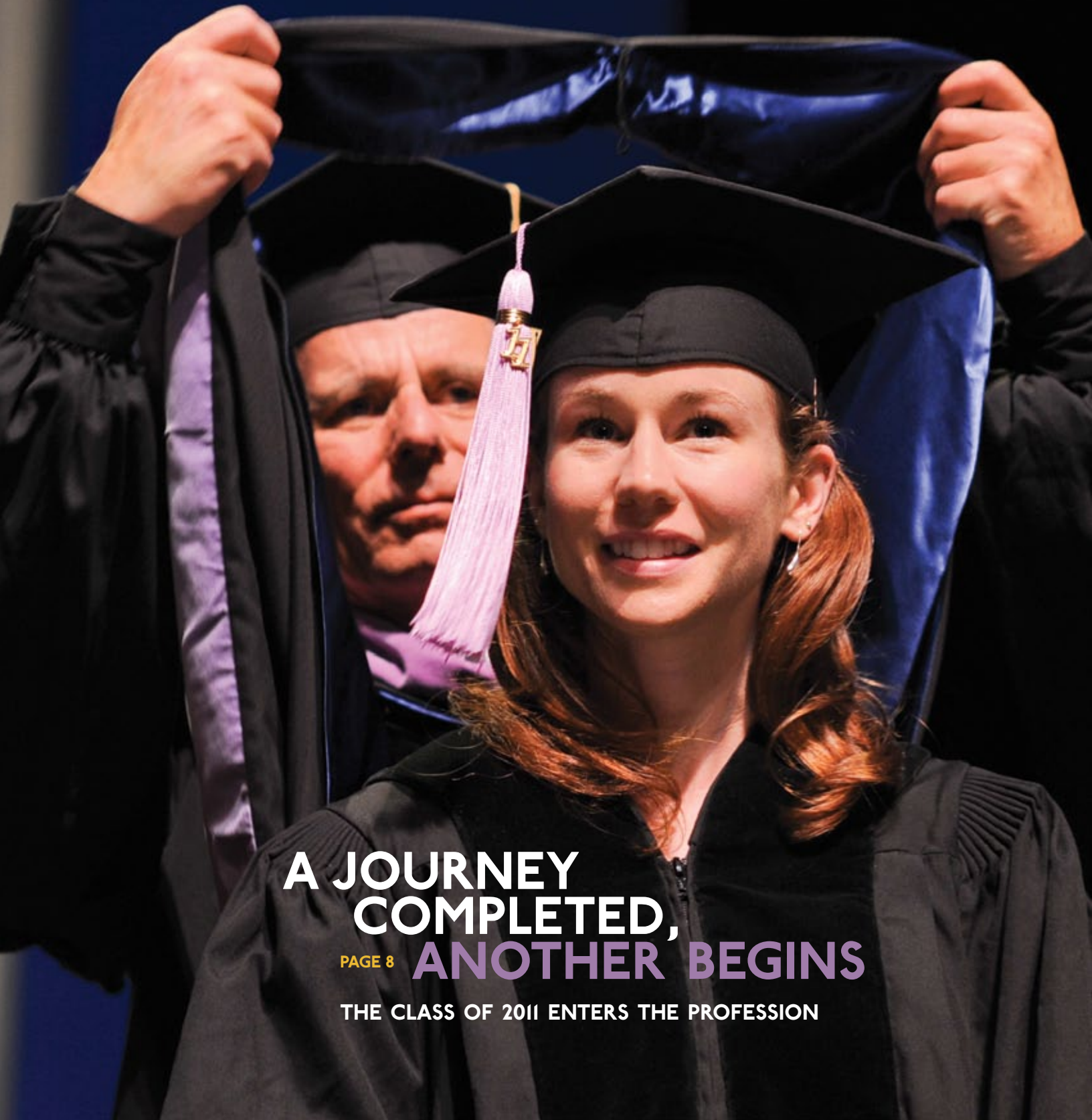


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THE CLASS OF 2011 ENTERS THE PROFESSION

When I addressed the members of the Class of 2011 at commencement, I told them that they have an advantage over graduates from other dental schools across the country. Modesty is appropriate for most occasions, but not this one.

The UB School of Dental Medicine is exceptional. The qualities of mind and hand—and character—we teach, make these young men and women exceptionally well-qualified dentists; and I'll proudly proclaim that anywhere.

Our newest graduates might think they are finally leaving school, but the school will always be part of who they are. We share memories, we share a body of knowledge and, at the most fundamental level that makes us—students, faculty and alumni—a true community, we share values.

Being a dentist is much more than creating beautiful restorations and being a skillful and careful custodian of patients' oral health. As health care professionals, we enjoy the public's trust. We don't earn that trust; instead, it is our solemn duty to keep it. Our skills and judgment are tools; our character is what gives them their value.

I have been a member of the UB School of Dental Medicine community long enough now to know who we are, not just today, but yesterday and back through the history of the school represented by our living alumni—more than 70 years. This is a community of moral courage. We're not perfect. We make mistakes. But the values we share as professionals trained and working in a tradition handed down through the generations here in Buffalo show us the right path.

That is one reason—maybe it's the chief reason—why your support in preserving the fabric of our school is so important. I will happily boast about the quality of a UB School of Dental Medicine education and about the character of our graduates. I want us to have the best research equipment and the latest teaching tools, but those are secondary to the quality of the values that bind us together.

As I said at the beginning of this note, the UB School of Dental Medicine is exceptional. Our mission is to lead, our vision is to define excellence in global health. And everything we do together stands on the values we share.

It is wonderful to realize that as the Class of 2011 goes off to practice, the Class of 2015 is about to arrive on campus for the first time to start the journey that made us all who we are. Welcome them with your support for the school.



Michael Glick, DMD

# FROM THE DEAN



**ON THE COVER:**

Molly Barrett is hooded by her father, Dr. John Barrett '78, during the 2011 commencement ceremony.

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## Administrative changes

The 2010-11 academic year closed with some big administrative changes at UB, most notably the appointment in April of former university Provost Satish K. Tripathi as UB's 15th president. He served as provost for nearly seven years before succeeding former UB President John B. Simpson.

Tripathi told the university community that he has "every confidence that the best moments are all yet to come

as our university community comes together to build on our strong foundation and realize our hopes and aspirations for the future of our great university. I say this because I believe that this moment in time represents much more than the beginning of a new presidential administration. Today, we as a university community proudly honor our past while celebrating our extraordinary present and vast potential for our collective future."

Harvey G. Stenger Jr., dean of the School of Engineering,

was appointed to serve as interim provost.

Changes also occurred this spring at the School of Dental Medicine, with the appointment of Fadi Ayoub as interim associate dean for clinical affairs and Jane Brewer as interim chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

Both Ayoub and Brewer are alumni and faculty of the school. Ayoub holds a dental degree conferred in 1985 from Damascus University. He graduated in 1997 with a DDS from UB. He completed UB's AEGD program in 1998 and immediately became a member of the faculty, with a focus on clinical teaching.

Brewer is a 1978 SDM graduate who also obtained a certificate in fixed prosthodontics ('82) and a master's in oral sciences ('85). She also joined the faculty immediately following graduation.

Ayoub and Brewer both have big shoes to fill, and many thanks go to Jude Fabiano, '77, and Carlos Munoz-Viveros for their many years of service in these administrative roles.

## 2 Alan J. Gross award winners named

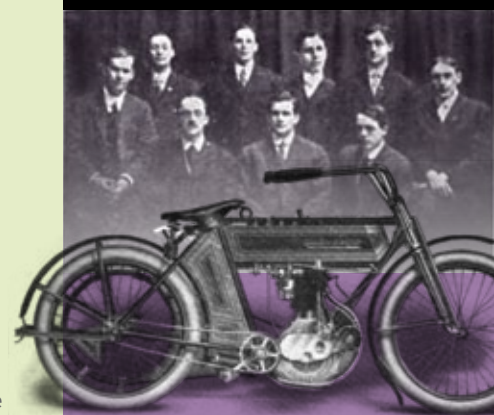
The 2010-2011 recipients of the Alan J. Gross Excellence in Teaching Award are Brendan Dowd, '86, Maureen Donley, '80, and Chester Glomski (Department of Pathology and Anatomical Sciences, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences).

The Alan J. Gross Excellence in Teaching Award is designed to honor the memory of Dr. Alan J. Gross. The award is presented annually to a faculty member on behalf of each of the first-, second- and third-year classes at the dental school.

The award recipients are to be well-liked and highly respected faculty members who put a great emphasis on the importance of teaching. They must have enthu-

siasm in the subject matter and have the ability to convey information clearly to the students. In addition, the award recipients must show a genuine concern for the well being of the students and go out of their way to ensure the best possible academic experience for the student body.

The teaching award is a prestigious honor, and the names of the award recipients will join those from previous years on a plaque in the lobby of Squire Hall.



## Dr. Clinton W. LaSalle, the motorcycling dentist

Born in Oswego, N.Y., in 1875, Clinton Wood LaSalle became the first student to matriculate in what was known in 1892 as the Buffalo Dental College. He was a member of the school's first graduating class, in 1895. In addition to holding that distinction, LaSalle carved out quite a niche for himself as a motorcycle rider. In fact, LaSalle enjoyed riding his motorcycle to his calls, preferring it over an automobile. A 1921 article in *Motorcycle Illustrated* stated: " 'Doc' La Salle, as he is better known in motorcycle circles, is a physician. He rides a motorcycle to his office and when he is making professional calls. He says that he had rather have a motorcycle for a hurry call than an automobile." LaSalle practiced in the Rochester area for more than half a century, including many years with his father, Dr. Benjamin F. LaSalle. He was a frequent contributor to *The Dental Cosmos*, the nation's leading dental magazine at the time. Articles such as 1905's "A New Porcelain Crown" suggest that LaSalle was an innovator for his time. He and his wife, Georganna, had two daughters, Mrs. Harry Dale and Mrs. Charles W. Steele. LaSalle died in October 1947. He was 72.

### 3 DeNardin earns Chancellor's Award

Veteran SDM faculty member Ernesto DeNardin was among the 2011 recipients of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

DeNardin joined the dental school as an assistant professor in September 1992 after working as a post-doctoral fellow and a senior research scientist in UB's Department of Oral Biology. He obtained his master's ('78) and doctoral ('83) degrees from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute Graduate Division.

He is currently a professor in the Department of Oral Biology at the dental school and in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. In addition, DeNardin is associate editor for the journal *Immunological Investigations* and an editorial board member and/or ad-hoc reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals.

He is also the director of SDM's master's program in oral sciences, and has been a member



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of the Admissions Committee for the school for 18 years.

DeNardin's research was funded continuously by NIH for 21 years. His areas of interest are immunology, inflammation, and the role of genetic polymorphisms in host response.

He is currently on contract (along with Kate Rittenhouse-Olson) with Pearson/Benjamin Cummings publishing company to write a textbook titled *Contemporary Clinical Immunology*.

### 4 Faculty, staff awards announced

The Class of 2011 has announced the winners of five faculty and staff awards.

Jude A. Fabiano received the William M. Feagans Award, named for the school's dean from 1970-93. The Dental Student Association presents this award to a member of the faculty, staff or administration who has shown to students a concern that encompasses the finest aspects of academic dentistry, tempered with an appreciation for the demands of real-life dentistry and the inherent challenges of student life.

The Educator of the Year Award was presented to Gerard Wiczkowski. Members of the SDM graduating class select this award winner, who carries the mace at commencement.

The Society for the Advancement of Dental Research Award was presented to Stefan Ruhl. This award honors a

faculty member whose contributions and support have been invaluable in fostering the principles of student research.

The Dental Student Association Staff Appreciation Award was presented to Donald F. Hanavan for his dedication and sincere interest in the education and welfare of dental students.

Karen Stry was named the recipient of the Florence Kronson Award. Kronson was a long-time member of the SDM staff. A dedicated, compassionate person, Kronson showed great concern for and interest in students as individuals. The award was implemented in 1974 to recognize an individual who embodies Kronson's qualities.



### 5 BOCA auction a big success

A good time was had by all at the annual charity auction to benefit the dental school's Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) program. This year's event, held April 8 in Harriman Hall, was sponsored by BOCA and the American Student Dental Association chapter at UB.

The theme was "An evening under the sea." The \$15 ticket price covered drinks, a buffet dinner featuring Mediterranean cuisine, and entertainment courtesy of Clinical Associate Professor Barry C. Boyd and his band, the George Scott Big Band.

The night's main event, however, was the auction, which featured, among other great items, a Drew Stafford Buffalo Sabres jersey signed by the entire team, tickets for the opening night performance of "Wicked" at Shea's Performing Arts Center, and two "date night" packages. Proceeds from the auction benefited BOCA and the Dental and Maxillofacial Care Center at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Established by two SDM students in 2003 and run jointly by faculty and students, BOCA takes several trips each year to underserved countries to provide dental care to patients. Outreaches this year are scheduled for Ghana, Tonga, the Dominican Republic and Guatemala, as well as in the Buffalo area.



# These students are OK(U)

ELEVEN FROM SDM INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL DENTAL HONOR SOCIETY

**It is considered the Phi Beta Kappa of dentistry.** It is Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national honor society in dentistry, which recognizes the scholarship and character of graduating dental students. Dental school faculty members select only the top students for induction into OKU, making it a truly prestigious honor.

G.V. Black, dean of the now-defunct Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago, established OKU in 1914. UB became a member in 1937.

This year, 11 graduating seniors from UB's School of Dental Medicine, in addition to one faculty member, were inducted into the local OKU chapter.

The student inductees are Sarah Caro, Matthew Gellert, Elizabeth Hargrave, Shane Hoelz, David Hurlbut, Paul Hyun, Peter Jin, J. Camila Rasner, Nolan Robinson, Karly Suk and Christopher Trockel.

This year's faculty inductee is Richard Ohrbach, an associate professor in the

Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, whose research includes experimental studies on chewing function, as well as predictors of pain onset.

Besides their great work in the classroom and clinic, several of these graduates shared of themselves during their time at SDM. Hurlbut, Hoelz, Robinson and Trockel served as tutors to fellow dental students.

Reaching the underserved was a passion shared by Hargrave, Hyun, Hoelz, Suk, Trockel and Gellert, each of whom took part in Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) mission trips.

Their active minds were further stimulated through research by Caro, Hyun and Robinson.

In addition to serving those in need, Hoelz and Hargrave represented their peers well through their involvement with the American Student Dental Association.

Further showing their drive and talent, several OKU inductees undertook the extra effort to complete additional programs.

Jin minored in periodontics, while Rasner, Caro, Hyun and Hurlbut each minored in pediatric dentistry.

As for their plans for the immediate future, Hoelz, Trockel and Hyun are off to orthodontics programs.

Caro and Gellert, meanwhile, will be in general practice residency and advanced education in general dentistry programs in Buffalo.

Also staying in New York in GPR and AEGD programs are Hurlbut, Jin and Suk.

Moving a little farther away are Hargrave, who is going to a GPR in Washington; Robinson, working at a GPR in Ohio; and Rasner, who will be at a GPR in Massachusetts.

The School of Dental Medicine wishes each of these top graduates the best of luck in their future endeavors.

**LIFETIME OKU INDUCTEES:** FROM LEFT, ANTHONY J. MASTROIANNI '75, PAUL J. ZIARNOWSKI '77, JANE D. BREWER '78, STEPHEN E. ASZKLER '69 AND TIMOTHY R. STANFORD '76.



**BEST OF THE BEST:** UB DENTAL SCHOOL STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON (OKU), THE NATIONAL DENTAL HONOR SOCIETY, FOR 2011 ARE, FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: PAUL HYUN, MATTHEW GELLERT, J. CAMILA RASNER, ELIZABETH HARGRAVE AND SARAH CARO. BACK ROW, FROM LEFT: NOLAN ROBINSON, CHRISTOPHER TROCKEL, PETER JIN, DAVID HURLBUT, SHANE HOELZ, KARLY SUK AND FACULTY INDUCTEE RICHARD OHRBACH.

# SDM 2011 Senior Awards

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT, SKILL AND CONTRIBUTION

## Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities

Amanda M. Sheehan

## Academy of General Dentistry Award

David M. Hurlbut

## Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Tara L. Symancyk

## Alpha Omega Fraternity Award

David M. Hurlbut

## American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award

Stephanie L. Niewieroski

## American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

Vera Popova

## American Academy of Gold Foil Operators Award

Jason M. Berg

## American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

Un Chong Tam

## American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Award

Shirley S. Hu

## American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Amanda M. Sheehan

## American Academy of Orofacial Pain

Maria G. Perez

## American Academy of Osseointegration Award

Aman Sachdev

## American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award

Ryan M. Nielson

## American Academy of Periodontology Award

J. Camila Rasner

## American Association of Oral Biologists Award

Justin A. Baker

## American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Award

Justin A. Baker

## American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Implant Award

Justin A. Baker

## American Association of Orthodontists

Christopher B. Trockel

## American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

Tara L. Symancyk

## American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award

Matthew S. Gellert

## American College of Prosthodontists Award

Mary B. Philp

## American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award

Christopher B. Trockel

## American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence

Mary B. Philp

## Barrett Foundation Award

David M. Hurlbut

## Eleanor Bushee Award

Elizabeth E. Hargrave

## Dr. Samuel A. Caccamise Award

Christina E. Prindle

## James Collord Memorial Award

Thayne H. Gardner

## Delta Sigma Delta Award

Karly Suk

## Dental Alumni Award

Jamie D. Cohn

## Dentsply Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics

Nolan M. Robinson

## Erie County Dental Society

### Chester A. Glor Award

William J. D'Angelo

## The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award

Karly Suk

## Fonzi Dental Study Club, Anthony S. Gugino Humanitarian Award

William J. D'Angelo

## Victor A. Fumia Award

*First Place:* Gregory A. Herzberg

*Second Place:* Kayee Ho

## Hanau Prosthodontics Award

Sean M. Fox

## International College of Dentists Award

Vera Popova

## International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award

Creed L. Cardon

## Edwin C. Jauch Award

Christina E. Prindle

## Donald Kozlowski Memorial Award

Thayne H. Gardner

## Robert B. Levine Award

Nolan M. Robinson

## New York State Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Award

David M. Hurlbut

## The Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award

Michele A. Bonnevie

## Omicron Kappa Upsilon Research Award

Un Chong Tam

## Pediatric and Community Dentistry Department Award

Christian R. Mitchell

## Richard A. Powell Award

Amanda M. Sheehan

## Quintessence Awards

*Research Achievement*

Dona Taherizadegan

*Restorative Dentistry*

Katelyn R. Page

*Periodontics*

Tsu P. Chen

## Lester Schatz Memorial Award

Dona Taherizadegan

## George B. Snow Awards

*Complete Prosthesis*

*First Place:* Christina E. Prindle

*Second Place:* Miyoung Yoon

*Fixed Prosthesis*

*First Place:* Christina E. Prindle

*Second Place:* Katelyn R. Page

## The Harvey D. Sprowl Award

Beecher C. Whiteaker III





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## *A note on Stan Brock, this year's commencement speaker:*

A native of South Wales, Brock is the former manager of the Dadanawa Ranch near Brazil and also worked as a research associate of the Royal Ontario Museum, where he discovered a new species of bat. He also was a co-star of the television series "Wild Kingdom." He used his varied experiences to establish the Remote Area Medical Volunteer Corps in 1985. The organization provides medical care to isolated populations, both in the U.S. and abroad.

### **DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY**

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General Practice Residency  
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Hospital  
Staten Island, N.Y.

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Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery  
The Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

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Schenectady, N.Y.

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Indiana University  
Indianapolis, Ind.

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#### **Jason M. Berg**

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Gainesville, Fla.

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Center  
Syracuse, N.Y.

#### **Ezra E. Boekweg**

Private Practice  
Eugene, Ore.

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General Practice Residency  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, N.Y.

#### **Creed L. Cardon**

Private Practice  
Albuquerque, N.M.

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General Practice Residency  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, N.Y.

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General Practice Residency  
Erie County Medical Center  
Buffalo, N.Y.

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Montclair, N.J.

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General Practice Residency  
Ellis Hospital  
Schenectady, N.Y.

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General Practice Residency  
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Hospital  
Seattle, Wash.

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Syracuse, N.Y.

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University at Buffalo  
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System  
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# MAKING THEIR MARK

A look at UB women in dentistry in the early years

BY DAVID J. HILL

They studied at a time when it was taboo for their gender to practice dentistry. They are the women of UB's dental school, and their legacy continues to this day, carried on by the many female dentists who have followed in their footsteps.

Lucy Beaman Hobbs of Ellenberg, N.Y., is among those who blazed the trail for female dentists in the U.S. She became the world's first woman to graduate from a recognized dental college, earning her DDS in 1866 from the Ohio College of Dental Surgery, according to John M. Hyson Jr.'s article "Women Dentists: The Origins," published in the June 2002 issue of the *Journal of the California Dental Association (CDA)*.

"People were amazed when they learned that a young girl had so far forgotten her womanhood as to want to study dentistry,"

Hobbs wrote in 1884, according to the CDA article.

Emeline Roberts became the first female dentist in 1859, practicing alongside her husband, Dr. Daniel Albion Jones, of Connecticut. She took over the practice upon his death five years later, according to Malvin E. Ring's 1992 book "Dentistry: An Illustrated History."

"In the eighteenth century and the early nineteenth century, it was universally accepted that none of the newly established dental schools would admit women as students," Ring writes.

While it was uncommon then for women to study dentistry, the number of female practitioners today continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Whereas a mere handful of women graduated from dental schools through the middle of the 20th century, the tide began to change in the 1960s and 1970s.

Hyson writes that this occurred for two reasons: dental schools began to receive federal funds for each female and minority student matriculated, and dental schools stepped up their efforts in recruiting such students.

Currently, there are 15 dental schools in the U.S. whose new second-year classes are comprised of more women than men, according to David H. Brown, the UB dental school's director of admissions. This year, UB has 48 males and 42 females. "For comparison, I graduated from here in 1983. We were a class of 85, only nine of whom were female," Brown said.

UB's first female dental school graduate was an Ohio woman named Annette Rankin, who graduated in 1895.

"When the dental college first unfurled the dazzling banner of co-education before the astonished eyes of a breathless nation, the college world was shaken to its very foundations," reads an entry from the 1898 edition of the student publication *The Iris*.

Here are capsules of the lives of just some of UB's more noted female dental school graduates from its early years.

**JOSEPHINE H. SPILLMAN,  
CLASS OF 1898**

One of four female graduates of the dental school's Class of 1898, Spillman opened her own practice on Webster Street in North Tonawanda, serving the Twin Cities for 55 years before retiring in 1953—at the age of 76.

Spillman was elected a woman of the year by the members of the Eighth District Dental Society.

Spillman was a life member of the American Dental Society. She died in 1970 at age 94.

Her sister, Ida, married Allan Herschell, the builder of the first merry-go-round in the U.S. and whose legacy is enshrined in the North Tonawanda museum that bears his name.

**GRACIA A. PAXSON HACKEMER,  
CLASS OF 1903**

A Minnesota native, "Dr. Paxson," as most people referred to her, relocated to Eden and later to Hamburg. She graduated from high school in 1895 at age 16. Her father, Horace, served in the 116th New York Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War and

became a well-known dentist in Hamburg.

"When I was a girl, I felt destined for dentistry," Gracia Paxson told a newspaper reporter circa 1953, when she was in her mid-70s, "and now that I'm not so young, I'd be lost without it."

After graduating from the dental school as one of three female graduates, She joined her father's practice. They worked together for 20 years, until he retired in 1923. She continued practicing afterward.

According to her obituary, Paxson was New York's oldest practicing female dentist until she became ill just weeks before her death, in 1962, at age 83. She had worked in dentistry for more than 50 years.

**MILDRED M. DIXON, CLASS OF 1916**

Also known as "Minnie" and "Dick," Dixon worked in the Tonawanda public school system as a dental hygienist following her first marriage. Dixon's father, Myron, was a noted dentist in Tonawanda, and it was his work in dentistry that attracted Mildred to the profession.

An entry from the student publication *The Reflector* talks about Mildred: "Did you ever see 'Dick' at work in the lab, and notice the crowd of spectators gathered around? ... Upon obtaining her degree, 'Minnie' will proceed to extract teeth and dollars from the Tonawanda folks."

**EVELYN L. JUNG, CLASS OF 1930**

Jung entered UB and the dental school after graduating from Buffalo's Hutchinson Central High School. She was the only

woman in the dental school's 1930 graduating class, according to a 1972 story in the *Buffalo Courier-Express*.

Jung joined the school's faculty in 1931 and became a full-time professor in 1950.

The article says she was among the school's most popular faculty members. She received numerous awards from students, including Educator of the Year. In 1973, the Dental Alumni Association bestowed on her the Dental Alumni Honor Award.

Her grandfather, Daniel Jung; her father, Emil; and his brother, Elmer, all were dentists, as were her two brothers and two of her first cousins.

After graduating from the dental school, Jung practiced in her father's offices and later with her brothers, frequently working until 11 p.m. during the World War II years.

She died in 1987 at age 80.

*(Robin L. Comeau, a staff assistant in the dean's office, compiled archival materials for this article.)*

EVELYN JUNG, BELOW RIGHT



**AFTER THREE YEARS** at the Niagara Falls Conference Center, the Lower Lakes Spring Meeting returned to Buffalo in 2011. This year's meeting, the 17th annual, was held May 12-13 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in downtown Buffalo and was very well attended.

In fact, this year's event featured 17 exhibitors and drew approximately 100 dentists, the best turnout of the past several years.

The annual meeting is jointly sponsored by the UB Dental Alumni Association, the Eighth District Dental Society and UB

Cosmetic Dentistry, Eighth District Dental Society and the Erie County Dental Society.

Rice's lecture provided participants with tools to reduce frustrating impediments to performing top-notch clinical work, improving overall morale, attracting motivated and compliant patients,

Dental Medicine in 1976. He now serves as president of the Clarion Research Group and the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry. In addition, Rutkowski is a visiting clinical instructor in the UB dental school's Department of Restorative Dentistry.

Rutkowski's daylong interactive seminar guided participants through the process of managing all aspects of care needed for a root form implant patient, including understanding the importance of obtaining and evaluating a comprehensive medical history, understanding the management of post-treatment complications and providing effective maintenance.

The Dental Hygiene Symposium featured guest faculty member Patricia A. Worcester, a noted speaker and writer in the field. Worcester guided participants through her popular training program, "Mission Possible...Best Hygiene," which features non-surgical periodontal therapy techniques and procedures.

Listeners were re-energized and motivated to improve their practices, especially in the area of patient communication. More great programming is planned for next spring's Lower Lakes meeting, which again will be held in Buffalo.

—D.J.H.

# Lower Lakes meeting returns to Buffalo

2011 GATHERING COINCIDES WITH UB DENTAL HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM

Continuing Dental Education. The Lower Lakes Spring Meeting was first held at the Holiday Inn Grand Island in 1995.

In addition, the UB Hygiene Symposium was held in conjunction with the Lower Lakes meeting, with more than 200 hygienists attending.

The festivities began May 12 with an hour-long mingling session featuring cash bar and light hors d'oeuvres.

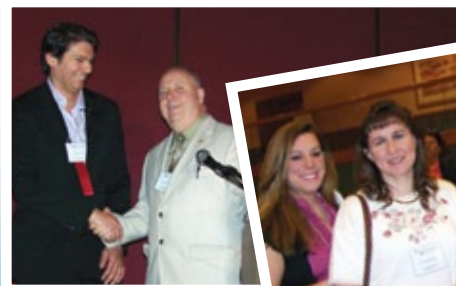
From 6 to 9 p.m., David R. Rice, '94, gave a guest lecture titled "Is Everyone Smiling But You? Create a More Pleasurable, More Profitable Practice." After graduating from UB's School of Dental Medicine, Rice completed his postgraduate training in 1995 at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. He maintains a private practice in East Amherst, and is an active member of the American Academy of

and making subtle but easy changes to their interactions and procedures, all with an eye toward boosting profitability.

Attendees offered positive feedback on Rice's engaging, interactive lecture style.

Friday's slate of events kicked off at 8:30 a.m. with the daylong UB Dental Hygiene Symposium and a separate Lower Lakes lecture offered by James L. Rutkowski on "Management of the Root Form Implant Patient: Start to Finish."

Rutkowski earned his dental degree at the University of Pittsburgh School of

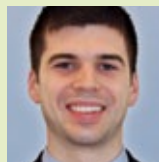




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**What activities is UB ASDA involved in on a local and/or school level?**

CATIE ADAMSON: UB ASDA is the governing student body at UB SDM. The organization is constantly planning activities for students throughout the year, including fundraisers, social events and community outreach activities. ASDA also supports student clubs formed at the dental school, as well as interests such as intramural sports. Students always are welcome to present new ideas and plan new events.

**Are any dental students involved on a regional or national level in the ASDA?**

CA: Yes. Our ASDA chapter is very strong on a national level. Tim Calnon serves as District 2 trustee. Rick Andolina is one of the four students nationally to be voted member-at-large. I currently chair ASDA's Council on Professional Issues. Every year, ASDA sends groups of students to ASDA's district, regional and national meetings, as well as National Student Lobby Day.

**Tim, what responsibilities do you have as an ASDA District 2 trustee?**

TIM CALNON: ASDA is composed of 11 districts that the 58 dental schools are divided into. District 2 includes Buffalo, Columbia, Stony Brook, NYU and New Jersey. I have the distinct privilege to represent the 2,600 ASDA members at these schools.

I sit on the Board of Trustees and act as their voice on the national level. Our issues that gain national

For this issue, UB Dentist interviewed three of the dental school's student leaders for the 2011-12 academic year and asked them about their leadership activities.

Catie Adamson is a fourth-year student who serves as a class officer and liaison to the American Dental Association Eighth District. She is the immediate past president of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA).

Rick Andolina, a third-year student, is the president/first delegate for ASDA.

A third-year student, Tim Calnon is the ASDA's legislative liaison and a class officer who serves on the judicial council. Andolina and Calnon both were appointed by the ASDA executive committee to serve as national representatives on two ADA councils for the ADA calendar year, which begins in October.

attention are a result of grassroots efforts that ultimately drive our association, which accounts for 17,000 dental students across the country.

Part of the job description involves planning an ASDA regional meeting that will actually be held in Buffalo this September. We will have representatives from 13 dental schools travel to our great city.

**How are your activities supported financially? Are there mentors who work with student leaders?**

CA: All UB SDM students are automatically enrolled as ASDA members and pay a student activity fee that covers national dues, as well as some of our local chapter costs. We also hold a number of fundraisers throughout the year—from vendor fairs to Crest sales.

RICK ANDOLINA: UB ASDA has a faculty advisor, Dr. Joseph DeLuca, a UB alum who was a leader in ASDA as a student. Dr. Elaine Davis also is a valuable mentor for ASDA members.

**How have UB alumni or local dentists supported your activities?**

CA: We are very lucky to have an administration that is supportive of our endeavors and activities. In addition to this, UB alumni and local dentists support our fundraisers, attend events and serve as mentors to our students. The Eighth District and Seventh District dental societies (made up of many UB alumni) have welcomed student representatives to attend meetings regularly and learn more about being involved in organized dentistry, as well as the issues that face our profession.

RA: The Seventh and Eighth District dental societies invite ASDA representatives to attend regular meetings to give a student report and learn more about the issues facing organized dentistry and the future of our profession. Additionally, student representatives attend UB SDM Alumni Association meetings.

Through our involvement with organized dentistry, students are able to see the value of membership in the ADA tripartite at the national, state and local levels upon graduation. SDM is a great school and it will be amazing to see how many students move on into leadership positions throughout their careers.

**What do you find most rewarding about serving as a dental school student leader?**

TC: ASDA has become a way of life in my dental school career. It augments the didactic and clinical knowledge that arises from Squire Hall. My travels around the country to various ASDA, NYSDA and ADA meetings have allowed me to keep my finger on the pulse of organized dentistry.

There are crucial issues in the forefront of dentistry today that will inevitably affect our generation. I take pride in voicing the concerns of my fellow students. My most exciting revelation has been how well student leaders are received by our professional counterparts. They not only welcome our thoughts, but encourage our active participation in order to create a single, unified voice of dentistry.

A CONVERSATION WITH  
SDM Student Leaders  
Q & A

# AN ACADEMIC LIFE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

BY JIM BISCO

ELIAS KAUFMAN WAS ALWAYS THE GO-TO PERSON in Pediatric and Community Dentistry, scheduling, grading and evaluating students and addressing any of their problems. “I was sort of the man at home base here,” he says, referring to his full-time academic presence in the department.

After 45 years, the associate professor and director of the pediatric dental clinic retired from his full-time position in April. He will continue to participate one day a week, teaching seminars and lecturing through next spring.

teaching both didactic and clinical courses. He taught a course in interceptive orthodontics and helped direct the Pediatric Dentistry Concentrations program.

He also taught pediatric X-ray seminars, courses in literature review and, more recently, seminars with freshmen on problem-based learning, which he says he has particularly relished.

Kaufman was long involved in community outreach, directing the New York State Sealant Program for Underserved Children for more than 20 years. He helped solicit grants totaling \$2 million that provided free exams and sealants for children in the public schools of Lackawanna, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.

“I had seen the ravages of not having proper fluoride in Boston. Buffalo city water got fluoride a little before I came here,” he recalls. “If you’re interested in kids, you’re

interested in preventing cavities and getting services to them. As a pediatric dentist, that’s my concern.”

When Kaufman arrived at UB, sealants and bonding were just coming into practice. “This was particularly a boon to kids for easy repair of chipped and broken front teeth. Fifteen to 20 percent of kids have damaged their front teeth in some way

before age 18. This made a huge difference from a protective and aesthetic point of view. These restorations began in 1971. We did 270 such teeth in our clinic that first year,” he notes.

Kaufman’s research areas included studies of bacterial collagenases, a factor in gum disease; techniques for bonding teeth; and a study predicting tooth size in individuals when baby teeth are replaced by adult teeth.

He served on numerous committees, including a decade as chair of SDM’s Human Subjects Review Board. When he received his specialty board certification in pediatric dentistry in 1979, he was in a select group of fewer than 700 in the country. In 2006, Kaufman received the Charles S. Lipani Award for exceptional service.

“What I really enjoyed is working with the faculty, students and staff. The thing about dentistry is that you go home at the end of the day knowing you’ve done good for people. You’ve helped solve problems. And it’s always fun working with the kids,” he says.

Kaufman’s longtime interest in classic five-string banjo and subsequent scholarship of the genre—a style rooted in minstrel shows covering the era from the Civil War to World War I—resulted in his being named a senior research fellow in UB’s Center for Studies in American Culture. He has written and lectured worldwide on the subject and he and his wife, Madeleine—an adjunct assistant professor and managing editor of the academic journal *Arethusa* in the Department of Classics—have edited the American Banjo Fraternity’s *Five-Stringer* publication for nearly 40 years.



ELIAS KAUFMAN, PICTURED IN THE PEDIATRIC DENTAL CLINIC. KAUFMAN RETIRED IN APRIL 2011, WRAPPING UP A 45-YEAR CAREER AS AN ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF THE CLINIC.

Kaufman had been drawn to academia since his postdoctorate days in pediatric dentistry training at Children’s Hospital of Boston through the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, where he received his DMD degree. “My clinical work has always been concentrated on teaching,” he says.

Over the past 40 years, his directorship of the pediatric dental clinic included



# A LIFE OF LEARNING IN THE LAB, STUDENT BY STUDENT

BY JIM BISCO

DURING A MEETING WITH DON HANAVAN in the removable prosthodontics lab, a revolving contingent of students sweeps by, each with an inquiry or concern about a denture or partial in progress. It's all in a day's work for the instructional support assistant, who has readily fielded any question from the nearly 200 predoctoral juniors and seniors, and residents from the Advanced Prosthodontics and the Advanced Education in General Dentistry postdoctoral programs.



**T**he genial, always helpful Hanavan now has called it a day after almost 40 years of showing students how it's done, up close and personal.

Whether he's helping a confused junior with an altered cast impression, doing a same-day partial repair—even if it means putting off six other cases—or carefully taking a custom tray off a cast that a student is too scared to separate, Don is always there to help with a smile on his face. His humor and experience are an invaluable part of every dental student's education.

With that recognition, the Class of 2010 gave the self-described dental technician the Florence Kronson Award, annually bestowed on a staff member who contributes significantly to the welfare of students. It was the fourth Kronson for Hanavan. This year, he received the Dental Student Association Staff Appreciation Award, also his fourth. Then there was the prestigious SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service he received in 1993, the first ever given to a school staff member.

Heady recognition for one of the most unassuming, accessible and upbeat individuals who is grateful for every aspect of his career, beginning with his hiring

on Groundhog Day 1972 by Lawrence Zabaldo, then supervisor of the fixed prosthodontics lab, after a disappointing four-year stint at a commercial lab.

"You were asked to rush. It didn't matter what (the product) looked like. That just wasn't me," says Hanavan. "I was always into detail and quality. So I was out to find

a better job and that's how I ended up here."

His attentive bench work in the fixed and removable labs soon was accompanied by increasing individual student inquiries. "Go see Don," became the directive from instructors to students who they felt needed lab insights.

"None of the students had ever seen the lab work done before, except in a book or in a PowerPoint," he observes. "They came to the lab

and asked me to show them. So I'd do a little of it and then they did the rest. Once they've been shown, they can do anything."

Hanavan thought it would be of considerable value to incorporate the dental technicians into the technique courses to demonstrate to the students collectively the lab work that they would be facing. While his continued lobbying efforts to be included in classroom instruction never materialized, he never tired of the one-at-a-time student visits to the lab.

"It was rough in the beginning because I didn't have all the answers. The students are what make you sharp because they'll ask questions you have to look up. Once you find the answer, you go home better for it that day," he explains. "It was very rewarding. I got a lot out of it by working with the students."

The hardest part of the job, Hanavan admits, was saying goodbye to the students with whom he would establish relationships over two to three years. Now, the person who calls himself the luckiest person in Squire Hall is saying goodbye for good, retreating to a tight-knit home life with wife, Patricia, and sons, Donald and Patrick, and grateful for every turn his life has taken.

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Dr. John Maggio

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Dr. Seb Andreana

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## DEC. 3

#### Cardio Risk Screening Workshop...Risk assessment: Heart disease

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Drs. Robert Gordon & Brian Preston

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## DEC. 9-10

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# AlumniNews

## Hanau Cup Hockey



Once again, the Northtown Center in Amherst played host to some of the finest sets of teeth on skates as Hanau Cup hockey returned on April 16. The classic competition saw a team of dental school alumni and faculty face off against current SDM students.

Despite last year's beating at the hands of the students, the alumni team bravely challenged the dental youngsters once more. This year's game was remarkably competitive.

The alumni team even managed to put a few pucks in the net, most likely thanks to the addition of former Division I hockey player Mike Nagai, '10. Ray Miller, '85, was added to the student squad to level the playing field.

After the game, teams gathered at The Steer restaurant on Main Street for a celebration that included chicken wings, nachos, beer and soda. Clearly, the food and drink became the great equalizer as both sides reviewed their meeting on the ice earlier in the day.

The game and party were sponsored by the UB Dental Alumni Association and Peter Atkinson, owner of Dental Dynamics, a local dental equipment and handpiece repair company.

In addition to Nagai, the alumni team included Dan Farr, '84; Brian Kritzman, '05; Jim Matteliano, '80; Fred Rodems, '80; Robert Warner, '81; Ed Tyska, '98; Peter Atkinson; Ken Lee, '89; and his sons, Jason and Andy.

On the student team were David Hurlbut, '11; Joe Vollo, '13; Ben Farr, '13; Travis Ludy, '12; Adam Ungaro, '13; David Jette, '12; Ray Miller, '85; Jennifer Prutsman-Pfieffe, (PhD forensic anthropology); and Brad Phillips (Jennifer, '12).

## AWARDS FOR THREE FACULTY ALUMS

Three SDM faculty members who also graduated from the school have been honored by their fellow colleagues and students.

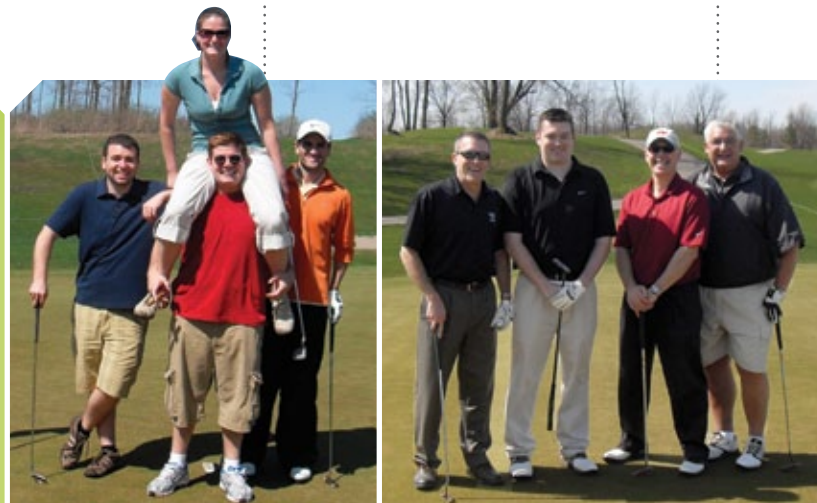
**Patrick M. Hart, '73**, received the Richard A. Powell award, which is presented to a faculty member regarded by faculty and students alike as an outstanding dental educator. The recipient demonstrates superior knowledge of a particular discipline, is able to communicate effectively and conveys compassion for students. The recipient appreciates differences in individual students and works with each to realize his/her full potential.

**Raymond G. Miller, '85**, has received the Charles A. Lipani Award. This honor is presented by the faculty of the dental school to recognize outstanding contribution to the school, its faculty or the dental profession. Miller has been a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences since 1986. He also has a private practice and is a dental officer in the New York Air National Guard.

The Dean's Award is presented to a member of the faculty, staff, student body or community who has made a positive professional impact not only at the school, but also on a local or regional level. This year's recipient is **Sebastian G. Ciancio, '61**, SUNY Distinguished Service professor and chair of the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics. He also serves as director of the Center for Dental Studies.

## Billy Barue Golf Tournament

Class of 2011 dental school students put down their drills and picked up some golf clubs during the spring to enjoy an outing with fellow classmates, faculty and alumni at the 22nd annual Billy Barue Golf Outing. This year's event, which drew 88 golfers, took place April 30 at the Buffalo Tournament Club in Lancaster. The event traditionally was held during the fall as a final fun outing of the summer and to kick off the start of clinic for dental school seniors. It since has been moved to the spring, evolving into an event in which students, faculty and alumni gather to celebrate the graduating class. This year's event received primary sponsorship from Nobel Biocare. Proceeds help fund the cost of the tournament and prizes; remaining funds are donated to the UB Foundation.



Student Team – Pictured at top is Michele Bonnevie, and, from left, Eugene Khaylonsky, Steve Levy and William Holzman. All four are members of the Class of 2011. Alumni Team – Pictured from left: Richard J. Lynch, '83; his son, Richard Lynch; Raymond A. Niceforo, '83; and Timothy J. Seel, '83.

# ClassNotes



## Renzo, '73, honored for charitable efforts

The Sierra Leone Cultural Alliance Hearts for the Poor honored Renzo Nylander, '73, with its 2011 Humanitarian Award, presented during the group's inaugural African Recognition Night on May 21. The group's mission is to improve the lives of refugees who have resettled in our community, as well as the children of Sierra Leone. Nylander was honored for his outreach dental trips to Ghana and Sierra Leone.

**Marshall Fagin, '70**, a prosthodontist, has been lecturing on many areas of fixed prosthodontics, both at the University of Florida-Gainesville and in Bradford, Pa. He also conducts a webinar for the Eighth District Dental Society on great impressions using soft tissue lasers. Fagin and his team also recently received Mercer Advisors' coveted Eagle Award



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for outstanding business practices, teamwork, leadership and growth. Fagin's practice is in Williamsville, N.Y.

**Kenneth L. Lefkowitz, '76**, retired from private practice in November 2010. He relocated from Connecticut to Maryland to be near his grandchildren.

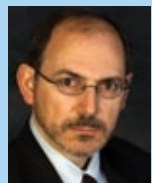
**Albert Cantos, '81**, received the Fellowship Award at the 65th annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral Medicine, held April 6-9 in San Juan, Puerto



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**Lawrence A. Tabak (PhD oral biology, '81, certificate in endodontics, '85)** is principal deputy director of the National Institutes of Health. He served as director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research from 2000 to 2010. Tabak, of Bethesda, Md., is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

**Richard L. Rubin, '84 (certificate in endodontics '99)**, was



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elected to the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Board of Directors during the organization's recent annual session in San Antonio, Texas. Rubin represents AAE District II, which covers Connecticut, New Jersey, New York and Rhode Island. He has a private practice in Fairport, N.Y., teaches at UB, and is an attending and section head of endodontics for the general practice residency at Rochester General Hospital. An AAE member since 1996, Rubin serves on the AAE Special Committee on Affiliates and Districts, and is board liaison to the Clinical Practice Committee.

**Brian J. Jackson, '89**, recently was published in the peer-reviewed Journal of Oral Implantology. His paper, titled "Specific Indications and Considerations for the Posterior Mandible: A Case Report," was also presented at the seventh annual Dr. Ronald Goldstone Memorial Seminar at Utica College and at the Bergen County Implant Study Club in Englewood, N.J.



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Jackson is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, and a fellow of the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. He is a partner in the dental practice of Slavin, Jackson and Burns in Waterville, N.Y.

**Mine Tezal (MS oral sciences, '98; periodontics, '04)** was the recipient of the 2011 American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Neal W. Chilton Fellowship. The award was presented March 16 at the 40th annual meeting of the AADR and 89th General Session and Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research in San Diego. Tezal is an assistant professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

**Tariq Abuhaimeid (GPR, '06; MS biomaterials, '07; endodontics, '09)** successfully completed his PhD in mechanical and aerospace engineering on April 6. He will be joining the faculty at King Abdul Aziz University in Saudi Arabia.

**Eiad Elathamna (prosthodontics, '11)** successfully defended his master's thesis, "Comparison of Fractural Strength of Metal Ceramic Bonding Obtained by Microwave and Conventional Oven Heating," on May 31.

## Excellence in the classroom

**Outstanding educator—Alfredo Aguirre (MS oral sciences, '83; certificate in oral pathology, '83; DDS '01), center, received the 2010 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. He is pictured with his daughter, Brenda, PharmD, '10, and his son, Alan, BA '11. The award is presented to SUNY faculty members whose concern for students is evidenced by the individual attention they accord each student and by their commitment to helping students enhance their scholarly and creative abilities, and attain academic excellence. Aguirre is a professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, and director of the advanced education program in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He also serves as director of the OMA Oral Pathology Laboratory.**





# InMemoriam

## School mourns loss of two faculty

The dental school recently mourned the loss of two highly respected faculty members.

**Soren E. Sorensen**, a retired professor, died April 21, 2011, in ElderWood Health Care at Oakwood, Amherst, at age 93. **Peter H. Staple**, a longtime professor and civil rights activist, died April 11, 2011, in Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital after a brief illness. He, too, was 93.

Born in Denmark, Sorensen defied the Nazi occupation during World War II. He once escaped arrest for photographing Adolf Hitler in a restaurant, and a second time for spitting on the boots of a Gestapo agent.

After graduating in 1946 at the top of his class at the Royal Dental College in Copenhagen, where he met his wife, Doris Eriksen, Sorensen and his family moved to Chicago in the 1950s. He moved to the Buffalo area in 1962 to accept a position at UB. He served as chairman of the school's Department of Dental Materials from 1964-88.

Born in Tonbridge, England, Staple was educated at Guy's Hospital Dental School, London. He served as a dental officer in the Royal Air Force during World War II, stationed in India and Burma. In 1950, he married Joan Lorch, a post-doctoral fellow at King's College, University of London, where Staple earned his PhD in pharmacology.

In 1959, Staple and his family relocated to the U.S. His first faculty appointment was with the University of Alabama Dental School in Birmingham. He joined UB as a professor of oral biology in 1963; he retired in 1987.

Staple served from 1964 to 1970 as the founding editor of "Advances in Oral Biology," published by Academic Press. He was active in university and community affairs, serving for many years in the Faculty Senate. He also was a strong advocate for civil rights and, as a member of Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME), participated in marches to end racial discrimination in housing.

Catch up with classmates at the Reunion Dinner Dance, taking place at the end of this year's Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. Be sure to join us Nov. 4 for cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Hyatt Regency, downtown Buffalo. It's sure to be a great night out.

### 2011 REUNION CHAIRS

- 1941 Dr. Harold R. Ortman
- 1951 Dr. William G. Braun Jr.
- 1956 Dr. John V. Lucchese Sr.
- 1961 Dr. Sebastian G. Ciancio  
Dr. Roger W. Triftshauer  
Dr. John H. Twist  
Dr. Philip V. Vullo  
Dr. Richard R. Wilson
- 1966 Dr. Joseph P. Rowbottom
- 1971 Dr. Peter J. D'Arrigo
- 1976 Dr. Mark L. Teach  
Dr. Warren M. Krutchick  
Dr. Timothy R. Stanford
- 1981 Dr. Gerald T. Carlo  
Dr. Kevin A. D'Angelo  
Dr. Elizabeth A. Schisa-  
D'Angelo  
Dr. Mindy G. Patcoff-Weinman  
Dr. David M. Weinman
- 1986 Dr. Samuel D. Carocci
- 1991 Dr. David A. Ball  
Dr. Rosanne Modica  
Dr. Eric H. Schroeder
- 1996 Dr. Jeffrey M. Dolgos  
Dr. Laura S. Littman
- 2001 Dr. Hubert W. Hawkins
- 2006 Dr. Anthony R. Lister

**Capt. Seymour "Sy" Hoffman, '45**, of Birmingham, Ala., died Jan. 13, 2011. He was 90. A U.S. Navy officer for more than 30 years, he served as senior dental officer aboard the USS Saratoga and as chief of oral pathology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

**Dominick J. Ascioti, '46**, of New Port Richey, Fla., died April 6, 2011. He was 92. His dental practice spanned 57 years in the Syracuse area before he relocated to Florida in 2007. He was a member of the Fifth District Dental Society of New York for many years.

**Robert H. Evans, '52**, of Sarasota, Fla., died on March 23, 2011, after a long illness. He was 83. Raised in Buffalo, Evans received his bachelor's and DDS degrees from UB. He practiced orthodontics for 25 years before moving to Sarasota.

**Marvin L. Kessler, '55 (orthodontics '55)**, of Latham, N.Y., died on March 30, 2011. Following an orthodontics fellowship at UB, Kessler practiced orthodontics in the Troy, N.Y., area

for more than 40 years and was a diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics.

**Richard C. Hall, '67**, of Pompano Beach, Fla., died on Feb. 16, 2011. He was 72. He operated a private practice in Pompano Beach for more than 40 years. He served as a member of the Florida Dental Society and was president of the Florida Dental Study Group.

**C. William Snyder, '77**, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died on May 17, 2011 after a lengthy illness. He was 68. Snyder worked as a pediatric dentist at Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo and in Portsmouth, N.H. In addition to UB, he taught at St. Lawrence University, the University of New England and the Dubai Aerospace Enterprise University.

**David R. Sims, '99**, of Edgewater, Md., died on April 16, 2011. He was 39. A self-employed dentist, he owned South River Dental Care in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the American Dental Association. He also was a certified scuba diver and certified by the Pyrotechnics Guild International.

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**John A. Molinari, PhD**

*Infection Control*

**Chester J. Gary, DDS '78, JD**

*Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence in NY State*

**John Asaro, DDS '73 & Kevin Ricotta, JD**

*Risk Management*

**CPR: The Safety Company**

Opening Night Celebration 5:30-8:00pm  
Free food, drink & music for all!

### THURSDAY

Robert J. Genco Distinguished Speaker Series

**William V. Giannobile, DDS, MS, DMSc**

*Periodontics*

Michael A. Meenaghan Implant Symposium

**Jay R. Beagle, DDS, MSD**

*Implant Program*

**Lois Banta**

*Front Office Programs*

### FRIDAY

7th Annual Alan Drinnan Memorial Symposium

**Raymond G. Miller, DDS '85, Mary Bush, DDS '99 and Peter Bush**

*Forensics*

**Robert R. Edwab, DDS**

*Oral Surgery Program*

**Charles Blair, DDS**

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