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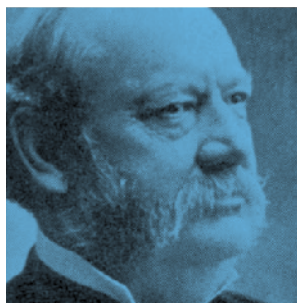
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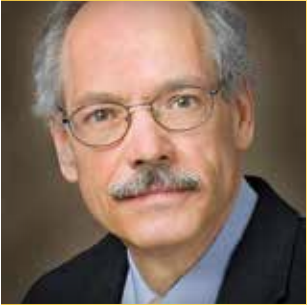
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Welcome to the Summer 2018 edition of **UB Dentist**.

As we start our new academic year, I would like to provide an update on our School's progress.

As part of our strategic plan, the School of Dental Medicine implemented a new clinic management system this past July replacing our Picasso system. The new electronic health record (EHR) known as axiUm is the same EHR used by most dental schools in the United States. Our July implementation was the culmination of thousands of hours of hard work by numerous faculty and staff. The "Go-Live" Team consisted of subject matter experts, 'Superusers', Information technology support staff from our school and from the university and consultants from the company. While the implementation teams worked very hard to plan a smooth transition from Picasso system to axiUm, as with the implementation of any new EHR, there will be a few hiccups in the coming months as our hundreds of students, faculty and staff adapt to new business processes and become proficient with the software.

# FROM THE DEAN



During this initial phase of axiUm implementation, the focus is on maintaining operational continuity. Additional modules will come on line during Phase II of this project scheduled for the beginning of next year. These additions include an online patient portal, a special version of axiUm for our pre-clinical simulation facility, mobile device access, and a data warehouse to support data analytics and clinical research. The new EHR will lower support costs and expand our ability to conduct clinical research. To that end, we've joined a consortium of dental schools known as COHRI (Consortium for Oral Health Informatics) who are using axiUm to share data and facilitate multi-site research.

Implementation of the new EHR is one of our top three priorities in the school's strategic plan together with facilities renovations and predoctoral curriculum reform. Dr. Scannapieco discusses predoctoral curriculum reform later in this issue of UB Dentist.

The first stage of our facilities renovation is complete. We opened our new pre-clinical simulation facility this past year. It is one of the finest facilities in the U. S. Over the next several years, facilities improvements will include the new Joseph and Stephanie Mucha Patient Welcome Center, the new Buhite-Dimino Dental Implant Center, renovation of our Squire Hall clinics and relocation of our research laboratories to the Biomedical Research Building which will contain the School's new core instrumentation facility. The new EHR, facilities renovations and reformed pre-doctoral curriculum will enhance our ability to provide an outstanding education to our students and excellent care to our patients.

My sincere appreciation goes out to all of our students, faculty and staff who worked so hard on the EHR project. Special recognition goes to our IT staff. They developed and maintained our Picasso system which served us well for many years and they are key to implementing the new EHR which will serve us into the future.

Best wishes to all at the start of the new academic year,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Zambon". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

# NewsBriefs

## Awards and Honors

**Albert Cantos**, '81, clinical assistant professor, was granted fellowship into the Special Care Dentistry Association at their annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington, on April 27.



At the 2018 Annual Meeting of the New York State Oral Health Coalition, **Paula Fischer**, program coordinator of the SDM's Rural Dentistry Program, was awarded the Elmer L. Green 2018 Oral Public Health Award.



**Stefan Ruhl**, professor, Department of Oral Biology, has been awarded

a T32 training grant as Principal Investigator together with Frank Scannapieco, Perio. Cert., '89, Oral Biology PhD, '91, as Co-Investigator, by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. The grant provides funding for five years to support the research career development of students who wish to pursue careers as independent investigators and leaders in dental, oral, and craniofacial health research.



The July 2018 issue of the Journal of Dental Research begins with a fascinating

account of **Robert J. Genco's**, '63, extraordinary body of research advancements in immunology, periodontology, and microbiology research, all of which has led to pioneering major advances in oral science.



Congratulations to **Abhiram Maddi**, Oral Biol. PhD '11, Perio. Cert. '13, assistant professor,

Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, for being awarded the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation Leadership Scholarship to attend the 2018 Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) program in August.



At the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

(AAOMP), **Alfredo Aguirre**, '01, Oral Sci. MS '83, Oral Path Cert. '83, professor of oral diagnostic sciences, received a Certificate of Appreciation from the AAOMP for 24 years of outstanding service as co-founder and moderator of the Bulletin Board of Oral Pathology.

At UB's 14th Annual Celebration of Student Academic Excellence on April 26, **Sangwon Min**, PhD student in the Department of Oral Biology, was awarded the Excellence in Research, Scholarship and Creativity Award for the poster he presented entitled "Contribution of p63+ Cells During Salivary Gland Development and Adult Gland Maintenance." His research mentor is Dr. Rose-Anne Romano.

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### International Dentist Program Kick-Off

The UB School of Dental Medicine hosted the International Dentist Program's Welcome Ceremony on May 25, 2018. At the ceremony, 26 students were welcomed by David Brown, '83, Director of Student Admissions, Stephen Abel, Associate Dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives, Lata Shenoy, '77, Fixed Pros. Cert. '82, Director of IDP Program, and Matt Reuscher, President, Class of 2020. Families and friends were invited to watch the cloaking ceremony which symbolizes entry into the dental profession.



# NewsBriefs

## 3 Outreach Focus

The **Annual BOCA Charity Auction** was held on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Buffalo Launch Club, hosted by Dr. James Hoddick. The emcee for the night was Dr. Raymond Miller, '85, and the theme was a masked ball. Local music band My Cousin Tone provided entertainment throughout the night. The auction raised nearly \$20,000 that will be used to support UB dental students' participation in future local, national and international dental outreach.

In mid-April, the Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry joined with The Links, Incorporated, to provide dental screenings on the visiting Colgate "Bright Smiles, Bright Futures" van in **Niagara Falls**. The group of students and faculty were able to provide well over 100 screenings during the day.

With support of the Department of Pediatric and Community Dentistry, students from the SDM participated in several outreach initiatives during the 2018 Spring semester. They were instrumental in a dental education program at the Charles Upson Elementary School in **Niagara Falls, NY**, as part of the Colgate van's visit to WNY. Dental students also provided oral health education to over 400 students at the Leonardo daVinci High School, visited the WNY Children's Psychiatric Center and were part of Bennett High School's Adult Education Event.

Dr. Othman Shibly travels twice a year to the borders of his native **Syria** to help deliver dental care to more than 2,000 refugee children. The challenge: the number amounts to one percent of the 200,000 children displaced by the ongoing Syrian civil war. To reach more people and increase the sustainability of care, Shibly is turning to teachers and community volunteers to bridge the gap. Through the University at Buffalo Miles for Smiles program, a bi-annual mission to deliver dental care to Syrian refugee children, Shibly will lead the training of teachers and volunteers at refugee camps in Lebanon on how to perform basic oral health care.

Members from the SDM's Buffalo Outreach and Community Assistance (BOCA) team participated in a Remote Area Medical (RAM) mission in Harrogate, **Tennessee** on June 29-July 1, and it was a huge success! Twenty-one dental students volunteered alongside Drs. Robert Cronyn, '82, Kevin D'Angelo, '81, and John Dobos, '79, to provide free dental care to nearly 200 underserved and uninsured people of all ages.



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## 5K Dental Run

This year's 5K Run had close to 300 registered runners and raised an estimated \$5,000 (right before an ice storm hit). We would like to thank all of our sponsors including the 7th and 8th

District Dental Societies, UB Dental Alumni Association, UB Dental Office of Student Affairs, Ophthalmology Associates of WNY and Sahlen's for their generous support. Special thanks to our premium sponsor Ivoclar Vivadent.

We would also like to extend congratulations to the overall male winner, Spencer Swoboda, with a time of 17:53 and to our very own Lauren Wager, '21, who was the overall female winner with a time of 20:37.



## HISTORY CORNER

# Eighth District Historical Materials Digitized

By Robin L. Comeau

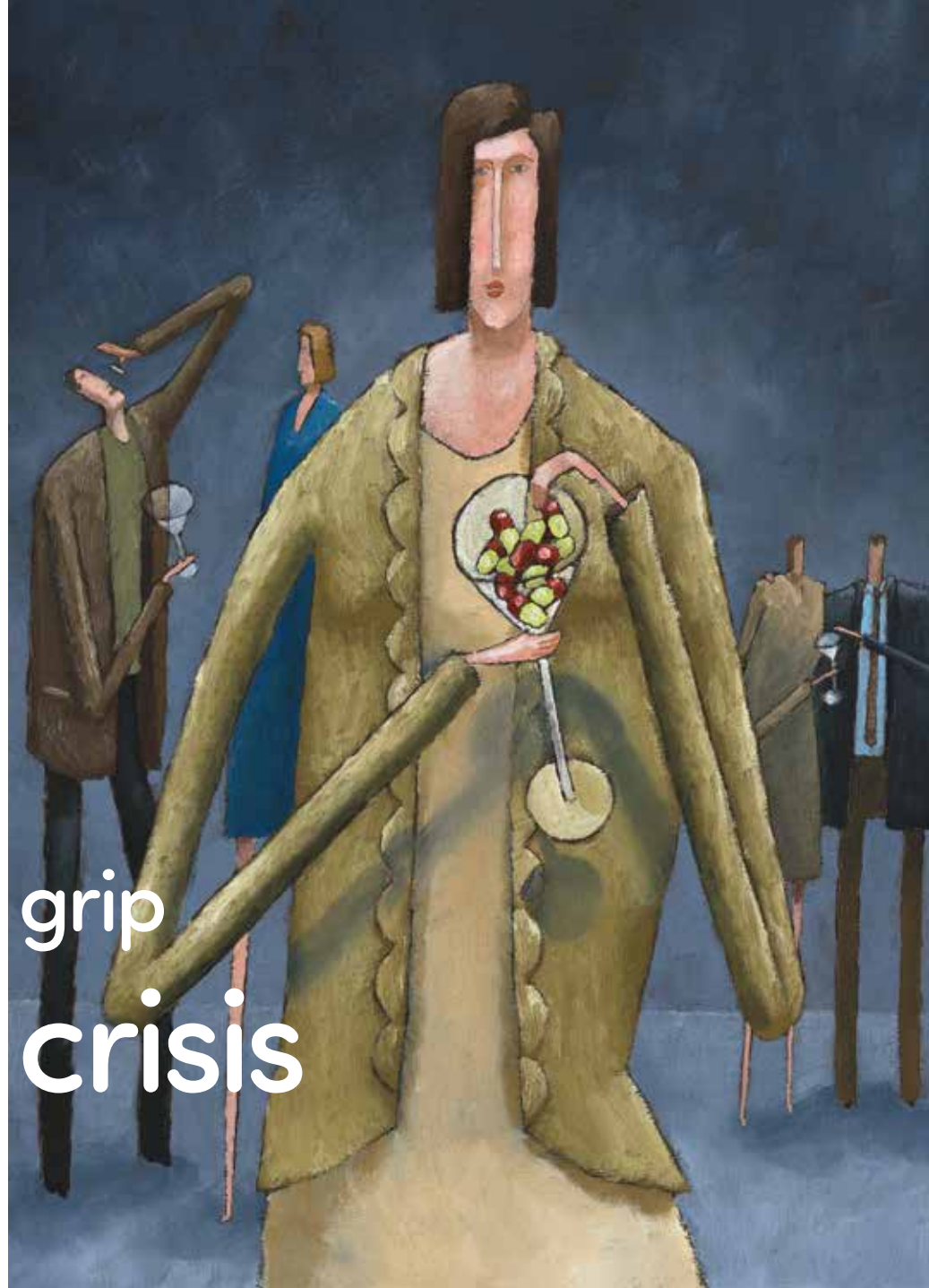


THE EIGHTH DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK was founded in 1868 with a membership of 42 dentists from the eight counties of Western New York: Erie, Niagara, Genesee, Chautauqua, Allegany, Cattaraugus, Wyoming and Orleans. Many founding members would go on to contribute to the establishment in 1892, and early success of, the University of Buffalo Dental Department, now known as the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

The purpose of these professional dental societies was to facilitate the exchange of knowledge about dentistry among practitioners as well as to formalize a standard course of study for dental practice and, thereby, to raise dentistry to the level of a legitimate profession comparable to that of medical doctors. Today, the Eighth District Dental Society continues its mission of support and encouragement of the improvement of the public health, improvement of the art and science of dentistry and to represent the interests of its professional members and the public which it serves.

University Libraries staff have begun the tedious process of scanning and digitizing the documents of the Eighth District Dental Society that have been retained for decades in the Health Sciences Library—History of Medicine archives. Thanks to their work, 184 documents dating back to the beginning of the Eighth District Dental Society, including photographs and documents relating to the origins of the dental department, are now available for viewing as part of the libraries digital collections. The documents can be seen at: <http://digital.lib.buffalo.edu/collection/LIB-HSL007>

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# Getting a grip on the opioid crisis

Dental schools and all healthcare professionals are battling to limit the use of prescription narcotics

BY GROVE POTTER

**T**he opioid crisis gripping the nation started about 25 years ago like so many catastrophies—with the best intentions. The federal government sought to measure and reduce the amount of pain patients experienced, so it included pain management on the questionnaire Medicaid and Medicare patients received.

Hospitals, needing to keep their scores high to maintain federal funding, responded by aggressively addressing pain. Pharmaceutical companies saw the opportunity and promoted the use of opioid drugs to address patient pain including a new area, chronic pain. And thus, the United States began an all-out war against pain.

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Oral surgeons, dentists, physicians and other healthcare providers were encouraged to prescribe opioids to treat their patient's pain. And the results—lots of people became dependent on narcotics.

An estimated 2 million Americans were addicted to opioids in 2015, according to the American Society of Addictive Medicine, and drug overdoses were the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S. that year. Almost 40 percent of those deaths were from prescription opioids.

"I don't think there is any question that we were part of the problem," said Richard Hall, '78, MD, PhD, professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. "If you look at the most recent statistics as to who writes the greatest number of opioids, up until two years ago, oral surgeons were number two on the list of total prescriptions. And we were number one on the list for writing narcotic prescriptions for people under age 19 years of age, because they are getting their wisdom teeth out and everyone would write a prescription for an opioid."

Dentists handling root canals were also prescribing heavily.

But the profession, dental schools and the government have made tremendous changes to address the problem. The number of prescriptions, the number of pills, and dosages are all plummeting.

"I can't tell you in oral surgery the last time we prescribed a controlled substance," Hall said. "Oral surgery and dentistry have done a spectacular job of seriously decreasing the number of prescriptions that are written."

## TEACHING ABOUT THE DRUGS

The UB School of Dental Medicine has been teaching dental students about the appropriate use of narcotics for years. Peter Bradford, PhD., associate professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology, teaches dental students about narcotics, how they are prescribed, and alternatives to narcotics. The course includes presentations from physicians and dentists on the frontlines of care.

"The dental school got ahead on this," Bradford said.

In addition to learning about the drugs, students are taught how to spot 'drug shoppers,' patients who go from dentist to dentist seeking narcotics, and protocols to handle them.

"They learn SBIRT—Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment. This is something a dentist can do with his or her patients," Bradford said.

"Recognizing and handling people seeking narcotics has become part of a dentist's job," said Joseph Gambacorta, '93, assistant dean for clinical affairs and clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry.

"It comes down to awareness. You look for certain triggers," Gambacorta said. "If we screen a patient in the emergency clinic, and they say 'I need a Vicodin or a Percocet or Percodan,' as the clinician you're on alert because the patient knows the drug."

New York State now requires any professional prescribing a controlled substance to log into the I-STOP system, a registry that lists all the prescriptions a person has received. It alerts the professional to patients with a history of narcotic prescriptions. Forty-nine states have such systems.

In the UB dental clinics, "narcotics are prescribed with caution," Gambacorta said. "In a majority of our clinics, we are not performing procedures that require prescribing narcotic analgesics."

"Today, we'll prescribe three Motrin and two Tylenol tablets for an extraction or a root canal," he said. "That combination of non-narcotic analgesics has been proven to be more effective than narcotic analgesics."

## EVERYONE INVOLVED

Dr. Joseph Zambon, dean of the UB School of Dental Medicine, said the opioid issue is a major topic at the top levels of dental education. The Commission on Dental Accreditation, which oversees U.S. dental schools, has added appropriate opioid prescribing to its list of topics that must be taught.

"The UB dental school curriculum was ahead of the CODA requirement. In collaboration with other health science schools in the university's Academic Health Centers, the Office of Interprofessional Education has held several interprofessional training days focused on the opioid epidemic," Zambon said. Dental students participate in this training together with their colleagues in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health & health professions—plus the law school and management school.

Up to 800 students hear presentations from educators and local leaders and then break into small groups to focus on specific issues.

"It's an opportunity for health science students to interact with each other on an important topic," Zambon said.

## WIDE PROBLEM

Hall, who is a member of the Erie County Opioid Task Force that wrote the recommendations for dentists and physicians in the county, said the dramatic reaction to the opioid crisis is unprecedented. All healthcare professionals are receiving training on reducing narcotic prescriptions, and states and the federal government have reacted swiftly.

But the crisis lingers because those people who have become drug dependent must battle every day. And the opioid epidemic has struck a broad swath of society, with many, many families impacted in some way.

"It's not as much the young people as you'd expect, and it's not as much men as you'd expect," Hall said. "And the demographics are no different in the suburbs than in the city."

Battling the opioid epidemic begins with reducing the number of new addicts. Dentists, physicians and other healthcare professionals are working to limit access to prescription narcotics to stem to stem the crisis. [UBD](#)

# 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarships



DEAN WILLIAM CARY BARRETT

The funds raised in celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the UB School of Dental Medicine are being used to fund scholarship awards for dental and advanced education students. The recipients are determined on the basis of profiles/essays of former faculty or staff members or alumni—one way of keeping our history alive.

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#### THE RECIPIENTS FOR THIS YEAR WERE:

- **John Choi**, 3rd year DDS student, profiling Dean William Cary Barrett
- **Stephanie Lynn Colaiacovo**, MS Orthodontics student, profiling Dr. Carl Gugino
- **Madelyn Mascaro**, MS Biomaterials student, profiling Dr. Joseph Natiella
- **Adam Underwood** '17, AEGD Cert. '18, profiling Dr. Robert Geckler

We will be reproducing these profiles over the next several issues.

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## Dean William Cary Barrett

BY JOHN CHOI, '20



### **C**ELEBRATING THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY is a

tremendous milestone that reflects the successes of the previous and present faculties. After

researching the roots of the history of our school, it would be unjustified for the members of this school to live their lives without knowing the founders of this institution. It was a natural inclination to treasure the history of how far we've come. This institution cannot be appreciated without acknowledging the works of six pivotal men: Dr. Roswell Park, who was actively supporting the department of dentistry before the formation of the department, Dr. William C. Barrett, Dr. Alfred P. Southwick, Dr. Herbert A. Bridesall, Dr. Franklin E. Howard and Dr. George B. Snow (J. Park, 1917, pg. 45). In particular, Dr. William C. Barrett has had a foundational impact during his time that has allotted his up scaled standards to be seen today.

Dr. Barrett is one of five founding faculty members that started the legacy of our institution. He was our dean for 11 years, starting from the year 1892 until his unfortunate death in August 22, 1903 (E. Long, 1905).

Dr. Barrett was the son of Reverend William and Hanna C. Barrett, born on May 13, 1834, in Monroe County, NY. His academic education started in Kingsville Academy, Ohio, Carey Seminary, NY, and Yates Academy, NY. In 1863, he studied medicine until 1864, when he decided to switch his main focus to dentistry (A. Flint, 1904). He received his degree of Master of Dental Surgery in 1869. Dr. Barrett opened his first dental practice in Warsaw, NY. In 1887, he started attending the Buffalo School of Medicine, receiving his MD in 1880. Right after receiving his MD, Dr. Barrett attended the Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, where he received his doctorate of dental surgery degree in 1881 (A. Flint, 1904).

In 1885, Dr. Barrett received the honorary role to teach Oral Pathology at the Buffalo School of Medicine, and was elected for full professorship in 1890. Although Dr. Barrett was teaching in Buffalo, he was elected to be the professor of morbid anatomy and pathology in the Chicago College of Dental Surgery. While teaching in Buffalo, he also made trips to Chicago to lecture. In addition to being a professor, he simultaneously held the position as an oral surgeon at the Buffalo General Hospital (A. Flint, 1904). The passion and desire to educate and help the people of Buffalo is manifest in his works. From the first day representing our school as the first dean, he also taught the course, "Principles and Practice of Dentistry and Dental Pathology" (A. Flint, 1904, pg. 207), which he maintained till his last days. Dr. Barrett's tradition of both educating young minds while leading the institution as a

dean has continued to our present-day dean.

Dr. Barrett witnessed the growth of this institution from the beginning. With his pivotal role as the dean, he led the formulation and execution of all plans. This began in Building No. 641 on Main Street with its first graduating class of 5 members, that included Daniel Squire, for whom our current building is named. The first session constituted 46 matriculates (J. Park, pg. 46). The second location of the college of dentistry was moved to High Street in the west wing, which was initially mixed with the medical school. Although basic sciences were taken in congruity with the medical students, "the greater part, being to special or technical a nature, were given to the dental students exclusively" (E. Long, 1905, pg. 11). With an increase in applicants, the school moved again in 1896 to a building by incorporating advanced dental equipment. Our school was one of the first in the country with the highest technology to adapt to the changing world of dentistry (J. Park, 1917, pg. 46). Just as we were in the forefront of dentistry in 1896, with our new pre-clinic, we are following traditions to accept change in order to advance the education in our school.

Dr. Barrett specialized in the study of oral pathology, traveling throughout the hospitals of Europe to place exclusive pathological findings in his collections (C.N. Johnson, 1903). He wrote a textbook, "Oral Pathology and Practice." The accuracy and validity of his research is seen through the use of his textbooks. As a leader in the academic world he shared much of his work with his colleagues in various gatherings. In the American Academy of the Dental Sciences at its 18th annual meeting held in Boston on November 4, 1885, he spoke on the "Diseases of the Period of Dentition," where he gave his insight on human habits and how it affects people from childhood.

Dr. Barrett's passion in authorship is evident in his ties as an editor for the "Independent Practitioner" from 1882-1888. He was also chosen to be the editor for "Dental Practitioner" of Buffalo (C.N. Johnson, 1903).

His importance as a leader within the field of dentistry can be recognized by his numerous leadership roles. Dr. Barrett was the honorary vice-president of the International Medical Congress, Washington, 1887, and of the congress of 1890. From 1875 to 1876, he was the president of the Dental Society of the State of New York and the American Dental Association (C.N. Johnson, 1903).

With his leadership, experience and distinction within the academic dental field, the school received its recognition and standing very early on. Dr. Barrett's vision to see a successful school was a factor that made him execute the smallest of details to make sure the heart of this school was built upon the proper principles that would lead the life of this institution to thrive till today. Honoring Dr. William C. Barrett on the 125th anniversary of our school is a great reminder to us of the solid foundation that was built by him, which paved the way for the successes of our institution today. [UBD](#)

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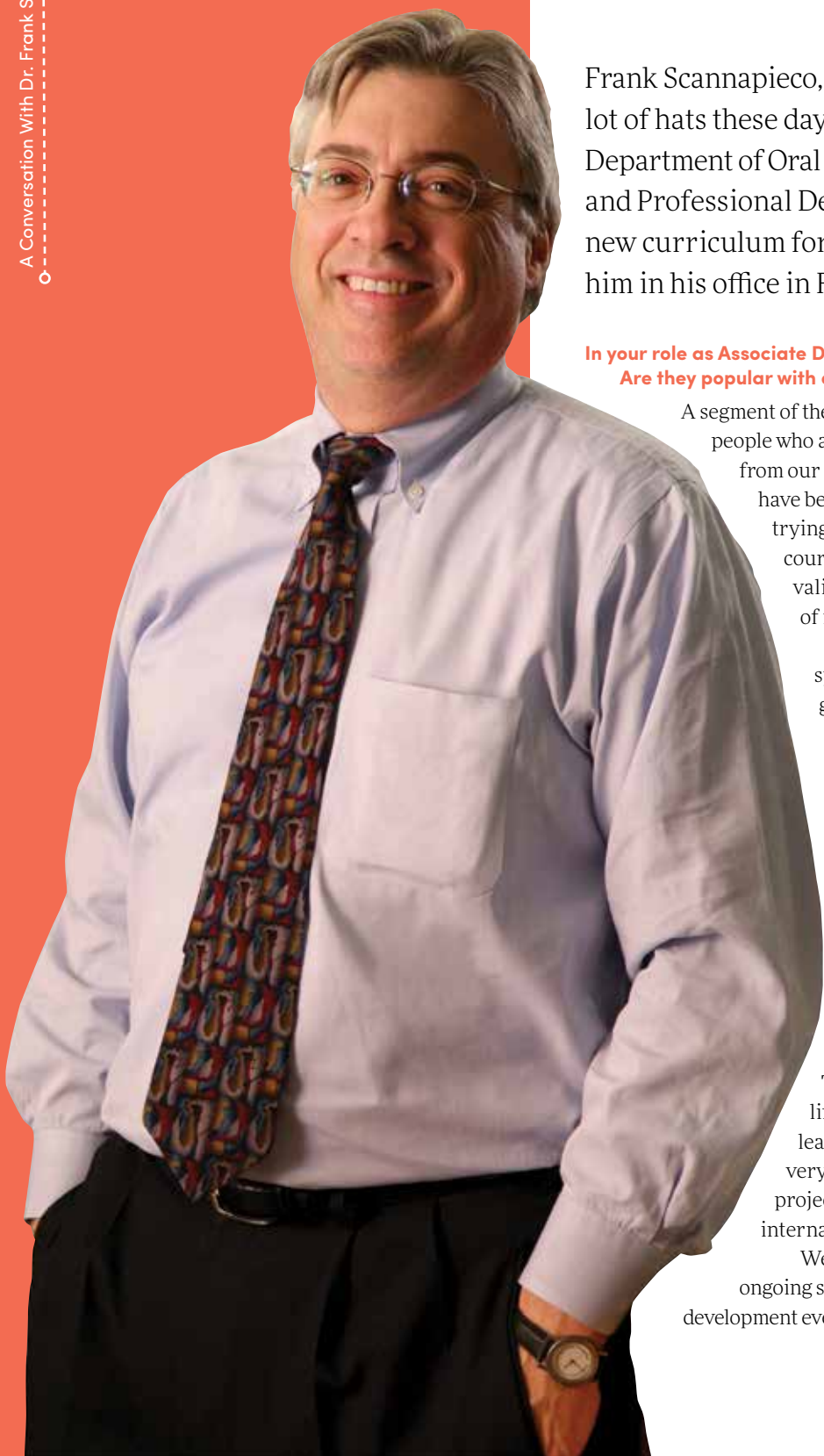
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# Q&A

with **Dr. Frank Scannapieco**

By Grove Potter



Frank Scannapieco, DMD, Perio Cert. '89, PhD '91, wears a lot of hats these days. Besides being chairman of the Department of Oral Biology, he is Associate Dean of Faculty and Professional Development, and he is helping to develop a new curriculum for the dental school. We caught up with him in his office in Foster Hall.

**In your role as Associate Dean, you oversee continuing education classes. Are they popular with alumni? Any changes?**

A segment of the alumni participate in it. We have a few super users, people who are very much involved. The majority of the graduates from our school only occasionally take advantage of it. So we have been trying to do more to enhance the programs. We're trying to get more UB faculty involved with providing courses that would be of interest, and are also scientifically valid. We're also trying to create more hands-on programs of interest to a practicing dentist.

We have programs that are very focused on certain specialties, and others that are of a broad appeal for general dentists. Some are more focused on theoretical information that underpins practice. Others are more focused on technical skills, for example new technologies like implantology and new diagnostic topics in radiology.

The important thing about continuing education is that dentists need to be life-long learners. Even though you may start with something, over time you can build those skills by taking more and more CE courses.

**How do faculty members continue improving their teaching and research?**

That's a good question. Faculty tend to be very good lifelong learners so they take it upon themselves to learn many things. Research, of course, works because very often people collaborate with each other to develop projects. Also faculty attend meetings, local, national and international meetings, to learn from folks all over the world.

We have routine events that help faculty learn, including ongoing seminars in different areas. We have faculty development events. Over the last few years, we have run a whole-day

event for faculty to come together to talk about specific topics of interest for the functioning of the dental school. We're also developing a teaching academy to educate dentists to be better teachers. Most dentists, when they go to dental school, don't learn anything about being a teacher. So we're trying to develop more formal programs to teach the teachers how to teach.

**You mentor young faculty on tenure track. What can a young faculty member do to improve their chances of gaining tenure?**

There are certain processes one follows to do that. There is a handbook that faculty should read to know what the rules are. But there's also much mentoring that goes on. As chairman, I meet regularly with faculty to help them achieve their goals, provide advice, and network them with other people to achieve their goals.

Each faculty also has a formal advisory committee. Once or twice a year, tenure track faculty meet to present their ideas and receive advice and criticism. We don't like to put people up for tenure unless they are going to be successful.

**What do you plan for faculty development?**

I've taken responsibility to oversee faculty development for the school. That involves meeting with faculty who seek advice. We try to make sure all faculty have meetings with their department chairs and their faculty advisory committees on a regular basis. We also organize faculty development events, and I mentioned the teaching academy.

**Can you talk about the emergence of online courses versus lecture courses?**

We, as a school, haven't had much progress in the area of online courses. That's one of the things we're trying to build, both for continuing education and for our dental students. Most of our professors are accustomed to live lecturing in front of students.

As dentistry is a hands-on kind of thing, it doesn't come easy to jump into the online world. But having said that, there are many other schools that have more of a presence in the online world. Also, there are other sources for online learning in dentistry. Companies and professional

organizations provide online content, often from filming events at professional meetings or workshops.

The simplest way to add on-line content is filming lectures. Students can listen to and watch the videos over and over at home. I'd like to find a more purposeful way to deliver online content by producing more appealing videos. For example, it has been shown that online learning is better when the videos are shorter, 10 to 15 minutes long, like TedTalks. They are pretty effective.

Students need to read. Students today depend more on handouts and Power Points. They are interested in the bottom line, but it's not great for critical thinking or synthesizing knowledge.

**What is going on with possible curriculum changes?**

We've adopted many new technical advances in the curriculum. But the structure is fairly traditional in that we are lecture-based with large lectures and we have hands on laboratory work for students.

We're considering reducing the number of lecture hours and having more self-directed learning for students. Then we'll have more time interacting with professors in small group settings for more discussion and in-depth debating about controversial topics or difficult topics.

The dental school is a very traditional school, so we've been very slow to take on some of these new methods. We have some faculty who jump into the novel teaching methods, but by and large it's a very traditional curriculum.

Our students are changing. They all grew up in an online world. Other schools have adopted what we would call radical changes, and their students seem to be doing well. If I were a student, I would be happier with a variety of ways to learn. Learning is difficult and it can be frustrating, but there should be moments of joy and fun in it. We owe it to our students to try to make it interesting and fun.

**How is the work proceeding on the new curriculum, and is that a contentious process?**

Yes, it is contentious. In fact, I have been involved with trying to change the

curriculum here for a long time. We have made small incremental changes, but no radical changes in anyone's memory. In the next month or two we are going to bring in some experts from other dental schools who have changed their curriculum in different ways to learn from them best practices. We're also hoping to draw on the expertise of our colleagues in the Graduate School of Education to help us.

**What are some of the big picture things faculty are suggesting for a new curriculum?**

The latest trends in education involve things like cooperative learning where students are put in teams and learn from each other by discussing and sharing information. There's also what is called the 'flipped classroom,' where the student prepares ahead of time by reading and watching videos online to get the facts, and then comes to the classroom to discuss that knowledge and how it is applied. In some curricula, most of the content is delivered online, and students are assessed by taking quizzes. Then they go to class for the hands-on work and to discuss a real life case.

It's not easy. Not only is it tough to change things, but also to educate everyone in how to do this stuff. It's going to take everyone some time to learn about it and how to apply it.

I'm not worried about the students. Many of our students are coming from universities that are already doing this. Some are surprised when they arrive at UB and they find themselves stuck in a lecture hall.

**How does the UB School of Dental Medicine continue to improve?**

I think it takes a lot of effort from the leadership and from individual faculty members to strive to improve. Sometimes people are reluctant to change. That's human nature. I think it's our responsibility to encourage and push people. Some people get inspired and do things way beyond what you expected. I think, overall, we see most people are happy to consider new things. It is a university, after all. Most of us do this because we like to learn. [UBD](#)

**DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY**

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Buffalo, NY

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St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center  
Syracuse, NY

**Kelsey L. Baylinson**  
Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Minneapolis, MN

**Viktoriya Bihary**  
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Port Jefferson, NY

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New York Presbyterian Hospital-  
Cornell Campus  
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Queens Hospital Center  
Jamaica, NY

Meet the **Graduates** of the

# Class of 2018

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Brookdale Hospital  
Brooklyn, NY

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Veterans Affairs Medical Center  
Washington, DC

**Janet Mark**

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LMC Campus  
Brooklyn, NY

**Shylon Mathew**

New York Medical College  
Valhalla, NY

**Lawrence P. McCarthy**

Scott Air Force Base  
Illinois

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**Danielle M. O'Connell**

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Seattle  
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Queens Medical Center  
Jamaica, NY

**Arthur Popkowski**

Kings County Hospital Center  
Brooklyn, NY

**Yang Qiu**

Maimonides Medical Center  
Brooklyn, NY

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Woodhull Medical Center  
Irving, TX

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University of Colorado-Denver  
Aurora, CO

**Frank L. Sapere**

Penobscott Community  
Health Care  
Bangor, ME

**Krishna Satish**

New York Presbyterian  
Queens Hospital  
Flushing, NY

**Adam O. Shafik**

University of California  
San Francisco, CA

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Swedish Medical Center  
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**Narmada Valefi**

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San Jose  
San Jose, CA

**Lincy Varghese**

Montefiore Medical Center  
Bronx, NY

**Annie Hoang Vu**

Veterans Administration  
Medical Center  
Albany, NY

**Ryan Andrew Yurchak**

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Orthodontics Residency  
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Health Center  
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St. John Providence Health System  
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**Carl E. Fusco-Gessick**

Pediatric Dentistry Residency  
University at Buffalo  
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United States Air Force  
San Antonio, TX

**Whitney Leigh Johnson**

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Residency  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY

**Kevin Minsung Kim**

Pediatric Dentistry Residency  
University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY

**Lauren Lewandowski**

Orthodontics Residency  
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Seattle, WA

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Center  
San Antonio, TX

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Northeastern Division  
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Medical Center  
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Residency  
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Long Island Jewish  
Medical Center  
New Hyde Park, NY

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University at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY

**Katherine Elizabeth Strong** ♦♦♦  
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Children's National  
Medical Center  
Washington, DC

**Vrinda Tarneja**  
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Children's Hospital  
Harvard University  
Boston, MA

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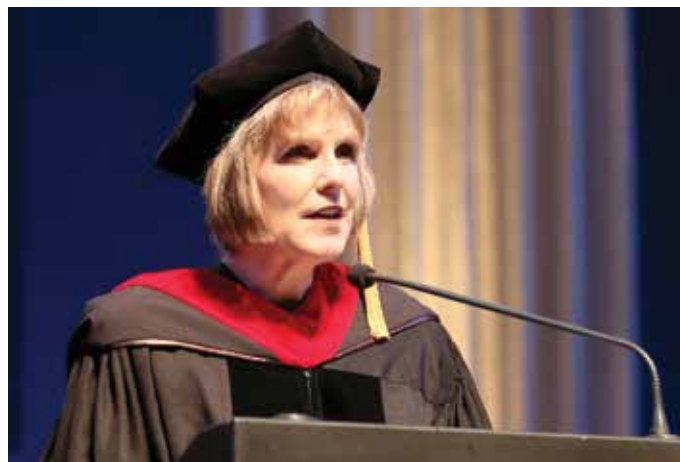
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## Senator Young brings advice and thanks to graduation

**S**tate Senator Catharine Young, R-NY, has been a friend and strong supporter of the UB School of Dental Medicine, fighting for funding for the school's rural dentistry pilot program and its mobile dental unit. That program has served children in her district, which includes Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, Allegany and parts of Livingston counties.

As keynote speaker at the dental school graduation in May, Young thanked the students for their service in the rural dentistry program and in other international programs. Young said access to care is a challenge for many, including people living just miles from the UB campus. She recalled a six-year-old girl who was cared for in the rural program, "whose teeth were rotted to the gums. She received care that potentially saved her life."

Young implored the new dentists to live by three guiding principles. The first is "be of service... I can attest, choosing to live a life of service is one of the greatest paths to fulfillment," she said, calling service "our greatest duty and our greatest reward."

Second, Young advised students to be persistent. "Struggles and setbacks are part of life. Do not succumb, overcome," she said, recalling the life of disappointments Abraham Lincoln faced before becoming president.

And finally, she urged students to be grateful, "to teachers and parents and everyone who helped you.... the daily grind can make us complacent. Fight against that."

"The happiest people, those who live the longest, fullest lives are those who are grateful," she said.



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Bloomington, IL**Yasodhara Devi Vadlamudi**

Lakeland, FL

**Sai Prathika Vedururu**

Kalamazoo, MI

**Ushma Vyas**

Springfield, VT

**MASTER OF SCIENCE****BIOMATERIALS****Steven Robert Makowka, BS***"Development of a gripping fixture for micro-tensile testing of bonded ceramic dumbbells"*

Major Professor: Robert E. Baier, PhD, PE

**Alexis Marth, BS***"Dental resin inspired adhesive for wet and mucosal environments"*  
Major Professor: Anne Meyer, PhD**Jenna Rose McCune, BS***"Overcoming the limitations of tissue engineered scaffolds for dental root repair"*

Major Professor: Robert E. Baier, PhD, PE

**ORAL SCIENCES****Reem Alghamdi, BDS***"The masking ability of different thicknesses of zirconia against different substrates"*

Major Professor: Dana M. Kebabian, DDS

**Yaser Ali Alhazmi, BDS***"The effect of low Mg concentration and PDGF on the growth and differentiation of SaOS-2 osteosarcoma cell line"*

Major Professor: Rosemary Dziak, PhD

**Taleb Hussain Alnahwi, BA***"In vitro evaluation of the effect of chlorhexidine and grape seed extract on bond strength"*

Major Professor: Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MSc

**Abdullah Alqarni, BDS***"Examination of the expression profile of  $\Delta Np63$  in oral epithelial dysplasia and oral squamous cell carcinoma"*

Major Professor: Rose-Anne Romano, PhD

**Alanoud Alrowaili, BDS***"TMD and jaw functional limitation scale"*

Major Professor: W. Scott McCall, PhD

**Rayan Sameer Alrehili, BDS***"Mechanisms of Streptococcus gordonii survival within phagocytes"*

Major Professor: Jason G. Kay, PhD

**Abdulrahman H. Alzahrani, BDS***"Flexural strength, modulus of elasticity and hardness of various crown and bridge provisional materials: an in vitro study"*

Major Professor: Hyeongil Kim, DDS, MS

**Hamman Fageeh, BDS***"In vitro evaluation of virulence characteristics of 3 clinical isolates of Tannerella forsythia isolated from patients enrolled at the UB dental clinic"*

Major Professor: Ashu Sharma, PhD

**Maria Q. Khan, BDS***"Effect of botulinum toxin on headaches attributed to temporomandibular disorders"*

Major Professor: Yoly M. Gonzalez-Stucker, DDS, MS

**Seema Kurup, BDS***"Temporomandibular coronal disc position: Association with clinical signs and symptoms"*

Major Professor: Heidi C. Crow, DDS, MS

**ORTHODONTICS****Brian John Hohlen, DDS***"The effect of over the counter whitening products on the shear bond strength of orthodontic brackets"*

Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

**Sarah Eve Fisher Kaplan, DDS***"From novice to expert: A comparison of examination performance of lateral cephalometric images by orthodontic residents and experienced orthodontists"*

Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

**Connie Lai, DMD***"Ultraviolet illumination in the detection of orthodontic adhesive"*

Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

**Rawan Saud S. Nagshabandi, BDS***"Accuracy and reliability of the American Board cast-radiographic evaluation using digital models"*

Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

**Xing Zhu, DMD***"Philtrum dimension changes associated with orthodontic treatment"*

Major Professor: Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS



## Battista implores students to set a high standard

**P**atrick Battista, '09, AEGD Cert. '10, Endo Cert. '12, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics, was voted educator of the year by the class of 2018.

"In the beginning, you didn't like me very much," he recalled. "Maybe I was too hard, too cocky, too arrogant... but as iron sharpens iron, one person sharpens another."

Battista knew every class member's name, which surprised many of them. He explained, "I can't teach you if I don't know you."

As a student himself not long ago, Battista told the class that "the last four years will be some of the best years of your life, because you did it together."

He warned that being out of school could change how the students practice, because there are no professors standing over their shoulders checking their work. "In private practice, you have to set the standard for yourself. Make it high."

In closing, Battista asked the students to "please remember the last lecture I gave you. 'If you haven't done so already, please start now.' That is the best advice I can give you to insure you have the future you want to have."

**POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATES**

**ADVANCED EDUCATION IN GENERAL DENTISTRY**

- Maram Alsanli, BDS
- Alison M. Bentlage, DDS
- Jacqueline M. Hetterich, DDS
- Elana L. Korn, DDS
- Sang Chul Lee, DDS
- Rachel Giovannini, DDS
- Mahmoud Tallab, BDS
- Adam J. Underwood, DDS, PhD

**ENDODONTICS**

- Hajar Albanyan, BDS
- Tariq Mohammed F. Aqili, BDS
- Elham Shadmehr, DDS
- Hao Wang, MPH, MBA, DDS

**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY**

- Hazar Saad T. Alharbi, BDS
- Maha Talal Y. Alsharif, BDS

**ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

- Oluwasegun O. Olabode, DDS, MD
- Matthew S. Rossen, DMD, MD

**ORTHODONTICS**

- Majd Sameer Mohammad Hasanin, BDS
- Brian John Hohlen, DDS
- Sarah Eve Fisher Kaplan, DDS
- Connie Lai, DMD
- Rawan Saud S. Nagshabandi, BDS
- Xing Zhu, DMD

**PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY**

- Stacy H. Cho, DMD
- Austin Charles French, DDS
- Zohra Sadiq Hasham, DDS
- Ronnie James Holland, DDS
- Nicole Stephanie Ostro, DDS
- Hargun K. Singh, DDS

**PERIODONTICS**

- Shahad Bakheet A. Alsharif, BDS
- Dalia Mohammed Nourah, BDS
- Amarpreet Sabharwal, BDS, MS
- Timothy Violante, DDS

**PROSTHODONTICS**

- Anthony Alexander, DDS
- Reem Alghamdi, BDS

**OROFACIAL PAIN**

- Alanoud Alrowaili, BDS
- Maria Q. Khan, BDS

# Honors

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## SDM 2018 Senior Awards

Recognizing Achievement, Skill *and* Contribution



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1 Lisa M. Durand received the Dental Student Association Staff Appreciation Award 2 Joseph T. DeLuca, '07 received the William M. Feagans Award 3 Mary Alice Schroeder received the Florence Kronson Award 4 Patrick Battista received the Educator of the Year Award 5 Charles Severin received the Richard A. Powell Award 6 Stephen Colombo received the Charles S. Lipani Award 7 Pamela Jones received the Dean's Award



**Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award**  
Hoonji Jang

**Academy of General Dentistry Award**  
Kelsey L. Baylinson

**Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**  
Kelsey L. Baylinson

**Academy of Osseointegration Award**  
Stephen C. Rogers

**Dr. Joseph A. Accardo Eighth District Dental Society Award**  
Sara Josephine Perrone

**Alpha Omega Fraternity Award**  
Katherine Elizabeth Strong

**American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award**  
Harjot Kaur Sandhu

**American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award**  
Michelle Anna Callahan

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology**  
Yotom Aaron Rabinowitz

**American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**  
Julian Aaron Braunstein

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**  
Richard C. Heintz

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain**  
Morgan Dayne Thorne

**American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Predoctoral Student Award**  
Kevin Minsung Kim

**American Academy of Periodontology Award**  
Stephen C. Rogers

**American Association of Endodontists Award**  
Jerren M. Alcalde

**American Association of Oral Biologists Award**  
Shylon Mathew

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
Yotom Aaron Rabinowitz

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Implant Award**  
Lawrence L. Cronyn

**American Association of Orthodontists Award**  
Nikolas Parham Amini

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award**  
Jasmin Kaur Dhanjal

**American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award**  
Felicia Marie Baltazar

**American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**  
Whitney L. Johnson

**American College of Prosthodontists Award**  
Caitlin R. Janusz

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award-Horace Wells Senior Student Award**  
Dillon L. Feigenbaum

**American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence**  
Sara Josephine Perrone

**Barrett Foundation Award**  
Katherine Elizabeth Strong

**Braessler USA Award**  
Harsh Mahendrakumar Patel

**Eleanor Bushee Award**  
Maria Catherine Mangine

**James Collord Memorial Award**  
Carl E. Fusco-Gessick

**Dean's Award**  
Sumaya Ibraheem

**Delta Dental Student Leadership Awards**  
Stephen C. Rogers

**Delta Sigma Delta Award**  
Harsh Mahendrakumar Patel

**Dental Alumni Award**  
Spencer R. Bierlein

**Dentsply Sirona Merit Award in Removable Prosthodontics**  
Nicole M. Sannito

**Erie County Dental Society Chester A. Glor Award**  
Lawrence P. McCarthy

**The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award**  
Afshin Nateghifard

**Fonzi Dental Study Club, Anthony S. Gugino Humanitarian Award**  
John C. Pavlakis

**Victor A. Fumia Award**  
Kyoungsoo Jeon

**Hanau Prosthodontics Award**  
Lawrence L. Cronyn

**International College of Dentists Award**  
Sara S. Hashmi

**International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award**  
Robert A. Davis

**Edwin C. Jauch Award**  
Michael A. Nasr

**Donald Kozlowski Memorial Award**  
Nicholas R. Garcia

**New York State Association of Endodontists**  
Chelsea M. Gerace

**New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Student Award**  
Vinisha Ranna

**The Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award**  
Katherine Elizabeth Strong

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award**  
Lawrence L. Cronyn  
Hina Desai  
Caitlin R. Janusz  
Whitney L. Johnson  
Lauren Lewandowski  
Yea Nam  
Sara Josephine Perrone

Arthur Popkowski  
Yotom Aaron Rabinowitz  
Vinisha Ranna  
Katherine Elizabeth Strong  
Sai Prathika Vedururu  
Annie Hoang Vu

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Research Award**  
Shylon Mathew

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dr. Lata Shenoy Award**  
Vinisha Ranna

**Pediatric and Community Dentistry Department Award**  
Vrinda Tarneja

**Richard A. Powell Award**  
John C. Pavlakis

**Quintessence Awards Research Achievement:**  
Viktoriya Kuchuk

Restorative Dentistry:  
Jasmin Kaur Dhanjal

Periodontics:  
Kyoungsoo Jeon

**Lester Schatz Memorial Award**  
Viktoriya Kuchuk

**George B. Snow Awards Complete Prosthesis:**  
Felicia Marie Baltazar

Fixed Prosthesis:  
Harjot Kaur Sandhu

**The Harvey D. Sprowl Award**  
Tarek Hussein

**Student Affairs Recognition Award**  
Steven P. Cannon

# Advice for New Alums *from*

We asked the reunion chairs to offer some advice to the newest UB School of Dental Medicine graduates.

Here are their words of wisdom.



## DEVELOP A COMMITMENT TO LIFE-LONG LEARNING

**The one thing** I do remember vividly is realizing the need for life-long learning. I had a very good year at the Buffalo VA GPR program (it's now an AEGD program). Back then, we had a much more robust clinical experience than today's dental students do. Even with that, I quickly realized that I had a whole lot more to learn and continue to learn.

No matter how robust one's clinical experience is in dental school, we all graduate as novice practitioners. A commitment to life-long learning is a very important part of being a professional.

*David Brown, '83*



## FOCUS ON LEARNING

**My first year** after graduation was spent completing a General Practice Residency which I highly recommend. I learned so much not only about dentistry in that year but about treating medically compromised patients as well as dealing with emergency situations. I really enjoyed residency because I finally felt like I could make an impact in the community.

I was surprised at how well UB Dental prepared me - especially compared to residents coming from different programs.

I would recommend new grads to try and learn as much as possible during residency year—really use your attendings to your benefit and try and learn as much as you can from each of them. Focus on learning and the dentistry will come.

*Barbora Valerio, '13*



## SAY 'YES' AND GET INVOLVED

**I remember** how rapidly I learned and became comfortable with dental procedures in my first year residency. I was surprised at how quickly it happened. My advice to new graduates would be to say "yes" to everything in your first year. Volunteer for every committee or job you can. Get involved with your local dental society. I think it's the best way to jump-start your career.

*Elizabeth Kapral, '13*

# Alumni Reunion Chairs



## HAVE A PLAN

**I graduated** in 1958 when the world of dentistry was incredibly different. The number of dentists in Buffalo and the suburbs was a very small group in comparison to today's number. It was a very close and friendly group.

I was very fortunate, as my father was a dentist in downtown Buffalo, and of course I joined him right away. He was a leader in the dental organizations, and a wonderful dentist. We were much alike so it was a good teacher/student relationship.

We worked together happily for 10 years, but then he died suddenly, and I immediately had a second dental practice, but I was only 33 years old and was able to work hard and handle the whole thing.

In 1982 and 1983, I took on two dentists who had just gotten out of school. In 1986, I started In-House Dental Services, which services nursing homes and private homes. I sold the practice and the small building to the two dentists in 1995, and they still operate it. I am the business manager, so at 83 years of age I am still happily involved in my profession. I am surrounded by a marvelous group of people in the office and a very lucky person.

My advice to the newly graduated dentists would be the following:

*Get to own your own office space as soon as possible.*

*Take on associates as soon as possible.*

*Sell your practice and office space when it is at its highest and busiest value.*

*Stay on as an associate. You will find this a delightful time because you can become the empathetic dentist you always wanted to be, because you don't have to run the business.*

*Have a plan and make it work.*

*James Metzger, '58*

*“No matter how robust one's clinical experience is in dental school, we all graduate as novice practitioners.”*

*David Brown, '83*



## KEEP AN OPEN MIND

**I would say**, unless they have made a decision to go into a specific area of dentistry, to keep an open mind. There is a broad range of things to be done with dental training. There's research, organized dentistry, even dental journalism.

You can look to a long career and may want to look at opportunities you can switch into after a career as a practicing dentist, like teaching or organized dentistry. Think of it as a long career with many opportunities.

Dentistry is an exciting career. We are embraced by the community and it is very robust. We help make people healthier, feel better and look better. You should all be commended for entering an excellent profession.

One of the biggest challenges, and this is true for all health care—is that we really have a two-tiered system, with some who can afford care and others who can not. This is particularly relevant to dentistry. We have a large population of children whose parents cannot afford dental care. The children grow up with the hardship of not getting dental care. It's a big problem that will take collaboration of the dental industry and the government.

Looking back, I think with time I guess you can say age, comes the realization that there are things you can change and others you can not. I spent a lot of time worrying about the things I couldn't change. I think looking back I might have spent more time on the things I could change.

*Robert J. Genco, '63*

# CE

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# course calendar

**SEPT. 11—Series begins**  
(5 TO 7 P.M.)

## UB CRITICAL THINKING SERIES

**Don't Be Fooled...  
Critical Thinking**

Michael Glick, DMD

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$45

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**SERIES DATES:**

**SEPT. 11 To Do or Not To Do:  
Questioning Clinical Protocols**

**SEPT. 18 Axis of Evil: How to Be  
Graphically Deceptive**

**SEPT. 25 Go Figure: How to Pick  
the Right Number**

**OCT 9 Risk Business and Testy  
Arguments: Risk and Sensitivity  
Training for the Novice**

**OCT 16 Carrying Umbrellas  
and Rain: How to Interpret  
Causation and Other  
Improbable Conclusions**

**OCT 23 Significant Other:  
Understanding Important  
Relationships**

**OCT 30 The Entire Kitchen Sink  
and Counterknowledge: How to  
Detect Unfalsifiability**

**NOV 6 You Are What You Cite:  
How to Write and Review a  
Scientific Paper**

2 CE HRS PER MEETING

## UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB 2018–2019

THURSDAYS (6 TO 9 P.M.)

**SEPT. 20: Implant Abutment  
Design**

John Balikowski III, AS, Dental  
Technician

**OCT 25: The Art and Science  
of Cementation**

Dana M. Keblawi, DDS, MS

**NOV. 15: The Implant is in the  
Bone. Are All Bones the Same?**

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

**DEC 13: Occlusion in Restorative  
and Implant Dentistry**

George Arvanitis, DDS

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SPRING 2019 TENTATIVE DATES:

JAN. 17, FEB. 21, MAR. 21,  
APR. 18, MAY 16

IMPLANT STUDY CLUB RETURNING  
MEMBER ANNUAL FEE: \$995

ANNUAL NEW MEMBER FEE: \$1395

3 CE HRS/MEETING

## OCT. 12

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

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**Early Diagnosis And Minimally  
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ALUMNI MEMBER: \$195

NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$225

ALL OTHERS: \$125

6 CE HRS

## WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES

(6 TO 9 P.M.)

**OCT. 10 Nutrition and Dentistry**

Robert Schifferle, DDS, PhD

**OCT. 17 A Radiology Portfolio:  
Techniques for Success**

Caryn Tierney, RDH, BSDH, MA

**OCT. 24 NYS Dental Laws...  
Real World Applications**

Dave Weinman, DDS

**NOV. 14 Pearls in  
Dentotherapeutics**

Sebastian Ciancio, DDS

**NOV. 28 Cracking the Code:  
Managing Dental Insurance  
and the ACA**

Colleen Huff, FAADOM

*Baldy Hall, Room 200G, UB  
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(5 TO 9 P.M.; 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.)

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**Implant Surgery Technique  
Workshop**

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

Charles Severin, MD, PhD

*UB School of Dental Medicine*

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9 CE HRS

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### ITALY DISCOVERY TOUR

September 14–22, 2019

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CE Program—Dr. Sebastiano Andreana, Associate Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Director of Implant Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine

**TUITION: DENTIST/DOCTOR: \$495, ALL OTHERS: \$325; 12 CE HRS**

Arrive in **Milan** on Sept. 14th and transfer to **Franciacorta Wine County** for 2 days (L'Albereta Hotel) including a boat tour on Lake Iseo and an estate and winery visit, tasting some of the finest locally produced wine in the world.

Transfer to **Ferrara** on Sept. 16th for 2 days (Hotel Duchessa Isabella) with a stop enroute to visit a winery in the Valpolicella area to taste locally produced red wines. While there take a walking tour of Ferrara that includes a visit to the Estense Castle.

On Sept. 18th transfer to **Bologna** for a 4 night stay at Hotel Corona D'Oro, with stop enroute at FICO EATALY WORLD, the largest agri-food park in the world for a walking tour, cooking class and lunch. While in Bologna enjoy tasting of locally produced wine and cuisine. Visit **Modena** on the 19th to tour a balsamic vinegar producer. On Sept. 20th enjoy a walking tour of **Parma** city center followed by a visit to a ham producer to sample the renown prosciutto and a cheese factory to taste parmigiano reggiano, accompanied by local wines. Finish with dinner at CLINICA ENDOGASTRONOMICA in Rubiera.

Back in Bologna, enjoy a walking tour ending with an aperitivo and lunch on the roof top of the medieval tower Torre Prendiparte. Then visit the Ferrari gallery and museum and the Lamborghini museum. The farewell dinner is at a typical osteria in the city center. Departure is on Sept. 22 from Bologna Airport.

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## Advocating for Oral Health



THE UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE alumni, students and faculty continue to represent and lead organized dentistry speaking to elected officials on issues important to patients, profession and practice.

### IN APRIL, WASHINGTON, DC WITH THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION (ADA)

Students and alumni joined more than 1,000 dentists and students for the largest advocacy event in ADA history in Washington, DC. During the two-day event beginning April 8th, they advocated for their patients, profession and their practice. New York State had the largest state delegation with over 90 dentists and students.

During their visits to Capitol Hill, attendees met with members of Congress and their staffs, speaking out on several issues important to the oral health profession and patients: opioids, the ADA's new policy regarding opioids, on CE prescribing limits, and the use of PDMPs; repeal of the McCarran-Ferguson Repeal antitrust exemption for health insurance companies; Action for Dental Health Act, this bill would allow organizations to qualify for oral health grants authorized by Health and Human Services to support activities that improve oral health education and dental disease prevention; Student Loan Programs and Higher Education Act; and the DOC Access Act of 2017.

UB Students Rachel Kim and Ashleigh Maciejewski from the Class of 2019; Michael Healy, Mohammed Hossain and Aimee Werfel from the Class of 2020; William Adamson, Christine Breindel, Benjamin Hunt, Elizabeth Ike, Ian Richardson, Christian Westermeier and Steve Cannon from the Class of 2021 were part of the delegation.

### IN FEBRUARY, ALBANY LOBBY DAY WITH NEW YORK STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION (NYSDA)

Eighteen alumni and students traveled to Albany in February for the NYSDA sponsored Lobby Day. Representing Buffalo and educating New York State officials were: Brendan P. Dowd, '86, Frank C. Barnashuk, '80, Charles S. Travagliato, '80, Raymond G. Miller, '85, Lawrence E. Volland, '75, John J. Nasca, '87, Joseph E. Gambacorta, '93, and Chester J. Gary, '78. Students instrumental in the effort were, from the Class of 2019, Rachel Kim, and Ashleigh Maciejewski; from the Class of 2020, Michael Healy, Mohammed Hossain, Claire Sesson, and Aimee Werfel; and from the Class of 2021, Jesse Adamson, William Adamson, Elizabeth Ike, and Christian Westermeier.

### DOWD, GOUDARZI AND BARNASHUK ELECTED AS NYSDA LEADERS

On Saturday, June 2, 2018 the NYSDA House of Delegates, comprised of 102 voting members, met in Saratoga, New York to elect the new officers. Three of our alums were elected to serve as the leaders.

Brendan P. Dowd, '86 was elected as President of NYSDA. Dr. Dowd is currently the Senior Group Director Restorative





Dentistry and Clinical Instructor of the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Dowd is past president of the Eighth District Dental Society. Past chair of NYSDA Council on Dental Practice, past member of the ADA Council on Dental Practice, past chairman of the Niagara Falls Chapter of the American Red Cross, and past campaign co-chair of the United Way of Great Niagara. Dr. Dowd was in private practice for twenty-nine years, twenty-five as owner.

Payam Goudarzi, '96, was elected as President-Elect of NYSDA. Dr. Goudarzi is a general dentist with two practices from the 6th District Binghamton area.

Frank C. Barnashuk, '80, was elected Secretary-Treasurer of NYSDA. Dr. Barnashuk was the Director of Advanced Education in General Dentistry for the past 10 years and is Clinical Assistant Professor of the School of Dental Medicine. He is past president of the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association and past president of the Eighth District Dental Society. He was NYSDA Trustee for the past two years and was in private practice for twenty-seven years.

**PICTURED ABOVE (L TO R):** UB DELEGATION TO THE ADA LOBBY DAY IN WASHINGTON, D.C.; BUFFALO CONTINGENT MEETING WITH NYS SENATOR CHRIS JACOBS IN ALBANY; DR. JOHN NASCA AND SDM STUDENT AIMEE WERFEL PREPARING FOR AN ADVOCACY MEETING; DR. FRANK BARNASHUK, NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY-TREASURER OF NYSDA; DRS. PAYAM GOUDARZI (LEFT) AND BRENDAN DOWD (RIGHT), PRESIDENT-ELECT AND PRESIDENT OF NYSDA, RESPECTIVELY.



## Dr. Sheldon Winkler, an implant dentistry pioneer

**D**R. SHELDON WINKLER has very fond memories of Buffalo and the UB School of Dental Medicine. He received his prosthodontics certification at UB in 1971 and taught at the school until 1979.

"It was a fantastic school. They had an exceptional faculty," he said recently from his home in Arizona. "I think it was the strongest prosthetics department in the country."

Winkler, 86, has authored or co-authored six textbooks, including *Essentials of Complete Dental Prosthodontics*, one of the most widely used dental textbooks. Today he is Professor Emeritus at Temple University, Adjunct Professor at Midwestern University in Arizona and at the School of Oral Health Sciences in Jamaica. In addition he has been the Executive Director of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics since 1998.

"It's a no-salary job," he said. "They won't let me go." The growth of implant dentistry has been swift in recent years, and Winkler said much of that has been driven by the industry itself, which has its risks. "You can take a short course, or a five day course, and these dentists think they are qualified to do implants."

Dental schools historically have not devoted much time to teaching implants, he said, but that is slowly changing. While he was chair off the Department of Prosthodontics at Temple, Winkler said he would use some of his class time to teach implants.

Winkler stays extremely busy. He has written a book about the songs of World War II and regularly gives lectures on the subject.

While in Buffalo, Winkler played a major role in starting the dental laboratory technology program at Erie Community College. "Some of the students from the program went on to dental school. I was very proud of that."

**"I think it was the strongest prosthetics department in the country."**

[SHELDON WINKLER DISCUSSING UB SDM]

# AlumniNews



**1** DONALD L. HAYES, '51  
**2** RICHARD J. LYNCH, '83, RAYMOND A. NICEFORO, '83 AND JANE D. BREWER, '78, FIXED PROS CERT. '82, MS ORAL SCI. '85 **3** JANE BREWER WORKING WITH VOLUNTEER, LIZZIE DUNBAR

## Guatemala Mission Spans Three Generations of UB Dental Alumni

By Raymond A. Niceforo, DDS '83

**I**T ALL STARTED SIMPLY ENOUGH. After retiring in 1993, Donald L. Hayes, '51, traveled to Guatemala at the urging of his wife Theresa, and started a dental mission. He went to Patzun, Guatemala, a city 7,500 feet up in the mountains, carrying a tackle box filled with forceps, anesthetic, and a flashlight. I joined him three years later, and we brought some portable delivery systems and began doing operative dentistry and extractions in a Carmelite convent.

At that time there was minimal electricity, no running water, and no heat. We boiled water on a stove to provide hot water. Sleeping quarters were in a large room with multiple beds, and it was freezing at night.

As the mission progressed, Jane D. Brewer, '78, Michael J. Garvey, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Cert. '87 and Amy Vogt, also a dentist, joined the group and have been going ever since. Electricity and hot and cold running water have become the new normal.

And the mission has grown.

Over the years, UB Dental students have joined us. Michele A. Vaughn, '11, Gillian B. Alexander Hazboun, '10 and Nicole V. Hinchy, '12 have been among the many to make the trip to help the people in that region. On one of the missions, Richard J. Lynch, '83, helped in instructing the students in operative dentistry and oral surgery.

About seven or eight years ago, a benefactor from California donated enough money to build us and the medical group, a building housing a two-room clinic and two separate dormitories upstairs, one for men and one for women. Each one of us also has our own room, and there are showers and bathroom stalls. Feels like the Ritz Carlton compared to years past.

The mission now has four running operatories and a sterilization area. We are capable of seeing 250–300 patients in one week.

In the future, we will continue to expand our efforts, trying to visit multiple times a year. It has been very fulfilling, spanning three generations of dentists. Each and every person who has accompanied us has made the world a better place. And they have become better people.

## 2018 UPCOMING EVENTS

### Student Scholarship Reception

Squire Hall Atrium  
Wednesday, August 22, 2018  
5 p.m.

### Squire Society Reception

The Buffalo History Museum  
One Museum Court, Buffalo NY  
Thursday, August 23, 2018  
5:30 p.m. Tour / 6:30 p.m. Cocktails

### Billy Barue Golf Tournament

Buffalo Tournament Club  
Saturday, August 25, 2018  
1:30 p.m.

Contact: Andy Wagh  
[aswagh2@buffalo.edu](mailto:aswagh2@buffalo.edu)

### Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

Buffalo Niagara Convention  
Center  
[www.BNDMeeting.com](http://www.BNDMeeting.com)

#### Opening Night—

#### Smile In the Aisle Party!

Wednesday, September 26  
5:30–8:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27  
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Friday, September 28  
7:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

### Reunion Dinner Dance

Hyatt Regency Downtown Ballroom  
Friday, September 28  
6:30 p.m. Cocktails / 7:30 p.m. Dinner

### Alumni & Friends Reception in Hawaii

Tommy Bahama Rooftop Lounge  
298 Beachwalk Dr.  
Honolulu, HI 96815  
Friday, October 19  
6–8 p.m.

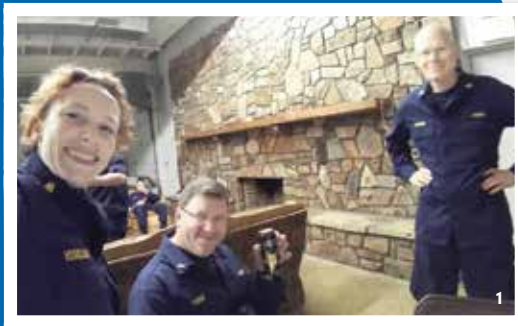
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# RAM Clinic Reaches 579

IN AUGUST 2017, Capt. Robert W. Failing, '84, USPHS, was part of the ongoing collaboration between the United States Public Health Service and Remote Area Medical (RAM) at Idabel High School, Idabel, Oklahoma. The RAM clinic provided high quality care for 579 patients with high needs. The effort contributed more than \$200,000 of medical care at no cost to the patients.

Patients learned about the free event through word of mouth, church bulletins, newspaper ads and social media. Patients traveled from as far away as Norman, OK, (210 miles) and Dennison, TX, (116 miles).

Just over 100 commissioned officers served at the two-day event working 14 hour days. Services offered included medical, dental, women's health and vision, including an on-site mobile eyeglass lab. The most heavily demanded services were dental and optometry. It was a challenging but rewarding opportunity.



**1** AT 4:30 A.M. BEFORE BOARDING BUSES TO THE REMOTE AREA MEDICAL EVENT IN IDABEL, OK, FROM LEFT TO RIGHT, ARE: RADIOLOGIST LCDR HOSSELKUS, MD, USPHS, ORAL SURGEON CAPT. TREIBUS, DDS, USPHS, AND CAPT. ROBERT FAILING, DDS, USPHS; **2** PREPARING FOR PATIENTS IN THE DENTAL CLINIC SET UP IN IDABEL HIGH SCHOOL GYM, IDABEL, OKLAHOMA.

## REUNION CHAIR LIST

- 1953 Dr. Paul F. Koukal
- 1958 Dr. James A. Metzger
- 1963 Dr. Robert J. Genco
- 1968 Dr. Joel H. Paull
- 1978 Dr. Jane D. Brewer  
Dr. Richard E. Hall  
Dr. Michael S. LaMastra  
Dr. Lata S. Shenoy
- 1983 Dr. David H. Brown  
Dr. Richard J. Lynch  
Dr. Raymond A. Niceforo  
Dr. Peter F. Starkey  
Dr. David R. Stasiak  
Dr. Robert J. Yetto
- 1988 Dr. David A. Braun
- 1993 Dr. Domenico M. Berardi  
Dr. Edward A. Dwyer  
Dr. Joseph E. Gambacorta
- 2003 Dr. Genee Crofut  
Dr. Jeffery I. Goldberg
- 2008 Dr. Kristen E. Riestler  
Dr. Peter Skuben
- 2013 Dr. Elizabeth B. Kapral  
Dr. Barbara Valerio

## 41<sup>ST</sup> BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING FEATURES SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

THE 41<sup>ST</sup> BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING is early this year—September 26–28, 2018—and the UB Dental Alumni Association encourages your office to register by September 13 to take advantage of the early discounted rate and free “Door to Door” bus shuttle. Those who pre-register will receive free parking at Buffalo Riverworks where shuttle buses will connect every 10–15 minutes to the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center.

The Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting has something for everyone this year. Free on Wednesday, September 26 from 4–5:30 p.m., there will be a “NYS Required Sexual Harassment Training for Employers” course. New York legislators have passed a number of initiatives in the wake of the #MeToo movement and widespread allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace—including a law requiring employers to provide sexual-harassment training to all

workers. Offices are encouraged to bring the entire staff for this free training. Afterwards, all are welcome to join us on the exhibit floor for the “Smile in the Aisle” party from 5:30–8:00 p.m. The party will feature live music, cocktails, and hors d’oeuvres.

The meeting also features over 20 incredible speakers and topics including: oral pathology, lasers, pharmacology, caring for dementia patients, hygiene, oral surgery, and the highly requested practice management national speaker, Ms. Janice Hurley, who will present on Thursday, September 27.

Every attendee is eligible to enter a drawing for a “BMW Weekend Lease.” Enter your name in the barrel on the exhibit floor, and the drawing will take place Friday afternoon. For more information on programs and presenters, and a schedule of events visit [www.BNDMeeting.com](http://www.BNDMeeting.com).

## Steven Rassi, '13, Serving with the Navy in Central America

Lt. Steven Rassi, '13, is currently a U.S. Navy Dental Officer who recently returned home from a short deployment with Continuing Promise 2018 providing humanitarian assistance in Honduras and Guatemala.

"Depending on our days, we see anywhere from 10 to 20 patients, which is much higher than we would in our clinic life. However, the patients here are so appreciative for the care they are given. I had one tooth that would not extract, and we had to move the patient into surgery. The person was so kind and gracious.

I was pouring sweat in the 100-degree heat, and as we were moving them they kept smiling and thanking us. Here the help is so needed and I'm happy to be a part of it." Steven Rassi, General Dentist, of Fort Myers, Florida.



## Tara L. Halliwell Kemp, '05

Victoria Violet Kemp born April 10th, 2018. She was 20-1/4 inches and 7lbs 14oz.



LEFT: DR. KEVIN D'ANGELO WITH RALPH S. NORTHAM, GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA AND STAN BROCK, FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF RAM.

## Students, Faculty and Alumni Help in Rural Virginia

On the weekend of July 20-22, 2018, the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine's (UBSDM) faculty, alumni, and students provided needed dental services to residents of Wise County, Virginia and surrounding areas. Drs. Raymond Miller, '85, John Dobos, '79, Solomia Zhownirovych, '16, and Michael Pignato led by Kevin D'Angelo, '81 along with approximately 20 UBSDM 3rd and 4th year students tended to over 200 patients, providing exams, extractions, restorations, dental cleanings and counseling. Patients traveled great distances, even spending the night in their vehicles to have their dental problems corrected during this mission. UBSDM students represented our dental school proudly and were enriched by the experience of helping those less fortunate. Remote Area Medical (RAM) events are attended by UBSDM students and faculty throughout the country numerous times each year.

## InMemoriam

**Roy P. Adams, '59**, died on May 12, 2018. He had a dental career in the Army.

**Fred Douglas Archer, Jr.**, of Amherst, the first African-American to serve as president of the Erie County Dental Society, died May 3, 2018, at age 88. Born in Reidsville, N.C., an only child, earned a bachelor's degree in 1950 from Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C. After serving in the Marine Corps in Puerto Rico during the Korean War, he came to Buffalo to join his mother in 1953 and worked at Bethlehem Steel. At the urging of a cousin, he applied and was accepted to the College of Dentistry at Howard University and graduated in 1960. He opened a practice in Buffalo above a bank branch at Fillmore Avenue and East Utica Street with a focus on fixed prosthodontics. He taught in the dental assistant program at the University at Buffalo Urban Center in 1968. The following year, he became one of the first African-Americans to become a clinical instructor in UB Dental School's Department of Restorative Dentistry. He later became a clinical associate professor in the Department of Oral Medicine's emergency clinic. He retired from teaching and his private practice in 1997 and joined the staff of the Western New York Dental Group, where he worked alongside some of his former students. He continued seeing patients until 2009. Also the first African-American to serve as president of the Eighth District Dental Society, he was a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He also was a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society chapter at the UB Dental School. Selected as one of the Uncrowned Kings

of Buffalo, he received the Outstanding Member Award and a Man of the Year Award from the Upstate Medical Alliance. He is survived by his wife Janet Craig, two sons, Dr. Fred D. III and Richard C.; and three grandchildren.

**Donald H. Baxter, '52**, of Syracuse, died February 24, 2018, at age 93. He was an orthodontist for over 40 years and taught at the University of Rochester Eastman Dental Center. He was the cofounder of the CNY Study Group of Dentofacial Abnormalities. He was predeceased by his wife of 40 years, Christa Baxter.

**W. Merrick Hayes Jr., '53**, a dentist in the City of Tonawanda for 40 years, died April 29, at age 91. Born in Lockport, his father and uncle were dentists. After graduating from Canisius College, he served in the Army in the 106th Infantry Division. Upon graduation from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, he joined his father's practice on Delaware Street in the City of Tonawanda and took it over when his father retired. He continued to see patients part-time after he sold the practice in 1993 and went on working cruises as a ship's dentist for Holland American Lines. He was chief of dentistry at DeGraff Memorial Hospital in North Tonawanda and served on the hospital's executive board. He also was a staff member at Millard Fillmore Hospital, Buffalo General Hospital and Erie County Medical Center. A member of the Dental Service Corp. of the Eighth District Dental Society, he was executive board chairman of the peer review committee. He was a director of Blue Shield of Western New York and a

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member of the International College of Dentists. For 25 years, he was a lecturer in the dental hygiene program at Erie Community College. In 2003, he received the Dr. Francis J. Stone Distinguished Service Award from the Erie County Dental Society. He and his wife were founding members of the Association for the Research of Childhood Cancer. Their son, Christopher, died from the disease in 1970.

**Leo Stephen Wagner, '56**, died on January 22, 2018, at age 88. He served as a dental officer in the Air Force before opening a private dental practice for 30 years in Depew. He is survived by four children, seven grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Mary Agnes Kruk.

**Anthony J. Swiatowy, '61**, died May 13, 2018, at age 86. He served in the Army and Marine Corps from 1952 to 1956. He took over a practice at Delaware and West Girard in Kenmore in 1961. In 1992, he was inducted into the University at Buffalo Dental Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife, Irene (nee Grabowski); three children, six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS LEVERE

## UB Announces \$650 Million Boldly Buffalo Campaign

Alumni Arena played host to more than 400 people this spring as the university launched a \$650 million comprehensive fundraising campaign—better known as Bold Buffalo: The Campaign for UB.

“Within the School of Dental Medicine, we’re looking to raise \$20 million, in support of facility renovations, student scholarships, research, faculty development and much more,” said Neil Dengler, Director of Advancement and Assistant Dean for the school.

“We’ve been working diligently behind the scenes to ensure the success of this campaign,” says Dengler. “We are off to a great start, but we’ve got a lot of work to do,” he adds. With support from New York State now less than 20% of the school’s operating budget, private support from philanthropy is more important than ever.

Serving as volunteer co-chairs for the campaign are Steven Guttenberg, ’69, BA ’65, and his wife, Mrs. Diana Guttenberg. Joining the Guttenbergs are Sebastian Ciancio, ’61 and Mrs. Marilyn Ciancio, BA ’75, EdM ’82, and Murray Rosenthal, ’63.

**For more information on how you can impact Boldly Buffalo, please contact Neil Dengler at [ndengler@buffalo.edu](mailto:ndengler@buffalo.edu) or (716) 881-7486.**



## Reunion Classes Challenged to “Name” an Operatory

Long overdue upgrades are taking place within Squire Hall—to the tune of \$25 million. The first phase of construction took place in the space formerly known as B28. “We have arguably the nicest pre-clinical simulation center of any dental school in the country,” says Dean Joseph Zambon, when asked about the construction. Soon the rest of the building will be rehabbed and will look equally as impressive.

The next wave of construction is expected to begin in early 2019. On the “to do” list—replace the current 350-plus operatories, which are now 32 years old. The school is seeking help from alumni, faculty and friends with this project. “For \$25,000, individuals, businesses, classes, etc. can underwrite and name an operatory,” says Neil Dengler, director of advancement and assistant dean for the school.

As was the case in 2017, classes celebrating their reunion this fall are being challenged to collectively raise enough money to name an operatory. Last year, the class of 1982 rose to the occasion and raised \$25,000, becoming the first class to officially name an operatory. In recognition, their class name and photo will appear alongside a brand new, state of the art operatory.

The class that raises the most money this year will also be recognized on a plaque in the newly renovated school and will be publically acknowledged at the September reunion dinner dance by Dean Zambon.

**Anyone looking to participate is asked to contact Neil Dengler at [ndengler@buffalo.edu](mailto:ndengler@buffalo.edu) or (716) 881-7486.**

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