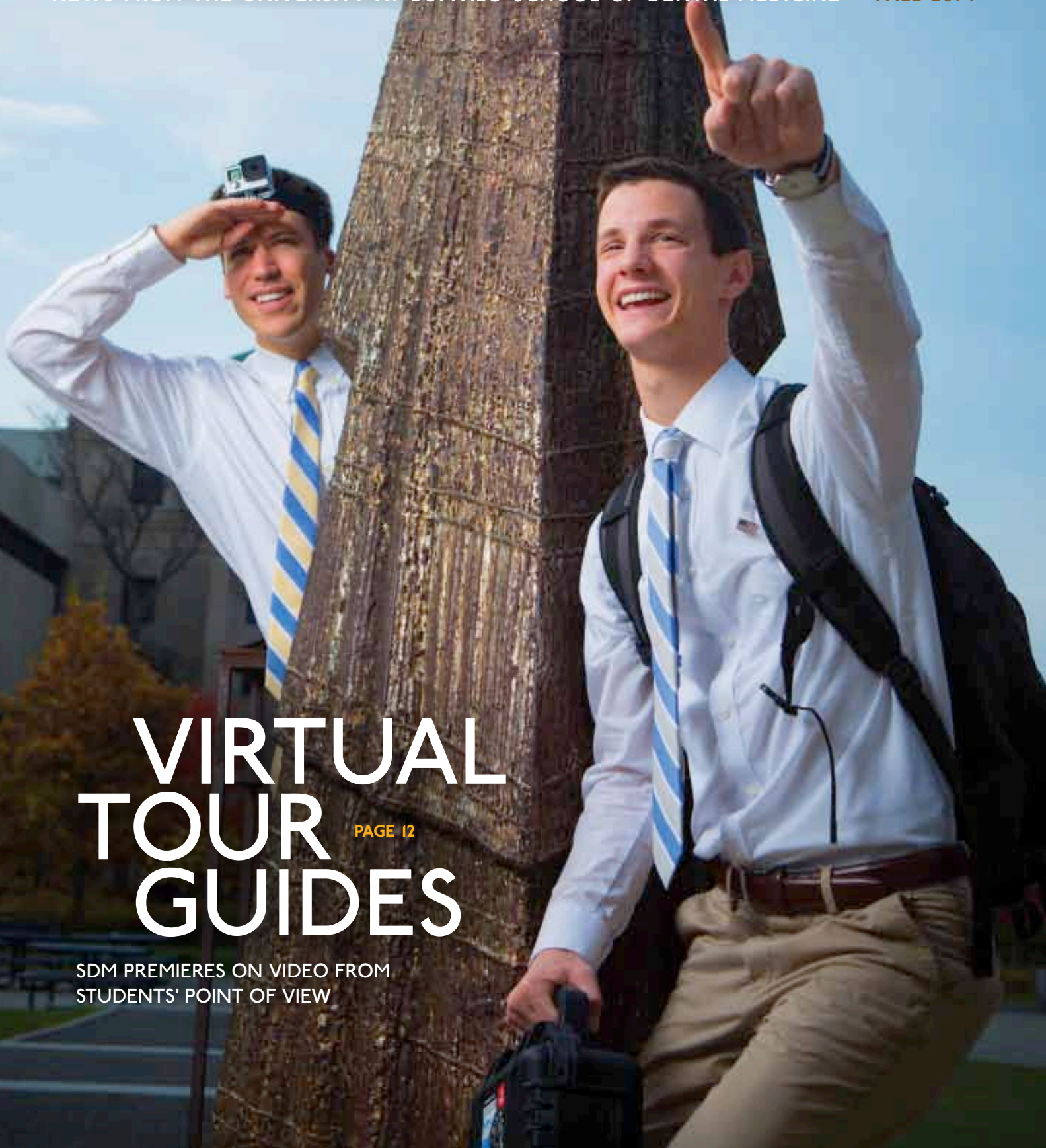


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Second-year students Cole Staines (left), fitted with GoPro® camera, and Tyler Maxwell brought the SDM tour to video this semester. Story on Page 12.

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FROM THE DEAN



As I am completing my fifth year as dean of the School of Dental Medicine, it is time to reflect on some of our successes. We have done well! The following are some accomplishments I highlighted during my state of the school address delivered this September to students, staff and faculty.

- SDM enrollment for all programs increased from 434 (2009–10) to 483 (2013–14). Although pre-doctoral applications to SDM declined during the period, class size and academic qualifications remained steady.
- UB SDM students are highly sought after: Last year, all 26 DDS graduates who applied to specialty programs were accepted; 61 others entered AEGD or GPR programs—more than 80 percent were accepted into their first or second choices.
- Class of 2016 had a 100-percent initial pass rate on National Board Part 1.
- In research, SDM's research grants are up \$3.5 million in 2014 compared with 2009. In that period, our National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research ranking for research expenditures climbed from 28th to 12th. Furthermore, our research publications have increased 80 percent in the past five years.
- This year we opened a student-run dental clinic in an underserved neighborhood of Buffalo. Last year, our community outreach found dental homes for some 500 persons; our Give Kids a Smile Day is the nation's largest, screening more than 600 children; our dental education visits to local schools reach thousands more. From 2009–14, a total of 533 students treated 15,339 patients on foreign and domestic trips to underserved populations. More than 65 percent of our students volunteer for national and international outreach programs.

- In the clinics in the past five years, we've increased annual patient revenue by \$1 million (24 percent) and now serve 2,000 additional patients. But, as we want to keep an appropriate faculty to student ratio of 1:6, and have adequate staff support, our clinic costs are \$8 million more per year than we generate in revenues.
- In 2013–14, state support is now, unfortunately, only 16 percent of our budget and SDM has to generate 84 percent of its total budget; yet, net revenues are up \$6.6 million since 2009–10.
- We have completed an ambitious master plan and timetable for SDM facilities improvement, with immediate priorities totaling \$30 million. These improvements include upgrading all our operatories and renovation of our pre-clinical laboratory. *But we don't yet have the funds needed to realize these objectives.*

On this last point, you will be hearing from me in the coming months about what we must do together to raise those funds. We need to renovate and build in order to maintain our strength—so that five years from now you can read another recitation of SDM successes.

This is your school. I hope you're as proud of your tie to SDM as I am to be its dean.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Glick', written in a cursive style.

Michael Glick, William M. Feagans Chair and Dean

NewsBriefs



SDM STUDENT AND CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARD WINNER SARAH KAPLAN IS SHOWN WITH (FROM LEFT) FRANKLIN GARCÍA-GODOY, SENIOR EXECUTIVE DEAN FOR RESEARCH, PATRICK YANCEY III, PRESIDENT OF THE HINMAN DENTAL SOCIETY, AND TIMOTHY HOTTEL, DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY.

SDM student Sarah Kaplan wins research award at national symposium

Fourth-year SDM student Sarah Kaplan was the recipient of an award in clinical research at the 20th Hinman Student Research Symposium held in Memphis, Tennessee Oct. 31–Nov. 2. Sarah's project focused on methods to collect data on waking state oral parafunctional behaviors such as jaw overuse. The study was directed by Richard Ohrbach, MS '89, TMD Cert. '89, associate professor in the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences.

The symposium featured oral and poster presentations of research projects by students and graduate students from dental schools across the nation. At this year's symposium, 88 students represented 47 dental schools in 28 states, the District of Columbia, and three Canadian provinces.

The keynote speaker at the welcoming banquet was SDM alumnus Lawrence A. Tabak, PhD '81, Endo. Cert. '85, principal deputy director and senior investigator of the National Institutes of Health and former director of the NIDCR. He spoke on "The Top 10 Things I Have Learned," which included valuable insights on working with others, benefiting from the mentor-mentee relationship, and being guided by your data even when the results conflict with your understanding of how things work.

Eight awards were given for the most outstanding student presentations, four in clinical research and four in basic science research, in addition to an award from the National Students Research Group (NSRG) of the American Association for Dental Research.

The symposium was sponsored by the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry and co-sponsored by the Hinman Dental Society, which holds one of the nation's largest continuing dental education meetings each March in Atlanta.

2 Kerr and Winter receive 2014 Chancellor's Awards

Joseph Kerr, associate dean for administration and Kurt Winter, assistant to the chair, Department of Oral Biology were recipients of the 2014 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service honors professional staff performance excellence "both within and beyond the position."



Kerr oversees the school's administrative operations, providing direct oversight for all human resources, financial, marketing, continuing education, clinic business operations and facilities functions within the school. Kerr has automated financial and other data processes that have increased the effectiveness and efficiency of the school's operations, allowing for quick and accurate reporting, trend analyses and operation reviews.



Winter works in all aspects of research administration in the department, including budget preparation, interpretation of sponsor guidelines and communication with prospective and current research sponsors, subcontractors, collaborators and all research-related support offices at UB. Winter, who previously worked in Sponsored Programs Administration, helped prepare multiple submissions of a complex and substantial NIH training grant, which received funding in 2013. He also has facilitated the submission of numerous grant applications by faculty members and students.

Kerr and Winter join only three other dental school professional staff members who previously received this award—Donald Hanavan (1993), Maryanne Mather (1997) and Pamela Jones (1999). Congratulations to these new awardees.

3 Myneni awarded scholarship from American Academy of Periodontology

Srinivas Myneni, clinical instructor in the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, has



been awarded an American Academy of Periodontology Educator Scholarship for 2014. The academy awards two scholarships of \$25,000 annually to outstanding residents who desire to pursue a full-time teaching career at a periodontal program in the United States upon completion of specialty training in periodontics. Myneni is dedicated

to a career in academia and is a promising basic and clinical researcher in the area of periodontology. His contribution to education in teaching predoctoral students to provide a strong foundation in periodontics is well appreciated.

4 Robert Atwell, '15, receives DTA Foundation scholarship

Fourth-year SDM student Robert Atwell was one of seven recipients of a scholarship from the Dental Trade Alliance (DTA) Foundation. The scholarships recognize dental students, nominated by their dean, who have an established commitment to community service by providing \$5,000 in financial support to a third- or fourth-year dental student who has demonstrated academic excellence in dentistry, financial need, and a commitment to community service.

Atwell's commitment to community service was evident through his work since becoming a dental student at UB, including volunteering on the Remote Area Medical team in Tennessee, serving on the dental team for Hope International-Haiti, and completing a Seneca Nation-Indian Health Service Externship.

The Robert J. Sullivan Family Foundation created a restricted fund with the DTA Foundation in 2012 to honor the late Robert Sullivan and his love for the dental industry, coupled with his strong connection to dental education. Seven \$5,000 scholarships were given out in 2014 to deserving dental students. Congratulations to Robert.



5 Faculty and staff transitions

Since June 2014, the SDM has welcomed a number of new faculty and staff:

Oral Diagnostic Sciences – Elizabeth Karpal, '13, as a part-time clinical instructor, with Conor Hogan and Katelyn Mazurkiewicz as research staff members.

Oral Biology – Andrew Croft, Rebecca Healy, Lubov Neznanova, Stacy Scheuneman and Stephen Vanyo as research technicians, Stephen Hintermeier as research aide, and Changdong Wang as a postdoctoral associate.

Orthodontics – Mohamad ALSheibly as a research scholar.

Mona Bajestan joins the Department of Orthodontics as assistant professor having graduated with a Master of Science and Certificate in Orthodontics in 2014 from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. She has a DDS from Mashhad University of Medical Sciences, School of Dentistry, in 2003, and a US DDS from University of California, San Francisco in 2011. Her recent research projects include stem cell therapy for reconstruction of craniofacial defects in cleft palate patients, and assessment of temporomandibular joint response to open-bite surgery.

Pediatric and Community Dentistry – Rachel Anderson, Joli Chou, Douglas Olson, Ortho. Cert. '13, Tammy Thompson, Ped. Dent. Cert. '00, and Carrie Wanamaker, '09, Ped. Dent. Cert. '11, as part-time clinical assistant professors.

Periodontics and Endodontics – Constance Jin, Endo. Cert. '14, as a part-time clinical instructor and Jennifer Chinnici as a research technician.

Restorative Dentistry – Frances Deplato, '82, Michael Pignato and Myung-Jin Nam, '11, Pros. Cert. '14, as part-time clinical instructors.

Clinical Dentistry – Tiffany Karl as a staff assistant.

South Campus Instrument Center – Crystal Collado as a research assistant.

Retiring from SDM are: Carlos Munoz-Viveros retired in August after 10 years of service as professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry, serving as chair of the department for seven years. Munoz is an avid clinical researcher focused on restorative dental materials and their interaction with dental tissues, physical-mechanical properties, dental adhesion, and bond strength.

Also retiring was Jean Haar, '51, clinical professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Haar worked in the department since the late '70s.

Barbara Frazier, keyboard specialist, retires after eight years in Restorative Dentistry.

Promoted are: Olga Baker and Shuying Yang were each promoted to associate professor (HS) with tenure on July 1, 2014.

Baker arrived at UB in 2009, and was highly successful in attracting funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for her research in resolution of cytokine-mediated salivary gland inflammation and using fibrin hydrogels to build artificial salivary glands. Baker mentored graduate and DDS students in research and refined the Case Studies courses for the DDS curriculum. She has since left SDM for the University of Utah.

Yang's education includes an MD in 1994 from Shan Xi Medical University, and both an MS and PhD from Henan Medical University in 1997 and 2000, respectively, in Molecular Biology, Cancer Biology and Immunology. She served as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Michigan before working at the Forsyth Institute as a staff scientist from 2002 to 2008 when she joined UB. In the past six months, Yang has been awarded three new R01 grants from the NIH. Her research is focused on regulation of calcium oscillation in osteoclasts, the function of regulation of G protein signaling in bone, and regulation of bone development and homeostasis by IFT protein.

6 Facilities Master Plan Progress Report

The SDM Facilities Master Plan process continues to make progress, implementing the top 3 priorities: pre-clinic lab enhancement and updating, operatory replacement, and patient and administrative area updates.

- **Pre-clinic lab:** The RFP procurement process for selecting an architect to assist in the design of renovated pre-clinic, simulation, and wet lab space is nearly complete with the awarding of a contract to occur very soon. The architect will facilitate planning sessions, offer ideas for consideration, build consensus on a final design, and create construction documents. The university is covering \$1 million of the design cost. Funding for the actual construction has not yet been identified. This is a multi-year and multi-million-dollar project with the goal of being complete prior to the 2017 accreditation site visit.
- **Operatory replacement:** The operatory replacement project will replace most of the existing operatories with new chairs, units and cabinetry. Dental assistant stations and flooring will be updated as well, in conjunction with improvements in clinic supplies management. The project is estimated to cost \$7-10 million, with funding to come from the SDM, philanthropy, and a five-year loan from the university. Six new evaluation operatories were installed in the first-floor clinic in the spring, with good feedback being collected to help develop the RFP so that the bids can be published. The RFPs are in development with the hope of issuing them in January. This is a multi-year project with the goal of being complete prior to the 2017 accreditation site visit.

- **Patient and administrative area updates:** Progress is most visible for this project with the recent installation of furniture and flooring and painting of patient areas throughout the building, and the demolition and rebuilding of the student lounge, kitchen, and the Alan Gross room in the basement of Squire. Enhancements will continue to appear in meeting and administrative areas, as well as in way-finding and signage in the building. ASDA and the SDM are sharing the costs of the student areas in the basement, and the university is paying for the rest of the improvements throughout the building.

These initiatives will transform SDM learning and patient care environments, making them more attractive, assisting with faculty, student and patient recruitment, and enhancing the academic program with new technologies and equipment.

Support for these initiatives is greatly appreciated.



7 Zambon and Crow appointments announced

Joseph Zambon, '74, Perio. Cert. '83, PhD '84, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor, has been appointed associate dean for advanced education and faculty advancement. He will serve as an advisor to the program directors, while providing oversight and guidance for accreditation issues.

Among other duties, Zambon will continue to assist faculty members with professional development, and identify resources and educational initiatives that will enhance faculty teaching, scholarship and service. He will support department chairs in recruiting new faculty and in the preparation of promotion dossiers, and will assist the administration in creating opportunities for underrepresented minorities.

In making this announcement, Dean Michael Glick expressed his appreciation to Heidi Crow, associate professor and director of the TMD and Orofacial Pain program, for her five years of leadership of the Advanced Education program. During her tenure, she was instrumental in transforming the TMD and Orofacial Pain program into a CODA-accredited program with increased enrollment, while facilitating the continued growth and strength of SDM postgraduate programs.

Crow was recently appointed chair of the Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences after an extensive national search. She received her DMD at University of Pennsylvania in 1985, completed a GPR at University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital in 1986, and received a TMD Certificate and MS in Oral Sciences from UB in 1991. She rejoined SDM as a full-time faculty member in 2004 after serving as a faculty member at both the University of Michigan and Indiana University Schools of Dentistry.

The dental case of Edward E. Schwert, DDS, '38, enters museum

Earlier this year the George W. Ferry Dental Museum received a donation of a well-stocked portable dental case with contents including various instruments as well as anesthetics. Some of the bottles still had complete labels identifying the University of Buffalo Dental Department—a rare find indeed. This generous donation in memory of Edward E. Schwert, '38, was presented to the school by his son Dave and wife Trudi.

Schwert spent his entire dental career serving the citizens of the Belmont, NY area. In fact, early in 1977 he purchased and donated the equipment necessary to provide fluoridation to the municipal water supply for the Village of Belmont. The Wellsville Daily Reporter noted at the time that the donation was “something that he’s [Schwert] wanted to do for several years now. In 36 years he’s seen a lot of decay.”

A heartfelt thank you to Dave and Trudi Schwert for donating this vintage dental case which will soon be on display in the first-floor patient waiting area.

—Robin Comeau



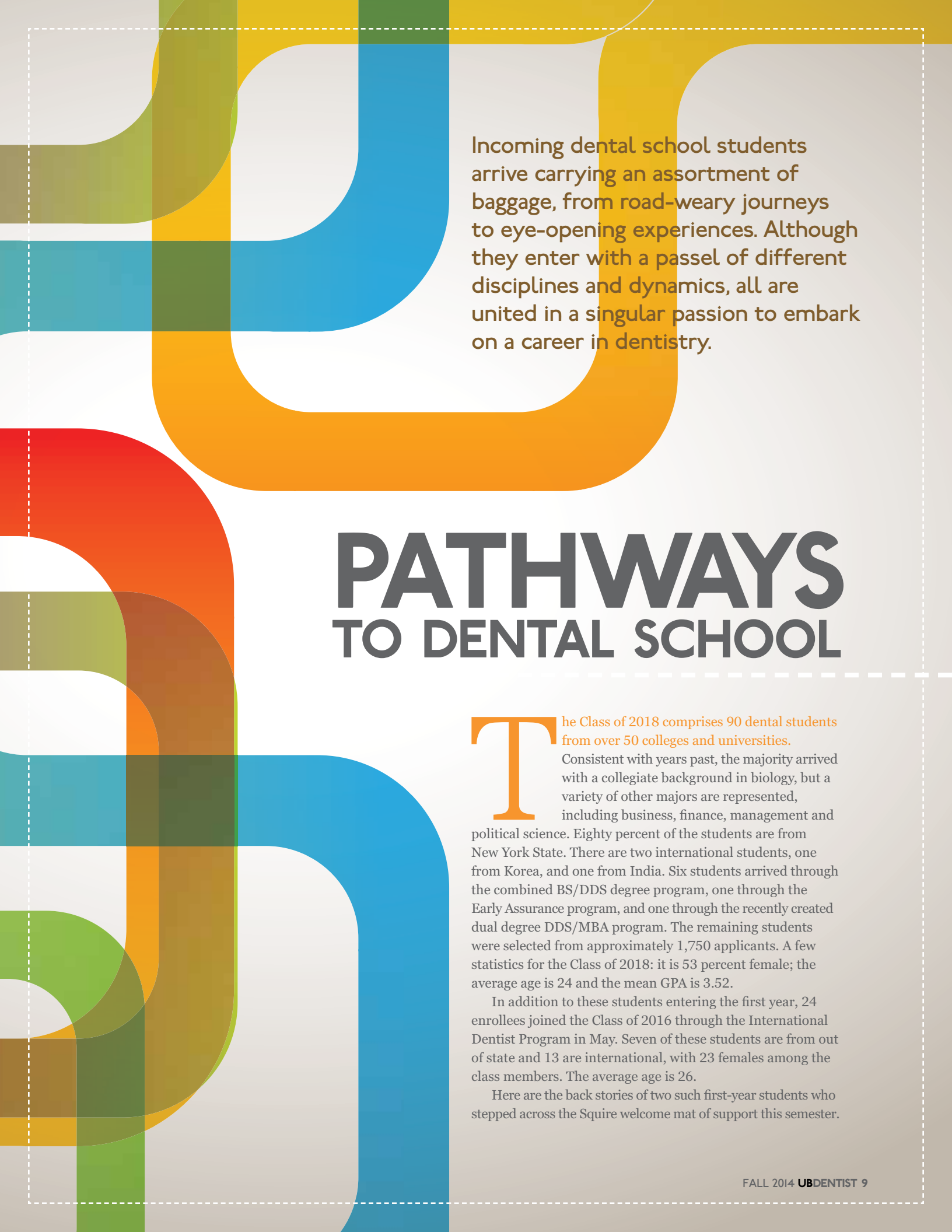
THE CONTENTS OF THE VINTAGE DENTAL CASE DONATED TO THE SDM MUSEUM.



BELMONT, NY DENTIST EDWARD SCHWERT AT WORK.



TRUDI AND DAVE SCHWERT PRESENT DR. SCHWERT'S PORTABLE DENTAL CASE TO ROBIN COMEAU FOR THE GEORGE W. FERRY DENTAL MUSEUM.



Incoming dental school students arrive carrying an assortment of baggage, from road-weary journeys to eye-opening experiences. Although they enter with a passel of different disciplines and dynamics, all are united in a singular passion to embark on a career in dentistry.

PATHWAYS TO DENTAL SCHOOL

The Class of 2018 comprises 90 dental students from over 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, management and political science. Eighty percent of the students are from New York State. There are two international students, one from Korea, and one from India. Six students arrived through the combined BS/DDS degree program, one through the Early Assurance program, and one through the recently created dual degree DDS/MBA program. The remaining students were selected from approximately 1,750 applicants. A few statistics for the Class of 2018: it is 53 percent female; the average age is 24 and the mean GPA is 3.52.

In addition to these students entering the first year, 24 enrollees joined the Class of 2016 through the International Dentist Program in May. Seven of these students are from out of state and 13 are international, with 23 females among the class members. The average age is 26.

Here are the back stories of two such first-year students who stepped across the Squire welcome mat of support this semester.



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JERREN ALCALDE: FROM THE BATTLE ZONE TO DENTAL SCHOOL

First-year dental school students can be subject to overwhelming moments but Jerren Alcalde can reach back to recent memory for a calming perspective. “When everybody’s stressed out about exams and such, I think, ‘Well, at least nobody’s shooting at us, so it’s not that bad.’”

This comes from his experience in the Army deployed in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2011. “Ours was the most heavily mortared base in Afghanistan. About every other day they would mortar us,” he recalls. “The first day we got there, we were assigned our room and then across the little dirt road from our room was the Afghani police compound. That got blown up within the first hour of me flying there. It killed eight Afghani police officers. We got as used to the mortaring as you could get.”

Alcalde was a helicopter fueler who was made a machine gunner

with the threat of the enemy building up numbers to swarm the base. He maintained 12-hour shifts, seven days a week.

When the native of Washington State began taking courses while in the Army, he discovered an interest in biology and the body. He signed up for a health sciences bachelor’s degree with an online university. “I thought this would give me a broad view of a health care-related field,” he says. “Having the education helped get my mind off what I was doing there.”

In addition to his growing interest in medicine, Alcalde also met his wife Christine while in the Army through an online dating service. In the process, he found his calling through his wife’s dentist father, Charles Marchetta, ’79. “When her father knew I wanted to pursue medicine, he invited me to his practice to see what he does and shadow him. I fell in love with it there,” he explains.

After leaving the Army in March 2013, Alcalde decided to look into fast-tracking the science courses that he

needed to take the Dental Admissions Test (DAT). This was worked out with UB’s School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences from 2013 through 2014. “UB was nice. They said if you take two calculus and a physiology class, you’ll have enough for our biomedical bachelor’s degree. I thought that would look better on my dental school application so I took those extra classes and we knocked them all out in a year,” he relates. “Then I had to take the DAT not having taken organic chemistry yet so I had to teach myself organic chemistry before the DAT while taking all the science classes at the same time.”

The crunch paved the way for Alcalde to enter dental school in August. “I couldn’t have done it without my wife. She definitely helped to keep things going,” he says. Stationed in Fort Drum, New York near Watertown after his deployment, they drove back and forth for three hours to see each other. After being discharged, he moved to the Buffalo area. They married in July, three weeks before the start of dental school, and bought a home in Lancaster, NY. Christine, with a BS in Nursing from UB, is a critical care nurse at the Veterans Administration hospital.

Alcalde’s experience in dental school thus far is very engaging. “I’m liking gross anatomy—very interesting. I’m anxious to get into more dental-related classes. I feel like I finally found something that I feel I could do and enjoy for the rest of my life,” he says.

With an Army scholarship that is helping him, he feels like he might consider eventually returning to the military for a residency to “pay it forward” for what they’ve done to help him get here.

PATHWAYS TO DENTAL SCHOOL

ORIENTING ALONG THE PATHWAY

A rigorous orientation was held for both groups of new students including messages of welcome, tours including a new video tour produced by two second-year students (see accompanying article), student service presentations, supply distributions, social events, and the all important mixer with Big Brother/Big Sisters from the second-year class. It all culminated in the White Coat and welcome ceremonies on August 8, as students—joined by their families, faculty and staff—were welcomed into the dental profession.





SUMAYA IBRAHEEM'S WORLD JOURNEY TO DENTAL SCHOOL

Sumaya Ibraheem's arrival at dental school in August was the culmination of a career interest sparked during her first visit to the dentist in early grade school. The youngster found the experience to be "kind of cool."

Her journey here was circuitous. She was born in Sudan and suddenly moved with her family when she was five.

"We really needed to get out of there. There was political unrest, a civil war going on. My family disagreed in a lot of ways with the government. It was becoming an Islamic state. My family didn't want us growing up in an environment where there was a lot of religious persecution, even though we were among the majority," says Ibraheem. "It was threatening to the family if you were vocal in any way about it, especially if you worked in any government entity, which my dad did—he was a professor in a public university

run by the state. You had to quit or be fired and there were threats against your family and home. So my dad quit and he thought it would be better if we went somewhere else."

She recalls moving to a small country in the Middle East called Oman, living there for two years. Then they moved to Canada—the Toronto area in Mississauga and Oakville—where it was easier at the time to emigrate than the U.S. They spent five years in Canada before coming to Brooklyn where she spent her middle and high school years.

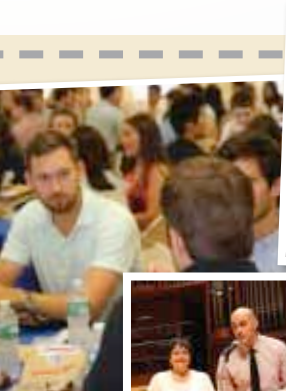
Ibraheem says that it's difficult for people educated abroad who then come to North America to find a job equivalent to what they've done before. "So when my parents first came to Canada, they were working blue-collar jobs. They were working the night shift as a security guard and on a factory line. They were eventually able to find their footing in New York City. They're both teachers, mother is a grade-school teacher. My dad was an engineer by trade but he taught math."

She doesn't feel that her traveling affected her negatively. "In a way it makes you more resilient, maybe a bit better coping with new experiences. It sort of became a routine to move every little bit. But it's not very easy for a child to start at a new school every once in a while and make new friends, but in the end I think it may have had a positive effect on me."

She credits her parents with keeping her "in a protective bubble" away from strife. "Our family was all in this together," she emphasizes. She has two older siblings, a brother who is a consultant in New York City and a sister who works in private equity finance in Los Angeles.

Ibraheem went to Yale University for her undergraduate work where she was a humanities major. "I still knew that I wanted to be a dentist so I took my science classes alongside humanities. I studied the languages and civilizations of the ancient Middle East. For me that was a personal choice for a major because I wanted to explore that further since it was a small part of my heritage and where I briefly lived. I also wanted to take advantage of the fact that you could go to dental school but have a different academic background before that. Sort of the beauty of the liberal arts system. This is the beginning for me exploring dentistry."

When she arrived for her interview at the dental school, she was impressed. "It was a very pleasant experience. The dental school here is top-notch. It felt like a very good environment for me, very supportive and welcoming. I found a very great support system here among my classmates, kind of looking out for each other."



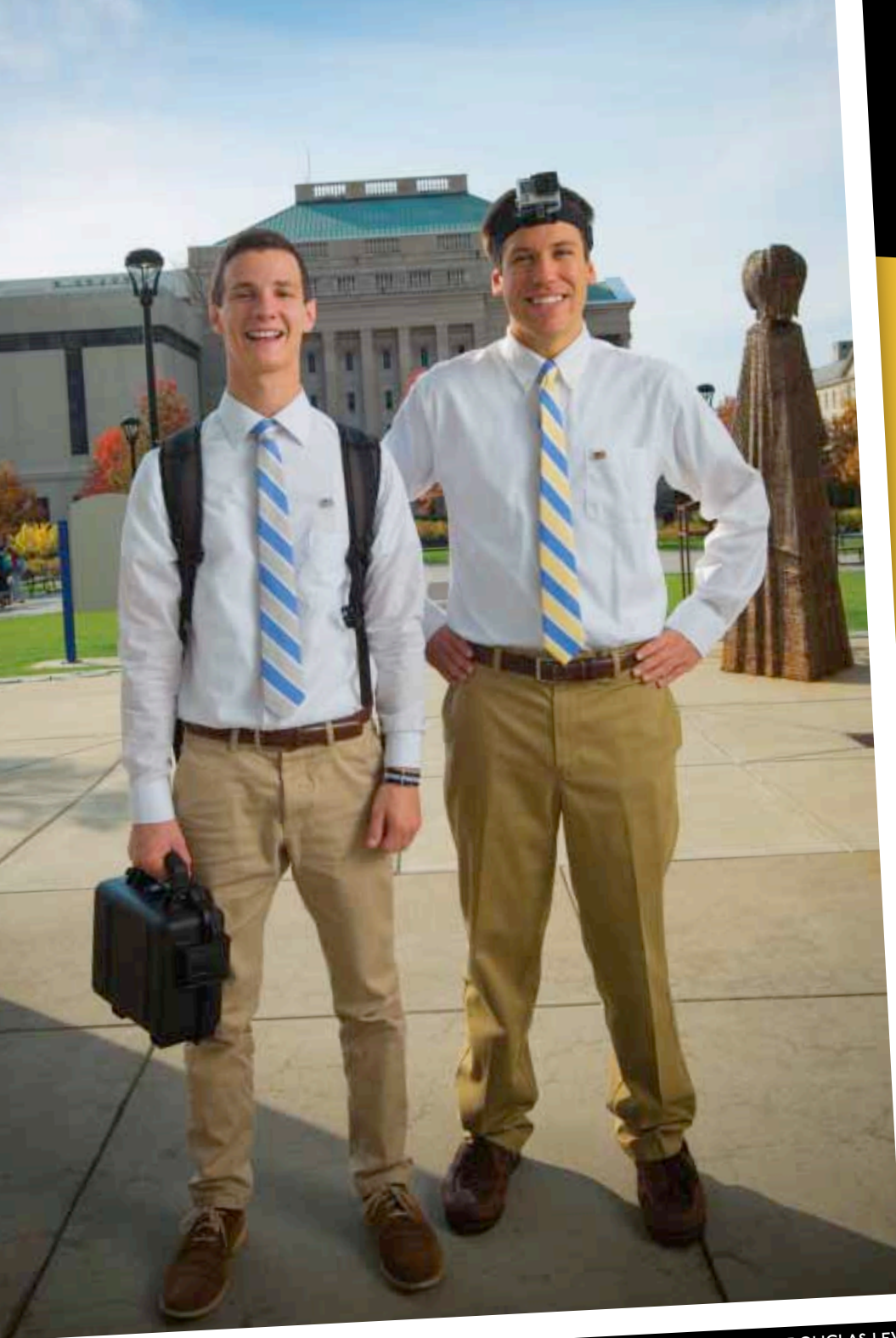


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The pitch, as they say in filmland for proposed pictures, went something like this: instead of the usual dental-school tours given at orientation by second-year students, let's make it an interactive tour video for everyone. One that would be always accessible to anyone, from incoming students to prospects planning to interview.

And so, the scene was set for the dental school road show, an engaging, fast-paced 14-minute virtual tour of the parking lots, corridors, classrooms and secret tunnels winding their way to a dental education, complete with snappy dialogue and a cruisin' soundtrack—now showing on a screen near you. <http://dental.buffalo.edu/virtualtour>

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THE MAKING OF THE SDM VIRTUAL TOUR

The scene is a cafe near UB's South Campus. Enter Tyler Maxwell and Cole Staines, the videographer and guide, respectively, of the video that made its premiere during the First Year's (D1) Orientation Week in August. The young screen duo are pausing between classes to discuss how the project came to be.

COLE: It was a way to standardize what everybody got exposure to. We were part of the orientation committee and this was one of the projects that they wanted us to work on.

TYLER: They asked who wants to work on a tour video and we said sure that sounds like fun. I had video production experience working with Apple's iMovie. Cole has a very vibrant, outgoing personality that should be perfect for a tour guide. I enjoy doing video production. This should be perfect. We had help from (assistant media specialist) Jason Chwirut, who made the interactive maps which were really cool, and some sound things.

COLE: (Chief Marketing Officer) Ed Morrison also played a big role. We had an external camera and a GoPro, a tiny camera that could be hooked onto a head strap. I put it on my head and walked through the entire campus. I was getting strange looks from people. What is this guy doing—why is he talking to himself?

TYLER: GoPro simulates a fish-eye lens effect. It was high definition, almost like blu-ray. Really cool.

COLE: And it really captures what you see.



Did you have any limitations as to tone and what you should include in the video?

TYLER: We were given free rein. We could have as much fun or be as serious as we want. We thought the most important areas to target are parking because there are three or four lots, a basic walk-through of the class schedule, and some of the unknown things, like the tunnels.

COLE: I wanted to incorporate some things that I wished I would have known earlier, like the little short cuts from Harriman to the dental school, or parking in the Main-Bailey lot when the Farber lot was full.

TYLER: We had about four weeks in June to put the video together.

What about the music?

TYLER: We felt the music needed to be active, entertaining and fun, an engaging mix of contemporary, indie-flavored music.

How did the premiere go over?

TYLER: We had the opening act of orientation, I guess you'd call it. It premiered on the big screen at Diefendorf. It seemed everyone liked the different way of doing a tour video. It was then made accessible on the 2018 class page and at <http://dental.buffalo.edu/virtualtour>.

So why the interest in creating something new like this?

TYLER: As students we're continually learning to adapt and try new things, such as becoming more competent and skilled in different technologies as ways to communicate and convey our messages to others. Much like how the dental profession is currently in an exciting transition point to a more technologically advanced state.

The scene fades out on Rochester native Maxwell and Gasport native Staines who became friends as incoming students last year. As for possible future videos from the team, coming attractions may include the annual SDM talent show. Stay tuned.

—Jim Bisco



LONGEVITY AND TRANSITION ILLUMINATE THE DIRECTION OF

PERIODONTICS *and* ENDODONTICS

By JIM BISCO

THE DEPARTMENT OF PERIODONTICS AND ENDODONTICS has been known through the years for its strong leadership, dedicated faculty and distinguished alumni teaching and practicing around the world. The two specialties have been under one figurative roof since the '90s, reunited after a brief pairing in the '70s. Consistency has been a key to the management with leadership in place for decades. However, eventual transition of direction is inevitable. This is one of those periods. Here is a look at the outgoing and incoming program directors who have served under a chair of remarkable longevity.

SEBASTIAN CIANCIO

Sebastian Ciancio, '61, represents a substantial history of the dental school, dating back to 1955 when he entered the two-year pre-dental undergraduate program at UB, graduating from the dental school in 1961 before joining the military and then returning to UB for a postdoctoral fellowship in pharmacology in the medical school and periodontology in the dental school.

In 1968 he was appointed co-chair of periodontics and assumed sole chair in 1972. Now, as Distinguished Service Professor and chair of the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, Ciancio stands as one of the longest-serving department chairs in the SUNY system. He is also director of the Center for Dental Studies, one of the few centers which coordinates clinical research in the dental school.

He joined a faculty with only three full-time members. "We had a new dean, Dr. James English, and he decided that we really need full-time people to run a school. At the time, the school was run by all part-time faculty. He put out a mandate that we needed funding for full-time faculty and he also felt that research was critically important. The department wasn't going to just hire periodontists but preferably periodontists who had PhD degrees. That was unheard of in the country at the time," Ciancio recalls.



Witnessing many changes in the department over the years, he notes in particular the advancements made in regenerating bone lost to periodontal disease around teeth. “We’ve also learned how to replace teeth that couldn’t be regenerated by using implants,” he says, adding somewhat ironically, “And now that implants have been around for a long time, we’re beginning to treat disease around implants.”

Ciancio has helped pioneer many oral health products. “When I came to Buffalo to do my periodontics training, it looked like pharmacology was the field that offered the greatest promise to solve patient problems with therapeutic agents. Therefore, I thought I needed a background in pharmacology in order to help provide people with products that would improve their oral health.”

Among the more recently studied products is a nasal spray anesthetic that replaces the uncomfortable injections in the dental chair. Another is a battery-operated dental tray which patients wear twice a day for 20 minutes to reduce microbial biofilm on their teeth. Further study is needed for human use but the tray is soon coming to market for pet dental health in a product called Zumbly. And Ciancio has just launched a study on a new type of mouth rinse to control biofilm plaque on teeth.

His many achievements in researching the role of pharmacologic agents as adjunctive therapy in the practice of dentistry earned him the **2014 Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research** in October. The American Dental Association has presented the award annually since 1991 to recognize investigators whose research has significant impact on some aspect of clinical dentistry.

The award’s namesake made a lasting impression on a young Ciancio. “Dr. Ross is one of the first who introduced me to the basic principles of clinical research. He pioneered the concept of evidence-based dentistry, which was unheard of 40 years ago when I began my clinical research,” he relates.

Ciancio feels that the changes in key positions will be smoothly made. “I’ve seen many transitions happen and as long as you have the proper people guiding the transition process, then the transitions will be successful.”

He takes pride in the achievements of the department’s faculty that have brought national recognition. “We also have a very interesting postgraduate program in which 95 percent of our students have ended up in either full- or part-time teaching positions at hospitals and universities across the world.”

As for thoughts regarding his own future, Ciancio feels he most likely will be celebrating his 50th anniversary as chair. “I still enjoy every single thing I’m doing and I’m afraid that if I were to retire, I would have an emptiness at this stage of my life.”

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MING SHIH LEVINE AND EUGENE PANTERA

MING SHIH LEVINE

After becoming the first woman to graduate in endodontics at Ohio State University, Ming Shih Levine first arrived at the dental school in 1969, dividing her time between teaching and research. She moved to Boston with her family in 1972 where she engaged in the private specialty practice of endodontics and part-time teaching in the graduate endodontic program at Harvard University.

Levine returned to Buffalo with her family in 1975 when she was offered the position of director of the section of endodontics, which had become part of periodontics in the dental school. The only full-time faculty member in the section at the time, she primarily taught predoctoral students. She remained a significant force in endodontics here until her recent retirement in October.

In 1979, the graduate endodontic program was given a conditional approval with the intention to withdraw status by the accreditation committee, due to curricular deficiencies and the lack of a full-time director. “I was given the responsibility to make changes and to regain full accreditation approval for the program,” she recalls. “With help from the administration, the department and faculty members, we mended the deficiencies and regained the fully approved accreditation status.”

Levine was appointed director of the Advanced Education Program in Endodontics in 1981 and the chairperson of the newly formed Department of Endodontics in 1982. The department experienced a healthy growth in the following years, gradually increasing faculty to five full-time members with a handful of part-time teaching faculty, establishing a PhD/Endodontic certification program.

In the early 1990s, dental schools across the country were going through restructuring, with small departments coalescing to form mega-departments. Levine remained chairperson of endodontics until the department was combined with four others into the giant restorative department in 1994. “Endodontic teaching suffered with the change,” she feels.

Three years later endodontics became part of periodontics once again. Levine remained director of the graduate program until 2001 when she stepped down from that

position. Sandra Shostad, MS '90, Endo. Cert. '89, took over from 2001–2003, followed by Eugene Pantera, MS '87, Endo. Cert. '86, as directors of the program. "Dr. Pantera's talent and energy successfully restored and expanded the strength of the discipline of endodontics," says Levine.

How does she feel about her accomplishments in endodontics here after 42 years? "I chose teaching as a career when I was a dental student. Over the years, I have put in my best effort to help students to learn and develop their ability in managing endodontic problems. From students' comments, I know I have achieved a good measure of success. In the meantime, I also learned from students not only in dentistry, but also what it means to be a real person."

EUGENE PANTERA

Eugene Pantera comes from a long line of family dentists, most of whom are alumni, including his wife Carole, '88.

Pantera has been part of endodontics full-time since 1991. For the past 10 years, he has been director of the Division of Endodontics, and director of the Advanced Program in Endodontics, the postgraduate specialty program. "I'm in an unusual position in that I attend chair meetings and associate dean meetings. I have a lot of the responsibilities of a chair but not all of them, so I don't call myself a chair. I call myself a stool," he jokes.

The clinical core of endodontics includes full-time faculty members himself, his wife who directs predoctoral endodontic education, NIH-funded researcher M. Margaret Vickerman, and former endodontics chair Ming Shih Levine, now retired, plus a staff of part-time endodontics specialists.

Pantera notes that when he took charge of the program a decade ago, the program capacity was four students. As of 2015, the number will be doubled to four North American students and four international students. "Currently, for the first time in the history of the program, four of our seven students are from UB," he adds.

Pantera believes in a more personal style of teaching, encouraging a familial camaraderie. "I believe that is a better way to work with residents. We do a lot of meals here. I started that when I took over. It's one way to get together. We also try to accept residents who are collegial and self-starters, in addition to having the intellectual capacity to learn," he says.

The total number of endodontics graduates over the years is approaching nearly 90. "When I became responsible for the program, it was geared toward trying to create the next academician in endodontics. When I saw that most of our graduates are practicing, I changed the program focus more on the science of our specialty," Pantera explains. "I want to graduate very good clinicians who have a scientific basis and a rationale for doing what they do. Now I'm trying to engage our recent graduates to come back and talk to our current graduates in dealing with clinical practice."

Alumni from around the world are represented in a



ROBERT COHEN (LEFT) AND ABHIRAM MADDI

desktop display of national flags, including those of India, Korea, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Syria, in addition to U.S. and Canada. "Our international students are almost all engaging in education back home. Some are in higher positions of academia. Some graduates treat the royal family in Saudi Arabia working in some of the specialty hospitals there," Pantera relates. "I'm really proud of our graduates. My goal with residents is that I want each one of them to graduate being better than I am. They have learning skills today that we didn't even think of when I was in the program."

A strong believer in the philosophy that the more you teach your subject the better you learn it, Pantera has coordinated residents to serve as faculty in the predoctoral pre-clinic course in which dental students learn how to do root canals on extracted teeth. Also, he has instituted a program where residents lecture to classes to develop their presentation skills.

The Pantera era in endodontics will come to a close with the announcement that he and his wife will retire in June 2016. A search is currently underway. The couple plans to do some fifth-wheeling around the country. Perhaps they will encounter fondly remembered alumni along the way.

ROBERT COHEN

Robert Cohen, MS, '81, DDS, '81, PhD '87, directed the periodontics program for the past 20 years until handing over the reins in June.

For most of the history of the program, PhD students came through periodontics from oral biology in a four-year program in conjunction with oral biology. "You were admitted into the combined program, typically taking six years--a year or two in oral biology and four years through perio, and then finishing up another year on research. The two years fulfilled the clinical program at that time," Cohen explains. "But when that PhD source dried up for a variety of reasons, I had to expand the program to MS and postdoc students."

Subsequently, periodontics programs were expanded to three years, with Cohen indoctrinating PhD, MS, and postdoctoral research tracks. "It could be a three- or four-year clinical program. For the extra year, they would have less time in clinic so they would have more time in research lab. We are very flexible."

One of his achievements in his periodontics directorship involves the raising of scores of the MS track students in

the program on the AAP In-Service Examination. “When I started with the MS students, the average scores on the in-service exam were in the 20s and 30s as a percentile. Now over the last 10 years, the average from all of our students in the program is probably 97 or greater. The peak was two or three years ago when we had eight students with the top 10 scores out of 450 or so students in North America. That’s been pretty consistent over the past 10 years. I’m pretty sure as a group, whether it’s an appropriate measure or not, from the academic view we probably have the best program in the country—a result of a strong team effort.”

Cohen’s second point of pride are the distinguished alumni developed. “The primary mission of this program is to train people who want to have a career in research and academics. The second objective is to train a person for a career in clinical practice. Most schools don’t even mention a career in academics. In my 20 years, I’ve only had one student go into full-time clinical practice. Everyone else is full-time in research, academics, or industry or they have some kind of role teaching part-time. Many of the graduates are chairs, deans of their schools, and directors of programs. We always had a great mix of graduates from the U.S. and international. Most of our graduates are now from Saudi Arabia and go back home and teach.”

Upon graduating from the dental school in 1981, he was asked to stay. Mirdza Neiders, Perio Cert. ’74, saw potential in him and suggested that he go into research in periodontics, so then he sought a combined PhD in periodontics and earned an NIH grant in salivary biochemistry in Michael Levine’s, ’71, PhD ’72, lab. He credits Neiders and Levine with having the most influence on his research career, while Russell Nisengard, ’66, Perio. Cert. ’70, and James Kenrick served as his mentors in clinical periodontics.

Now, Cohen reduced his administrative role and increased teaching as a full-time faculty member as he helps transition Abhiram Maddi into the directorship role over the months ahead. “I’m teaching two-thirds in postgrad and one-third in pre-doc clinic. It’s been more fun teaching than it has in years,” he says.

ABHIRAM MADDI

Talk about being on a fast track. Just after Abhiram Maddi, PhD ’10, Perio.Cert. ’13, completed the periodontics program, he applied and was offered a full-time faculty position on July 1, 2013. A year later to the day, he was named clinical director of the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics on his way to officially becoming program director when he becomes board certified in the next few years.

The 35-year-old native of Hyderabad in India initially came here to earn his PhD in oral biology. “During that program I really learned about periodontics as a certificate program and how people had a dual degree in oral biology and perio certificate at UB and went on to become academicians in U.S. and around the world,” he recalls. “With perio also being the one big contributor to dental research as a specialty, it was a no-brainer for me to do perio.”

Participating in the program gave him a valuable insider’s perspective. “I always knew the potential of the program, what it could offer, how changes could be made that could make the program better. I was very suggestive of those. I guess with the critical point that we are now very close to accreditation, they wanted someone who is organized and reliable and I think I am to a certain extent.”

Examples of his suggestions for change was to improve the communications of international students in their interactions with patients. Now as part of orientation to the program for international students, they learn how the program runs as well as what they’re expected to communicate to the patients and their colleagues.

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—ROBERT COHEN

Also, because certain aspects such as dental implants are a huge part of periodontics with a major part of implant treatment being done by perio residents, there was a perceived lack of communication which led to problems. “Addressing that, I requested that an implant orientation be done for the students. This way, they are in direct communication with the residents and everything is made clearer. Similarly, I have introduced some new seminars helping students to better understand the structure of the program and clinical policies and procedures,” says Maddi.

He gives his predecessor much credit for his guidance. “Dr. Cohen has given me a blueprint to work with and independence to use my own creative thinking to develop the program. He is still guiding me through the process because it takes at least a year to really understand the intricacies of this program. I couldn’t have a better guide than Dr. Cohen.”

Maddi feels that UB should be recognized as one of the top dental schools in the country with research contributions being immense, much of it coming from periodontics. “People who have graduated from our department have gone on to become chairs, program directors, deans, including the principal deputy director of the NIH, Lawrence Tabak, PhD. ’81, Endo. Cert. ’85. I have met wonderful people here whose contribution to research has been tremendous. I have been very lucky to be able to work among these, I would call them, legends. They are probably too humble to realize it but back in my home country they know of many of these faculty members. They are big names there. That’s been the legacy of this program and it’s a huge responsibility on my part to at least live up to the expectations.”

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Joseph Kerr, MBA

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37TH ANNUAL BNDM BRINGS DENTAL COMMUNITY TOGETHER

THE TREES MAY HAVE SHED MOST OF THEIR LEAVES by the first week of November but inside the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center all branches of the 2014 edition of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting blossomed forth in rich shades of education, information and communication, with, above all, a collegial air prevailing among the attending members of the dental community.

The 37th annual event attracted a total of 2,600 attendees, including 648 dentists, 615 dental hygienists and 278 dental assistants, with 103 exhibitors.

The sessions over the three days were wide ranging to appeal to a variety of inclinations, catering to continuing education credit needs as well as knowledge-seeking desires.

Among the highlighted appearances was Jon Suzuki, president of the International Congress of Oral Implantologists and leader of many different positions at Temple University, who was the featured guest of the Robert J. Genco Distinguished Speaker Series. In his two-part, day-long sessions, he imparted challenging cases involving clinical periodontics and oral implantology. He noted his relationship to the namesake speaker series, recalling, as a junior dental student at Loyola University, being a slide carrier for visiting lecturer Genco.

Michael DiTolla culled a huge crowd in the ballroom with his AM and PM recounting of the Top 10 Crown and Bridge Mistakes, keeping the crowd riveted with his intimate knowledge as practitioner within the country's largest lab as well as his ready, self-deprecating wit that occasionally channeled the humor of a Letterman Top 10 list.

"I found today's lectures with Dr. DiTolla and Dr. Suzuki especially informative," said attendee Nancy Ma, '09, who came with her husband Christopher Wong, '09, from New York City where they are building a practice.

The 10th Annual Alan J. Drinnan Memorial Symposium with SDM faculty members Raymond Miller, '85 and Mary Bush, '99, and UB South Campus Instrument Center Director Peter Bush, paid tribute to Drinnan's early groundbreaking forensic work as they documented in CSI-style case files from UB's Laboratory for Forensic Dental Research.

Nutrition and fitness sessions attracted standing-room-only crowds. Tieraona Low Dog dispensed practical, down-to-earth Nutrition for the Dental Team to an audience of what appeared to be primarily dental practice team members. Ditto for Uche Odiatu's The Wellness Advantage: The Mouth Body Connection, where he led the voluminous crowd in some standing hand-and-arm-flexing exercises inserted within his food and lifestyle advice.

The One-Day Dental MBA filled the ballroom as Howard Farran espoused building a strong dental practice in his sharp, outspoken style.

UB Alumni Association president and dentist-lawyer Chester Gary, '78, JD '91, made keen observations on Dental Ethics and Jurisprudence in New York State, as well as, the Risks of Navigating the Electronic Communication Minefield.

Edie Gibson offered contrasting sessions, first with Perimplant Maintenance Therapy and later Mastering Transition, complete with personal observations on handling changes in one's life. Meanwhile, Judy Kay Mausolf held court on Communication Solutions for Teams and Patients, in addition to Building High Performing Patient and Team Relationships.

Throughout the day on the exhibit floor, hands-on workshops on removable prosthodontic procedures and lithium disilicate restorations were conducted, as well as product demonstrations in the various exhibitor booths.

Eric Kibler, Marketing Manager Removable Prosthodontics, Ivoclar Vivadent, a long-time BNDM exhibitor, said, "We



certainly want to give back to the dental community in any way that we can, so this is a good show for us to do that. We had a full house in a hands-on program teaching new ways to prescribe dentures for patients. The crowd has been very energetic, coming to our booth and asking a lot of great questions.”

Overall, it was a daily something-for-everyone compendium that met a variety of needs and interests.

After a day of learning, it was time for some evening fun. Opening night started differently this year with Night Out for the Office, a cabaret-type setting in the ballroom featuring Dr. Dan, a dentist comedian. A group of office practice teams gathered to laugh at the antics of Daniel Jay Greenstein, who graduated from UB in 1979 in molecular biology. In between comic routines about his practice, he sang parody songs to “If I Was a Rich Man” (“If I Was in Hygiene”), “Piano Man” (“Percodan”), “Brown-Eyed Girl” (“Brown Tooth Girl”) and the topper—“Supercalifragilistic” (“Acute Necrotizing Ulcerative Gingivitis”).

The following night was the 5th Annual “Remember When” Reunion Reception at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Alumni gathered in five-year increments all the way up to the 50th—the Class of ’64.

Anthony DiLaura, ’64, was celebrating with wife Ellen. He had just retired from practice in Niagara Falls with his son John, ’90, the previous week. “We’ve pretty much attended every five-year reunion going back to the fifth year and every succeeding five-year period,” he said. “I got a wonderful

education at UB. When we graduated, we pretty much were told that we should be able to treat 90 percent of the patients who come into the office. Today, with specialization, things have changed considerably. We have the ability and access of many specialists that we avail ourselves to give patients the best treatment.”

Anne Marcotte, ’09, came from Chicago where she works as clinical instructor at Northwestern University’s College of Dental Medicine and professed “a newfound appreciation for all of my instructors.”

Neil Waldow, ’64, retired and living in Maui, and brother Warren, ’74, still practicing in Skaneateles, were at the reception. “Our father is a dentist too. We were at his 50th when it was my 20th,” said Warren.

The Hyatt Regency Ballroom was the site of the final night’s Reunion Dinner Dance which saw the ’64 class toasted with the usual humorous walk down memory lane by Raymond Miller and Frank Barnashuk, ’80. A special tribute was paid to Robert Joynt, ’70, retired faculty member and past director of admissions for 24 years, with dedication of the Dr. Robert Joynt Conference Room by the Class of 1989. Honor and Humanitarian awards were given (see accompanying story for recipients) and an elegant dinner and dance closed the curtain on another stellar three-day gathering of the dental community.

Mark your calendars for October 14–16, 2015 for the 38th Annual BNDM.



MEETING PLANNERS [L TO R]- ZAK, SZAROWSKI, DIBENEDETTO, LYNCH, MARCHETTA, JEREBKO, GEORGE

THE PLACE TO MEET BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING UNITES COLLEAGUES AND REUNITES CLASSMATES

THE BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING (BNDM) run by the UB Dental Alumni Association has become one of the premier meetings for dentists and their staff in the country for more than three decades. Behind its successful growth has been the work of an alumni group that constitutes one of the longest-tenured executive committees anywhere.

The forces behind the meeting that has become an area staple for the past 37 years include Charles Marchetta, '79, Paul DiBenedetto, '79, Richard Lynch, '83, Stanley Zak, '76, Gregory George, '80, Frank Barnashuk, '80, and Raymond Miller, '85.

Zak became a committee member in 1977 when the meeting assumed its present appearance. "Chronologically and length of involvement, I'm the oldest member of the executive committee," he says. "It was on a much smaller scale when I started. There were only 50 exhibit spaces and only the downstairs floor of the Buffalo Convention Center was used. It was more a themed meeting. One year the emphasis was on oral surgery, the next year it might have been on pediatric dentistry. A broader scope was developed through the years."

When Lynch became a committee member 31 years ago, the meeting attracted about half the dentists than it does now. "There used to be 1,000 people total; now we're close to 3,000. We take up the whole convention center," he notes. "The meeting is a way to get alumni back to the dental school to see what's going on, and to touch base with faculty and fellow students where they spent four years side by side in an intense learning environment."

THE ALL-AROUND PLANNERS

If the long-time committee members are the decision makers, Sherry Szarowski, executive secretary of the UB Dental Alumni Association, and Lisa Jerebko, BNDM coordinator, are the all-around planners, scheduling, suggesting, scouting for speakers, buttoning up every aspect of the annual three-day event.

Before this year's meeting in November, they were working on speaker lineups and other details for the 2015 and 2016 events, in addition to preparing for this year's gathering.

"We have our dates for 2016 already. You have to book the convention center two years in advance. If you want top-notch speakers, they have to be contacted at least a year out," says Jerebko. "There's a lot of research that goes into picking particular speakers to come to the meeting. Each meeting presents 20 to 25 speakers. New speakers emerge frequently so it's important to scout meetings in other cities. We try to have something for everyone at the meeting—endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric, prosthodontics, restorative, implants, hygiene, etc."

"It's a three-day meeting but we work on it all year long," adds Szarowski. "The meetings are scheduled two weeks before or after the ADA (American Dental Association) meeting because many of the dentists in the area go to this destination meeting, so we have to coordinate with that."

Since 1999, average attendance at the annual event has been between 2,500 and 2,700, which includes 600 to 800 dentists, more than 600 dental assistants and almost 700 dental hygienists. Up to 100 exhibitors attend, exhibiting office furniture, software programs, dental care products, handpieces and more. Lab technicians, office staff, and students comprise the rest of the attendees.

"The meeting is not-for-profit and run by the alumni association which is very rare among the hundreds of dental meetings across the country," Szarowski acknowledges. "Another unique aspect is that our students are extremely involved with our meeting," adds Jerebko. "They volunteer their time from beginning to end."

What sets this meeting apart from other meetings is that the UB Dental Alumni Association hosts an every-five-year class reunion with two special events—a "Remember When" informal reception on Thursday evening and a formal dinner dance to end the three-day meeting. Alumni come back to celebrate with their classmates from all over the country.



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'84



'64



'99



'91



GROWING PROMINENCE

Marchetta, who became a committee member 25 years ago, says that the BNDM has “gained reputation and popularity as a continuing education meeting—the second largest in the state.”

To continue their licensure, NY dentists must complete 60 hours of continuing education each three-year registration period, and 24 hours for hygienists. “The meeting offers dentists continuing education at a very, very reasonable price, one of the lowest prices in the United States,” observes Zak.

“It’s a benefit to the alumni and a benefit to the school because most of any profit that we make from the meeting is paid back to the school in ways that sometimes people don’t see,” explains Marchetta. “We support the students and their activities. We have programs around the state that provide CE credits to different dental districts.”

If considered on a national level, he adds, the number of dentists in attendance surpasses dental society meetings in most other states, except for Florida, California, New York and occasionally Ohio. “We can say that there is no other meeting in the country that is an alumni-sponsored meeting of this size,” he declares.

He underscores the point that the school closes its clinics during the BNDM and makes it a requirement for juniors and seniors to attend the meeting. “I don’t know if that happens anywhere else. The school and many of the departments have been very supportive.”

Ask any of the veteran BNDM committee members why they continue to go the distance and they’ll acknowledge the significance of the event and their commitment to give back to the school and dental community. Marchetta admits, however, that perhaps one of the longest tenured committees may begin to wind down eventually. “We’re in our 60s and it’s time to pass the torch to other people to bring in new blood and new ideas,” he says. “It’s important to get young individuals involved.”

Joshua Hutter, '05, is one of the newer members on the committee. He joined four years ago and is currently on the program committee. Attending the meeting as a student made a significant impression on him. Now he also sees a continuing involvement in staging the annual meeting. “I have a lot of pride in the school. I really appreciated my time there. I also started teaching here part-time this year,” he says. “For me, it’s a nice break from the clinical side of dentistry.”

After each meeting, the committee members always look for suggestions from attendees on ways to improve upon upcoming meetings. All are urged to complete the surveys that they receive and encouraged to make suggestions. “We’re always open to new ideas,” Jerebko points out.

AWARD RECIPIENT

HONOR AWARD

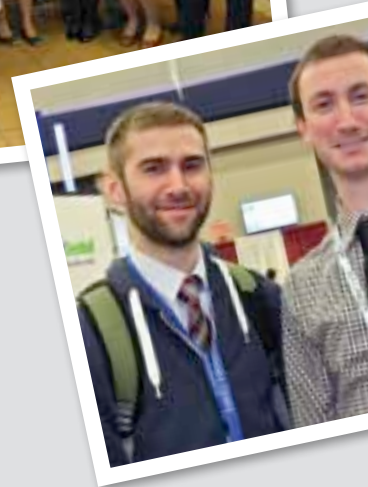
Marilyn Sulzbach

Marilyn Sulzbach, actively involved in administration at UB for 28 years, posthumously received the honor award at the dinner event of the 2014 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM). She had worked in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and in the Department of Oral Medicine until 1993 when she moved to the school's alumni office.

As executive secretary, Marilyn supported the Dental Alumni Association and the BNDM, and was co-editor of UB Dentist magazine. For over 20 years she represented the alumni association, helping to shape it into what it is today, and positively

touching so many in a professional and generous manner. Marilyn received a Distinguished Service Award from the association and the school in 2012.

The honor award was given for her enthusiastic and untiring endeavors that helped promote the continued growth, development and success of the SDM. She and her husband raised their family in Cheektowaga, NY. Sadly, she passed away last February.



HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Roger Triftshouser

Formerly of Batavia, NY, Dr. Rear Admiral (RADM) Roger W. Triftshouser graduated from Alexander Central School, Alexander, N.Y. in 1954, after which he attended pre-dental and dental school at the University at Buffalo, where he was awarded the DDS degree in 1961. He then served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps and upon release from active duty in 1967; received a Masters Degree in Orthodontics from Loma Linda School of Dentistry in 1969.



RADM Triftshouser's total service with the U.S. Naval Reserve Dental Corps spanned 33 years. He was selected for flag rank in 1990, was promoted to the permanent grade of Rear Admiral in March, 1994, and retired from the Naval Reserve in October, 1995. During his tenure as flag officer, he attended the Naval War College, Army War College, and served as a member of the Secretary of the Navy National Reserve Policy Board. He is the past Area 110 Coordinator for the United States Naval Academy, with over 200 area high schools under his jurisdiction.

Among his professional organizations, RADM Triftshouser is a member of the American Dental Association (ADA), in which he served as delegate, and as a board member to the New York State Dental Association. He is past chair of the ADA's American Dental Political Action Committee, past president of the Eighth District Dental Society, UBDA, and the American College of Dentists, and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and Fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Active in his community, RADM Triftshouser was elected for 10 consecutive terms to the Genesee County Legislature, 1982-2001. He now resides in Sanibel, Florida, with his wife, the former JoAnn Frances Novak of Attica, NY.

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RECEPTION GIVES THANKS TO SQUIRE SOCIETY, 1892 CLUB DONORS

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH, more than 80 members of the Daniel H. Squire Society with co-chairs, Elizabeth Schisa-D'Angelo, '81 and Kevin D'Angelo, '81, attended a reception at the Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site. The reception was held to thank Squire Society members for their continued support of the UB School of Dental Medicine through their annual gifts of \$1,000 or more.

Squire members toured the site, enjoyed appetizers, drinks and entertainment by Central Groove, a band made up of UB SDM alumni Katherine Coster, '04, Chester Gary, '78, Joseph Modica, '82, and John Nasca, '87. Dean Michael Glick thanked everyone for their generous gifts and gave an update on the school and how their much needed gifts are being used to help the future of the school and its students. Dean Glick gave another thank-you to members of the 1892 Club, a new society of donors who have pledged \$1,892 each year for the three years leading up to the 125th anniversary of UB SDM in 2017.

The school is grateful for all donors who have continued to keep the SDM as a philanthropic priority. Squire Society members from last fiscal year (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014) are listed at www.giving.buffalo.edu/squire14. If you would like to become a member, please visit www.giving.buffalo.edu/squire-society, or contact Danielle Moser at 716-881-1403, or dmoser@buffalo.edu.



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RUSSELL J. CZERW, '87, HOSTS UBDAA RECEPTION IN SAN ANTONIO

Fondly recalling his educational experience and the many special friends and colleagues he had the pleasure to know, Major General Russell Czerw, U.S. Army, retired, welcomed UB SDM alumni to his home in San Antonio, Texas on October 11, 2014. Graciously hosting a reception with food, drinks and warm hospitality, Czerw and his wife Michele welcomed alumni spanning five decades to his home. Also in attendance was Dean Michael Glick. The reception coincided with the ADA Annual Session in San Antonio.

Czerw reminisced about his interactions with Clinic Dean Richard Powell and the positive influence he had from the days preceding his admission in the early '80s through his early military career. He also took the time to counsel a recent graduate on his professional career path in the military. For the most part, however, the event was a celebration of friends sharing their common bond, UB's School of Dental Medicine. Czerw was happy to have five of his own classmates from 1987 in attendance.

Czerw is a native of Utica, NY but grew to love Buffalo during his dental school years. Although he has traveled the world and achieved much, he will never forget his UB SDM roots and honestly felt privileged to give back to the place that played a big part in his life and success. The UBDAA is honored to count him as one of ours and ever grateful he welcomed us to his home.

—Raymond G. Miller '85

ALUMNI ALSO GATHERED AT SAN ANTONIO
TEX-MEX HOTSPOT RITA'S ON THE RIVER.



ALUMNI CHEERED THE UB BULLS AT
THE HOMECOMING TAILGATE PARTY IN
SEPTEMBER.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The article "Days of Future Past" provoked remembrances by an alumnus of interactions with Dr. Powell and other faculty members in the 1960s that were not always those filled with respect or compassion as described in the article.



CHESTER GARY, DDS '78, JD '91, is president of the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association, and JOSEPH MODICA, DDS '82, is president of the Eighth District Dental Society. Sharing a long friendship and lengthy commitments to organized dentistry, the harmonious relationship of these group leaders extends to performing together with their dental alumni band, aptly named after the mid-tooth term, Central Groove. They recently discussed their uniting efforts.

Q&A

A CONVERSATION WITH
Chester Gary and Joseph Modica

How are you both getting the Eighth District and Alumni Association to work together more?

CG: One of the things we do is to have an overlap in the boards that run the alumni and the district, and also the school. That's the way we meet our mission of keeping the school strong, graduating competent dentists, helping them get through the transition from school to practice which is part of alumni's mission, and then having them be active in representing our profession and going forward. I'm editor of the newsletter and chair of a committee with the district.

JM: Dean Michael Glick and Dr. (Joseph) Gambacorta come to our executive councils' meetings. I come to the dean's executive council meetings as president of the district and also sit in on the alumni board. By sitting on each other's board, we're looking at better input. There's a great synergy.

CG: The mentoring program is one of the most recent solid attempts by the Eighth District to unite with the school and the new dentists to really make that a dynamic relationship.

JM: The program involves dentists in the private community who are not teaching at the school. We talk about what to expect when they get out of school, we have them come to our offices to see how we practice privately, and about the benefits of organized dentistry.

In heading up the alumni group, what has been the agenda?

CG: I'm trying to encourage more chapters and affiliates in other areas. New York City has been successful.

We're hoping that people come to us in places like Rochester, Washington, D.C., and Florida and begin running events. When Joe and I went to school here, close to half of its budget would be supplied by the state. Now we're under 20 percent state support. When you put that together with the requirements to graduate top dentists, we need to be at the cutting edge of development for this school to remain viable.

As Eighth District president, what would you like to accomplish?

JM: Our biggest focus is on membership value. The members of our association realize the importance of organized dentistry in their professional lives. What I'm focusing on is to make sure our membership level stays high. The past eight months I've been trying to engage the new dentists in the community and the students. We do this through promotional events like cocktail parties, go-kart riding, and after bus tours to various practices.

Is engaging younger members a priority of the Alumni Association?

CG: Exactly. One of the biggest challenges we see of the young dentists is the fact that they have huge debt, on average about \$220,000. The problem we see with that is they go out into the community and don't have time to join our organization, or they don't have the money. In their hearts, the young dentists would like to support the organizations, but, practically, they're having a hard time doing it.

JM: I think it's important to stay in touch with younger members, but

when the time comes and their lives change and they're a little more secure financially, then they can become engaged.

CG: The only thing we can do is to continue to give value to the profession. I think it's going to come down to this: do we want to be a profession or do we want to let it fall back into a trade and let corporate entities take over with no representation in Washington and Albany. With no group representation, dentistry will have less importance.

You've both served in organized dentistry for a number of years. Why do you do it, and why should others?

JM: The way I look at it is that dentistry has afforded me a great life. You're helping people, you're well respected, you're constantly being challenged, and the reason it happens is because of organized dentistry. So we enjoy giving back to the dental community. I try to pass that on to younger people.

CG: It's part of protecting the profession and not letting it become something less.

Did music kindle your relationship beyond dentistry?

JM: The music has been fun. Chet is a very accomplished musician. One time he asked me and Dr. (John) Nasca, '87, if we wanted to sit in on a gig and play a few songs. Well, we did that and then the monster was created. We have a ball.

CG: We play for organized dentistry functions. I play violin, Joe plays piano, Dr. Nasca is on guitar and Dr. Katherine Coster-Burgler, '04, is the vocalist. We play some blues, Clapton, Charlie Daniels. We enjoy doing this, again, to give back to the community.

ClassNotes

Kathleen Bennett, '83, PMCRT '84 was appointed president of the American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine's board of directors. She lives in Cincinnati, OH.

Michael DeSanti, '00, FAGD, received the Academy of General Dentistry's Fellowship Award during the AGD 2014 Annual Meeting in Detroit in June.

Hubert Hawkins, IV, '01, MPH joined 426 other dentists in the United States and Canada in becoming a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Implantology/Implant Dentistry, making him one of the nation's leading experts in implant care. Hawkins has a dental practice in Littleton, NH. He resides in Sugar Hill, NH with his family. He was named one of New Hampshire's top dentists for the last four consecutive years by New Hampshire magazine.

Joseph M. Salamon, '07, and **Erin L. Brown, '09,** were both recently honored by the National Oral Health Council of the Indian Health Service (IHS) as dentists of the year at the Seneca Dental Program from among all 322 IHS tribal and urban programs across the country. Salamon won in the mid-career category and Brown in the junior category. Each was also chosen to receive the 2014 Clinical Excellence Award for General Dentistry.

Lisa M. Mruz, '96, joined Inspire Dental Group specializing in pediatric dentistry. She serves patients at the Amherst and Orchard Park locations. After earning her DDS degree, she completed her residency training in pediatric dentistry at the Women and Children's Hospital of Buffalo in 1998, where she remains on staff. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and a Fellow of the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute. Prior to joining the Inspire practice, Mruz was a clinical assistant professor in SDM's Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry from 1998 until 2014.

Brauns celebrate 60th anniversary

William G. Braun, '51, and his wife Donna Mae of East Aurora celebrated 60 years of marriage on May 1st. He is a retired World War II veteran. She continues to be involved with the Sisters of St. Joseph and was an active volunteer for Hospice Buffalo, as well as a hands-on advocate for the elderly. The couple has five married children, as well as 15 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They continue to live where they raised their family, enjoying the community, their home, health and each other.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Submit your classnotes to Sherry Szarowski at ss287@buffalo.edu and let your classmates know what you've been up to!

Shaddock receives Distinguished Service Award

Warren Shaddock, '51, received the 2014 Pierre Fauchard Academy Distinguished Service Award presented by the New York State Section of the academy. Shaddock recently retired after 40 years as treasurer of the Empire Dental Political Action Committee. He has been involved in organized dentistry throughout his career, serving terms as president of the Monroe County and seventh District Dental Societies, becoming a representative of the Delta Sigma Delta International Fraternity, a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists and OKU Honorary Society.

McCue named to magazine's '40 under 40' select group

Thomas McCue, '07, was selected as one of the "40 under 40" dentists by Incisal Edge magazine for 2014. Incisal Edge, published by Benco Dental, "celebrates the life and style of dental professionals and their desire to achieve great things for their patients and themselves alike." To be selected for the award, McCue was nominated by industry experts, vetted by an independent panel and presented in a "rock star" type layout. He was nominated for outreach programs that reach more than 2,500 children annually in upstate New York. He also volunteers one day a week at local senior homes, doing exams and cleanings. Check out the rest of his profile at <http://www.benco.com/incisaledge/>

InMemoriam

James C. Adrian, '59, of East Amherst, NY, died November 2, 2014. He was 80. Adrian earned a master's degree in oral pathology from Georgetown University. He served in the Army for 22 years and was chairman of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology and the US Army Institute of Dental Research. Before retiring as a colonel in 1981, he was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas; Illesheim and Landstuhl, Germany; and Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. A faculty member at the Howard University School of Dentistry from 1981 to 2004, he founded and managed Diagnostic Pathology Services, an independent pathology service. Returning to Buffalo in 2004, he joined Immco Diagnostics in Amherst, where he was a pathologist. Adrian also was an emeritus diplomat of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and past president of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

William J. Krawczuk, '66, of Syracuse, NY, died September 21, 2014. He was 76. Krawczuk was a lifelong resident of Syracuse. After graduating from the SDM, he was inducted into the U.S. Air Force at the rank

of captain where he worked as a dentist from 1966–1968. While serving in the Air Force at Patrick Air Force Base, he trained as a pilot. Upon leaving the Air Force he returned to Syracuse to start his own dental practice which he maintained for 45 years, retiring in 2013. He enjoyed being with his children, the outdoors, flying in his plane, boating, riding his motorcycle and traveling in his motor home.

Eugene A. Lewis, '61, of Williamsville, formerly of Rochester, NY, died on September 19, 2014. He was 78. Lewis was a full-time faculty member for 23 years in the Department of Orthodontics serving briefly as Chair, retiring in 1996. He returned as a part-time faculty member in 2009 until his death.

John F. Nelson, '47, of Williamsville died on October 20, 2014. He was 96. Jack was a loving husband for 63 years to the late Lorraine Zenner Nelson and an encouraging, caring father to his four daughters.

David M. Nosonowitz, '53, of Pleasant Valley, NY died on July 2, 2014 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was 90. Nosonowitz was a Fellow, American Association of Endodontists

1967; Diplomate, American Board of Endodontics, 1970, and member of the Executive Committee of New York State Association of Endodontists. He authored a dozen articles helping to develop new scientific approaches and techniques in endodontics. Nosonowitz maintained an endodontist practice for 50 years in Poughkeepsie and Kingston, NY. A U.S. Army WW II veteran, he served in the Pacific Theater, Saipan, and was recruited by the Manhattan Project. Recognized internationally through his profession, he was loved and respected by all who knew him, and all of those whose lives he touched.

George D. Selfridge, '47, of Chesterfield, MO died on October 19, 2014. He was 90. Selfridge was a national leader in military and civilian dental education. After receiving his DDS degree from UB's School of Dentistry, he accepted a commission in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, serving on various ships and at various shore stations, mainly with the Atlantic Fleet. He returned to the Naval Dental School in 1969 where he headed both the publications and audiovisual departments and assisted in the design and development of two Masters degree programs in cooperation with The George Washington

University. After retiring from the Navy in 1976, Selfridge became the dean of the School of Dental Medicine, Washington University, St. Louis, MO, a position he held until 1986. He was executive director of the American Board of Orthodontics for 10 years and president of the International College of Dentists.

Leo F. Smith, '48, of Rochester died on September 12, 2014. He was 93. He was a dentist practicing in Lima, NY and Rochester for over 40 years. He graduated from the University of Buffalo Dental School on the V-12 program of the U.S. Navy and the GI Bill. He always appreciated the opportunities he had to receive his education and always believed that an education was the best means to achieve one's goals in life.

Anthony J. Todoro, '56, of Orchard Park died June 12, 2014. He was an Air Force veteran of World War II.

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