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Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

The Eighth District Dental Society Annual William Knauf, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament



[UBDAA President, Carl Embury, DDS '13 was the overall winner of the Championship Flight.](#)

The Eighth District Dental Society held their Annual William Knauf, Jr. Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, June 14, 2021. The University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association sponsors the event each year to support our alumni and friends.

Dr. Knauf was a University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine (UBSDM) Graduate in 1975 that championed a golf tournament as a social activity for the dental society. The event is one of the organizations most successful events. Dr. Knauf served as president of the Eighth District Dental Society in 1985 and passed away shortly into his Presidency. The golf tournament memorializes his contributions.

The University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine's own Dr. Raymond Miller '85, Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, provided the group with an educational and entertaining lecture entitled, "21st Century Forensic Odontology". Dr. Miller discussed the many changes in the field over his thirty plus years' forensic dental career. He also highlighted the many contributions of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine to the discipline which has led to exonerations of the wrongly convicted based on bad forensic evidence.

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SDM's Mary Bush Pens Sequel to Award-Winning Crime Novel



Mary Bush, '99, Associate Dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives

UB professor Mary Bush, a forensic dentist who has helped analyze prominent criminal investigations, is returning to the world of crime fiction. Her new novel, "The Secrets We Bury," the sequel to her acclaimed first book "A Simple Lie," was published on June 2.

The Buffalo-based crime series follows dentist-turned-death-scene-investigator Valentina Knight, who must unravel the mystery behind the shocking murder-suicide of a mother and child where nothing is as it seems. As Knight sets out to discover the truth, she soon learns that family secrets do not stay hidden for long.

The novel, published by [Bloodhound Books](#), is available in paperback on [Amazon](#) and [Barnes & Noble](#), and as an e-book on Kindle. Early reviews have rated the book at five out of five stars.

Bush's debut novel earned a gold medal in the best mystery/thriller e-book category in the 2021 Independent Publisher Book Awards, a bronze medal for crime fiction in the 2020 Reader's Favorite International Book Awards, and a spot as a finalist in the thriller category of the 2020 Next Generation Indie Awards.

"It was a great honor to be recognized. Getting the email saying that you're a winner or a finalist is an exhilarating moment. When I got the email, I was in the middle of a meeting and had to stop and tell everyone," says Bush, who is also building notoriety among fans. "Having people that I don't know send me messages to tell me how much they like the book has been wonderful."

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