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## ON THE COVER:

A tongue-in-cheek depiction of the sometimes grueling learning experiences of students in Squire Hall's B28 by Art Director and Designer David Donati as the room closes its doors soon to make way for a new preclinical facility.

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Season's greetings, alumni, colleagues, and students. As we near the end of this year and the beginning of the next, we bid farewell to a place in Squire Hall that has served us particularly well, a place where students have labored long hours to learn basic clinical skills while developing lifelong bonds with their classmates.

The place is Squire Hall's B28 preclinical laboratory where first- and second-year dental students are introduced to clinical dentistry. For students who are sons and daughters of our graduates, B28 is the same facility and they are possibly sitting in the same seats that their parents occupied in its more than 30-year history. As the days of B28 draw to a close early next year, the lab is being vividly recalled by alumni in this issue. Please take a minute to read their memories of B28.

The new preclinical facility that is currently under construction will be a stark contrast to B28. It will be a bright new space, twice the size with the latest technology. It will be a much better clinical simulation than our current preclinical laboratory. This, in turn, will make it easier for our students to transition from acquiring preclinical skills to actually using these skills to treat patients in our clinics. With more than 100 patient simulators and computer monitors and with digital tooth preparation imaging and evaluation technology, students can complete a procedure and almost immediately obtain a numerical evaluation of their work in terms of a faculty-determined standard.

This is a very exciting time. We're going from having some of the oldest facilities among dental schools in the U.S. to some of the newest facilities.

In three to four years, Squire Hall will

have a new preclinical facility, new predoctoral and graduate dental clinics, and a new patient welcome area.

As you might guess, the cost of this much-needed modernization is substantial. The preclinical simulation facility will cost about \$11 million as will the clinical renovations. While a good deal of the cost of these renovations is being supported by the university, we are looking to industrial partnerships and individual donors for additional support. To that end, we are grateful for a million-dollar donation from a long-time friend of the university and the dental school, Mrs. Stephanie Mucha, that will be used to renovate our patient welcome areas.

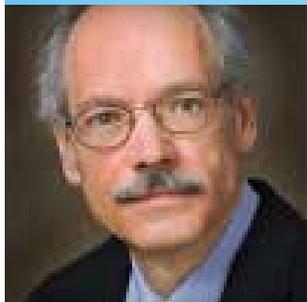
As we prepare to celebrate our 125th anniversary next year with a series of events listed in this issue, we hope you will join with us in renewing our commitment to dental education, the dental profession and the people we serve.

Sincerely,



Joseph J. Zambon, DDS '74, *Perio Cert.* '83, *PhD* '84  
*Dean, School of Dental Medicine*

# FROM THE DEAN



## Conley Appointed Chair of Orthodontics

R. Scott Conley was appointed as chair of the Department of Orthodontics and L.B. Badgero Endowed Associate Professor in June.

Prior to arriving at UB, he served as the graduate orthodontic clinic director and co-director at the Dentofacial Deformities Clinic and, recently, acting chair of the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Michigan. He has served 17 years as an orthodontic faculty member and has published in orthodontic-, surgical-, and sleep-related

journals. He received his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his orthodontic specialty training at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Conley is the past recipient of institutional and clinical research awards, including multiple American Association of Orthodontists Foundations Grant Awards.

He currently chairs the American Association of Orthodontists Council on Orthodontic Education, serves as the Director of the North Atlantic Component of the Edward H. Angle Society, and chairs the Edward H. Angle Heritage Campaign.



R. SCOTT CONLEY NOW CHAIRS DEPARTMENT OF ORTHODONTICS.

## 2 Generous Gift to Name New Welcome Center

Stephanie T. Mucha, a longtime friend and donor to the University at Buffalo, recently made a \$1 million gift in support of the School of Dental Medicine's new patient welcome center. The new center, which will be named in honor of Stephanie and her late husband Joseph, is part of a series of major facilities upgrades within the school.

Mucha, who recently turned 99, is a retired nurse who has a passion for the stock market. Her knack for investing has enabled her to give generously not only to the dental school, but also to the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

"Stephanie is a remarkable person," says Neil Dengler, assistant dean and director of philanthropy for the School of Dental Medicine. "We're honored that she's chosen to invest in the dental school."



STEPHANIE MUCHA



PEDO MEMBERS SPELL OUT THEIR PASSION WITH SPARKLERS.

## 3 PEDO Club Reaches out to Amish Community

On September 26th, members of the UB Pediatric Education and Dental Outreach (PEDO) club had the opportunity to travel to the Amish community in Sherman, NY, to provide free screenings and fluoride varnish. A group of six students from the third- and fourth-year classes, accompanied by PEDO club advisor Carrie Wanamaker, '09, Pedo Cert. '11, clinical assistant professor, Pediatric and Community Dentistry, were able to provide screenings to more than 60 students ages 5-14. The volunteers also provided dental education to the Amish students by interacting with them and playing games. Groups from both schools that the PEDO club visited sang for the volunteers to show their appreciation. The PEDO club followed up with the Amish community members at their Mini Give Kids a Smile Day on November 5th. The PEDO Club hopes to continue to build their relationship with the Amish community and provide care for them.

## 4 Student Success at ACP's 46th Annual Meeting

The Department of Restorative Dentistry is pleased to announce that six students presented posters at the 46th annual meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists in October in San Diego, CA.

Prosthodontics resident Gyula Forgo and dental students Robert Cox, Viktoriya Kuchuk, Amin Nasehi, Michael Simon, and Jeffery Willis represented the SDM at this prestigious conference.

Nasehi (D4) took first place for his poster entitled "Development of Rubrics for Quantitative Assessment in Preclinical Fixed Prosthodontics Using Comparison Software." Cox (D4) received third place for his research entitled "Quality of Tooth Prepared for Monolithic Zirconia Restoration Submitted to Local Dental Laboratories." We are proud of our students and grateful for their hard work and participation in the poster session of this scientific program.

Special congratulations and thanks to Restorative Dentistry faculty Violet Haraszthy, associate professor, and Ramtin Sadid-Zadeh, clinical assistant professor, for mentoring these students.



(PICTURED L-R) AMIN NASEHI, '17, MICHAEL SIMON, '19, ROBERT COX, '17, DR. VIOLET HARASZTHY, '02, MS ORAL SCI '94, PROS CERT. '98, PHD ORAL BIOL. '99, DR. RAMTIN SADID-ZADEH, VIKTORIYA KUCHUK, '18, JEFFREY WILLIS, '17

## 5 2016 Scholarship and Awards Reception

A RECEPTION WAS HELD IN AUGUST TO PRESENT OVER 20 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS TO SDM STUDENTS ON THE BASIS OF ACADEMIC STANDING, CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT AND A STRONG COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE.



LYNN HOROWITZ, '18, WAS PRESENTED THE DR. PAUL R. CROMBACH AWARD BY STANFORD EISEN, '71.



CYNTHIA DOWSLAND, '17, WAS AWARDED THE CLASS OF 1949 SCHOLARSHIP BY DEAN JOSEPH ZAMBON.



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## News from the Departments

### Oral Biology

**Chunhao Li** was promoted to professor in the Department of Oral Biology. Coming from West Virginia University, Li joined UB in 2006 and was promoted to associate professor in 2011. His main research focus is on the genetics and pathogenicity of pathogenic spirochetes, including the Lyme disease spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi*, *Leptospira spp.* (leptospirosis), *Brachyspira spp.* (swine and human diarrhea), and oral *Treponema spp.* (human periodontal disease). His research has been consistently funded through the National Institutes of Health.

**Mira Edgerton**, Pros Cert., '81, MS Oral Sci., '84, PhD, '93, research professor, received a 2016 Distinguished Postdoctoral Mentor Award from the Office of Postdoctoral Scholars in the University at Buffalo Graduate School. Her nomination emphasized her dedication, providing opportunity and encouragement to postdoctoral associates necessary for professional and personal growth.

**Praveen Arany**, assistant professor, who studies the therapeutic uses of light and lasers, particularly in wound healing and tissue regeneration, received the 2016 Dr. Horace Furumoto Innovations Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Laser Medicine and Surgery. The award was presented in April 2016 at the ASLMS Annual Conference.

**Robert Genco**, '63, distinguished professor, received a Clinical Research Award from the American Academy of Periodontology in September 2016 for a paper, "Update on the prevalence of periodontitis in adults: NHANES 2009 to 2012." Co-authors were Paul I. Eke, Bruce A. Dye, Liang Wei, Gary D. Slade, Gina O. Thornton-Evans, Wenche S. Borgnakke, George W. Taylor, Roy C. Page, and James D. Beck.

**Dam Soh** joined as a research technician and Yijie Deng as a postdoctoral associate.

### Periodontics and Endodontics

**Abhiram Maddi**, PhD, '11, Perio Cert., '13, assistant professor, received a 2016 Teaching Fellowship Award, American Academy of Periodontology. The fellowship is intended to support the young periodontal educator's commitment to a career in academia.

**Othman Shibly**, '99, MS Oral Sci., '95, director of the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics, was promoted to clinical professor. He also received an award from the Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Fund for his leadership as a dental educator and for his participation in medical missions to help Syrian refugees in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon.

**Stephen Abel** was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of Periodontics and Endodontics. Abel joined UB as associate professor in 2013. He is principal investigator on grants from the NYS Department of Health, one enhancing access to dentistry in rural areas using the mobile dental unit and portable equipment through school-based programs, and the other focused on promoting HIV screening in dental clinics. Previously, he led several HRSA-sponsored grants addressing training needs of dental students and improving access to care for special populations. He also serves as associate dean for Student, Community and Professional Initiatives.

**Lisa Yerke**, '06, MS Oral Sci. '16, was appointed to a full-time position as clinical assistant professor. Yerke has been a part-time faculty member since 2009 teaching clinical periodontics. Much of her effort is now focused in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics. Yerke received her specialty training at Eastman Dental Center and is board certified. She received a UB Dental Educator Award in 2012, and was a recipient of one of the 2016/17 William M. Feagans Endowed Chair research awards.

**Lucila Paisecki** joined the full-time faculty in Endodontics. She received her dental and endodontic specialty training at the State University of West Parana and the Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná (PUCPR) in Brazil. Paisecki taught previously at those schools, as well as Spassodonto-Ingá University and Paranaense University. Her research interests include evaluation of the quality of endodontic obturation and in vitro evaluation of apical leakage after post-preparation.

**Ammar Abdulbasit Almarghani** and **Michael Genco**, '13, Endo Cert., '15, were appointed as part-time faculty.

### Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Michael Nagai**, '10, MD, '13, Oral Maxillofac. Surg. Cert., '16, has been appointed assistant professor with a primary focus as OMFS director for the pre-professional (DDS) clinic.

Nagai has a particular interest in head and neck oncologic surgery and microvascular reconstruction.

**Robert Cronyn**, '82, joined the faculty as part-time clinical assistant professor. Cronyn received his Certificate in OMFS in 2011 and is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He also holds a JD. He is on staff at Erie County Medical Center.

### Restorative Dentistry

**Anastasia Katsavochristou** has been appointed as full-time clinical assistant professor. She received her DDS degree from the National & Kapodistrian University of Athens in Greece in 2010. After working in private practice, she specialized in prosthodontics at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. In 2016, she completed the Maxillofacial Prosthetics fellowship at UCLA School of Dentistry. Her main areas of interest are maxillofacial prosthetics, osseointegrated implant prosthodontics, dental material science and CAD-CAM technology.

**Rianna Mayou**, '13, **Bryan St. Marie**, '14, AEGD, '16, **Quynhhu Pham**, '13, Pros Cert., '16, and **Gillian Alexander Hazboun**, '10, have joined the department as part-time faculty. Lindsey Ludtka, joined as a member of the secretarial staff replacing Karen Collura who retired. Donald Freeman joined as staff assistant.

### Oral Diagnostic Sciences

**Elaine Davis** was inducted into the American College of Dentists as an Honorary Fellow at the ACD 2016 Annual Meeting and Convocation in October. This award, given since 1930, is the highest honor the college awards to non-dentists.

The Journal of Dental Research published a special issue on orofacial pain in September. Two papers within the issue featured the cumulative results of interrelated research programs on which **Richard Ohrbach**, MS Oral Sci., '89, TMD Cert., '89, has focused over the past 15 years. The Orofacial Pain: Prospective Evaluation and Risk Assessment (OPPERA) study set out in 2006 to identify risk factors for development of painful TMD. Ohrbach has directed one of the four U.S. study sites for the past decade.

### Orthodontics

**Paul Ziarnowski**, '77, Ortho Cert., '82, retired after 13 years of service, most recently as acting chair of the department. He has returned with a

part-time appointment to teach and assist in the transition of the new chair, Scott Conley.

**Sawsan Tabbaa**, MS Oral Sci., '97, Ortho Cert., '04, has also retired and has taken a position at Jackson University Brooks Rehabilitation College of Healthcare Sciences, School of Orthodontics in Florida.

**Huiyan Guan**, MS Ortho., '16, was awarded the American Association of Orthodontists, Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award. She was the first resident to win this prestigious award at UB.

### Pediatric & Community Dentistry/Restorative Dentistry

**Hema Arany** has joined the departments of Restorative Dentistry and Pediatric and Community Dentistry as a full-time clinical instructor. Arany obtained her dental degree from P.M. Nadagouda Memorial Dental College in India, an MDS from KLESS Institute of Dental Science, and an AEGD Certificate at Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. She previously worked as a clinical dentist and research associate at the Forsyth Institute in the ForsythKids program.

### Dean's Office

**Mark Maraglia** joined the Dean's Office as associate chief financial officer. Sarah Augustynk replaced Joseph Kerr as interim associate dean for administration. Kerr left for a senior administrative position in the College of Arts and Sciences. Leanne Walters joined the office of alumni relations as an administrative assistant.

### Clinical Dentistry

**Judith Chwirut** and **Cynthia Morgan**, dental assistants, **Patricia Sellick**, supervisor of clinical stores, and **Mark Townsend**, stores clerk, all retired after many, many years of service.

**Shirley Hammond** joined as a dental hygienist in the school-based dental program, and **Julia Caizza** as a DH in Squire Hall. **Dwight Beverly** and **Leah Morrell** are newly appointed stores clerks. **Amanda Jackson** joined as a patient manager. **Vidal Dinkins** was appointed as a new dental assistant. Also **Emelyne Bender** joined as Medicaid billing clerk and **Jenifer Dusel** is the office manager at the 1500 Broadway Clinic.

**Annette Maggi** was appointed clinical instructor on the mobile dental unit.

## 7 SDM Report on Renovation Progress

Laboratories, locker rooms and computer facilities have been moved; lab benching has come out, cabinets have come off the walls, and walls are down—all this in an effort to accommodate the new preclinical simulation facility, still on schedule for the Phase 1 opening in February, 2017.

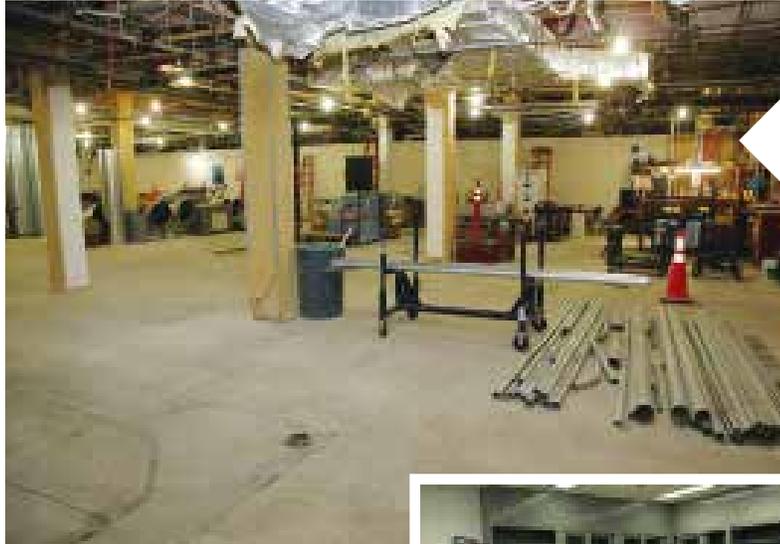
First, there were the moves out of the space in the basement of Squire Hall. Largest among these was the relocation of the South Campus Instrumentation Center (SCIC) to the Biomedical Research Building, Room 450, right next to Squire Hall. The SCIC specializes in surface imaging and spectroscopy and needed a very solid foundation for its sensitive equipment. Lots of behind-the-scenes work was done to prepare the space to handle the utilities for the equipment, and then to safely move and reconnect the instruments.

Peter Bush, SCIC director, characterizes his new space as superb. “For the first time in my entire career, I have an office with a window. All my equipment is working well too, and clients are getting used to finding me,” says Bush. The downside is that he doesn’t get to see as much of colleagues from the dental school during the day, especially his closest collaborator and wife, Mary Bush, associate professor of Restorative Dentistry.

Once SCIC left its space, B1 was used as the relocation site for student and staff locker rooms, computer support facilities, and a smaller version of clinical stores. “Things are tight right now, but when Phase 2 is completed and the medical school moves downtown, there may be some additional room available,” says Steve Colombo, Facilities Planning and Management officer for the SDM. Some clinical supplies have been moved to the clinic floors.

Many other research labs also needed to be moved in the basement requiring the cooperation, collaboration of and negotiation with faculty and staff. Most labs moved to other space in Squire, sometimes combining operations, including those of Baier/Ohrbach, Mang, Andreana, Sabatini, Kim, Guha, Cohen, Yerke, Gonzalez and Azim. Pediatric and Community Dentistry and part of the Mang lab moved to space in Foster Hall. Thanks so much to researchers in all these labs and the SDM Space and Facilities Committee for their help in moving this project forward.

The good news is that the preclinical simulation laboratory, Phase I, is on target. Colombo summarized the current work to be focused on installing and relocating the plumbing and utilities to accommodate the design, rerouting the HVAC, and replacing the air handling system. Vendors have submitted bids for the dental simulation units, and soon requests will go out for bids on audio/visual equipment.



PROGRESS BEING MADE ON THE NEW PRECLINICAL SIMULATION FACILITY, FROM EARLY STAGE BELOW.



THE RELOCATION OF THE SOUTH CAMPUS INSTRUMENTATION CENTER (MIDDLE, ABOVE, RIGHT PHOTOS).

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## FY 2015/2016 Funding of Grants and Contracts

Over \$5.34 million in funding for new and continuing grants and contracts was received in the 2015–2016 fiscal year by dental school researchers. Congratulations and thank you for your efforts.

### Supported by Federal Funds

**Campbell-Heider, N., PI, Antonson, D., Co-I, Anders, P., Co-I:** "Advanced nursing education grant"; HRSA.

**Edgerton, M., PI:** "Candidicidal mechanisms of salivary histatins"; NIDCR.

**Edgerton, M., PI, Cullen, P.J., Co-PI:** "Regulation of *Candida albicans* pathogenesis by the signaling mucin Msb2"; NIDCR.

**Edgerton, M., PI:** "Vascular remodeling and the role of PECAM-1 in the progression of Sjogren's Syndrome", PhD fellowship for Andrew McCall; NIDCR.

**Gonzalez-Stucker, Y., PI, Ohrbach, R., Co-I, McCall Jr., W., Co-I:** "Joules, genes and behaviors: a multifactorial assessment of TMD risk factors"; University of Missouri at Kansas City (NIDCR)

**Li, C., PI, Balthasar, J.P., Co-I:** "Exploring new virulence factors of the oral spirochete *Treponema denticola*"; NIDCR.

**Li, C., PI:** "Protein-protein covalent bonding and *Treponema* motility"; West Virginia University (NIH).

**Li, C., PI:** "Understanding unique aspects of motility and chemotaxis in *Borrelia burgdorferi*"; NIAID.

**Ohrbach, R., PI, Gonzalez-Stucker, Y., Co-I:** "Genetic and psychosocial influences on transition to chronic TMD and related pain"; University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill (NIH).

**Romano, R., PI:** "Identifying the transcriptional control mechanisms of p63 in atopic dermatitis"; NIAID.

**Romano, R., PI:** "Novel genetic models to study the role of DNP63 in squamous cell carcinoma"; NIAMS.

**Ruhl, S., PI, Vickerman, M., Co-I:** "Mining the oral microbiome for novel glycan-binding molecules"; NIDCR.

**Ruttenberg, A., PI:** "OmniSearch: A semantic search tool for discovering microRNAs for critical roles in human cancer"; University of South Alabama (NIH).

**Scannapieco, F., PI, Vickerman, M., Co-I:** "Amylase binding and gene expression in *S. gordonii*"; NIDCR.

**Scannapieco, F., PI:** "Advanced training in oral biology"; NIDCR.

**Sharma, A., PI:** "*T. forsythia* TLR5 ligands and surface glycans coordinate periodontal inflammation"; NIDCR.

**Visser, M., PI:** "Mechanisms of neutrophil impairment by *Treponema denticola*"; NIDCR.

**Yang, S., PI, Qu, J., Co-I:** "Function of regulator of G protein signaling in aging skeleton"; NIA

### Supported by State Funds

**Abel, S., PI:** "Rural dentistry pilot program III"; NYSDOH.

**Abel, S., PI, Hatton, M., Co-I:** "HIV screening in dental clinics"; NYSDOH.

**Baier, R., PI:** "Removal of biofilms from catheters"; UB Center for Applied Technologies/You First Services.

**Ciancio, S., PI:** "Clinical evaluation of the efficacy of an intra oral spray for patients with xerostomia"; UB Center for Applied Technologies/You First Services.

### Supported by Industry

**Andreana, S., PI:** "Radiographic detection of residual cement around implant supported restorations: an ex-vivo study"; Ivoclar Vivadent, Inc.

**Genco, R., PI, Schifferle, R., Co-I:** "Sunstar Buffalo Microbiome Center" (Project 1); Sunstar, Inc.

**Haraszthy, V., PI:** "A clinical study to evaluate the effects of rinsing with a cetylpyridinium chloride (CPC) mouthrinse on oral bacteria"; Colgate-Palmolive Co.

**Haraszthy, V., PI:** "Effect of mouth rinse on halitosis associated bacteria"; Chattem, Inc.

**Maddi, A., PI, Ciancio, S., Co-I:** "The amount of Vitaminpaste Kids toothpaste ingested after brushing by children ages 4 and up"; Golden Products LLC.

**Sabatini, C., PI:** "Novel dental adhesives to prevent recurrent caries"; CuRE Innovations, LLC.

### Supported by Foundations, Associations or Institutions:

**Conley, R., PI:** "Educational innovation in orthodontics: A novel multicenter Faculty Career Enrichments in Orthodontics (FACES in Orthodontics) consortium Stage Two"; American Association of Orthodontists Foundation.

**Kramer, J., PI, Gaile, D., Co-I:** "Analysis of the source and significance of IgM in Sjogren's Syndrome"; Buffalo Clinical and Translational Research Center.

## 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE UB SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

### Three big events have been planned to celebrate our 125th Anniversary. Save the dates.

**January 20 • Birthday Bash** at SDM beginning around 3:00 pm for 3 hours of fun, eating cake and ice cream, and warming up with hot chocolate with all the trimmings. This is open to all faculty, staff and students.

**May 6 • 125th Anniversary Gala** at Rich's Atrium in Buffalo, beginning around 5:30 pm and including a reception, dinner, and silent and live auction. This event is open to alumni, faculty, staff and friends. It occurs the day after commencement of the Class of 2017. As we

celebrate the past, we will be building towards the future as proceeds from this ticketed event, \$195 per person, will benefit student scholarships. Please consider making a donation for the auction, by contacting Marilyn Ciancio, auction chair, at [cianciom@yahoo.com](mailto:cianciom@yahoo.com).

**October 4–6 • Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting** at the Buffalo Convention Center. During this 40th annual meeting, there will be special exhibits and presentations about our school's history. There will also be a reception at the school on early Thursday evening, October 5th, open to all and presenting the new Preclinical Simulation Facility. Transportation will be provided from the convention center.

During the year, we'll have some other surprises, seminars and gifts to commemorate our anniversary. Thanks go to members of the Planning Committee who are working hard on all the details – Sherry Szarowski, Joseph Gambacorta, Lisa Jerebko, Kelli Bocock-Natale, Ed Morrison, Neil Dengler, Robin Comeau, Marilyn Ciancio, and Pamela Jones. Co-chairs for the events and members of the Advisory Committee are Dean Joseph Zambon, Sebastian Ciancio, Robert Genco, Kevin Hanley, Richard Lynch, Joseph Rumpfola, and Elaine Davis, in addition to Gambacorta, Jones, Szarowski, and Dengler. With any questions, please contact [pcjones@buffalo.edu](mailto:pcjones@buffalo.edu).





The lives and times in

# B28

PRECLINICAL FACILITY IS RECALLED BY ALUMNI  
ON THE **EVE OF ITS TRANSFORMATION**





Since 1986, dental careers have started at the bottom, so to speak, in B28, the cavernous basement room of Squire Hall. Generations of first- and second-year students have toiled long hours in perfecting hand skills to prepare teeth, do fillings, and make crowns, bridges and partial dentures so they can gain the rite of passage to the upper-floor clinics.

The Pantera Preclinical Technique Laboratory, as it was originally named, has been the home to many preclinical classes and unique student experiences. In 2017 it's getting a complete makeover as part of the new preclinical simulation laboratory.

Everybody who has gone to dental school in Squire Hall has memories of the time they spent in B28. We asked alums to share some of those memories of this "home away from home" as they took first steps in developing their clinical skills.



**JOSEPH RUMFOLA, '02**

B28 was the only “classroom” that I ever had any didactic instruction in during dental school located in Squire Hall. As first-year students, we had to carve a block of wax to a particular shape with precise dimensions, and then we spent most of the year adding wax to fill in “defects” in plastic teeth. We didn’t get to use a high-speed handpiece until the final project, which involved cutting into a drawing of a tooth on a block of ivorine. Mine was terrible.

Most of what we did involved wax and ivorine. When patients complain to me about the sound of the “drill,” I remind them that I spent several years listening to 90 of them going in the same room. I can still remember the smell of burning ivorine from cutting the typodont teeth too fast without any water for coolant. The teeth weren’t the only things I remember burning. I had a classmate whose lab bench space was routinely covered with wax, and he constantly burned himself with hot wax or instruments. I also remember a classmate who caught his disposable gown on fire from the Bunsen burner...twice.

On one particular occasion, we were taking a practical exam in fixed prosthodontics. We had to prepare a tooth, and then fabricate a provisional. To ensure that we didn’t produce a provisional ahead of time, we were given colored fibers during the exam that we had to incorporate into the provisional. I remember standing in line to get my fibers when several of my classmates pointed out to me another classmate who was staring so intently at his typodont in concentration that he didn’t realize that his light was close to his head and his hair was beginning to smoke.

The lab was open all through the night, and I had many classmates who would spend much of their time practicing tooth preparations after hours, despite the roaches and cleaning people. I never stayed very late myself. I was married and my wife would come to B28 and work on her grad school work, while I practiced my dental skills. She spent a lot of time there, and she was probably closer to the dental students than the students in her grad speech program. I always felt that sleep was more important for my hands to be stable and my brain to be focused, but even I spent some of the wee hours in B28.

**TIMOTHY MAHONEY, '89**

The Class of 1989 was the first class to use B28 for sophomore technique. In Crown & Bridge the lights went out in the middle of a practical and Dr. Tom Hartnett made us continue to work with only the emergency lights working. You can confirm this with Dr. John Maggio.

**QING (PETER) LAN, '08**

I have some great photos, one of which is a picture of all the projects, homework, instruments, material, casts and models that were used in B28 during the first two years of dental school (above right photo). Dr. Robert Joynt (associate professor emeritus), a fixture in B28 teaching operative dentistry as well as being director of student admissions, was a mentor who encouraged and helped me through the rigors of dental school.

QING (PETER) LAN CONTRIBUTED MANY OF THE PICTORIAL OBSERVATIONS OF LIFE IN B28.



**EUGENE PANTERA, RETIRED  
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We generally tried to have a good time playing tunes (no Barbra Streisand), videos, and movies.

**KATIE-ROSE RADIN WAGNER, '10**

Wow...where do I even start with B28. One memory I don't have a photo for was during the huge storm in October of 2006, my freshman year. We were so desperate to catch up that a few of us huddled in the dark in B28 waxing dentures because the gas was still working, though the electricity was out. Devoted students! The only photo I could find was of my tyodont, Fred the Head (*see below*). Boy, did he and I spend a lot of hours together.



**JOSHUA HUTTER, '05**

One of my most vivid memories of B28 Squire was watching the tragedy of 9/11 unfold. Our class was in the middle of gross anatomy lab, and started to hear the news of what was happening in the country. There was a sense of despair and utter uncertainty. Most of us in the class left lab in the BRB, and went to the one room we knew had TVs: B28. A bunch of us stayed there for hours watching the footage live. It was just like yesterday...

I remember sitting in B28 seeing one of the Twin Towers collapse to the ground live as it was happening. It was in that instant that the feeling that things would never be the same was so palpable. I'll never forget those feelings of uncertainty and fear—no event has ever come close to triggering those feelings to that degree. I will also never forget seeing so much panic in the eyes of people, especially my classmates that were from New York City and still had friends and family there. You couldn't help but feel overwhelmed with emotions, but yet lack the ability to communicate. We all sat there in silence with our hands over our mouths and tears forming in our eyes.



And  
the  
year

# BEGINS...



Photos by Jason Chwirut



WHITE-COAT CEREMONIES,  
ALL-SCHOOL PICNIC, AND  
MORE GREET THE NEW  
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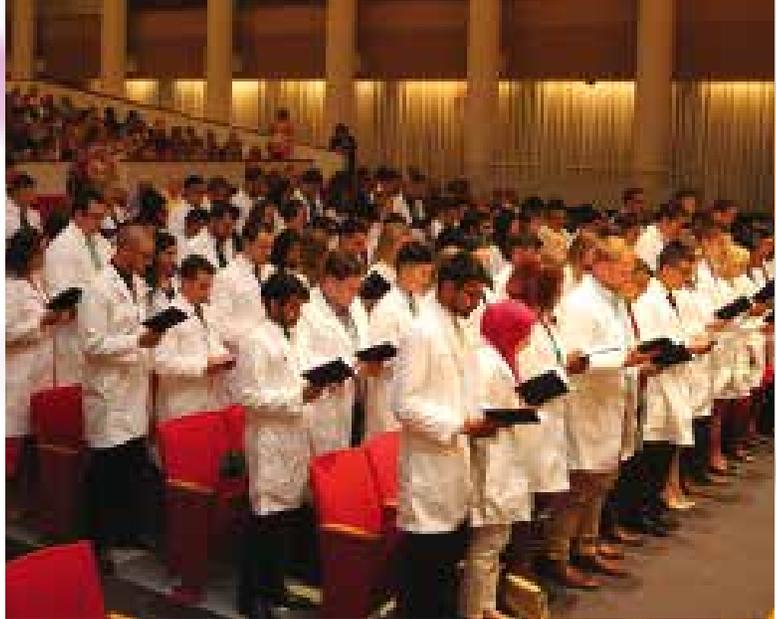
**F**or some new students, the year began in May, others in July and August. For all, it was filled with anticipation and perhaps a bit of uncertainty. Certainly there was much to be oriented to and celebrated—from an introduction to the profession, to academic expectations, to white-coat ceremonies and, finally, to an all-school picnic.

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Upperclassman in each program played a role in that orientation. Second-year dental students, led by Amir Karimi, David Hornack and Rachel Kim, planned several social events for new first-year students—canoeing, a food-truck party, and an excursion to Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park. New third-year International Dentist Program (IDP) dental students got tips from fourth-year Big Brothers/Big Sisters over lunch and met their classmates over dinner, and at a welcome carnival. For new and continuing residents and students in advanced education programs, there was a great welcome luncheon downtown at the Hotel Lafayette for them and their program directors.

The celebrations at white-coat ceremonies for new dental students and their families were especially proud moments. Similarly proud was the staff whom the dean recognized at the all-school picnic for their excellent contributions to the school's mission. This year, Patricia Sellick from Clinical Dentistry, and Jill Uebelhoer and Karen Collura from Restorative Dentistry were the awardees. Enjoy some photos of the events.



### Fast Facts

- **27 new IDP students** born in Egypt, India, Iran and Cuba speaking 14 languages; women outnumber men 21 to 6; dancers, skaters, musicians, runners, artists, great cooks
- **95 new first-year dental students** with average GPA of 3.6; split evenly between men and women; from nine different states; 10 with parents who are dentists or physicians and 10 who are first in their family to get a college degree; athletes from most sports, vocalists and musicians, and most who have already demonstrated a heart for service
- **47 new advanced education students/residents** joined 64 continuing students across certificate, MS and PhD programs; the student body is almost evenly split between men and women; 58% are from the U.S. and 42% from foreign countries



# In Celebration of 125 Years of SDM History:

## WORKS FROM THE COLLECTION OF MORTON G. RIVO, '57

**This image** of a female dentist is said to be the first picture of a female dentist in action\*. Five abnormal-sized molars and a tooth-key (an instrument invented by the Frenchman Garangeot for tooth extraction) are shown in the foreground on the office floor. Bracing the patient's neck from behind, the exasperated dentist appears to be pulling a tooth with her bare hand.

\**The Dentist in Art* by Jens J. Pindborg and Leif Marvitz, George Proffer, London, 1961.



HONORÉ-VICTORIN DAUMIER (FRENCH, 1808-1879), ELLE TENAIT FERME! (SHE IS HOLDING TIGHT), FROM SERIES SCÈNES GROTESQUES, NO. 4, APPEARED IN LE CHARIVARI, AUGUST 10, 1839, LITHOGRAPH.

THIS WORK AND OTHERS FROM DR. RIVO'S COLLECTION ARE NOW ON EXHIBIT THROUGH JANUARY 2017 IN THE GALLERY OUTSIDE THE UB PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IN CAPEN HALL.



## The Fab Four: Education Pioneers

**IN THE MID-1850s**, Buffalo was booming and its dentists were actively establishing a professional association. What was lacking, however, was a dental school to serve the whole area, including the territory to the west. Struggling to achieve that goal were four leading men in the profession: (1) Drs. Benajah T. Whitney, (2) George E. Hayes, (3) George B. Snow, and (4) Theodore G. Lewis, who also started Buffalo Dental, one of America's greatest and most innovative dental manufacturing companies. Without the perseverance of these four, a dental department and ultimately a school at Buffalo may have never been established.

The four partners in the manufacturing company were keenly interested in forming a dental organization in the area. They believed in the need to elevate and advance the dental profession, and thought that it could be accomplished through organized dentistry. They were also the prime movers in forming the Buffalo Dental Association

(BDA), which was formally established on May 27, 1864.

In 1868, the New York State Legislature authorized the medical, dental and legal professions to organize associations to be coexistent with judicial districts. Thus, the Eighth District Dental Society's inaugural meeting was held on June 2, 1868, four years after the BDA was set up. The first official act of the society was a motion to establish a dental college in Buffalo. The medical school at Buffalo had been established in 1846, and it was felt that it was time for a dental school as well.

The dentist-owners of the Buffalo Dental Manufacturing Company, spurred on by Dr. Whitney, sponsored the resolution and worked for its implementation. However, there was strong opposition to the idea, led primarily by Drs. Alfred P. Southwick and Charles W. Stainton. Feeling the pressure of competition from new dentists, they claimed that there were already too many

dentists in the area. Despite Dr. Whitney's forceful arguments for a school, the motion was defeated.

It would take another 24 years for the school to be established—still with continuing opposition. Dr. Stainton led a group who, in 1892, just before the school became a reality, declared the "whole scheme is at least a generation behind the times and would be laughed at by all advanced practitioners." Ironically, Dr. Southwick, who had opposed the creation of the school, was one of the first dentists to be appointed to the faculty, as professor of operative technique, in 1892. Sadly, however, Dr. Benajah Whitney did not live to see his dream fulfilled.

—Robin Comeau

Source: NYSDJ February 2004; Ring, Malvin E.; *B. T. Whitney: Physician, Dentist, Inventor, Entrepreneur and Dedicated Fighter for Dentistry and Dental Education*

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With more than 20 years of experience in the philanthropic sector, Neil brings a vast amount of experience to the dental school. He will focus much of his time on pipeline development, alumni engagement and long-term relationship-building with SDM's constituents.

Neil lives in Snyder with his wife Leah and their three children, Ryan, Molly and Tyler.

Neil can be reached at (716) 881-7486 or by email at [ndengler@buffalo.edu](mailto:ndengler@buffalo.edu).

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**Samantha Kelly**  
 CLASS OF 2017  
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Samantha Kelly said she worked to finish a BS degree in three years to save money "because I knew dental school would not be cheap." Having decided at age 13 to become a dentist, Samantha shadowed multiple dentists during high school. She chose to attend UB's dental school because "it was the best fit for me and made me feel the most at home." A scholarship freed her from having to work, giving her time to volunteer at school events such as Give Kids A Smile Day. Samantha hopes to become a pediatric dentist who is "fully immersed in a small town community."

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School of Dental Medicine Office of Continuing Dental Education

# course calendar

**DEC. 16 (8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.)**

## **Advanced Bone Grafting Including Horizontal & Vertical Augmentation**

339 Cary Hall, UB Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Sebastiano Andreana, DDS, MS  
Charles Severin, MD, PhD

UB DENTAL ALUMNI OR  
ISC MEMBER: \$995  
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NON-DENTIST AUDIT: \$95

Enrollment limited to 14; Hands-on Cadaver Workshop

7 CE HRS

**JAN. 4 (5 TO 6:30 P.M.)**  
UB CRITICAL THINKING SERIES

## **How To Be A Skeptic... Critical Thinking**

Series dates:

Jan. 4, 18; Feb. 1, 15;  
Mar. 1, 15, 29; Apr. 19

UB School of Dental Medicine

Michael Glick, DMD

SINGLE MEETING TUITION: \$35  
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1-1.5 CE HRS PER MEETING

**FEB. 16 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB

## **Implant Dentistry for the Edentulous**

UB School of Dental Medicine

Eiad Elathamna, DDS, MS

IMPLANT STUDY CLUB MEMBER: NC  
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3 CE HRS

**MAR. 9 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB

## **A Skeptic's Guide to Literature**

UB School of Dental Medicine

Michael Glick, DMD

IMPLANT STUDY CLUB MEMBER: NC  
NONMEMBER DENTIST: \$225

3 CE HRS

**MAR. 31 (8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.)**  
BIENNIAL NYS SOCIETY OF  
ORTHODONTISTS MEETING

## **A Comparison Between Fixed Edgewise Appliances and Clear Aligners**

Desmond Hotel, Albany

Sandra S. Tai, BDS, MS

NYSSO MEMBER: \$200  
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ORTHODONTIC OFFICE STAFF: \$125

6 CE HRS

**APR. 20 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB

## **Implant Imaging**

UB School of Dental Medicine

Christos Angelopoulos, DDS, MS

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Advanced Imaging Modalities

UB School of Dental Medicine

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6 CE HRS

**MAY 10 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**

## **A Skeptic's Guide to Clinical Protocols**

Baldy Hall, Room 200G,  
UB North Campus

Michael Glick, DMD

TUITION: \$65 (BUF)

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3 CE HRS

**MAY 12 (9 TO 4 P.M.)**  
UB DENTAL HYGIENE SYMPOSIUM

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The Grapevine, Dick Rd.,  
Depew, NY

Shannon Nanne, RDH

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6 CE HRS

**MAY 18 (6 TO 9 P.M.)**  
UB IMPLANT STUDY CLUB

## **The Technology of Grafting Materials: Selecting the Best Regenerative Materials to Meet the Clinical Need**

UB School of Dental Medicine

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3 CE HRS

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SUGARMAN LECTURE

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Mary Platek, PhD

Thomas Campbell, MD

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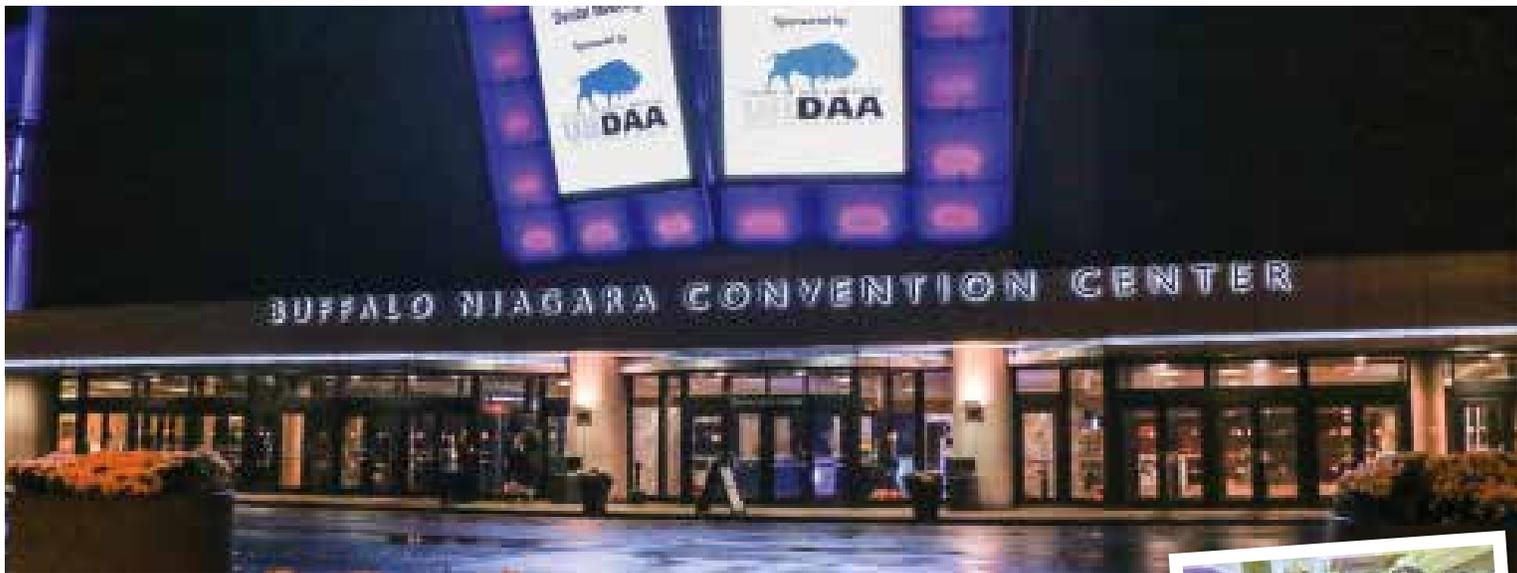
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# HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING



**THE 39TH ANNUAL BUFFALO NIAGARA DENTAL MEETING (BNDM)** took place on November 2–4, 2016, at the Buffalo Niagara Convention Center. The meeting drew over 2,500 dental professionals, including 650 dentists, 600 hygienists, and more than 300 dental assistants.

With over 25 speakers throughout the three-day event, the BNDM had speakers and courses of interest to everyone in the dental office. This year, for example, UB Alumnus Marc M. Gottlieb's, '82, course on conscious sedation satisfied the six-hour NYS CE requirement. John Olmsted, DDS, offered "WWW.ENDO Parts 1 & 2", for dentists. Sheri Kay, RDH, presented "Change Your Thinking...Change Your Hygiene Appointment." Mary Govoni's, CDA, courses, "Become the Superstar on your Team" and "Maximizing Dental Practice Efficiency from the Front Desk to the Back Door,"

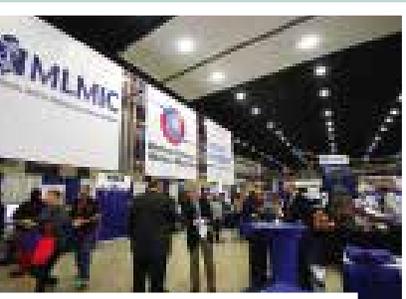
were geared for dental assistants. Rosemary Bray's lecture, "Extraordinary Service—A Dental Necessity!" was for everyone.

The BNDM Organizing Committee would like to thank all of the sponsors who support our speakers, events and giveaways. We would especially like to thank our major meeting sponsors, Ivoclar Vivadent and Medical Liability Mutual Insurance Company (MLMIC), who have been long-time sponsors of the meeting.

We hope to see all of you next year, October 4–6, when the Buffalo Niagara Dental Meeting celebrates its 40th Anniversary and the School of Dental Medicine celebrates its 125th Anniversary. We have already begun planning some exciting events!



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## Speaking with CE 'guru' Gordon Christensen

By Jim Bisco

**GORDON CHRISTENSEN** was a presenter at the very first Buffalo Niagara (then called the Greater Niagara Frontier) Dental Meeting in 1978, returned in 2000 to foretell what the new millennium will hold for the dental profession, and made his third appearance in November at the 39th annual meeting.

As always, he served as bellwether of trends and technology in the profession, leading off his two-day visit with a Paradigm Shifts in Dentistry presentation, forecasting the use of cone beams in every office within five years and more before a rapt crowd, much of whom considers him to be the guru of all developments dental.

Still a practicing prosthodontist, the modest, engaging Christensen who exudes relatable folksiness with incisive acumen sat down for a brief interview after his first appearance.

*How do you manage to keep your pulse on where the profession is headed all these years?*

**GC:** We have a big group of people (Clinicians Report Foundation) with nine divisions—mechanical science, biological sciences, community health and so on. In those various divisions, it's their responsibility to tell me what they think is happening, then I'll run it through my sixth sense to see if I would agree with it. When I got out of academics 40 years ago, I decided I was going to be independent of any governmental or financial orientation, which allows us to go wherever we feel that the practice of dentistry is going. We had 50,000 questions last year and if I'm getting 500 of them on a given topic, I know that's where I need research. Wherever the action is, that's where I want to go.

*You spoke here at the first BNDM meeting in 1978. You have a soft spot for Buffalo?*

**GC:** I've always felt really good about Buffalo's dental school because it's always turned out really great clinicians.

*You've been lecturing for a number of years.*

**GC:** My first one was in 1959 in New York City, I was still a student, I was part of the Dentsply student finishing program. I'm just about to my 4,000th presentation.

*You said in an interview in Inside Dentistry in 2011 that it was a mistake for our forefathers in 1839 to separate us from our colleagues in medicine.*

*Dental schools like ours are now focusing efforts on interprofessional education. What kind of impact do you think this will have?*

**GC:** Some schools put medical and dental students together in their basic science years. Therefore, they respected one another, were equal in every way as they competed with one another. Basic science is the same across the board—dental, medical, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary. Then at that point, dentistry becomes truly what it is—the largest specialty in medicine. So I think that the Buffalo (dental school) going into that orientation would be wonderful.

*What's on the horizon for you?*

**GC:** The younger people aren't coming to courses like this, so we're expanding into a study club that is on the Internet. Christensen International Study Club is our major thrust right now. We're going everywhere and giving answers to all the questions we get. (Information may be obtained at [www.pccdental.com](http://www.pccdental.com))

*In your travels, what do you take away from all the stops you make?*

**GC:** I learn a lot from the audiences. (When I ask for hand raisings, I learn enormous amounts. Like, is the recession over? No, it's not over. Are products working and which are working best? Is third-party suppressing your ability to serve people? I learn what the real people say.

AWARD RECIPIENT

HONOR AWARD

# Richard J. Lynch '83

As a dental student, Richard J. Lynch, 83, served as a class representative of the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) from 1981 to 1983, and chaired the United Way Fun Run with his mentor, Alan Gross. These

leadership roles led to a desire to remain active in the UBDAA throughout his dental career.

As an alumnus, Lynch has served on the UBDAA Executive Council since 1983, and has been the dental alumni liaison to the Executive Council since 1991. He was dental alumni treasurer from 1991 to 1998, as well as serving two terms as

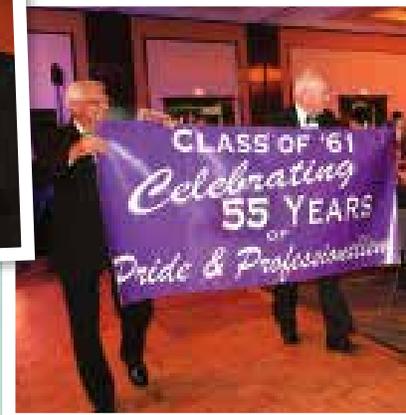
UBDAA President. From 2010 to 2014, he served as a community dentist on the Admissions Committee, and has been an adjunct professor at the dental school since 2008. He was a counselor-at-large for the Eighth District Dental Society, and was elected to the American College of Dentists in 2011.

As a proud alumnus earning both his undergraduate biology degree ('79) and DDS from UB, Lynch has served two terms on the University at Buffalo Alumni Association Board of Directors. He also has been the chair of the Brian Hansen Memorial Golf Tournament, which raises funds in memory of Coach Hansen (Class of '68) in support of UB Baseball.

Lynch lives in Williamsville with his wife Margaret and their three children. He is a proud member of what he considers to be one of the greatest classes to ever graduate from UB Dental School, the Class of 1983.



HONOREE RICHARD J. LYNCH WITH WIFE MARGARET.



## ENJOYING 60 YEARS OF REUNIONS

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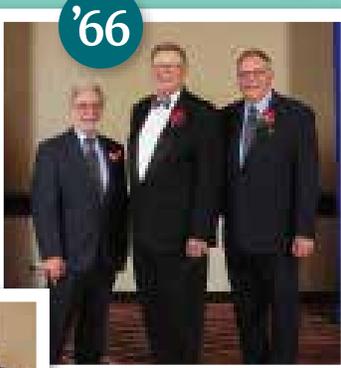
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AWARD RECIPIENT

HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Kevin J. Hanley, '78

Kevin J. Hanley, '78, a native of Utica, NY, attended the University at Buffalo where he earned his BA in psychology ('74) and DDS degrees. Following his graduation, he attended the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine where he studied orthodontics and then joined the faculty of the Department of Orthodontics there as an assistant professor.

Once he returned to Buffalo to practice in 1986, Hanley became active in the University at Buffalo Dental Alumni Association (UBDAA) and the Eighth District Dental Society. He began serving the Eighth

District as an associate editor of the district's bulletin. In 1989 he was appointed editor of the bulletin, a position he held until 2001, when he became president-elect of the district and assumed the presidency in 2002.

In 1996, Hanley became president of the UBDAA where he has also served as secretary and treasurer as well as chairs and members of various committees.

At the state level, Hanley served on the Publications Council of the New York State Dental Association (NYDSA) until its dissolution in 2003. He was elected as the district's governor in 2003 and served until 2009 on NYSDA's Board of Governors and as a delegate to the American Dental Association House of Delegates.

In 2003, Hanley was appointed associate editor of the New York State Dental Journal and Editor of the NYSDA News. In 2009, he became editor of the journal and has served until the completion of his eight-year term limit at year's end.

Hanley has been very active in the community, participating in many fundraising events and mentoring youth in school and scouting. He is an avid sports enthusiast and lives in East Amherst with his wife, Danielle, and their menagerie of dogs and cats. Their children are adults, each making their own mark on the world. He is honored to be named the Humanitarian Award winner this year.



KEVIN J. HANLEY HOLDING AWARD PRESENTED BY JOSEPH GAMBACORTA.

## Margretta Tomb, '82, wins VA National Award

Margretta Tomb, '82, a staff dentist at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Bath, NY, was the recent recipient of the VA National Award for Clinical Excellence in Dentistry. She is highly regarded for her outstanding customer service and veteran-centric focus, delivering high quality care in all phases of general dentistry and is actively engaged in the oral hygiene rounds program established to assist veterans, particularly Community Living Center residents, with cognitive and physical challenges.

Tomb has been the highest producing general dentist in her Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN 2—VA Health Care Upstate New York) for the past two years and her mentorship of dental externs from TUFTs is highly valued. She has taken a leadership role in two departmental sessions in CREW and her commitment to co-workers and staff is instrumental in her facility being ranked first in the nation for the last two years in overall employee satisfaction as a five-star SAIL facility. Tomb is currently president of the Bath VA Medical Staff and serves on a number of hospital committees.



## Jonathan D. Sakhaee, '15,

is pursuing further studies in the field of orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. He is one of 18 licensed dentists selected from a diverse group of outstanding, well-qualified applicants enrolled in the new residency program at the Georgia School of Orthodontics (GSO). The program will educate dentists to be proficient in the clinical specialty while providing affordable orthodontic care to Georgia's underserved population.

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## InMemoriam

**Vincent G. Andronico, '46**, of Amherst, NY, died August 12, 2016. He was 97. During the Korean War era, Andronico served as captain in the Army Dental Corps at bases throughout Europe. practiced dentistry for 50 years, retiring in 1996. He was an avid golfer, enthusiastic gardener, bowled in the Buffalo Dental Association and Suburban Lanes Leagues, and served as president of the Skating Club of Buffalo, competing in couples dance.

**Ferman E. Bailey, '52**, of Spencerport, NY, died August 19, 2016. He was 89. Ferman was a veteran of the United States Navy having served in World War II. He owned his own practice and was a member of the American Dental Association and the Mason and Scottish Rite.

**Robert L. Creedon, '58**, of Cincinnati, OH, died August 29, 2016. He was 86. Creedon was formerly director of the Division of Pediatric Dentistry at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, and professor emeritus of the University of Cincinnati. He enjoyed singing in a barbershop chorus.

**Roger T. Czarnecki, '69**, of Depew, NY, died October 2, 2016. Czarnecki was a well respected endodontist in the Buffalo-Niagara Region and taught at the UB School of Dental Medicine for over 20 years, retiring in 1997. He also served as a consultant to local hospitals and provided numerous CE programs. His diplomate status in endodontics provided the opportunity for him to become a leader in the American Association of Endodontics. Czarnecki was a talented musician and loved following polka music.

**Albert Davne, '45**, of Savannah/Linville, NC, died August 30, 2016. He was 95. Davne was a lieutenant, Dental Corps, U.S. Navy, and served during World War II on the USS Tarawa. After the war he earned a medical degree, and completed a residency in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Davne had a private practice in Trenton, NJ at Mercer County Hospital for 35 years, where he also served as chief of Surgery for several years. He was a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, president of the New Jersey Society of Plastic Surgery, and a founding member of the American Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery.

**Henry P. Jacobs, '63**, of Boynton Beach, FL, died August 25, 2015. He was 77. Jacobs practiced in Kingston, NY for 37 years. He was a fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry, a member of the American Dental Association, and

a member of the Third District Dental Society. He was a member of Wiltwyck Country Club in Kingston for over 40 years and a member of Aberdeen Golf and Country Club in Boynton Beach, being a three-time club champion. He was known for his flashy golf outfits and competitive spirit.

**Glenn J. Jividen, Sr., '56**, of Dayton, OH, died July 4, 2016. He was 83. Jividen completed periodontics specialty training at Tufts University. He enjoyed his service to others through a full U.S. Air Force career, retiring as colonel, followed by private practice, VA service, and teaching at Miami Valley Hospital. He served as president of the Dayton Dental Society and the Ohio Association of Periodontics. He had many hobbies and interests including long distance running, ham radio and car collecting.

**Julius J. Juron, '52**, of Sarasota, FL, died March 3, 2015. He was 87.

Juron proudly served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, then returned to practice dentistry in Clarence and North Tonawanda, NY for 35 years. In 1989, he retired and moved to Williamsville, NY to pursue his favorite hobbies, which included classical music and opera, gardening, reading, photography, and cars. In 2012, he moved to Sarasota, FL. He loved to talk to everyone, but he especially loved children. Juron was kind, caring, funny, and devoted to God and his family.

**Sanford Kent, '54**, of Alexandria, VA, died August 13, 2016. He was 90. Kent practiced general dentistry in Rochester, NY.

**Eugene F. Lesinski, '53**, of Cheektowaga, NY, died August 24, 2016. He was 88. During service as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy, he was stationed in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Intrepid. Lesinski practiced for 60 years on Harlem Rd. in Cheektowaga. He was very active as the president of Kiwanis Club, and in the Medical Arts Society and the Eighth District Dental Society. He was also Chef de Gare of Voiture 51. He donated dental services to the Felician Sisters of Villa Maria. His strong support of education inspired him to donate his body to further the education of students at his alma mater.

**Mark W. Mason, '77**, of Axton, VA, died August 7, 2016. He was 64. Mason practiced general and family dentistry in Martinsville, VA for 39 years. He had a passion for animals, and enjoyed woodworking and was a member of the Southside Woodturners Guild for many years.

**Alan McCulloch, '47**, of Williamsville, NY, died July 7, 2016. He was 93. McCulloch served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and then established a dental practice in East Aurora, NY. He was one of the original owners of the medical building on Center St., and retired in 1998. McCulloch was

an active member of the East Aurora Country Club, Buffalo Ski Club, Brookfield Country Club and Calvary Episcopal Church. He was a woodcarver and made models of birds and ducks.

**Christian J. Noe, '75**, of Gambrills, MD, died October 16, 2016. He was 67. Noe retired from the U.S. Navy in 1977 as a lieutenant. He practiced in the Bowie/Crofton area for over 30 years. He loved to be outdoors, either hiking or out on the water, attending his children's and grandchildren's sporting events, cheering on the football and hockey home teams and being surrounded by his family.

**Richard J. Norman, '56**, of Penfield, NY, and Morristown, NY, died on October 16, 2016. He was 84. Norman served as a U.S. Army dentist from 1956 to 1959 at Fort Holabird, Baltimore. He started his own general dentistry practice in Penfield and served the community for over 45 years. He was an avid skier with family and many friends, a loyal supporter of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, a dedicated sports parent at Penfield High, and earned a black belt in karate at age 61.

**Edwin V. Patricola, '47**, of Hamburg, NY, died September 5, 2016. He served in the U.S. Army during WW II. After dental school he reenlisted, was promoted to lieutenant and served in Germany. Patricola was a member of the American Dental Association, Eighth District Dental Society, and the Erie County Dental Society.

**Robert J. Riek, '58**, of Williamsville, NY, died June 27, 2016. He was 84. Riek practiced for over 50 years in Swormsville, NY, retiring last year. He enjoyed flying in gliders and was a member of the Buffalo Aero Club and the Central Park Men's Club. He also was an avid reader and visited many Civil War re-enactments and battle sites.

**F. Paul Ryan, '55**, of Slingerlands, NY, died September 27, 2016. He was 85. Ryan served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy after dental school. He worked as the owner and operator of his dental practice in Albany for over 49 years. He was a member of the Third District Dental Society, the New York State Dental Association, and a lifetime member of the American Dental Association.

**Edward A. Sielski, '81**, of Clarence, NY, died August 26, 2016. He was 61. Sielski earned a certificate in periodontics from the University of Alabama/Birmingham in 1983. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserves Dental Corps until 1991. Sielski practiced in Cheektowaga, Batavia and Williamsville, NY. He was a member of the American Dental Association, American Academy of Periodontics, Academy of Osseointegration, International Congress of Oral Implantologists and the International Team of Implantologists, as well as the director of professional study clubs. He was active in the Notre Dame Club of Buffalo/Western New York and enjoyed music, art, travel, hiking, skiing and genealogy.

**John D. "Jack" Sippel, '66**, of Kenmore, NY, died August 9, 2016. He was 75. Sippel practiced general dentistry in Buffalo and Kenmore, NY.

**Bernard E. Tofany, '52**, of Rye, NY, died August 11, 2016. He was 93. Tofany served as lieutenant aboard a U.S. Navy Landing Ship in the South Pacific during World War II. He practiced family dentistry for over 50 years, served as president of the Monroe County and Seventh District dental societies, and was a dental examiner for NY State and the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners. He was assistant clinical professor at the

University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, an adjunct clinical professor of Dental Hygiene at Monroe Community College, and a consultant at VA hospitals in Canandaigua and Bath. He received the Award of Merit from the Rochester Academy of Medicine and the Dr. George D. Greenwood Award from the Seventh District Dental Society.

**John J. Cunat, '52**, died July 30, 2016. Cunat, a professor emeritus, retired from the UB School of Dental Medicine in 1995 after having served as chair of the Department of Orthodontics for over 30 years. He was a diplomate of the American Academy of Orthodontics. During his tenure as chair, he developed and initiated the MS in Orthodontics program. Over 165 practicing orthodontists owe the bulk of their training to Cunat. Alumni and friends recognized his service by establishing the Dr. John J. Cunat Endowment Fund upon his retirement.

**Harold R. Ortman, '41**, Amherst, NY, died October 14, 2016. He was 98. Ortman was professor emeritus and former chair of the Department of Removable Prosthodontics, which he was instrumental in establishing in 1964 and chaired until his retirement in 1998. UB's graduate prosthodontics clinic is named in his honor. He practiced prosthodontics for more than 60 years, retiring in the early 2000s. He was also a member of the clinical staff of the U.S. Naval Hospital in Bethesda, MD, and the VA Medical Centers in Buffalo and Batavia, NY. Ortman was also a past president of the American Prosthodontic Society. He was proud that he, his father, Harold T. Ortman, and his son, Lance Ortman, provided dental care and dental education in the Buffalo area for more than 100 years.

## DiBenedetto, '11, taking care of Olympians

**N**ICHOLAS DIBENEDETTO, '11, a member of the Dental Group at Reston Station, Reston, VA, helped prepare members of USA's Women's Olympic Soccer Team for their matches in Rio.

In early July, Michael Messina and Emilio Canal, Jr., dentists from the group experienced with other national sports teams, traveled to Chicago to do screenings, x-rays and fittings for the women's mouth guards, borrowing office space from the Chicago Blackhawks hockey team. Then members of Team USA stopped by the Reston offices for the final check-ups, treatments and to pick up those mouth guards—complete with Olympic logos—before heading off. The dental group also volunteers their skills towards maintaining the dental health of local high school teams. (Source: *Reston Connection* – August 17–23, 2016)



TEAM MEMBERS OF THE DENTAL GROUP AT RESTON STATION GATHER WITH MEMBERS OF THE OLYMPIC WOMEN'S SOCCER TEAM. FROM LEFT: DR. DIBENEDETTO, DR. MESSINA, ALEX MORGAN, MEGHAN KLINGENBERG, CHRISTEN PRESS, JULIE JOHNSTON, DR. MOAWAD, AND CARY DANNERBERG. FRONT ROW, KIMBERLY PINERO AND ASHLYN HARRIS.

## Tabak honored for NIH dental research and leadership

LAWRENCE A. TABAK, PhD '81, Endo Cert. '85, the principal deputy director and the deputy ethics counselor of the National Institutes of Health, received the 2016 Shils-Meskin Award from the Dr. Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Fund. This award is given to an individual of great character and modesty in the face of renowned achievement and well-deserved recognition. Tabak was recognized for his dedication to and advocacy for the advancement of dental research and leadership at the NIH.



### WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

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FROM LEFT ARE TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS MICHAEL HEALY, TONY STRAZELLA, JOE CICIAARELLI, AND IAN LIBERMAN, WITH OUTING COORDINATORS SPENCER BIERLEIN AND ADAM GREGOR.

## New date for Barue Golf shines brightly

**T**HE 28TH ANNUAL BILLY BARUE GOLF OUTING was held Saturday, August 27, at the Concord Crest Golf Course. Sunny skies, a fun course, and the camaraderie among UB dental students, faculty, and alumni made it a memorable move to the new fall semester date.

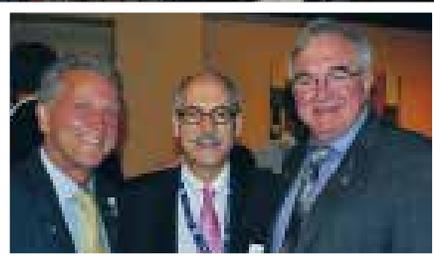
There was also a new approach to raising funds for the event that improved the bottom line. All proceeds benefit the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Buffalo Chapter and will serve to help send University at Buffalo dental students to conferences such as the ASDA National Leadership Conference, National Dental Student Lobby Day, and the ASDA Annual Session. These student representatives bring back to UB knowledge from around the country about pending legislation, innovative ideas, and current trends in the dental profession.

The committee thanks the sponsors, alumni association, and all who participated in this annual fundraiser and looks forward to another great day of golf next fall.

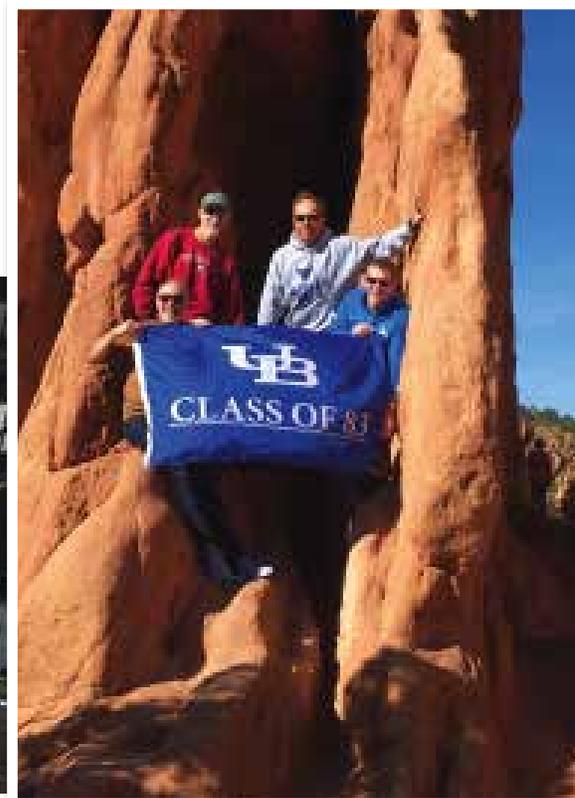
# UB well represented at ADA Denver meeting

**T**HE OCTOBER WEATHER WAS GREAT in Denver, CO, for the American Dental Association meeting, which may have prompted many to stroll along the 16th Street Mall. UB had the best turnout ever at the school's alumni reception on October 21st at the Appaloosa Grill with over 85 people attending. Chet Gary, '78, immediate past-president of the Dental Alumni Association, welcomed everyone and introduced SDM Dean Joseph Zambon who updated alums on changes at the school, especially the renovations, and talked of events next year to celebrate the school's 125th anniversary.

THE SDM HAD A SIGNIFICANT PRESENCE AT THE ALUMNI RECEPTION DURING THE ADA GATHERING.



CHET GARY, '78, DEAN JOSEPH ZAMBON, AND RICHARD ANDOLINA, '80.



MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1983, JOHN MOTT, DAVE STASIAK, RAY NICEFORO AND RICHARD LYNCH, AT GARDEN OF THE GODS.

## Squire Society reception at Wright house

**T**HE ANNUAL DANIEL H. SQUIRE SOCIETY Reception was held August 26th at Frank Lloyd Wright's Darwin Martin House Complex. Guests were given tours, cocktails, and dinner. In celebration of the upcoming 125th anniversary of the School of Dental Medicine, Morton G. Rivo, '57 (pictured right), gave a short presentation on some of his fine art prints and drawings devoted to dentists and dentistry.

Members of the Squire Society—those giving gifts of \$1,000 or more—make critical investments in the school's continued success. The society represents distinguished donors who share the school's vision and commitment to innovate dental practice, theoretical and clinical research, and high-quality instruction. Members are recognized by the school's honor roll of donors.





# CROSSING EDUCATIONAL *Borders* WITH CANADIAN ALUMNI

THE CAREERS OF MARSHALL HOFFER, PROS. CERT., '78, AND JACK LIPKIN, PROS. CERT., '79, have crossed many borders around the world over the past 40 years. They built the most prominent prosthodontics office in the province of Manitoba, Canada. They have spearheaded an American Dental Association-accredited continuing education program that has docked in 43 countries over six continents. But the first and most influential border that they crossed in regard to their careers was into Buffalo from their native Winnipeg.

ALUMNI PROFILE



MARSHALL HOFFER

Their interest in pursuing prosthodontics led them to the UB dental school. Hoffer was first to come, the result of a recommendation of a dean at a dental school in the southern U.S. who said that if you really want to know how to fix teeth, go to Buffalo. He arrived in January 1976 to meet with Davis Garlapo for a day-long visit. "At the end of that day, there really wasn't anywhere else that I wanted to go to school," he recalls. "The time I spent at Buffalo were absolutely the best years of my academic life. It was a spectacular decision (that I made) and improved the quality of the rest of my professional life."



JACK LIPKIN

Lipkin, taking a nod from Hoffer, entered the same program the following year. "I didn't know much about prosthodontics but I knew I liked the creativity part of it, the all-encompassing world that prosthodontists have in complex dental treatments," he says.

"When I got to Buffalo, the education fulfilled everything that I would have anticipated and more. It just opened up a world to me that I didn't know existed."

Hoffer had started a practice in downtown Winnipeg after receiving his certificate. After Lipkin earned his certificate, he asked Hoffer about practicing together. Since 1979, they each have their individual practice while sharing office space and staff. "Our educational training really stood us in good stead in the dental community," says Hoffer. "People started to find out what we could do and we've been supported with referrals for the last 37 years." ([hofferandlipkin.com](http://hofferandlipkin.com))

Lipkin served as president of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, an organization in which Garlapo got him involved and for which he was engaged in many activities. "Love that organization," says Lipkin. "The presidency was a wonderful experience. The board of directors reminds me of the type of people I was associated with in Buffalo—nice, warm, talented, smart, humble people. Easy to be with, working hard to make the organization as good as it can be."

The pair has operated Kennedy Professional Educational Seminars for the past 20 years, an outgrowth of a study club they formed. They decided to pursue continuing education with a world view, booking space on a cruise ship to the Caribbean. It was a start. "We got 11 guys to sign up, and we lost money. This was 1996. Then we advertised the next year and we got enough guys to break even, and we have been running it ever since," says Hoffer.

Kennedy Seminars—named after a street in Winnipeg and an early Canadian settler—now books up to five trips a year, having traveled to Africa, Tahiti, China, Vietnam and Cambodia, India, The Baltics, The Black Sea, The Mediterranean, multiple trips to the Caribbean, and river cruises across Europe. ([kennedyseminars.com](http://kennedyseminars.com))

In January, the seminar program will complete the world continent journey with a cruise to Antarctica led by Lipkin who notes that the learning environment on the ships is excellent. "Ninety percent of the registrants come to the lectures. They're very serious about their CE."

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*"The time I spent at Buffalo were absolutely the best years of my academic life."*

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—MARSHALL HOFFER  
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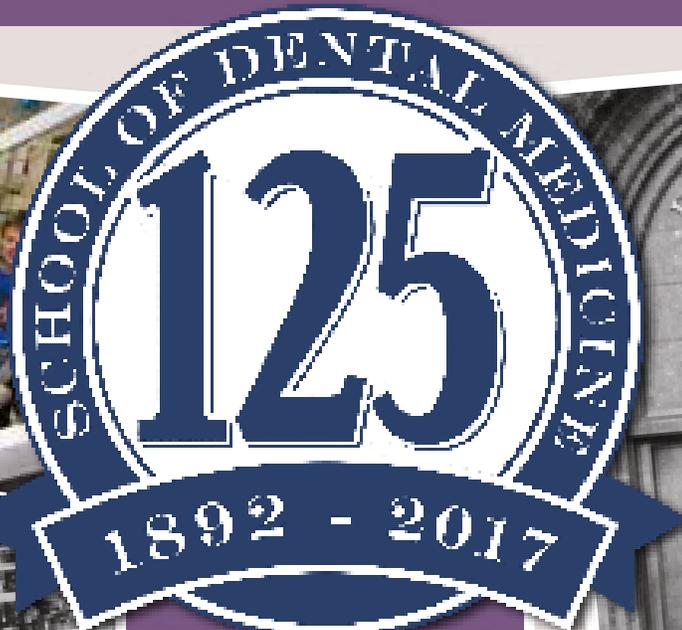
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