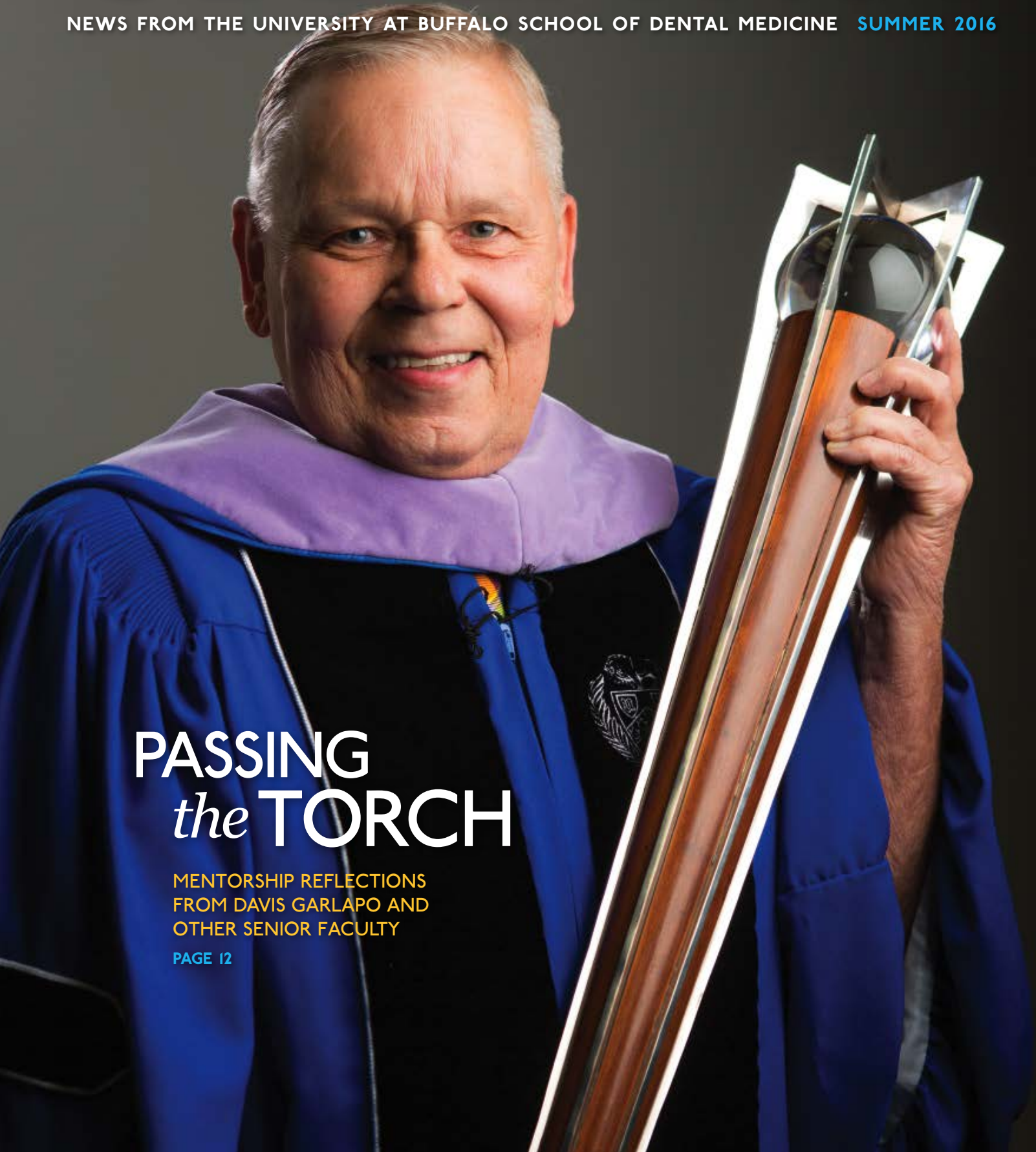


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With academic mace in hand, Davis Garlapo capped a 48-year SDM career at commencement as Educator of the Year for the fourth time. He and other senior faculty reflect on the value of mentorship, Pages 12-15.

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Greetings alumni, colleagues and students. I am honored to be appointed the 12th dean of the School of Dental Medicine and I am humbled to follow a long tradition of distinguished leadership.

Tradition is an important cornerstone of our school, all the more significant as we approach our 125th anniversary next year. Our school has an illustrious past and a bright future. We were the first school to establish a department of oral biology which has become one of the most influential departments of its kind noted both for the quality of its research and the prominence of its graduates. Our school was one of the first to institute a comprehensive care clinic model and one of the first to identify the importance of oral health on overall health. These are but a few of our notable achievements.

Tradition can be seen in our faculty as they pass the torch to thousands of students, many of who joined our faculty. Dr. Sebastian Ciancio and Dr. Robert Genco were my mentors and provided me with critical advice and guidance over the course of my career. Dr. Davis Garlapo mentored dozens of faculty during his 48-year career as chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics and later as chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Eugene Pantera and Dr. Carole Pantera taught endodontics to a generation of students during their quarter century of service. We are grateful and deeply indebted to all of them for their outstanding service and contributions.

Along with an illustrious past, our School has a bright future. Under the leadership of Vice President Michael

Cain, there is renewed focus in our Academic Health Center on interprofessional education exemplified by our upcoming Interprofessional Education Day in which dental, medical and nursing students will examine the health care professional's role in the opioid crisis.

This month, we begin construction on our new, greatly enlarged Preclinical Simulation Facility that will replace our 30-year-old preclinical laboratory (the video animation is online at <https://youtu.be/DgOZhV8AUbU>). Over the next year, we look forward to implementing both a new clinical management system with an electronic health record and remodeling our clinics. We've begun to renew our research laboratories starting with the move of our South Campus Instrumentation Center from the basement of Squire Hall to newly renovated facilities in the Biomedical Research Building.

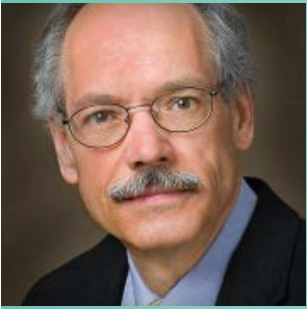
It's an exciting time as we begin giant steps into the future while, at the same time, preparing for a year-long celebration of our 125th anniversary. There is much more to come.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Zambon, DDS '74, *Perio Cert.* '83, PhD '84  
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

# FROM THE DEAN



## Excellence in University-Community Engagement

Stephen Abel, associate professor for the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics and associate dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives, along with the Mobile Dental Unit (MDU) staff, recently received the Excellence in University-Community Engagement Award recognizing the *S-miles To Go* Program.

The *S-miles To Go* initiative continues the dental school's long history of addressing the dental needs of underserved communities in Western New York. Since 1997, the MDU has travelled to communities, particularly in the Southern Tier, providing direct clinical services and health education. "With recent funding from the New York State Rural Commission, the *S-miles*

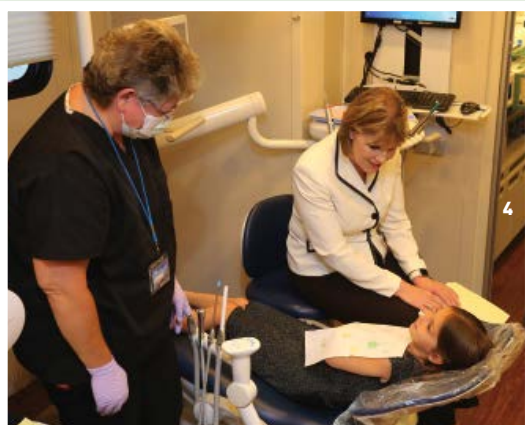
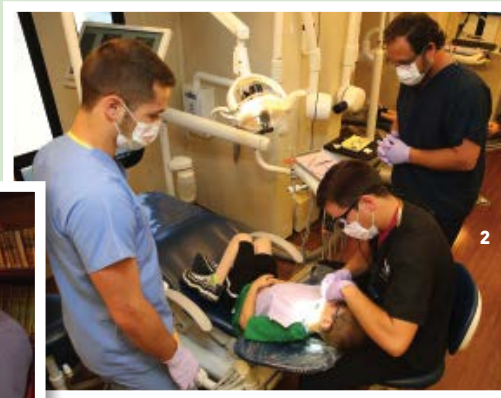
*To Go* program is able to comprehensively treat more children, travel to more schools and Head Start programs and to rotate our dental students through the van," stated Abel.

Besides those shown in the photos, others who have been instrumental in the program's success include Dr. Barbara Moore, '95, Ped Dent Cert. '97, Dr. Michael Phillips, '95, Ped Dent Cert. '97, Dr. Joseph Bernat, '73, Ped Dent Cert. '75, MS Oral Sci. '83 and Deanna Hazen. It also has

been supported by several staff members in OIR, Clinic Business Office and Dental Equipment Repair, especially Kevin Lizak, Michael Voessler, Paul Bell, Christine Macie, Matt Deck and Stephen Colombo.

The operations have also been supported through grants from, Health Resources and Services Administration, the Gebbie Foundation, the Ralph P. Sheldon Foundation, the Lenna Foundation, the Foundation of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and the Delta Dental Community Care Foundation.

**1** JAMES HARRIS, MBA, LEFT, AND STEPHEN ABEL, DDS, MDS  
**2** MDU PERSONNEL TREAT A YOUNG PATIENT. **3** BEHIND YOUNG PATIENTS ARE FROM LEFT, ABEL, DEAN JOSEPH ZAMBON, SENATOR CATHARINE YOUNG, TIM O. MAINS, SUPERINTENDENT, JAMESTOWN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND PAULA FISCHER, RDH. **4** SENATOR YOUNG SPEAKS WITH AN MDU PATIENT AND DEANNA HAZEN, DA. **5** THE PROGRAM'S HONOREES INCLUDE, FROM LEFT, FORMER UB VICE-PROVOST MARY GRESHAM, PAULA FISCHER, LINDA HEITMAN, RDH, SARAH BARRY, '11, GPR CERT. '12, PAMELA JONES, DEAN ZAMBON, ALFONSE GAMBACORTA, '97, GPR CERT. '99 AND UB PROVOST CHARLES ZUKOSKI.



# NewsBriefs

## 2 SDM students elected to ASDA national positions

The Buffalo Chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) left the Annual Session in Dallas very proud this March. It was an exciting week of elections, awards ceremonies, and policy approvals affecting licensure., etc.

ASDA Buffalo Chapter President, Jordan Telin, '17, has been elected the new national Vice President of ASDA. As ASDA VP, he will be a member of the National Executive Committee that presides over the Board of Trustees. Also, Telin will serve as a voting member of that board. The Executive Committee is responsible for managing the association's business

between board meetings and representing its 22,000 members.

Sara Perrone, '18, was elected as the new District 2 Trustee. She will represent all of New York and New Jersey dental schools that comprise the district (SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Buffalo, NYU, Rutgers, and Columbia). Additionally, she will serve as a member of the Board of Trustees, which oversees the development and implementation of the association's strategic plan; approves the annual budget; and as Chair of the District Caucus, sits on the Council on Sessions.

The Buffalo Chapter also received two Gold Crown awards for the first time in almost a decade. Buffalo was recognized in front of 600 attendees



ASDA HONOREES INCLUDE, FROM LEFT, SARA PERRONE, '18, EMMA GUZMAN, '17, JAMES WANAMAKER, '16, JESSE ADAMSON, '19, SANA NAEEM, '17, GABRIELLE LEO, '19, ROBERT DAVIS, '18, STEPHEN ROGERS, '18, MANA MANGINE, '18, JORDAN TELIN, '17 AND CAITLIN JANUSZ, '18.

for outstanding efforts in our "Most Improved Newsletter" and "Outstanding Advocacy Efforts," in recognition of

Stephen Rogers and James Wanamaker, respectively, who are also our national leaders.

## 3 Play ball!

Dean Joseph Zambon (photo at right) threw out the first pitch at the Buffalo Bisons' game and enjoyed celebrating with the 2016 graduates in early May.



## 4 Genco heads new UB Center for Microbiome Research

The University at Buffalo has established a new center to conduct research on the human microbiome, the collective microorganisms that live on and in the human body. The goal of research conducted at the center is to develop a base of knowledge about the human microbiome and its role in health and disease.

The multidisciplinary UB Center for Microbiome Research is directed by Robert J. Genco, DDS, '63, PhD, SUNY Distinguished Professor in the Department of Oral Biology in the School of Dental Medicine, who also has appointments in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at UB, and the Department of Immunology at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Genco left his post as director of the Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach (STOR) on May 1st to head the center. Earlier this year, he also received the American Association of Dental Research Distinguished Scientist Award in honor of his contributions to periodontal disease research and its association to other diseases.



DR. ROBERT J. GENCO

## 5 Domestic violence focus for Prosthodontics Week

In recognition of National Prosthodontics Awareness Week during the last week of April, the SDM hosted a special presentation aimed at improving awareness of domestic violence. The event was held at the Family Justice Center, located in downtown Buffalo and was sponsored by Ivoclar Vivadent.

SDM staff, faculty and postgraduate residents, along with members of the Eighth Dental District Society, enjoyed refreshments and a tour of the facility prior to the program. The topic for the evening was *The Multiple Roles of Oral Health Providers: Domestic Violence Screening and Connection to Care*.

The focus was on domestic violence continuing to be a prevalent problem in our community. It was stated that because of the number of individuals affected, it



FROM LEFT, MARSHALL FAGIN, MARY TRAVERS MURPHY, STEPHEN ABEL, AND FRANK LAUCIELLO, '69, IVOCLAR VIVADENT, PARTICIPATED IN A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PRESENTATION.

is likely that most dental professionals will encounter patients who are, or have been, victims of domestic violence. Accordingly, it is essential to recognize and accurately interpret behaviors associated with domestic violence.

Featured speakers were Stephen N. Abel, associate dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives, Mary Travers Murphy, executive director, Family Justice Center, and Marshall Fagin, clinical associate professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry.



FROM LEFT, DRS. ALFREDO AGUIRRE, '01, MS ORAL SCI. '83, ORAL PATH CERT. '83, RANA ALSHAGROUD, ORAL PATH CERT. '16 AND JOSE LUIS TAPIA, '12, MS ORAL SCI. '03, ORAL PATH CERT. '03.

## 6 Rana Alshagroud—a “Shining Star”

Rana Alshagroud, a resident in Oral and Maxillofacial

Pathology, received the William G. Shafer Award this spring from the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (AAOMP) in recognition of her having the highest score on the academy's annual fellowship examination. The exam tests the general and oral pathology knowledge and clinical and diagnostic skills of individuals seeking fellowship status in the academy.

Furthermore, the AAOMP closes its annual meeting with an exercise whereby six seasoned oral pathologists contribute cases with either a clinical picture or imaging slides along with only a brief clinical history. Then, six graduating residents each discuss one case in depth and elaborate on a differential diagnosis. This is typically quite difficult since the resident, unlike the contributing pathologist, does not have access to the tissue sections. This year, out of six residents, only Alshagroud correctly diagnosed her case as Mantel Cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Her fantastic performance underlines her talent and passion, the program's core infrastructure, and the dedication of the faculty in supporting our residents' skill development.

## The Case of the Missing Class

### DID YOU KNOW: WHERE IS THE CLASS OF 1950?

The third-floor hallway of Squire is host to the Alumni Gallery—composite pictures of each graduating class since the school was established in 1892—except one.

The founding administration of the school determined that a three-year curriculum was sufficient in length to confer a doctor of dentistry degree. The need to add additional courses and the daunting schedule of classes (students attended from 8 am to 5 pm six days a week) caused administrators to increase the curriculum to four years starting in 1904, with summers being utilized for 'practical work.'

At this time, however, the four-year plan had an unfortunate side effect—a dramatic reduction in the student body; from 1907 through 1910, when less than 100 students were in the entire school. The school, now financially strained, prompted a return to the three-year schedule. The City of Buffalo aided the school in 1914-15 by establishing three dental dispensaries with the Church Charity Foundation staffed by college personnel. This increased the amount of clinical material available to the students and resulted in a surge in enrollment over the next several years—forcing the school to return to the traditional four-year schedule.

It remained four years until 1929, when then dean Daniel H. Squire introduced the 'three-year, four-quarter' plan. He believed that the long summer vacation was a waste of time and advocated the year be divided into four terms, each 11 weeks with a two-week break between each quarter. Squire also believed the 'shorter' curriculum afforded graduates an earlier opportunity to enter practice or postgraduate studies.

The curriculum remained at three years until 1947 when students entering were placed in the traditional four-year degree program and has remained so to this day. Students matriculating in 1946 were the last to graduate in three years. Due to this final shift, there was no graduating class of 1950.

—Robin Comeau

Sources: article – *Roots of Renown*;  
image – 1954 *Medentian* yearbook



## 7 Schifferle and UB alums are AAP Trustees

Robert Schifferle, '81, PhD Oral Biology '92, associate professor of Periodontics and Endodontics (center), Benjamin Duval, '96 (left) and Thomas Kepic, '75 (right) are 3 of only 21 trustees for the American Academy of Periodontology. Duval trained in periodontics at the Virginia Commonwealth University, practices in Georgia and represents AAP District 3. Kepic, who grew up in Jamestown, NY, trained in periodontics at Indiana University, practices in California, and is trustee for AAP District 6. Schifferle's term as AAP trustee for District 7 will end this fall, but another UB alum, Edward Segal, '90, will begin a term as trustee for AAP District 4 continuing UB's significant representation.





INTERPROFESSIONAL  
PROJECT IMPROVES  
STUDENT CARE SKILLS  
AND UNDERSTANDING

## THE NURSING-DENTAL COLLABORATIVE

By JIM BISCO  
Photos by JASON CHWIRUT

**T**HE COLLABORATION BETWEEN NURSING AND DENTISTRY in the SDM during the past three years was prompted by a son's frustration with the oral care his ailing mother was not receiving.

Donald Antonson, associate dean for academic affairs and professor in Restorative Dentistry, had regularly visited his mother during what he termed her terminal stay at a care facility in Florida. While she had always been attentive to her oral hygiene while able, he noticed that her oral health was not being maintained by the staff. Inquiries with the nursing staff found that they had neither the time nor the training to provide oral care. Armed with toothbrushes, floss and fluoride pastes, Antonson set about to instruct the staff on providing daily oral hygiene for the facility's patients.

"I thought, wouldn't it be a great accomplishment for the staff members in nursing homes and hospitals to provide daily oral maintenance and examinations," he notes. "It made no sense that the health care people who take care of everything else never look in the mouth."

Nancy Campbell-Heider, associate professor and department chair, UB School of Nursing, agreed on the need when Antonson returned and related his experience.

Already having had an ongoing discussion with him on an interprofessional education program, Campbell-Heider proceeded to secure a three-year Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Advanced Nursing Education training grant for nurse practitioners to work with dental students in interdisciplinary teams, sharing educational and practice experiences that improve oral and systemic care.

"We have a doctor of nursing practice program for our nurse practitioner program and that's where I wanted to place the content so that we would reach the next generation of care providers who are in primary care or are often supervisors or hands-on care providers in geriatric facilities, particularly the adult gerontology nurse practitioners," she explains.

The HRSA grant opportunity was ideally suited for the interprofessional project which began July 1, 2013.

At the time the grant was conceptualized, Campbell-Heider notes that there already was a blueprint in place to have nurse practitioners and dental students working in collaboration in the SDM dental clinics "to augment our oral health skills."

Conversely, Antonson saw the need to strengthen the systemic health skills and comprehensive medical backgrounds for the dental students.

And so, the collaboration came together.

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PATRICK ANDERS, CENTER, THE PROGRAM'S CLINICAL DIRECTOR, POINTS OUT AN ASPECT OF TREATMENT TO THE STUDENTS.



*“Our goal is to get our people to really look at the mouth with a much more precision eye.”*

—NANCY CAMPBELL-HEIDER  
UB SCHOOL OF NURSING

## WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

One of the goals of the grant was to enhance oral health and the interprofessional collaborative practice competencies of the nurse practitioner students as well as those of the dental students. “Our objective was to take what we do and enhance it to a high level so that our nurse practitioners could really do an oral exam the way the dental students do and could identify lesions in the mouth that we may not have been used to looking for,” says Campbell-Heider.

Patrick Anders, '86, GPR Cert. '88, director of Oral Medicine and clinical associate professor of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, became clinical director of the program, doing both clinical and didactic teaching. He and Antonson guided the nurse practitioners through training in a series of post-clinical conferences, hands-on experiences, and lectures that informed them on what they needed to know in dentistry.

Anders notes that one of the objectives of the grant was to give nurse practitioners some level of comfort in performing oral exams so that they could do some diagnosis and intervention, but, more so, to make intelligent referrals. Another objective, he adds, was to graduate nurse practitioners who are probably going to be the only primary care providers in remote areas. “Since they may not have dentists within access, they need to have some level of knowledge of the oral cavity.”

It was found that the SDM's screening and urgent care clinics were the most conducive collaborative environments. “Those have more patient flow and patients with more chronic disease, so that the nurse practitioner students could help our students with the medical aspect and our students could help the nurse practitioner students with the aspects of oral treatment,” Anders explains.

Campbell-Heider thought it was important to build two-person interprofessional faculty teams and then use that as a model of interaction with the students.

“Having been in the dental school myself for a year with Pat Anders looking in mouths, I thought I knew a lot about the oral cavity being in practice over many years, but I learned so much,” observes Campbell-Heider. “Our goal is to get our people to really look at the mouth with a much more

precision eye. Systemic problems can certainly be manifested in the mouth. We need a better understanding. We shouldn't have ever separated the mouth from the body. I don't know why historically it happened that dentistry went this way and medicine went that way, and nursing followed suit.”

Campbell-Heider noted that didactic and experiential learning was built into the nurse practitioner curriculum. At the beginning, the students spent 30 to 40 hours in the dental clinics, in addition to seminars, lectures, and supervised hands-on practice.

“The students eventually became very positive on both sides,” she states. “The dental students have been fabulous. We have research data that we are in the process of analyzing. We have evidence from dental students that when they're exposed to a nurse practitioner student, they are significantly more ready for interprofessional collaborative practice. That's exactly what we hoped to accomplish.”

Another component of the program was a standardized patient exercise in which a primary care setting was simulated where dental students or dentists were available for a consult, which occurs in some community health centers. A scenario was developed for an actor portrayal of a complicated patient who had uncontrolled diabetes, smoked and had added oral health components with periodontal disease and a loose tooth. “We developed a simulation where the nurse practitioners were paired with a dental student and each simulated their role in the care of their patient and then collaborated to have a comprehensive plan of care,” Campbell-Heider explains. “It was very, very exciting to the dental students in particular who had never done simulation. There was a tremendous collaborative effort on the part of the students to work as a team.”

The nurse practitioner students even joined some of the Remote Area Medical (RAM) outreach trips to Appalachia. Joseph Gambacorta, '93, assistant dean for clinical affairs, coordinated activities with the School of Nursing to help support their students on outreach missions. “There is great interaction between the students on these trips. If anything, we'd like to increase the participation of the nursing students with our students on an international mission,” he says.

He has been working on a project for two years with Susan Nierenberg, clinical assistant professor in the School of Nursing, on how the outreach trips affect the students.

“The objective of outreach missions is to expose students to diverse populations, but also to expose students to the fact that they have a gift, and an obligation to use that gift to help those who can’t help themselves,” Gambacorta points out.

## PAIN CLINIC COLLABORATION

Heidi Crow, MS Oral Sci. '91, TMD Orofac Pain Cert. '91, Oral Diagnostic Sciences chair, and Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, '05, MS Oral Sci. '95, TMD Orofac Pain Cert. '96, Perio Cert. '02, associate professor, and director of the Advanced Education Program in Orofacial Pain, extended an invitation to the DNP psychiatric nurse practitioner students to participate in the Orofacial Pain Clinic as part of the program.

“In theory, this new collaboration could fulfill an inter-professional education competency and even more so, provide a much-needed service for our patients,” says Gonzalez-Stucker. “I am delighted to report that the reality has been even better. In the last two years, we have established an outstanding collaboration, which has strengthened our program curriculum, enabled us to provide more comprehensive and holistic care to our patients, distinguishing our program and clinic as unique and a pioneer in the field of Orofacial Pain.”

Patricia Nisbet, coordinator of the Psychiatric Mental Health Program and clinical assistant professor, School of Nursing, proceeded to coordinate a wellness program. “When the dentists do their assessment, there is an assessment of bio-behavioral parameters,” she relates. “For example, they also assess for depression, anxiety and somatic pain. We became involved with that assessment process. When the patients scored at a significant level, that’s when we would invite them to do some individual wellness sessions with us, independently or at the same time that they came in for their appointments to see the dentists.” The Orofacial Pain Clinic and the DNP Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Program share a holistic approach to treatment that is based on the mind-body connection.

Nisbet says that the psychiatric nurse practitioner students learned how to assess chronic pain and to treat the effects that it had on people’s daily lives, using a combination of cognitive behavioral therapy and mindfulness-based intervention.

“There was learning on both sides. We would have case conferences together and share information with each other,” she relates. “We learned as nurse practitioners a lot of the medical aspects of oral, dental and facial pain care and the dental students learned about the bio-behavioral aspects and neurobiology of chronic pain.”

## SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

Antonson hails the success of his brainchild in the name of his mother which begat a three-year program with a number of presentations and publications resulting. “My mother would be proud of our accomplishments and what we learned from her.”

Anders acknowledges the close ties developed between the nursing and dental faculty. “In fact, the last professional meeting that Nancy (associate professor of Nursing), Linda Paine Hughes (clinical assistant professor of Nursing) and I attended was the National Oral Health Conference. They were the only nurse practitioners at that conference presenting—it was a nice venue for them. Nancy and I presented at the New York State Nurse Practitioners Conference and I was the only dentist at that conference, so we’re doing a lot of interprofessional presentations too.”

Anders feels that collaborative inroads are being blazed through programs like this. “I think there are a lot of things happening simultaneously in education. First of all, interprofessional education is being promulgated by this university and every university in the country now. Health science education is moving in the direction of interprofessionalism and that’s being driven by the accreditation standards of all of the professions as well as other forces.

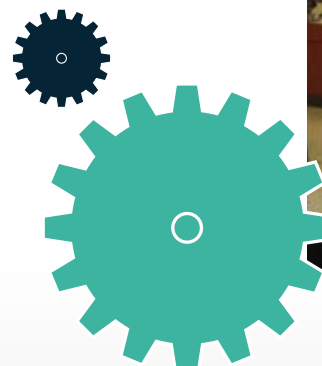
“Also, there’s been more recognition of the interplay between oral and systemic health. Among the things driving that is the aging of the population and the fact that we are now treating people in this building that we would have screened right out 25 years ago as being too ill to treat here. Now we have people who are quite elderly and quite ill receiving their care here,” he notes.

Although the grant ended on June 30th of this year, the collaboration will continue. “We will donate our time and have the clinics available to the nurse practitioners to be here and make it an ongoing commitment to both schools,” says Antonson. “The people who were involved have all stayed involved and are very excited about it. As we see this move toward a wider range of activity within the Health Sciences Center, we can see more support of it.”

Campbell-Heider concurs. “The nursing school is planning to continue. We will work primarily with the family nurse practitioners, the biggest group, to rotate them through the program.”

The bottom line, she says, is “how we have overlapping skills—we call those cross-cutting skills—and expertise that when we work together on a patient problem, we can really broaden the solution base or the resources for the patient.”

ANDERS OVERSEES  
PATIENT TREATMENT  
WITH THE STUDENTS.



# PASSING the TORCH of FACULTY MENTORSHIP

MENTORING STUDENTS TO BECOME TEACHERS HAS BEEN A FACULTY TRADITION

By JIM BISCO

DANA QEBLAWI, MS ORAL SCI. '09, PROS CERT. '08, INHERITS THE MANTLE OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS TEACHING OF THE RETIRING DAVIS GARLAPO.

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## HE STOOD ON THE STAGE

appearing regal and rather wizardly in his colorful commencement gown. With the academic mace in hand, he took on even more masterful bearings—gripping it like a torch to be passed on to a new generation and a Steuben crystal sphere at the mace's summit resembling a crystal ball to peer into a bright future for the assembled graduates.

The analogy was well suited to **DAVIS GARLAPO**, '68, Fixed Pros Cert. '74, who was being honored as Educator of the Year at the 2016 Commencement in his 48th and final year, a professor and former chair of the Fixed Prosthodontics and then Restorative departments who has been similarly honored three other times in his iconic career at the dental school.

The soft-spoken Garlapo says he

has never been one to call attention to himself, but scores of alumni have hailed his influence since he began his teaching career here in 1968. He helped build Fixed Prosthodontics from a two-person department—he and chair Milton Brown—into a significant body of the school by filling out the faculty with graduate recruits in whom he saw teaching potential.

“The greatest love that I had as an academic dentist was seeing young professional students grow and mature, becoming competent in patient care, and then going out into the world,” says Garlapo. “A big part of my life at the university has been the attempt to bring back people who had graduated and were very proficient in restorative dentistry to become colleagues as academic dentists.

“One of the things that I tried to

overcome was a sort of town-gown issue that had persisted wherein those who were full-time academics were seen as being theoretically proficient but not practically competent in their clinical teaching roles. That was something that I wanted to change early on by, first, becoming competent in the treating of patients myself, and then recruiting dentists who were respected for their clinical competencies. Over time this resulted in full-time faculty viewed not only in terms of their teaching but also their clinical abilities and assisting students in their growth into becoming competent young professionals.”

Garlapo established five hallmarks that became his measure of a competent teacher: (1) a thorough and sound knowledge of the theoretical aspects of the discipline being taught; (2) proficiency in terms of clinical skills,

*“When we saw teaching potential in students, we encouraged them to become academic dentists.”*

—DAVIS GARLAPO

not only in the treatment of patients but also the ability to assist students in their treatment of patients in the clinic; (3) to be a role model as an ethical individual in the profession; (4) interpersonal skills to not only relate to patients but also to students in a manner that did not increase their anxiety level in what is a challenging educational process; (5) having an interest and desire to be engaged with young professional students.

He and chairman Brown were able to build a strong cadre of full-time clinical faculty in Fixed Prosthodontics. “When we saw teaching potential in students, we encouraged them to become academic dentists,” notes Garlapo. “To some degree, it measured around those five qualities, along with having an empathy for their treatment of students during the learning process.

“As we grew the department, initially there was no provision for full-time faculty for clinical practice. It was fortuitous that I got involved in the initiation and development of a faculty intramural practice system that was developed across the state. With this model, both academic physicians and dentists had the opportunity and were encouraged to carry on their profession. The rationale was if you didn’t do that, you would become less relevant over time. That rounded out my career, so I could carry on a practice and maintain my proficiency, and it also helped to attract other professionals back into a full-time academic career.”

Among those recruited for the fledgling department were Daniel Conny, ’73, Fixed Pros Cert. ’80, Robert Wood, ’68, Frederick McIntyre, ’72, MS Dent Mater. ’87, and Jane Brewer, ’78, MS Oral Sci. 85, Fixed Pros Cert. ’82.

“That became the full-time nucleus of the fixed department for a long time,” relates Garlapo.

“When I started out, fixed prosthodontics was not widespread among the profession, for a number of reasons, the majority of which it was difficult to do with the armamentarium that we had,” he recalls. “The development of high-speed instrumentation and porcelain-fused metal restorations allowed fixed prosthodontics to become more mainstream in dental practices. The continued advancement of technology has not only enabled but forced me to become a lifelong learner because I had to constantly keep accommodating to the new products and new approaches to remain relevant as an academic dentist.”

As he bids farewell, Garlapo says it’s been a very satisfying career. “While I have been gratified in the treatment of many patients, there is nothing more important to me than to relish in the memories of so many wonderful interactions that I’ve shared with so many students. On occasion when a former graduate relates that they have been positively influenced by the time I spent mentoring them, I feel my professional life has been well spent.”

### **FACULTY MENTORSHIP THROUGH THE YEARS**

Graduates becoming faculty through the encouragement of mentors has been a hallmark of the dental school throughout its history. Davis Garlapo, who inspired many to become teachers, credits the influential support of Fixed Prosthodontics chair Milton Brown and Dean William Feagans whom he refers to as his professional fathers “who did all that they could to nurture

how my career unfolded as an academic dentist.” And many of his mentees are faculty who have trained current members of the faculty.

The mentor-inspiring-teacher continuum is noted in the following recollections by other senior members of the faculty.

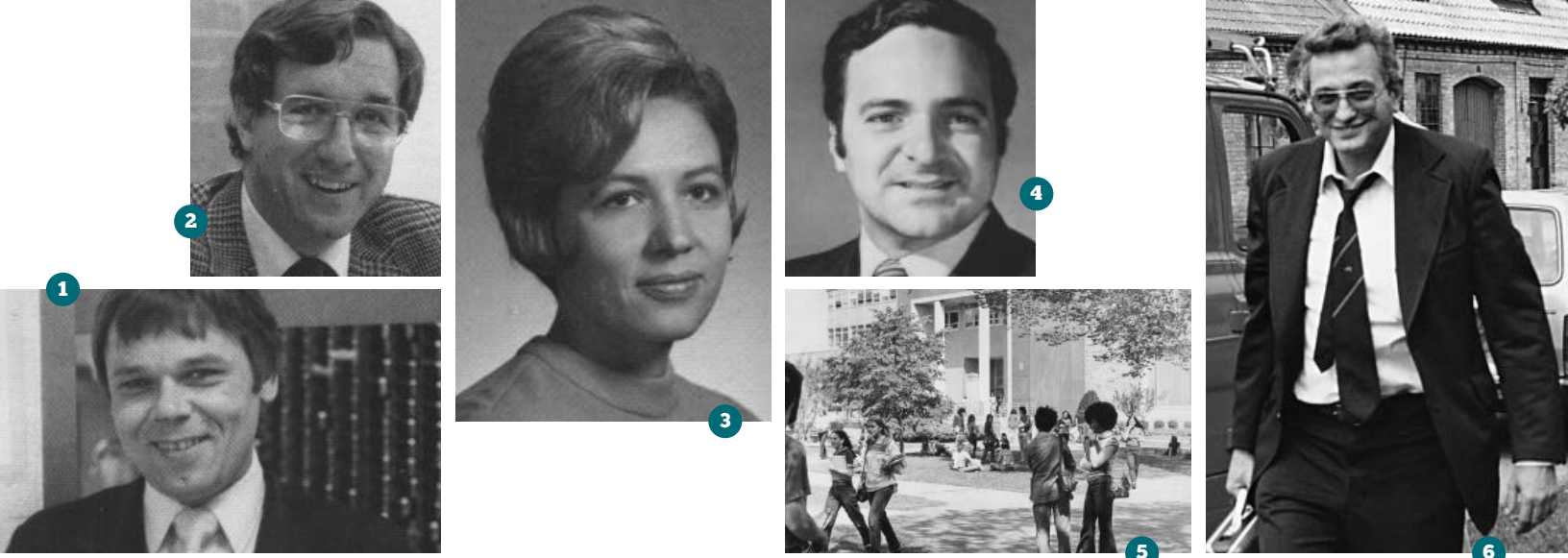
### **W.D. (SCOTT) McCALL, JR.**

W.D. (Scott) McCall, Jr. had earned a PhD in bioengineering at the University of Michigan and got a job in a research lab of the dental school there. With a desire to become a faculty member, he was frustrated at the roadblocks he encountered at the school primarily because he did not have a dental degree.

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THE SYMBOLIC “TORCH” AND “CRYSTAL BALL” OF THE ACADEMIC MACE.



The professor and former chair of Oral Diagnostic Sciences became a faculty member in Oral Medicine in 1976, doing research with Norman Mohl, '56, who he says encouraged him to come and became an administrative mentor to him. The late Beverly Bishop, SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor known for her significant contributions to neurophysiology research, became his scientific mentor.

McCall has concentrated on neurophysiology, pain research and statistics, supervising many master's students, some of whom have gone on to academics. "One of them is now my boss," he says, referring to Heidi Crow who succeeded him as chair in 2014. Others have become department chairs: Jin Woo Chung at Seoul National University in Korea and Maan Al-Shaafi, AEGD Cert. '03, MS Oral Sci. '04, Esth Dent Cert. '04, at King Saud University in Saudi Arabia.

Early in his chairmanship, McCall added three people to the faculty. "It became obvious that I'd better mentor these people," he says. "I started meeting with Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker every week, helping her make lists of things to do."

Another recruit was Patrick Anders, who came from a general practice residency program. He didn't require the same type of mentoring. He and Elaine

Davis, who was a full professor, came armed with data that could be turned into papers. "Suddenly, it was a research group that I was an integral part of," McCall explains. "So for me there's been two different sides of the mentoring. The one with Pat was less hands-on and with Yoly it was very much hands-on."

How does it make you feel to see your academics out there in the world, he is asked. "There are research meetings every year. If you have a student and he goes into academics, you may see him at a research meeting. This is a big deal."

### ROBERT BAIER

Robert Baier, professor in Oral Diagnostic Sciences and director of the Biomaterials Graduate Program, entered the academic world here in 1984 after 16 years in industrial research and development with the Cornell Laboratory (later Calspan) across from the Greater Buffalo Airport.

"They needed somebody who could meet the state's desire to do industry-based research. I was recruited to run that program here," he recalls. Joseph Natiella, Oral Path Cert. '68, whom Baier refers to as an expert pathologist—"in many ways, the father of dental implantology"—brought him aboard. "In a way, I was his student although we were contemporaries. He

brought me over for my skill set while his skill set was traditional dentistry."

Baier admits that his own background and inclination is to get something of benefit out to the public from the university and not just teaching students to teach. While he has mentored many who are ensconced in practical settings, Baier has also had an impact on the academic ranks.

Hyeong-Il Kim, '06, Pros Cert. '01, MS Oral Sci. '02, associate professor and director of the PG Prosthodontics Program is among those. "I had the privilege of being his supervisor for his master's degree," says Baier. "Now he is one of the great leaders of the school and one of the people I look up to for his skills which are well beyond any of those that I would have myself. He is a master craftsman."

They are collaborating to create a joint training program with the Inamori School of Engineering at the New York State College of Ceramics at Alfred University "because now in dentistry we're making false teeth out of ceramic, almost the same material as Corning Ware," Baier explains.

Another former student of Baier's is now forging a new field in dentistry. Tariq Abuhaimed, AEGD Cert. '06, MS Biomat. '07, Endo Cert. '09 came to the SDM proclaiming himself a dentist who didn't want to learn anything new. During his experience at the school,

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Abuhaimed was “seduced by the science of it all,” according to Baier, by learning more than dentistry. He not only earned a master’s degree in biomaterials but also his PhD in mechanical engineering working with Baier in what was dubbed dental engineering—“biomedical engineering above the shoulder blades,” Baier describes. “Tariq is now the first classically trained dental engineer. When he went back to Saudi Arabia, they made him the head of his own biomaterials division at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah. He’s now training the next generation of students, two of whom we have here right now.”

**MIRDZA NEIDERS**

Mirdza Neiders, Perio Cert. ’74, professor in Oral Diagnostic Sciences, has the most seniority of any faculty member currently teaching. She actually retired from full-time teaching 10 years ago, but came back immediately to continue teaching on a part-time basis, mainly teaching dental students and graduate students in oral medicine and oral pathology.

After training at University of Michigan and pathology at University of Chicago, she got her first job in 1962 in the SDM’s oral pathology department.

“I got here at a very interesting time when there were no women students at all,” she recalls. “There was only one woman on the faculty, Evelyn Young, the first female teacher in Buffalo. She came from a dental family and was quite a bit older than I. Two women on the faculty and no women students.”

Neiders set out to make her first mentoring a call to women to enroll in dental school, but that time came almost a decade later. The first outstanding woman Neiders recalls in the dental school was Jane Brewer, now chair of restorative dentistry. “She was a very impressive dental student. I tried to help women focus on dentistry as a profession. Now it’s almost 50 percent women,” she observes.

Neiders began running the graduate program at the SDM for specialty training

in oral pathology. The students who she mentored included Alfredo Aguirre and Jose Luis Tapia in oral pathology, and Robert Cohen in research. “These were students who became faculty members and I was very much involved in their careers,” says Neiders. “From the very beginning, I felt that all three belonged in academics. I explained to them what teaching means as a profession, explained the importance of research, and felt they belong to the university because the university has two goals: first, to acquire knowledge, and second, to pass it on through teaching. I always felt that these people had the potential to do both.”

She takes pride in their success, “but my biggest pride is that, I now work part time for Dr. Aguirre and also for another former student, Patrick Anders. I work one day for one and one day for the other. The important thing for me is that I maintain very good relationships with the students who I have mentored.”

**ROBERT GENCO**

Robert Genco, SUNY Distinguished Professor, Oral Biology, and Director of the UB Center for Microbiome Research, has been a faculty member since 1967, focused on teaching in the oral biology PhD program and studying periodontal disease and its causes, treatment and systemic links. He also was a university administrator.

In his first decade, he taught undergrads periodontology in clinic. The next phase he participated in was teaching dentists who were interested in becoming teachers in academics. Over the years, he participated in the education of many who are in active teaching and academic careers including Dean Joseph Zambon.

Genco chaired the Department of Oral Biology that had a very rigorous and successful program to train dentists to teach. Many received master’s and PhD degrees, and most became specialists. “Most are in dental schools and academic institutions where they teach, as well as

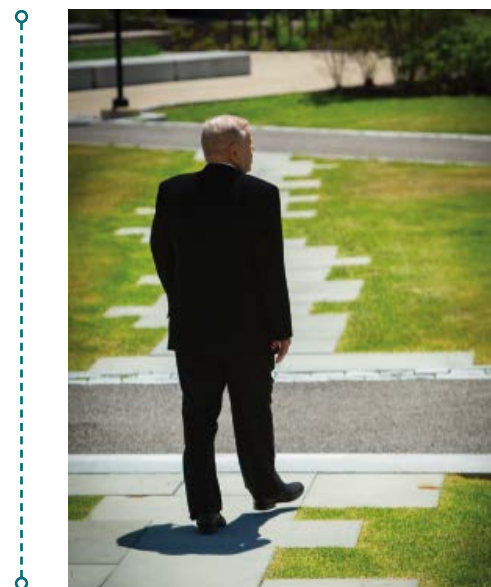
doing research,” he notes.

Genco strongly feels mentoring students to become teachers is critically important. “We all have had mentors and in order for us to continue this tradition of teaching and academics, we give back by teaching others to teach. Our students are an important part of our legacy.”

Among his mentors include Walter Cohen, a very prominent periodontist who established an academic program at the University of Pennsylvania in which he was one of the first two students in a PhD program combined with a residency in periodontics. Others were former SDM dean James English, Ernst Beutner, a microbiologist in the medical school, and Nicholas Marfino, ’57, a young periodontist.

For Robert Genco, mentorship is like a big family. “We stay close. Just last year I visited three former students who are chairs of departments or directors of research units at Ohio State, University of Oregon, and Medical University of Charleston where I gave lectures at their research days,” he recalls. “It was very satisfying to see them develop and to be major trainers of a new generation. It goes on.”

DAVIS GARLAPO REFLECTS ON A 48-YEAR SDM CAREER AS HE HEADS INTO RETIREMENT.





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*"Photoelastic stress analysis of mandibular canine distalization via different retraction methods"*

Major Professor:  
Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS, MS

**Huiyan Guan, DDS**

*"3D scaffold with VEGF/FGF9 conjugated fibrin, nano calcium sulfate and BMP2 genetically engineered mesenchymal stem cells promotes vascularized bone formation"*

Major Professor:  
Shuying Yang, MD, PhD

**Brian William Kurtzner, DDS**

*"Effectiveness and efficiency of dental arch expansion: A study of two customized lingual orthodontic appliances"*

Major Professor:  
Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS, MS

**Briklin Owen Nielsen, DDS**

*"Mandibular plane extremes and their respective anterior facial heights"*

Major Professor:  
Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS, MS

**Pamela Maria Ortiz, DDS**

*"Association of Sella Turcica bridging and palatal canine impaction: A CBCT study"*

Major Professor:  
Sawsan Tabbaa, DDS, MS

**POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES**

**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY**

Fatima Albishry, BDS  
Mohammad Alqahtani, BDS  
Julie Crowell, DDS  
Daniel Gregory Miller, DDS  
Maitry Parikh, DDS  
Al-Shaheen Youssef, DDS  
Jessica R. Zinaty, DDS

**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY - TWO YEAR PROGRAM**

Bryan Douglas St. Marie, DDS

**ENDODONTICS**

Khalid Hamad N. Almadi, BDS  
Blair A. Braunstein, DDS  
Stephan Joseph Vigliotti, Jr., DDS

**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY**

Hawra Ali Aljanobi, BDS  
Rana Saud Alshagroud, BDS

**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

Jay William Albanese, DDS, MD  
Michael Y. Nagai, DDS, MD

**ORTHODONTICS**

Ayed Ali A. Alqahtani, BDS  
Mindy Lynn Altemose, DMD  
Huiyan Guan, DDS  
Brian William Kurtzner, DDS  
Hussain Yousof A. Marghalani, BDS  
Briklin Owen Nielsen, DDS  
Pamela Maria Ortiz, DDS

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

Tyler Gordon Beintlich, BDS  
Muzamil Gufran, DDS  
Kailey Smith Housely, DDS  
Ahmed Hussein, DDS  
Matthew Scott Killingsworth, DMD  
Colleen Lacombe-Senecal, DDS

**PERIODONTICS**

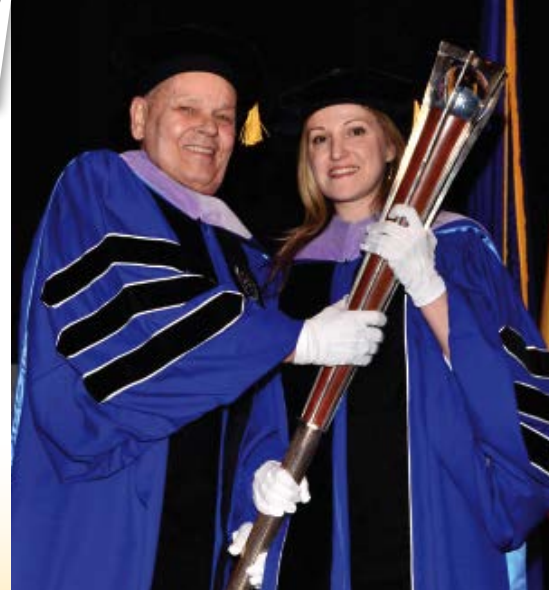
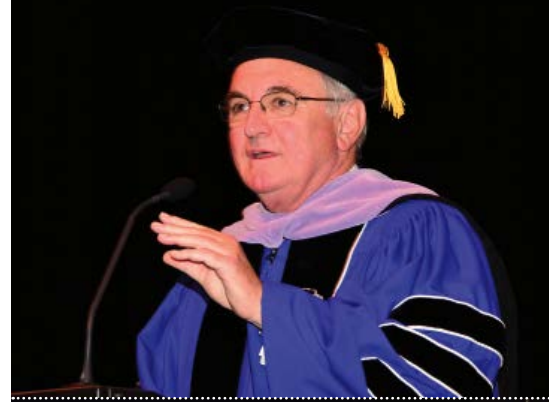
Hania Subhi B. Alkudmani, BDS (graduated Sept. 2015)  
Ammar Abdulbasit Almarshghani, BDS  
Wael Ibraheem M. Ibraheem, BDS

**PROSTHODONTICS**

Walaa Ali H. Babeer, BDS  
Catherine Grace Cagino, DDS  
Quynh Nhu Pham, DDS

**TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDERS AND OROFACIAL PAIN**

Haseeb Hussain, BDS  
Abhimanyu Rajkumar Sharma, BDS



# SDM 2016 Senior Awards

RECOGNIZING ACHIEVEMENT, SKILL AND CONTRIBUTION



COMMENCEMENT 2016

**Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award**  
Sabrina Kaur Bhatti

**Academy of General Dentistry Award**  
Javon Z. Slaughter

**Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**  
Olga Yankelevich

**Academy of Osseointegration Award**  
Navjot Singh Dhillon

**Dr. Joseph A. Accardo Eighth District Dental Society Award**  
James A. Wanamaker

**Alpha Omega Fraternity Award**  
Michael G. Skrobola

**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award**  
Sulochana Gurung

**American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award**  
Ian Thomas Mort

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**  
Jilbert Benjamin Neman

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**  
Claire Alice Maloy

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**  
Mark Floumanhaft

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain**  
Conrad C. Howe

**American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award**  
Andrew K. Richards

**American Academy of Periodontology Award**  
Kristen Elizabeth Lysenko

**American Association of Endodontists Award**  
Stephanie C. Wu

**American Association of Oral Biologists Award**  
Jared Preston Reardon

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
Jilbert Benjamin Neman

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Implant Award**  
Joseph D. Park

**American Association of Orthodontists Award**  
Patrick W. Scannell

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award**  
Antonio A. Calascibetta

**American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award**  
Marta J. Michalik

**American College of Prosthodontists Award**  
Donna Katherine Scott

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award**  
Michael G. Skrobola

**American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence**  
Arielle B. Faden

**Barrett Foundation Award**  
Michael G. Skrobola

**Braessler USA Award**  
Sulochana Gurung

**Eleanor Bushee Award**  
Allison Paige Blutstein

**Dr. Samuel A. Caccamise Award**  
Amber Rosenberg

**James Collord Memorial Award**  
Amrita Omprakash Batheja

**Dean's Award**  
Joseph D. Park  
James A. Wanamaker

**Delta Dental Student Leadership Awards**  
Joseph L. Filippini  
Sulochana Gurung  
Balraj Singh Kang  
Joshua A. Lee

**Delta Sigma Delta Award**  
Balraj Singh Kang

**Dental Alumni Award**  
Stephen J. Fabiano

**Dentsply Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics**  
Winston J. Liu

**Dr. Marshall Fagin Prosthodontic Award**  
Donna Katherine Scott

**Erie County Dental Society Chester A. Glor Award**  
Christina L. Gliwa

**The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award**  
Alisha Patel

**Fonzi Dental Study Club, Anthony S. Gugino Humanitarian Award**  
Aaron Becker Cronk

**Victor A. Fumia Award**  
*First Place:* Navjot Singh Dhillon  
*Second Place:* Navjot Singh Dhillon

**Hanau Prosthodontics Award**  
Amber Rosenberg

**International College of Dentists Award**  
Olga Yankelevich

**International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award**  
Zohra Sadiq Hasham

**International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award**  
Erina Sadykov

**Edwin C. Jauch Award**  
Winston J. Liu

**Donald Kozlowski Memorial Award**  
Joseph D. Park

**Robert B. Levine Award**  
Sulochana Gurung

**New York State Association of Endodontists**  
Victoria M. Mesolella

**New York State Dental Foundation Student Recognition Award**  
Amrita Omprakash Batheja  
Arielle B. Faden

**New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Award**  
Alexandra R. Lauterborn

**The Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award**  
Stephanie C. Wu

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award**

Jeremy Abdul-Haqq  
Christyne Marie Chmil  
Navjot Singh Dhillon  
Joseph L. Filippini  
Balraj Singh Kang  
Kevin Michael Kurtzner  
Joseph D. Park  
Patrick W. Scannell  
Michael G. Skrobola  
Canaan B. Tyner  
Stephanie C. Wu  
Olga Yankelevich

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Research Award**  
Kevin Michael Kurtzner

**Pediatric and Community Dentistry Department Award**  
Allison Paige Blustein

**Richard A. Powell Award**  
Joshua A. Lee

**Quintessence Awards RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT:**  
Michael Matthew Daly

**RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY:**  
Navjot Singh Dhillon

**PERIODONTICS:**  
Canaan B. Tyner

**George B. Snow Awards COMPLETE PROSTHESIS:**  
*First Place:* Navjot Singh Dhillon  
*Second Place:* Sulochana Gurung

**FIXED PROSTHESIS:**  
*First Place:* Salina S. Suy  
*Second Place:* Salina S. Suy

**The Harvey D. Sprowl Award**  
Zohra Sadiq Hasham

**St. Apollonia Guild Dental Student Service Award**  
Sachi Bhattachan

**Student Recognition Award**  
Salina S. Suy

**Stephen B. Totten Memorial Award**  
Michael Kutsyk

# Farewell

## TO THE PANTERA ERA



**THE PANTERA NAME** has been a constant on the faculty for about half of the school's 124-year history. That came to a close on June 30th with the retirement of **Eugene** and **Carole Pantera**, the husband-and-wife team of Endodontics.

They joined the Endodontics faculty in 1991, Eugene, Cert. Endo. '86, as a full-time clinical associate professor, and Carole, DDS, '88, in a part-time role while opening an endodontic practice in Orchard Park.

Eugene subsequently served as assistant dean for Continuing Education, significantly helping to expand CE course offerings. He also served as director of the Advanced Program in Endodontics and director of the Division of Endodontics. He doubled the program's enrollment over the years, attracting students from around the world.

Carole eventually left her private practice for a full-time role as clinical associate professor as well as serving in various capacities: director of undergraduate Endodontics, discipline monitor for Endodontics, coordinator of the endodontic section of the International Dentist Program, and student ombudsman.

Both were early adopters of electronic media in teaching, employing PowerPoint, web courses and online videos to spread the endodontic discipline.

Bringing the couple together for a farewell review of their SDM career was filled with the freewheeling banter, irreverent jabs and hearty laughter of the sort you might hear from the Car Talk brothers on public radio. But aside from the husband-wife ready-witted rapport, there was heartfelt reflection on 25 years of cornerstone teaching in Endodontics.

**EP:** We focused our efforts on teaching rather than doing the other things you need to be tenured or promoted.

**CP:** Knowing that you've done something to help someone achieve their career goals is rewarding.

**EP:** Our international graduates are treating important people in difficult situations. My goal was that I always wanted residents and graduates to be better than me. And I have succeeded. (laughter from both).

### Did the administrative roles you had present different challenges?

**EP:** I've been blessed with a lot of really nice residents. I like to aim people and then stay out of their way and just give support when necessary. We've had accomplishments in growing the department.

**CP:** The undergrad class has also increased with the international program. They come

in the summer before joining the junior class for intensive 10-week courses. They are already dentists internationally but they're coming to get their dental licensure here.

**EP:** It's been a challenge because Carole has created things online so they can get a head start.

**CP:** We do the more didactic part in online videos, and when they get here they have a more intense hands-on experience. Then they join the junior class's regular schedule.

### Did you two meet in endodontics?

**EP:** We met the old-fashioned way—in a bar. (laughter)

**CP:** He was a general dentist, I was a secretary for a security company. I had taken time off from school and when I went back I thought I'd pursue some form of health care. Then I met him.

**EP:** As a practitioner, I hated endodontics. Purely by happenstance, I got together with some people I knew who were going to Boston to take a five-day course in endodontics. I understood endodontics better. Things changed the next Monday in my practice. Then I met Dr. Ming-Shih Levine, '71, purely by chance in a CE course. She invited me to teach part-time in the endodontics clinic. In meeting the then endodontic residents, I thought I could do what they're doing.

**CP:** I spent time in his office. I took my undergrad course and didn't tell him until I started taking my DATs (Dental Aptitude Test).

**EP:** Basically, she thought if he can do it, I sure as hell can do it. (laughter) She's the smart one in the family.

### What will each of you miss?

**CP:** The students. I was in clinic and students were asking, 'Can't you stay one more year?' It's like a family.

**EP:** It's much more interesting to be talking to our pre-doc students and residents. We go through the whole range of things that happen to people as they go through their lives. We've had marriages. We haven't had any divorces.

### Well, you're the model couple.

**CP:** Oh, yeah. (laughter)

**EP:** I wouldn't model anything on us. (laughter)

### Now you're hitting the open road.

**CP:** I think some people have it in their heads that we're going to get in an RV and just drive forever. No, no.

**EP:** We've got a big honkin' truck and a big honkin' trailer. We'll see what's standing after the first trip. What we're really looking forward to is not having a schedule.

# CE

School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

# course calendar

**SEPT. 14 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**Infection Control for the  
Dental Team/OSHA Update**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Frank C. Barnashuk, DDS

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**SEPT. 15 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB  
HANDS-ON WORKSHOP**

**Soft Tissue Grafting**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

**SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$225**

**3 CE HRS**

**SEPT. 28 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**Periodontitis & Periimplantitis:  
Comparison of Diagnoses,  
Etiologies and Treatment  
Options**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Abhiram Maddi, DDS, PhD

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**OCT. 5 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**Oral Cancer: Your Critical Role  
in Diagnosis and Treatment**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Michael Markiewicz, DDS

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**OCT. 6 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB**

**Implant Occlusion  
Minimizing Bio-Mechanical  
Complications**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Matthew Illes, DDS

**SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$225**

**3 CE HRS**

**OCT. 7 (9 AM TO 4 P.M.)**  
**Full Mouth Rehabilitation—  
The 6 Sextant Approach**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Matthew Illes, DDS

**UB DENTAL ALUMNI OR ISC MEM-  
BER: \$195**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$225**

**TEAM MEMBER: \$95**

**6 CE HRS**

**OCT. 12 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**Managing Patients with  
Various Levels of Autism (and  
Other Behavioral Issues) in  
Dental Practice**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Jennifer Rumfola, MA

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**OCT. 14-15 (9 AM TO 4 P.M.)**  
**Advanced Endodontics:  
Diagnosis to Root Filling**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Martin Trope, DMD

**UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$1995**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$2145**

**TEAM MEMBER AUDIT: \$125**

*Hands-on, limited enrollment*

**6 CE HRS**

**OCT. 19 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**Orofacial Pain, TMD,  
Bruxism...A Multidisciplinary  
Treatment Approach**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Yoly Gonzalez, DDS, MS, MPH

Heidi Crow, DMD, MS

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**NOV. 16 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**A Primer to Lasers in  
Everyday Dentistry**

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
North Campus*

Praveen Arany, BDS, PhD

**TUITION: \$65 (BUF)**

*Distance learning surcharge applies*

**3 CE HRS**

**NOV. 17 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB**  
**Hands-on Implant-Related  
Workshop**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

TBA

**SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$225**

**3 CE HRS**

**DEC. 8-9 (TH: 9 AM TO 4 P.M.;  
FR: 9 AM TO NOON)**  
**Practical Use of Lasers in  
Everyday Dentistry**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

Praveen Arany, BDS, PhD

Thomas Mang, PhD

Robert Yetto, DDS

**UB DENTAL ALUMNI OR**

**ISC MEMBER: \$995**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$1295**

**TEAM MEMBER/**

**NON-DENTIST AUDIT: \$95**

*Enrollment limited to 14;*

*Hands-on Workshop*

**9 CE HRS**

**DEC. 15 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
**UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB**

**Predictable Healing Using  
PRF/PRP**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Giuseppe Intini, DDS, PhD

**SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$225**

**3 CE HRS**

**DEC. 16 (8:30 AM TO 4:30 P.M.)**  
**Advanced Bone Grafting  
Including Horizontal &  
Vertical Augmentation**

*UB School of Medicine &*

*Biomedical Sciences*

Charles Severin, MD, PhD

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

**UB DENTAL ALUMNI OR**

**ISC MEMBER: \$995**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$1295**

**TEAM MEMBER/**

**NON-DENTIST AUDIT: \$95**

*Enrollment limited to 14; Hands-on*

*Cadaver Workshop*

**7 CE HRS**

**SEPT. 30**

(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.; breakfast at 8:30am; lunch included)

**DR. JOSEPH E. BERNAT SYMPOSIUM**

**What Does a Busy Dental Practitioner Need to Know About Radiology and Pathology**

*Marriott Harborcenter, Buffalo, NY*

*Sponsored by the UB Dept. of Pediatric and Community Dentistry & Western New York Assoc. of Pediatric Dentists*

Juan F. Yepes, DDS, MD, MPH, MS, DrPH

**UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$195**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST/PHYSICIAN: \$225**

**UPD & KALEIDA EMPLOYEES/DH, DA, NURSE: \$125**

**(SDM faculty, staff and residents/students-call CDE to register)**

**12 CE HRS**

**MAR. 31, 2017 (9 AM TO 4 P.M.)**

**SEMI-ANNUAL NYS SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS MEETING**

**A Comparison Between Fixed Edgewise Appliances and Clear Aligners**

*Desmond Hotel, Albany, NY*

Sandra S. Tai, BDS, MS

**NYSSO MEMBER: \$225**

**NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$265**

**TEAM MEMBER: \$95**

**6 CE HRS**



**Annamarie Phalen**

*Associate Director,  
Continuing Dental Education*

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### DISCOVER ARGENTINA

*Travel with UB March 30–April 9, 2017!*

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# DevelopmentNews

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN TAG— THINK ABOUT GIVING

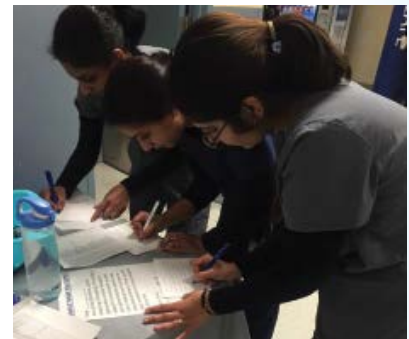


**TAG WEEK (THINK ABOUT GIVING)** was held February 22–25 on all three UB campuses. The primary goal of TAG Week—held as part of National Student Engagement and Philanthropy Month—is to nudge students to notice the places and programs private giving has put in place at UB. Without the support of our generous alumni, we wouldn't have over \$300,000 in scholarship support, or much-needed technologically updated conference rooms such as the Robert Joynt Conference Room, dedicated by the Class of 1986.

Throughout the week, 14 stations on the North and South campuses were outfitted with tagged items to demonstrate what private gifts provide. The stations had props for visitors to use while taking photos to post on UB social media sites to show their thanks to our donors. Dental students participated by writing personal thank-you letters to some of our alumni donors and posting their thanks to our SDM supporters on social media.

TAG Week is a fun way for the office of Philanthropy and Alumni Engagement to educate students on the importance of private support, but most of all, it teaches everyone about the need at UB, which receives fewer public dollars than ever before. Many people don't realize that New York State now provides less than 22 percent of UB's operating budget.

To find out more about TAG Week and view the video and photos from this year, please visit [giving.buffalo.edu/tagweek](http://giving.buffalo.edu/tagweek).



CENTER PHOTO: SDM STUDENT AMIR KARIMI WAS HONORED AT A UB BULLS BASKETBALL GAME AS A STUDENT DONOR. OTHER PHOTOS DEPICT STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN TAG WEEK.



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS TIM VIOLANTE, '15, CURRENT PERIODONTIC RESIDENT (LEFT), AND STEVE VIGLIOTTI, '11, CURRENT ENDODONTIC RESIDENT, FLANK SCHOLARSHIP NAMESAKE THOMAS FEIDT.

## WALSH DUFFIELD SUPPORTS TWO SDM STUDENTS

**THE THOMAS J. FEIDT SCHOLARSHIP** was started by Walsh Duffield Companies, Inc., a large Buffalo-based insurance firm, in honor of associate Thomas Feidt and his work in the Western New York dental community. Feidt is a long-time associate of the SDM and a friend to so many local dentists. Walsh Duffield has annually awarded one postgraduate student with this scholarship, but this year decided to generously increase their funding and support a second student! We cannot thank Walsh Duffield enough for their continued support.



# In Celebration of 125 Years of SDM History:

**WORKS FROM THE  
COLLECTION OF  
MORTON G. RIVO, '57**



GEORGE CRUIKSHANK, (ENGLISH, 1792–1878), AFTER ANONYMOUS A.E., TUGGING AT EYE (HIGH) TOOTH, 1821, HAND-COLORED ENGRAVING.

**In 2003**, the SDM partnered with the UB Anderson Gallery to present *Open Wide: 500 Years of Dentistry in Art*, featuring works from the collection of Morton Rivo. In celebration of the forthcoming 125th anniversary of the school, Rivo has graciously agreed to allow for some of these works to be reproduced in the next several issues of *UB Dentist*, and for part of his collection to be exhibited later, September 2016 – January 2017, in the gallery outside the UB President's Office in Capen Hall.

## **Here are a few comments from the collector:**

Early on, I became fascinated by the visual image. The interest began at home, and was honed at Saturday morning classes for children at the Albright-Knox Art Gallery and at drawing classes during art period at Buffalo School 64. To my dismay, I soon realized that the most significant part

of the artist's craft, the creative part, was almost entirely missing from my vocabulary of skills....It was in those early years that I began to develop an appreciation of visual form, harmony, and beauty that has stayed with me ever since....I read about and observed art in spare hours, attended lectures, and visited galleries and museums. I sought out artists, dealers, scholars, and curators....

Following graduation from UB in 1957, the US Army assigned me to France. The assignment was truly good fortune. It meant instant exposure to a wealth of European collections. It taught me to sharpen my eye and to develop new judgments about artists and techniques....One day, a New York print dealer called to tell me of a wonderful image he had come across, made in early 19th century England, which concerned a dental subject. The print was charming and I bought it on sight....

This episode was another epiphany for me. I came to realize it was indeed possible to combine my passion for fine art images with my daily professional life as a dentist. And so began the search for prints, drawings, photographs and artist's books which address the themes of dentistry and dental practice. Collecting art has been very rewarding, a source of joy and satisfaction which has added meaning to my life.

Details in the background of this 19th century print, such as teeth hung in the window and the titles of the books in the cupboard, hint at the exaggerated professionalism of this English dental practitioner. In this third state of the print, the reflection in the mirror has been changed for increased dramatic effect. The mirror reflection in the second state is a view of the dentist's back which hides the patient's face. Here the reflection has been reversed and explicitly reveals the patient's horrified expression, as well as the dentist's almost diabolical concentration.

Curation was organized by Sandra H. Olsen, director, UB Art Galleries and Museum Studies, and was a curatorial project for students of the Museum Studies Seminar I, Spring 2003, and Museum Studies Interns 2002–03, within the Art History Department's Master's Degree Program.



## Hatton speaks at Steuben

Michael Hatton, clinical associate professor, Oral Diagnostic Sciences, spoke on the topic of dental drugs at the Steuben County Dental Society meeting in Corning recently. Seventh District Steuben County is a constituent of the 7th District Dental Society. Hatton is pictured with the SDM grads who were in attendance.



## Carter receives award at Virginia

Laurie (Childs) Carter, '83, was recently presented with the Professional Achievement Award for excellence in leadership,

advocacy and mentoring at Virginia Commonwealth University's 24th Annual Women in Science, Dentistry and Medicine Leadership Conference. Carter is currently professor and director, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, and director, Advanced Dental Education at Virginia Commonwealth University School of Dentistry.



## Welcome to Valentina Valerio

Congratulations to new parents Matthew L. Valerio, '14 and Barbora Hnizda Valerio, '13, who welcomed a new baby girl, Valentina Maria, on April 20th.



## Class on the Colorado

The Class of 1983 went on another adventure, this time boating on the Colorado River in Arizona. Front row, from left, are Bill Marusich, John Mott, Dave Stasiak, and Tony Palombaro. Back row: Ray Niceforo and Dick Lynch.



## Rosenthal honored by opera organization

Murray S. Rosenthal, '63,

was honored for his exceptional service to Opera Index on May 1st in New York City. Associated with the organization since 1985, he recently completed a term of 16-1/2 years as president of the organization.

Rosenthal has been involved with over 100 stage shows and has received Tony awards as co-producer of "Red," "Pippin," and "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" on Broadway and an Olivier award for the revival of "Sweeney Todd" in London. All the while he has continued his New York-based, part-time practice in periodontics since 1976.

The Rochester native's father was a dentist and his mother was a dental hygienist who had a love of music, having spent a year at the Eastman School of Music studying piano. This environment of music and dentistry helped shape Rosenthal's future.



## Miller and Andolina NYSDA presidents-elect

Pictured are the presidents-elect of the New York State Dental Association and select component districts that will be led by SDM alumni in 2017. From left, Richard J. Hoskinson, '82, 4th District, Michael J Maloney, '90, 3rd District, Theresa A. Casper-Klock, '90, 7th District, Richard Andolina, Sr., '80, NYSDA, and Raymond G. Miller, '85, 8th District. Kevin F. Sorge, '90, 5th District, is not pictured.



## New NYSDA officers

The new 2016-17 NYSDA officers being sworn in at the NYSDA House of Delegates meeting in June in Brooklyn at the New York Marriott at the Brooklyn Bridge. From left, Treasurer Mark Weinberger, House Speaker Steven Gounardes, Vice-President Brendan Dowd '86, President-Elect Lawrence Busino, and President Richard Andolina, Sr., '80.



## Students hailed at meeting

Richard Andolina, Sr., '80, president of New York State Dental Association is pictured with ASDA Vice President Jordan Telin, '17, and ASDA 2nd District Trustee Sara Jo Perrone, '18, two future leaders of the dental profession, according to Andolina, who expressed pride in their accomplishments and how they handled themselves at the meeting.

PHOTOS BY MARK BAUMAN

# InMemoriam

**Frank R. Apfel, '47**, of Southampton Village, NY, died August 25, 2016. He was 90. The Long Island native worked in Queens Village as a dentist for more than 20 years. He served in three branches of the armed forces, with the Army, Marines, and ultimately as a lieutenant colonel with the Navy. Apfel is remembered as kind, optimistic, funny, and the brightest light in any room he entered. He was exceptional at social games such as Scrabble, chess, gin, and almost every card game.

**Lawrence Bunsick, '64**, of Kansas City, KS, died March 20, 2016. He was 90. The New York City native graduated from NYU with a degree in music and arranged music for Lawrence Welk after graduation. At age 35, he decided upon a career in dentistry and received his DDS degree from the SDM and completed his orthodontic residency at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Dentistry. Bunsick practiced orthodontics in the Kansas City area for many years. He was caring and had a likable, soft-spoken personality.

**Cyrus J. DeGerome, '41**, of Stuart, FL, died April 21, 2016. He was 100. The New York City native grew up in West Orange, NJ. He served in the Public Health Service during WWII and was stationed at the Marine Hospital in Staten Island, NY. He was a distinguished student at the SDM and received the George B. Snow award for academic achievement. He was also awarded the Chicago Pediatric Dental Award. He practiced dental surgery in East Orange, Short Hills, Chatham and Summit, NJ.

**Robert F. Folley, '65**, of Queensbury, NY, died on December 27, 2015. He was 76. After serving two years in the Navy, he opened a dental practice in Glens Falls in

1967 where he joyfully practiced until his retirement on his 60th birthday in 1999. Folley was an avid and accomplished golfer.

**Gordon V. Gallagher, '55**, of Nantucket Island, MA, died May 4, 2016. He was 94. Originally from Binghamton, NY, he enlisted in the US Coast Guard in 1942 where he was Signalman First Class aboard the USS Hutchinson and fought in the Battle of Leyte Gulf before his honorable discharge in 1946. He opened his dental practice in Binghamton during the summer of 1955 and practiced continuously until his retirement in 1996. He was a member of the American Dental Association, and almost any organization associated with British sports cars, sailboats, ice boats, and airplanes.

**D. Grant Daubenspeck, Ortho. Cert., '67**, of Erie, PA, died April 4, 2016. He was 78. He was a retired captain in the US Naval Reserve Dental Corps. Graduating from the University of Pittsburgh's School of Dentistry in 1961, he was commissioned a lieutenant in the US Navy where he served active duty with the 2nd Marine Air Wing, Cherry Point, NC, and Fleet Activities, Sasebo, Japan, before entering the SDM for his specialty training in orthodontics. He practiced for over 30 years with Orthodontic Associates of Erie, along with a military career as a naval reservist.

**Robert H. Heise, '51**, of Bath, NY, died December 1, 2014. He was 88. The Syracuse, NY native was a Navy veteran. He had a long-time dental practice in the Bath area. His hobbies included woodworking and doing puzzles.

**Frederick J. Halik, '46**, of Fairport, NY, died April 27, 2016. He was 93. After earning a certification in periodontology at Columbia University, he returned to his native Rochester as the first licensed periodontist in the area. During his career, he was an associate professor of clinical

dentistry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry; senior attending dentist at Strong Memorial Hospital and a consultant at Rochester General Hospital, the Eastman Dental Center and the VA Hospitals at Canandaigua and Bath. In the field of forensic dentistry, he was a consultant to the Monroe County Medical Examiner, a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Science and wrote papers and lectured on forensic odontology. Halik was very active in organized dentistry and was the recipient of many awards for his accomplishments. He leaves behind a legacy of continued recognition, having established the Frederick J. Halik Young Dentist Award given annually by the Seventh District Dental Society.

**Robert S. Leipsic, '46**, of Coconut Creek, FL, died May 16, 2015. He was 92. Born in Syracuse, NY, he attended Syracuse University and was a graduate of the SDM. He was a passionate golfer and a lover of both music and history, and served as past president of Temple Beth Am, Merrick, NY.

**Richard M. Marasco, '61**, of Manning, SC, died June 5, 2015. He was 79. The Rochester native graduated from the Albany College of Pharmacy of Union University, and supported himself as a pharmacist as he attended the SDM. His friends recall him as an athlete, jokester and scholar, contributing to winning scores, nightlife and study groups with a smile on his face. After service in the US Army at Fort Dix, NJ, he established his private dental practice in Patchogue, NY for 43 years. He was an avid fisherman, golfer, hunter, and boater.

**Ralph Mastrocola, '63**, of Williamsville, NY, died April 17, 2016. He was 84. The Queens, NY native was a retired colonel in the US Army Reserves and a retired professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the SDM.

**Gary N. Nachbar, '60**, of Springville, NY, died May 3, 2016. He was 81. Until his retirement in 1998, he practiced general dentistry in Springville with his motto of "Beautiful Smiles Created Here." In addition to his love of family and passion for dentistry, he enjoyed jazz music, amateur radio-call sign K2HVR, model and vintage airplanes, and working outdoors. His final gift upon his death was to UB's Anatomical Gift Program at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

**James H. Nohe, '62**, of Victor, NY, died May 29, 2016. He was 85. Born in East Rochester, he was a Korean War veteran, serving as a 1st lieutenant in the US Air Force. After earning his DDS, he established his dental practice in Victor, retiring in 1998. Nohe was a longtime volunteer for the Red Cross and known for his commitment to regular apheresis blood donations. He was well known for his musicianship and smooth singing which could go from deep bass to clear tenor.

**William E. O'Connor, '65**, of Orchard Park, NY, died April 30, 2016. He was 77.

**Akkera T. Reddy, '81**, of Phelan, CA, died December 21, 2015. He was 66. He came to America in 1977 and eventually made his way to Phelan where he established a dental practice for over 20 years. He was loved by many of his patients and colleagues.

**Betty J. Strodel, '70**, of Bethesda, MD, died May 26, 2016. She was 79. She taught at Howard University and was a pedodontist in private practice in Bethesda.

**Richard N. Tette, '61**, of Webster, NY, died March 16, 2016. He was 80. A practicing dentist in Greece for over 45 years, Tette was a member of the American Dental Society, District Dental Society, and Monroe County Dental Society. He was a captain in the US Army.

## Young Alumni Award Winner



PHOTO BY DAVID RIFFEL, BA '09

**L**ISA DELUCIA BRUNO, '08, received the Young Alumni Award from the University at Buffalo Rochester Alumni Chapter on June 2nd at Casa Larga Vineyards & Winery in Fairport, NY. The award is presented to a UB alum in recognition of their successful career path, ambitious nature and leadership in the workplace. Recipients live in the Rochester area, graduated within the past decade and are under the age of 40.

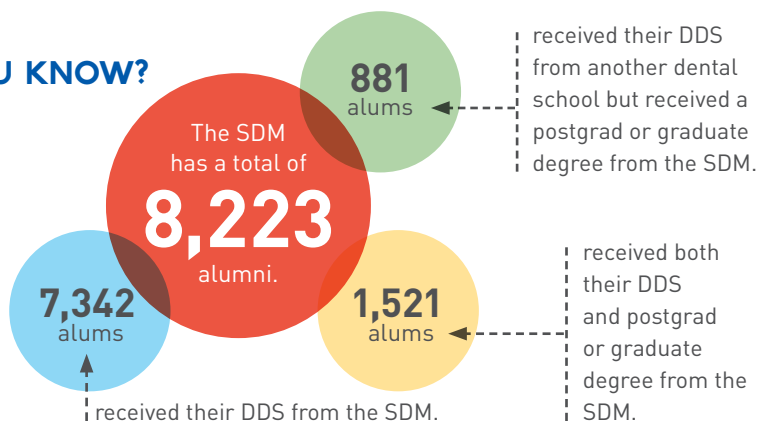
DeLucia Bruno is a pediatric dentist in private practice and assistant professor of pediatric dentistry at Eastman Institute for Oral Health. Her specialization and interest in improving oral health among individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (IDD) has led to numerous research projects and greater conversations and awareness surrounding oral health for individuals with disabilities.

She is co-founder of the Rochester Chapter of the American Academy of

Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, through which she assists in coordinating annual "Spread the Word to End the Word" events in the Rochester area, which seek to educate medical professionals and the public to think carefully about the language used to describe individuals with IDD.

DeLucia Bruno sits on the board of the Monroe County Dental Society, the associate board of Gilda's Club of Rochester and the Alumnae Association of William Smith College, and is clinical director of Special Olympics Special Smiles Healthy Athletes program. In 2015, she was awarded the Dr. Frederick J. Halik Young Dentist Award by the Seventh District Dental Society.

### DID YOU KNOW?



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### WNY All Alumni Reception

Pierce Arrow Museum

Thursday, August 25

6:00–8:00 pm

#### Squire Society Reception

Frank Lloyd Wright's

Martin House Complex

Friday, August 26

5:30 pm Tour, 6:30 pm Cocktails

#### SDM Scholarship Reception

Squire Hall Atrium

Wednesday, August 31

5:00–7:00 pm

#### Alumni and Friends Reception

Appaloosa Grill, Wright Room

535 16th St. #110, Denver, CO 80202

Friday, October 21

6:30–8:30 pm

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Wednesday, November 2

5:30–8:00 pm

Thursday, November 3

7:30 am–4:30 pm

Friday, November 4

7:30 am–4:30 pm

#### Remember When Reception

Hyatt Regency Atrium

Thursday, November 3

5:30–7:00 pm

#### Reunion Dinner Dance

Hyatt Regency Ballroom

Friday, November 4

6:30 pm Cocktails, 7:30 pm Dinner

For more information on the above events, contact Sherry Szarowski at [ss287@buffalo.edu](mailto:ss287@buffalo.edu) or (716) 829-6419.

## STUDENTS WIN

# 3rd Straight Hanau Cup

AT NEW WATERFRONT VENUE

**T**HE LEGENDARY HANAU CUP HOCKEY GAME found a new home on the new and improved Buffalo waterfront on March 25th. The 2016 game had all of the thrills and excitement of years past and the venue was spectacular. Students, alumni and faculty clashed on the rinks of Buffalo RiverWorks, a bar, restaurant and sports complex on the Buffalo River under the shadows of the historic grain mills.

The venue may have changed but the competition remained fierce as the students outscored the alumni/faculty team for a third straight year. That number is significant since it is the third year that Brittany Swiderski, '17, has led the students to victory with stand-on-her-head goaltending. Next year she will go for the "fourpeat"—an accomplishment almost as fulfilling as graduation.

Another interesting side note was that Ben Lantz-Subtelny, son of Gregory Subtelny, '76, played for a second year for the alumni/faculty but this time as a recently accepted UB SDM student in the Class of 2020. He is a skilled athlete and we look forward to four years and more of his talented play.

The alumni/faculty brought up another goalie from the minors, employing the services of Ben Trembath, son of forensic anthropologist, Dr. Jennifer Prutsman-Pfeiffer, who also played for the alumni/faculty. He did a great job facing a flurry of shots from a relentless student team, keeping the alumni/faculty in the game right up to the end with tremendous saves.

The alumni/faculty were also represented by Ted Jenkins, '75, Greg Subtelny, '76, Jim Matteliano, '80, Ray Miller, '85, Kevin Farrell, '91, Andy Privitera, '96, Pedro Alvarez, '10, Mike Gengo, '13, Brandon Freeland, '15 and Marlin Salmon, Ortho Cert., '85.

The students were led by Ian Mort, '16, Josh Haentges, '16, Amber Rosenberg, '16, Robert Guerriero, '17, Frank Sapere, '18, Alex Sikora, '19, Caleb Holmes, '19, Ben Hietanen, '19, Paul Herrman, '19, Mike Donahue, '19, Chris Danna, '19, Jesse Adamson, '19, and Francisco Gomez-Chaves, '19.

The game was followed by a traditional beer, pizza and wing party at RiverWorks. A great game and venue—the future looks bright for Hanau Cup Hockey.

—Raymond G. Miller, '85



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## Hanley is award-winning editor

KEVIN J. HANLEY, '78, received an award at the NYSDA House of Delegates meeting for his eight years as editor for the New York State Dental Journal. At right is David Miller, NYSDA President, presenting the award.



## Dr. Whiz inducted into Signum Fidei Society

GERALD WIECZKOWSKI, JR., '60, was honored during an induction ceremony on April 30th for the Signum Fidei Society which signifies an alumnus of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, who has distinguished himself in his professional career and community activities and shares in the Lasallian spirit characterized by "Signum Fidei" (sign of faith).

Wieczkowski joined the Department of Operative Dentistry in 1960 and served as department chair from 1983 until 1994. He and colleagues were the first to publish studies using SEM to evaluate the tooth-restorative material interface. This method is now the gold standard for the study of marginal integrity.

Wieczkowski's true love was teaching. "Dr. Whiz," as he was known to his students, has had classroom and clinical teaching responsibilities in a 44-year career at UB.



The Hanau Cup teams congregate for the competition.

## 27th Barue Tournament at new club

**T**HE 27TH ANNUAL BILLY BARUE GOLF TOURNAMENT took place at a new location this year, the Buffalo Tournament Club in Lancaster, NY on April 30th. With special help from the tournament director, volunteers and generous sponsors (UBDAA and Flying Bison and many more), more than 90 students, alumni, faculty and members of local industry, enjoyed a round of golf on a beautiful spring day. While the winning score of

9 undertook the tournament, almost everyone went home with one of over 70 raffle prizes. A special thanks to Stephen Fabiano, '16, and all who volunteered their time to give the event yet another successful year.



### BIG CHANGE FOR THE 28TH ANNUAL TOURNEY!

The tournament is moving to the fall. It will be held August 27th, 2016 at Concord Crest Golf Course in East Concord, NY. Contact Spencer Bierlein at (989) 598-7268 or email at [srbierle@buffalo.edu](mailto:srbierle@buffalo.edu) for more information.

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Dr. John H. Twist  
Dr. Richard R. Wilson
- 1966 Dr. Joseph P. Rowbottom
- 1971 Dr. Peter J. D'Arrigo
- 1976 Dr. Warren M. Krutchick  
Dr. Mark L. Teach  
Dr. Stanley L. Zak
- 1981 Dr. Albert Cantos  
Dr. Gerald T. Carlo  
Dr. Kevin A. D'Angelo  
Dr. Mindy G. Paticoff-Weinman  
Dr. Elizabeth A. Schisa-D'Angelo  
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Dr. Brendan P. Dowd
- 1991 Dr. David A. Ball
- 1996 Dr. Jeffrey M. Dolgos
- 2001 Dr. Hubert W. Hawkins  
Dr. Laura S. Kim-Nigalye
- 2006 Dr. Anthony R. Lister  
Dr. Jill M. Kramer
- 2011 Dr. William J. D'Angelo  
Dr. Elizabeth Hargrave-D'Angelo



## WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

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**Patti DiGangi, RDH, BS**  
"Connecting the Dots - Care to Codes"

**John S. Olmsted, DDS, MS**  
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