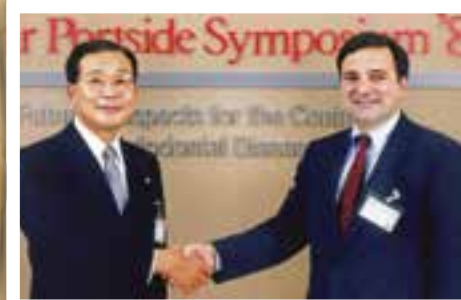


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FROM THE DEAN



To Alumni and Friends of the UB School of Dental Medicine,

As someone who lived through the turmoil of the 80's, it's fair to say that this has been the most challenging year in recent memory. "Wear Your Mask", "Social Distance" and similar slogans will be embedded in our collective consciousness for years to come.

First and foremost in my mind and in the minds of everyone at the School is the health and safety of our patients, students, faculty, and staff. We have gone through extraordinary planning and implemented protocols throughout the School to provide a safe and secure environment. Like you, most people in our School have been touched by the pandemic whether through sickness, isolation, or the death of family and friends. In this issue of UB Dentist, there are stories from our students about the disruption COVID has caused to their lives and education. But through unflagging attention to infection control, surveillance testing, research laboratory planning and commitment to process by our faculty and staff, we continue to fulfill our mission.

We are making progress on renovations in Squire Hall. Last month, the Cunat Conference Room in the Department of Orthodontics opened. This month, construction begins on the Buhite-DiMino Center for Advanced Education and Dentistry. A few weeks ago, the Stephanie T. Niciszewska-Mucha and Joseph J. Mucha Patient Welcome Center opened. These projects together with our already completed Simulation Facility and dental unit replacement program represent about half of the improvements planned for Squire Hall.

The School is assisting in the COVID vaccination program. In addition to the Governor's vaccination site established this week in Harriman Hall, we've applied to become a Point of Distribution for the COVID vaccine. To support this and the state's program, more than 100 faculty and students have volunteered to assist in the vaccination program.

We are extremely grateful for the extraordinary support we've received over the past year. A challenge grant last spring of \$50,000 from the UB Dental Alumni Association and a matching grant of \$50,000 this winter from the 8th District Dental Society provided desperately needed money for our Student Emergency Fund. A \$1 million gift from the Sunstar Foundation is being matched through the SUNY Chancellors office to establish the Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair in Oral Biology. Our long-time benefactor, Dr. Murray Rosenthal, continues to support dental student education, making a critical difference in the lives of 20 alums and counting. And there has been an outpouring of support from industry and individual donors for the Sebastian G. Ciancio Chautauqua Dental Congress and the Sebastian G. Ciancio Memorial Symposium scheduled for this fall.

Finally, there is light at the end of the COVID tunnel. Many of our students, faculty and staff have received the first of the COVID vaccinations. I anticipate that by the spring, most will have been fully immunized. And just yesterday, President Tripathi and Provost Weber announced plans to return this fall to in-person instruction throughout the University. That will be an important sign pointing toward the end of the pandemic. Until then, I encourage all of our alumni and friends to follow the recommendations and to stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Zambon".

Joseph J. Zambon DDS, PhD
Dean and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor
University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine

ON THE COVER:

Sunstar Group Chairman Hiroo Kaneda (left) and Dr. Robert J. Genco greet each other in 2003, as they did in 1986 in the inset photo.

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Faculty and Staff Transitions

Since July 2020, the School has welcomed a number of new faculty and staff, lost a few and advanced others.

Clinical Dentistry

Welcome to: **Susan Camizzi** (Infection Control Monitor), **Yvonne Cox** and **Obiamaka Alaku** (Sterilization Supply Technicians), **Oneida de Jesus** (Dental Assistant), **Brenden Lewandowski** (Service and Repair Mechanic), **Gina Marsillo** (Staff Assistant). Goodbye to: **Dwight Beverly**, **Janice Blinston** (retiring after 20 years), **Tiffany Jordan**, **Christine Lee** (retiring after 35 years, but rehired as IDP Coordinator), **Sharmain Robinson**.

Office of Information Resources

Goodbye to: **Kevin Baron** and **Kelli Sieber**.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Welcome to: **Sanil Nigalye**, '01, Oral Surg. Cert., '07 and **Armando Uribe-Rivera** (Clinical Assistant Professors)

Oral Biology

Welcome to: **Christian Ahearn** and **Lu Li** (Postdoctoral Fellows), **Carly Hoffmann**, **Matthew Smardz**, and **Michele Sveinsson** (Research Technicians), **Dimiter Kunnev** (Research Scientist). Goodbye to: **Peter Pajic** and **Sasikumar Ponnusamy**.

Oral Diagnostic Sciences

Welcome to: **Pamela Fuhrman** (Dental Assistant), **Alyaa Kattoof** (Educator). Goodbye to: **Alan Ruttenberg** (10 yr), **Joseph Capuana**, '79, GPR Cert., '80 (passing away after 40 years of service in June 2020).



GONZALEZ-STUCKER

Dr. Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker accepted the role of Interim Chair when **Dr. Heidi Crow**, MS Oral Sci., '91, TMD Cert., '91, stepped down in October. Dr. Crow served for 6 years as Chair. Thank you so much.

Dr. Gonzalez has been a faculty member at UB since 1991. She is currently Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Education Program in Orofacial Pain. She holds DDS degrees from the Universidad Central de Venezuela and from the University at Buffalo ('05). She has Certificates in TMD and Orofacial Pain ('96) and Periodontics ('02). Her Master's degree is in Oral Sciences ('95). She also received a Master of Public Health from UB.

Orthodontics

Welcome to: **Heather Waddy** (Staff Assistant), **Ashish Gurav** (Assistant Professor-FT)

Dr. Gurav has dental degrees from the Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, Nair Hospital Dental College and the University of

Pennsylvania. He earned a Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics from BronxCare Health System, Department of Dentistry at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. His PhD in Biomedical Sciences is from Augusta University.

Periodontics and Endodontics

Welcome to: **Janae Garofalo**, '19, **Alicia Hulme**, '18, **Catherine Loveric**, '99, GPR Cert., '00 and **Allyson Supowitz** (Clinical Assistant Professors), **Asal Barem** (Clerical Assistant), **Chika Kobayashi** (Dental Assistant). Goodbye to: **Stephen Abel** (retiring after 7 years), **Joseph Breloff**, '75, **John Lazarus**, '85 (16 yr), **Michael Levine**, '71, PhD Oral Biol., '72 (retiring again after 45 years) and **Timothy Violante**, '15, MS Oral Sci., '11, Perio Cert., '18. Also a very sad goodbye to **Sebastian Ciano** (passing away in October; see pg. 7).



SCHIFFERLE

Dr. Robert Schifferle accepted the position of Interim Chair when Dr. Ciano stepped down last year after 51 years as chair. Dr. Schifferle has been teaching since 1984 at UB. He is currently Professor and Clinical Director of the Periodontal Disease Research Center. He received both his DDS in 1981 and PhD in Oral Biology ('93) degrees from UB. His Certificate in Periodontology and MMSc in Oral Biology are from Harvard University.



BATTISTA

Dr. Patrick Battista accepted the role of Predoctoral Clinical Group Leader. Dr.

Battista became a faculty member at UB in 2012. He received his DDS in 2009, Certificate in General Dentistry ('10) and Certificate in Endodontics ('12) from UB. He is currently Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Predoctoral Endodontics.

Restorative Dentistry

Welcome to: **Samuel Carocci**, '86, GPR Cert., '87, **Casey Depauw**, AEGD, '20, **Tyler Ferguson**, **Rafael Khavis**, '19, AEGD, '20, **Michael Marrone**, '84, **Alexander Sikora**, '19, MS Biomat., '16, and **Niusha Zohur**, '06, (Clinical Assistant Professors), **David DiPalma**, '17 (Clinical Instructor/Implant Fellow), **LaKishia Varner** (Dental Hygienist), **Jessica Scates** (Staff Associate).

Goodbye to **James Hoddick** (retiring after 27 years), **Joshua Hutter**, '15, **Zachary Teach**, '14, AEGD, '15.

Drs. Latifa Bairam, Pros Cert., '81, MS Oral Sci., '84, **Dana Keblawi**, '17, Pros Cert., '08, MS Oral Sci., '09, **Christopher Pusateri**, '02, Pros Cert., '05, MS Oral Sci., '08 and **Lata Shenoy**, '77, Pros Cert., '82, were promoted to Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. Bairam also accepted the role of Senior Clinical Group Leader.



STEPHAN

Dr. Eugena Stephan

accepted the position of Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs replacing

Dr. Mary Bush. Dr. Stephan is Clinical Associate Professor and Predoctoral Clinical Group Director. She has over 27 years of teaching experience. Her DMD is from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and her Certificate in Prosthodontics ('92) and PhD in Oral Biology ('98) are from UB. The Class of 2020 named her Educator of the Year. Congratulations Gina!



BUSH

Student and Academic Affairs

Dr. Mary Bush accepted the position of Interim Assistant Dean for

Student Affairs, Community and Professional Initiatives replacing Dr. Stephen Abel who retired. Thanks much to Dr. Abel for his service to students and to community initiatives.

Dr. Bush is currently Associate Professor in Restorative Dentistry. She previously served as Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs and Predoctoral Clinical Group Director. She has served at UB as a faculty member since 2005. Her DDS ('99) and Certificate in Advanced Education in General Dentistry ('00) are from UB.

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Awards and Honors

A number of students, staff and faculty received awards and honors during this academic year. These include:



ANDREANA

Sebastiano

Andreana, Professor, Restorative Dentistry: International Team for Implantology (ITI) Fellow.



CAMIZZI

Susan Camizzi,

Infection Control Monitor: President of the American Dental Assistant Association.



HARVEY

Sheryl Harvey,

Registrar, Academic Affairs: Recognition for 50 years of service to the University at Buffalo.



KEBLAWI

Dana Keblawi, Clinical Associate Professor, Restorative Dentistry: SDM 2020 Richard A. Powell Award as outstanding dental educator.



KENNEDY

Denise Kennedy, Operations Manager, Academic Affairs: SDM 2020 Charles S. Lipani Award for exceptional service.



KIM

Jaewon Kim, Resident in Periodontics: 1st place poster at the Saudi International Periodontics Conference. Mentored by Dr. Praveen Arany,

Department of Oral Biology; 2020 American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Nobel Biocare Student Scholarship.



KOH

Sehie Koh, Class of 2021 Dental Student: 2020 Oral Health Foundation Student Scholarship from the Pierre Fauchard Academy.



KWON

Hyuk-Jae Edward Kwon, Assistant Professor, Oral Biology: 2020 K UB Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Scholar.



RUHL

Stefan Ruhl, Professor, Oral Biology: 2020 UB Exceptional Scholar, Sustained Achievement Award; American Association for the Advancement of

Science (AAAS) Fellow. Ruhl was recognized for his distinguished contributions to the field of oral biology, particularly for work on glycan-mediated microbial adhesion in the oral cavity. Congratulations on this prestigious distinction!

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Just a few weeks ago the new Patient Welcome Center opened its windows to patients. The lettering above the main feature of the Stephanie T. Niciszewska- Mucha and Joseph J. Mucha Patient Welcome Center is up, as well as most of the walls, and counters. Furniture is being set up in the back offices, and network/data connections are being installed, and the rest of the staff who will be occupying the space are getting excited.

The construction on the John Cunat Orthodontics Conference Room has been completed. And it is open for education. Thanks to so many who donated to make the renovation a success.

Now on to the next phase of construction—the Buhite-DiMino Center for Advanced Education and Dentistry. Over the past month dental chairs have been removed so renovations in the 1st floor clinic can commence. Here is an image of the floor plan.



1-3. REMODELED FRONT ENTRANCE TO SQUIRE HALL AND MAIN FEATURE OF THE PATIENT WELCOME CENTER; 4. SKETCH OF THE BUHITE-DIMINO CENTER FOR ADVANCED EDUCATION AND DENTISTRY



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1. VIEW LOOKING OUT FROM THE PATIENT WELCOME CENTER; 2. OFFICE AREA IN THE PATIENT WELCOME CENTER; 3-4. JOHN CUNAT ORTHODONTICS CONFERENCE ROOM



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS LEVERE

Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair in Oral Biology

In honor of the late Robert Genco, DDS, PhD, a longtime professor and prolific researcher in the University at Buffalo's School of Dental Medicine, multinational oral health care company Sunstar Group has donated \$1 million to establish a new endowed fund in Genco's name.

It's a fitting tribute to the 40-plus year partnership Genco spearheaded for UB with the Japan-based Sunstar, which has led to numerous pioneering advancements in periodontal health.

"Dr. Genco guided Sunstar's research and development at UB and we sincerely appreciated his long-term support, friendship and trust. He holds a special place in our hearts," said Mayumi Kaneda, Sunstar Foundation director. "He was a visionary with science and technology and our chairman, my father Hiroo Kaneda, is a visionary with business and society—the two had a special bond. Together with UB, we hope this funding will help the dental profession better and more widely interact with the medical industry and bioinformatics for the improvement of global public health."

By Marcene Robinson

SUNSTAR FOUNDATION DIRECTOR, MAYUMI KANEDA, PAYS TRIBUTE TO ROBERT GENCO AT THE MEMORIAL SERVICE ON OCTOBER 11, 2019 AT UB.



"I was so pleased when I heard the news, and all I could think of was how proud Bob would be to receive this honor. Bob believed in inspiring and encouraging people through recognition of their hard work," Genco's widow, Frances, said. "I hope when people hear about this endowed chair, they will honor what Bob stood for and will uphold his beliefs, not just about science, but his optimism and genuine interest in people and his warmth as a human being."

"I'm very thankful to UB and the Sunstar Teams, I know they loved Bob and respected his work and his life, and they all pitched in to make this happen."

The Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair in Oral Biology will be a new faculty position that recognizes and supports faculty who are not only gifted teachers but also scholars, researchers, and applied learning innovators, and who facilitate medical and dental collaboration in oral biology and periodontal medicine in the School of Dental Medicine. The holder of the chair may also serve as a liaison between UB and Sunstar to continue Genco's research legacy.

The endowed fund established by Sunstar also is part of the innovative State University of New York (SUNY) Scholars of Excellence program, a giving incentive program funded by SUNY that supplements philanthropic investments to create endowed chairs and professorships and enable SUNY institutions to fill these roles more expeditiously.

A SUNY Distinguished Professor of Oral Biology, Periodontics and Microbiology, Genco passed away in March 2019. He also held previous roles as UB Microbiome Center director, Department of Oral Biology chair, and UB Office of Science, Technology Transfer and Economic Outreach vice provost. The Journal of Dental Research described him as the "father of oral science."

"I had the honor of being a student and colleague of Bob's for 40 years," said Joseph J. Zambon, DDS, PhD, SUNY Distinguished

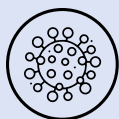


YASUHIRO KATSURAGI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SUNSTAR FOUNDATION IN 2019, HOLDS UP A PHOTO OF SUNSTAR COLLEAGUES WEARING UB CAPS THAT ROBERT GENCO GAVE THEM MANY YEARS AGO. KATSURAGI IS WEARING HIS CAP.

guished Teaching Professor and dean of the School of Dental Medicine. "I also had the good fortune to work with many outstanding young researchers from Sunstar early in my career. The more than 40-year collaboration between Sunstar and UB culminating in the Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair in Oral Biology is a fitting tribute to the person who shared Chairman Kaneda's vision and made it a reality."

"Endowed faculty positions are critical to UB's goal of becoming a top 25 public university, so we are deeply thankful to Sunstar for their generous investment in our institutional mission," said Rodney Grabowski, vice president for university advancement. "Our faculty research and scholarship are among the hallmarks of UB and this is a gift that directly celebrates those attributes."

The school anticipates that the Sunstar Robert J. Genco Endowed Chair will be appointed within the next year. **UBD**



DENTAL EDUCATION



ON ADAPTS TO COVID

By Grove Potter

TRAINING TO BECOME A DENTIST HAS NEVER BEEN EASY, but for current students and residents the COVID pandemic has magnified the challenge. Switching to all online classes, limits on how many patients can be seen, changes to protective garb and procedures, and increased screening have all complicated studying and clinical training.



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—PETER DELIA

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—MIRA DALJEET



"It's definitely a time when you have to be prepared to adapt to change quickly."

—EVAN CONLEY

Yet through the array of threatening distractions, students at the UB School of Dental Medicine have learned to adapt and stay focused.

"It's certainly been a huge challenge," said **Peter Delia**, a fourth-year student and class president. Clinic work has been reduced because every other chair is kept empty to reduce potential exposure. "We are seeing about five patients per week instead of the usual 10."

That limited chair time has created an unexpected benefit for **Mira Daljeet**, a third-year orthodontics resident. "I'm learning how to get a little bit faster and have better time management, which will be helpful for me going into private practice."

The limits have forced students to appreciate each and every patient interaction.

"I think we focus more on each learning experience," said third-year student **Evan Conley**. "Across the board in dental school you'll see something and it could be the only time you see this until you are in practice five or 10 years from now. We're trying to always catalogue things away."

As safety procedures changed, often very quickly, students had to react. "It's definitely a time when you have to be prepared to adapt to change quickly," Conley said. "If the CDC comes up with a new way to protect patients or students, you have to make some change in the way you do things, and you don't have a lot of time to implement changes."

ZOOM LEARNING

First and second year students have spent considerable hours in online classes, which pleases some but can be a bit frustrating to others. Recorded classes give the opportunity to watch again and again, but open discussions are limited.

"I think a lot of people have had their studying improved," said **Anthony Felli**, second-year class president. Limits on when students can be in Squire Hall mean more time to focus on studying. "It's pretty nice to be sitting on the couch watching lectures, drinking a coffee in my pajamas. At first I didn't like it, but now I'm embracing it."

Felli, a Marine Corps veteran who worked on offshore oil rigs before coming to dental school, said his younger classmates excel at the academic side of training. "My class is incredibly smart. I don't think that the didactic portion of things has really changed for many people. If anything, I'd say it's probably gotten a little better."

For **Megan Leun**, third-year class president, studying with friends has been a solid strategy throughout dental school, but the pandemic threw a wrinkle into the study sessions. Rather than getting together in person to prepare for weekly tests, her group has been gathering in online study sessions. "Zoom has been our best friend," she said. "I can share my screen so we can go over the PowerPoints all together. We're able to see notes and we'll ask each other questions."

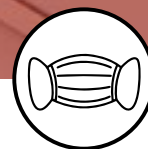


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—ANTHONY FELLI

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—MEGAN LEUN



While the pandemic prevents gathering in person, the online study sessions become a version of social life, she said.

“Studying with friends is what makes all the tests and quizzes bearable, because you’re going through it with other people,” she said. “Studying with my best friends, what’s better than that?”

Some of the changes brought by the pandemic were fleeting. **Sohaib Soliman**, one of two chief residents in the oral and maxillofacial surgery program, said when outpatient clinics were closed at the outset in March, students could join in online lectures from around the country. “It was pretty interesting because you’d be on a Zoom call with 200 or 300 residents around the country all listening to the same lecture by a famous speaker. That was one positive of COVID because we never get that opportunity to listen to other faculty or the programs to actually get that interactive learning.”

LASTING CHANGES

Perhaps the most immediate, and possibly permanent change for everyone is the increased personal protective equipment. Soliman said face shields and N95 masks are just part of increased safety procedures now. Patients also are being checked more carefully before treatment begins. “We’re checking our patients and doing more detailed histories making sure that not only are they not sick, but

finding out if they have been in contact with anyone else who may have been sick.”

The more protective garb is crucial for dentists and oral surgeons, who deal with a more acute threat than many other health professionals.

“The head and neck area is one thing that makes us different from some of the other specialties,” Soliman said. “Dentistry, ENT, some of the head and neck surgeons, we work around the face, mouth and nose all the time. That’s the most highly transmissible portion of the body, and you can’t really cover it while we’re working.”

Daljeet, the third-year resident in orthodontics, said the use of tele-dentistry has accelerated. It is used to check up on patients or make initial contacts. “We set up a Zoom meeting and have a faculty attend the meeting with us, as well. We ask the patients to show us their progress. If they have metal braces, do they have any issues? They can show us their issues just by getting close to the cameras.”

In one private practice, she said all retainer checks are being done by tele-dentistry. Doctors check to make sure everything is still in place and that the patients are wearing their retainers. “It decreases chair time, and it’s really quick, and the patients don’t have to come in,” she said. “One thing that everyone has learned from this whole thing is that remote is good in a lot of circumstances.”

Daljeet said another change could impact office architecture. Orthodontic practices today are very open



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—ALYSSA TETZO



spaces, but that may change. “With aerosol procedures, barriers between chairs become more important. So that might be something design-wise they might look into.”

Kathryn Pawlak, a second-year resident in pediatric dentistry, said the COVID changes created opportunities to improve training. She helped adapt a course for third-year dental students and made it richer. “We’ve restructured the course to incorporate a modular approach to learning. We teach clinical based dentistry in the course on a virtual platform through Zoom. Then we want them to have a hands-on experience in the simulation lab at the medical school,” she said. “In the spring, we will have them learn how to manage medical emergencies, to do CPR and how to do intubation. It’s a really great learning opportunity.”

LIFETIME SKILLS LEARNED

Studying during a pandemic has forced students to face serious, unexpected challenges, something that can strengthen them as professionals.

“I’d say we are learning a valuable lesson about adaptation,” said Delia, the fourth-year student. “In any medical field you need to be able to adapt to changes, and I think this has kind of been the ultimate challenge for adapting to unexpected circumstances.”

For Soliman, the pandemic has placed a much greater value on constant diligence. “It’s never a bad thing to be

diligent, be more proactive when we’re taking care of ourselves, be more aware of our surroundings, be more aware of the patient. I have a wife and a daughter and I think about them. What am I bringing home to them that might get them sick? It’s not as simple anymore as just me.”

Pawlak said the pandemic made a professor’s advice about the precious opportunities available to students and residents even more valuable. “He said, ‘You have five coins, spend your coins wisely.’ We only have so many opportunities, so we want to make the most of each opportunity, for learning, teaching and certainly we want to be efficient.”

GETTING TOGETHER, SOMEDAY

Some traditions were lost due to the pandemic. For fourth-year students, the sudden changes in March had a poignant impact.

“When the school shut down on the 13th, none of us knew it would be our last time stepping into Squire as dental students,” said **Alyssa Tetzo**, a resident in the Advanced Education in General Dentistry program. The lack of a formal commencement after spending four years together created a longing for the class to gather as a group at some point. “It was an emotional day for many reasons. We were proud of our accomplishments, yet it was a bit bittersweet. I hope that we can get together as a class for a celebration when things are a bit more normal.” **UBD**

Sebastian Ciano

With deep sadness, I write to you to share the news of the death of our friend and colleague, Dr. Sebastian G. Ciano, DDS, MS, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor, and immediate past Chair of the Department of Periodontology and Endodontics. Dr. Ciano passed away unexpectedly and will be sorely missed by everyone here at the SDM and throughout the global dental and research community. Dr. Ciano leaves us with over 50 years of dedicated service to this University.

Dr. Ciano was one of the world's leading figures in periodontology, and he was the longest-serving department chair in all of SUNY. Dr. Ciano's genius, tenacity, courage, and leadership were overshadowed only by his exceptional generosity, compassion, and long-term commitment to the SDM and his loving wife Marilyn and their family.

Among his many achievements—he served as president of both the American Academy of Periodontology and the International Academy of Periodontology. He was the founder and Director of the Center for Dental Studies, adjunct Professor in the Department of Pharmacology, and Consultant for the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He served as chair of the dental division of the United States Pharmacopoeia, where he established sections on the oral health effects of prescription drugs. Dr. Ciano published more than 150 papers in academic journals, wrote more than 25 books and book chapters, held two patents and served on numerous editorial boards and professional committees. Dr. Ciano was the recipient of national and international honors, including the Distinguished Scientist Award in Pharmacology from the International Association for Dental Research and the very first Presidential Citation from the American Association for Dental Research. Dr. Ciano made an indelible impact on his students, colleagues, and the profession. Dr. Ciano mentored many of today's leading figures in research, academic dentistry, and industry.

Dr. Ciano was a true scholar in the very best sense of the word and a very popular teacher. He always kept his students' attention with the depth and breadth of his knowledge and his gentle approach to teaching. Most of all, he was a generous friend and colleague who always had time to chat about anything and everything. He often talked about his family with much affection and pride. We all feel



A PORTRAIT OF DR. SEBASTIAN CIANCIO ON THE MAIN STAGE IN THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS (CFA). PHOTOGRAPHED IN EARLY MARCH 2020 BY DOUGLAS LEVERE.

incredibly fortunate to have known and interacted with him, and we are all the better for it. I am personally grateful for the invaluable counsel and advice Dr. Ciano has given me over the years. He will be greatly missed by his family as well as by the SDM community and the countless friends, colleagues, and students in many corners of the world.

We plan to celebrate Dr. Ciano's career and life at an upcoming symposium in his honor—"The Cutting Edge of Clinical Research in Oral Health," to be held September 23–24.

We extend our sincere condolences to Dr. Ciano's wife, Marilyn, and the entire Ciano family.

—Joseph J. Zambon DDS, PhD
Dean and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor
University at Buffalo
School of Dental Medicine



Rosenthal Scholars

Recalling the impact of financial help and friendship

STORY BY NEIL DENGLER AND PAMELA JONES | PHOTO BY DOUGLAS LEVERE

Where does the time go? Twenty years ago, Dr. Murray Rosenthal '63, embarked upon a journey to help students in the School of Dental Medicine.

Over the years, not only have students benefitted from Murray's generous philanthropic support, but they've also developed friendships and attained a mentor along the way. Dr. Rosenthal, who resides in New York City, has traveled to Buffalo twice a year—at his own expense—to better connect with his students. He has served as a friend and a mentor and even collaborated on cases with his former students.

"In 1998, Eric Alcott (former Director of Development) came to my office to see if I was interested in becoming a supporter of the School of Dental Medicine," recalled Dr. Murray Rosenthal. "After a few meetings, I felt I should give a bequest to the dental school, and a contract was signed in 1999 for the purpose of providing scholarships for dental students. With some thought and some prompting from friends, I said to myself, 'Why not give a scholarship while I'm alive? This will give me the opportunity to get to know students.'"

"That may have been one of the most important decisions of my life. Starting in 2000, I have given annual scholarships to students who have a financial need beginning in their sophomore year," Rosenthal said. "Every year since, I have had a dinner with my recipients twice yearly and have had a more ongoing relationship with some during their final three years in school. Being a small part of their lives has provided me with much joy."

"Really the only downside to have supported a scholarship for so many years is you naturally lose contact with some folks," said Neil Dengler, senior director of advancement for the school. Sadly, as a result of the pandemic, Murray was not able to return to Western New York for his semi-annual student dinners in 2020.

With every challenge comes opportunity. "Murray and I got talking and we discussed the idea of reconnecting with some of his former scholars virtually. It was awesome. We had folks from all

over the country join us on Zoom. And of course, there was Murray joining us from his apartment in New York, with his Tony Awards proudly displayed in the background and the Empire State Building lit up outside his window," Dengler said.

Former Rosenthal Family Scholarship recipients have gone on to do great things. "Again, not having had contact with some of these folks in a few years, I think Murray was in awe of their accomplishments," Dengler said.

Several weeks later a virtual meet and greet with current dental school students Sehie Koh, Marco Maronski and Bishoy Seliman was hosted, in lieu of an actual in-person gathering. These three students are the latest in the long line who have benefitted from the Rosenthal Family Scholarship. It's amazing to see how many individuals have benefitted from one man's generosity and the ripple effect that his support has created.

"Many have told me that they have benefitted from my support and experience. I encourage dentists to consider giving scholarships as I know it is a win-win situation," Rosenthal said.

"His generous scholarship allowed me to focus on what was important and not worry so much about the finances."

Kellie Alberry

Here are the Rosenthal Family Scholarship recipients, many of whom shared their reflections about the man and his impact on their lives and careers:

A MENTOR AND A FRIEND

KELLIE A. ALBERRY, '07, CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, '09 AT UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO; BOARD CERTIFIED

Kelli works at KiddSmiles Pediatric Dentistry, Long Island, NY, practicing with Stacy Cho, a 2018 alumnus of the UB Pediatric Dentistry program.





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Patrick Battista



“Dr. Murray Rosenthal came into my life around 17 years ago and has definitely made a lasting impression. I was getting acclimated to life in dental school and studying hard, yet also facing one of my mother’s first exacerbations of her multiple sclerosis. His generous scholarship allowed me to focus on what was important and not worry so much about the finances. This remarkable man not only wanted to relieve the economic burden that some students may face, but really wanted to get to know all of us on a personal level.

He was always very busy in private practice and in public health service. He became a mentor, a friend, and someone to aspire to be like. His passion for life, Broadway, public health dentistry, and philanthropy are just some of the reasons why it would be difficult to not love him.

During school, I always looked forward to our dinners with him, hearing his fascinating stories about his life and sharing my stories as well. After graduation, we have always kept in touch, mostly through e-mail. A few years ago, we worked together developing a UB dental alumni chapter of greater New York City. Life became very busy as my family grew, but I often think of Murray. Hopefully in the near future, when Broadway reopens, I would love to go to a show with him.”

WOULDN’T BE HERE WITHOUT HIM

**PATRICK J. BATTISTA, ’09, AEGD
CERTIFICATE, ’10, CERTIFICATE IN
ENDODONTICS, ’12 AT UNIVERSITY
AT BUFFALO; BOARD CERTIFIED**

Patrick is a full-time Clinical Assistant Professor at UB, directing the predoctoral endodontics discipline and serving as a Clinical Group Director. He was named the Educator of the Year in 2018 and 2019. He also received an Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award from the Foundation for Endodontics. He currently serves as the President of the Voting Faculty at the School.

“Becoming a dentist comes at a high cost, both in terms of commitment and financially. Murray’s generous scholarship definitely aided me financially. But the monetary amount is only half of the scholarship; the other half is a relationship.

Murray’s mentorship and advice led me to a career path in academia, and I couldn’t be happier. I realized that Murray is so passionate about his scholarship for more than aiding students financially; it’s the relationships he forms with the recipients—relationships that I now get to form with my students.

I was awarded the scholarship over 13 years ago, and I’m honored that I still get invited to the bi-annual dinners Murray holds for his current recipients. I look forward to these events every semester. The pandemic has put a hold on these for now, but modern technology via Zoom has allowed me to maintain contact with Murray on a biweekly basis. I actually see him more now than before. I can honestly say that without Dr. Murray Rosenthal, I would not be where I am today.”

GRATEFUL FOR CONTINUED ADVICE

**JASMIN K. DHANJAL, ’18, MBA ’18 AT
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO;
GPR ’19 AT
NEW YORK MEDICAL
COLLEGE**



Jasmin was the first to complete a dual DDS/MBA degree at UB. She practices general dentistry at Westend Dental LLC in Indianapolis, IN.

“The Rosenthal Family Scholarship helped me in dental school in many ways. Other than the financial burden it helped lift, having a relationship with Dr. Rosenthal was by far the most rewarding. Being able to have a mentor like Dr. Rosenthal throughout dental school really helped put things in perspective for me personally.

Being the first UB DDS/MBA graduate, I had a lot of questions about what I could do with my future. Dr. Rosenthal became someone I would talk to about my unique position and someone I could count on for advice and guidance. I realized through the years what my passion was in the field of dentistry, and how as a young dentist, I would be able to accomplish the goals I had in mind.

Despite being out of school for almost two years now, I am happy that I still have a similar relationship with Dr. Rosenthal. Although it is now mostly through e-mail, I am sure to reach out to him with updates on what is going on in my life and see what exciting things he is up to in his. I do miss meeting up with him for dinners and talking about his latest adventures in theatre, but being able to count on him after the end of the scholarship makes me grateful."

SCHOLARSHIP RELIEVED STRESS

**JASON M. GRINTER, '04; GPR '05
AT ADVOCATE ILLINOIS MASONIC
MEDICAL CENTER; MPH '10 AT
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS**



Jason practices at Park City Dental in Rockford, IL, and operates ONSITE Dental providing care on-site at schools, nursing homes and community centers. He previously served as Dental Director at Milestone Dental Clinic,

one of the leading non-profit dental clinics exclusively treating patients with developmental disabilities. He was also Director of Special Patient Care at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center. He was the Lead Oral Health Advocate for DentaQuest from 2008-2015. He is also a Past President of the Special Care Dentistry Association.

"Dr. Rosenthal has been a mentor and friend to all of the scholarship recipients through school and long after. He often says we are his kids and that has always stayed

with me. He remembers all of us and is just so thrilled to hear what we have been doing since leaving school. His generosity and commitment to the future generations of dentists is very special to the school and to the students.

I paid for my education through student loans I took out myself. At the time the loans barely covered living expenses, and I took a part-time job waiting tables on the weekends. I clearly remember having about \$100 to my name when I was awarded the scholarship. It allowed me to work less and continue to focus on my studies and not have the stress of not being able to pay for rent, groceries, etc. I think of Dr. Rosenthal often and his generosity and passion for dentistry and for the arts. I look forward to seeing him in person very soon!"

**JOSHUA M. HAREMZA, '05; GPR '06 AT
STRONG MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

Joshua practices in family dentistry in Palmyra, NY. He received the 2010 Dental Towne Choice Award. He also serves as a dental product evaluator.

"The scholarship helped me by offsetting some of the cost of school and afforded me the opportunity to meet Dr. Rosenthal, who I think very highly of."



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Jason Grinter



“The world would be a much better place if everyone were so gracious.”

Caleb Holmes



‘NOTHING BUT GRATITUDE’

CALEB HOLMES, '19; GPR '20 AT ROCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL

Caleb, originally from Cuba, NY, returned to practice in the area with alumni, J. Nicholas Porcello, '04, and David Lamb, '12, at Valley View Dental in Alleghany, NY.

“The scholarship I received through the generosity of Dr. Rosenthal helped me immensely. Throughout dental school, I lived as frugally as possible just to get by. With the help of this scholarship, I was able to worry less about finances and focus on doing well in school and becoming a competent clinician. I have nothing but gratitude and esteem for Dr. Rosenthal.

Dr. Rosenthal took the time to e-mail me and check on how I was doing in school as well as in life... and still does even after graduation. During dental school, Dr. Rosenthal would make the trip from NYC to Buffalo and take his scholars to a nice dinner every single semester. I really can't thank you enough Dr. Rosenthal. The world would be a much better place if everyone were so gracious.”

KRISTIN M. LAWSON, '12; CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, '14 AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL IN COLUMBUS, OHIO, MS DENTISTRY, '14 AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY; BOARD CERTIFIED

Kristin practices at Just for Kids Pediatric Dentistry in Scarborough, ME, and works as an Assistant Clinical Professor at University of New England College of Dental Medicine.

ROSENTHAL IS ‘INSPIRATIONAL’

ANTHONY R. LISTER, '06; GPR '07 AT ROSWELL PARK CANCER CENTER

Anthony owns a private practice in Old Forge in Central New York. He previously served as a GPR Program Director at Rochester General Hospital and Roswell Park Cancer Center.

“I was a father of three school-aged children and attended dental school, so the scholarship was enormously helpful to me. The annual dinners with Murray and the other scholarship recipients were also helpful. He had wide ranging interests unrelated to dentistry that gave him joy. He was inspirational.”

A MENTOR AND FRIEND

JOSEPH D. MELUNI, '20; CURRENTLY A GPR RESIDENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER IN SYRACUSE, NY

While a student, he along with classmates, Ronald Lowe and Lawrence Nguyen, created Saving Smiles, Inc., with a mission to financially assist underserved children who have undergone cancer treatment to obtain essential dental work.

“The cost of dental school is a real burden. Dr. Murray Rosenthal's generous scholarship fund certainly helped ease some of that burden over my final three years of dental school. Murray and I stay in touch via e-mail and will make a point of grabbing lunch/dinner together when he is in town. He has taken a role as a mentor as I begin my dental career.”

ALLOWED ME TO ENTER PUBLIC HEALTH

LUKE-HIEU Q. NGUYEN, '13; CURRENTLY A RESIDENT IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Luke previously practiced in north east Arizona and then Cherokee, Oklahoma. He was active in several councils of the Oklahoma Dental Association, and is a graduate of the ODA 2017 Leadership Academic Class.

“The financial assistance helped me tremendously. It allowed me the flexibility to go into public health and serve in rural communities in the Midwest and the Southwest,



and return for my pediatric training. Equally, I had the opportunities to meet and learn from other Rosenthal scholars during our annual dinners.

Murray and I e-mailed back and forth throughout the years. In 2019, I had a CE in NYC and we arranged to have dinner at one of Dr. Rosenthal's theater friends' 'hanging out' dining spots. In 2020, I attended his Zoom reunion, where I met many of the Rosenthal scholars before my time at SDM. It has always been a great time to catch up with Dr. Rosenthal and hear many of his stories."

EMILY W. PETERS, '08; GPR '09 AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER IN SYRACUSE, NY

Emily practices general dentistry in Alexandria Bay, NY.

'AMAZING MAN AND AN INSPIRATION'

BURTON L. RANKIE, '10; CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODONTICS AND DENTOFACIAL ORTHOPEDICS, '12 AT EASTMAN INSTITUTE FOR ORAL HEALTH

Burton practices at White Mountain Orthodontics in Naples, ME. He is also part of the Jessie Albert Dental & Orthodontic Center, giving back to the underserved community; and Maine Medical Center Cleft Lip and Palate Team. He is involved in continuing education on a regional and national level.

"I am so grateful for Dr. Rosenthal's help, support and most importantly friendship. The financial burden of dental school is tremendous, and Dr. Rosenthal's gift certainly helped relieve some of the stress of financing my education. The most meaningful part of my experience was the interactions I have had with Dr. Rosenthal while at UB and beyond. He truly is an amazing man and an inspiration."

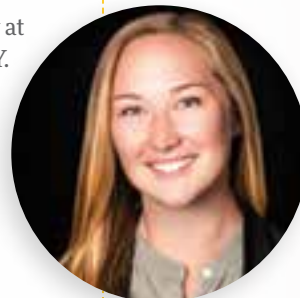
TREASURING PERSONAL CONNECTION

AMBER L. ROSENBERG SHAY, '16, AEGD '17, AT UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

Amber practices general dentistry at Rosenberg Dental in Cheektowaga, NY. She is a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Dentistry at UB. She is also active in organized dentistry.

"When I decided I wanted to be a dentist, I knew that it would require a huge investment of time and money to reach my goals. Dr. Murray Rosenthal's scholarship was immensely helpful in easing the financial burden. I especially love that Murray takes the time to get to know his scholars, and we get to know each other."

As a student, it was great to have that personal connection with Murray and the older students, and it's nice to get to know the younger scholars more closely now that I'm a member of the faculty. While COVID has delayed some recent gatherings, I'm looking forward to a reunion soon!"



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Amber Rosenberg

UPLIFTING AND ENCOURAGING

KATELYN R. SEABACK, '11; GPR '12 AT ELLIS HOSPITAL DENTAL HEALTH CENTER IN SCHENECTADY, NY

She practices at The Smile Zone in Albany, NY, where she enjoys surgical procedures, cosmetic cases, as well as helping many patients receive care despite dental anxiety. She has participated in annual dental mission trips to Mexico, Dominican Republic, Tennessee, and through the NY State Mission of Mercy.

"While in dental school, the scholarship allowed me to take out less in loans and therefore reduce my overall student debt after graduation. The financial burden of dental school was a weight that I carried mentally and often contributed to the overall stress of dental school, knowing that



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Katelyn Seaback



the debt I was accruing was so significant. So, it was such a relief to receive this scholarship and know that it would help make it easier for me to pay off my student loans faster after graduation.

In addition to the obvious financial aid, receiving the scholarship helped me form relationships with other scholarship recipients, and especially with Murray. During dental school, Murray was such a great positive influence, always uplifting and encouraging. It was such a blessing to have the financial and more importantly emotional support from Murray during dental school.

After dental school, I maintained a relationship with Murray, visiting with him in NYC, going to a Broadway show and dinner together. Since having kids in the past couple years, and then halting all travel and socializing due to Covid, I haven't seen him in a while, but we still keep in touch by e-mail and with holiday cards. I look forward to bringing my young boys to NYC in the next couple years so they can meet Murray and see the city through his bright cheerful eyes.”

ALLOWED ME TO MAKE SERVICE TRIPS

COLE A. STAINES, '17; CERTIFICATE IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY, '19, AND MSD AT VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY



Cole practices at Issaqueena Pediatric Dentistry in Clemson and Seneca, SC.

He completed a course through the Virginia Leadership in Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities, and has a focus in practice on serving children with special healthcare needs.

“Receiving the scholarship helped provide opportunities in dental school that otherwise may not have been possible. BOCA and RAM trip travel expenses are typically out of pocket for the student. Dr. Rosenthal’s scholarship facilitated paying for these expenses for me, allowing me to get both clinical and life experience along the way (BOCA—San Francisco de Macoris, Dominican Republic, Summer 2015; RAM—

Memphis, Fall 2016). As anyone who has been on one of these dental mission trips will tell you, the trips are unforgettable and life changing to say the least! Many students, like myself, paid entirely for school with student loans, so anytime that debt load can be lessened is a true blessing!

While finishing up dental school, Dr. Murray would always try to meet up with the recipients while he was in town for the BNDM, which always ended with an evening full of great stories and laughs! We’ve connected a few times via e-mail since, but this is a nice reminder for another message to be sent!”

‘AN ANSWERED PRAYER’

DENISE C. (BROWN) SWASTY, '03; CERTIFICATE AND MS IN ORTHODONTICS, '06 AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SAN FRANCISCO

Denise has offices in Summerville, West Ashley, and Goose Creek in South Carolina and also owns Kidz Planet Pediatric Dentistry with five offices throughout the Lowcountry of South Carolina.

“Dr. Rosenthal’s scholarship was a Godsend. Since I was an out-of-state student, my student loans did not cover all of my educational expenses. I had no cash personally and took the deficit through a decreased room and board allowance. As a result, I ran out of money a couple of weeks prior to my second semester loan disbursement and subsequently ran out of food in my apartment.

Luckily, at that time we had an ASDA meeting and a couple of large pizzas were left over afterwards. I brought one home and that was my entire meal plan for a week. When I received the Rosenthal Family Scholarship, I never had to worry about going without food again. It was truly an answered prayer. Ironically, I currently live on Murray Boulevard and, yes, I still like to eat pizza—just not every day.



Murray and I have exchanged a few e-mails over the years. I regret not reaching out more frequently. My life has been extremely busy between owning multiple practices, actively practicing orthodontics four days a week, and as a mom to my 12-year-old son, and a wife (I nearly left out my husband. At least he can fend for himself!).

I do hope to get back in touch on a more regular basis and I am forever grateful for the scholarship, which not only provided much of my food budget but also the gas money to get back home during the summer and holidays to visit and stay with my five younger sisters. I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to Dr. Rosenthal. He rocks!"

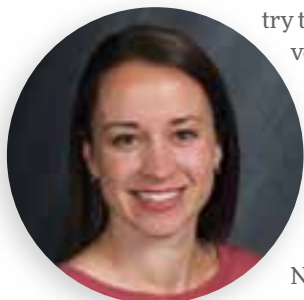
SOMEONE TO EMULATE

LAUREN E. VITKUS, '14; CERTIFICATE IN ORTHODONTICS, '17 AT EASTMAN INSTITUTE OF ORAL HEALTH, MS, '17, IN DENTAL SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY

Lauren owns two orthodontic practices located in Central New York. She serves on the AAO Council on Communications and the ADA New Dentist Committee.

"In the short term, the financial assistance eased the burden of the cost of dental school. Bigger picture, this scholarship showed me firsthand how supportive and inspiring the UB dental school community can be. Murray's generosity and kindness are

something we can and should all try to emulate. I have been very fortunate to remain connected to Murray all these years later. My fondest memory is when Murray and I caught up over dinner and then saw a play in New York City."



'HEARTWARMING AND UNFORGETTABLE'

MICHELLE L. ZOCCOLILLO, '15; MD, '18 AT LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER, WHERE SHE IS CURRENTLY IN HER LAST YEAR OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY RESIDENCY

Next year she will be doing a yearlong orthognathic/TMJ fellowship in Charlotte, NC.

"I am honored to have been a recipient of the Rosenthal Family Scholarship while attending UB Dental School. It did bring some piece of mind as a dental student while helping me to minimize my student debt load. More importantly though, the scholarship offered a connection with Murray and the other scholarship recipients which was heartwarming and unforgettable.

I really enjoyed getting to know everyone at our dinners. Murray is a remarkable man and he has the best stories! Murray and I still keep in touch via e-mail and I'm looking forward to meeting up again when things get back to some kind of normal."

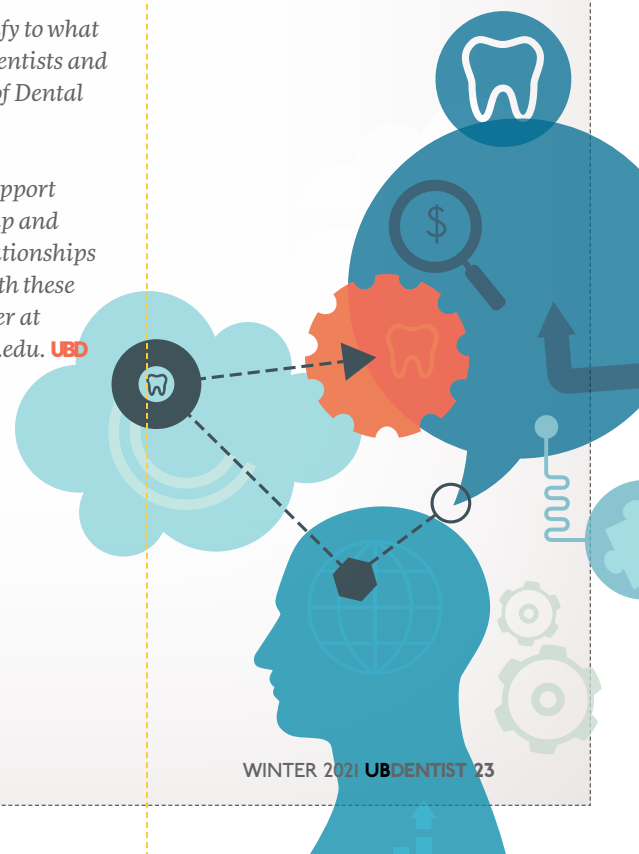


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Denise (Brown) Swasty

These are amazing stories and testify to what can come from supporting young dentists and nurturing the family of UB School of Dental Medicine.

*For information on how you can support or perhaps even create a scholarship and develop the kinds of mentoring relationships that Murray Rosenthal now has with these scholars, please contact Neil Dengler at (716) 881-7486 or ndengler@buffalo.edu. **UBD***



UB DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ADDS NEW MEMBERS AND SEEKS MORE

Story by Kevin Hanley, '78

FOR YEARS, the UB Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) has operated with an Executive Council of Past Presidents. The Council has always looked for new blood to assist it in its mission of aiding the UB School of Dental Medicine in any way possible. The Alumni Association has always been there when the dental school needs assistance of any kind. Its mission is to aid students during their education in hopes that recent graduates would see the importance of the Association and volunteer their time and talents so the UBDAA can continue its efforts.

These volunteers have been few and far between in past years. However, that is changing. In the past two years, seven alumni have joined the Executive Council. We asked these individuals why they decided to join. The reasons are as varied as the individuals volunteering. However, one reason seems to be foremost in their reasoning: They all want to help support the dental school and its mission.

Dr. Ashley Mooney, Class of 2017, was attending the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting in 2019 with her classmate, Dr. Brooke Kolber. They stopped by the

alumni booth and spoke with Dr. Charles Marchetta about the organization. "I approached Dr. Marchetta and asked how to get involved with UBDAA. I think it is really important recent grads take part in learning from those alumni who have been helping the school for many years so that there continues to be a strong organization to support the dental school and its students for years to come."

Once Dr. Mooney joined the Executive Council, she learned about all the association does for the school and the students. "I had not realized this before. I am very thankful for my time at the dental school and proud to be a UBSDM alumna. I am very excited to be part of the Executive Council so we can provide a continuous stream of support to the school and students."

Dr. Mooney resides in Leroy, NY, with her husband Justin. She works as an associate at Summit Family Dental in Warsaw and Geneseo. She also serves as the Eighth District Dental Society's New Dentist representative on NYSDA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure.

Dr. Mooney's classmate, **Dr. Brooke Kolber**, echoes Dr. Mooney's sentiments.

"I joined the Executive Council because I wanted a way to stay involved with the school and give back in some way. As a student, I was always very appreciative of the resources and events the UBDAA offered. I want to help ensure both students and alumni are able to enjoy the many benefits the Alumni Association provides for years to come."

Dr. Kolber is currently splitting her time as an attending at Erie County Medical Center and as an associate with the Buffalo Dental Group.

Dr. John Eberz, Class of 2003, said he joined "to get involved with the dental school community, form deeper connections with dental students and colleagues, and give a private practice perspective" to the organization.

Dr. Eberz owns Healthy Smiles Family Dentistry in West Seneca, NY, and is also a partner at Sheridan Family Dentistry in the Town of Tonawanda, NY.

Dr. Amy Nagai, Class of 2009 and Pediatric Dental graduate UBSDM 2011, has consistently served in organized dentistry and leadership within the professional dental community. She said joining and serving on the UBDAA Executive Council is another way to



Dr. Ashley Mooney



Dr. Brooke Kolber



Dr. John Eberz

give back. "I was eager to find a way to remain involved with the dental school and support the institution that has given me so much. I am excited to see what the future holds for the school and am happy to contribute to the future success of our alumni association."

Dr. Nagai currently works part time with Dr. Bradley Ecker. She enjoys spending her remaining free time with her two children, Hadley, who is almost four years old, and Nicholas, who is a year and a half.

Dr. John Tibbetts, Class of 1992 and Orthodontic graduate 1994, came to the Alumni Association because of UBDAAs relationship with the Eighth District Dental Society. As part of this interaction, the President of the Society is a guest at all Executive Council meetings of UBDAAs. Dr. Tibbetts served in this capacity in 2019 when he was President of the Eighth District. "I had the opportunity to sit in, ex officio, during UBDAAs meetings that year and saw how impassioned these alumni are with respect to their dental alma mater. At that point I decided it would be a good idea to get involved in dental alumni issues once my Presidential stint was completed. Sherry Szarowski, the dental alumni Executive Secretary, asked me if I'd like to continue on the UBDAAs board and I accepted. I am looking forward to helping our alumni and students any way I can."

Dr. Tibbetts is with Suburban Orthodontics, which has several offices in the Buffalo area. He also volunteers

in the UB Department of Orthodontics as a part-time faculty once a month.

Dr. Joseph DeLuca, Class of 2007, said he joined "because I wanted to give back to the school and help make a positive impact in the students' and new alumni's lives. When I was a student, I remember how integral the Alumni Association was to our success. As a new graduate, I leaned on the UBDAAs many times. It is really important for me to be able to help those same people now by joining the

The Executive Council meets five times a year. Committees on the Council have their own schedules. Some only meet once a year, others two or more times. The committees that meet the most are involved with planning the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting. This event is the most important aspect of our fundraising. It helps power the Alumni Association to provide the services to the dental school it needs throughout the year. All our committees need new members,

"I was eager to find a way to remain involved with the dental school and support the institution that has given me so much." **Dr. Amy Nagai**

Executive Council and making sure the tradition of alumni helping each other and our future alumni continues."

Dr. DeLuca practiced in Hamburg, NY, for nine years before accepting a full-time position at the dental school as Preclinical Director.

As you can see, the principle driving force for all these new recruits is giving back to the dental school they attended. We welcome all our new members of the Executive Council and look forward to working with them over the years for the betterment of the UB School of Dental Medicine.

so you are graciously invited to find a niche you like and contribute.

Isn't time you gave back to the school? We welcome new members to help us achieve our goals and the goals of the school. Like all organizations, new members are the lifeblood of our organization. We are always looking for talented individuals to join us. Since you all went to dental school and graduated, you are all talented individuals. So, nothing should be holding you back. **UBD**



Dr. Amy Nagai



Dr. John Tibbetts



Dr. Joseph DeLuca

CE course calendar

School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB SPRING 2021

(THURSDAYS 6 TO 9 P.M.)

MAR. 18*: New Technologies in Surgical Implant Dentistry
Bandar Almaghrabi, DDS

APR. 15: Drug Interactions
Michael Krajewski, PharmD,
MLS & Kalpesh Desai, PharmD

MAY 20*: Rationale/Planning for Implants with Free Flap
Michael R. Markiewicz, DDS,
MPH, MD, FACS

JUNE 10*: 3D Scanning for Implant Planning
Terry Reilly, Digital Technology Specialist, Henry Schein Dental

* These dates/titles are not confirmed.

UB School of Dental Medicine

**ANNUAL HALF YEAR NEW MEMBER FEE: \$725
SINGLE MEETING, NONMEMBER FEE: \$225, Limited Enrollment**

3 CE HRS/MEETING

WEDNESDAY EVENING LECTURE SERIES

(6 TO 8 P.M.)

APR. 14: Face Value...Extraoral Tissue Management
Linda Rae, Surgical DA

APR. 21: PCO Technology for Dental Office Air Purification
Jason Field, DDS

APR. 28: U Veneers: Simplifying Esthetic Solutions
Marshall Fagin, DDS

MAY 5: A 4D Perspective of the Working Length in Endodontics
Linda Piasecki, MSc, PhD

MAY 12: Porcelain Laminate Veneers: The Devil is in the Details
Jennifer Kuracina, DDS

MAY 19: Existing Restorations: Replace, Repair or Refurbish?
John J. Maggio, DDS

Live Zoom meetings

**DENTIST: \$45
RDH/DA: \$35**

Watch live or at your leisure up to 10 days after lecture.

2 CE HRS

MAY 7
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

UB DENTAL HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM

From Pockets to Pathogens - Maximize Technology for Optimal Periodontal Therapy Success / Eye Health and Pain Prevention
Amber Auger, RDH

*Acqua Event Center,
2192 Niagara St., Buffalo, NY*

**TUITION: \$125 BEFORE MAY 1;
AFTER \$145**

6 CE HRS

MAY 14
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

Preparation Designs and Laboratory Communication... What Your Laboratory Technician Needs to Provide the Best Results

James Kessler, DDS

UB School of Dental Medicine
Supported in part by the George W. Ferguson Endowment Fund

**UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$235
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$295**

6 CE HRS

MAY 20-21
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

HANDS-ON WORKSHOP

Stress-Free Endodontics
Adham Abdel Azim, BDS
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**UB DENTAL ALUMNI MEMBER: \$995
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Limited Enrollment
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JUNE 4
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Program Speaker: TBA

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TEAM MEMBER: \$95**

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JUNE 11
(9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)

What Am I Missing? The Science of Occlusal Medicine

Ian Tester, DDS, MSc

UB School of Dental Medicine

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JUNE 30–JULY 2 (9 A.M. DAILY)

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WED Legal 'Pot'pourri: CBD,
Vaping, eRisk and Teledentistry
Chet Gary, DDS, JD

THURS Halitosis, Toothpastes,
Mouthrinses...A Potpourri of
Dental Health Related Topics
Violet Haraszthy, DDS, PhD

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Esthetics: From Mona Lisa to
Instagram
Mia L. Geisinger, DDS, MS

*Chautauqua Suites Hotel
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SEPT. 23–24

The Cutting Edge of Clinical
Research in Oral Health...
A Symposium in Honor of
Distinguished Service Professor
Dr. Sebastian Ciano

**THURS., 5–7 P.M. Session One
and Welcoming Reception**

**FRI., 8 A.M.–3 P.M. Symposium
Sessions/breakfast & lunch
included**

Location to be determined

UB ALUMNI MEMBER: \$225
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TEAM MEMBER: \$125
7 CE HRS

SELF-STUDY (PRE-RECORDED) CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION

**COVID-19: What You Need
to Know**
Michael Glick, DDS
1 CE HR/NO CHARGE

**COVID-19: Testing and
Glossary**
Michael Glick, DDS
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**Vaccine and Vaccination:
A Primer with a Focus on
COVID-19**
Michael Glick, DDS
.5 CE HR/NO CHARGE

Little Mouths are a Big Deal
(Pub 5/20/20)
Mary Beth Dunn, DDS
3 CE HRS/\$45

**What You Need to Know to Talk
to Your Patients about TMD**
(Pub 5/27/20)
Yoly Gonzalez-Stucker,
DDS, MS
3 CE HRS/\$45

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(SDF)...Now More Than Ever**
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Albert Cantos, DDS, John
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Periodontal Instrumentation
for the Advanced Practitioner**
(Pub 6/17/20)
Renee Graham, RDH, MEd
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**Implant Success: The
Importance of Implant
Design** (Pub 9/23/20)
Paul S. Mozer, DDS,
MSc, DICOI
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**Conquering Key Fixed
Prosthetic Challenges**
(Pub 9/30/20)
Marshall Fagin, DDS
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**Current Infection Prevention
Protocols and Recommenda-
tions: Are You in Compliance**
(Pub 10/7/20)
Renee Graham, RDH, ME
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**Tips and Tricks for Better
Temps: Faster, Easier, Better
and More Predictable Results**
(Pub 10/21/20)
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**KISS and Make It Better:
The Keep It Simple Solutions
to Pediatric Dental Trauma**
(Pub 10/28/20)
Mary Beth Dunn, DDS
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**Navigating Into the World
of Biofilm: Are You Ready?**
(Pub 11/4/20)
Renee Graham, RDH, ME
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**Peek-A-Boo: A Dental Look
at TOTS, TEENS and all the
IN-BETWEENS** (Pub 11/18/20)
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In Memoriam

Melvin G. Block, '59, who practiced general dentistry in Williamsville, passed away September 5, 2020.

Armand R. Brancaccio, '44, died on June 23, 2017, at his home in Southampton, NY. He often recalled that he graduated from dental school, married his wife and received his commission in the Army all in one week in May, 1944. Upon his discharge, he began his dental practice in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and practiced for 53 years.

Daniel A. Caccamise, '60, passed away on November 10, 2020. "The Doover," as he was known by his friends, served as a captain in the Army for three years and was stationed in South Korea, Fort Knox and Washington DC. He operated a dental practice in Brighton, NY, for 35 years, after which he was the director of the dental clinic at Groveland Correctional Facility for over a decade until his retirement. He was an avid golfer and literary enthusiast and studied Shakespeare at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and attended the annual Shakespeare festival in Stratford, Ontario, for over 30 years.

Douglas W. Canfield, '76, passed away suddenly on May 18, 2019. He practiced dentistry in upstate New York until his retirement in 2011. He and his wife, Suzanne, moved soon after to Naples, FL. Doug's

greatest pastime was tinkering with his antique cars. He held various positions in British car clubs and organizations.

Donald G. Corter, '79, a native and lifelong resident of Fredonia, NY, died June 23, 2020. A captain in the U.S. Army Dental Corps from 1967–1969, he returned to Fredonia in 1969 and took over the practice of Dr. Donald G. Seydel and practiced for 50 years. He was an avid Buffalo Bills and Michigan State Spartans fan. A pyrotechnics enthusiast and 20-year member of the Pyrotechnic Guild International, he always looked forward to the Fourth of July, his favorite holiday.

Grace Dorangricchia, Pros. Cert. '89, passed away July 13, 2020 in Pensacola, FL. She suffered from a rare lung disease called lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) and fought the disease for 17 years. Grace received her doctoral degree at Georgetown University School of Dentistry. She was a maxillofacial prosthodontist in the Navy.

Herman C. Geraci, '61, "Deke," died on December 12, 2020 at age 86. He was a captain in the US Air Force Dental Facility from 1961 to 1963, a lifetime member in the American Dental Association and past President of the Fonzi Dental Study Club.

Benjamin Goldberg, '58, died on July 3, 2018. He served in the military during the Korean conflict and shortly thereafter attended dental school and graduated with honors. He ran his dental practice for over 50 years, and patients referred to him as "Gentle Ben." He served in a variety of volunteer capacities including as president of the Lions Club.

Ivan H. Harrison, '56, a life-long resident of Portville, passed away April 23, 2020. He served in the officer program of the U.S. Air Force and at the base dental clinic at Hunter AFB in Savannah, GA. "Doc Harrison" served the Portville community in private practice for 45 years, retiring in 2003.

John "Jack" D. McKenna, '69, age 86, of Albion, NY, passed away July 27, 2020 after a long illness. A 1955 graduate and later recruiter for the State University of New York Maritime College, he served in the Navy on board the USS Antares and for the Moore-McCormack Line in the Merchant Marine. He joined the faculty at the UB Dental School on a part-time basis while running a private practice in Albion from 1969–1974. He joined UB full time as Director of Patient Evaluation and Management until he retired in 1996.

Edmund E. Merhige, '48, of Tenafly, NJ, passed away on

October 11, 2020. He served in the Korean War with the 7th Infantry Division, received a battlefield promotion to captain and was awarded the Bronze Star and Combat Medical Badge.

Allen A. Moss, '61, of White Plains, NY, passed away March 19th, 2020. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps after graduating high school, served as a tail gunner during World War II, attended Hunter College prior to dental school.

Eric J. Murawski, '14, MD, age 33, passed away unexpectedly on December 12, 2020 in Cleveland, OH, where he was completing his residency. Born and raised in Hornell, NY, he graduated from Binghamton University and the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine and the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. He was a skilled woodworker, had a deep love for his two dogs and two cats, and enjoyed caring for his many bonsai trees. He enjoyed rooting for his favorite sports teams, the Buffalo Bills and the Buffalo Sabres. Eric's family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made to an endowed scholarship in his name at the University at Buffalo, which will be awarded yearly to a promising oral surgery student. Donations can be made at www.EricJMurawskiMemorialFund.com.

Henry Nieman, '53, passed away November 3, 2020. He was a dentist for more than 60 years in Lancaster and was a proud WWII veteran of the United States Navy, an avid golfer and member of Lancaster Country Club for over 60 years.

Paul A. Paroski, '45, died November 29, 2020. His late wife Jacqueline was a medical doctor, as were his three children, Elizabeth Barlog and the late John and the late Paul Jr. Two of his grandchildren are also medical doctors.

Jeffrey P. Powell, '71, MD, '75, died on November 15, 2020 at his home in Chesapeake, VA. He served in the Navy from 1979 to 1984 and was appointed Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at the Naval Medical Center in Camp Lejeune, NC. After his military service, he moved to Chesapeake, VA, where he founded Chesapeake Ear, Nose & Throat Associates, retiring from practice in September 2020. During his medical career, he served on the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Hospital Authority, was a Clinical Associate professor of Otolaryngology at Eastern Virginia Medical School and Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology at the Medical College of Virginia. He was medical director for the Chesapeake Police SWAT team

and the Virginia Beach Police Special Operations Helicopter Division.

Charles J. Roba, '59, passed away September 27, 2020. He was born and lived in Buffalo for the majority of his life. He relocated to Cary, NC, in 2009. He practiced general dentistry for 12 years in West Seneca. He then attended the orthodontic program at Columbia University and went on to practice orthodontia in Orchard Park and Lancaster for 31 years. He served as president of the Eighth District Dental Society, President of State University of New York at Buffalo Dental Association and Orthodontic member of the Craniofacial group of Children's Hospital. In 1992, he was the first recipient of the University of Buffalo Alumni Association Humanitarian Award.

Frank J. Rizzo, '75, passed away on November 16, 2020 at age 71. He practiced general dentistry in South Buffalo.

Paul A. Schimmenti, '75, long-time resident and practicing dentist in Rockville Centre, passed away August 3, 2020 at age 71 after a six-year battle with cancer. He was an attending dentist at Nassau County Medical Center and on the Board of Directors of the Nassau County Dental Society for over 25 years. He served three years of active duty in the Army in Amberg, Germany.

He spent 13 years in the Army Reserve and was the youngest commander of a deployable dental unit. He opened his dental practice in Rockville Centre where he practiced for 40 years, assisted by his wife MaryAnn serving as his dental hygienist.

Vincent J. Sementilli, '54, died on November 13, 2020 in Horseheads, NY. After completing an internship at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Buffalo, Vincent joined the US Army Dental Corps and was stationed in Fort Dix, NJ. During his tour of duty, he was promoted to the rank of Captain. After his discharge in 1958, Vincent and his family moved to Corning where he practiced dentistry for 43 years. He was delighted when his son John joined the practice in 1985, where they worked together for 16 years. In 1975, he was appointed by then-Gov. Hugh Carey to serve on the Corning Community College Board of Trustees, subsequently becoming Board Chairman.

James J. Steinagle, '69, died December 9, 2020. He was a lieutenant in the US Navy stationed at Camp Pendleton. He was two-time president of West Seneca Rotary and a clinical instructor at UB Dental Clinic. He also was a member of the Orchard Park Country Club and served on the Board of Directors.

Harry Weinberg, '56, passed away on September 4, 2018. He obtained a degree in Orthodontics from Columbia University. He began his career in orthodontics in Miami in the mid-1960s and practiced for over 40 years. He also was a pianist who enjoyed playing for audiences of all sizes.

Elmer G. Wilox, Jr., '60, died on December 5, 2020 at age 86, at his home in Lewiston, NY. He served in the United States Army Dental Corps. from 1960 to 1962 attaining the rank of captain. He ran his practice out of his home office in Lewiston for 37 years. An active and artistic man, he tied his own fishing flies, designed and built a cottage in Ontario, Canada, and was an accomplished painter.

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Submit your classnotes to Sherry Szarowski at ss287@buffalo.edu and let your classmates know what you've been up to!

AlumniNews

Steven Guttenberg, '69, retires and remembers

While I was still in high school, I knew that I wanted to become a dentist. I sought a college that had a dental school associated with it and chose what was then called the University of Buffalo. And so, in 1961 I began my journey to fulfill my high school dream.

I graduated with a BA in psychology in 1965 and began my formal education at the School of Dental Medicine. I never looked back. After graduation in 1969, I, like many of my classmates, voluntarily joined the military to help support the war effort in Viet Nam. It was an

excellent move. I was proud to see what an excellent education I had received at Buffalo as compared to the many dentists that I served with from other schools.

With the knowledge and experience that I had gained at UB and in the Army, I was able to get into the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency of my choice. And, as the expression goes, the rest is history. I have had a very fulfilling and gratifying career and I continue to be grateful for the excellent guidance that I received at the School of Dental Medicine.

I began my journey to become a dentist 59 years ago, and at the end of December I finally retired with the knowledge that I had accomplished the goal I set out in my teenage years and knowing that the foundation I received in Buffalo was responsible for much of it.

Dr. Guttenberg recently retired from practice at The Washington Institute for Mouth, Face, and Jaw Surgery in Washington, DC.

Dennis Schuster, '68, retired after a 40-year career in plastic and reconstructive surgery in Fort Worth, Texas, where he focused on cleft lip and palate surgery. Having a double degree (MD & DDS) he recalled it was great to be the 'go to guy' for colleagues. He earned his MD at UB Medical School after two years of active duty in the Navy, and finished his surgical training in plastic surgery in 1978. Working with his dental and orthodontic compadres, Dr. Schuster recalls following kids from birth to age 22, intercepting and stressing the importance of a timely and proper dental program to preempt future problems they may face. "This brought the most satisfaction to myself and my staff. I didn't realize what sadness I created with my cleft families when I retired, as they considered us part of their families as they had been with us for so long. You cannot begin to imagine the gratification obtained from involving my dental education so intimately and extensively in my plastic surgery experience. My practice ended up 50% kids; what a great way to go."



Mark Heiss, '82, FICD FADI, FIADDE, was inducted into the 2020 (Centennial) class of the American College of Dentists as a Fellow on Oct 15, 2020. Heiss is Director, Regulatory and Academic Affairs, HIPAA Compliance at GC America, Inc. He writes: "It is without hesitation I thank my professors: Dr. A. Drinnan, Dr. N. Mohl, Dr. S. McCall, Dr. T. Thines, Dr. J. Slots, Dr. R. Genco and Dr. S. Ciancio. Without them I would not be able to give back to the profession and industry I so love."



Kevin J. Hanley, '78, was elected Vice President of the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists at its most recent meeting on October 23, 2020. This meeting, usually held just before the ADA Annual Meeting, was held virtually this year the week following the ADA meeting. It is hoped things will return to normal in 2021 and the meeting can be held in person.



Salvatore J. Esposito, Pros Cert., '74, was selected as the 2021 Golden Medallion Awardee by the American Prosthodontic Society (APS). The award is periodically issued to individuals whose contributions to prosthodontics have been exceptional. The award is funded by the American Prosthodontic Foundation. Dr. Esposito will be acknowledged at the 93rd Annual Meeting of the American Prosthodontic Society in Chicago in February 25.

Roger C. Gartz, DDS '67, and his wife provided dental service after his retirement in 2007 in many countries including Cambodia, Peru, Jamaica, Rwanda and several others. Following study at the LD Pankey Institute, they organized, with help from the institute, a team who provided continuing education for dentists in Jamaica. They returned yearly for five years building on the previous year's study.



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We are proud to be one of the strongest alumni associations within the university and are excited to continue its growth and success with your help. We look forward to welcoming you into a network of your colleagues and classmates, and keeping in touch!

"In May of this year, I was selected for emergency funding graciously provided through the UBDAAs. As a Type 1 Diabetic, this funding allowed me to avoid rationing insulin and medical supplies as I transitioned between health insurances. This grant could not have come at a better time in my life, as I was concerned with the access to the medicines and technology that help keep me alive. I cannot express my gratitude in such a brief setting, but please know that your contributions have been extremely impactful to me and my classmates."

Ben Hunt, Class of 2021

"During the summer of 2020, I remember students' parents unexpectedly being furloughed from their jobs or losing them altogether to the pandemic. This had a devastating financial impact on many families because many parents had been helping their children cover tuition costs to help keep the amount of student loan debt low. Thankfully, due to the student emergency fund made possible through your generous donations, I was able to make it to fall semester and do well during the early fall."

Tyler J Laurel, Class of 2022

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Looking ahead to the Fall of 2021, we are planning to host an in-person meeting at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center on November 3–5, 2021. We will also prepare for a virtual or hybrid meeting if circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic continue to keep us apart. The safety and well-being of our attendees remains our first priority. We hope that you will make plans to attend the 44th annual Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting whether it be live or virtual.



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