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Prosthodontics program director Hyeong-Il Kim, right, poses with former director Edward Monaco and Jane Brewer, chair of Restorative Dentistry.

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I went to dental school. Most of you who are alumni reading this message went to dental school—here at UB, as a matter of fact. Everyone who is a dentist went to dental school.

I'm stating the obvious because I want to start this message with the understanding that we all share the experience of having gone to dental school. And I want to start there because I need your help.

I need your help to make this school the best it can be.

Here's my problem: I meet UB alumni who tell me they won't give money to support the school because some faculty here treated them badly 25 years ago. That's not just a UB story. One of my administrators who went to a different dental school told me recently that he'll never support his alma mater because the faculty treated him badly 35 years ago.

We all (or most of us) went to dental school in an era when the dental education was too much like initiation into a guild, by some faculty members who wanted to make that initiation as hard for you as it had been for them. That was the culture.

But that doesn't mean any of us can take the fruits of that education, no matter what it cost us, and just walk away. If we care about our profession, we have to care about where it's going. And that means doing whatever we can to make dental education the best it can be.

As I said, I need your help with that. Your school is one of the top schools in the world. But we have to upgrade

our facilities. We recently completed a facilities master plan that makes modernizing the pre-clinical laboratory our top priority. The minimum price tag for this is \$11 million. We can't get to that total without a lot of help from you.

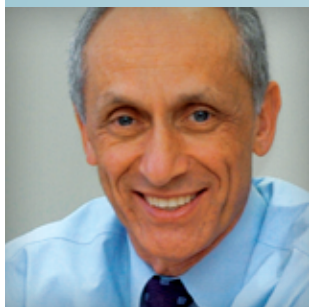
So I'll be asking you to pitch in at a new level of commitment. The future of the profession will be made in dental schools. And we at UB—your school—want to be the leading dental school.

We may not have enjoyed our dental school experience at one time or another. But that was then. I expect that, now, every one of you is glad to be an oral health care professional. That's why we owe future generations of dental students all the support we can give them.

And, by the way, dental education has changed. SDM students today are happy. Visit us and talk to students and they'll confirm the truth of that. All the more reason to invest in us. We're getting it right.



*Michael Glick, DMD*



# FROM THE DEAN

# NewsBriefs



FRANK SCANNAPIECO AND ELAINE HAASE OBSERVE STUDENT SEOK-MO HEO IN THE LAB.

## Oral Biology receives \$1.2 million grant

The Department of Oral Biology has been awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Training Grant to allow PhD students and postdoctoral fellows to engage in critical oral health research in areas such as salivary gland physiology and oral infectious diseases.

The National Research Service Award Institutional Research Training Grant will provide \$1.2 million from July 2013 through June 2018.

"There is a great need, perhaps even a mandate, to train new scientists how to work interprofessionally to produce research," says Frank Scannapieco, PhD '91, professor and chair of oral biology and principal investigator on the grant. "Through innovative partnerships, our faculty has made great strides in their own research and can serve as excellent mentors for these trainees."

UB's Department of Oral Biology first secured a training grant from NIH in 1966, just three years after its inception; 2013 marks the department's 50th anniversary, making it the longest standing PhD program in oral biology in the U.S.

News of the award comes right after the department won a highly competitive UB-wide competition for funding, enabling it to hire five new full-time, tenure-track faculty members. The new faculty will bolster the department's existing areas of strength in oral health and complex disease.

"The training provided in the oral biology program is both comprehensive and practical. Students are introduced to grant writing during their preliminary examinations and are encouraged to publish their results in high impact journals, both essential skills for a successful career in biomedical research," Scannapieco says.

## 2 Company founded by Eisner takes off

Academic Software Plus, a UB spinoff company, has graduated from the UB Technology Incubator after a stay of more than 10 years in which the firm grew from a feisty startup into a mature business with a stable client base.

The company moved into new offices at 200 John James Audubon Pkwy. in Amherst, N.Y., about two miles from the incubator, in July. Former SDM Associate Dean John Eisner founded the company in 1995.

Coinciding with the move, the firm is taking the name of its parent company, Liaison International, the Massachusetts-based admissions and accreditation software and solutions company that acquired Academic Software Plus as a subsidiary in 2001.

Today, Liaison International's Amherst office provides software and support services that help universities manage admissions information for applicants to many health professions and other graduate programs, and evaluate students' performance in clinical courses.

It employs about 30 people—many more than Eisner ever expected when he conceived of Academic Software Plus' first software in the 1990s as a solution for streamlining dental school admissions at UB.

More than 3,000 admissions officers nationwide use the company's WebAdMIT and AdMIT software, and hundreds of university programs use the ClinicEval and SiteManager software.

In 1993, the UB School of Dental Medicine dean asked Associate Dean John Eisner if he could develop a software program that would computerize the admissions process, making it easier for staff to organize and search through data from hundreds of applicants.

Eisner, then associate dean for information resources, knew other schools were facing similar challenges, so he designed what he called an "industrial strength" program that colleagues across the country could also use. Business partner Michael Russo wrote the program.

Eisner wasn't expecting to sell many copies, but the program turned out to be extremely popular. He had discovered a great niche for a business, and founded the company in 1995.

"The incubator was always very helpful from the very beginning," says Eisner, now a professor emeritus at UB and a consultant to Liaison International.



JOHN EISNER





UB NURSING STUDENTS WORK IN THE CLINICAL LABORATORY TO PRACTICE THE ASSESSMENT OF PHYSICAL SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS.

## 3 UB gets \$1 million HRSA grant to educate nurses on oral health

UB's School of Nursing was awarded a \$1.1 million 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. The grant is funded from July 2013 to June 2016.

Twenty-seven percent of Americans have more than one chronic disease and this proportion consumes more than 66 percent of all health care resources, says Nancy Campbell-Heider, the project director and chair of the graduate nursing department. Some of these chronic conditions are related to oral health and, as recent research has demonstrated, oral diseases like periodontitis can affect

the outcomes of systemic illnesses such as diabetes and heart disease.

However, access to high quality oral health care for primary care patients is limited in rural and underserved health-and dental-provider shortage areas, she says. SDM faculty on the training grant are Donald Antonson, interprofessional education coordinator for the grant, associate dean for academic affairs and professor in restorative dentistry; and Patrick Anders, '86, GPR Cert., '88, director of oral medicine and assistant professor of oral diagnostic sciences.

"The School of Dental Medicine is excited to collaborate with the School of Nursing on this critically important and timely study," says Antonson. "At a time when oral health has become so important in the overall health of people, having the nursing profession as an additional ally in global oral health is noteworthy."

## 5 Area dentists mentor SDM students

For two years, UB dental students have been paired with community dentists as their mentors. This year more than half of the fourth-year class is participating. The program is jointly organized by the UB SDM Office of Student Affairs, the Eighth District Dental Society, the Erie County Dental Society and the Niagara County Dental Society.

Students get assigned to mentors in the spring of their third year so they have the chance to meet together at least three times over the next nine months. Topics discussed often revolve around practice management issues and include visits to the mentor's offices.

"We very much appreciate the effort put forth by community dentists to mentor our students," says Elaine Davis, associate dean of student affairs. "It is a great opportunity to get a different perspective on the challenges ahead as they move out into practice."

If you live in the area and would like to participate, contact the Eighth District Dental Society Office at 995-6300.

## 4 Dental Student Research Group elects officers

The Dental Student Research Group (DSRG) is an association of dental students that aims to facilitate, support and promote research-related activities in the dental school. It is composed of those who strive to comprehend the scientific methods that lead to discovery, invention and skill in preventing disease and promoting oral health.

Each year the student researchers present at the SDM Student Research Day. Members have also presented their research in conferences across the country, expanding their vision of the dental field and helping to develop their leadership skills.

The officers for the 2013-2014 school year are Sapna Thakkar, '15, president; Juliana Sagor, '15, vice president; Peter Davidow, '14, treasurer; and Stephanie Wu, '16, webmaster/secretary.

The group is mentored by Mira Edgerton and Stefan Ruhl, co-chairs of the Student Research and Honors Committee. Anne Meyer, associate dean for research, provides administrative support along with Maria Abraham in the Dean's Office.

The DSRG hosts several seminars throughout the year for students, and wants to encourage all students to participate. If you were a past member of the group, or an alumnus, faculty or staff member interested in encouraging student research, the research group could use your support in funding those activities. Contact Meyer at [aemeyer@buffalo.edu](mailto:aemeyer@buffalo.edu).

## 6 Nasal spray shows promise for dental procedures

One of the most dreaded experiences at the dentist's office is an injection into the tissues of the mouth to numb an area requiring a painful dental procedure.

But thanks to recent research at SDM, these injections may be a thing of the past—at least for some procedures.

Sebastian G. Ciancio, '61, Perio Cert., '66, UB Distinguished Service Professor, chair of periodontics and endodontics and director of the Center of Dental Studies, and his research team recently published the results of a study in the *Journal of Dental Research* examining the effectiveness, safety and tolerability of nasal anesthesia spray to

produce numbness of maxillary teeth (the upper teeth). The study was approved for Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Phase 2 protocol.

According to Ciancio, dentists have several concerns when administering injectable anesthesia that include but are not limited to the patient's concern with the needle stick.

"Injection carries several disadvantages. The most obvious is the patient's fear of pain. But injections also carry the possibility of exposure to blood-borne pathogens via needle stick; the risk that the anesthesia may not be effective; and injury or tenderness after the procedure," says Ciancio.

Ciancio's research team studied 45 adults with a mean age of 39 requiring the filling of one upper

tooth. Some patients were given an intra-oral lidocaine-epinephrine (anesthetic) injection with buffered nasal spray bilaterally, and some were given an active anesthetic nasal spray with "sham" injection.

"We constantly monitored our patients for pain and were prepared to give 'rescue' anesthesia to the patients with the 'sham' injection who needed it," says Ciancio.

It turned out that 25 of 30 patients—or 83.3 percent—required no rescue anesthesia.

Ciancio says the results indicate that the nasal spray provided sufficient anesthesia for the performance of restorative dental procedures in most patients, and that it meets the FDA standard for being better than a placebo. A separate study involving children is nearing completion, says Ciancio, and a wide age range of adults has been included in Phase 3 studies, which may provide valuable age-related information.

SEBASTIAN G. CIANCIO ▼



## 7 Faculty additions and retirements

The School of Dental Medicine welcomed a number of new faculty and staff while saying goodbye to several others.

The Department of Restorative Dentistry has several new part-time faculty, all alumni of the school, including Paul Canallatos, '12, Robert Dowrey, '83, Konstantinos Harogiannis, '09, Pros. Cert. '13, Michael Marrone, '84, and James Matteliano, '80.

Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh also joined the department as a full-time clinical assistant professor. He recently completed a master's degree in clinical dentistry and biomaterials followed by certificates in prosthodontics

and maxillofacial prosthetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Daniel Conny, '73, Pros. Cert., '80, retired after teaching for 37 years at the school. Conny joined the faculty in 1976 after serving in the Navy Dental Corps. His teaching was focused on fixed prosthodontics, both clinical and didactic courses. He served the school as chair of the Curriculum Committee, and as a group director in the predoctoral clinics for many years. He was recognized many times for his teaching excellence and service to the school, notably with the Richard A. Powell Award in 1990 and 1994, the Educator of the Year Award in 2007 and the Alumni Honor Award in 2009.

The Department of Periodontics and Endodontics added Isaac Lee, Endo. Cert., '13, to its part-

time teaching staff, and Abhiram Maddi as a full-time assistant professor. Maddi completed his PhD in oral biology from UB in 2011 and a certificate in periodontics in 2013. His BDS is from Manipal Academy of Higher Education in Mangalore, India (2002).

The department also saw the retirement of longtime faculty member John Asaro, '73, Perio. Cert., '77. Asaro focused his clinical teaching in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. He was very active in the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association, the Eighth District Dental Society and the American Academy of Periodontology.

The Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences has also

recruited several part-time faculty including Jeffrey Goldberg, '03, TMD, '13, MS Oral Sciences, '13; Nicole Hinchy, '12; and Nithin Rao, '01.

Etern Park, Oral Surgery Cert., '11, joined the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery as a full-time assistant professor. Park received his DDS in 2005 from Columbia University.

Michelle Visser, assistant professor, comes to UB Oral Biology from the University of Toronto, where she was a post-doctoral fellow. Visser holds a PhD in veterinary science from the University of Queensland (Australia). Her research focuses on the interaction of oral bacteria, such as the spirochete



*Treponema denticola*, with the innate immune system.

Jason Kay, assistant professor, joined Oral Biology from his postdoctoral fellow position at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. Kay has a PhD in cell biology/immunology from the University of Queensland. His research focuses on macrophage, dendritic and general cell biology.

Staff changes in the school include the retirement of Lee Heinikel, who served the school as a stores clerk in Clinical Dentistry; and Gary Jones, a senior research support specialist in the South Campus Instrument Center. SDM welcomes Gary Spahr as a stores clerk and Margo Luniewski and Kendra Olomo as dental assistants in Clinical Dentistry. Kim Swiniarski joined the clinical research staff in Oral Biology. And Amanda Jackson joined the administrative staff of the dental alumni association.



**Pyramid Power** *UB Dental students supporting one another in Harriman Quad on the South Campus. Photo by Douglas Levere.*

## 8 Program reviews yield positive results

This past year, faculty, staff and students of three of the school's graduate programs—Oral Biology PhD, Oral Sciences MS and Biomaterials MS—engaged in a comprehensive review of their programs as directed by the University at Buffalo Graduate School. The process involved a self-study resulting in a written document and supporting appendices, and a site visit by a pair of external reviewers. The university is reviewing all graduate programs and is ex-

pecting to repeat these reviews on a five-year cycle.

Harvey Borovetz from the University of Pittsburgh and Jeffrey Toth from the Medical College of Wisconsin and Marquette University reviewed the biomaterials program in early June. During the day-and-a-half visit they met with senior leadership, program director Robert Baier, program faculty, support staff and students. Notable among the program's strengths were the academic credentials and international academic recognition of Baier and program coordinator Anne Meyer and, quoting

from the reviewers' report, their "unbridled enthusiasm to enhance the quality of an already outstanding academic program."

The site visit team also addressed weaknesses and opportunities, and proposed some suggestions for the future including development of a strategic plan to address collaboration with biomedical and mechanical engineering, succession planning, and a model for financial stability.

The Oral Sciences MS program, directed by Ernesto Denardin, and the Oral Biology PhD program, co-directed by Mira

Edgerton and Ashu Sharma, were reviewed in late June by another pair of site visitors, Christopher Squier from the University of Iowa and Raj Gopalakrishnan from the University of Minnesota.

Following their two-day site visit, the reviewers commented that the particular strengths of the Oral Sciences program include "a wide range of excellent courses offered; and the level of research facilities and mentors available to students." They deemed the program to be "successful and valued by both the school

## Treasures, not trash

When Dr. George Ferry, '78, retired in October 2010, and as I took on the dental museum's curator responsibility, he mentioned that I would be faced with a huge challenge—cleaning and sorting out the museum storeroom. Dr. Ferry was faced with moving this surplus four times, and with the last move, all remained boxed—no detail, no order, no contents description. With an extra pair of hands over the summer, my goal was to finally get it done. I finished, ironically, two days before Dr. Ferry passed.

Like going through an attic for the first time, not knowing what to expect, each box was carefully opened and the contents sorted—and yes, there were some unexpected treasures:

- A box of lantern slides donated from the collection of Dr. Howard B. Beach, DDS 1906, with images of World War I facial war wounds and reconstruction techniques, including images of the dental infirmary of NYU.
- Cap, hood and gown donated by the wife of Dr. W. Hinson Jones, '37, associate professor of operative dentistry and periodontology.
- Leather bound commencement announcements from 1915 and 1921.
- UB Bulletin College of Dentistry Catalogue for the session 1917-1918.
- A ledger from the mid-1880s: A silver filling was 25 cents; chloroform administration was \$2.
- Removable partials—mostly gold—made by Ernest E. Schnitzspahn as a student. He graduated in 1902 summa cum laude with a 99.18 average.
- A tagboard sign: George W. Ferry, DDS, Dental Antiques: Treasures not Trash

Last but not least, in the humor that Dr. Ferry may be best remembered for, was a box of Gnarly Teeth—nine different plastic dentures to be used for every occasion. As Dr. Ferry once said, he was the "Hysterical Curator."

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GEORGE FERRY, '78

and university" and "meeting its mission to train students for careers in dental and oral health research."

Among their recommendations: Improve the orientation program for incoming students, provide some administrative support for the program director, and encourage and assist more faculty members to become mentors.

Overall, the reviewers found the Oral Biology PhD program to be a strong and

extremely successful program, with a productive faculty and enthusiastic and accomplished students. They felt "that the program compared well with similar programs at other universities in the U.S. and Canada."



They also remarked on the program's continued positioning of graduates to be in an excellent place to pursue careers in academics or industry. It was recommended that the program continue to seek more collaborative opportunities to further strengthen and foster the research and educational experience for students and faculty, move toward recruiting faculty involved in translational research, provide more teaching experiences for trainees and improve access to core facilities and equipment.

All the program directors wish to thank the many students, staff, faculty and alumni who participated in these program reviews, and whose cooperation and enthusiasm were vital to the successful reviews. As this will be a continuing process, they encourage program alumni to keep them updated on contact information and career progress.





# PASSING *the* TORCH

MONACO STEPS DOWN FROM PROSTHODONTICS POST; KIM IS NEW DIRECTOR

STORY BY DAVID J. HILL

PHOTOS BY DOUGLAS LEVERE



SIXTEEN YEARS AGO, Hyeong-Il Kim was on a plane from Korea to Buffalo when he met an elderly couple who asked why he was visiting Buffalo. Kim explained that he was traveling to interview for admission into the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at UB. The couple didn't know what prosthodontics was, but after a brief explanation, they understood.

Now, Kim doesn't get as many confused looks when he mentions his profession. This specialty in dentistry has gained greater recognition over the years as the general public places more emphasis on smile improvement.

Just as the profession has come a long way, so, too, has Kim. In August, following a national search, Kim was named director of the prosthodontics program, a three-year certificate program in UB's School of Dental Medicine. Kim succeeds Edward Monaco Jr., '75, who served as director from 2001 until Kim's appointment. Monaco will stay on to assist Kim in the transition, but Monaco points out that he'll mostly help with administrative oversight. Kim is a 2001 graduate of the program, and received his DDS in 2006.

As the program enters this period of transition, many who've been involved with it are taking time to reflect on its history, and the continued role prosthodontics will have in dentistry in the years to come.

Kim understands that he will play a vital role in charting the program's course. When asked about his vision for the program, Kim says it is "to guide postgraduate residents to meet high standards of clinical and



PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM DIRECTOR HYEONG-IL KIM LEFT, WORKS WITH BEECHER WHITEAKER, PROSTHODONTICS GRADUATE STUDENT, IN THE CLINIC.

laboratory skills while keeping up with new technologies in digital dentistry. I feel it is my responsibility to uphold these standards and to encourage and challenge my residents to work up to their potential, in the hopes that their experiences in our program will guide them to make valuable contributions to the dental community."

The general feeling around Squire Hall is that Kim will continue to uphold the standards set by his predecessors. "Hyeong-Il's organizational skills will be a major asset to the program. His ability to clearly define expectations but lead with compassion will be very conducive to an excellent learning environment for students," says Davis Garlapo, '68, Pros. Cert. '75, an early alumnus of the program and a professor in restorative dentistry.

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—HYEONG-IL KIM, DIRECTOR, PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM

## CATHERINE CAGINO, '13, A FIRST-YEAR RESIDENT

in the prosthodontics program, says she looks forward to working with Kim while he leads the program. Cagino recalls a particularly complex case Kim worked on and presented in a course when she was a second-year DDS student.

"As a prosthodontics resident I still find that case amazing, but I can look back on that fixed prosthodontics course and understand that those basic concepts and techniques are what allow for the success of a case of that magnitude,"

*[Dr. Kim's] calm demeanor, patience, knowledge and clinical skills make him an ideal mentor.*

—CATHERINE CAGINO, FIRST-YEAR RESIDENT, PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM

she says. "I am grateful that I could learn those foundational skills from Dr. Kim and am looking forward to building on them with his guidance over the next three years of my program. His calm demeanor, patience, knowledge and clinical skills make him an ideal mentor."

Much the same could be said about Monaco. "Dr. Monaco brought many gifts to the UB prosthodontics program, including integrity and a firm belief in providing the best patient care that one could provide," says Brian Goldstein, a 2005 alum. "He was with us during those long nights of laboratory work with words of encouragement and providing help with some of our most complex cases. Dr. Monaco was instrumental in helping me to become the practitioner that I am today."

Adds 2008 graduate Dana Qeblawi, a clinical assistant professor in restorative dentistry at SDM, "Dr. Monaco's devotion to our postgraduate program is unprecedented. I have always described him as 'selfless' because he dedicated his time to enhance our program, introduce new technologies and, above all, help the residents develop clinical, research and communication skills."

### PROGRAM'S ROOTS TRACE BACK TO MID-60s

The Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics began at UB in the mid-1960s as an informal program designed to meet the needs of visiting professors who wanted in-depth training in removable prosthodontics, according to Garlapo.

The program was created through the efforts of S. Howard Payne, '37, and Milton Brown. Payne, a nationally renowned prosthodontist, was one of the early promoters of the development of advanced training in removable prosthodontics at the level of a

certificate program. He was joined by Brown, a removable prosthodontist who developed a preference for fixed and became chair of the department of fixed prosthodontics.

UB's program along with the program at the Buffalo VA Medical Center, whose residents took didactic courses at UB, remained as removable prosthodontics programs until the early '70s. The discipline of fixed prosthodontics was just coming into its own, and while its relationship to removable prosthodontics was being clarified, the school, along with many others in the U.S., decided to add a program with a concentration on fixed in 1972.

Once the national academies in prosthodontics resolved to combine the disciplines in future training programs, UB also modified the curriculum in the '80s into the combined prosthodontics program that

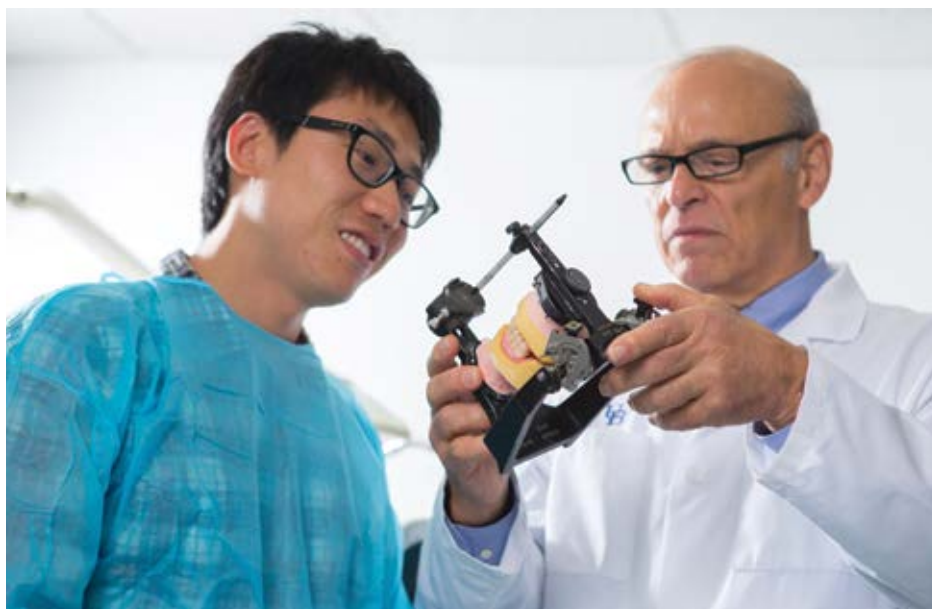
exists today. The Commission on Dental Education made the combined program a requirement in 1982.

Brown and Payne remained as directors until the programs were combined, at which point George Smutko, '57, took over. Smutko was the first faculty member teaching in the program in the '70s with credentials in prosthodontics from outside the school—the University of Michigan. He was also board certified, a requirement for new program directors. Upon his retirement, Frederick McIntyre, '72, a 1982 program alumnus, was appointed as director and remained until Monaco was hired.

Monaco has certainly left his mark on the program during his 12 years at the helm. "His leadership and inspiration have brought innovation and change that have helped us all to stay at the cutting edge of current techniques, technologies and research," says Marshall Fagin, '70, a longtime SDM faculty member.



S. HOWARD PAYNE, '37, AND MILTON BROWN HELPED CREATE THE PROSTHODONTICS PROGRAM IN THE MID-1960s.



FACULTY MEMBER EDWARD MONACO, RIGHT, WORKS WITH PROSTHODONTICS STUDENT MYUNG-JIN NAM.

“His complete dedication toward teaching is remarkable. Even after the clinic hours, Dr. Monaco would help us with our lab work,” says Soni Prasad, a 2008 graduate who is now a full-time faculty member at the Marquette University School of Dentistry. “Residents would form a line to treatment plan their cases with Dr. Monaco after school hours. Be it weekdays or weekends, Dr. Monaco was always around to help us.”

In addition, Monaco stressed the importance of students obtaining board certification, as well as publishing articles. “We’ve had three students who were finalists for two different research competitions,” says Monaco. “We also had one student write an article that received an award from the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry as the article of the year.”

### MANY SUCCESSFUL ALUMNI

While many graduates of the program go into practice, the UB program placed an emphasis on developing prosthodontists who return to academia. More than half of the 148 alumni of the program have taught at more than 40 institutions—as close as Roswell Park Cancer Institute and as far as Chulalongkorn University (Thailand), Seoul National University (South Korea) and the University of Queensland (Australia).

The early emphasis on training individuals in the field of prosthodontics in order to retain them on the UB faculty has

resulted in at least 27 alumni returning to teach at UB at least on a part-time basis. Several became academic leaders. Among them are Garlapo, former chair of restorative dentistry; Lance Ortman, ’73, Pros. Cert. ’75, MS Oral Sciences ’80, former associate dean for clinic affairs; and Jane Brewer, ’78, Pros. Cert. ’82, MS Oral Sciences ’85, chair of restorative dentistry at UB.

Others include Norman Schaaf, ’60, Pros. Cert. ’69, chair of the Department of Dentistry and Dental Prosthetics at Roswell Park Cancer Institute; Sheldon Winkler, Pros. Cert. ’71, chair, Temple University; Frank Lauciello, Pros. Cert. ’73, director of the prosthodontics program at the Buffalo VA Medical Center; Roy Wilko, Pros. Cert. ’75, chair of operative dentistry at UB; Sherif Badr, ’79, Pros. Cert. ’81, chair, University of Detroit Mercy; Lillian Mitchell, Pros. Cert. ’85, director, University of Alabama; R. Duane Douglas, Pros. Cert. ’94, chair, Southern Illinois University; and Rami Jandali, Pros. Cert. ’97, director, Detroit VA Center.

Whether teaching or not, UB alums put down roots all over the world. As expected, many—33 percent—have stayed in New York State, but another 40 percent practice in 22 other states. The remaining 27 percent have international addresses in 15 countries and six Canadian provinces.

Over the years, the program has attracted a large number of international students, many of whom come to the U.S. because of the quality of advanced training in dental specialties such as prosthodontics.

“We’ve been training foreign dentists from a diverse range of countries,” says Kim. “They are now actively engaged in academia and private practice in their home countries, and they help establish the global network that supports our institution along with our U.S. alumni.”

“It’s a good program. We’re educating students who are industrious and the work they do on patients is rigorous and comprehensive,” Monaco says.

“We may do a case where we involve numerous implants and maybe we’ll put in 10 to 20 crowns on a patient, so when they work hard on a case and it comes out well, it can be a very rewarding thing for them,” he adds.

*[Dr. Monaco’s] leadership and inspiration have brought innovation and change that has helped us all to stay at the cutting edge of current techniques, technologies and research.*

—MARSHALL FAGIN, ’70, SDM FACULTY MEMBER



THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE CLASS OF 2017 comprises 91 dental students from more than 50 colleges and universities. Consistent with years past, the majority arrived with a collegiate background in biology, but a variety of other majors are represented, including business/finance, French, management, civil engineering and political science. A few arrived by the road less traveled, like the enrollee who spent six years in the Army as an infantryman, including two tours of Iraq in leadership roles. Or the student who arrived in New York City from South America at the age of 19, with \$150 and only a rudimentary understanding of English.

# Welcoming THE *new* DENTAL CLASS

Seventy-five percent of the students are from New York State; 18 percent are from out of state, and there are five Canadian students and one each from Korea and China. Four students are in the combined BS/DDS degree program. The remaining 87 students were selected from approximately 1,800 applicants. A few statistics for the Class of 2017: It is 49.5 percent female, the average age is 24 and the mean GPA is 3.60.

In addition to these students entering the first year, 24 enrollees joined the Class of 2015 through the International Dentist Program in May. Sixteen of these students were from out of state and eight were international, with 22 females among the class members. The average age is 26.

A rigorous orientation was held for both groups and included welcomes, tours, presentations on student services and medical terminology, computer laptop and software training, supply distributions, social events and the beginning of classes. It culminated with Family Day on Aug. 9 as students, joined by their families, faculty, staff and upperclassmen, were welcomed into the dental profession at the White Coat Ceremony.

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IDP AND FIRST-YEAR WHITE COAT CEREMONIES



SDM APPRECIATION PICNIC



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# Returning Students

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

### CLASS OF 2016

#### Rosenthal Family Fund

Amber Rosenberg

#### William M. Feagans Award

*Sponsor: Lambda Lambda chapter of OKU*

Michael Skrobola

#### Anthony Gugino Award

Michael Skrobola

#### Ernest Witebsky Award

Michael Skrobola

#### Earle J. Kelsey Memorial Scholarship

Aaron Cronk

#### Carl Lasher Scholarship

Steven Leonidas

Kristen Lysenko

Joseph Park

Patrick Scannell

Michael Skrobola

#### Dr. David Foti Memorial Award

*Sponsor: Class of 1980*

Shaughna Szymanski

### Class of 1964 Scholarship

Jeremy Abdul-Haqq

Jamieson Brady

Amber Rosenberg

Stephanie Wu

### CLASS OF 2015

#### Dr. Paul Crombach Award

Martin Gorkiewicz

Justine Hoda Hai

#### Class of 1952 Scholarship

Christen Carute

Patricia Swanson

#### Class of 1964 Scholarship

Justine Hoda Hai

Daniel Kim

Stephanie Solberg

Patricia Swanson

John Willis

Hasan Zia

### Western New York Dental Group Scholarship

Patricia Swanson

#### Earle J. Kelsey Memorial Scholarship

Gretchen Galvin

Katy Vu

Jessica Zinaty

#### John T. McIntee Scholarship

Justine Hoda Hai

Sarah Kaplan

#### Class of 1983 Dr. Joseph Maffei Scholarship

Patricia Swanson

#### Steven M. Robbins Memorial Scholarship

JoAnna Pufnock

#### Louis G. Tribunela Memorial Scholarship

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Patricia Swanson

#### Carl Lasher Scholarship

Veena Ananthasayanam

Christen Carute

Richard Hill

Sapna Thakkar

John Willis

### Women's Dental Guild

Stephanie Solberg

### CLASS OF 2014

#### New York State Dental Foundation Dean's Award

Kelly Burch

Colleen Lacombe-Senecal

#### Class of 1949 Scholarship

Jessica Silvestri

#### Class of 1985 Thomas C. Labenski Scholarship

Marina Skrombolas

#### Pierre Fauchard Academy Scholarship

Ashley Mears

#### John T. McIntee Scholarship

Ashley Mears

JuLee Tae

#### William S. Kramer Award of Excellence

*Sponsor: OKU National Dental Honor Society*

Lauren Vitkus

**3RD-YEAR GROUP:** LEFT TO RIGHT—FRONT ROW: SARAH KAPLAN, DANIEL KIM, SAPNA THAKKAR, CHRISTEN CARUTE, STEPHANIE SOLBERG, GRETCHEN GALVIN, JESSICA ZINATY, KATY VU. BACK ROW: RICHARD HILL, JOANNA PUFNOCK, PATRICIA SWANSON, JUSTINE HODA HAI, JOHN WILLIS, MARTIN GORKIEWICZ.



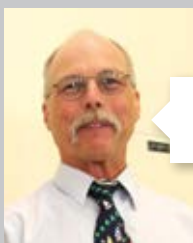
**2ND-YEAR GROUP:** LEFT TO RIGHT—SHAUGHNA SZYMANSKI, AARON CRONK, KRISTEN LYSENKO, STEVE LEONIDAS, JAMIESON BRADY, JOSEPH PARK, MICHAEL SKROBOLA, AMBER ROSENBERG, JEREMY ABDUL-HAQQ.





## Faculty Awards

ALAN J. GROSS EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARDS (AS SELECTED BY THE CLASSES)



**1st Year Class Faculty Honoree**  
Michael Hatton, Oral Diagnostic Sciences



**2nd Year Class Faculty Honoree**  
Christopher Pusateri, Restorative Dentistry



**3rd Year Class Faculty Honoree**  
Daniel Conny, Restorative Dentistry

Sponsor: Alan J. Gross Student Resource Dental Fund

### Dental Alumni Association Award

Lauren Vitkus

### Carl Lasher Scholarship

Sara Hauschild  
Ruchira Lalwani  
Neill Mears  
JuLee Tae  
Lauren Vitkus

### Dr. Samuel Orme Memorial Scholarship

Sponsor: Dr. Stephen McKee

Ahmed Hussein

### ADA Dentsply Award

Peter Davidow

## New Advanced Education Residents/Students | FALL 2013

### AEGD

Abdulelah Algabbani (Oral Sci)  
Adi Alghanem (Oral Sci)  
Blair Braunstein '13  
Kathryn Hetrick '13  
Hodong Kwon '13  
Jennifer Sze  
Kathryn Vitelli '13

### BIOMATERIALS

Aaron Huber  
Sameer Jain

### ENDODONTICS

Khalid Almadi (Oral Sci)  
Michael Gengo '13  
Sarah Sciarrino '13

### ORAL BIOLOGY

Angela Ruscitto  
Yunna Xie

### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

Hawra Aljanobi (Oral Sci)  
Rana Alshagroud (Oral Sci)

### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Benjamin Farr '13  
Jeffrey Tsai

### ORTHODONTICS

Ayed Alqahtani  
Mindy Altemose  
Huiyan Guan  
Brian Kurtzner '13  
Hussain Marghalani  
Briklin Nielsen  
Pamela Ortiz

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Prabhdeep Chahal  
Anthony Costanzo '13  
Hae Jin Kim  
Tiffany Stuart  
Adam Ungaro '13  
Eric Vieth, '10

### PERIODONTICS

Ammar Almarghani (Oral Sci)  
Gabriela Fernandes (Oral Sci)  
Wael Ibraheem (Oral Sci)

### PROSTHODONTICS

Walaa Babeer (Oral Sci)  
Catherine Cagino '13  
Quynhnhu Pham '13

### TMD AND OROFACIAL PAIN

Ebtihal Alam (Oral Sci)  
Yasmin Fadol (Oral Sci)

(Oral Sci)—also enrolled in the Oral Sciences MS program



**4TH-YEAR GROUP:** LEFT TO RIGHT—JESSICA SILVESTRI, MARINA SKROMBOLAS, ASHLEY MEARS, SARA HAUSCHILD, AHMED HUSSEIN, NEILL MEARS, LAUREN VITKUS, KELLY BURCH, RUCHIRA LALWANI, COLLEEN LACOMBE-SENECAL, PETER DAVIDOW, JULIE TAE.



## NATIONAL CE LEADERS, STUDENT SYMPOSIUM AND REUNION EVENTS HIGHLIGHT BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING

THE 36TH ANNUAL Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM) was held at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Sept. 25-27, much earlier than it has been in the past. More than 2,500 dental professionals, including nearly 650 dentists, attended the meeting. The meeting had something for everyone, including a large number of nationally recognized speakers.

This year's BNDM featured six speakers who were listed as leaders in continuing education in the December 2012 Dentistry Today magazine. The lineup included Nancy Andrews, who presented on the diagnosis and assessment of suspected lesions; Marvin H. Berman, who has been speaking about pediatric dentistry for over 30 years; Richard and David Madow, otherwise known as the Madow Brothers,

entertained the audience from beginning to end; Tom M. Limoli provided updates on dental insurance; and Steven Rasner gave a presentation on oral surgical procedures for the general practitioner.

Other speakers included UB School of Dental Medicine's Dean Michael Glick, DMD; Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS '95; Frank Barnashuk, '80; Jane Brewer, DDS '78; Heidi Crow,







DMD, MS '91; Yoly M. Gonzalez, DDS, '05, MS; Richard Ohrbach, DDS, MS '89; and Eugene Pantera Jr., DDS, MS '87.

Typically, the meeting is geared more toward alumni. This year, however, students—particularly third- and fourth-year students—were able to benefit from the launch of the meeting's inaugural Student Symposium where a variety of speakers imparted valuable real-world information over three hours on Friday.

Symposium speakers were Kevin A. Ricotta, who shared examples of actual case studies from one of the largest dental insurance companies; E. Scott Weinberger, who discussed post-residency options; and Joseph M. Salamon, '07, who presented on career options and life choices that today's dental graduates are faced with and how the National Health Services Corps (NHSC) can provide opportunities for dental students to repay their loans, while serving in communities where there is great need for oral health care but limited access to it.

"I had never heard of NHSC before. It was nice to know that outside of military scholarships or just paying it back yourself, there are ways to work as a civilian and pay off a big chunk of your loans," said third-year dental student Gretchen Galvin.

Fellow third-year student Stephanie Solberg added, "That's definitely something I can see myself doing. The NHSC presentation opened my eyes to opportunities I didn't know were out there."

The exhibit floor at the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting was larger than it has been with more than 135 booths sold to companies from across the country. Attendees had the opportunity to talk with representatives from local dental laboratories and implant companies; see the latest in hand pieces and dental chairs; get financial advice about investing, selling or buying a dental practice; or seek advice on how to make their dental office more technologically savvy.

In addition, the School of Dental Medicine featured the brand new UB *S-miles To Go* mobile unit, which drew a great deal of attention on the exhibit floor.



## REUNION DINNER DANCE DELIGHTS AGAIN

THE THREE-DAY MEETING included alumni reunion events for the five-year reunion classes. The “Remember When” reception was held at the Hyatt Regency on Thursday evening and the Reunion Dinner Dance took place at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on Friday evening.

The night included a cocktail hour, a student BOCA auction and the recognition of the five-year classes celebrating their reunion year. The night concluded with the Class of 2014 dancing the night away until the band, The Boys of Summer, played the last song.

The 2013 Reunion Dinner Dance brought together a collection of some of the finest “reunited” in the School of Dental Medicine history. Many reunion years bring the return of one or two remarkable classes. This year exceeded all expectations.

The Golden Anniversary class of ’63—which includes SDM faculty members Robert J. Genco and Murray S. Rosenthal—was celebrated and honored as part of the evening’s program.

A class that never seems to disappoint when it comes to celebrating is the class of ’83—historically a tremendous class that rivals the classes of ’61 and ’86 in celebratory greatness. They gathered numerous returnees at the dinner dance and a well-organized and festive hospitality suite. They and the classes of ’78 and ’88 took over an entire floor at Buffalo’s Hyatt Regency.

The class of ’58 brought together one of the largest assemblies of a 55-year reunion in recent history. It was a tribute to their reunion chair James Metzger and their class and school loyalty.

Two classes, ’88 and ’08, also showed tremendous class spirit and were well represented. The class of ’88, the Silver



Anniversary Class, actually edged out their rival, the class of ’83, by one attendee.

A welcome surprise was the fantastic turnout from the class of ’08. A short five years after graduation, they brought a significant number of classmates back to reminisce and reunite—a future class for true reunion greatness to challenge the classes of ’58, ’83 and ’88.

The Class of 2014 was also in attendance as guests of the Dental Alumni Association. Hopefully they learned from some of the greats in reunion history during this banner year as they prepare to reunite in 2019.

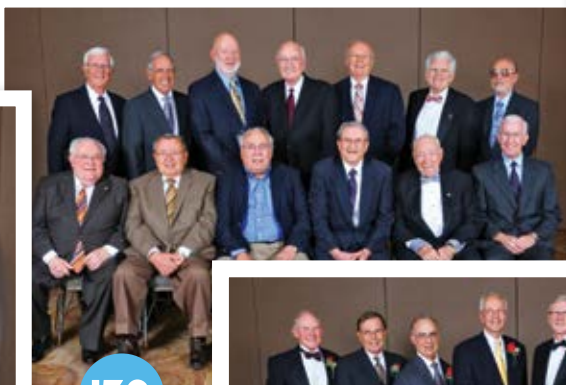
Thanks again to all attendees and specifically their hard-working organizers and class reunion chairs.

—Raymond G. Miller, ’85

’53



’58



’73



’63



’78





## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HUMANITARIAN AWARD

#### *John A. Balikowski, '65*

John A. Balikowski was born and raised in Buffalo. He graduated from the UB School of Pharmacy in 1960 and the UB School of Dental Medicine in 1965. During this time he also married his high school sweetheart, the late Donna Marie Florko, and together they had four children: John Jr., Cynthia, Brian and Mark.

Balikowski served as a U.S. Navy dentist for three years during the Vietnam War. He returned to Western New York in 1968 and started a private dental practice in Elma, later establishing satellite offices in Buffalo.

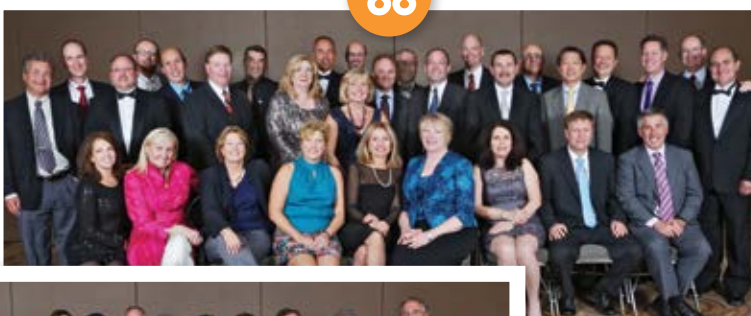
In 1986, both he and Donna answered the call to serve full time as dental missionaries with the Assemblies of God. They served primarily in the Philippines but also in many other countries in Asia, as well as countries in Central America, South America, Europe and Africa.

In 2003 they "retired" and returned to the States. Donna passed away one year later and Balikowski resumed doing volunteer mission trips, returning to the Philippines, then East Timor and India. In 2005, he received an invitation to join a medical, dental and optical team going to Ethiopia with Jewish Voice International Ministries. He decided to return and start training physicians and nurses to provide primary dental care.

While in Ethiopia he volunteered to teach at the University of Addis Ababa and started a three-year bachelor's degree program. Later he helped to start the school's first doctorate program in dentistry. After traveling to several regions in Ethiopia where there are no licensed dentists, and with the help of World Dental Relief (WDR), Balikowski decided to start a dental school in northern Ethiopia. At present he is the director of the WDR Dental School in Mekelle, Tigray. Balikowski returned to Ethiopia for the start of a new academic year in early October 2013.



'88



'83



## AWARD RECIPIENTS

### HONOR AWARD

#### *Richard E. Hall, '78*

Richard E. Hall has been actively involved in education, administration and research his entire career. He graduated summa cum laude from UB with a

BA in biology, received his dental degree cum laude from the UB School of Dental Medicine in 1978 and his medical degree from the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences in 1993.

After dental school, Hall completed a six-year combined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/

PhD program at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital and Genesee Hospital in 1984. On completion of the program, he became a full-time faculty member in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at UB, where he now serves as chair. He was instrumental in establishing the combined Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery/MD training program and served as program director from 1994-2004.

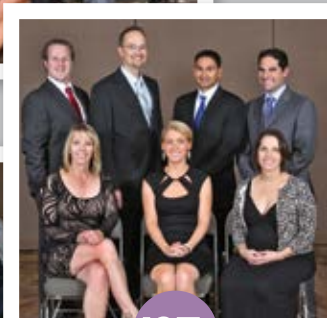
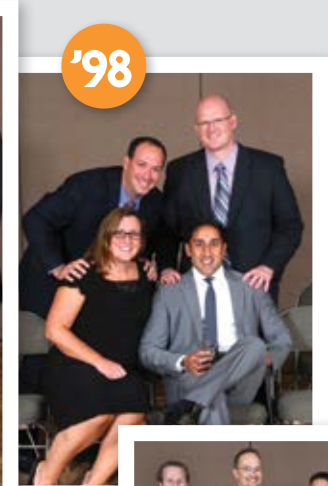
Hall lives in Williamsville with his wife, Meline, and their three children.



### PRESIDENT'S AWARD

#### *Joshua T. Hutter, '05*

Frank Barnashuk, '80, GPR, '81, left, past president of the UB Dental Alumni Association, presents the President's Award to current association president Joshua T. Hutter, '05, during the Reunion Dinner Dance festivities of this year's Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting.



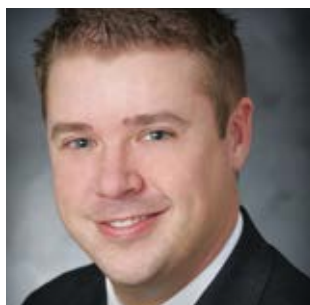


# AlumniNews

## A look back at 2013

This year was a very exciting year for the UB Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA). Besides the traditional events sponsored by the association as well as the numerous contributions made to the student body, we celebrated a retirement and welcomed a new team member.

But more importantly, 2013 included an initiative to expand the footprint of the association.



Every year, our hallmark event is the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. This year saw an increase in attendance of both participants and exhibitors. The lectures were well received and the 2014 program is already in motion. The annual alumni events during the meeting—the “Remember When” reception and the Reunion Dinner Dance—were huge successes. The association also sponsored a jazz brunch in New Orleans during the 2013 ADA Annual Session.

A new initiative began this year: creating a constituent chapter. The Greater New York City Chapter of the UB Dental Alumni Association is off and running. An inaugural event was held at the Metropolitan Club in New York City, and future events, including a reception at the Greater New York meeting on Dec. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis Hotel, are planned to increase support for the chapter and school. The association hopes to organize other constituent chapters throughout the country based on the success of the New York chapter.

The UBDAA also continues to produce the UB Dentist magazine three times a year with SDM. The alumni association proudly sponsored two staple events: the Hanau Cup hockey game and the Billy Barue golf outing, which have become fixtures on the school's social calendar. We also provided awards and scholarships to juniors and seniors, and helped fund orientation and commencement activities.

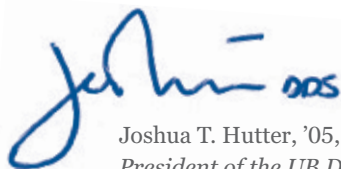
Student banquet gifts, refreshments for the WREB exam and a contribution to the yearbook were again provided. We celebrate our new alumni through complementary membership in the alumni association.

Finally, we celebrated the retirement of Marilyn Sulzbach, who helped shape the association into what it is today. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Amanda Jackson, who joins our administrative team.



JACKSON

Here's to a great 2014!



Joshua T. Hutter, '05,  
President of the UB Dental Alumni Association

## MORE ON THE ORIGINS OF THE ACADEMIC MACE

In the spring 2013 issue of UB Dentist, we covered the origins of the SDM's academic mace. One of our alumni, Girard Gugino, '61, contacted us to add some more information to the story. In order to complete construction of the mace using the timber salvaged from Grant Hall in Niagara Falls where the ADA was founded in 1859, Gugino worked with Dean William Feagans to raise funds. Forty-two alumni from the class of 1961 responded to their request and donated money to the construction process, and William McMullen from the Dental Supply House provided the remaining money needed to mill the wood and add the silver and glass.

The mace is composed of sections that represent significance for dental alumni. At its mid-point there are 46 silver vertical ribs signifying the original class of 46 students in 1892. The ribs are positioned between two silver decagons symbolizing the original 10 members of our first full-time faculty. There are three intersecting silver planes, representing the three charges of the school: education, research and patient care. At the summit of the body and held between the three intersecting silver planes is the Stueben crystal sphere. The crystal sphere not only symbolizes purity—the lack of disease—it also represents quality. Furthermore, it is uniquely representative of New York State.

The silver base plate bears the inscription “Gift from the Class of 1961.”

We thank these alumni and friends for their contributions to the construction of our mace, which is carried by the Educator of the Year in the graduation procession.



# RECOGNIZING YOUR SUPPORT

*Special thanks to alumni, staff, faculty and friends who support the School of Dental Medicine. Their generosity helps sustain the tradition of philanthropy and excellence that is the heritage and future of the school. Gifts come in all sizes, provide scholarship support, enhance the work of faculty and student research, and provide equipment and facility upgrades. The following donors made gifts of \$1,000 or more between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013. (Only UB degrees are listed, CRT denotes UB postdoctoral certificate program.)*

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Stephen Hung, DDS '93  
Joshua T. Hutter, DDS '05  
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## REUNION CLASSES GIVE BACK

Last year's "Reunion Class Giving Challenge" at the School of Dental Medicine brought in tens of thousands of dollars for many different critical efforts to strengthen the student experience in Buffalo.

Classes celebrating their five-year reunions last year included the Classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007.

The challenge was for classes that:

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This past year the Class of 1982 swept all three categories, with a tie in the Squire Society category. Celebrating its 30th reunion, the class raised \$9,000; 22 percent of the class donated, including four as Squire Society members. The Class of 1977 also had four Squire Society members.

The School of Dental Medicine is extremely grateful to these and all reunion classes for their support of its mission to define excellence in global health. The school wishes the Classes of 1948, 1953, 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 the best of luck during this year's challenge. Look for the winning classes to be announced around this time next year. You can also check on their progress at the reunion giving website: <http://giving.buffalo.edu/give-to/dental-medicine/reunion-competition.html>.

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# course calendar

**DEC. 4**

(6 TO 9 P.M.)

**The Electronic Communication Minefield: Navigating e-Risk With Patients and Staff**

*Baldy Hall Room 200G, North Campus*

Chet Gary, DDS, JD

**TUITION: \$65**

**3 CE HRS**

**DEC. 13**

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

**Evaluation & Management of TMD: Lecture & Hands-on Workshop**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Guest speaker: Jennifer D. Illes, BSc, DC, Dap, MS

**DENTIST \$275; RDH \$125**

**6 CE HRS**

**DEC. 19**

(6 TO 9 P.M.)

**UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB**

**Hard & Soft Tissue Regeneration and Sinus Access Techniques: Hands-on Workshop**

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

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**DEC. 20**

**Head and Neck Anatomy and Implant Placement Cadaver Workshop**

*UB Med School Lipschutz Room*

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

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

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**Hello! There's More to Hygiene Than Perio: Chairside Management of Dental Caries**

*Salvatore's, Transit Road*

John Maggio, DDS

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**6 CE HRS**

**MAY 2**

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

**ANNUAL SUGARMAN, AO AND METRO STUDY CLUB EVENT**

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**MAY 15-16 (REPEATS JUNE 12-13)**

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

**Individualized Endodontics, Lectures and Workshop 'mano a mano'**

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**DENTIST: \$995**

**14 CE HRS**

**MAY 16**

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

**Advanced Concepts in the Evaluation, Assessment & Care of Dental Implants**

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Lynn Mortilla, RDH

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**JUNE 6**

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

**ANNUAL CUNAT FUND PROGRAM**

**Advanced Orthodontic Treatment Using the Pre-Adjusted Appliance**

Guest faculty: Richard McLaughlin, DDS

**ALUMNI MEMBER: \$195**

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**6 CE HRS**

**JUNE 25-27**

(8:30 A.M. DAILY)

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# ClassNotes



**Murray Rosenthal, '63**, has for the last 15 years been an active investor in Broadway and London theater. In 2010 he became an associate producer for the play "Red," written by John Logan and starring Alfred Molina and Eddie Redmayne. "Red" received a Tony award for the best new play of the 2009-10 Broadway season. Subsequently, Rosenthal was an associate producer on the Broadway revivals of "La Bête" in 2010-11 and "Pippin" in 2013. He was also an associate producer of the London West End revival of Sondheim's "Sweeney Todd." "Pippin" received a Tony award in June 2013 and "Sweeney Todd" received an Olivier award in April 2013, both for best musical revivals.

Rosenthal has been a trustee of the UB Foundation for the past four years. He has taken his interest in theater to UB and has developed the "Buffalo on Broadway" series. The series has yielded four UB theater events: "The Addams Family" (2010), "Driving Miss Daisy" (2010), "Evita" (2012) and the "Book of Mormon" (2013). The enthusiastic response of the attendees to these events has encouraged UB to continue the series in the future with the next being "Pippin," slated for March 25, 2014.

**Sheldon Winkler, Pros. Cert. '71**, is the author of "The Music of World War II: War Songs and Their Stories," published this year by Merriam Press. Some of the most memorable popular music of the 20th century came about during World War II, and many of these tunes remain popular today. Winkler, emeritus professor at Temple University and former faculty member in the UB dental school, says songwriters of this period gradually became more innovative in their attempts to weave wartime sentiments into popular lyrics. The former band leader writes that "war songs were sentimental, poignant, patriotic, morale-building and somber."

At the August meeting of the American Dental Association's (ADA) Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs (CMIRP), **Frank Barnashuk, '80, GPR, '81**, was elected as the council's vice chair for 2014. This leadership role begins at the conclusion of the ADA's annual session in New Orleans. Barnashuk began his four-year term on the council just one year ago. CMIRP is the ADA agency whose purpose is to enhance the value of ADA membership by overseeing sponsored insurance and endorsed retirement programs and by aiding dentists in the management of their personal and professional risks through educational activities, informational programs and services.



**Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, '05**, was invited by the CES University in Medellin, Colombia, in May 2013 to direct a training and calibration session, using the new Diagnostic Criteria for Temporomandibular Disorders. This event will allow the creation of new collaborative research avenues between institutions.

**Alfredo Aguirre, MS '83**, professor and program director of oral pathology, received recognition for outstanding leadership, achievement and dedication for his services on the Executive Council of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology during the organization's annual meeting in Seattle, Wash., in June. He served on the committee from 2010-2013.



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**Rear Admiral (Select) Priscilla B. Coe, '84**, is a reserve affairs officer with the U.S. Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. In 1988, she affiliated with the Navy Reserve (NR) and served with NR Naval Dental Clinic Camp Lejeune Det 107. After a five-month Active Duty for Special Work assignment at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla., Coe opened a private general dentistry practice in Naples, Fla., in 1990. In 2007, she transferred to Navy Medicine National Capital Area to serve as the



## In Memoriam

deputy chief of staff. This tour was interrupted by a deployment to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany as the deputy director, Navy Expeditionary Medical Unit 10. She assumed the duties of the Dental Corps Reserve Affairs Officer, Bureau Medicine and Surgery in September 2010. She is a graduate of the Air Command and Staff and Air War College. Coe is authorized to wear the Meritorious Service Medal (six awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), National Defense Service Medal (two awards), Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Military Outstanding Volunteer Medal, Navy Pistol Marksmanship Medal (Expert) and the Fleet Marine Force Warfare Qualified Officer insignia.



PRISCILLA B. COE

**George W. Ferry, '78**, of Williamsville, N.Y., died on Aug. 4. Ferry, for whom the UB School of Dental Medicine's historical museum is named, was 61. He was a 1970 graduate of Tonawanda High School. After obtaining his dental degree, Ferry joined the UB faculty in 1979 as a part-time clinical instructor in the dental team practice program in general clinical dentistry. He was promoted to full-time assistant professor in restorative dentistry (operative) in 1981 and clinical associate professor in 1991.

Ferry received numerous awards from students including Excellence in Teaching Awards from the classes of 1984, 1985, 1986, 1988, 2004, 2007 and 2010. He was named Educator of the Year with yearbook dedication by the classes of 1984, 1988 and 1992. His other awards include William M. Feagans Award (1983, 1993), the Charles Lipani Award for outstanding service (1992) and the UBDA Award (2010).

The university's dental historical museum, where Ferry served as a curator, was named in his honor upon his retirement.

**George Miller, '41**, of Concord, N.C., died July 29. He was 94. Miller served as a captain in the U.S. Army.

He was a compassionate dentist and noted musician.

**Raymond M. Gibbons, '45**, of Clarence, N.Y., died on June 14. He was 91. Gibbons was a prominent Buffalo dentist with a passion for firefighting and collecting its memorabilia. Gibbons specialized in forensic dentistry, serving on the scientific staff of the Buffalo Police Department and the Forensic Sciences Unit of the New York State Police, as well as a stint as chief forensic odontologist for Erie County Medical Center. Gibbons served as president of the UB Dental School Alumni Association and International Dental Study Club.

**Frank Ferrara, '53**, of Greece, N.Y., died Sept. 14. He was a doctor of dental surgery and orthodontics for more than 50 years in Rochester, N.Y. Ferrara was a Navy and Army veteran.

**Myron H. Nozik, '59**, of Brighton, N.Y., died on Sept. 28. He was 79. Nozik graduated from the University of Buffalo School of Dentistry in 1959 and then served in the U.S. Air Force as a dentist in Arkansas until moving to Rochester, N.Y., where he opened a family practice. He continued his practice for more than 30 years and will be remembered for his gentle touch.

**James A. Getchonis, '64**, of Vonore, Tenn., died on July 1. He was 73. After three years in the U.S. Army Dental Corp, Getchonis chose to practice dentistry in Norwich, N.Y., until 2006.

**James E. Dolan, '67**, of Syracuse, N.Y., died at home on Sept. 1. Dolan served as a dentist in the U.S. Navy in Taipei, Taiwan, and the U.S. Naval base in Charleston, S.C. During his Navy duty in Taipei, he organized many skilled expeditions to the mountain range of Taipei where he conducted humanitarian and pro bono assistance to aborigine neighborhoods.

He returned to Syracuse, N.Y., and practiced dentistry for many years, and was a highly skilled forensic dentist working for the Onondaga County Medical Examiner's Office. He retired from Fort Drum in Watertown, N.Y., after 10 years of service as a civilian contractor.

**Judith D. Lampasso, '93, MS '96, TMD Cert. '97, Ortho Cert. '99, PhD '02**, died Sept. 19. She was a full-time faculty member in orthodontics at UB from 2002 through 2007. She had also practiced orthodontics with Ryann Bevilacqua in East Amherst, N.Y.



JOSEPH GAMBACORTA, '93, came to UB in 2001 as a part-time clinical instructor after 20 years in private practice in Amherst. In 2012, he was appointed as SDM's assistant dean for clinical affairs. His brother, Alfonse, '97, is a clinical assistant professor in oral diagnostic sciences. In this issue's Q&A, "Dr. G," as he's known to many students, talks about his family history in dentistry, previews some new developments in the clinics and talks about his beloved Buffalo Sabres.

**How did you get into dentistry?**

Our family has a long history in health science. I have relatives who are doctors, optometrists, and there are several dentists, my brother, my sister-in-law, myself. We have an uncle who's a dentist as well. So it's in our family.

Of all the practitioners I've seen work in any field of the health sciences, my uncle who was a physician and urologist was the best. I was really close with him. I chose dentistry because I could help other people, still have that feeling of being a doctor and being a participant in solving problems for people.

**What has been the biggest challenge for you in transitioning from private practice to UB?**

It's twofold. It's dealing with the sadness of not working so closely with patients that you love, that you nurtured for 20 years. There's something about the doctor-patient relationship. I loved my patients, they're great people.

The second part is that the amount of people you have to supervise is a big change, because I had a very small family practice. I only had a few staff changes in 20 years, so I didn't have a lot of turnover. These people are my best friends.

**How is clinical education different from when you were a student?**

It's so different, from availability of patients, to procedures, to materials. Plus the complexity of life that students are dealing with, and the overabundance of new dental materials and dental products. What we've seen too in dentistry is that everything's become mainstream. Everything is out there now.

With the information age everything is front and center. Their patients are more knowledgeable; they're asking more questions. I think clinical education has changed just as life has changed for us in the last 20 years.

**As clinic dean, you are one of those responsible for ensuring students graduate with great clinical experience, but also that patients receive quality care. How do you achieve that balance?**

You have to set a standard of excellence. One of the mantras of our school is "defining excellence in global health." If you have the mindset that you are going to be excellent at what you're doing, excellent in your treatment selection, in the way

you treat the patient, in the way you treat the faculty, the way you treat staff members—you just have to keep that standard in mind all the way through. What I'm trying to do with the students, too, is preach accountability. Be accountable for your actions, because you're not going to have one of us to keep you on the straight and narrow when you're in private practice.

**What's new on the horizon for the clinical education program?**

We're entering a collaborative effort with Erie County and we're part of the new Erie County Health Mall that's going to open up at 1500 Broadway, which is going to give our seniors a broad clinical experience. We're going to expand our CAD/CAM dentistry program there. We're looking into changing the clinic model and the delivery system. We are working with a centralized scheduling pilot and we're hopefully going to implement an expanded centralized scheduling in the school next year. We also just started a denture clinic on the third floor.



**Talk about your involvement with BOCA and community outreach.**

BOCA is an organization here where we go out and we do international trips and trips in the U.S. In fact, I just came back from a Remote Area Medical trip in Tennessee, where three other faculty and I took 20 students and delivered dental care for the weekend. We also took six dental students to Fiji for a week and provided dental services to a village right in the Yasawa Island chain, and it was just a wonderful experience. These individuals have no access to care, really. They have no doctors or dentists on the island at all, so we brought all our own equipment, set up shop in their community center and basically did dentistry for a week for free. It was fantastic.

**You're a huge Sabres fan, and you have a big collection of Sabres memorabilia. How did it develop?**

It started because I loved collecting things when I was younger, and when I went to games with my dad I started collecting ticket stubs. I loved the tickets. I loved the colors. I was 7 or 8 years old. It was like a Sunday ritual. We would have dinner early, we would go to The Place and we would pick up our tickets from the bartender and then we would go to the game.

**When will the Sabres win the Stanley Cup?**

Hmm, that's a tough question. I'm hoping that within the next 25 years we win it at least once.

# Thanks to All

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