

# SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

## 2022 Bench Test Preparatory Course



2022 Bench Test participants

For the first time since its inception in 2017, the SDM offered a Bench Test Preparatory Course in March for international dentists. This program has been offered annually in the summer and is designed for foreign-trained dentists who want to be better prepared in fixed and removable prosthodontics, operative dentistry, and treatment planning for the testing required by most U.S. dental schools as part of their admissions process.

At least 25 students participated in full days of lecture and practice on amalgams, composites and crowns, as well as a mock bench test with individualized evaluation and feedback for improved outcomes. Optional tutoring help was offered in the evenings. The week wrapped-up with more clinical practice and a certificate awards ceremony.

The course was presented under the guidance of Dr. Lata Shenoy and her restorative dentistry colleagues, Drs. Gillian Alexander, Hema Arany, Joseph DeLuca, Rui Li, Chin-Chun Peng and Camila Sabatini. Additional assistance was provided by Christine Lee, Matt Webber, and dental students Lavanya Ankala, Ketu Patel and Krupa Thomas. CDE staff Annamarie Phalen, Renee Woolford and Colleen Groves facilitated the 5-day event.

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## 2022 SDM's Admitted Student Day: a Virtual Success!



### 2022 Admitted Student Breakout Groups

On Saturday, March 12, the Office of Student Affairs held its 6th annual DDS Admitted Student Day. The event provided an opportunity for over 80 incoming students and their families to meet SDM administration, current students, and their new colleagues.

While Admitted Student Day was offered virtually, we were able to provide information, answer questions, and assist our new students as they prepare for their transition to dental school. The day consisted of several presentations, small breakout sessions, and a virtual tour. Our new students (and their families) were pleased.

We hope to return to our traditional in-person Admitted Student Day next year. A special thank you to all faculty, staff, and students who helped make this day a success!

## SDM Students Celebrate Spring!



## 2022 Holi participants

In early April, SDM students gathered on UB's South Campus, to celebrate **Holi**, the Hindu festival that honors spring, love, and new life.

Some families hold religious ceremonies, but for many, Holi is more a time for fun. It's a colorful festival, with dancing, singing, and throwing of powder paint and colored water. Holi is also known as the "festival of colors".

The students enjoyed the evening with food and music.

Manoj Kumar, '22 was the host and lead organizer. Event supporters were Harleen Sohi, '22, Khushbu Patel, '22, Lavanya Ankala, '22, and Megan Leun, '22.

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