

# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## UB SDM Hosts the 2021 International Dental Program (IDP) Welcome Ceremony



IDP Class of 2022 with (center) Dr. Lata Shenoy, Director of IDP Program

On Friday, July 16, 2021, the UB School of Dental Medicine hosted the International Dental Program (IDP) Welcoming Ceremony, which was held in the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, located in Amherst, N.Y. Over 130 students, staff and faculty attended.

Dr. Mary Bush, Associate Dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives opened the ceremony by introducing Dr. Joseph Gambacorta, Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs, who welcomed the 51 foreign-trained dental students into the school. This was the first year that the ceremony included 2 IDP classes, Class of 2022 and Class of 2023.

The program continued with Dr. Lata Shenoy, Director of IDP Program, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Jenna McCune, President, Class of 2022, Anthony Felli, President, Class of 2023 and Dr. Brendan Dowd, Assistant Dean of Clinical Operations, who led everyone in the recitation of the Dentist's Pledge.

The IDP Welcoming Ceremony is a wonderful and meaningful tradition in which the School of Dental Medicine welcomes new IDP students as colleagues dedicated to patient care. During the event, faculty and third-year students presented entering students with a white coat, the symbol of clinical service and care. The students

took, in unison, a pledge of professionalism. Families and friends attended the cloaking ceremony and joined us at a reception following the event.

The program was also live-streamed for those who could not attend.



IDP Class of 2023, with (center, 2nd row) Dr. Lata Shenoy, Director of IDP Program and Dr. Rui Li, incoming Director of IDP Program

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