

SDM Shout Out

Weekly News Updates for SDM Faculty, Staff and Students

UB School of Dental Medicine Cuts Ribbon for New Mobile Dental Unit



Dignitaries cut the ribbon on a new mobile dental unit, the second in the School of Dental Medicine's fleet of traveling clinics that bring dental care to thousands in Western New York. Photo: Douglas Levere

The School of Dental Medicine has unveiled a new, 40-foot-long mobile dental unit, the second in its fleet of traveling clinics that will expand dental care to thousands of people in Western New York.

Operated through [UB S-Miles to Go](#), the new mobile dental unit is equipped with two dental chairs, a state-of-the-art panoramic X-ray unit, digital radiography, a sterilization center, wheelchair lift and electronic health record system.

The unit will strengthen the school's commitment to improving the health and well-being of Western New York's most vulnerable by helping remove barriers to oral health care for underserved populations, including older adults, people with disabilities and people who are homeless.

"Our school is well known for its longstanding excellence in student education and research. What most

people don't know is that over the years we have also developed a strength in community and global outreach activities, setting our school apart from other institutions in the country," says Stefan Ruhl, professor and interim dean of the School of Dental Medicine.

"We are extremely grateful to the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation and our other sponsors for enabling us to put our second mobile dental unit on the road," he says. "We realize that there is more need out there in Western New York, and we are all committed to the challenge of providing dental services to the underserved in the area."

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SDM Students Provide Oral Health Education in Rochester, NY



Pictured L-R: Aimee Thomas (D4), Kevin Le (D1), Cameron Jedemann (D1), Claire Martin (D1)

During the month of August, SDM students participated at the 11th Annual Rochester Jamaica Health Fair. The Rochester Jamaica Organization (RJO) is a 501(c)3 organization that hosts programs to benefit the Jamaican community in Rochester as well as provide scholarships to college bound students. Every year they host a health fair open to the general public, focusing on under-served communities in Rochester, NY.

This event is more of an informational event directing people to facilities where they can receive treatment.

SDM student, Aimee Thomas states, "As a member of RJO and a student at UB Dental one of my biggest goals has been to bring dental care to this health fair. This year UB Dental had the opportunity to provide oral health instructions, toothbrushes, toothpaste and floss at this event. This is just the beginning of our involvement and I look forward to working together on future events."

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