

# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## SDM Hosts Award-winning Fashion Photographer Rick Guidotti for a Two Day Visit



Photographer and POSITIVE EXPOSURE founder Rick Guidotti photographs a child at a University Pediatric Dentistry clinic. Photo: Elisabeth Thompson

Award-winning fashion photographer Rick Guidotti recently visited the School of Dental Medicine to promote the use of more inclusive imagery in medical education and to celebrate the beauty of human diversity.

The two-day visit culminated in an event at a University Pediatric Dentistry clinic during which Guidotti gifted professional photography to dozens of children and youth with disabilities in Western New York.

"Rick Guidotti brings to Buffalo the opportunity to showcase how much we care for inclusivity within our own community. With his visit, we can teach inclusivity by action. With grace, we can celebrate each person for who they are," states Meelin D. Chin Kit-Wells, clinical assistant professor of pediatric and community dentistry in the UB School of Dental Medicine.

Guidotti — whose clients have included Yves St Laurent, Revlon and L'Oreal — is the founder of [POSITIVE EXPOSURE](#), a nonprofit dedicated to building a more inclusive world through photography, film, exhibitions,

lectures and educational programs. The charitable program has partnered with hospitals, medical schools and educational institutions around the world to reframe patient depictions in medical education through its initiative FRAME, a web-based educational library and resource.

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Pictured: L-R: Pediatric Dental Residents-Dr. Jihwan Kim, Dr. Julia Kollesar, Dr. Elizabeth Patrick pose with fashion photographer Rick Guidotti (middle) and Dr. Meelin Chinkit-Wells, following his presentation for the Profession, Practice and Community Class, held on Friday, January 20, 2023.

As part of Guidotti's visit, he met with SDM D1s to discuss the beauty of human diversity and the use of more inclusive imagery in medical education.

The UB School of Dental Medicine is dedicated to providing holistic oral health care to patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities in supportive, caring and respectful environments.

The school is investing \$1 million into a new space devoted to patients with disabilities in its Squire Hall dental clinic on the South Campus. The clinic will feature specialty equipment for patients in wheelchairs, with autism or who are medically complex, as well as tilt platforms, bariatric chairs, oversized doors and seating for caregivers.

The UB School of Dental Medicine has also entered into a partnership with Arc GLOW to provide dental care to patients with disabilities in Genesee, Livingston, Orleans and Wyoming counties through its S-Miles To Go program, which operates through two state-of-the-art mobile dental vans.

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