UB's School of Dental Medicine 128th Annual Commencement

Pictured from L-R: Stefan Ruhl, Interim Dean, School of Dental Medicine, Jose Luis Tapia, Clinical Associate Professor, Dept. of Oral Diagnostic Sciences, Judith Albino, President Emerita, Department of Community and Behavioral Health, Colorado School of Public Health, Genene Crofut, '03, President, University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association and A. Scott Weber, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

On Friday, May 6th, UB School of Dental Medicine held its 128th Annual Commencement at the Center for the Arts, located on UB's north campus. The ceremony was immediately followed by a reception in the Center for the Arts' atrium.

Stefan Ruhl, Interim Dean, led the ceremony and A. Scott Weber, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, conferred degrees and certificates 132 graduates. The commencement address was given by Judith Albino, President Emerita, Department of Community and Behavioral Health, Colorado School of Public Health.

2022 Senior Recognition Night

2022 International College of Dentistry Award recipients pose with Dr. Jose Luis Tapia, 2022 Educator of the Year

On Wednesday, May 4th, UB's School of Dental Medicine held it's annual Senior Recognition Night at Salvatore's Italian Gardens, Buffalo, N.Y.

"On May 4th we held the Senior Recognition Night at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. It was night of celebration for the achievements and excellence of the class of 2022, " stated Dr. Mary Bush, Associate Dean of Student Affairs. "We had 260 in attendance, encompassing faculty, staff, the class of 2022 and their guests. Sixty-one awards were given out to over 80 recipients. Almost $16,000 in award money was awarded. It truly was a special evening."

UB School of Dental Medicine's White Coat Welcome Ceremony

2022 White Coat recipients gather on stage at the Lippes Concert Hall for group portrait.

UB's School of Dental Medicine held it's annual White Coat Welcome ceremony on Friday, May 13, 2022. The program took place in the Lippes Concert Hall, located in Slee Hall on UB's North Campus. Following the ceremony, guests were invited to a luncheon held at the Buffalo Niagara Marriott, Buffalo, NY. The ceremony welcomed and coated incoming International Dentist Program students as well as continuing students as they entered the third year of training.

Those attending the ceremony were families and friends of the students, school faculty and staff.

The White Coat Ceremony was designed by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation as a way to welcome new students into the medical profession and to set clear expectations regarding their primary role as physicians by professing an oath. Today, the Ceremony emphasizes the importance of compassionate care as well as scientific proficiency. The first White Coat Ceremony took place in 1993 at the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons.

At the ceremony, students are welcomed by their deans, and other respected leaders who represent the value system of the school and the profession. The cloaking with the white coat, the mantle of the dental profession is a hands-on experience that underscores the bonding process. It is personally placed on each student's shoulders by individuals who believe in the students' ability to carry on the noble tradition of doctoring.

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