

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

UB's School of Dental Medicine's Destination Dental School Receives Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine



Students in the joint Destination Dental School and Native American Pre-Dental Student Gateway Program make molds of their teeth as part of a hands-on activity in the pre-clinical simulation lab at the School of Dental Medicine. Photo: Meredith Forrest Kulwicki

The School of Dental Medicine's Destination Dental School — a program that aims to remove barriers to careers in dentistry for underrepresented students — has been named a recipient of INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine's 2022 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award.

INSIGHT Into Diversity is the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Inspiring Programs in STEM Award honors colleges and universities that encourage and support students from underrepresented groups to enter careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) through mentoring, teaching and research.

The UB dental school will be featured, along with 78 other recipients, in the September 2022 issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity.

"To receive this award is a true testament to the commitment and solid efforts that the UB School of Dental Medicine is making to increase diversity in dentistry," says Thikriat Al-Jewair, assistant dean for equity, diversity and inclusion.

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SDM's 2022 Student Scholarship Ceremony



Interim Dean Stefan Ruhl presents the International College of Dentists Scholarship to an outstanding international student with the highest Grade Point Average. The recipient is Nardine Bastawros.

On Tuesday, August 23, the 2022 Student Scholarship & Awards Ceremony was held at the Reikart House in Buffalo, NY. Almost 100 faculty, staff and students were in attendance.

"We awarded 37 scholarships to 76 recipients. Some awards were given to multiple winners." stated Mary Bush, associate dean for student affairs. "The scholarship award total was almost \$400,000. It was the first time the event was held off campus. Everyone had a terrific time."

The event was sponsored by the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, the UB Dental Alumni Association and SDM's Office of Student Affairs.

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