

# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## 2021 Advanced Education Orientation Day



Pictured Left-Right: 2021 Residents of TMD & Orofacial Pain PG Program Amrit Mir, Haba Abdullah, Shabnam Sabounchi with Dr. Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker, Interim Chair, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, Director TMD & Orofacial Pain PG Program

SDM's Advanced Education week-long orientation began on Monday, August 2 with presentations at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott. These included Sharon Nolan-Weiss and Kesha Foster from the UB Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion providing training on Cultural Competency and Harassment Prevention and Dr. Chet Gary providing a course on Jurisprudence, Ethics, and Dental Record-Keeping. Over 100 SDM residents, students, faculty and staff attended.





2021 New Residents in the Advanced Education in the Pediatric Dentistry Program

## 2021 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting



2019 Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting

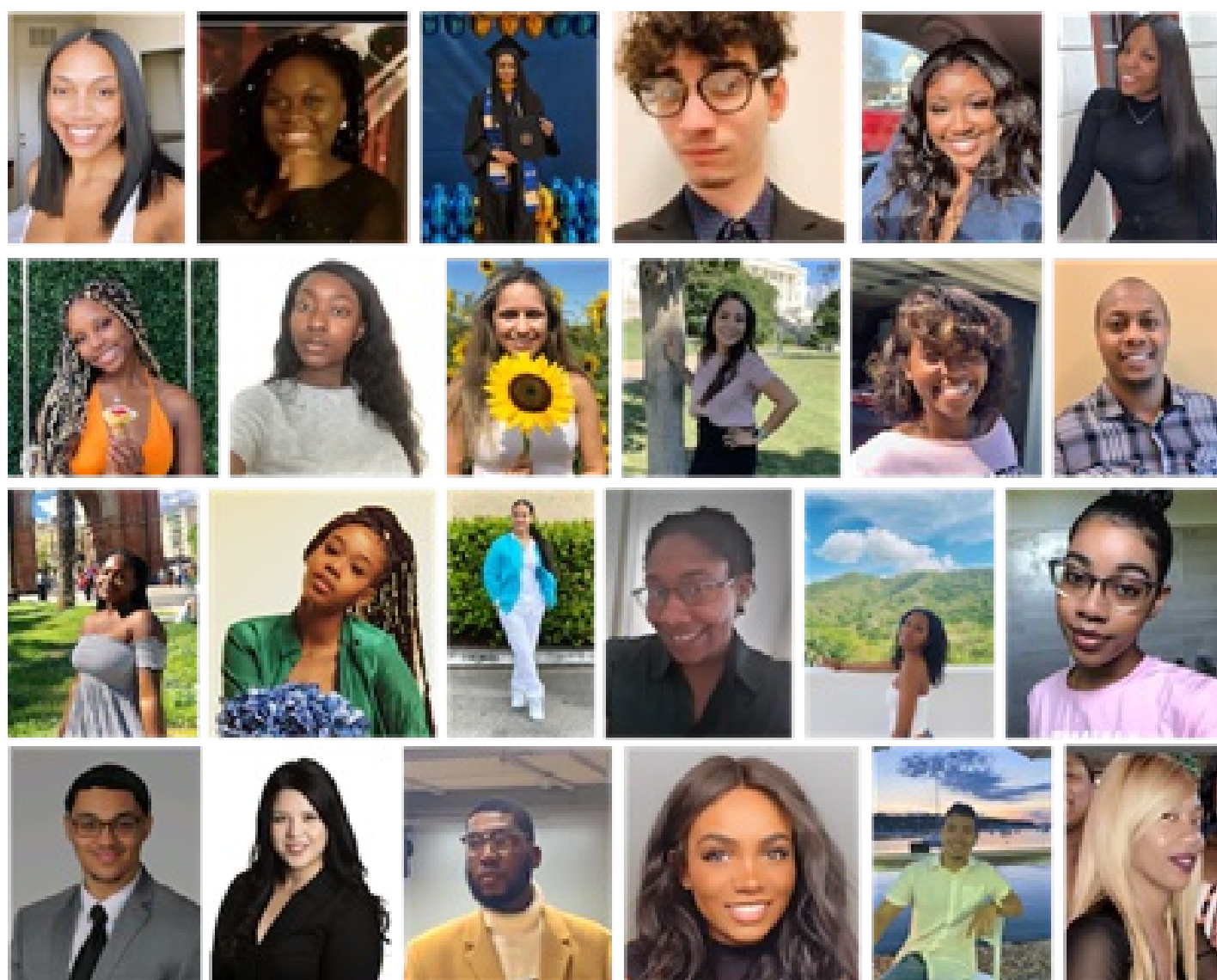
Pre-registration is now open! [Click here to register](#)



The BNDM meeting will be held November 3-5, 2021 at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center, Buffalo, N.Y.

The meeting is one of the top 15 dental meetings in the country. Attracting over 2400 dental professionals. Approximately 600 dentists and 600 hygienists register for the BNDM each year.

## ADA Article Features Destination Dental School Program



**Future dentists:** From left to right (top row), Jamyla Young; O'Maya Brown; Kadiatou Barry; Frandy Castellano Gutierrez, Alexis Jackson, MaTeenah Ige; (second row) Charity Turnboe; Ikodiya O. Kalu; Rosalia Sedano; Jalisa Whitehorse; Chandler Cleveland; Senai Daniel; (third row) Sharika Been; Jasmine Gray; Kiyah Coco; Brittany McCall; Nina Zylberberg; Rhianna Jack; (bottom row) Darling Mendoza; Marithza Flores; Jamaal Nafiu; Aron Jones; Sebastian Romero; and Jasmine Pryor are the first cohort of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine's Destination Dental School program. Image courtesy of UB School of Dental Medicine

Marithza Flores, a University of Colorado Boulder junior majoring in integrative physiology, was browsing dental school websites when she came across a program promoted by the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

Aptly called Destination Dental School, or DDS, it was a new initiative by the dental school that aims to remove barriers to careers in dentistry for underrepresented students.

As a Latina interested in pursuing a career in dentistry, Ms. Flores said this piqued her interest.

"I was motivated to apply due to the emphasis on promoting diversity within the dental community and providing minority students with the opportunity to get more detailed information about the application process," she said.

On July 31, Ms. Flores was among Destination Dental School's first cohort of 24 students to complete the free, eight-week program. The virtual program provided participants with an understanding of the day-to-day life of a dentist and dental student, helped strengthen their dental school applications, and developed their skills as researchers.

"[The program] has allowed me to understand that everyone's journey is unique, and has inspired me to push through adversity to pursue my dream of becoming a dentist," she said.

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