

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

UB School of Dental Medicine Welcomes Class of 2026



Pictured: Class of 2026 seated in the Mainstage Theatre, UB Center for the Arts

UB School of Dental Medicine held Orientation Week, August 1st through August 5th, 2022. The week included workshops, presentations, meet-n-greets and concluded with the 22nd Annual White Coat Ceremony. The program was held for the first time at the UB Center for the Arts, located on UB's North Campus, a reception held in the Center's Atrium immediately followed the event.

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Dr. Mary Bush had this to say about the week. "A couple of weeks ago it was Orientation week, and we welcomed the 93 new students of the class of 2026 to our school. Thank you to all who worked hard to make their entry to the school a success. The week ended with the White Coat Ceremony." Dr. Bush continued "The white coat signifies commitment to professionalism and integrity. It is a powerful symbol that defines the expectations of the practice of dentistry and its code of conduct, which is based on honesty and ethical behavior. This is the first White Coat Ceremony welcoming an incoming class since the Fall of 2019 and we couldn't have been happier. Congratulations Class of 2026!"

SDM's Advanced Education Orientation



Pictured: Dr. M. Dian Chinkit Wells, Clinical Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatric & Community Dentistry, and Dr. Tammy Thompson, Clinical Assistant Professor, Program Director, Department of Pediatric & Community Dentistry, enjoy lunch with pediatric residents during the Advanced Education Orientation, held on Monday, August 1st, 2022. Workshops and presentations were offered to residents from all Advanced Education programs. The orientation took place at the Buffalo-Marriott, Buffalo, N.Y.

The August orientation events for advanced dental education included new and returning students/residents across programs including: Advanced Education in General Dentistry, Biomaterials, Endodontics, General Practice Residency (co-sponsored with Roswell), Implant Dentistry, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Oral Biology, Oral Sciences, TMD/Orofacial Pain, Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology, and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

"It's always an exciting time to welcome new students and residents during orientation week, and to connect with those continuing their programs - all together in one place," states Pamela Jones, Associate Dean for Advanced Education. "Advanced Education trainees total about 120 across all programs, and this first day of orientation gives us a chance to put names to faces of those we may not often see in person."

Approximately 50 new residents/students joined those continuing in their programs.

Welcome to all!

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