

# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## 2021 University at Buffalo's Distinguished Alumni Award: School of Dental Medicine



**Robert J. Genco, DDS '63**

Robert J. Genco, DDS '63 has received the 2021 University at Buffalo's Distinguished Alumni Award posthumously. The late Robert J. Genco, DDS '63, was a world-renowned researcher in oral science and a tireless advocate for interdisciplinary research and entrepreneurship at UB. Lauded by the Journal of Dental Research as the "father of oral science," he was widely considered the world's leading periodontal researcher and pioneer in advancing our understanding the impact of oral health on overall health.

A SUNY Distinguished Professor, he served as director of the UB Microbiome Center, and chair of the Department of Oral Biology. He also served as UB's interim provost and interim vice president for research.

School of Dental Medicine  
**Distinguished Alumni Award**

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**UBDAA Hosts 2021 Reunion Kick-Off Dinner**



From left to right: Patricia Starring '85, Carl Embury '13 (President of the Dental Alumni Association,) Raymond Miller '85, Samuel Carocci '86, Laura Kim-Nigalye '01, Laura Picano '15 and Al-Shaheen Youssef '15

On Wednesday, May 26, 2021, the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) met with alumni reunion volunteer leaders at the Irishman Pub and Eatery to kick-off reunion planning. The group was excited to be together in person with 30 eager volunteers who attended dinner. The upcoming celebration will also include reunion classes from 2020 that we were unable to celebrate last year due to COVID-19, along with the reunion classes for 2021.

Save-the-dates for the following reunion events:

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

Remember When Reception  
Location to be determined

**Friday, November 5, 2021**

Reunion Dinner Dance Gala  
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center Ballroom

**November 3-5, 2021**

Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting  
Buffalo Niagara Convention Center

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