (especially those who are interested in dental implants). Learn how to prevent orthodontically induced root resorption once it is diagnosed, and how it can be managed effectively. Explore the future in natural replacement of lost teeth in adults.
Tarek EL-Bialy, BDS, MSc, PhD, FRCD(C) is associate professor of orthodontics in the Department of Dentistry and Biomedical Engineering in the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta. This course supported in part by an educational grant from RMD.

FEBRUARY 18, 2011
9 A.M.-4 P.M.
Factors of Success in Orthodontics and Dento-facial Orthopaedics: What to Do and How to Do It
6 CE Hrs ADA/CERP
Dr. Tiziano Baccetti highlights the role of individual skeletal maturation assessed by means of the cervical vertebral maturation (CVM) method on treatment outcomes in different types of malocclusions, as well as the importance of considering patient craniofacial morphology for the anticipation of outcomes of dento-facial orthopaedics. Learn fundamental aspects related to an efficient approach to orthodontic treatment as a function of treatment timing. The treatment protocols that currently are known to be most efficient in the treatment of different dento-skeletal problems will be illustrated in detail.
Tiziano Baccetti, DDS, PhD, is research professor, Department of Orthodontics, the University of Florence, Italy, and T.M. Graber Visiting Scholar, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, University of Michigan.

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Alumni News


The student team was composed of Carly Topley, ‘11, Mike ray Miller, ‘85, Jay Mostowy, ‘89, Kurt o’Donnell, ‘94, Andy Privitera, ‘96, fred rodems, ‘80, ed

The game and post-game party

After the game, there was a celebration at the Steer restaurant on Main Street.

The UB Dental Alumni Association will present its two highest awards at the 2010 reunion dinner dance on Nov. 5. We are now seeking nominations for these awards.

HONOR AWARD: Bestowed annually on a graduate whose enthusiasm and entering endeavors have helped to promote the continued growth, development and success of the UB School of Dental Medicine.

HUMANITARIAN AWARD: Recognizes a graduate who best exhibits selflessness, concern for others, commitment to dentistry, commitment to and involvement in his or her community, high moral character and leadership in the community.

If you wish to nominate someone for either honor, please contact the alumni office at 880-736-0028, ext. 2, or 716-829-2665; fax: 716-829-3609; e-mail: ss287@buffalo.edu.

Barnashuk Accepts

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tion by William Maher, ‘83, Kevin thought a mission trip meant a month away from the practice, which he couldn’t do.

Now Kevin, who has been a pilot since 1981, can leave work on a Friday afternoon, fly to Tennes-
ssee, spend two days providing dental services with Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps and be back in his practice on Monday morning. He was taking dental students on outreach trips before students organized BODA; now he makes occasional trips with the group. He and his family travel regularly to the Dominican Republic to provide volunteer dental services with a group called Jesse’s Children.

He says that giving to those in need brings him con-
tentment; sharing that with the family reinforces his desire to give.

Belt grew up “a typical middle-class kid” in a sup-
portive family. “Not everyone is that lucky,” she says now. “Doing dental work on needy people is an easy way for me to help, not only in health terms but also by showing my respect for them as fellow human beings.”

About 20 years ago, Beth got a note from Jane Brewer, ‘78, “just a little note.” Would she consider making a donation to the dental school? Something

Donations have helped to promote the continued growth, development and success of the UB School of Dental Medicine.

Who gives?

They have a place in the practice for another prom-
ising dental student. Their son Bill will start his final
year at the dental school this fall. He’s worked his way up in the practice from maintenance to dental
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tion by William Maher, ‘83, Kevin thought a mission trip meant a month away from the practice, which he couldn’t do.

Now Kevin, who has been a pilot since 1981, can leave work on a Friday afternoon, fly to Tennes-
ssee, spend two days providing dental services with Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps and be back in his practice on Monday morning. He was taking dental students on outreach trips before students organized BODA; now he makes occasional trips with the group. He and his family travel regularly to the Dominican Republic to provide volunteer dental services with a group called Jesse’s Children.

He says that giving to those in need brings him con-
tentment; sharing that with the family reinforces his desire to give.

Belt grew up “a typical middle-class kid” in a sup-
portive family. “Not everyone is that lucky,” she says now. “Doing dental work on needy people is an easy way for me to help, not only in health terms but also by showing my respect for them as fellow human beings.”

About 20 years ago, Beth got a note from Jane Brewer, ‘78, “just a little note.” Would she consider making a donation to the dental school? Something

Donations have helped to promote the continued growth, development and success of the UB School of Dental Medicine.

Who gives?

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