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The University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine is a busy, complex place. We have several important jobs. We provide an excellent education to our dental students, to our advanced education students and to practitioners seeking to stay up-to-date on the latest advances in dentistry through our continuing education programs. We advance science through our outstanding research programs funded primarily through the highly competitive grant programs of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research as well as from foundations and industry. We provide excellent oral health care to patients throughout Western New York, mainly patients who have difficulty accessing dental care. We provide outreach programs to children, veterans, and underserved patients in the U.S. and throughout the world. None of these important activities would be possible without our dedicated clinical, research and administrative staff.

There are literally thousands of important activities that must occur for our programs to run smoothly. Our staff handle everything—from assisting students and patients in our clinics, providing student support services, performing complicated analyses in our research laboratories, maintaining our facilities at the high standards expected of a health care facility and ensuring compliance with an increasing number of state and federal regulations. Like all outstanding support activities, one measure of the effectiveness of our staff is that the less you notice the work they do, the better they are doing it.

This year, the Class of 2019 focused on the outstanding service of our dental school staff by honoring two longtime staff members with prestigious awards. Senior Dental Assistant Lisa Durand received her fourth Florence Kronson Award, given by the senior class to the staff member “who has executed his/her responsibilities in a most exceptional manner and has contributed significantly to the welfare of the students.” Many of our older alumni may remember Florence Kronson who worked in the sterilization area and always had a kind and encouraging word for our students. David Miesowicz, the school’s longtime dental repair technician, won his second Staff Appreciation Award for “the time and conscientious efforts extended on our behalf.” Without the efforts of Dave over the years, we would not have been able to maintain our 30 year old dental units in the excellent condition they are in.

These two individuals are emblematic of the commitment and professionalism of all our dental school staff. As our school continues to fulfill its missions of education, research, and service, we thank our dedicated staff without whom none of these important activities could occur. As Lisa Durand and Dave Miesowicz have shown, focusing on our students and our patients is central to our success.

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40th Anniversary Celebration

The Chautauqua Dental Congress celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. This is an annual continuing education program presented by the UB School of Dental Medicine as part of its community outreach program. The intent of the meeting is to bring the university to the community. The meeting is held in conjunction with programming of Chautauqua Institution, a world renowned center for art, education and culture located in Chautauqua, New York.

The meeting was established in 1980 by Dr. Sebastian Ciancio, ’61, Perio Cert., ’66, and his wife Marilyn who coordinated activities for spouses of attendees. There were only 15 attendees for the first meeting but the number has grown to over 100 dentists and dental hygienists. Although most attendees are practicing in Western New York, other recent attendees include dentists from Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Canada.

All CE presentation topics and content are determined by feedback from attendees via direct suggestions from prior event evaluations, advisory group meetings and/or surveys sent to prospective participants. All lectures are presented by faculty affiliated with UB’s School of Dental Medicine.

Celebratory events this year included a winery tour, a cruise on the Chautauqua Belle Steamboat, and a luncheon at the Athenaeum Hotel.
Native American Pre-Dental Student Gateway Program

Nearly 10,500 students applied to attend dental school in the United States this fall. Just 16 of those students are Native American, according to the American Dental Education Association.

The Native American Pre-Dental Student Gateway Program, an initiative between the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and Seneca Nation Health System, aims to reduce the alarming disparity by introducing Native American students to careers in dentistry.

“Simply put, there are not enough Native American students pursuing a career in dentistry,” said Joseph Salamon, ’07, program director and dental services director for Seneca Nation Health System and clinical instructor in the UB School of Dental Medicine.

“The program seeks to encourage and enhance Native American applications to dental school through exposure to various aspects of professional dental education, with the goal of diversifying the pre-dental application pool and extending education opportunity to the historically underrepresented Native American community.”

The program, now in its second year, provides several students with a weeklong internship that allows participants to experience the various disciplines and specialties within the dental profession.

Held this year from June 24-28, students took crash courses in hands-on clinical techniques using the latest training technologies, participated in an oral surgery boot camp and toured local oral health care product manufacturers. They also engaged in candid conversations with current dental students, and received guidance on applying to dental school and for financial aid.

This year, the program—which is open to Native American students and Indian Health Services dental staff—drew five students from Idaho, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

“This program is a unique dental school pipeline in the United States,” said Stephen Abel, DDS, associate dean for student, community and professional initiatives in the UB School of Dental Medicine. “Reaching out to Native American communities not only enhances the diversity of our student body, but also expands the number of caregivers sensitive to the unique oral health issues amongst this community.”
• During the period from September 2018 to early July 2019, $3.3 million of research grant funding was awarded to dental school researchers.

• During FY2019 (July 2018 through June 2019), research expenditures from ongoing and new grants to the dental school totaled $6.5 million, a reflection of the significant increase in new grants received by our researchers in FY18 (see UB Dentist, Fall 2018).

• Based on data from NIH in mid-June 2019, total NIH funding to UB’s dental school researchers increased by $1.8 million from NIH FY17 (Oct 1, 2016–Jun 30, 2017) to NIH FY18.

• UB’s dental school moved from a ranking of #22 of 47 dental schools receiving NIDCR funding in FY17 to #11 of 47 dental schools receiving NIDCR funding in FY18. The group of schools ranked in the top 10 of FY18 NIDCR funding was the same as in FY17.

3 Research Grant Funding to UB School of Dental Medicine

* Supported by Federal/State Funds
  Abel, S., PI: “School-based dental sealant program”; NYS Department of Health (yr 3).
  Edgerton, M., PI: “Fellowship for Hannah Norris: A novel metal-starvation candidacidal mechanism for Histatin 5”; NIDCR.
  Kirkwood, K., PI: “Post-transcriptional control of aging-associated inflammation and bone homeostasis”; NIDCR (yr 2).
  Kramer, J., PI: “Analysis of the role of IgM in Sjögrens syndrome”; NIDCR (yr 2).
  Lakshmanan, S., PI: “UB Center for Advanced Technology in Big Data and Health Sciences”; NYS Department of Economic Development.
  Romano, R., PI: “Fellowship for Akinsola Oyelakin: Molecular analysis of the oncogenic role of p63 in the development and progression of oral squamous cell carcinomas”; NIDCR.
  Romano, R., PI: “Genomic and functional investigations of the transcriptional regulatory network of salivary gland morphogenesis and stem cell fate choices in defined genetic models”; NIDCR.
  Ruhl, S., PI: “Microbial recognition of sialic acid diversity in the oral cavity”; NIDCR (yr 7).
  Sabatini, C., Cheng, C., co-PIs: “Polymer-antibiotic conjugates as antibacterial additives for dental resins”; NIDCR.
  Sharma, A., PI: “Gliding motility in Tannerella forsythia”; NIDCR (yr 2).

* Supported by Industry
  Lakshmanan, S., PI: “UB CAT: Validation of NGS HotSpot Panel Version 2 for clinical testing”; KSL Diagnostics, Inc.

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  Gonzalez-Stucker, Y., PI: “Contribution of mechanobehavioral, psychosocial, and physiological domains in the progression of temporomandibular disorders”; Oregon Health & Science University.
  Scannapieco, F., PI: “Secondary analysis of EHR data to examine relative impact of oral health history on incident pneumonia by settings”; Marshfield Clinic Research Institute.
  Xu, D., PI: “In vitro synthesis of recombinant heparan sulfate”; University of North Carolina/Chapel Hill.
When two staff members win awards—voted by the students—six times between them, it’s clear the UB School of Dental Medicine has something pretty special.

Senior dental assistant Lisa Durand, who works with third- and fourth-year students in the clinic, received her fourth Florence Kronson Award in May. It is given to the staff member who has “contributed significantly to the welfare of students.”

“We become attached to them,” Durand said. “We become like family.”

David Miesowicz, the school’s dental repair technician, won his second Staff Appreciation Award at the awards dinner in May, and proceeded to grab the microphone and take over the podium.

“I wasn’t supposed to speak, but I had a lot to say,” Miesowicz said. “I called out to one student who I have been talking to all year and said, ‘Mike, Mike, Mike… what day is it Mike?,’” repeating the Geico television commercial featuring a camel walking through an office. “He wouldn’t respond so I said ‘Mike, the food is getting cold.’ He stood up and said ‘It’s Hump Day.’”

“He had the whole place howling,” Durand said. “The dean even gave him a hug at the end of his speech!”

That over-the-top outgoing personality is what endears Miesowicz to the students.

“We’ll all be about to take a practical exam,” said Chris Becker, who graduated in May. “The instructors are pacing making sure everything is ready, and he’ll come in and crack a joke or start ripping everybody. And everyone goes from serious to laughing. It lightens the mood.”

“They call me a therapy dog. They really do,” Miesowicz said.

“He’s a therapy dog for all of us, not just the students,” Durand said during an interview of both award winners.
Stepping Away

Miesowicz, who is retiring after 38 years at the school, said he has been working on the same model of dental chair for all that time. “That’s why I’m a superstar!”

But it’s not just his antics that make Miesowicz so valuable. One serious problem he solved involved the electrical chairs shorting out. When people came in with snow on their boots and sat in a chair, the snow would melt and short out the chair. “The chairs would start going up and down,” he recalled.

So Miesowicz took plastic headrest covers and wrapped all the electronics boxes that were shorting—on all 378 chairs. Problem solved.

The dental school is getting new chairs in the next few years, so Miesowicz is taking it as a sign to retire. “I’m like the guy working on the ’65 Mustang. These are new cars coming in.”

Helping teach

For Durand, as a dental assistant in a fast-paced dental school, she and her colleagues set up the instruments for the students and work alongside them. And they play a big role in the students’ educations. “We are a ‘go-between’ for the patient, student and faculty—like a kind of translator,” she said.

“There are 112 kids in every class. They come to us on the clinic floor in their third year. We have the third-year and fourth-year students. Five days a week with the seniors, and three days with the juniors,” she said. “We help the doctors teach them. They come eager to learn. It’s great to watch them grow. It’s a hard, hard program. They go through a lot.”

Working so closely with the diverse classes provides a cultural education for Durand.

“I don’t leave Buffalo, so the world comes to me through them. I learn more about the world through them than I do through any media out there,” Durand said. “I learn about their culture or their religion or their thoughts on politics or just them as human beings. You get to learn what people are like just by hanging out with them.”

For Durand, the students, professors and colleagues are the best things about working at the dental school. For Miesowicz, it’s being accepted.

“I’m happy they accept me for what I am. Because this wouldn’t fly at Ford,” he said. “I couldn’t be on the assembly line for three hours because the guy next to me would be in BryLin (mental health hospital). I know he would.”

Words of Advice

Both have advice for incoming classes.

“Get to the stage (for graduation), Durand said. “They go through a very hard program here. They take kazillions of classes, and they have many, many exams. They have rotations all over the city and they have patients here.”

From Miesowicz, the advice is more immediate. “Pay your tuition, so we can get paid.”

AWARDS HONORING STAFF AS AWARDED BY GRADUATING STUDENTS (RECENT YEARS)

Dental Student Association Staff Appreciation Award: This award is presented for dedicated service and a sincere interest in the education and welfare of dental students.

2018 Lisa Durand
2017 Roger Apps
2016 MaryAnn Buffomante
2015 Karen Stry Henry
2014 Mary Alice Schroeder
2013 Karen Henry
2012 Bonny Berry
2011 Donald Hanavan
2010 Bernadette Sinibaldi
2009 Nicholas Sniatecki
2008 Susan Harrigan
2007 Cynthia Flowers
2006 Deborah Mordino
2005 David Miesowicz
2004 Angela Kuc
2003 Karen Miller
2002 Barbara Benzinger
2001 Penelope Cirbus

Florence Kronson Award: This award was started in 1974 to recognize outstanding work and contributions to the welfare of students.

2018 Mary Alice Schroeder
2017 Lisa Durand
2016 Mary Durand
2015 Ann Dziedzic
2014 Lisa Durand
2013 MaryAnn Buffomante
2012 Mary Alice Schroeder
2011 Karen Stry
2010 Donald Hanavan
2009 Cheryl Oliver
2008 Barbara Benzinger
2007 Bonny Berry
2006 Susan Harrigan
2005 Donald Hanavan
2004 Edward Sands
2003 Michael Breene
2002 Karen Miller
2001 Barbara Benzinger
2000 Donald Hanavan
1999 Edward Sands
1998 Roger Apps
1997 Karen Stry
1996 MaryAnn Buffomante
1995 Edward Sands
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1973 Karen Miller
1972 Bonny Berry
1971 Barbara Benzinger
1970 Donald Hanavan
1969 Edward Sands
Every few years, a dental student with artistic skills and a sense of humor gets snagged into illustrating the yearbook. And those books seem to be the most memorable, with comic sketches of students and professors capturing the hectic, crazy aspects of the dental school experience.

Three of those yearbook artists agreed to reprise their efforts for this edition of UB Dentist, to rekindle memories of dental school and perhaps trigger a few smiles from classmates.

Gretta Tomb, '82, Jeffrey Dolgos, '96, and Erin Topley, '09, each agreed to help illustrate this edition and to share some of their recollections of school and their experiences since graduating.

Dr. Tomb has been at the VA Hospital in Bath, N.Y. for 10 years, following 26 years in private practice. "After 36 years, I still enjoy it, and at the VA we do everything," she said.

A busy member of the Corning, N.Y., artistic community, Tomb does illustrations, posters and Christmas cards for community groups. And she has a few of her works hanging in her office, including an illustration of all the cranial nerves.

Tomb said she has always been artistic, and her father encouraged her. She went to college planning to become an art teacher, but the abstract focus of the art department didn’t fit her style. "So I kind of retreated into the sciences. I ended up with a science major and a lot of art, and I took a year off and somehow I thought of dentistry. I don’t know what made me think of it."
As a student at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, Tomb recalls doodling in class to relieve stress. "I had a great class. I enjoyed it, actually, although it was hard. But I’m still close to a lot of my classmates. And I loved Buffalo. I have a very soft spot for the city of Buffalo. I’m a big Bills fan."

Although Tomb says drawing comics “isn’t my strong point,” looking over her senior yearbook she’s surprised at how many sketches she did. “I don’t know how I found time to do that. I don’t remember doing them.”

**ANNUAL ‘FANELLI-FEST’ PARTIES**

- Ask Jeff Dolgos about drawing in dental school and you’re sure to hear about the annual “Fanelli-fest” parties. “When I was in dental school, I started drawing one of my classmates and that turned into this big thing,” Dolgos said. “Every year, we had a party called ‘Fanelli-fest’ because his name was Mike Fanelli and I used to draw cartoons of him.”

- Dolgos now has a private practice specializing in TMJ, facial pain and airway problems, like sleep apnea. (Fanelli is a dentist in Utica.)

- Dolgos said he doodles occasionally now, but as a pianist and guitar player, he more often turns to music and songwriting as a creative outlet.

His sketching started in high school. “In my high school yearbook I sketched some of the teachers. So it started with me not paying attention in class and drawing teachers.”

In dental school, the drawing was definitely an outlet. “Everything was pretty serious. You don’t want to fail out. You’re putting a lot of time and money into it, so the sketching was a creative release for me, in
addition to playing music and some intramural sports, like basketball and softball.”

Dolgos said he may get back to drawing to illustrate the next edition of a workbook for patients with TMJ problems that he wrote. “A patient came in and said it needs more pictures. I think for the next edition of the book I need to get into some illustrations to show people physical therapy exercise positions.” Two of his four children are artistic, so he said he may ask them for help.

**DENTAL CHAIR HUMOR**

Comics created by Erin Topley are on the walls of five public health clinics in Minnesota where she works. The dental cartoons tend to brighten people’s moods and can be conversation starters.

“I work in an office of about 200 people,” she said. “We have 26 operatories, it’s rather large. I have decorated the children’s education room, the waiting rooms, the bathrooms. My work has been subtly placed all around.”

At the clinics, Topley, a new mother of twins, subspecializes in taking care of “challenging children who other providers are unable or unwilling to see,” and her sketching does provide a release.

“It’s been a hobby of mine since I was a young child. And when I got into high school, I got into editorial cartooning for my school newspaper. I actually won numerous regional and national awards for it,” she said. “In dental school, we were constantly inundated with tests, quizzes and practicals. It was an overwhelming workload and using humor as a release helped me get through. It was cathartic.”

She collected her dental school comics into a self-published book entitled ‘Decalcified – Enamel Gone Wrong,’ a hilarious look at life in and around the dental chair.

As a dental student, Topley said she would sketch while listening to lectures, stop to take notes, and resume sketching. “It works. I’m listening to what is going on, but I can still sketch in the background.”

This year’s Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting will also be Topley’s 10th reunion, and she is planning to attend.

“I’m looking forward to seeing my classmates again,” she said. **UBD**
Family members of Samuel A. Caccamise, ’26, have gathered together to honor their father by giving a significant gift to name an operatory after him.

“Our father, Dr. Samuel A. Caccamise was affectionately known by his patients as Dr. “Sam” and demonstrated the highest levels of ethical values and humanity,” remembers daughter Doreen Conners. “During the Great Depression with a growing family of his own, he felt a moral obligation to provide dental services for his patients even though he knew many lacked the ability to pay him. In later years, he recalled that “he had a waiting room full of patients and not a nickel in the crowd.” Also, he provided free dental services monthly to the Trappist Monks at their monastery in Piffard, New York for 25 years.”

The family’s aim in choosing to name an operatory in their father’s name is to honor the memory of his dedication, compassion and giving for over 40 years of dentistry in the Rochester community. Dr. Caccamise helped thousands of people and dozens of civic, charitable and religious organizations.

His four surviving children are June Baker, Gwen Conners, David Caccamise and Doreen Conners. Carrying on the family dental tradition is nephew Daniel Caccamise, ’60 and grandson, Mark Conners, ’89, both graduates of UB School of Dental Medicine.

Honoring their father, Dr. Samuel A. Caccamise

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It was created in 1994 through the merger of the departments of Oral Medicine and Stomatology & Interdisciplinary Sciences (SIS). As Heidi Crow, MS Oral Sci., ’91, Orofac Pain Cert., ’91, associate professor and department chair reflects, “It’s remarkable we all get along given all the varied interests in oral medicine, oral radiology, oral pathology, TMD/orofacial pain and biomaterials that must be balanced and supported.”

The origins of the department were tied tightly to local hospitals. Willard (Scott) McCall, professor and former chair, recalls the hospital relationship in the early years. "Stuart Fischman, Oral Path Cert., ’66, was running the general practice residency (GPR) at Erie County Medical Center and Alan Drinnan, ’64, Oral Path Cert., ’66, was doing the same at Buffalo General Hospital. Later the merger of three hospitals into Kaleida Health was a particularly

Oral Diagnostic Sciences

The department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, now 25 years old, is so much more than its name suggests.
contentious period with power struggles between service chiefs.” Faculty also had a presence at the other medical centers, either being on staff or teaching in the GPR programs. Specifics of these hospital associations have changed over the years, but faculty still remain active with Alfonse Gambacorta, ’97, GPR Cert., ’98 at Kaleida Health, Nicole Hinchy, ’12, at ECMC and Guy DiTursi, ’86, at Veterans Administration Memorial Hospital. Crow herself is at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center leading our co-sponsorship of the GPR program.

There are fewer hospital dentistry rotations for dental students now, but the patient population in Squire Hall clinics has changed significantly to one with more chronic disease and a much higher pharmaceutical use. This prompted the first chair of the merged department, Norman Mohl, ’56, to bring faculty from the hospitals, like Di Tursi, Raymond Miller, ’85, GPR Cert., ’86, Patrick Anders, ’86, GPR Cert., ’87, Joseph Capuana, ’79, GPR Cert., ’80, and Nora Townsend, ’81, GPR Cert., ’82, to teach in the clinics in Squire now joining Elizabeth Kapral, ’13, and Joel Paull, ’68. “We are teaching students now how to safely treat patients that 20 years ago would never have been a teaching case,” says Anders, clinical professor and former Director of the Kaleida GPR. “The closure of several GPR programs has exacerbated this.”

The department faculty have significant didactic and clinical teaching across all four years of the pre-doctoral curriculum directing courses in areas as varied as critical thinking (Elaine Davis), oral medicine (Anders), oral pathology (Jose Luis Topia, ’12, Oral Path Cert., ’03, MS Oral Sci., ’03), orofacial pain (Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, ’05, MS Oral Sci., ’95, Orofac Pain Cert., ’96, Perio Cert., ’02), oral radiology (Maureen Donley, ’80, Anne Meyer), biomaterials (Meyer), and dentistry for special needs (Anders), and geriatric patients (Albert Cantos, ’81). “We have several faculty also on the curriculum revision committee, and are well-poised to move into more case-based teaching,” Crow says. “Already the faculty have worked to reduce redundancy, added small group seminars and created training videos to enhance student learning.”

“A major contribution of the department during the past 25 years was the introduction of digital dentistry to the school through oral radiology under the leadership of Maureen Donley, clinical associate professor,” Crow says. Donley oversaw the transformation of radiology from film to digital processing in her role as Director of Radiology. This work included software feature adjustments, hands-on workshops and calibration for faculty, development of monitor calibration tools, and researching new equipment resulting in the purchase of a digital panoramic (pan) cephalometric unit with transverse slice acquisition feature, 2 digital pan units, a digital pan/cephalometric unit, a medium field view Cone Beam CT and a combination Cone Beam CT/digital pan unit. Besides managing the almost 50 pieces of equipment and radiology staffing, she directs the bulk of the clinical courses in radiology with contributions from Graci Bax, ’05, Joseph DeLuca, ’07, Amy Gallo, ’05, Gambacorta, Hinchy, and Vallikanthan Nadarajah, ’99, MS Oral Sci., ’95, AEGD Cert., ’00. “Working here I learn something new everyday and I get to share it with the students. They are the reason I love to teach in the clinic. It’s a great reward to be able to watch their progress. Helping
The department works as a team. People just jump in to work as a team.”

PATRICK ANDERS

The ODS department also has a significant presence in advanced education with three programs directed by faculty: Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology—Alfredo Aguirre, ’01, MS Oral Sci, ’83, Oral Path Cert., ’83, Professor; Orofacial Pain—Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, Associate Professor; Biomaterials—Anne Meyer, Research Associate Professor.

Michael Glick is contributing to curriculum in evidence-based dentistry and critical thinking for graduate students and dental professionals.

The faculty are also heavily involved in research mentoring and didactic teaching in the oral sciences curriculum, particularly Elaine Davis and Scott McCall who direct required core courses.

The MS Oral Sciences program was created by Norman Mohl to provide a core curriculum in research training that could apply across all disciplines. The most recent addition in advanced education, the orofacial pain program, began as a research focus in 1978, grew into a training program and was recognized with accreditation in 2011 under the direction of Crow. It is one of only 12 programs in the U.S. In addition to Crow and Gonzalez, the program has been supported by Jeffery Goldberg, ’03, MS Oral Sci., ’13, TMD Cert., ’13, and Seiji Ohtake, and the research efforts of McCall and Richard Ohrbach, MS Oral Sci., ’89, Orofac Pain Cert.,’89, professor, who has a lengthy history of NIH funded research.

Whether basic, clinical or educational, research and scholarship have been key components of the department’s mission. Early interests of Joseph Natiella, Oral Path Cert., ’68,
and Michael Meenaghan, ’67, Oral Path Cert., ’72, in the area of implant dentistry and integration of materials with oral tissues brought Robert Baier and later Anne Meyer to UB resulting in a broadening of research to understand the surface dynamics at the interface of materials and host tissue. A strong early focus on identifying and documenting cases of oral pathology by George Greene, Alan Drinnan, Mirzda Neiders, Perio Cert., ’74, clinical professor and others, and extended by Aguirre and Tapia has resulted in one of the finest collections of cases in the world. Aguirre also created the Bulletin Board of Oral Pathology, BBOP, an internationally respected forum for oral pathology case discussion. Alan Ruttenberg with expertise in bioinformatics and ontology is Director of Clinical and Translational Data Exchange. Health education and services research is the newest area of focus. Systematic reviews are being conducted on assessment of critical thinking skills in dentistry by Anders, Davis, and McCall. Scholarship on the mode and effectiveness of glucose monitoring, infection control and AIDS testing in the dental school environment has been a focus of Michael Hatton, ’82, MS Oral Sci., ’86, GPR Cert., ’88, Oral Maxillofac Surg Cert., ’88, clinical professor, Anders and Davis. Anders has been working collaboratively with faculty from the School of Nursing to implement interprofessional education and practice, training nurses and nurse practitioners to work together with dentists and to do oral health assessments with the goal of screening large numbers of people for oral disease. “In addition to the clinical faculty, the scholarship of the part-time faculty, including Lakshmanan Suresh, Oral Path Cert., ’05, MS Oral Sci., ’06, in oral pathology and Miller in forensic dentistry, has been really impressive,” Crow states proudly.

So what’s next? Crow answers, “These are challenging times. Budgetarily, we are in survival mode, but we need more than ever before to educate students for practice in an environment where they will see patients with more medical complications. We need to focus on differential diagnosis and treatment of orofacial diseases and disorders. Patients are more than their mouths. Patient assessment and treatment planning must be based not only on the patient’s dental needs, but also on their medical, physical, behavioral and social situations.”

“Treating special needs patients also must be more of a focus. We need a clinical facility here at the school equipped for sedation,” says Anders, a founding member of the New York State Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Task Force on Special Dentistry. Good news on that front as the School recently received word of a capital investment from UB to create such a clinic.

With such diversity of interests, how can a department move forward? “I and past chairs have given people room to do their jobs, allowed space to do their jobs,” Crow says. “We have regular seminars where faculty present what they are working on. And there are regular meetings, sometimes raucous but not hostile, sometimes agreeing to disagree.”

“The faculty in the department were really cooperative,” says McCall about his time as chair. Anders chimes in, “The department works as a team. People just jump in to work as a team.”

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DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY

ORAL BIOLOGY
Andrew Ying Hui Ng, BS
“Decoding the osteoclast proteome and the novel RGS12 function in redox biology”  Major Professor: Jun Qu, PhD
Ornella Mafaida Salvatori, DDS
“Factors affecting Candida albicans survival within phagocytic cells”  Major Professors: Mira Edgerton, DDS, PhD and Jason G. Kay, PhD

MASTER’S DEGREES

BIOMATERIALS
Aya Ahmed Gneady Ali, BDS
“Effect of glow-discharge treatment of materials”  Major Professor: Anne Meyer, PhD
Khaled Mohammad Katmeh, BDS
“Non-contact optical correlations with periodontal treatment”  Major Professor: Anne Meyer, PhD

ORAL SCIENCES
Majar Abdulaziz Albanyan, BDS
“In vitro evaluation of virulence characteristics of lipopolysaccharide from two different clinical strains of Tannerella forsythia”  Major Professor: Asha Sharma, PhD
Majar Ali I Aidaulajian, BDS
“Periodontitis severity and its association with hypothyroidism”  Major Professor: Lisa Yerke, DDS, MS
Hazar Saad T Alharibi, BDS
“Levels of monocyte/macrophages differentiation cytokine IL34 in a mouse model of Sjogrens syndrome”  Major Professor: Jason G. Kay, PhD
Saleh Sami S Aloraini, BDS
“Comparing interactions of commercial and pathogenic oral microbes with phagocytic cells”  Major Professor: Jason G. Kay, PhD
Maram Alsantli, BDS
“Streptococcus gordonii binding to dental biofilm components: role of different adhesins”  Major Professor: Stefan H. Ruhl, DDS, PhD
Maha Talal Y Alisharif, BDS
“In vitro comparison of four bone-height-measurement techniques”  Major Professor: Frank A. Scannapieco, DMD, PhD
Shahad Bakheet A Alsharif, BDS
“Development of strontium alginate scaffold to improve gingival fibroblast function”  Major Professor: Michelle B. Visser, PhD
Tariq Aqili, BDS
“Biocompatibility of MTA mixed with human platelet lysate”  Major Professor: Rosemary Dziak, PhD
Nadia Abdulaziz Masha, BDS
“The effects of vitamin D metabolites on titanium surfaces”  Major Professor: Rosemary Dziak, PhD
Manab Muhammedsaleh T Benten, BDS
“Relationship between oral behaviors and jaw functional limitation for individuals with painful temporomandibular disorders”  Major Professor: Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, DDS, MS

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Commencement 2019

Gyula L. Forgo, DMD
“Comparison of titanium disinfection
methods”
Major Professor:
Violet I. Haraszthy, DDS, PhD

Dalal Mohammed M Nourah, BDS
“The effect of insulin-like growth
factor-2 and chromeceptin on
osteoblast cells”
Major Professor:
Rosemary Dziak, PhD

Daniel Andrew Pinto, DDS
“Evaluation of the shear bond strength
of denture base materials to polymer
and CoCr RPD framework material”
Major Professor:
Hyongil Kim, DDS, MS

Mahmoud Talal M Tallab, BDS
“A mechanistic approach for clinical
translation of photobiomodulation
therapy in peri-implantitis
management”
Major Professor: Praveen Arany, PhD

Rofida Abdulssattar M Walli, BDS
“Development of strontium-alginate
scaffolds to improve gingival
fibroblast function”
Major Professor:
Michelle B. Visser, PhD

ORTHODONTICS

Ghadeer Khaled I Abubotain, BDS
“A retrospective CBCT study of the
maxillary sinus dimensions and
pneumatization in adults with
Class II skeletal anterior open bite”
Major Professor:
Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

James Milton Fraser II, DDS
“Alveolar bone thickness and incisor
position: A CBCT Analysis”
Major Professor:
David A. Covell Jr., DDS, PhD

Majd Sameer Mohammad
Hasanin, BDS
“A CBCT assessment of craniofacial
morphology malocclusion and
airway in orthodontic patients
with ADHD”
Major Professor:
Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

Kevin Michael Kurtzner, DDS
“A longitudinal study of the effects
of Invisalign® treatment on upper
pharyngeal airway dimensions in
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“Mechano behavior and
mandibular posterior vertical
height in adults of different
facial types”
Major Professor:
R. Scott Conley, DDS

Dina A. Shibeika, DDS
“The correlation between upper
body length and the vertical face
dimension in growing individuals”
Major Professor:
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Khaled Taha, BDS
“Effects of vibrational appliances
on orthodontic tooth movement
and perceived pain. A prospective
randomized clinical trial”
Major Professor:
Thikriat Al-Jewair, DDS, MS

Sami Tawila, BDS
“Upper airway dimensions in adult
African patients treated with four
first premolar extraction”
Major Professor:
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CERTIFICATES

ADVANCED EDUCATION IN
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PATHOLOGY

Yaser Ali H Alhazmi, BDS

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Vincenzo Giuseppe Marina & Dylan G. Racha

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American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award
Elizabeth Ashley Lenchner

American College of Dentists Outstanding Student Leader Award
Kelsea E. Flannery

American College of Prosthodontists Award
Michael Robert Simon

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award-Horace Wells Senior Student Award
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UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB 2019–2020
THURSDAYS (6 TO 9 P.M.)
SEPT 12 Intraoral Scanner
Hands-on (members only)
Terry Reilly
OCT 17 Robotic Implant Surgery
Donald Pitcher, DDS, Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Cert.
NOV 21 Hitting the Target: The History, Outcome and Outlook for Guided Implant Surgery
Paul Mozer, DDS, MS
DEC 19 Review of Bone Grafting Techniques
Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

SPRING 2020 TENTATIVE DATES: FEB. 20, MAR. 19, APR. 23, MAY 21
UB School of Dental Medicine
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ANNUAL NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE: $1395
SINGLE MEETING NONMEMBER FEE: $225, LIMITED ENROLLMENT
3 CE HRS/MEETING

WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES
(6 TO 9 P.M.)
OCT 9 TBA
OCT 23 You and Your Patients’ Medications
Sebastian Ciancio, DDS
NOV 13 “Oh No, You Didn’t”... Why Patients Keep Breaking Restorations
John Maggio, DDS

SEPT 19–20 (9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)
HANDS-ON WORKSHOP
Stress-Free Endodontics
Adham Abdel Azim, BDS
UB School of Dental Medicine
ALUMNI MEMBER: $995
NONMEMBER DENTIST $1195
Limited Enrollment
12 CE HRS

OCT 25 (9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Case Workshop
Jill Kramer, DDS, PhD
Jose Luis Tapia, MS, DDS
UB School of Dental Medicine
ALUMNI MEMBER: $395
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ALL OTHERS: $125
Limited Enrollment
12 CE HRS

NOV 8 (9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)
HANDS-ON WORKSHOP
Understanding 3D Printing in Dentistry
Lee Kalman, DDS
UB School of Dental Medicine
ALUMNI MEMBER: $395
NONMEMBER DENTIST: $495
ALL OTHERS: $125
Limited Enrollment
12 CE HRS

DEC 20 (9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)
HANDS-ON CADAVER LAB
Bone Grafting Techniques
Charles Severin, MD, PhD
Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS
UB Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, UB South Campus
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**October 25–November 2, 2019**

CE Program—Dr. Denis Lynch, Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Marquette University School of Dentistry, and Professor of Dermatology and Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin; Dentist/Doctor: $495, 12 CE HRS.

Lecture Topics: Oral cancer and related premalignancy: Big tobacco’s dirty little secret about ‘safe’ alternatives to cigarettes. Diagnosis and treatment of recurrent oral ulcers, or, if I knew I was going to see this stuff, I would have studied it harder in school. Infectious hazards in dentistry, or, What you never thought you’d have to worry about after you passed national boards. Spit happens (and sometimes it doesn’t): The diagnosis and treatment of salivary gland disease.

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New this year, we will have a “Money Booth” on the exhibit floor. Attendees will have the opportunity to win a chance to step inside the “Money Booth” and win CASH and prizes!

Back by popular demand, attendees will once again have a chance to win a BMW Spa and Spin Weekend Lease courtesy of Towne BMW. Towne BMW will wash and detail your personal vehicle while you take their BMW for a ride! All you need to do is visit 10 exhibitors (including our sponsors) and have your Car Pass checked.

Need a lift to the meeting? Returning this year is our complimentary door-to-door, park & ride shuttle bus service. Park at Buffalo Riverworks and we’ll drop you off at the front doors of the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. Pre-registration is required, so sign up early to reserve your seat. No more parking hassles or fees!

If you or your company would like to be a sponsor of the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting, please contact Sherry Szarowski at: (716) 829-6419.

Each year we strive to bring our attendees engaging speakers and courses to attract dental professionals from all areas of dentistry: dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, office managers and staff. Robert E. Marx, DDS, will present on behalf of the Robert J. Genco Distinguished Speaker Series; Van B. Haywood, DMD, will speak on Smile Analysis, Recontouring and Composite Bonding; Laura Hatch will teach you how to Build a Team that Rocks! Teresa Duncan shares her Dental Insurance in a Day program, and Amber Riley, MS, RDH, will speak on Practical Oral Pathology for the Dental Team. Visit our website: BNDMeeting.com for a complete list of all speakers, course descriptions and biographies.

We really do offer something for everyone. Hope to see you there!

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SUPPORTS TOURNAMENT

The UB Dental Alumni Association served refreshments at their sponsored Tee Table at the 2019 William C. Knauf, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, June 6, 2019 at the Fox Valley Country Club in Lancaster, NY.

HEALTH SCIENCES APPRECIATION NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

UB Dental Alumni attended the Buffalo Bisons game hosted by Randall Loftus, MD ’92 and Mrs. Tami Loftus on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at Sahlen Field. Everyone enjoyed food and drinks during the game and saw a fantastic firework show post-game.
Buffalo Hosts
The New York State Dental Association Meeting

The New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) held its annual meeting in downtown Buffalo at the Hyatt Regency from June 6th through June 8th this year. The meeting is held once every thirteen years in the Eighth District Dental Society, which covers Western New York. NYSDA has 12,500 member dentists from throughout the state and has been in existence for over 150 years. Dr. Brendan Dowd completed his year as President and had the honor of giving the oath to the new President, Dr. Payam Goudarzi. Dr. Dowd is a 1986 graduate of the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and Dr. Goudarzi graduated from UB School of Dental Medicine in 1996.

NYSDA’s House of Delegates, which consists of 102 Delegates, deliberated for two days on many of the issues that affect the profession of dentistry in New York State. Delegates also enjoyed a welcome event at the Pierce Arrow Museum, the Wm. Knauf golf tournament at Fox Valley Country Club, and a celebration to conclude the meeting at the Statler City Hotel.

1. Dr. Brendan Dowd and NYS Assembly Member Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes dedicating the plaque commemorating the establishment of the ADA in Niagara Falls in 1859; 2. Outgoing NYSDA President Brendan Dowd, ’86 with Dr. Chad Gehani, ADA President-elect and wife, Dr. Rehka Gehani, Chair of the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure; 3. New NYSDA President – Payam Goudarzi, ’96

REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS


Remember When Reception
Hyatt Regency Sungarden
Thursday, October 3, 2019
5:30–7:00 pm
Business Casual Attire/
Complimentary for Reunion Classes

Reunion Dinner Dance
Hyatt Regency Ballroom
Friday, October 4, 2019
6:30 pm cocktails
7:30 pm dinner
Black Tie Optional/Tickets cost $100 each and can be purchased by calling (716) 829-2061.

UB School of Dental Medicine Tour
Meet in the Lobby of Squire Hall
Saturday, October 5, 2019
10:00–11:30 am

UB Bulls Football Game and Pre-party
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2009  Dr. Leah M. Capozzi
      Dr. Andrew J. Carmosino
      Dr. Jennifer L. Frustino
2014  Dr. Kelly A. Burch
      Dr. Matthew L. Valerio
Owais A. Farooqi, DDS ’06, was recently appointed Director of Dental Operations in the Department of Veterans Affairs. In the position at VA’s headquarters, Farooqi has operational oversight of 233 dental clinics across the nation, from San Juan, Puerto Rico to Anchorage, Alaska. VA operated dental clinics serve the nation’s heroes—our veterans—honoring them by providing exceptional oral healthcare which contributes to their overall health.

Sheldon Winkler, Pros. Cert. ’71, has published the third edition of his book, “The Music of World War II: War Songs and Their Stories,” which was released in May 2019 by the Merriam Press. He is currently Senior Editor of the Journal of Oral Implantology and Executive Director of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics. Dr. Winkler’s textbook, Essentials of Complete Denture Prosthodontics, also in its third edition, has been one of the most popular and widely used dental textbooks in the world and is well-established as a standard reference.

A group of 24 students and four faculty members provided $144,000 of dental care to the less fortunate at a recent BOCA event. They performed over 500 extractions and 280 fillings in an airport hangar at Mountain Empire Airport, Rural Retreat Virginia. Dr. Kevin D’Angelo ’81, is always proud of how hard the students work on these BOCA trips. Many years later, students often recall the trips as among the most rewarding events during their time at dental school.
Daniel Schiavone, ’94, recently returned from his 10th annual trip to the Peruvian Amazon where he volunteers for the Chicago-based, Yantalo Peru Foundation. Access to dental care is very limited there. A diet high in simple sugars and starches adds to the community’s oral health problems, and it’s not uncommon to see children under age 6 with rampant caries and abscesses.

Dr. Schiavone funds the trips himself, packing several suitcases with all the necessary supplies and instrumentation. The foundation provides an operatory with compressed air, vacuum and a basic Ritter dental chair. The green clinic in the remote Amazon often hosts medical volunteers and surgical teams from various parts of the US. Anyone interested in donating or volunteering can learn more at www.Yantalo.org.

Kevin J. Hanley ’78 received the Harvey Sprowl Leadership Award at the Eighth District Presidents reception. The award was established to recognize the long term contributions of members of the Eighth District Dental Society to organized dentistry.

DR. BRENDAN DOWD PRESENTED THE AWARD TO DR. KEVIN HANLEY.

Ronnie J. “RJ” Holland, Pediatric Dent Cert., ’18, 33, died suddenly on April 26, 2019. He was practicing dentistry in the Jonesboro, Arkansas area. He received his DDS from the University of Tennessee before joining UB’s Advanced Education in Pediatric Dentistry program. He was kind, caring and compassionate. He also had a love for music, traveling and hiking. Our thoughts are with not only his family, but also the residents, faculty and staff who worked with him so recently.

Richard A. Brunea, ’59, died August 18, 2018. He was the beloved husband of the late Allene M. (nee Lathrop), father of Bradley and Jeffrey (Gloria) Brunea, and loving grandfather of seven.

Richard A. Bullock, ’76, passed away unexpectedly on March 23, 2019 at age 69. He lived in Yucca Valley, California, and is survived by a son, Connor. He served as a
dentist in the Navy in San Diego before being accepted into the UCLA Prosthodontics program. He remained there to teach prosthodontics at both UCLA and as adjunct professor at USC. He also served at USC County Medical Center before opening his first private practice in Santa Monica. In the late 1980s he moved his practice to Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage. Dr. Bullock’s patients included two U.S. presidents, ambassadors, actors, comedians and athletes. But he was most known for his pro-bono work for hundreds of patients. He created devices to replace ears, eyes and major portions of patients’ faces resulting from cancer, accidents and even birth defects. He also was skilled in the area of bite-mark identification. His forensic work was critical to a number of criminal convictions including the notorious Hillside Strangler case in Los Angeles.

Frederick Cushing, Ortho Cert., ’64, 83, died on August 2, 2018. He served as the Chief Dental Officer with the Navy on the USS Constitution. He returned to Mobile, Alabama, to start his private orthodontic practice that thrived for over 30 years. He was most proud of his volunteer work and the progress made in the treatment of cleft pallet patients.

Lawrence B. DiBona, ’66, 80, died May 25, 2019. He served three years active duty on the USS Yosemite (AD-19) and interned at the Chelsea Naval Hospital. He also devoted 29 years to the US Navy Reserves. He practiced dentistry in Wellesley, Mass., for over 50 years and had a vast array of professional involvements and honors.

Cristiana B. Gaton, ’80, died December 1, 2018 at age 75. She opened her own dental practice in Amsterdam, NY in the 1980s, and ran it successfully for over 30 years. To many people in Amsterdam, she was known for being a happy person and was called the “singing dentist”.

Roger J. Goergen, ’47, 93, a retired dentist who helped write the ethics code for the Town of Amherst, died May 17. He served in the U.S. Naval Medicine and Dental Corps, attaining the rank of lieutenant. He earned the American Defense Service Medal and was named an honorary citizen of the Republic of Korea. Dr. Goergen maintained a dental practice for 52 years, retiring in 1998. A committeeman for the Amherst Conservative Party, he was chairman of the Amherst Government Study Committee and led its Subcommittee on Ethics, which updated the ethics code for the Town of Amherst in 1990. He subsequently was named to the town’s first Board of Ethics, which administered and enforced the code.

Vincent E. Jagodzinski, ’52, passed away May 5, 2019 at age 90. Dr. Jagodzinski served in the Navy and was a musician playing the clarinet, saxophone and the organ and a member of the Singing Doctors Choir. He also served as Past President and member of the St. Apollonia Guild where he donated free dental services.

Joseph W. Martin, ’51, 92, died March 30, 2019. He practiced dentistry in Rochester until his retirement in 1983. He was a WWII Veteran and served as a navigator on the U.S.S. Chicago.

Joseph J. Massaro, ’58, of Floral Park, N.Y., died on March 18, 2019 at age 86. He practiced general dentistry in the Navy. He established a home office practice for 34 years in Floral Park. He became an accomplished tennis player and won numerous Senior Tournament Awards. Joseph served over 50 years in the Knights of Columbus, attaining the Office of Chapter Chairman of Nassau & Suffolk. On the State level he attained the office of District Deputy. He was an avid Barbershop singer and sang with the Long Island Harmonizer Chorus for 20 years. He served in an Honor Guard Regiment of the U.S. Volunteers and participated in over 500 missions of Final Military Honors at burials of Military Veterans.

John M. Messinger, II, ’97, 60, died suddenly on Oct. 14, 2018, doing what he loved, racing kayaks with friends. John and Susan own Main Street Dental which they opened in Plymouth, N.H., in 2002. John and family moved to Plymouth in 1998 from their hometown of Buffalo. John received his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Buffalo in 1985, and was a tenured professor in chemistry at Buffalo State College before making a career change to become a dentist. He was an avid hiker and had received an award for climbing 111 4,000-foot mountains in New England, including all 4,000-foot mountains in the state of New Hampshire.

Joseph B. Pantera, ’59, a longtime dentist, resident and proud member of the City of Lackawanna community, passed peacefully at his Orchard Park, NY, residence on April 5, 2019.

Jerome T. Scholl, ’60, 82, died May 10, 2019. While attending UB, Jerry met and married Betty Jean Cline, his wife and best friend of 61 years. He joined the Navy as a Dental Officer, and served on the USS Enterprise in the Vietnam War. Discharged in 1966, he served in the Navy Reserve for 25 years, retiring as a Captain. He operated a dental practice in Westfield, N.Y., for nearly 50 years. Upon retiring, they moved to New Hampshire to be close to their three daughters, Heather, Rebecca and Lynnea.

Burton Spiller, ’56, 87, died on March 13, 2019. He is survived by his brother, Jerome S. Spiller of New York City. Dr. Spiller was a prominent orthodontist in Rochester, NY, for almost 30 years. He was an avid collector of early American bottles, history flasks and antique American advertising. His collection was known throughout the country and had been pictured and written about in various publications. In the late 1980’s his collection was featured on a segment of Good Morning America.
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