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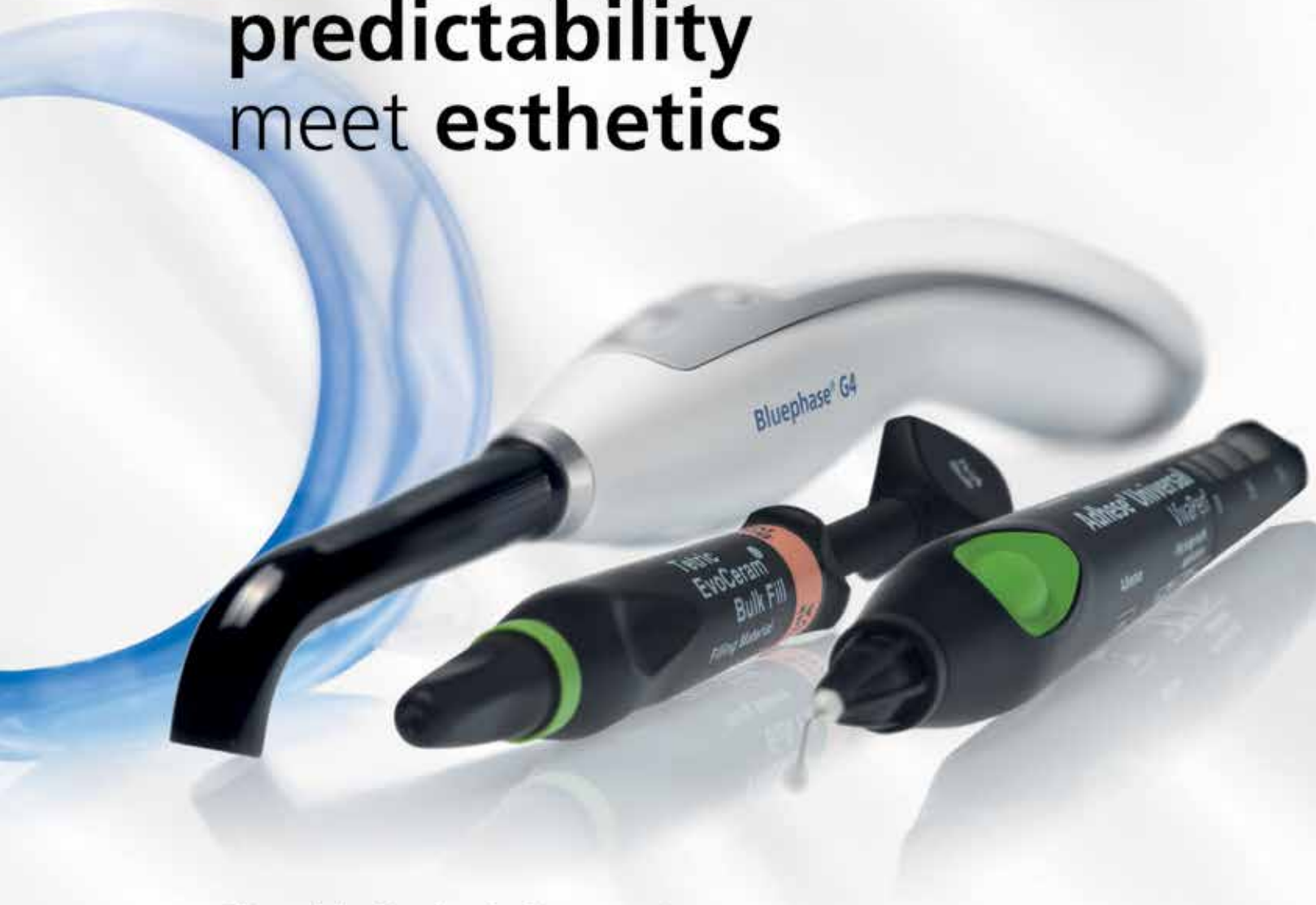
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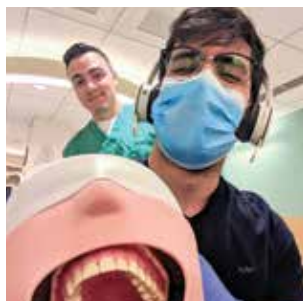
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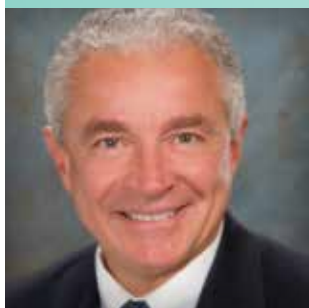
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Dear Fellow Alumni,

This past year has been an enjoyable experience as President of the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) and I am looking forward to the upcoming year as well. There have been many accomplishments and changes over the past year that I would like to review. One of our biggest changes has been the reorganization of our staff at UBDAA. Lisa Jerebko, who had been our Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting (BNDM) Coordinator the past 13 years, resigned to take on a new position outside the University. Her efforts have certainly helped in keeping the BNDM a premier event and we thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her new position. Leanne Walters, who was our part-time administrative assistant, also left for a full-time position. She did a wonderful job and we wish her a bright future as well. These changes allowed us to reorganize the staff responsibilities and hire Jaelyn Soda as administrative assistant to our alumni coordinator, Sherry Szarowski. Dean Joseph Zambon and the dental school have been very helpful during this transition, and it allows UBDAA to support our school on a higher level. These changes are only possible because of the excellent job Sherry has done and continues to do for UBDAA.

FROM THE PRESIDENT



Our Executive Council continues to impress me with all the efforts on behalf of UBDAA and our mission of advancing the activities of the School of Dental Medicine and its alumni all for the betterment of our school, alumni and profession. We have been lucky to add some new, more recent alumni to the Council, which is so important in keeping our organization forward looking with new ideas and energy.

I would also like to thank you, our alumni, for your support by being a member of UBDAA and your financial support of the dental school through

your donations. The completion of the Pre-Clinical Simulation Center, the remodeling of the clinics and the support of so many school projects depends on alumni engagement.

I thought it would be interesting to list some of the projects and endeavors your participation through UBDAA helps support: BOCA Charity Auction, Billy Barue Golf Tournament, 100 Days Party, Student Awards, Commencement Gifts, Orientation Activities, Talent Show, Run for Smiles 5k Race, ASDA Pre Dental Scholarship, and Saving Smiles. We also support the school financially throughout the year in conjunction with discussions with the Dean. Our most recent commitment has been to the dental school through the Boldly Buffalo Campaign. I hope many of you have considered a gift through this campaign, as well as on an individual basis.

In closing, your UBDAA plays an important part in the continued success and accomplishments of our school and students. As alumni, you share in the success of the past and the continued accomplishments of the future. In my final year as your president, I look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence of your UBDAA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Modica". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Joseph Modica, DDS '82, *President*

New Leadership Roles for Faculty

Anne Meyer, Program Director of Master of Science in Biomaterials



Anne Meyer, PhD, Associate Dean for Research, has been appointed

Program Director for the Biomaterials Graduate Program.

Meyer has worked at UB SDM for 32 years, following a 12-year career as a chemist and section head with the Calspan Corporation Advanced Technology Center in Buffalo. She is a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), and a Fellow of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering. Meyer is a recipient of AIMBE's Fellow Advocate Award and the C. William Hall Award from the Society For Biomaterials (U.S.). She was president of Society For Biomaterials in 2004/05.

Over the years, Meyer's industry-sponsored research has focused on interfacial aspects of materials in biomedical and environmental applications. She served as chair and co-chair of several SBIR/STTR review committees for NIH and NSF during the 1990s. She currently serves on the editorial boards of "Biofouling" and "Journal of Biomedical Materials Research." She received her PhD from Lund University's Faculty of Odontology, which subsequently became a core component of Malmö University (Sweden).

"With this appointment, my primary goal is to transition the Biomaterials Graduate Program (M.S.) to a collaborative relationship with research and clinical colleagues having a focus on implantology," says Meyer. "A key element of this transition will be the development of a leadership succession plan for the program's future. I also look forward to continuing to work with SDM faculty to maintain the excellent quality of the Biomaterials Graduate Program as demonstrated by the students who are attracted to our program and by the many program alumni who have advanced to PhD research programs, DDS clinical programs, and/or leadership positions in industry or academia."

Mary Bush, Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs



Mary Bush, '99, AEGD Cert. '00, Associate Professor Department of Restorative

Dentistry has been appointed Assistant Dean of Clinical Affairs. Bush also serves as Clinical Group Director and Discipline Monitor for Operative Dentistry.

She will coordinate and direct all clinical aspects of the school's electronic health record, axiUm, act as a liaison between clinical affairs and Information Resources, and oversee the newly created axiUm training and clinical support team. She will work with Joseph Gambacorta, '93, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, to maintain daily clinical operations.

Bush began teaching full time at UB as an Assistant Professor in 2006. She earned her DDS degree from the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in 1999. After returning to teach full time as an Assistant Professor in 2006, she earned promotion to Associate Professor with tenure in 2012.

Her research focus has been in the area of forensic dentistry. She has published numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, and has contributed to various textbooks. She lectures widely on the topic of forensic odontology, including an invited presentation at a Congressional hearing on Capitol Hill entitled 'Scientific Rigor in the Courtroom' and a presentation before President Obama's Council on Assistance for Science and Technology, which guided the President on scientific issues.

"I am honored to be an alumnus and current faculty member of the SDM. Implementation of an electronic health record is critical to the upward trajectory of the school, and I am happy to be part of this exciting process as we continually move together on our path forward," says Bush.

Othman Shibly, Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion



Othman Shibly, '99, MS Oral Sci. '95, Perio Cert. '03, Clinical Professor, Department of

Periodontics, has been appointed Assistant Dean for Diversity and Inclusion. Shibly also serves as

Program Director of the Post Graduate Program in Periodontics, Coordinator of the SDM's International Advanced Dental Education Scholar Program, and Associate Director for the SDM's Center for Dental Studies.

In 1989, Shibly earned his Baccalaureate degree in Islamic and Arabic studies from the College of Islamic Dawah at Abu Al-Nur Foundation Damascus, Syria, and went on to earn his Masters Degree in Periodontology from Damascus University.

Shibly became an American Diplomate of Periodontology in 2004.

Throughout his career, Shibly has been involved in promoting understanding and cultural compatibility between the West and the East based on shared common values. Since the crisis in Syria began in 2011, he has organized and participated in numerous medical missions to help Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon. Earlier this month, Shibly helped create the first dental clinic to serve the Yezidi refugees in the Khanke Camp, Dohuk, Kurdistan, Iraq.

"I'm honored to assist the University and the SDM's efforts to promote diversity and create a culture of inclusive excellence that will strengthen diversity in our school and create a welcoming environment in which all faculty, staff, and students are valued, respected and empowered to achieve their highest potential," says Shibly.

2 Give Kids A Smile Day

Give Kids A Smile Day was held on Saturday, February 9, 2019. The national program, now in its 18th year, is dedicated to raising awareness about the prevalence of untreated dental disease and teaching children good dental health habits. This year, more than 200 Western New York schoolchildren received free health screenings and dental treatment, including orthodontic assessments.

With a new focus on overall health, the program offered eye examinations as well as screenings for hearing loss, guidance on healthy eating, and assistance in determining Medicaid eligibility and in finding a permanent dental home. Nurse practitioners were available to answer general health questions, and dietitians provided demonstrations on how to prepare healthy school lunches.

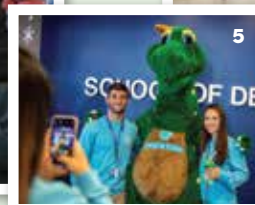
Services were provided through Davis Vision and an inter-professional collaboration between UB's School of Nursing, School of Public Health and Health Professions, School of Social Work, and Department of Communicative Disorders and Sciences.

The program was supported by hundreds of volunteers, including UB dental school faculty, staff and students, as well as private dentists and optometrists and their staffs who donated their time to provide care.

The event was held in partnership with the American Dental Association, New York State Dental Association and the Eighth District Dental Society. The program's sponsor was Fidelis Care, a health plan that provides quality, affordable health insurance to more than 1.6 million New York State residents.



JULIA MARRANDINO, '20, REBECCA LORING, '21, KRISTINA PETRICH, '20, DR. STEPHEN ABEL, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF STUDENT, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, THEODORA TSATSOS, '21, NY STATE SENATOR TIMOTHY KENNEDY, PAULA FISCHER, PROJECT COORDINATOR FOR RURAL DENTISTRY PROGRAM, CHRISTIAN WESTERMEIER, '21, DEAN JOSEPH ZAMBON



1 SAY 'AHHH...'; 2 HELPING A YOUNG MOTHER; 3 THE CLINIC WAS DECORATED TO MAKE THE SPIRITS BRIGHT; 4 CHECK-IN WAS THE FIRST STEP TO BETTER HEALTH; 5 A MASCOT BRINGS EVERYONE TOGETHER.



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3 Dental Talent—On Stage!

The 27th Annual SDM Talent Show took the stage in the Center for the Arts on January 25, 2019. While the weather was cold outside, the 11 acts were hot inside showing off their outstanding dance, singing, and instrumental skills!

talent show committee, would like to thank everyone who participated in the show and for the over 300 patrons who bought tickets to support fellow students, staff and faculty.

The show was hosted by class of 2021 students, LJ Camacho, Sehie Koh, and Timothy Murphy. They did an outstanding job and kept the audience entertained with trivia questions and comedy, handing out prizes between acts. Jill Uebelhoer and Donald Freeman, along with the rest of the



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1 BHANGRA DANCE: CLASS OF 2019—LINCY MARKOSE, NITENDER KUMAR; CLASS OF 2020—ANITA BHIKADYA, SWETHA SATHASIVAM; CLASS OF 2021—JELANI BROWN, JENNY GEORGE, ARIAN JOHNSON, FAHAD KHAN, SEHIE KOH, RYAN MANCUSO, TIM MOSES, RIKIN PATEL, ANISHA SINGH, MICHELLE STEVENS; CLASS OF 2022—KRISH OHRI, DENNIS VERMA; **2** THE UNDERCUTS: CLASS OF 2019—VINCENT MARINO, ALEX SIKORA, TAYLOR SQUIRES, MARK TARDUGNO, ANDY WAGH; CLASS OF 2020—EZRA O'NEIL; GUEST—MATT SINGER; **3** VIDYA CUDDALORE ARIVUDAINAMBI, '19, AND HUSBAND SASI KUMAR; **4** LJ CAMACHO, '21 AND EVA GERSHOVICH, '21; **5** NATHAN RIEXINGER, '22; **6** HANNAH NORRIS, ORAL BIOLOGY; **7** KAREN HENRY, CLINICAL DENTISTRY; **8** JILL AND THE JAWBREAKERS: LEONARD BINNS, OIR; DONALD FREEMAN, KENNETH LEE, '89, JOSEPH RUMFOLA, '02, AEGD CERT. '03 AND DAUGHTERS, MARIA AND NATALIE, JILL UEBELHOER—ALL FROM RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY; **9** INDIAN DANCE: NIRAJ PRAHALD GADHAVI, '19, JUHI DILIPKUMAR HIRPARA, '19, SOWMYA LAKSHMI KARAMCHETI, '20.

125th Anniversary

SCHOLARSHIP PROFILE OF DR. ROBERT GECKLER

BY ADAM UNDERWOOD, PHD,
DDS, AEGD CERT '18

DR. ROBERT GECKLER'S CAREER IN DENTISTRY IS ONE OF PERSEVERANCE. He started from humble beginnings at Amherst Central High School in western New York. In 1950, he attended the University at Buffalo and majored in Biology. This led to his acceptance into dental school at UB in 1954.

Dr. Geckler's current accomplishments were almost never realized, as the first year of dental school proved too strenuous. He questioned his motivation to continue in the program and, in the winter of 1955, he left and took a position at the Marine Trust

Company bank in downtown Buffalo. Thankfully, for his future students and colleagues, this is not where his dental journey ended.

In 1955, Congress passed the Reserve Forces Act and Dr. Geckler was drafted into military service. Due to his degree in biology and semester spent in dental school, after basic training he was assigned to the 1st US Army Pathology lab located

in Manhattan. This was a welcome change from banking as now his responsibilities included preparing specimens for microscopy and assisting in autopsies alongside US Army pathologist Major Redner. He looks back very fondly on his time spent in the military and in New York City, as it rekindled his desire to continue his dental education. Leaving dental school during his first year remained a source of deep regret, and the honor of being re-accepted that year to the program led him back to UB to finish his dental education. As fate would have it, he would go on to graduate from the distinguished class of 1961. Within the halls of the dental school, the class of '61 is known for being boisterous, committed to the profession of dentistry and very tightly woven as classmates.

When asked about his experience at the school, ironically, he states that he never thought he would become an instructor.

The culture at the school was much more rigid at the time. Instructors were strict and their orders were followed explicitly. This didn't always sit well with the class. Dr. Geckler recounted a humorous story where classmates (one who will go unnamed but still instructs in the periodontics department) posted an announcement for a "Student Union meeting @ 4pm" in clinic to make the teachers think that they were organizing a coup. This upset some of the instructors, as was intended. Also, during his senior year, his class organized a skit where Dr. Tony Wesson, a classmate and talented artist, cartooned and projected humorous situations in clinic. The class captioned and made light of these drawings. However, some of the clinical instructors who attended did not think these were in good taste and confiscated many of them. Rumor has it that some instructors feigned frustration and hung these confiscated cartoons in their offices as mementos from the class of '61.

Dr. Geckler would go on to practice dentistry in Lockport with Dr. J. Odin Nevling. Sadly, Dr. Nevling passed away 10 years later and Dr. Geckler continued as a solo practitioner until 2007 when he merged with Lockport Dental. In 1972, Dr. Geckler was diagnosed with a malignant melanoma on the choroid coat of his left eye and was told he only had a few months to live. He immediately traveled to New York City and surgeons there performed an emergency enucleation of his eye. Unsure if he could still practice dentistry with only one eye, he somewhat humorously told me that he called his wife in and performed a Class 2 caries preparation and restoration on her. Satisfied with his work, he adapted and carried on practicing with only his right eye.

In 1996, he pursued a Master's certificate in the Academy of General Dentistry. While studying for the rigorous periodontal requirements, he reached out to fellow classmate Sebastian Ciancio. This friendship led to the offer of a job opportunity in 1996 working one day a week as a clinical instructor within the periodontal department. Dr. Geckler at age 64 accepted the position and has never regretted it. The constant pursuit of knowledge by students kept him young at heart and fed his desire to continue teaching. During his first year in clinic he was paired with Robert Schifferle,

with whom he kindled an immediate friendship and still remains close to this day. Soon, he moved up to teaching two days a week and was promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor. During his time, Dr. Geckler always had a desire to stay informed and current within the profession. He believes that he had a responsibility to both himself and his students to be academically involved.

One of the biggest changes Dr. Geckler has observed at UB has been a shift away from a strict clinical setting. Instead, it has evolved into a workplace that emphasizes continual education and the development of professional colleagues. Dr. Geckler was a big part of this shift, serving the school and his students by being kind-spirited, academically well versed, and continually thought provoking in conversation. In 2008, he was inducted into the prestigious Omicron Kappa Upsilon dental fraternity, and in 2016 UB conferred a certificate of teaching excellence for his distinguished clinical instruction.

Currently, Dr. Geckler is enjoying his retirement after 55 years of dedicated service as a general practitioner and 20 years of service teaching at UB. During his career, he attained a certificate in theological studies and now serves as a Hospice volunteer delivering Eucharist, prayers, or just a kind word of counseling to those in need. He can also be seen serving popcorn, punching tickets or sneaking into shows while volunteering at the Historic Palace Theatre in Lockport. Retirement has also allowed him to spend more time with his family. Dr. Geckler is an avid magician as well. As a child, his grandfather introduced him to the art through his collection of Howard Thurston magic method booklets. The childhood wonder of magic never faded. He has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians for almost 50 years, and is a regular at magic shows and events. Next time you see him he might even have a few tricks up his sleeve.

Part consummate academic, wizard, counselor and mentor to many, Dr. Geckler is a man of many talents and one who has touched the lives of many students and faculty. **UBD**



ROBERT GECKLER

MAKING A DIGITAL

IMPRESSION



A SECOND-YEAR STUDENT'S
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS
BRING UB'S DENTAL SCHOOL
TO THE WORLD

STORY BY GROVE POTTER | PHOTOS BY ABDULLAH AL-QARAGHULI

SOMETIMES WONDERFUL THINGS JUST HAPPEN.

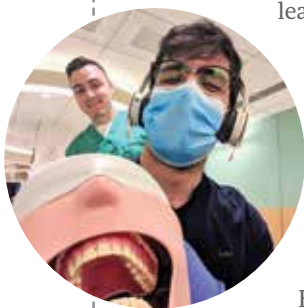
That may be the best way to describe the impact of one student’s social media posts about his experiences at the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine. Since Abdullah Al-Qaraghuli started telling the story of life as a dental student at UB, applications to the school have shot up to 2,000, a record number, at a time when overall applications to dental schools are dropping.

Of course there are other factors, like the new clinical facilities and UB’s welcoming environment, but the message that UB is a cool and dynamic place to study dentistry is now reaching a growing worldwide audience of young people.

“Something’s happening,” said Dr. Stephen N. Abel, Associate Dean for Students, Community and Professional Initiatives. Since meeting with Abdullah in a regular discussion about dental school issues and

learning about his social media posts, Abel has been a strong supporter. “Abdullah is a story teller,” Abel said. “And the story he is telling is about him and his friends who happen to be dental students.”

That story is gaining a lot of readers. Abdullah’s Instagram account has more than 8,000 followers around the world. His videos on YouTube get thousands of views. And he receives about 25 messages a day from people curious about dental school life.



INTERNATIONAL REACH

The posts are honest explanations about dental school—from how to prepare for entrance exams, to interviews with other students about their experiences, to prepping for your first patient. The material is of interest to pre-dental students and other dental students.

“I was a non-traditional applicant to dental school,” Abdullah said. “I didn’t know what I was doing, and there were not enough resources. So I initially started making videos about how to get into dental school, which exams you had to take.”

Now a second-year student, his YouTube and Facebook videos and Instagram posts have followed his experiences. (They can be found by searching “Dental Impressions” on the sites.)

“When I was accepted to UB, my friends asked me what I had done, so I put my laptop and camera in the kitchen and made a video and posted it,” Abdullah said. “I figured whoever is going to reach this is going to be looking for it. I wasn’t looking for high exposure. But I liked it, and people liked it, so I kept doing it.”

Today he makes daily posts to Instagram about what’s happening in school. Those posts disappear after 24 hours. He makes more permanent posts every three to four days.

The impact has been a bit astounding. The school invites about 250 applicants for interviews, and many ask if they can meet Abdullah, which he does with a group of other dental students. While on vacation in Valencia, Spain, he posted that he was there. Immediately he received a lunch invitation from dental students at the University of Valencia.

“I posted that to show that dental school was not like prison,” Abdullah said. “We do get vacations.”

“He is placing the dental school on the screen where we are being noticed.” —STEPHEN ABEL, ON ABDULLAH AL-QARAGHULI’S



SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGE

The comments on the posts are inquisitive and supportive without any of the snarkiness that contaminates much of social media. It is an honest exchange among young people about the challenges of dental school and the lives students lead.

Abel said the posts reach potential students on their terms, in their own language and in social media places where they are comfortable. And the school has taken notice and may change its approach to communicating with recruits.

“We will no longer have talking heads like me sitting and telling young people what they need to know,” Abel said. “We may have a student interview me and challenge me when they are not getting an answer. It’s a different kind of authenticity.”

Abel admits that there was a bit of apprehension among some administrators when the school first learned about Abdullah’s posts. But there has never been any attempt to influence or change what he is posting.

“What he is talking about is not fiction. This is his reality. His story centers around a cast of characters he has assembled. And it is a really positive story,” Abel said. “We are fortunate about that, but it’s not like it happened accidentally. We have set an environment here that is supporting and I hope nurturing. We really want to lift the students up, to help them reach their true potential. And to help them become great caregivers of oral health.”

AN ‘AH-HA’ MOMENT

Abdullah grew up in Iraq until he was 7. His family moved to Jordan and then Egypt before coming to the U.S. and settling in Syracuse, NY. Coming from a medical family, Abdullah had considered medical school, but after working for three years as an interpreter at Syracuse area hospitals, he decided

against medicine. A college roommate at Syracuse University was planning to be a dentist, so Abdullah looked into it and was hooked. He liked the hands-on work, the connection with patients and the social atmosphere of the profession.

The workload of being a dental student is a consistent theme of his posts, and Abdullah said that keeping on top of everything requires being very organized. “The biggest adjustment the first semester was, this is your life now. You’re going to eat, breath, live dentistry every day. And you’re going to go to dental school every day from basically sunrise to sunset.”

That is the message that his social media followers get, along with the joys and sorrows of the journey. “With the posts, everything is natural. Nobody is posing. It’s a real moment. It’s a real moment of happiness, a few moments of real life failures.”

For the university, it’s an ‘ah-ha’ moment. Reaching potential students on their own terms may bring the dental school more attention than it has had in the past.

“When I came up here from Florida, I found this jewel trapped in this snow bank,” Abel said. “The people in Buffalo are not of the ilk to promote themselves. Certainly they are not going to brag about themselves, ever. So Buffalo frequently just flies under the radar.”

“What Abdullah did was to place the dental school on students’ radar screens. And we are being noticed in ways that are perhaps different than ever before.”

“We’ve always been noticed for our scientific achievements, our research achievements, for our great faculty. We are also being recognized for having a beautiful preclinic with technology that is second to no other school.”

“And now we’re getting to the dental students saying ‘Hey, we’re over here. We’re a very cool school to be in— an exciting place to study.’ And Abdullah is telling that story.” **UBD**



SOCIAL MEDIA WORK THAT IS HELPING TO PROMOTE THE DENTAL SCHOOL

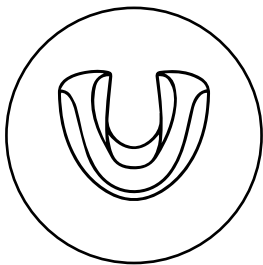


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DENTISTS FOR BUFFALO'S
PROFESSIONAL TEAMS TAKE
DENTAL SAFETY SERIOUSLY

→ IT'S ALL ABOUT THE

MOUTH



STORY AND PHOTOS
BY GROVE POTTER

WHEN PLAYERS JOIN THE BUFFALO BILLS AND THE BUFFALO SABRES, they get lots of things—uniforms, helmets, and other equipment. But the most special thing they receive may be their mouth guards.

The longtime dentists for each team—both UB School of Dental Medicine graduates—have been making some of the best mouth guards in any league for our local professional players.

“We put a lot of time and effort into these things,” said **Gregory Hudecki, '72,** standing in front of a wall full of teeth models from all the players on the Bills. “During training camp, we go out to examine the players and make mouth guards for 90 players.”

The Sabres players get the same attention from **David Croglio, '87.** He takes impressions of all the players in camp and makes mouth guards for about 20 players.

“I think the old school hockey player missing a few teeth is kind of gone now. Sure things happen, but I think most players want to protect their teeth,” Croglio said. “They’re taking better care of their teeth.”

Hudecki and Croglio have been playing major roles in the oral health of Buffalo’s professional athletes for years. Hudecki’s father was the team dentist when the Bills first took the field, and he took over the job in the early 1990s. Croglio, the longtime dentist for UB athletic teams, joined the Sabres as team dentist in 2009.

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GUARDS



ON CALL WHEN THE PLANE LANDS

Although in two different leagues, the two dentists share some similar challenges. Both take care of the home and visiting teams when they play in Buffalo. That includes practices.

"I had a player from a Western team recently who got hit in the face with a puck in practice. He had a laceration and some broken teeth," Croglgio said.

If a player is injured in a game, but the team must fly out immediately, Croglgio contacts the dentist with the next team and informs him of the situation. Usually chipped and even broken teeth are stabilized and the player gets it taken care of later.

Hudecki is on call from noon Saturday, when the visiting team arrives, to after the game. "That's part of the informal contract," he said. "I take it very seriously. A trainer will call our trainer and say this player or one of the coaches has a tooth ache and you take care of them. So you're the resource if they have dental problems. It's taken care of."

Hudecki's tenure dates back to a time when the league was more informal and collegial. He was friends with team owner Ralph Wilson and other top team managers, and players and coaches came over to his house for dinner. Even his contract with the team is a bit of a throwback.

"There is no contract. It's always been a handshake," he said. "The new trainers didn't understand that part. It's Buffalo. It's different."

CHANGING GAMES

The doctors said the evolution of equipment and of the games themselves have helped reduce some types of injuries. Hudecki remembers the days of single-bar face masks on football players and a gruesome broken jaw that a running back suffered. Today's football cages come down low enough to prevent that type of injury.

On the rink, Croglgio says the players are such good skaters and shooters, random injuries are somewhat reduced, even in an age when all players are blocking shots.

"It's not uncommon to see a lot of guys limping around after a game," he said. "You see a little different side in the locker room. You'll read in the press that a guy took shifts off or he is not playing that well and he let guys get away from him, and you know the guy is playing with a broken bone in his foot, or he's playing with bruised ribs. They are just tough."

For the dentists, keeping a player in the game is part of the mission.

"Unless it's a jaw fracture or something pretty severe, the goal is to get them back on the ice," Croglgio said. "A lot of times, unless it's something that is sharp or really sensitive, I'll look at it and say why don't we do something after the game."

Croglgio sutures any laceration inside the mouth. The team physician sews up facial cuts.

"Sometimes a guy will bite his tongue, and I have to sew that up," he said. "I make sure I am up on everything going on in emergency dental care and trauma care. It doesn't happen that often, but they should have somebody who knows what they are doing."

The players have dental insurance and can choose any dentist they like for their private care, but some stick with the team dentists. Hudecki cares for several Bills alumni who live in the area, including Booker Edgerson, a star defensive back on the AFL Champion Bills.

When James Lofton was in his last year with the Bills, he asked Hudecki to make his teeth beautiful because he knew he was going into broadcasting.

"So I veneered all his teeth. He looked like a million bucks," Hudecki said. "He said 'There is only one guy in the NFL who has better hands than me, and it's you.' I said thanks. He was great."

LOTS OF GAMES

Both men have seen a lot of sports games. Hudecki, a former high school All-American basketball player and four-year player at Niagara University (two years as captain), is very familiar with athletes. He said they make good patients because they are used to being to practice on time. But they reflect the general population in that, "no one really relishes going to the dentist."



1 DAVID CROGLGIO, DENTIST FOR UB SPORTS TEAMS AND THE BUFFALO SABRES. 2 CROGLGIO'S RINGS FROM UB AFTER THEY WON THE MAC IN BASKETBALL TWICE AND MAKING IT TO THE BOWL GAME IN FOOTBALL IN IDAHO. 3 GREG HUDECKI IN HIS OFFICE WITH THE TOOTH MODELS OF THE BUFFALO BILLS PLAYERS.

For Croglio, covering the Sabres means attending 50 games a year, including pre-season. "I've learned a lot about the game," he said. He also attends numerous UB games, where he volunteers his services.

Croglio also has been teaching a sports dentistry class for 25 years to 4th year dental students at the school. The class covers dental trauma, and the students make all the mouth guards for UB teams.

"The biggest thrill for me with teaching the class is five or 10 years later, I'll have students contact me and say, 'Guess what I did today. I'm covering for some team and I dealt with this injury,' he said. "I had a guy call who is taking care of a minor league hockey team and was making mouth guards for them."

MOUTH GUARDS WORK

The mouth guards the doctors make really protect the players. There is no evidence they help prevent concussion or jaw injuries, but they do protect teeth, both dentists said.

"I've had it happen twice that players were hit with a stick, and it has torn the mouth guard material, but yet they didn't lose any teeth," Croglio said. "So you can imagine how much shock that absorbs."

Hudecki said some players come from other teams with inferior mouth guards that trainers have made.

The mouth guards that Hudecki makes are three millimeters thick—much thinner than boil-and-bite guards—and are made of ethyl vinyl acetate. They are so important that the teams have spares for all players. The Bills have a blue case Hudecki made that carries all the duplicate mouth guards. Players often lose them in games, so Hudecki usually has to make numerous replacements after each game. Each is molded, the player's name is put on it, it's sterilized and packaged and sent to the team. When a player goes to another team, Hudecki sends the molds of the player's teeth to the dentist of the new team.

He speaks for many in Western New York when he says, "It's Buffalo. People take a lot of pride in what they do." **UBD**

OTHER ALUMNI IN THE GAME

A few other alums responded when asked who assists in sports dentistry.

Joshua Haentges, '16, is part of a three-dentist group practice in the southern tier, near Corning, NY. "Our practice is Addison Family Dentistry. We are the team dentists for the Elmira Enforcers, an FHL professional hockey league". He took the elective in sports dentistry taught by Croglio when at UB, and enjoys playing ice hockey himself.

Matthew Spatzner, '04, offers a free custom sportsguard day each year to the Morris-Sussex athletes in the surrounding community at his office, Montville Dental Associates, in Montville, NJ. "I place an ad in Morris/Sussex Sports, which is kind of like the ESPN of local High School sports around here," he wrote. The ad offers education on the reasons custom mouth guards are important. Check it out at morrissussexsports.com/free-custom-fitted-mouthguard-day.

Q&A

A CONVERSATION WITH DRS. BRENDAN DOWD, '86 AND FRANK BARNASHUK, '80

The NYSDA logo is a blue flame-like shape above the letters "NYSDA" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The logo is enclosed within a white circle that has a dashed border.

BY KEVIN HANLEY

You are both about three-quarters through your term as President of NYSDA and first year as its Treasurer. How have things been so far?

Dr. Dowd: It's been great. A great experience and a good challenge. I'm working with a lot of wonderful people; people who are thinking about the big picture of NYSDA all the time. I've really enjoyed it.

Dr. Barnashuk: Good. There have been no surprises. The current investment environment could have been better for the new Treasurer! The staff does a great job keeping the appropriate records and writing the appropriate reports, making my job that much easier. The purpose of the Treasurer is to have a dentist who understands the language of money and investments. I think I can do that well. I will be giving a brief presentation of the budget at the House this year.

What was your primary goal when you first took office?

Dr. Dowd: I have certain goals I wanted to accomplish as President. I want to continue the Dental Demonstration Project, which is now in its fourth year. As the summer went on, I thought more about helping to get Dr. Chad Gehani elected as President-Elect of the ADA,

which was accomplished in Hawaii in October. He was a phenomenal candidate with great vision and endless energy. Even though he was a terrific candidate, NYSDA did its part in assisting him. This is a great accomplishment. Another goal we will reach is the addition of the new marketplace on the NYSDA website through a company named TDSC (The Dental Supply Company), which should be going live April 1. I think it will be a great member benefit. Members will be able to save 15–20% on their dental supply orders through this collaboration.

Dr. Barnashuk: No, I didn't have any goals to change anything once I became Treasurer. That was one of my campaign points when I ran for the office last June. Everything was in good hands with the staff we have, and I didn't see any need to change that. I worked closely with the previous treasurer, Dr. Mark Weinberger, for the past several years, somewhat at the NYSDA House, but, more importantly, at the ADA House. We attended a lot of meetings together. When delegates from NYSDA came to me to suggest more transparency and information, I agreed quickly, which is why I will be giving a brief report at the upcoming House in June.

What is the greatest challenge facing dentistry these days?

Dr. Dowd: There are a number of things. I think do-it-yourself dentistry is one challenge that is just being recognized nationally, but we are ahead of this statewide. We have to deal with this straight-on, deciding what to do about it as it pertains to our scope of practice. We have to always put the patient's best interests first and foremost.

Professionally, membership is a challenge. Young dentists don't join organized dentistry in the numbers they did when I was a young dentist just coming out of school. We have to work hard to get these people to join, and at times it can be a challenge. I think we have to approach them when they are just starting out as first year dental students. I have Dr. Frank Barnashuk, the NYSDA Secretary-Treasurer, come in to lecture them in my ethics course. It is eye-opening for them. Getting them on board at that stage of their careers is very important. Waiting for later in their professional lives doesn't seem to work as well. As our numbers diminish, the challenge becomes greater.

Dr. Barnashuk: I agree with Dr. Dowd about membership. We are holding our own as far as numbers of members,

but, with the increasing number of dentists graduating each year, our share of members is decreasing. We must support membership growth by showing non-members how important membership is to the future practice of dentistry. You have to show that wherever you can. If our share falls below 50% of the profession, then our voice is diminished.

Dentistry seems to be following the medical model of practice with larger group practices and more corporate-type practices. How do you think dentistry will be affected by this?

Dr. Dowd: I think we have to work with them. Economies of scale are important. Larger practices can order larger quantities of supplies, which helps to hold down the overall cost of doing business. However, dentistry is not moving as quickly to the corporate model as some people thought. It might take another generation before we have less solo practices and partnerships as compared with large group practices. DSOs are part of this. We need to work with them. After all, we are all dentists when it is all said and done. I think if the groups are led by dentists, quality will be achieved and members can be recruited. There is a group in Minnesota, Park Dental, which has over 125 dentists, the majority of whom are partners. They are all ADA members. The goal would be to get all the dentists in these large group practices to become members of the ADA.

Dr. Barnashuk: There are indeed big groups out there, but the solo practitioner and small group practice are still the primary models of practice in dentistry today. We don't drive the growth or death of big groups through organized dentistry. In our ADA strategic plan, we work to 'help all members succeed,' no matter where they practice or in whatever capacity they work. We have to be attractive in whatever way we can. Some large practices promote organized dentistry

and others don't. You have to find a way to represent all members, no matter how and where they work.

Looking back on your career, what advice would you give to the younger version of yourself?

Dr. Dowd: I try to tell younger dentists a good work/life balance is very important. When I first started out, I worked 5-6 days a week and only took one to two weeks of vacation a year. As I matured, I found that I was more productive if I took more time off for myself than when I was in the office so much. I'm a clinician at heart, and it took me time to learn to organize my schedule so my work/life balance was more reasonable.

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FRANK
BARNASHUK



Dr. Barnashuk: I’m not a person who looks back to dwell on the various crossroads I faced in my past and wonder about the path not taken. I don’t regret taking the paths I took. I am very happy with the life that dentistry has given me and my family. However, looking back, I would have become involved in organized dentistry leadership much earlier than I did. I did some things in the early ’80s, but didn’t really step up until 2001. The same thing with teaching. I started teaching in early 2001. Those two things gave vitality to my dental practice at the time and changed my path. Most dentists in Buffalo know me for this part of my career and not necessarily for my early, private practice days.

You have been in private practice and academics in your career. Which do you like better?

Dr. Dowd: I like them both. As I mentioned, I am definitely a clinician at heart, and, who knows, I may some day go back into the community to practice a day or two a week. I was in private practice for 29 years, 25 as an owner, but Dean Zambon has been wonderful as I transitioned from private practice to academics. I was able to slowly go from the private world into teaching. There are different types of challenges administratively, looking at the long term goals of the dental school, lecturing skills as well as clinical teaching skills. But I was able to slowly transition from private practice to teaching at the dental school so I could learn these new skills. I enjoy teaching and both careers have been wonderful.

Dr. Barnashuk: Like Dr. Dowd, I like both. I have been rewarded by both. As a teacher, I don’t get to form personal relationships with patients, but as a private practitioner, I was able to form close relationships with many people. Our office had a strong family awareness with our patients. I liked that a lot. There are good things in both. Dentistry gave me many opportunities which another career may not have. I was able to be present in our childrens’ lives, attending all the things parents want to attend while the kids grow up. In another career, that may not have been the case.

What is your greatest accomplishment as President of NYSDA?

Dr. Dowd: I love working with the staff and the volunteers at NYSDA. I think keeping the Dental Demonstration Project going is very important. I can see myself continuing to be involved with it when I am done with my presidency. We are going on our fifth year, hopefully, if we get the funding for it in the state budget. This year we want to expand our events into public schools to offer cleanings, sealants, exams and, most importantly, find these patients permanent dental homes. Fifty percent of people don’t go to the dentist. If we can educate the public through the Dental Demonstration Project the importance of dental health and finding a dental home, we can get them continuous care. I am very proud of the Dental Demonstration Project.

Dr. Barnashuk, what would you consider to be your greatest accomplishment?

Dr. Barnashuk: That’s a tough one. I’m not accomplishment oriented. I have raised three children who are all successful in their adult lives. Of course, my wife, Debbie, had a huge role in that. I’d say it’s having married my high school sweetheart, raising a family, and, after knowing her and being together for 47 years, we are

still a couple. I'd say that's quite an accomplishment. I relish a lot of roles and I love what I do, but I don't see what I do as accomplishments. Helping others succeed in dentistry is what drives me each day. The road map I had when I started out was to just be as good a dentist as I could be and as good a family man by raising my children and seeing them succeed.

Will you stay active in organized dentistry once your term of office is over?

Dr. Dowd: You never know what is going to happen, but certainly with the demonstration project, if that continues, I find myself supporting and working for its success. It all depends, though. If there are younger people who want to get involved, I would graciously stand aside and let them contribute to our success. I want to be cognizant of that. We need the younger members to step up and lead.

Dr. Barnashuk: In NYSDA, treasurer is the highest office I can achieve, simply because of the way the president of NYSDA is chosen. As far as ADA treasurer goes, seeing the recent campaign for treasurer this past year and seeing who won, I don't think I have the time left in my career to

build to his level of relevance and experience. There are places for me to serve in continued roles at NYSDA and the ADA, if I am lucky enough to be chosen.

Do you want to seek a higher office in the ADA after you are finished with as President?

Dr. Dowd: It's way too early for me to comment on that. I haven't thought about it at all.

How has being an officer affected your personal life?

Dr. Dowd: I hope it hasn't changed me at all. It certainly is challenging. I hope it has honed my leadership skills. I'm still the same guy. I return all calls and texts within 24 hours. I wish I had more time with the students. I do the best I can. Time is a little tough. You just have to manage it wisely. Our NYSDA Executive Director, Dr. Mark Feldman, is second to none. Not only with his wisdom and advice, but he knows when to ask me what I think about something and not just say this is the way we've done it in the past. He's been great. He's got vision and foresight but also knows when to ask what others think about issues.

Dr. Barnashuk: No. It's not been more than what I went through as Trustee.

It's advanced knowledge of what the Trustees see. It's more of the same, but just wearing a different hat. I have been involved in officers' meetings where there is some extra work to do, but it's not terribly taxing.

Any additional thoughts?

Dr. Dowd: One thing I think is important is establishing connections in the state and federal legislatures. We just had a great lobby day in Albany and we now have local connections which are important. Senator Tim Kennedy is a Democratic Senator and is one of the state leaders in the Senate. We just had a nice event for Crystal Peoples Stokes, the Majority Leader in the New York State Assembly. We are doing a great job with advocacy. The downstate people are also doing a great job with advocacy. It is very important to establish these connections and work together with our lawmakers in the best interest of dentistry.

Thank you for interviewing me. I'm thrilled and honored to be in this position. I would also like to thank my family, especially my wife Colleen, for all of their support during this extremely rewarding endeavor.

Dr. Barnashuk: No. You've asked some great questions. Thank you for taking the time to interview me. [UBD](#)

A Conversation with Drs. Brendan Dowd and Frank Barnashuk



DR. BRENDAN DOWD, NY ASSEMBLY MAJORITY LEADER CRYSTAL PEOPLES STOKES, AND DR. FRANK BARNASHUK.



STUDENT RESEARCH DAY

2019

THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE 2019 STUDENT RESEARCH DAY was held on Thursday, February 28th, at the Center for Tomorrow, located on UB's North Campus. The event highlighted the outstanding research efforts of UB undergraduate and dental students, as well as graduate and post-graduate trainees.

Over 60 students presented posters on a wide range of topics related to dental research. This day would not have been possible without all of our volunteer judges and the hard work of Maria Abraham. Many thanks to all who participated!



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UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Oleg Borisiuk (Praveen Arany)
 Leon Butcher (Arany)
 Akhila Khan (Arany)
 Iakov Nikitkov (Thomas Mang)
 Asad Tanweer (Arany)
 Nicholas Young* (Arany)

DENTAL STUDENTS

Omar Albasha (Arany)
 Amanjyot Bains (Sebastiano Andreana)
 Andrew Barone (Rosemary Dziak)
 Jaeyoung Choi (Arany)
 Kyung Chung (Dian ChinKit-Wells)
 Yegor Dukashin (Stefan Ruhl)
 Eva Gershovich (Frank Scannapieco)
 Hamidreza Ghorbaniparvar*
 (Sebastian Ciancio)
 Mohammadreza Ghorbaniparvar
 (Thikriat Al-Jewair)
 Jacob Graca (Arany)
 Jennifer Helfer (Dziak)
 Juhi Hirpara (Rui Li)
 Ryan Koch (Al-Jewair)
 Benjamin Lantz-Subtelny*
 (Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker)

Rin Zhi Larocque (Ding Xu)
 Brian Lawson (Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh)
 Ronald Lowe (Al-Jewair)
 Simran Marwah (Al-Jewair)
 Muhaimin Moin (Upoma Guha)
 Timothy Moses (R. Scott Conley)
 Eric Niles (Andreana)
 Ji Sung Park (Mark Swihart)
 Reena Patel (Sadid-Zadeh)
 Kathleen Rusnak (ChinKit-Wells)
 Hadjer Sahraoui (Sadid-Zadeh)
 Claire Sesson (Richard Ohrbach)
 Michael Simon* (Sadid-Zadeh)
 Dam Soh* (Ruhl)
 Brendon Ursomanno (Lisa Yerke)
 Francesca Velardi* (Ohrbach)
 Cory Zirkel (Sadid-Zadeh)

EXCELLENCE IN PRE-DOCTORAL RESEARCH AWARD

Adrian Farsii

ADVANCED EDUCATION STUDENTS/RESIDENTS/FELLOWS

Hajar Albanyan (Ashu Sharma)
 Maram Alsantli* (Ruhl)

Abdulrahman Alzahrani (Hyeongil Kim)
 Shruti Bajaj (David Covell, Jr.)
 Robert Cox (Christopher Heard)
 Carly Greene (Heard)
 David Hallenbeck (Rachel Anderson)
 Hai Huynh (Heard)
 Joseph Johnson (Tammy Thompson)
 Jaewon Kim (Abhiram Maddi)
 Jeremy Kiripolsky (Jill Kramer)
 Sarah Metcalfe (Jason Kay)
 Patrick Micaroni (Thompson)
 Sangwon Min* (Roseanne Romano)
 Hannah Norris (Mira Edgerton)
 Dalia Nourah (Dziak)
 Chia-Hua Pai (Tingxi Wu)
 Daniel Pinto (H. Kim)
 Paige Riddle* (Jeffrey Nickel)
 Ornella Salvatori (Edgerton)
 Christine Song* (Romano)
 Mahmoud Tallab (Arany)
 Mariel Webber (Lucila Piasecki)
 Joel Williams (Heard)
 XiaoXiao Zhang* (Ding Xu)

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1 DRs. ROBERT COHEN AND LISA YERKE REVIEWING STUDENT POSTERS; **2** PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY RESIDENTS PRESENTING AT RESEARCH DAY: LEFT TO RIGHT, DAVID HALLENBECK, PATRICK MICARONI, ROBERT COX, CARLY GREENE, HAI HUYNH, JOEL WILLIAMS, JOSEPH JOHNSON; **3** MARYANNE MATHER CLINICAL RESEARCH AWARDEES: HAMIDREZA GHORBANIPARVAR, '19, DR. SEBASTIAN CIANCIO, BENJAMIN LANTZ-SUBTELNY, '20; **4** JAEYOUNG CHOI, '22, DESCRIBING RESEARCH TO DRs. DING XU AND KEITH KIRKWOOD; **5** UNDERGRAD AND DDS STUDENT AWARDEES: DR. JILL KRAMER, CHAIR, SDM STUDENT RESEARCH AND HONORS COMMITTEE, NICHOLAS YOUNG-UNDERGRAD (PHYSICS), FRANCESCA VELARDI, '20, HAMIDREZA GHORBANIPARVAR, '19, BENJAMIN LANTZ-SUBTELNY, '20, MICHAEL SIMON, '19, ADRIAN FARSAII, '19, DR. PRAVEEN ARANY, DEPUTY CHAIR, SDM STUDENT RESEARCH AND HONORS COMMITTEE; **6** DAM SOH, '21, RECEIVING THE 2019 STUDENT COMPETITION FOR ADVANCING DENTAL RESEARCH AND ITS APPLICATION (SCADA) AWARD FROM JOEL MONTEIRO, DENTSPLY SIRONA REPRESENTATIVE; **7** ADVANCED EDUCATION STUDENT/RESIDENT AWARDEES: PAIGE RIDDLE-ORTHODONTICS, MARAM ALSANTLI-ORAL SCIENCES, SANGWON MIN-ORAL BIOLOGY, CHRISTINE SONG-ORAL BIOLOGY, XIAOXIAO ZHANG-ORAL BIOLOGY.

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course calendar

APR. 17
(5 TO 8 P.M.)

Earth Day Event! Become a green, eco-friendly professional with environmentally conscious steps any office can take.

Lisa Knowles, DDS
Harriman Hall, UB South Campus

DENTISTS, RDH, DA, OTHERS
SEEKING CE CREDIT: \$15
3 CE HRS

WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES
(6 TO 9 P.M.)

MAY 1 Culturally Competent Care: Ensuring Compliance, Promoting Inclusion

Sharon Nolan-Weiss, JD
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MAY 8 Periodontal Considerations for Best Restorative Outcomes

Othman Shibly, DDS, MS

MAY 22 Infection Control for the Dental Team

Frank Barnashuk, DDS
Baldy Hall, Room 200G, UB North Campus (live lecture)

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3 CE HRS

MAY 3
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Management and Classification of Peri-Implant Diseases

Hector L. Sarmiento, DMD, MS
UB School of Dental Medicine

UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$295
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TEAM MEMBER: \$95

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16 CE HRS

MAY 10
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UB DENTAL HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM

A.M. My Favorite Things... Dental Hygiene Style

P.M. Dying From Dirty Teeth... Oral Health of Our Elders:

A Problem and a Viable Solution

Angie Stone, RDH
Marriott Hotel, Buffalo, NY

TUITION: \$125 BEFORE APRIL 19;
AFTER \$145

6 CE HRS



Annamarie Phalen

Associate Director,
Continuing Dental Education

UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB 2018-2019

(THURSDAYS, 6 TO 9 P.M.)

MAY 16 Esthetic Crown Lengthening

Javier Sanz, DDS
UB School of Dental Medicine

ANNUAL NEW MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$1395

RETURNING MEMBERS: \$995

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3 CE HRS/MEETING

MAY 17
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

ANNUAL SANFORD B. SUGARMAN LECTURE

In cooperation with Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity & the Buffalo Metro Study Club

Digital Implant Dentistry 360

Mark Ludlow, DMD, MS
Salvatore's, Buffalo, NY

ALUMNI/AO MEMBER: \$195
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$235
TEAM MEMBER: \$95

6 CE HRS

MAY 30-31
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Stress-Free Endodontics

Adham Abdel Azim, BDS
UB School of Dental Medicine

UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$995
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JUNE 7
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

ANNUAL JOHN J. CUNAT EDUCATIONAL FUND LECTURE

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Evidence for Accelerated Orthodontics

Calogero Dolce, DDS, PhD
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TEAM MEMBER: \$125

6 CE HRS

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JUNE 26 – 28
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40TH ANNUAL CHAUTAUQUA DENTAL CONGRESS

**WED Implant Dentistry: Clinical,
Surgical & Biological Approaches**
Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS

**THURS Oral & Maxillofacial
Surgery Boot Camp**
Robert Cronyn, DDS, JD

**FRI You and Your
Patients' Medications**
Sebastian Ciancio, DDS
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DENTIST: \$235
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12 CE HRS

Special anniversary celebration events!

**WED, 1 P.M. Chautauqua
Belle Steamboat Cruise**
Departs from Mayville dock;
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THURS, 1 P.M.
Afternoon Winery Tour
Departs from CHQ Suites
Parking Lot; \$25

**FRI, 1:30 P.M. Athenaeum
Hotel Luncheon**
On Chautauqua Institution
Grounds; \$25



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In Memoriam

FROM THE EDITOR

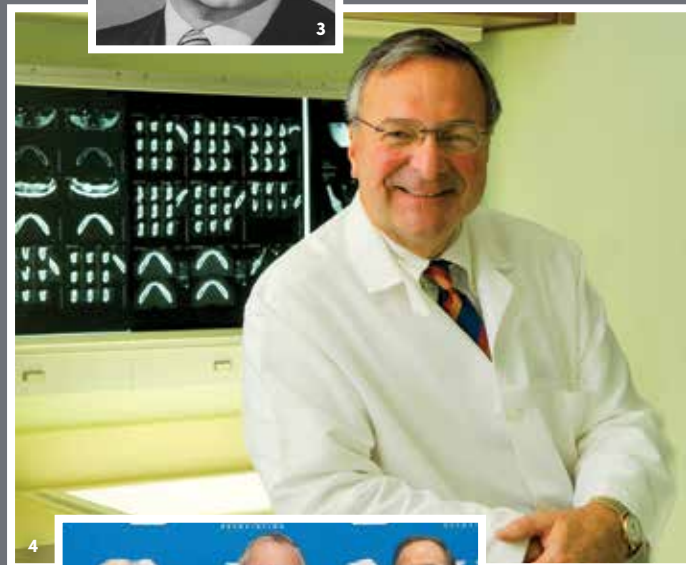
As I'm composing this brief message, it is impossible not to be sad. Within the span of a few days, we have lost two distinguished scientists, teachers, and gentlemen—Drs. Robert Baier and Robert Genco.

Both were internationally renowned in their fields of biomaterials and oral biology, respectively. Both were humble in that they respected the contributions of colleagues to their own success, but they also demanded excellence. They both demanded much of themselves, and loved their work and their families. They inspired us and will be greatly missed.

Pamela Jones

Co-Editor, UB Dentist

Their obituaries appeared in the March 8, 2019 edition of the Buffalo News, so rather than repeat that information, on multiple occasions we asked them to share their thoughts on various topics and a few of those musings are reprinted here (page 25).



1 ROBERT BAIER, DIRECTOR OF THE BIOMATERIALS GRADUATE PROGRAM AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INDUSTRY/UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR BIOSURFACES, DISCUSSES RESEARCH WITH PHD GRADUATE SANTOSH ROHIT YERRABOLU. 2 BAIER EARLY IN CAREER. 3 ROBERT GENCO AS A YOUNG FACULTY MEMBER. 4 GENCO SHORTLY AFTER BEING NAMED DIRECTOR OF THE UB CENTER FOR MICROBIOME RESEARCH IN 2016. 5 GENCO RECEIVING THE RICHARD T. SARKIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AT THE 2017 UB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS FROM MARY GARLICK ROLL, PAST UB ALUMNI ASSOC. PRESIDENT, AND UB PRESIDENT SATISH TRIPATHI.



Robert E. Baier

(October 31, 1939–
March 2, 2019)

UB Distinguished Professor,
Department of Oral
Diagnostic Sciences

Inspiration to Do Research

“Ever since I was a boy, I had a curiosity about what goes on when Part A meets Part B. I had pursued this as part of my educational plan, all through the years up through postdoctoral work doing environmental work, and research on blood and heart lung machines, and contact lenses...and work on dental implants.”

“I think you can be inspired anytime even if you’re 50 years old and a long-time worker in the field. It’s the opportunity to solve the problem that turns you on.”

Career Choices

“First we had to discover what was the nature of the interaction of living and non-living things...I was invited to try to help him, per-Ingvar Branemark, explore this phenomenon—titanium’s interaction with the bone. We discovered that Mother Nature didn’t change the rules and so what goes on in the oral cavity goes on also in the heart, in the leg, in the artificial kidney, in a wine-making plant, on ship-bottoms...”

“They needed somebody who could meet the state’s desire to do industry-based research. I was recruited (by Joseph Natiella) to run that program here.”

On Inspiring New Researchers

“I would say to have an inspiring mentor...a person with the greatest verve, personality, and urge to know. If you really want to inspire this generation, get out there and preach your dreams and you will find some followers who will climb up the mountain higher than you are.”

“I’m a great admirer of people working in the clinical field...my clinical supervisors and colleagues have been the most inspiring in providing service. I just say ‘Jump in.’ Enjoy doing all of these things. You will be rewarded. Curiosity is the key and that’s what we depend upon with young people coming up—a natural instinct-and we must give them the tools to work on it.”



Robert J. Genco

(October 31, 1938–
March 6, 2019)

SUNY Distinguished
Professor,
Department of Oral Biology

On Coming to UB

“I graduated in 1963, went to Penn for four years and got a PhD and periodontal training. I came back to UB in 1967. By then the Oral Biology department was thriving. Between ’63 and now, UB’s Oral Biology department and the dental school have become leaders in research and graduate training. That was something that was always a challenge to make sure that all of our faculty understood that if you have strength in research, it doesn’t take from strength in clinical training.”

On Mentoring

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

“We stay close. Just last year I visited three former students who are chairs of departments or directors of research...It was very satisfying to see them develop and to be major trainers of a new generation. It goes on.”

Advice for New Alums

“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.”

“I think it (service) was just a natural progression of my activities. I just thought that this is part of what being an academe is about. You’re involved and you give back to your profession. This is what you do. You’re teaching others. You’re spreading the word. And obviously, there’s some satisfaction in changing the profession because you find something in your research and can bring it to the clinicians.”

“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.”

AlumniNews

Students win a squeaker to claim the Hanau Cup in 2019



By Raymond G. Miller, '85

On a cold day in March, the battle for the coveted Hanau Cup returned to the shores of the Buffalo River. Buffalo Riverworks hosted the game this year pitting seasoned alumni of the School of Dental Medicine against unpolished, overly ambitious dental students. The game was closer than early odds predicted with the students squeaking out a 9-7 victory. A blessing for the alumni was that Benjamin Lantz-Subtelny, '20 refused to abandon his alumni father, Gregory Subtelny, '76, and played for the alumni. Ben is a skilled player and picked up the slack for the aging alumni legs. Greg actually scored two of the alumni goals and could have had a third, however he was denied the opportunity to go one on one with the goalie as he was chased down by a student from behind. The same student will probably hoard crown patients in his patient family when he gets to clinic. The alumni also "stole" sophomore goaltender Joseph Ciciarelli, '20 from the students. Joe stood on his head and robbed his classmates on many occasions adding to their frustrations.

The game was well attended by students and alumni, and the traditional post-game meal of beer, wings and pizza was enjoyed by all. The game and after party was sponsored by the UB Dental Alumni Association and in part by Peter Atkinson of Dental Dynamics Inc.

Besides the Subtelny's, the father son duo of Theodore Jenkins, '75 and Robert Jenkins, '07 took part along with Chris Miller son of Raymond Miller, '85, another alumni player. Michael Gengo, '13, son-in-law of Chester Gary, '76, provided another set of strong, young legs who were very instrumental in keeping the game close for the alumni.

Other alumni players were Fred Rodems, '80, James Matteliano, '80, Kenneth Lee, '89, Bob Vavaroutsos, '91, Andrew Privitera, '96 and Adam Ungaro, '13. Student players were Jesse Adamson, '19, Will Adamson, '21, Thomas Adolf, '21, Brad Bailey, '22, MacKenzie Comeau, '21, Christopher Danna, '21, Michael Donahue, '20, Benjamin Fruce, '21, Holland Gallup, '21, Paul Herrman, '19, Benjamin Hietanen, '19, Caleb Holmes, '19, Jonathan Kaszuba, '22, Alexander Sikora, '19, and Eric Niles, '19.

2019 UPCOMING EVENTS

Run for Smiles 5K
Saturday, April 27
South Campus
Cost \$20

Alumni & Friends Reception
Tabletop Tap House
175 Fourth Street
San Francisco, CA
Friday, September 6
5-7 pm

**Buffalo Niagara
Dental Meeting**
Buffalo Niagara Convention
Center
October 2-4
www.BNDMeeting.com

Remember When Reception
Hyatt Regency Sungarden
Thursday, October 3
5:30-7 pm

Reunion Dinner Dance
Hyatt Regency Ballroom
Friday, October 4
6:30 pm cocktails
7:30 pm dinner

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

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Alums cheer Bulls

The UB Dental Alumni Association, together with the other health sciences alumni associations, hosted an alumni reception before the UB Bulls vs. Ball State basketball game on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. Even though the weather did not cooperate that evening, well over 100 alumni and friends ventured out to attend the reception and cheer on their team!



REUNION CHAIR LIST

- 1959 Dr. Paul A. Kendall
Dr. Norman A. Roswick
- 1964 Dr. James W. Olson
Dr. James T. Strychalski
Dr. Ronald F. Zielin
- 1969 Dr. Peter C. Procopio
- 1979 Dr. Charles W. Kohout
- 1984 Dr. Priscilla J. Adams
Dr. John V. Lucchese, Jr.
Dr. Beth E. Reilly
- 1989 Dr. H. Sonny Spera
- 1994 Dr. Salvatore Ortolano
- 1999 Dr. Daniel H. DeTolla
Dr. Leo A. Massaro
Dr. Matthew R. Young
- 2009 Dr. Leah M. Capozzi
Dr. Andrew J. Carmosino
Dr. Jennifer L. Frustino
- 2014 Dr. Kelly A. Burch
Dr. Matthew L. Valerio



If you would like to get involved in planning your reunion, please contact Sherry in the Dental Alumni Office at (716) 829-6419.

Local dentist helps in Haiti

Donald Tucker, '81, recently returned from his annual trip to Haiti where he works in a clinic. Tucker said there is a shortage of dentists in Haiti, where there is one dental school that graduates 25 dentists a year.

Because Haitians often use sugar cane as pacifiers for infants, many people have tooth decay.

"Once you go there, you get pulled in. The need is so great and the people are so appreciative," Tucker said.

"I'm helping Haitian dentists learn modern techniques."

The dental/medical mission in Coq Chante, Haiti, has been funded by



two churches for 25 years. They are St. George R.C. Church in West Falls, NY, and Nativity of our Lord R.C Church in Orchard Park, NY.

Tucker has also set up a gofundme account for the dental mission.



Kaffey named dental society president

In May 2018, David M. Kaffey, '94, was installed as president of the Montgomery Bucks Dental Society (MBDS). MBDS is the largest dental society in Pennsylvania with over 825 members. Kaffey has been involved in organized dentistry for many years and has held many positions including: new dentist co-chair, evening continuing education program chair, alternate delegate to the ADA House of Delegates, recording secretary, president-elect, and now president.

Ivoclar Vivadent helps raise money for foundation

Ivoclar Vivadent and the National Association of Dental Laboratories (NADL) joined forces to raise funds to support the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology by giving folks the chance to win "The Spirit of the Esthetic Revolution,™" a 1995 Harley-Davidson® Softail Classic motorcycle donated by Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc.

Over 700 tickets were sold, and the campaign raised \$15,000 to help support the Foundation for Dental Laboratory Technology's scholarship and grant programs to dental technicians.



"We truly appreciate our friends at Ivoclar Vivadent and their CEO Robert Ganley for their generosity in donating "The Spirit of the Esthetic Revolution™" to help raise funds for the Foundation," said Foundation Chair Gary locco. "We are grateful for their support."

In Memoriam

Frank J. "Doc B" Biondolillo, '55, died December 21, 2018, at age 91. After serving in the US Navy, where he earned a Purple Heart, he earned his DDS and oral surgery degrees and opened an office in Harpursville. He taught at BCC School of Dental Hygiene, worked with Broome County School Dental Program and was a dentist for the Broome County Correctional Facility.

Joseph G. Clauss, Sr., '52, died August 7, 2018. He practiced in Orchard Park for 40 years, retiring in 1992.

Louis Paul Gangarosa, Sr., '55, PhD, 89, died November 14, 2018. He was a professor of Oral Biology & Medicine and coordinator of pharmacology at the School of Dentistry at the Medical College of Georgia. He did research on local drug delivery using iontophoresis, formed the company Healing Through Caring (HTC) and invented a healing mouth rinse, Oralief. He was awarded numerous grants from National Institutes of Health & Industries, authored a text on iontophoresis, and had over 178 publications. Education, teaching and research were always his highest priorities. He retired as Professor Emeritus in 1994.

Christina B. Gatton, '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."

Robert Shearer Gray, Ortho Cert. '53 died September 29, 2018 age 96. He opened his orthodontic practice in Mystic, CT, in 1953. He was past president of the New London Dental Association.

Murray J. Klauber, '52, died on Thanksgiving at age 91. After serving in the Navy, he attended the University of Buffalo and the University of Pennsylvania, eventually becoming an orthodontist and opening his orthodontic practice in Buffalo. He was founder in 1970, and CEO of the Colony Beach & Tennis Resort on Longboat Key, Florida, a facility that helped make the island a popular tourist destination and was once ranked the No. 1 tennis resort in the nation by Tennis Magazine. It attracted tennis stars from around the world, including Arthur Ashe, Billy Jean King, Chris Evert, Bjorn Borg, Monica Seles, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and step-daughter Carling Bassett-Seguso. Many politicians and celebrities also vacationed at The Colony over the years. He was also involved in several major development projects in Sarasota, Florida.

Samuel C. Morreale, '59, of Lewiston, died January 9, 2019, at age 84. He held the Alpha Omega award and the Barrett Foundation prize or attaining the highest scholastic standing for four years of dental study. The American Society of Dentistry also presented him with an award for excellence in children's dentistry. In addition, he was elected to membership in the Omicron

Kappa Upsilon national honorary dental fraternity. After serving in the Air Force, he opened his dental practice in 1962 on Niagara Street, where he enjoyed serving the community for 55 years. He played the saxophone and clarinet and was a member of the Niagara Falls Musicians Hall of Fame and Lewiston Jazz Festival committee.

Fred M. Silver, '76, died on February 13, 2019. He was a resident of Amherst, NY.

Surendra M. Singh, '74, died October 31, 2018 at age 79. Born in Lahore, India, he resided in Parsippany, NJ, before moving to Somerset.

Newton Troum, '46, died November 28, 2019 at age 94. He was one of the last of 6 surviving members of the Class of 1946.

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JOINING MURRAY ROSENTHAL, 3RD FROM LEFT, AT A RECENT DINNER WERE (LEFT TO RIGHT) STEPHEN ABEL, ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR STUDENT, COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL INITIATIVES, NEIL DENGLER, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT, JOSEPH MELUNI, '20, CALEB HOLMES, '19 AND PATRICK BATTISTA, '09, ENDO CERT. '12, 2019 SDM EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR.

Scholarship for Dental Students

Murray Rosenthal, '63, loves life. He loves experiencing new things and meeting new people. 79, Rosenthal is extremely busy. He travels all over the world, is a Manhattan-based periodontist and is a Tony award-winning producer of three Broadway shows and has produced/ invested in over 100 Broadway plays. He is on the boards of two non-profit organizations that support young opera singers. In addition, he is an active member of the UB Foundation Board. He loves to attend previews and is often asked to critique new productions. His current Broadway production is "Network," which opened to great reviews.

Rosenthal funds the Rosenthal Family Scholarship for UB dental students. The scholarship provides funding for a second-year student until he or she graduates. Dr. Rosenthal dines with the recipients twice a year in Buffalo and calls the dinners "highlights of my life." Mentoring is something Rosenthal also provides to all the recipients, and he displays tremendous generosity. He once offered a student use of his Paris flat for his upcoming honeymoon.

"I enjoy speaking with the students, to see how they are doing, not only in

dental school, but in life as well," he says. "The scholarship offers enough to help with living expenses, to ease their load."

As an alum, Rosenthal feels it is important to give back to the university and the dental school. "The university is growing, and with that the city of Buffalo is growing," he states. He encourages fellow alums to support the dental school. "UB alumni involvement is key to the future of our dental school."

For Rosenthal, giving back is just part of life, be it providing community service through dentistry or an opera program. "I'm living life to the fullest, I have no intention of slowing down," he says.

Join Dr. Rosenthal and make your contribution to the dental school. The School of Dental Medicine is a pioneer in the field—a research titan and a shining example of the best dental education, community engagement and global leadership. With your help, our world-class research, education, clinical facilities and experiences will better prepare our students, redefine and strengthen dental medicine, and improve the health of countless millions of people. [UBD](#)

Recognizing Your Support (UBD, Fall 2018, p. 18) – Correction

The Conners Family members in the \$5,000–\$9,999 category of support should have been listed as:

Doreen and Don Conners
Gary and Gwen Conners

To learn more about how you can make your contribution to the dental school, contact: Neil R. Dengler, Director of Advancement, at ndengler@buffalo.edu, or (716) 881-7486 | fax (716) 829-6067

My Bold Moment

"As a UB student, I have the pleasure of serving with the American Student Dental Association at the national level. I love that I've been able to meet so many people from across the country and discuss how we can make a difference in our field."

Kathleen Gonzales, Class of 2019



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Bold moments are what make us great. Moments when we stand up for what we believe in. When we make a life-changing decision. And when we work together toward the greater good. The Boldly Buffalo campaign provides countless opportunities for students to discover their passions and achieve their dreams. To learn how you can help create a better world, visit buffalo.edu/campaign.

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We strive to provide a link between our members and the School of Dental Medicine, to support student activities, and to improve the quality of student life. Today's students are tomorrow's alumni and the Dental Alumni Association is proud to support our future colleagues.

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Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

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WED., OCT. 2 • 5:30 – 8 PM

“SMILE IN THE AISLE” PARTY

FREE for the Entire Dental Team
Join us for live music, food, and the latest and greatest in dental technology!

THURS., OCT. 3 • 8 AM – 4:30 PM

BARBARA J. STEINBERG, DDS

“Optimal Health and Wellness for a Lifetime”
“Eating Disorders/Oral Health and Dental Management for the Pregnant Patient”

AMBER D. RILEY, MS, RDH, FAFS

“Systemic Cyclones: The Biology of Disease and Wellness”
“Red, White and Blue: What Does it Mean to You? Practical Oral Pathology for the Dental Team”

FRI., OCT. 4 • 8 AM – 4:30 PM

VAN HAYWOOD, DMD

“Occlusal Disease, Examination, Adjustment and Splint Fabrication”
“Smile Analysis, Recontouring and Composite Bonding”

ROBERT A. LANG, DDS '83

“Current Concepts in Digital Dentistry: Are you Behind?”

TERESA DUNCAN, MS

“Dental Insurance in a Day”



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