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SDM's Dr. Stefan Ruhl Named Interim Dean



[Dr. Stefan Ruhl, Professor and Associate Chair, Department of Oral Biology](#)

Stefan Ruhl, an internationally renowned expert on saliva, oral bacteria and the oral microbiome, will serve as interim dean of the School of Dental Medicine, effective Jan. 6.

The announcement was made yesterday in a university-wide memo from A. Scott Weber, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and Allison Brashear, vice president for health sciences and dean of the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

Ruhl succeeds Joseph Zambon, who is retiring after [39 years of service to UB](#).

"We are grateful to Dr. Ruhl for his leadership and service during this transitional period, during which time we will launch an international search for the next dean of the School of Dental Medicine," Weber and Brashear said in the memo.

"I am humbled by the amount of support I received from colleagues at our school, and am incredibly excited for the opportunity that lies ahead for all of us," Ruhl said. "I see great potential for joining forces with the medical school and the other health professions at UB for the benefit of science, student education and serving the underserved in the Buffalo and Western New York area."

A fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Ruhl is a professor and associate chair of the Department of Oral Biology.

A highly prolific scholar, his research seeks to unravel the roles that saliva and microorganisms play in health, including in adhesion to the teeth and surfaces of the mouth, defense against pathogens and colonization of the oral cavity.

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SDM's Stephanie T. Niciszewska Mucha & Joseph J. Mucha Patient Welcome Center Officially Opens



Cutting the ribbon (l-r) Anne Marie Domaradzki, Thaddeus Bieniek, Dr. Allison Brashear, Vice President for Health Sciences, Dean of Jacobs School of Medicine and Dr. Joseph J. Zambon, Dean, School of Dental Medicine

On Friday, December 10th, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to officially open the Stephanie T. Niciszewska Mucha & Joseph J. Mucha Patient Welcome Center. This Welcome Center is made possible by Mrs. Stephanie Mucha's generous donation of \$1,000,000 to the School of Dental Medicine. The center was designed by BKP Architects.

Remarks were given by Dean Joseph J. Zambon, UB's Provost A. Scott Weber and long-time friend of Stephanie and Joseph Mucha's Thaddeus Bieniek.

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