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**DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,**

Throughout the calendar year of 2013 the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) will celebrate our 50th Anniversary of the founding of our School by Dr. Goldman. An important milestone like a 50th Anniversary gives us an opportunity to reflect upon the journey thus far—and to take a look at our future. Our alumni and friends have certainly been central to our success and growth thus far and you will undoubtedly be a very important part of our celebration and our future.

Associate Dean of Advanced Education Dr. Tom Kilgore has led an energetic and passionate working group that has planned a year of celebration for our School. The festivities begin with a kick-off Alumni Reception Friday, February 1 at our reception held during the Yankee Dental Congress in Boston. This will be followed by events and receptions across the country and the world throughout 2013.

As many of you have heard me say, it is my great honor and privilege to serve as Dean of GSDM. As I reflect on the extraordinary leaders who preceded me and the impact of the growth and development they oversaw during the first 50 years, my commitment and belief in our mission, our vision, and our future are redoubled. We are currently implementing an Applied Strategic Plan which will herald a bold and dynamic future for our School.

As you will read inside, the University has launched an historic and ambitious campaign to raise \$1 billion dollars. The cornerstone of this campaign is "Choose to be Great." It is a source of great pride to be affiliated with a great, urban, research university with such aspiration and confidence. Similarly, I am proud to be leading GSDM, an institution that has grown so dramatically and exceeded so many expectations in its first 50 years.

This One Billion Dollar Campaign, the first of its kind for Boston University, marks a significant moment in the history of our University and our School. What also makes this Campaign different than others is that the money we are able to raise will remain with the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. The money we raise will be ours to use and will go to the funding of our new facility, along with the establishment of endowed Professorships and Scholarships.

Your support of this Campaign will be critical to our ability to transform our School as we Choose to be Great and in so doing we realize my and what I hope is now your vision for the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine becoming the premier Center of Excellence in Oral Health Education, Research, Patient Care and Community Service in this nation and the world.

I will be asking each and every one of you to support our School with your time, your effort, your personal philanthropy, and your connections to corporate and foundation support as well as individual philanthropists. The money we raise will go toward the funding of our proposed new facility, along with the establishment of endowed professorships and scholarships.

I am thrilled to be part of celebrating our past and leading the charge into our future. I am honored that you, our alumni and friends, will join me. I look forward to seeing you on February 1 at our Kick-off Alumni Reception and at our 50th Anniversary celebratory events.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY W. HUTTER
Dean



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TRADITION CONTINUES AT SECOND ANNUAL WHITE COAT CEREMONY & FAMILY WEEKEND

GSDM hosted the second annual Family Weekend, which culminated with the White Coat Ceremony, on Saturday, July 7, 2012, for the DMD Class of 2014 and the AS Class of 2013. Students and their families enjoyed guided tours of the School during the day and then gathered at the George Sherman Union at 775 Commonwealth Avenue for the ceremony in the late afternoon. Nearly 700 people attended.

The White Coat Ceremony marks the midway point of the students' education and celebrates their transition from the classroom to the treatment center. Students will now begin managing the comprehensive oral health care of their assigned patients and providing them with needed treatment in the fifth-and

sixth-floor Patient Treatment Centers of the School of Dental Medicine.

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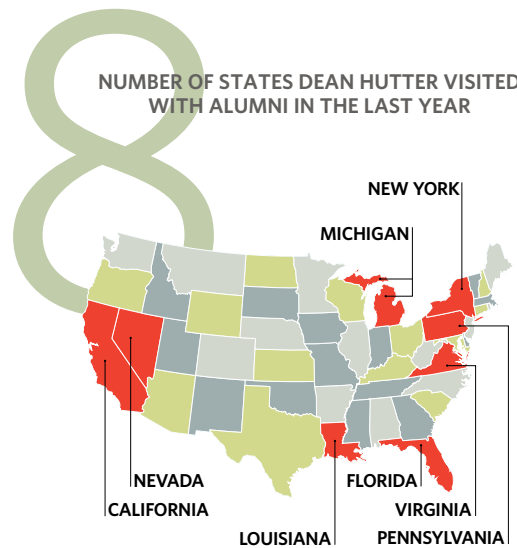
Students show off their smiles at the 2012 White Coat Ceremony.

cant milestone in their dental education," said Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese. "This is a tradition that I, as well as our students, look forward to every year. I know how proud I was of our students so I can only imagine how their families must have felt."

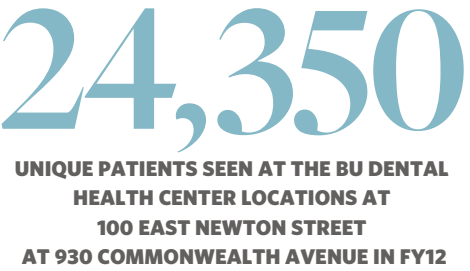
Keynote speaker and former Massachusetts Dental Society president Dr. Andrea Richman said to students, "Each of you has been awarded a coveted slot in this School because you have that capacity to transition from student to doctor. This is what your next one to two years are about—not just changing coats, but changing your mindset; learning to accept responsibility for your decisions and learning to be a professional." ■

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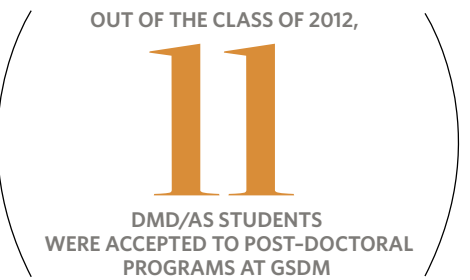
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The Mental Blocks

THE MENTAL BLOCKS ROCK BU

The Mental Blocks—aka Drs. Ira Weinberg, Fred Harrington, and Dan Moran and students Chris Bickford DMD 13, Habib Tarzi DMD 13, and Shervin Tabeshfar PROS 13—played a sold-out concert with special guests the BUMC Band on Saturday, April 28, 2012, in Bakst Auditorium on the BU Medical Campus.

The show raised money for the Boston Medical Center Food Pantry, which relies 100% on donations and gives hospital patients healthy food and cooking lessons in its demonstration kitchen.

Dr. Moran credits Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter with making the idea of a concert at the School a reality.

"It was important to us that we do something significant for the community and make ourselves an example of what is possible when people join together to do something that is fun, inspiring, and productive," Dr. Moran said.

Dr. Moran first approached Drs. Weinberg and Harrington about playing music together in the fall of 2010. "I have played harmonica since I was a teen and figured it might be fun to get together and make music," Dr. Moran said. "Dr. Harrington insisted that I be the lead singer, something I had never done before, but I gave it a go."

After several months of playing together, the trio invited Bickford and Tarzi to join the band as bassist and drummer, respectively. A few months after that, in the fall of 2011, Tabeshfar joined the band as a keyboard/guitar player and singer.

"The three of them were just the thing we needed to round out our sound," Dr. Moran said. "And we old guys really drew from their incredible energy and enthusiasm." ■

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WORKING TOWARD A GROUP PRACTICE MODEL AT GSDM

Members of the Curriculum Summit II, led by Drs. Carl McManama and Cataldo Leone, met March 29 and 30, 2012, at the Hotel Commonwealth to address the following objectives:

1. Create a patient-centered clinical education construct for faculty-guided, student-provided, high-quality care of patients that begins in a centralized diagnostic center and transitions to group practices having designated spaces, staff, faculty, auxiliary professionals, and students.

2. Create integrated groups of oral (pre- and post-doctoral students/residents) and other health care providers supported by dental practice management staff, leading to clinical activity being conducted under a group practice model.

3. Increase the number of patient procedures by 20%, with 20% of all patients as self/insurance pay by September 2013, in order to provide students with a more comprehensive clinical experience.

The summit featured student, faculty, and staff representatives and was facilitated by Ms. Denise Cavanaugh of Washington, D.C.-based strategy firm Cavanaugh, Hagan, Pierson & Mintz. Ms. Cavanaugh has many years of

experience facilitating meetings for educational and nonprofit institutions.

Also playing an active role in the meeting was Director of Doctor Relations at Gentle Dental Dr. David A. Russell. Dr. Russell is also the former associate dean for clinical affairs at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, which has relied on a group practice model for the last 15 years. He has also worked with several institutions to set up group practice models and was able to provide examples and insights into many of the topics discussed during the summit.

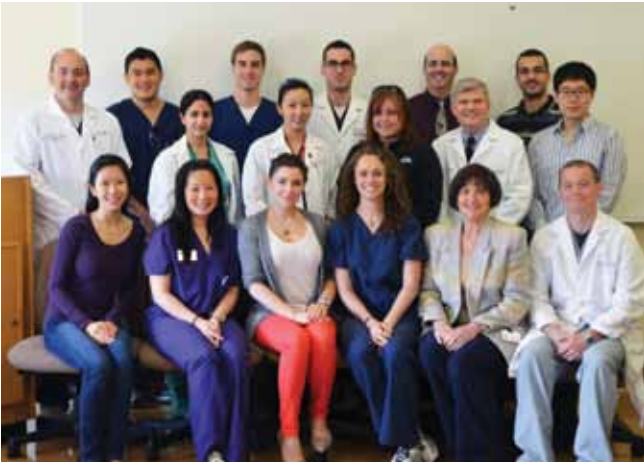
Said Ms. Cavanaugh, "In a survey given at the Dental School prior to the summit, it was noted that 80% of graduates go to work in a group practice setting, so I am confident that moving to a group practice model at GSDM will serve to better prepare students."

According to Dr. McManama, "This will result in a significant change in the way we do business. I am very excited about the future, and feel very proud of what we have done, and what we will accomplish. Within a few years, GSDM will truly be the premier center for clinical education and patient care." ■

STUDENT TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM A GREAT SUCCESS FOR 2011-12 SCHOOL YEAR

The 2011-12 academic year saw the largest group of fourth-year DMD students volunteer as teaching assistants for the Pre-Doctoral Occlusion and Pre-Clinical Removable Prosthodontics courses at the Dental School.

The DMD 4s assisted Clinical Associate Professor Dr. Mark Ferriero and Clinical Professor and Director of Pre-Doctoral Removable Prosthodontics Dr. Ronni Schnell with their respective courses for the 2011-2012 school year. The



students were honored at a luncheon on May 15, 2012.

Student teaching assistants included: (Pre-Clinical Removable Prosthodontics): Jun Hyuk Hwang, Alisun Kovach, Saif Naji, Lucinda Barry, Vera Chernomordik, and Madhav Shrirao.

(Pre-Doctoral Occlusion): Jeffrey Bellanti, Seth Caldon, Kimberley Ung, Mary Chau, Jared Cheng, Michael Courtney, Adar Finkel, Jun Hyuk Hwang, Joseph Kabaklian, Andrew Miller, Sarah Naghibi, Derek Seung Han Song, and Betty Suh. ■

DR. ANITA GOHEL NAMED DIRECTOR-ELECT OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

Dr. Anita Gohel was named director-elect of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (ABOMR) earlier this year. She has been a member of ABOMR since 2001, and was nominated for this position by the ABOMR Board of Directors and elected by her fellow ABOMR Diplomates.

The ABOMR Board of Directors has general powers to manage the affairs and property of ABOMR, and has the authority to adopt rules and regulations governing the organization, operation, and candidate certification procedure of ABOMR. The Board also has the power to issue, revoke, or temporarily suspend ABOMR certification.

Dr. Gohel will serve for a five-year term. She looks forward to serving to the best of her abilities. ■

GOVERNOR PATRICK APPOINTS DR. STEPHEN DULONG TO BORID

Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick appointed Associate Dean for Clinical Services Dr. Stephen Dulong to the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry (BORID) on May 30, 2012. This is a volunteer position and is effective immediately.

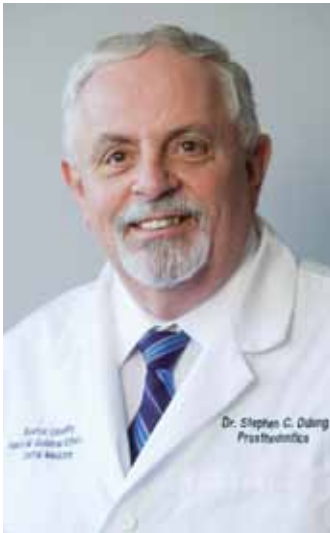
Dr. Dulong will complete the Board position held by former Associate Professor and Director of Minority Affairs Dr. Gregory Stoute. When this term ends on April 18, 2014, Dr. Dulong may be eligible to apply for up to two additional five-year terms.

“After Dr. Stoute resigned his position on BORID, there was no one working in education on the Board,” Dr. Dulong explains. “I thought it was important for the Board to hear that perspective and that’s why I applied for the position.”

In a letter to Dr. Dulong, the governor wrote, “Lieutenant Governor Murray and I appreciate your willingness to serve the Commonwealth in this capacity. Your experience and sound judgment will contribute substantially to the Board.”

Board Chair Dr. Mina Paul agrees: “Dr. Dulong possesses vast clinical experience and a solid academic background. We look forward to the valuable perspective that he will provide as a voting member of the Board.”

Dr. Dulong has worked with Board members previously. He belongs to a subcommittee investigating the possibility of licensing



dentists to do Botox and dermal fillers. He is also an educational member of the steering committee for the North East Regional Board of Dental Examiners (NERB), which BORID employs to give licensure exams.

BORID licenses the state’s dentists and dental hygienists; governs the practice of dentistry, dental hygiene, and dental assisting; and investigates complaints against licensed dentists.

“I applaud Dr. Dulong for taking on this excellent opportunity to give back to the dental profession,” says Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “I am confident he will enjoy great success in this position as he and the other Board members work to uphold the ethical standards of our profession.”

Dr. Dulong is a member of and active in the American Association of Dental Boards, Cambridge Dental Study Club, Omicron

Kappa Upsilon, American College of Dentists, American Dental Association, Massachusetts Dental Society, and American Dental Education Association.

He holds a BA from Boston University and a DMD and CAGS in Prosthetic Dentistry from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He was a founding member of the Restorative Dental Group of Cambridge from 1979 until his retirement from private practice in October 2011. ■

THE NEW YORK TIMES HIGHLIGHTS GSDM GERIATRIC FELLOW LAURA KAUFMAN

Dr. Laura Kaufman provides patients with cleanings, simple extractions, denture repairs, and complete denture fabrication. This may seem pretty standard, but the difference is that Dr. Kaufman does all of this in her patients’ homes.

The *New York Times* featured Dr. Kaufman’s work and the need for health care professionals to treat the geriatric population in the March 7, 2012, article, “Needed: Health Professionals to Treat the Aging.”

Dr. Kaufman is in her second year of a federally funded Geriatric Fellowship that is a collaboration between the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine and Boston Medical Center, led by Geriatric Dentistry Program Director Dr. Paula K.

Friedman. Fellows focus on increasing access to oral health care for the underserved geriatric population of Boston.

Said Kaufman, “Together with my assistant, Tiffany Setiono, and often with medical or dental students, we go on visits to home-bound geriatric patients in Boston, providing oral health evaluations and treatments. Our patients are referred to us through the Boston University Geriatrics Section at Boston Medical Center.”

In the past 18 months, they completed more than 200 home visits. “We examine and treat our patients in their kitchens, living rooms, and sometimes even while they are lying in bed,” Kaufman said. “Recently we have succeeded

in arranging logistics to have some of our home patients treated in the School of Dental Medicine, by dental students.”

Prior to enrolling in the Geriatric Fellowship Program, Dr. Kaufman practiced dentistry for several years in a private practice in suburban Boston and, before that, in Tel Aviv, Israel, for 18 years. Inspired by the growing number of geriatric patients she was encountering in private practice and her homebound father-in-law who had no access to at-home dental services, she enrolled in the program.

In addition to her home visits, Dr. Kaufman also teaches in the School of Dental Medicine Pre-Clinical and Clinical Removable Prosthodontics Sections. ■

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— Dr. Laura Kaufman



NEW ALUMS PREPARE FOR MILITARY SERVICE BUT FIRST, REMINISCE

Graduating members of GSDM’s Uniformed Services Student Dental Association (USSDA) came together on May 7, 2012, with their faculty advisors, Drs. Karl Flanzer and David Gabelman, as well as Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, to reflect on their time at the School and share what lies ahead for each of them.

Following graduation, Air Force members Peter Lee DMD 12 and Thomas O’Connor DMD 12 headed to Officer Training School at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. Once they complete their training, Lee will begin an AEGD residency at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Nebraska. O’Connor will begin an AEGD residency at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California.

Members of the Navy left for Officer Development School in Newport, Rhode Island. Following training, Derrick Call DMD 12 will begin an AEGD residency at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base in San Diego, California. Kevin Ryan and Brad Cammack DMD 12 will start general practice residencies at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia. Christian Lares DMD 12 will report for duty

at Naval Commander Fleet Activities in Yokosuka, Japan.

Army member Aaron Baumler DMD 12 headed to Fort Sill in Oklahoma to practice general dentistry. Lucinda Barry DMD 12 went to Fort Jackson in Columbia, South Carolina, for an AEGD residency. Seth Caldon DMD 12 and Kony Park DMD 12 both begin AEGD residencies at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington.

“Membership in the USSDA this year really helped with things like applying for post-doc residencies, getting to know dentists in the military, and exercising with the group to get ready for basic training,” said alum Derrick Call. “It was great to have the chance to participate in all this with the other members in the group.”

Dean Hutter added, “I am very proud of these honorable students who will soon move to all corners of the U.S. and beyond and put the dental skills and knowledge that we have taught them here to good use serving the men and women of the armed forces, and our country. I wish them safe travels and the best of success as they embark on their new adventures.” ■

STUDENTS ON A ROLL

For the third year in a row, the student team defeated the faculty and staff team at the Annual Student National Dental Association (SNDA) Basketball Game. The final score was extremely close but the students eked out another victory by a margin of only three points.

Cheerleaders got in on the action again this year and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and Ramandeep Samra DMD 15 served as the game’s official referees. A game of knockout was played during halftime and Ray English DMD 14 won the half-court shot contest. ■



PERIODONTAL PROJECT PICKED FOR DEVELOPMENT BY MAJOR MANUFACTURING CENTER

The Fraunhofer Center for Manufacturing Innovation has selected Drs. Robert Gyurko and Serge Dibart’s idea for a novel piezoelectric knife design and implant to accommodate narrow ridges as one of two research projects to support this year. This is the first time the center chose a research project from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

The BU–Fraunhofer Alliance for Medical Devices, Instrumentation and Diagnostics expedites the time necessary for new technologies to get from research to patient use. The center employs full-time engineers and applied scientists who turn design concepts into medical instruments and devices. The finished designs attract venture funding, potential licensors, and government funding.

The GSDM team proposed a flat implant system, using flat piezoelectric knives (miniature bone saws vibrating at ultrasonic frequencies and sub-millimeter amplitudes) and flat titanium implants.

“This piezoelectric knife can create various shapes of non-round bone cuts, as opposed to current implant drills that only make cylindrical holes,” said Dr. Gyurko. “The flat-profile implant would address the need of patients with narrow residual jawbone without compromising implant stability and longevity.”

In March 2012, Drs. Gyurko and Dibart responded to a Boston University Medical Campus request for proposals. Gyurko and Dibart later met with the Alliance Advisory Board to show the medical need for and potential impact of the design and discuss prototype development.

“This is a wonderful accomplishment and one that Dr. Dibart and his team should feel very proud of achieving,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “In addition, the project will bring well-deserved recognition to research at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.” ■

Dr. Friedman hopes to build bridges as new MDS president

Dr. Paula K. Friedman became president of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) on May 18, 2012.

Dr. Friedman says she hopes to use her time as president to build bridges—between MDS and its members, among dental professionals, and with other groups that promote oral health as part of overall health.

She hopes to grow leadership opportunities for new dentists and those in underrepresented groups such as female dentists and dentists from all ethnicities, races, and religions. Another goal is to plan the MDS Oral Health Summit II in the spring of 2013.



“We plan to invite leaders from all six New England states to explore and share best practices in increasing access to care and promoting oral health throughout our region,” Dr. Friedman says.

At GSDM, Dr. Friedman is a professor of general dentistry, director of the Geriatric Dentistry Program, and associate dean for strategic initiatives. Her research focuses on increasing access to oral health care for underserved populations, including elders.

She is past president of the American Dental Education Association and a member of Massachusetts Dental Society’s District Geriatric Committee. Dr. Friedman received a master of science in dentistry at GSDM in 1988 and a master’s degree in public health at Boston University School of Public Health in 2000. She earned her doctor of dental surgery degree from Columbia University in 1974. ■

GSDM REPRESENTED AT 2012 MULTICULTURAL ORAL HEALTH SUMMIT

The National Dental Association (NDA) hosted its 2012 Annual National Convention at the Boca Raton Resort & Club, in Boca Raton, Florida, July 20–24, 2012. For the first time, this year’s annual convention was held in conjunction with the Hispanic Dental Association (HDA) and the Society of American Indian Dentists (SAID). The convention focused on the theme, “Collectively Meeting the Needs of a Diverse Population to Improve Oral Health.”

Five GSDM students attended: Brittney Barrow DMD 14, Lindzy Goodman DMD 14, and Wyatt Traina DMD 14 represented the Student National Dental Association (SNDA); and Fransheska Ovalles DMD 13 and Chelsea Randall DMD 13 represented the Hispanic Student Dental Association (HSDA). Newly appointed Director of Diversity & Multicultural



(l-r) Dr. Larry Dunham, Brittney Barrow DMD 14, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Chelsea Randall DMD 13, Wyatt Traina DMD 14, Lindzy Goodman DMD 14, and Fransheska Ovalles DMD 13

Affairs and Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Larry Dunham also attended the convention for the first time since his appointment on July 1, 2012. The GSDM group was able to reunite with GSDM alum and former BU HSDA President Liz Montero DMD 11, who also attended the convention. Dean Hutter also attended and commented, “It was a wonderful conference and it was so very special to see one of our newest alumni, Liz Montero. This is such an important convention for our students and dental students everywhere, and I am so very glad that the HDA and SAID were involved this year.”

On Friday, July 20, Dean Hutter hosted a luncheon for the GSDM students during which they had an opportunity to meet Dr. Dunham. On Saturday, July 21, a Pre-doctoral and Post-doctoral Recruitment Fair for pre-dental and dental students was held. The GSDM table was hosted by Dean Hutter, Brittney Barrow, and Dr. Dunham, who said, “Boca Raton was a beautiful environment for this important conference. There was a positive energy generated to prospective students by having our dean present, along with GSDM students, promoting our Dental School. I was grateful to be a part of this conference.”

Barrow, who was elected SNDA representative to the NDA House of Delegates during the conference said, “It was a great experience having our newest Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Dr. Larry Dunham, as well as Dean Hutter personally interact with the nearly 200+ student attendees! Boston University’s presence was so well received that we were invited to attend next year’s SNDA National Convention being held in Washington, D.C.” ■



Josh Gilbert DMD 14 gives his first injection as Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. David Gabelman oversees

THE 2012 PAIN CONTROL LABS: A MILESTONE SUCCESSFULLY PASSED FOR GSDM CLASS OF 2014 DMD STUDENTS

While rites of passage in many other circumstances involve activities associated with fun at GSDM, the unofficial rite of passage for DMD students involves giving and receiving shots of anesthetic. This milestone event is the annual Pain Control Lab.

Under the direction of Clinical Associate Professor and Director of Pre-doctoral Education and Vice Chairman of Dentistry and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston Medical Center Dr. Richard D’Innocenzo—and in a notably cheerful atmosphere—the GSDM Class of 2014 DMD students participated in the Pain Control Lab on

Thursday, July 5, 2012, and Monday, July 9, 2012, on the sixth floor of the Patient Treatment Center. Each of the labs occurred within two days of another significant event on the students’ path to becoming dentists—the White Coat Ceremony, which marks their transition from the study of pre-clinical to clinical health sciences.

The Pain Control Lab instructs students in a number of important areas, including injection techniques and medical emergency preparedness. The overarching goal of the lab is to imbue these future dentists, through advanced experience in administering anesthetic, with confidence for their first clinical interactions with patients.

When asked for his thoughts on this year’s Pain Control Labs, Dr. D’Innocenzo stated enthusiastically that it “gets better every year” and that this year’s labs boast an even greater faculty-to-student ratio than previous years. Dr. D’Innocenzo also noted that the faculty was more prepared than ever for the events.

The students shared Dr. D’Innocenzo’s enthusiasm about the Pain Control Labs. During the July 5 lab, an older brother who had already completed the exercise on his way to becoming a dentist accompanied his younger brother to witness his participation in the Pain Control Lab. One group of students during the July 9 lab—slightly giddy, but serious about the purpose of the exercise—conveyed their trust in one another’s ability to perform the tasks successfully. Grant Murray DMD 14 said, “I feel somewhat like a guinea pig, but it’s much better to learn from each other than to feel unprepared in our first clinical experience.” ■

KUKURUZINSKA NOMINATED TO TUMOR PROGRESSION AND METASTASIS STUDY SECTION, NIH



Associate Dean for Research Maria Kukuruzinska was selected to serve a four-year term as a standing member of the Tumor Progression and Metastasis (TPM) Study Section, Center for Scientific Review, at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Her post on the study section began July 1, 2012, and ends June 30, 2016. Dr. Kukuruzinska was nominated based on her competence and achievement in science as evidenced by the quality of her research accomplishments; publication in scientific journals; and other significant scientific activities, achievements, and honors. As a study section member, she will help maintain the quality of the NIH peer review process.

The TPM Study Section reviews grant applications that address cancer progression, metastasis, invasion/migration, angiogenesis, and related topics. ■

Dr. Pushkar Mehra inducted into prestigious professional society



Chair of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs Dr. Pushkar Mehra was inducted as an active member of the American Society of Temporomandibular Joint Surgeons (ASTMJS) at the 2012 annual meeting, held in Naples, Florida, in March.

Membership in this highly selective organization is by invite-only and is restricted to only 50 qualified surgeons from both the United States and internationally. To be selected, members must possess significant surgical experience and an interest in performing research or clinical studies of orthopedic disease or dysfunction of this joint system of the body.

The ASTMJS is a nonprofit organization of maxillofacial, orthopedic, plastic/reconstructive, and oral surgical specialists dedicated to promoting education, research, and patient services concerning orthopedic disease of the temporomandibular joint (TMJ). ■

SCHWEITZER FELLOW DHARA SHAH DMD 13 CREATES DENTAL INITIATIVE

Dhara Shah DMD 13 is working with mentor and Director of School-Based Programs Corinna Culler to create a dental initiative from the ground up at Early Intervention’s Harvard, Massachusetts, location. The proposed project is supported by a Schweitzer Fellowship Shah received in April 2012.

The Early Intervention organization offers supportive services at sites throughout Massachusetts to children up to three years old who have special needs. The Harvard location sees approximately 500 children, with most of them treated on home visits. “The goal is to make the dental initiative easily sustainable and easily duplicated,” says Shah. She hopes that at the end of her one-year fellowship, Early Intervention can implement her program at its centers throughout the state and even the U.S.

“IT’S A WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE. THE ORGANIZATION WANTED A DENTAL INITIATIVE AND IT’S SOMETHING THAT WE COULD PROVIDE WITHOUT MUCH DIFFICULTY.” — Dhara Shah DMD 13

“It’s a win-win for everyone,” she says. “The organization wanted a dental initiative and it’s something that we could provide without much difficulty.” If it seems odd that Shah plans to take on this impressive project “without much difficulty,” it’s because she has a lot of experience in the field already. While completing an undergraduate degree

at Michigan State University (MSU), Shah interned at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Back at MSU, she attended local public health events with her mentor, a county medical director. At GSDM, she learned about the connection between oral health and overall health in the interdisciplinary class, Leading Community Health Initiatives: Public Health, Medicine, and Dentistry as Partners. Students from all three Medical Campus schools work together, with a faculty mentor, to identify and solve a problem for a local health organization. The Schweitzer Fellowship’s Boston arm is the oldest of 13 in the U.S. According to its website, it is “dedicated to developing a pipeline of emerging professionals who enter the workforce with the skills and commitment necessary to address unmet health needs.” ■

NOTHING PERSONAL BRINGS HOME ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP

Nothing Personal—a team comprised of current GSDM students, two members of the entering DMD Class of 2016, and a student from GMS—won the Men’s 2012 Softball Championship on May 1, 2012. They defeated the Red Pups by a score of 9–7. Nothing Personal’s roster included the following students: George Aoude GMS 12 DMD 16, Nick Baldelli DMD 13, Chris Bickford DMD 13, Colin Brady DMD 13, Julian Camastra DMD 15, David Cheng GMS 12 DMD 16, Eamon Chory DMD 15, Chris Connell DMD 15, David Garazi DMD 15, Josh Gilbert DMD 14,



John Grenier DMD 13, Abe Lakkis DMD 15, Mike Maya DMD 13, Aaron Mertz GMS 12 DMD 16, Ramandeep Samra DMD 15, Lyle Smith DMD 15, and Habib Tarzi DMD 13. Congratulations, guys! ■

DEAN HUTTER HONORED AT RECORD-BREAKING 2012 JAY SIEBERT TRI-SCHOOL SYMPOSIUM

The Jay Siebert Tri-School Symposium came back to BU April 27 & 28, 2012, and was the most highly attended symposium to date. Post-doctoral residents from GSDM, New York University (NYU) College of Dentistry, and the University of Pennsylvania (UPenn) School of Dental Medicine presented research related to periodontology and implant dentistry at the Boston Common Hotel and Conference Center. Students and faculty from the periodontology and prosthodontics departments at each of the three schools attended.

“This Tri-School Symposium was an excellent opportunity for our periodontic and prosthodontic residents to learn about dental research that is taking place at NYU and UPenn and to network with their peers at these schools,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. Five GSDM post-doctoral residents presented: Cynthia Yee PERIO 12, Piezocision: Periodontically-Accelerated Orthodontic Tooth Movement While Correcting Hard and Soft Tissue Deficiencies; Roozbeh Khosravi ORAL BIO 13, New Insights into Poor Healing of Bones in Diabetes; Zeina Nseir PERIO 12,



(l-r) Zeina Nseir, Dr. Ernesto Lee, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Abdelraouf Suwid, Cynthia Lee, Dr. Oreste Zanni, Dr. Robert Schoor, and Dr. Serge Dibart



Carol Yassinger PERIO 84 and Robert Miller DMD 84 PERIO 86

Microsurgery in Periodontal Plastic Surgery: Minimally Invasive Procedures for Maximum Esthetics; and Abdelrouf Suwid PERIO 12 and Manuel Posada PROS 12, Complex Periodontal-Prosthetic Treatments: A Sequential Team Approach for Optimal Esthetics. The GSDM Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology surprised Dean Hutter with a plaque to recognize his leadership and guidance of the department. ■

BU-DUBAI DENTAL COLLABORATION ENDS: INSTITUTE GRADUATES SECOND AND FINAL CLASS

The Boston University Institute for Dental Research and Education–Dubai (BUIDRE), which in June graduated its second and final class of residents, has ended operations. It will be replaced by the Dubai School of Dental Medicine, a Dubai-led dental school within an overall academic health care center. BUIDRE, a collaboration between the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) and a comprehensive Dubai health care complex, was launched in 2008. The mutual decision to discontinue the venture, reached after Dubai authorities proposed a structure in which they would primarily manage their own institution, will allow the Dubai School of Dental Medicine to build on the efforts to create capacity in Dubai for world-class post-doctoral dental specialty programs. BUIDRE operated within the Academic Medical Center (AMC) at Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC), a free-trade zone of medical facilities and offices developed to attract investment to the emirate of Dubai and to create a globally renowned academic medical campus. BUIDRE’s aim was to improve dental care and training in the Middle East, educating “these individuals to improve the oral health research, education, and patient care of the region,” says GSDM Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. The institute educated dental school graduates in an array of specialties.

“As a result of the experience and knowledge gained through its collaboration with BU, AMC and DHCC are now well poised to replicate the excellent academic offering and fulfill its vision of establishing a local post-doctoral dental school,” announced a DHCC news release. The release quoted the vice chairman of the DHCC Authority: “We are confident that the shift in strategic focus to local governance will ensure that our clinical, education, and research programs are aligned to international best practice with a strong focus on local needs.” BUIDRE’s two classes had 27 graduates, all but 2 of whom are practicing in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), and the Gulf region, Hutter says. The other two graduates are pursuing further studies at GSDM. Willis Wang, a BU vice president and associate provost, says that the University is grateful to Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice president and prime minister and ruler of Dubai, Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, chair of the Dubai Healthcare City Authority, and the leadership of DHCC and AMC “for the opportunity to create one of the finest institutions for advanced specialty oral health care education and research” in Dubai, the UAE, and the region. “We are proud of the dedicated and talented faculty, staff, students, and graduates of BUIDRE,” Hutter says, “and wish the Dubai School of Dental Medicine well in the new endeavor.” ■ (Credit: BU Today)

→ UPDATE ON THE APPLIED STRATEGIC PLAN

THE HENRY M. GOLDMAN SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE created both an empowering and inspiring vision through an Applied Strategic Plan (ASP) that will determine the future of the School and make a positive contribution to Boston University, our community, the region, and dental education. In order to achieve the vision, the Applied Strategic Planning Committee (ASPC) developed 10 goals with supporting objectives and integrated action plans (IAPs). The IAPs were designed to translate plans into action. Implementation of the Applied Strategic Plan has started and our School has already had three meetings (two quarterly and one semi-annual) to monitor progress and share achievements with the ASPC. To share progress and achievements with the entire School community, a brief overview of achievements and future plans for each goal is presented here.

GOAL 1: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A NEW FACILITY WHICH SUPPORTS OUR MISSION.

Achievements -

- A task force worked with the Smith Group architectural firm to analyze existing space and utilization, understand future direction and needs, develop and present several facility solution options, and develop a Facility Master Plan for the School.
- The School engaged the Huron Consulting Group to develop a financial model to forecast the financial implications of the Facility Master Plan.
- The administration presented the Facility Master Plan and Comparative Analysis of proposed sites for a new GSDM facility to the University Space Committee.

Future plan - Work with the Schools of Medicine and Public Health in determining future space needs of the Medical Campus and how the new GSDM facility might meet those space needs conjointly.

GOAL 2: PROVIDE EXCELLENCE IN LIFELONG DENTAL EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP.

Achievements -

- In December 2010 a Curriculum Summit was held to review the DMD curriculum in light of our goal to provide excellence in lifelong dental education and scholarship. The didactic curriculum is being revised to support a new framework for didactic and clinical education.
- In March 2012 a second Curriculum Summit was held to engage a cross-section of the School community in a pre-planning process to explore the transition of the current student clinical practice setting into a Group Practice Model.

Future plan - Planning for the preliminary design of the Group Practice Model has started. Key success factors have been identified and task forces are being created. Task forces will present next steps at the annual ASP meeting.

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GOAL 3: PROMOTE CONTINUAL SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY AND SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH OUTSTANDING BASIC, CLINICAL, AND TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH.

Achievements -

- The School has developed a Research Office under the associate dean for research (ADR) with an extensive research infrastructure supportive of faculty development. Grant support mechanisms are in place to facilitate internal and external grant application processes, including IRB applications.
- ADR designed and facilitated the establishment of multi- and interdisciplinary research teams, e.g., the Oral Cancer Research Initiative (OCRI), which resulted in 34 collaborations in 6 months.
- ADR developed a dental research website to showcase emerging scholars, share new collaborations, and provide the GSDM community with extensive funding opportunities.
- ADR established the inaugural Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Research Retreat in an effort to expand awareness about research taking place at the School and to explore new collaborative opportunities.
- Research workshops are scheduled regularly to help faculty establish new funding and resources and expand professional networks.
- ADR created faculty profile pages for the GSDM community.

Future plan - During ASP semi-annual meeting, a strategy about positioning ourselves to be responsive to possible funding support changes was discussed. This strategy discussion will be continued.

GOAL 4: PROVIDE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND INSPIRE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT.

Achievements -

- The School is promoting the oral health of our local community and raising the visibility of the GSDM by expanding the number of oral health outreach programs and advertising these as volunteer opportunities for students, faculty, and alumni.
- The School created a plan to integrate service learning into all 4 years of the DMD curriculum: a minimum of 20 hours of service learning activities that reinforce and build upon didactic concepts, and 20 hours of required community service.
- Community Health Programs (CHP) developed goals for students in the internship and placement opportunities to gain experience in program planning and public policy.

Future plan - Regularly monitor types of events and populations served; number and type of collaborating organizations; and number of student, staff, faculty, and alumni volunteers.

GOAL 5: PROVIDE OUTSTANDING ORAL HEALTH CARE TO THE LOCAL, NATIONAL, AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

Achievements -

- Quality Assurance Program successfully established.
- Evaluated current curriculum for Intramural Post-doctoral Pediatric Dentistry Care program.

Future plan - Implement an Intramural Post-doctoral Pediatric Dentistry Care program.

GOAL 6: SUSTAIN AN ENVIRONMENT OF MUTUAL RESPECT AND A STRONG SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND OWNERSHIP.

Achievements -

- Designed and conducted a communications survey.
- Developed a Staff Forum. A representative of the Staff Forum will have a permanent seat on the Dean's Executive Committee; the staff representative will rotate every 8 months.
- Annual programs focused on continual development of ethics and professionalism have been implemented.

Future plan - Share the results of the communications survey with whole community and propose recommendations for enhancement.

GOAL 7: SUSTAIN AND IMPROVE OUR FINANCIAL HEALTH IN SUPPORT OF OUR MISSION.

Achievements -

- A Development and Alumni Relations Office has been developed and fully staffed.
- Giving from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations, and the GSDM community has increased.
- Work with department chair(s) and director(s) to establish and review appropriate fiscal targets.

Future plan - Further develop financial controls, policies, and tools that aid in budget management and expand the project plan to include project costs that aid in annual budget preparation. In long term, the goal plans to explore activity-based costing as a means to more accurately distribute indirect overhead costs on program P&L statements.

GOAL 8: RECRUIT, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN EXCELLENT AND DIVERSE FACULTY AND STAFF.

Achievements -

- A staff survey was conducted and results shared with the community at different forums.
- A needs assessment for faculty to address perceived faculty development needs was conducted. A junior faculty/mid-career development program is ongoing.

Future plan - Institute a development program based on survey results. Create/improve individualized developmental plans for all faculty and staff as part of the annual faculty performance review process.

GOAL 9: PROVIDE EXCELLENT SUPPORTIVE AND CAREER-ENHANCING SERVICES TO OUR STUDENTS THROUGHOUT THEIR CAREERS.

Achievements -

- The dean appointed an assistant dean for student affairs.
- Added additional key personnel, including the assistant director of student affairs, and a career resources coordinator in the Student Affairs Office.
- Recruited a director of minority and multicultural affairs in the Office of the Assistant Dean for Admissions.
- Developed a comprehensive Career Resource Center for students and alumni.

Future plan - Continuously monitor all student service performance based on various performance matrices and modify strategies accordingly.

GOAL 10: RECRUIT AND ENROLL AN EXCELLENT AND DIVERSE STUDENT BODY.

Achievements -

- Developed a program to disseminate ongoing communications with pre-professional advisors about innovations in our philosophy.

Future plan - To evaluate use of non-cognitive measures in the admissions process in order to enroll an excellent and diverse student body. To explore feasibility of dual degree tracks with other professional and academic disciplines. ■

APPLIED STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

| Goal | # of Objectives Short Term | Target IAP's* till date Mid/Long Term | | IAP's Completed |
|------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-----------------|
| 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 3 | 2 | 4 | 20 | 19 |
| 4 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| 5 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 18 |
| 6 | 3 | 1 | 24 | 23 |
| 7 | 7 | 4 | # | # |
| 8 | 3 | 11 | | 7 |
| 9 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 7 |
| 10 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| | | Total | 91 | 82 |

Short term-Less than 12 months; Mid/Long term-Over 12 months
*IAP-integrated action plan
#-Four new objectives were included under Goal 7 and two objectives were merged in semi-annual meeting. The IAP's for these objectives are being developed.

GSDM RESEARCHERS RECOGNIZED AT IADR

Researchers at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) enjoyed success at the 90th General Session and Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) in Iguacu Falls, Brazil, June 20–23, 2012.

“I know I speak for all of us at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine when I say that I am so proud of our GSDM faculty for the research excellence they shared with the international audience at IADR,” Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter said, “as well as the broad spectrum of their research activities.”

Dr. Laura Kaufman won first prize in the post-doctoral geriatric oral research category for her poster, “Centenarian Offspring: Oral Health Outcomes Reflect Systemic Health Status” with coauthors Tiffany Setiono, Dr. Paula K. Friedman, Associate Professor Dr. Tom Perls of the BU School of Medicine, and the New England Centenarian Study. The study looked at the oral health of centenarians—those who live 100+ years—and their 70- to 80-year-old children. The subjects are participants in the New England Centenarian Study at the BU School of Medicine.

“Our findings include lower rates of edentulism and dentures in centenarian offspring, along with higher rates of reported excellent/very good oral health,” Dr. Kaufman said. “The superior oral health status of the offspring parallels the systemic health advantages previously shown amongst the centenarian offspring.”

Dr. Sok-Ja Janket was a runner-up in the same category for her poster, “Dental Prostheses and Cardiovascular Survival: A 15-Year Follow-Up Study.” This was a longitudinal study supported by the American Heart Association with coauthors Dr. Judith Jones, Dr. Markku Surakka, Dr. Jukka H. Meurman, and Andrea Lam DMD 16. The study showed that just having a lot of teeth did not bring about longer survival from cardiovascular disease. Rather,

those who had 15 teeth but took care of broken roots and maintained clean, healthy mouths lived longer than those who averaged 22 teeth.

“The moral of this story is that genetics may give you more teeth remaining, but you need to take care of them,” Dr. Janket said. “Having fewer teeth with good oral health maintenance was better for cardiovascular survival. So you can modify the genetic influence somewhat.”

Assistant Professor Brenda Heaton presented the results of her research in a talk, “Partial-Mouth Recordings: Evaluating Assumptions and Validity in Periodontitis Association Studies.” Her research was funded by the School of Dentistry at the University of Birmingham, England, after placing second in the Young Investigators international research competition at the 2011 IADR General Session. She traveled to England last year to complete the work with her collaborators.

“Partial-mouth recordings (PMR) of periodontitis have received criticism due to underestimation of disease in surveillance activities,” Heaton said. “However, the relevance of this criticism in studies of association has not been investigated.”

Her research found that misclassification of periodontal disease from PMR is not random and has limited bias. PMR protocols introduce negligible bias in studies of association, according to the results.

Debora Heller PERIO 16 gave an oral presentation and received the Wrigley Clinical Salivary Research Award for Dental Scientists for her abstract, “Microarray Based Characterization of Early Acquired Enamel Pellicle Colonizers.” Her mentors were Drs. Eva Helmerhorst, Frank Oppenheim, and Bruce Paster from the Forsyth Institute. ■

IN MEMORIAM: KRISTEN DONOVAN

Senior Patient Coordinator Kristen Donovan of Brookline, Massachusetts (formerly of Milford), passed away surrounded by her family on Thursday, March 29, 2012, after a long illness. She was 30.

Kristen was born May 27, 1981 in Hartford, Connecticut, to Robert J. and June C. (Chapdelaine) Donovan.

She grew up in Milford and was a 1999 graduate of Milford High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society. She later attended Boston University.



Dean Hutter shared a message with the GSDM community:

“Kristen was a beloved member of our GSDM community who exemplified the spirit of collegiality and caring that we all value so much. She went out of her way to ensure that patients were treated with the utmost professionalism and always went above and beyond expectations to assist our students, faculty, and her colleagues.”

Kristen was a loving daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, cousin, and friend. She

enjoyed the beach, cooking, reading, and spending the holidays with her family.

Besides her parents, Kristen is survived by a brother, Kevin R. Donovan of Somerville, Massachusetts; a sister, Kelli A. Donovan and brother-in-law Mark Mulcahy, both of Watertown, Massachusetts; a grandmother, Phyllis Chapdelaine of Northboro, Massachusetts; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

You may make donations in Kristen’s memory to the American Heart Association, 22 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to The New England Organ Bank, 60 First Avenue, Waltham, MA 02451. ■

GSDM

Spotlight

All in the Family



→ “We need Shaefferzord power, now!”
That could be how the Shaeffer siblings summon each other for help fast. Just as the Mighty Morphin Power Rangers combined into the giant Megazord when they couldn’t solve a problem individually, the Shaeffers come together at light speed whenever any one of them needs assistance. With 11 dentists in the family—7 of them GSDM grads—that assistance often comes in dental form.

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The Shaeffer family outside one of Michael and Suji’s practices

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(l-r) Francis, Michael, Willette, William, and Warren Shaeffer

William Shaeffer DMD 02 remembers calling brothers Michael and Paul (both DMD 01) during his first complicated extraction after graduating—a two-hour endeavor that didn’t seem to be ending any time soon: “I got their voicemails because they were with patients,” William says. “Within 30 minutes each of them had walked in the door with their oral surgery kits ready to help me. By that time, I had finished the work, but that felt so good because I knew whenever I was in trouble, they would drop everything and come to help me. We all do the same thing for each other.”

If there is ever a time that you want a support team at your side, it’s while in dental school. So it’s no surprise the Shaeffers were thrilled when one sibling after another chose BU. Willette, DMD 98 and the family science geek according to mom and fellow dentist Lilia, went first. She picked GSDM for its reputation and the positive impression Dr. Sydell Shaw made during her prospective student interview. (The Shaeffers joke that Dr. Shaw and Lilia are siblings because of their similar motherly instincts.)

Next in line was Francis DMD 99: the family jokester. Turning the tables, Willette had fun at her little brother’s expense. “It was his first day of school and Francis was sitting in class meeting people,” Willette says. “I tapped on the classroom window and saw

“I knew whenever I was in trouble, they would drop everything and come to help me. We all do the same thing for each other.”

— William Shaeffer DMD 02

Francis (embarrassed and trying to hide from his big sister) sink all the way down in his chair until there was nothing left.” Willette says, “The instructors would let us do it!”

Most times, however, Willette helped Francis feel comfortable at school. “It just felt like home,” Francis says. “We lived in the same apartment building (Harrison Court) and I literally moved in next door to Willette and became the honorary little brother of that graduating class.”



He never complained, incidentally, that 10 of Willette’s female friends escorted him around campus. “We would actually name friends as honorary Shaeffers,” says Michael DMD 01.

The honors student, Michael, started GSDM the same year as his brother Paul, who could not meet with *Impressions* staff because he was treating a patient emergency.

“Mike was born a dentist,” says Francis. “You couldn’t keep him out of mom’s dental office.”

The Shaeffers recall their brother Michael as a 7-year-old wearing a tie and working the practice’s front desk. Years later, he wrote his dental school application on the office computer.

Finally, there was William, aka “The Full Package,” DMD 02. Despite being the oldest Shaeffer, he was the last to go to dental school. He is the sole Shaeffer to follow in his father’s footsteps and try accounting as a profession, a fact he jokingly tries to forget among his dentist family.

“I knew that was going to come out!” William tells *Impressions* staff as he both sighs and fights to contain his laughter (a problem all the Shaeffers seem to have when in a room together). “It didn’t take me long to figure out accounting wasn’t what I wanted to do. I also went to dental lab school. After my first semester I was 100 percent sure I wanted to go to dental school.”

William’s accounting brain still gets used during tax time, Francis points out. William’s skill set also includes carpentry: as a teenager he repurposed closet doors and built them into the waiting room at his mother’s practice. Today, Willette owns that practice and William’s work has endured.

Warren Shaeffer and wife Linda, both dentists, graduated and met at the University of Louisville Dental School. Warren worked as a lab tech for his brothers and sister before starting dental school in 2005.

“It’s fun to compare the two schools,” Warren says. “We’ve had similar experiences. It was just as hard and just as rewarding, it seems.”

The only school-related disagreements among Warren and his siblings spark from which dental products they use—a preference they carried over from their respective alma maters.

You might think the Shaeffers have a monopoly on dentistry in Jacksonville, Florida. In fact, they own six practices—four in Jacksonville; one in nearby Switzerland, Florida; and one in Decatur, Georgia. Every staff dentist is a Shaeffer.

That includes Michael’s wife, Suji, DMD 01 and Paul’s wife, Elizabeth, AEGD 99 DMD 02. Both brothers met their wives at GSDM and practice with them.

“The days when Suji and I practice together are

(clockwise from top middle) Warren and Linda Shaeffer and daughter Daphne; Francis and Suzanne Shaeffer with sons Clinton, Jackson, and Harrison; Willette Shaeffer and daughter Claire, not photographed, husband Jeff Crabtree; Michael and Suji Shaeffer with Luke, Leona, and Leah



BU alums and the Shaeffer parents—not photographed, Paul and Elizabeth Shaeffer

my calmest, easiest days of the week,” Michael says. “When we’re apart, it’s almost like I’m on an island.”

Suji agrees that working with her husband is great, but says, “The only thing about having family in the same profession is at dinnertime you always end up with dentistry stories.”

Like the Shaeffers—whose grandfather, Francisco Baylon, was a dentist—Suji’s grandfather was a dentist. Suji’s grandfather practiced dentistry in Korea.

“He passed away young so I didn’t get to learn much from him, but my father has a surprising amount of knowledge about dentistry, which he learned from his father,” Suji says.

The family tree now extends even further into GSDM. Suji’s sister Bin Na Lee graduated BU undergrad and started her first year of dental school this fall. She is also a talented artist and created several paintings for Michael and Suji’s practice.

And who knows how far the family practice will continue to grow?

Michael and Suji’s son, Luke, talks about “fixing people’s teeth.” Suji’s 10-year-old niece says she’ll be an orthodontist. Francis is betting son Harrison will be a general dentist and Jack will be an orthodontist. His son Clinton wants to be the first astronaut dentist.

Drawing on her science background, Willette says, “He’ll be able to use zero gravity to create new metals because you can change a metal’s organic matrix!”

“You always have to take the fun out of it,” Francis teases.

“A lot of times when the children say they want to be something like a guitarist or painter it won’t be just that,” Michael says. “It’ll be a guitarist-dentist or a painter-dentist.”

Note: Three little Shaeffers are less than 1 year old and have yet to declare their careers.

“I’m probably the most enthusiastic about the idea of all the siblings going to BU together,” Francis says. “And their ages are so close, it would be—it would be the same experience we had!”

Michael notes the siblings should think about buying a South End brownstone now for the children to live in at BU.

Chances are they will become dentists if their parents inspire them half as much as Lilia did her children. The Shaeffers insist their mom was a role model for them, but Lilia won’t take credit.

“It’s not an accident that all of us became dentists,” Francis says. “It’s really seeing mom come home every day energized about what she does and being able to help people. How many professions are there where you can really make a meaningful difference? Where someone walks in in pain and walks out feeling better?”

That desire to help people feel better is something both their mom and dad taught them, and it is far-reaching.

“Even before we knew what community service was, it was part of our lives,” says Willette. She recalls an example from her childhood: “We were a military family so we would invite all the children whose fathers were overseas or who were low-income in the area to my mom’s dental office at Christmastime for a carnival. Dad dressed up as Santa. My brother William would pick them up in the family station wagon and bring them to our office. And if they couldn’t make it to the party that year, we would drop off giant bags of toys from Santa.”

Willette—who has earned the nickname Dr. Saint from her brothers—leads the family’s mission work in Africa, the Dominican Republic, Asia, and the rural United States. She estimates she has volunteered in Africa 14 times but says she would never be able to do it without her brothers, who helped collect supplies and treat her patients while she was away.

“Willette keeps charity at the tops of our minds,” Francis says. “Part of why we all went to BU is that we arrived in this very nurturing environment she created.”

Despite all their successes, the Shaeffers remain humble. They are quick to recognize their family members’ great deeds, but downplay their own. They may not actually be Power Rangers, but there are likely many people out there—both dental patients and otherwise—who have benefited from the Shaeffers’ superpowers. ■



Finding Focus

➔ **As Career Resources Coordinator, Liz Pinone draws on a diverse skill set. And our students are doing better as a result.**

Among the most influential—though unexpected—of her experiences is a childhood in Spain. Her NBA-player dad and mom moved

there several years before her birth, when her father left the Atlanta Hawks to play for Madrid’s Estudiantes. Liz moved back to the U.S. when she was six, but returned to Spain to study in high school and college. The time abroad convinced her to pursue global studies as an undergraduate and, to this day, compels her to work with diverse cultures such as those at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

“Students are getting more comfortable now dropping into the office, and they’re starting PASS earlier now.”

—Liz Pinone

While working to help a family from Equatorial Guinea adapt to life in the U.S. as part of her senior-year thesis, Liz found that she had a knack for working with people.

“I just had a passion for helping people,” Liz says, “doing anything I could to make sure they felt comfortable.” This was as simple as turning on a stove or using the local bus. She stayed at Providence College after graduation and enrolled in a master’s program in counseling.

The final piece of the puzzle came by chance when the college placed her in a graduate assistantship working for the alumni and development office.

“I never thought about working in higher education before that, but I loved it!” Liz says. “As Career Resources Coordinator, I’m at Boston University and counseling people from diverse cultures. I’m really using what I learned in school!”

In the few months Liz has held the position in Career Services, she has already developed strong relationships with students and alumni. The office had 50 attendees at its first workshop for the Postdoctoral Application Support Service (PASS). Liz has helped students find jobs, write résumés and personal statements, apply for scholarships, and prepare for interviews.

“Students are getting more comfortable now dropping into the office,” she says. “And they’re starting PASS earlier now.”

In the coming year, Liz hopes to set up blind mock interviews with students and alumni and make the Career Services website more robust. This fall, she participated in her first GSDM orientation.

“I hope that interacting with students from the beginning will help build relationships and get them to seek me out more often and earlier in their dental student careers,” Liz says.

When they do, GSDM students will learn a lot from Liz. In Career Services, Liz has found the rare opportunity to incorporate her many experiences and passions into her work. ■



GSDM Welcomes “an Outstanding Candidate”

DR. SAMI CHOGLE APPOINTED TO LEAD ENDODONTICS

➔ After an extensive international search, Dr. Sami Chogle was appointed director of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Advanced Specialty Education Program (ASEP) in Endodontics. The GSDM community was pleased to welcome Dr. Sami Chogle into the position on August 1, 2012.

In this role, Dr. Chogle will be responsible for all aspects of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics, including the selection and mentoring of its post-doctoral residents and the organization and oversight of the program's curriculum. This will include overall responsibility for the program's didactic and clinical education, research, and the master's thesis and doctoral dissertation committees of the post-doctoral residents enrolled in the combined programs.

Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Associate Dean for Advanced Education & International Programs Dr. Thomas Kilgore headed the search to fill the position. He shared his thoughts about the appointment: “The search for a new program director in post-doctoral endodontics was thorough. Based on Dr. Chogle's background in clinical patient care, academics, and research, he was an outstanding candidate.”

Dr. Kilgore continued, “We received glowing feedback from faculty and students at the Boston University Institute for Dental Research and Education BUIDRE Dubai, where Dr. Chogle served as program director in endodontics and where he had the reputation as an excellent educator and mentor to his residents. I am thrilled that we have been able to recruit such an outstanding clinician and academic and one who has the skill, energy, and enthusiasm to continue the high level of excellence of our endodontic program.”

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter concurs: “Dr. Chogle joins the Boston University community with a reputation of excellence in clinical care, scholarship, instruction, and mentorship. I am confident that he will carry on his record of excellence in his position as director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics. I look forward to seeing his positive influence on the program.”

Dr. Chogle's enthusiasm matches that of Dr. Kilgore and Dean Hutter: “The great reviews of Boston as a city, the sense of history and accomplishment that accompanies a school such as Boston University, and the high repute of GSDM's endodontics program, in particular, have not only motivated me but also made this move an exciting opportunity for me to enter into and grow as part of the BU family! I have been happily surprised to find my expectations surpassed by the personal interactions and the quality of the academic environment at GSDM.

“Even though I am new to Boston, I have been in close contact with the program for the last three years as the director of the endodontics program at BUIDRE. This experience has helped immensely in easing the transition into this new position and to ‘hit the ground running,’ as they say.

“We have a wonderful program with motivated residents, dedicated staff, and highly qualified faculty. That makes my job to make a ‘great’ program a little better much easier!”

Dr. Chogle received a Bachelor of Dental Surgery from Dharwad University in India in 1989; a Specialty Certificate in Endodontics and Master of Science in Dentistry from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) School of Dental Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, in 2000; and a DMD from CWRU School of Dental Medicine in 2003. Dr. Chogle is a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics.

He also holds an adjunct faculty appointment as associate professor in the Department of Endodontics at GSDM, as well as an adjunct faculty appointment as associate professor in the Department of Endodontics at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. He previously served as assistant professor and later, director of undergraduate endodontics at CWRU School of Dental

Medicine. In addition to his academic appointments, Dr. Chogle has maintained an endodontic practice since 2000, most recently practicing at the Faculty Dental Practice, BUIDRE, Dubai.

Dr. Chogle serves as a reviewer for endodontic articles for both the Academy of General Dentistry and the Quintessence International Editorial Review Board. Amongst his many awards, Dr. Chogle is particularly proud of having received the “Outstanding Instructor” award from the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Student Council in 2007. In addition, during his tenure at CWRU School of Dental Medicine, the Department

“Dr. Chogle joins the Boston University community with a reputation of excellence in clinical care, scholarship, instruction, and mentorship.”

of Endodontics received the Outstanding Department award for 2006 and 2007.

Dr. Chogle participates internationally in numerous professional and scholarly events every year. In 2011, he served as chair of the Scientific Committee of the Pan-Arab Endodontic Conference. Since 2008, Dr. Chogle has been a judge for the oral presentations at the annual sessions of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE). He also currently serves on the Regenerative Endodontics Committee for the AAE. Among his activities in 2010, Dr. Chogle participated in a panel discussion at AEEDC, Dubai, on “Endodontic Therapy vs. Implant Treatment” and presented at the Highlight to Successful Endodontic Therapy at the Tawam Dental Center, Al Ain, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

Dr. Chogle's work has been published extensively, appearing many times in the *Journal of Endodontics* and other scientific journals. Among his scholarly accomplishments, Dr. Chogle was a guest editor with Dr. Gerald A. Ferretti for the 2009 edition of *Dental Clinics of North America (DCNA)* entitled “Medical and Dental Considerations in Traumatic Dental Injuries,” and he recently worked with Dr. Harold Goodis in editing the July 2012 edition of *DCNA* on regenerative endodontics.

Dr. Chogle is a member of the Emirates Endodontic Association, Indian Dental Association, Indian Endodontic Society, American Dental Education Association, International Association of Dental Research, Ohio Association of Endodontists, American Dental Association, Greater Cleveland Dental Society, Ohio Dental Association, and the American Association of Endodontics. ■

Pamela Baldassarre
outside her Bedford, New
Hampshire practice

Pamela Baldassarre DMD 82 PERIO 84 "You can't forget why you get to where you are."

➔ Pamela Baldassarre is a doer.

When she takes a leadership role—and people often ask her to—you can be sure progress will follow. Currently the delegate at large of the New Hampshire Dental Society and secretary/treasurer for the ADA

First Trustee District and past chair of the ADA Council on Membership, Dr. Baldassarre recently added a new role—member of the Boston University Alumni Council (BUAC).

The BUAC includes approximately 40 alums who are leaders in their professions, communities, and at BU. Each council member serves on at least one of the following committees: Career Networking & Student Engagement, College/School Relations, Communications & Marketing, Development, and

Regional & International Networks. The BUAC leads the Boston University Alumni Association, of which Shadi Daher DMD 90 OMFS 94 is president.

"There's enthusiasm on the Alumni Council right now," says Baldassarre. "The members feel productive." Among the council's top priorities right now is ensuring that its mission supports the concept of "one BU"—and Baldassarre credits Daher for taking charge.

"Shadi is looking for the council to have a clear vision, not just be a figurehead," Baldassarre says. "We are making the Strategic Plan a living document. The programs we create have to fit the plan because that's where BU has determined the University needs to go."

Both Daher and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter played important roles in Baldassarre's appointment to the council in 2011.

Baldassarre envisions a BU where each school and college draws on the unique expertise of its students and alumni to help each other excel professionally. This could mean COM alums helping GSDM alums

expand their practices' social media efforts or SMG alums teaching dentists about practice management.

In the short term, she wants to re-engage BU alumni through special events and programs. She doesn't know yet what that "magic event" is that will hook them, but she has an idea.

"I think anything that makes people more productive and enriches their lives will resonate with alumni. That's the litmus test for us."

These could be different events for different alumni, and that's why she's so passionate about the BU Affinity Network. Affinity programs are those that match people not by what BU school or college they attended, but by other factors, such as geography, industry, or shared

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interests. Baldassarre sees participation in affinity groups as a better way for alumni to make connections for jobs and create internships for current BU students. It comes down to one important question: How does the quality of a BU education convert to getting your career started?

For Baldassarre, the quality of her BU education is a given and something she appreciates daily.

"It's because of BU that I am who I am today," Baldassarre says. "BU gave me the foundation that helps me evolve as a dental professional. You can't forget why you get to where you are."

In a way, Baldassarre was always part of BU. Her father, Dr. Eliot Zigelbaum, was on faculty in post-doctoral periodontology. A native of Framingham, Massachusetts, she grew up around some of those famous names who would later become her mentors: Morris Ruben, Hyman Smuckler, Henry Goldman, Spencer Frankl, and Jeffrey W. Hutter.

She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania as a registered dental hygienist and returned to Boston

University, where she completed the courses required to apply to GSDM.

She reflects fondly on her GSDM days—tutoring younger DMD students, participating in the Notes Service, and living on Beacon Street in Brookline with Ronni Schnell DMD 81. She names Steve Polins, John Fisher, Gennaro Cataldo, Paula K. Friedman, Tom Kilgore, and Carl McManama as professors who influenced her as a dental student.

After completing her degrees, she worked as a part-time assistant clinical instructor in post-doctoral periodontology at GSDM while in private practice with her father in Framingham for two years. She married Marshall Baldassarre DMD 78 OMFS 81 and

Dr. Baldassarre
treating a patient in
her Bedford office



the two moved to Bedford, New Hampshire, where they now live with their children, Laura and Gregory. The Baldassarres practice their respective specialties at Baldassarre Oral Surgery & Periodontal Center in Bedford and Nashua, New Hampshire.

Wherever Dr. Baldassarre goes, her allegiance is firmly in Boston.

"There needs to be pride in being a BU student, alum, staff, or faculty," she says. "The Alumni Council is working to create that value."

And Dr. Baldassarre is surely a valuable new member of the council. ■

Master Teachers

TIRELESS AND INSPIRATIONAL—
THESE INSTRUCTORS BROUGHT
METCALF HOME TO GSDM

➔ The Metcalf Cup & Prize was established in 1973 by a gift from the late Dr. Arthur G. B. Metcalf, an alumnus and trustee of Boston University. Each fall, the Metcalf Committee invites students, faculty, and alumni to submit letters recommending current full-time faculty members for consideration for the Metcalf Awards.

“The purpose of the prize,” Dr. Metcalf stated at the time of its creation, “is to create a systematic procedure for the review of the quality of teaching at Boston University and the identification and advancement of those members of the faculty who excel as teachers.”

Excellence in teaching requires mastery of the subject matter, successful strategies for challenging students and engaging them in ambitious learning; and thorough, thoughtful evaluation of student work.

The Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine proudly includes two Metcalf Cup & Prize winners on the faculty. In 2002, Dr. Laisheng Chou became the first GSDM recipient and in 2005, Dr. John Carroll McManama became the second. “I asked that these two faculty members be included in this issue,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, “because their tireless efforts with our students is a type of philanthropy of which I am very proud.”



▲ DR. LAISHENG CHOU 2002 Metcalf Cup & Prize Winner

A world-renowned expert lecturer in bone tissue engineering, molecular biocompatibility of implant materials, and HIV-associated oral lesions, Dr. Chou also is a professor in the School of Dental Medicine’s Department of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials and director of its Oral AIDS Clinic. He has developed new courses and an array of new methods of instruction since joining the faculty in 1994, and holds patents for a number of biomedical inventions, including one for scaffolds for bone tissue engineering.

A tireless teacher, clinician, researcher, and administrator, he is famous within the School of Dental Medicine for his clarity when teaching state-of-the-art, complex material. “The ease with which Dr. Chou explains challenging material is a testament to his genuine brilliance as a teacher,” says a former student. A current graduate student notes of the Chinese-born professor, “Not only is he an expert within multiple areas of dentistry, he is also able to communicate his knowledge appropriately to his students.”

As a true testament to his teaching excellence, Dr. Chou has left a legacy of students who have incorporated his organized methods and compassionate attitudes in classrooms and labs where they now teach or in treating patients in their dental practices. “Smart but down-to-earth,” says another former student, “Dr. Chou is exceptional because he is not just a star; he makes new stars and helps them shine.”

Before joining the Boston University faculty, Dr. Chou was a fellow at both the Medical Research Council of Canada and the University of Chicago, principal investigator for the oral pathology division of the University of California’s School of Dentistry in San Francisco, and taught at both Shanghai Railway Medical University and Shanghai No. 2 Medical University in China. He received his doctorate of dental medicine in 1978 from Shanghai No. 2 Medical University, post-doctoral diplomas in oral pathology and oral medicine from the University of California, and his PhD in oral biology from the University of British Columbia.

◀ DR. CARL MCMANAMA 2005 Metcalf Cup & Prize Winner



In his 36 years at Boston University, Dr. John Carroll McManama—“Carl” to all—has come to embody excellence in teaching at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Fondly referred to as a “workhorse” by his department chair, McManama has taught 31 courses to more than 4,300 aspiring dentists and dental medicine teachers since 1976. He still directs 17 percent of the pre-doctoral curriculum, teaches in the School’s clinic, mentors countless students and junior faculty, lectures regularly around the world to professional organizations, and maintains a private practice.

“By teaching alongside Dr. McManama, I have not only become a better clinician, but also a better educator.”


Accolades abound on campus for McManama from those who learn from him—students, junior faculty mentees, and peers—for his precise teaching style that blends real-world experience into lectures, a model chairside manner of calm reassurance, and his innovative curriculum development. “By teaching alongside Dr. McManama, I have not only become a better clinician, but also a better educator,” said a young faculty member. “New graduates looking for teaching positions clamor to be assigned to his pre-clinical lab courses because of his dynamic teaching style and his innovative methods in a profession which tends to make changes very slowly,” said a long-time colleague. “He should be nominated for a ‘Lifetime Best Teacher’ award,” said a student in his faculty evaluation.

McManama joined the Boston University faculty after earning a Boston College undergraduate degree in 1970, a doctorate from Loyola University of Chicago in 1975, and serving his residency in family dentistry at Boston’s Forsyth Dental Center. A Boston native who still lives in the city’s Jamaica Plain section, he has been bestowed every major teaching award from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and has served as its grand marshal at graduation ceremonies for the past 18 years. ■

Commencement Weekend 2012





Co-Valedictorian Jaeseop Lee delivering his speech to the GSDM Class of 2012.




"I am truly honored and grateful to be standing here. It has been a tough journey for all of us. After going through dental school, I can confidently say that there isn't anything that we cannot overcome. Maybe this may have been the School's intention all along. I hope we remember only the good things, stay strong, challenge ourselves, and make BU proud."

— Jaeseop Lee DMD 12




"Dentistry is now part of our identity. We have been through a lot and only those who went through this program truly understand what it means and what it takes to become a dentist. Being part of this very special class has been an honor and a privilege, and it is with my deepest and most sincere feelings that I congratulate you all in this remarkable accomplishment."

— Jun Hyuk Hwang DMD 12



Co-Valedictorian Jun Hyuk Hwang addressing the graduating class.



The 2012 Commencement Ceremony held a special significance for many. The late afternoon ceremony boasted approximately 190 DMD and 77 post-doctoral student participants.

On Friday, May 18, 2012, the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine honored new graduates at the School's 48th annual Convocation. The late-afternoon ceremony boasted approximately 190 DMD and 77 post-doctoral student participants.

Dean of Marsh Chapel Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill began the ceremony with an invocation. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter followed by welcoming the graduating students, family and friends, and faculty and staff, adding, "The DMD Class of 2012 holds a very special meaning to me since you began your dental education at the same time that I was appointed dean of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. I have watched you and your classmates grow into confident, competent dental professionals and I am delighted to share this special occasion with you as you receive your degrees."

Attendees were treated this year to two student speeches, one from each of the co-valedictorians: Jun Hyuk Hwang and Jaeseop Lee. The duo also spent time honoring the parents and family members who had traveled internationally to share in their achievement.

The Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to two outstanding faculty members during the ceremony: Professor of

Periodontology & Oral Biology and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Cataldo Leone and BU School of Medicine Assistant Professor of Microbiology Dr. Stephanie M. Oberhaus.

The 2012 Commencement speaker, Dr. Dushanka Kleinman (Rear Admiral, USPHS retired), was then introduced to the audience. Dr. Kleinman is a proud alumna, having earned her Certificate in Advanced Graduate Study and Master of Science in Dentistry in Dental Public Health at GSDM.

Said Kleinman to the graduates: "You have taken good advantage of your time here and you are adding to the legacy of this School. You have shown your commitment to population health—two-thirds of the pre-doctoral class volunteered for

community outreach events (beyond the mandatory ones)—which is the highest percent for any class to date! You reflect your commitment to global health and leadership by who you are—the graduating classes represent 30 countries including the U.S. And, you are on your way to lifelong learning with 30 percent of you continuing to advanced education."

She continued, "It is clear that you are a class with heart and soul and a class that can and will make a difference worldwide. Soon you will be off with diplomas and certificates in hand, but before you go, I would like to leave you with three thoughts: First, health is more than health care. Second, quality of care is more than technical excellence. And finally, leadership is more than taking charge.

Congratulations, graduates, and thank you for letting me join you on this special day!"

Following Dr. Kleinman's speech, Class of 2012 President Alisun Kovach, Vice President Shivali Gohel, AS Class of 2012 President Sathvik Seshadri, and AS Vice President Puneet Arora ascended the stage to present the 2012 Class Gift.

Added Dean Hutter, "On behalf of all the faculty, staff, and students both present and future, I want to thank the members of the 2012 Class for contributing to this very special gift to our School. Words cannot describe the significance of this gift and what it means to me and our School. You have now set a precedent for future classes to emulate and I thank you from the bottom of my heart."

Dean Hutter also thanked Ronald Weissman PROS 77—CEO and founder of Gentle Dental Associates and a valued member of the Dean's Advisory Board—for the generosity he has shown in matching the contributions that came forth from the DMD and AS Classes of 2012.

The graduates then walked across the stage to receive their diplomas. In a new and special element of the ceremony, members of the GSDM alumni were brought up onstage to present diplomas to their graduating relatives. Presenters included Jack Bednar ORTHO 75, who presented to



Cheryl Ullman
ENDO 80 and her son,
Charles DMD 12

his daughter, Katy Bednar DMD 12; Cheryl Ullman ENDO 80, who presented to her son, Charles Ullman DMD 12; Ping Kang Cheng PROS 80 DMD 83, who presented to his son, Jared Cheng DMD 12; Araxie Yetenekian-Gettas DMD 86, who presented to her nephew, Joseph Kabakhian DMD 12; Mathi Theva DMD 90, who presented to her son, Jay Theva DMD 12; Douglas Conn ENDO 95, who presented to his son, Jason Conn DMD 10 ENDO 12; and Debra Pan DMD 01, who presented to her niece and nephew, Sarah and Michael Courtney, both DMD 12.

Following this, Dean Hutter led the class in reciting the Oath of the Class of 2012 and brought the ceremony to a close, adding, "By receiving your degrees and certificates, you have earned the chance to uphold our, and now your, School's values and have a positive impact on the dental profession. Whether you remain in Boston, the United States, or return to your home country to continue your professional career, I know you will continue to give back to your communities. On behalf of the entire faculty, staff, alumni, and student body of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, I congratulate you on your tremendous achievement." ■

GSDM Class of 2012 Celebrated With a Moving and Inspirational Ceremony

A big thumbs up and students jumping for joy



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—Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter



Leonard Nimoy and one of the two
2012 valedictorians Jun Hyuk Hwang

Commencement Weekend Events

ANNUAL SENIOR AWARDS BRUNCH

To celebrate the DMD Class of 2012, a brunch was held in their honor on Saturday, May 19, 2012. Graduates were invited to attend with their family and friends. The brunch, hosted by Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter, carried over the enthusiasm from the prior day's Commencement ceremony and gave students the opportunity to be recognized with individual awards. This year's brunch boasted the highest attendance ever, with 542 guests.



ADVANCED SPECIALTY EDUCATION PROGRAM IN ENDODONTICS CLASS OF 2012 GOLF TOURNAMENT AND RECEPTION

On May 17, 2012, residents of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics Class of 2012 celebrated their upcoming graduation with a golf tournament and luncheon at Brookmeadow Country Club along with a reception at the Prudential Tower Skywalk in the evening.



ANNUAL BU NIGHT AT THE POPS

Sixty-one members of the GSDM community attended the 98th annual BU Night at the Pops at Symphony Hall on Saturday, May 19. This annual event is one of the University's oldest traditions, taking place during Commencement weekend for graduates and guests to experience a slice of Boston culture. This year's theme was "Visions of America."

Culturing Philanthropy

Doable—and Worth Doing

BY FRANCIE KING, DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATIONS

It is one of the most resonant phrases in charitable giving today: the culture of philanthropy. But what, really, is a culture of philanthropy? And does the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine enjoy the benefits of such a culture? Here's one clue: In 2011, gifts to the School totaled just over \$1.1 million. Just a year later, gifts and pledges reached \$3.4 million—a remarkable leap forward. What's going on here, and why?

Philanthropy and culture

For the modern lexicographer, “philanthropy” means undertaking initiatives for the public good, whether this means giving money or doing good works. Someone focused on the antique roots of the word might argue that philanthropy is about a “love of humanity”—caring for, nourishing, developing, or otherwise embracing the human race. It’s a freighted word: philanthropy is a concept, a philosophy, a pathway to progress, and a way to respond positively to something deemed valuable.

Simply put, philanthropy is how we give back.

People who build a culture of philanthropy have accepted the idea that giving back is the best way to mark a valuable experience, celebrate a person, support a program, or commemorate a place. And those who sustain a culture of philanthropy make sure that the next generation understands these values, too. They teach the necessity of each generation “paying it forward,” as the Hollywood drama of the same name phrased it.

Is there a culture of philanthropy at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine? The answer seems to be a qualified “yes.”

Let’s start with the qualifier. GSDM is still a relatively young institution. True, the School will celebrate its 50th birthday in 2013, but that milestone qualifies GSDM only as a relative toddler—at least by the standards of academia in Boston and the Northeast. Not surprisingly, GSDM traditions are relatively young and undeveloped, as well.

But the foundations of a philanthropic culture at GSDM are definitely in place, and—as the statistics cited above imply—the potential for building that culture seems almost unlimited. In recent months, robust support has come from a growing cadre of people who are creating named chairs and funds, scholarships, and loan programs.

Who makes up this generous cadre? The answers can be surprising. Let’s look at four of these philanthropists, and ask them to help us explore the urge to give.

Ernesto Muller PERIO 61

A pacesetter from Venezuela



“TEACH THEM ABOUT THE NEED AND THE PLEASURE OF GIVING. EARLY. AT THE START. AND ABOUT THE NEED TO REMEMBER WHERE YOU CAME FROM, AND TO BE GRATEFUL FOR IT.”

Ernesto Muller PERIO 61

One such pacesetter is Ernesto Muller PERIO 61 (Parent GSDM 07, 11, 12, SMG 86), chair of the department of periodontics at Centro de Especialidades Odontológicas in Caracas, Venezuela. He is the father of GSDM faculty member Enrique Muller.

Born in Caracas, Muller received a BS from the Instituto Escuela, Caracas, in 1954 and attended the School of Dental Medicine at the Universidad Central de Venezuela from 1954 to 1958 where he received his Doctor of Odontologia. He then came to the U.S. to study periodontics. He enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine’s two-year course, which comprised one year in Philadelphia (he completed a one-year residency in oral surgery at Jefferson Hospital there) and a second year at the BU School of Medicine’s Department of Stomatology. He graduated in 1961, earning a Certificate of Advanced Periodontology, and—after a research year in Zurich—returned home to Venezuela to practice. In the following decade, he and colleagues established one of the first fully comprehensive dental centers in the world, where patients have access to a broad range of dental specialists. The center, which began with eight dentists and now has 42, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

The former regional editor of the *Journal of Cranomandibular Practice*, Muller is now semi-retired, maintaining a part-time practice in Caracas. After serving 28 years on the GSDM Board of Visitors, he recently accepted an appointment to the Dean’s Advisory Board.

Muller helped establish the Morris P. Ruben Fellowship at GSDM, honoring a friend, GSDM colleague, and fellow classmate who died at 87 in 2006. At Ruben’s request, Muller had served as acting chair of the GSDM Department of Periodontology while Ruben was compelled by illness to take a leave of absence from the School. Muller, then practicing in Caracas, would spend the week in Boston, then return to Caracas for a week, and then come back to Boston for a week.

Muller thinks that lessons in philanthropy—and specifically, in the importance of giving back to GSDM—should be part of every dental student’s education. “Start at the beginning,” he urges, “and bring in the best speakers who can talk about the importance of giving, and giving back. And I mean not just donating money, but also giving of themselves.”

Does his willingness to pinch-hit for an ailing friend illustrate that point? “Yes, perhaps,” he says. “But I was also honored to have had the opportunity to help my colleague. He was giving to me, as well.”

Philanthropy, Muller emphasizes, is complex—but its roots can be made simpler. “We know our graduates can’t be big donors right out of school,” he says, “but they can learn the value of being part of the institution while

they’re still here, that they belong to it, and that it is they who will help make it a better place. You will have created a professional who understands how to contribute—who feels the obligation to give back, in all parts of his life.”

He sums it up this way: “Teach them about the need and the pleasure of giving. Early. At the start. And about the need to remember where you came from, and to be grateful for it.”

Professor Anita Gohel

Every dollar counts

Professor Anita Gohel agrees that making philanthropy part of a GSDM education would be both wise and appropriate.

“I always want to tell my students that they can make the future better,” she says. “You have to start somewhere.” Gohel herself started contributing to GSDM almost as soon as she arrived. Already trained in India as a dentist, she came to the U.S. for advanced study in oral and maxillofacial radiology and a PhD in biomedical sciences at the University of Connecticut (UConn). (She also has a PhD in biomedical science.) She joined the GSDM faculty in 1999 as an associate professor of diagnostic science and radiology, and has been teaching at BU ever since. She was recently made the director of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

Gohel remembers being solicited for support by UConn early in her studies there. She responded positively—and the habit of giving stuck with her when she shifted her professional affiliation to BU. Today, giving financial support to GSDM

strikes her as a welcome obligation: “I contribute because I believe in the School.” She’s excited about the School’s future, she says, and about Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter’s vision for it. There’s a new energy at GSDM, she notes, which both feeds upon and fuels support for the School.

Can a culture of philanthropy be “built into” a student body? It can, says Gohel, if the process starts early enough: “We need to tell them from day one that without their help, the School cannot progress. You’re not involved with GSDM for just four years. You belong to it for a lifetime. It’s your school, and it’s given you a profession and a career, a future. Even if your gift is a single dollar...you must give back.”

Gohel acknowledges that potential donors are easier to convince when there is a tangible objective for giving—a building, a piece of equipment, a new department. And, she adds, there is extra power in a request when it comes from a popular professor.

Does that mean that philanthropy should be actively encouraged by GSDM faculty? “Absolutely,” she says.



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Professor Anita Gohel



Professor Carl McManama

Giving back through teaching

In 2005, Professor Carl McManama's gifts and dedication as a teacher earned him a high honor: BU's coveted Metcalf Cup & Prize for excellence in teaching, the highest peer honor for a teacher at BU.

Truth be told, McManama says, chuckling, he didn't plan on becoming a teacher. In fact, he hadn't ever thought about it.

"I was at the Forsyth Dental Institute during a one-year residency, after dental school in Chicago," he explains. "The head of my residency program, Lloyd Chassen, had just been named chair of the department at the new pre-doctoral dental program at BU, and he was looking for faculty." Mostly, he was looking for older, more experienced faculty—but he also had an eye out for a few younger teachers who might relate well to students. He soon settled on the young Carl McManama. "He started harassing me to teach, and I said it was the last thing I wanted to do," laughs McManama. "Most of my memories of dental school professors were of people who were kind of crabby and bossed you around a lot. But I finally relented. And then I discovered that I loved it."

It turned out to be an enduring affection. For the next 30 years, McManama taught at GSDM three days a week and practiced general dentistry in Cambridge

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Professor Carl McManama

three days week. When he finally sold his interest in his practice in Cambridge, he picked up another day a week of teaching. It's a full academic load: Because McManama teaches courses in all four years of the degree program, he works with as many as 600 students at any given time.

"I think of myself as part of a big team," he says of his career, "and a bigger profession. When I first started practicing, I was providing good services for patients. When I started teaching, I realized that I could increase my own giving to the profession exponentially; my students would become good dentists and teach their students to be good dentists, and so on. The giving back in these terms can be substantial."

His unusual professional trajectory has given him a particular view of philanthropy. "First," he says, "you realize that there is no actual 'graduation.' You go to a ceremony that signifies the end of your formal education, but really, it's the commencement of your professional life. You're leaving the place that trained you, that has had an impact on you and on the quality of the profession. There might even have been a professor who changed your life. But you're still part of it, so you have an obligation to give back to it, with money or time or education."

McManama invests both money and time in GSDM. In many cases, he donates anonymously. But last year, his gift to GSDM was a far more visible gesture: He offered to double the amount of the 2011 class gift.

Few recently minted dentists have deep enough pockets to make large charitable gifts, he acknowledges. New graduates have to deal concurrently with the challenges of paying off their school loans and meeting the enormous expense of setting up a practice. "That's about the worst time to begin asking for money," McManama says emphatically.

"But if young new dentists have learned the value of giving during their student years," he concludes, "they'll build the idea of giving into their lives and practices."

Paul Fugazzotto PERIO 81

Inspired by a mentor

"He changed my life." That's how periodontist Paul Fugazzotto PERIO 81 describes the late Gerald M. Kramer, professor and former chair of GSDM periodontology. Fugazzotto credits Kramer with being one of just two people—along with his father—who set his life's compass.

Fugazzotto's gratitude to Kramer has taken some very concrete forms. For example, he recently pledged \$100,000 to the School in honor of his mentor. He is working with GSDM and fellow PERIO alumni to mount a symposium in 2013 to honor Kramer, and he is also seeking to help establish a professorship in the periodontology department in Kramer's name. "I am deeply grateful to Dr. Fugazzotto for all of his efforts to re-engage his fellow alumni," said Dean Hutter. He continued, "re-connecting the School with this group of alumni is a very high priority for me." For many years, Kramer-era alumni had not been particularly engaged with the School. That is now changing, and Fugazzotto is leading the charge to bring this group back. "Kramer put periodontology at GSDM on the map, and this is an important milestone for all of us," Fugazzotto says.

Fugazzotto—who attended Boston College, and then did his graduate training in PERIO at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine—sees patients 40 hours a week. He has achieved considerable professional distinction, and his work has attracted attention from peers in Italy, Spain, Canada, Mexico, and Australia, among other countries, who are keen to learn his

techniques. To meet this demand, he tries to fit in up to four perio-based lectures and seminars abroad every year. In addition, his office includes a sophisticated technological infrastructure that allows him to film and share his surgeries with other dentists in his practice—or around the world—in real time. His may have been the first dental practice in the country to build in this capability.

When Fugazzotto reflects on his days at GSDM, references to Gerald Kramer pepper those memories—a dedication that he believes is shared by many fellow GSDM graduates. "Many of those I went to school with at BU feel the same as I do about Dr. Kramer. After he left BU, he still felt so responsible for us, his students, that he invited us to continue meeting with him at his home, and we happily did this. I know it sounds trite, but he really was a renaissance man, a philosopher."

Years later, Fugazzotto wrote a monograph on a specialized professional topic. Perhaps not surprisingly, he dedicated the work to his long-ago mentor: "To Dr. Gerald M. Kramer: more than a teacher, a paradigm for life."

Fugazzotto's determination to honor Kramer is part of a bigger picture: strengthening GSDM, and—by extension—the profession. "My uncle always said that life is a bank," he explains, "and you can't keep withdrawing from it without putting something back in." He believes that the prospect of honoring Kramer will help bring many alumni back into the GSDM fold, thereby adding new resources—of time, money, and talent—that can only help to benefit the School over the long run.

Paul Fugazzotto says he always ends his lectures with the same Gerald Kramer quote: "Your definition of success is limited only by your perception of possibility."

It's a summation that applies well to the four philanthropists profiled—and indeed, to the larger world of philanthropy. People who are generous with their time and their money tend to perceive a broad range of



possibilities—some in the here and now, but others far off in the middle or distant future. By so doing, they broaden the definition of success.

Certainly, success is about personal achievement. But it is also about helping others succeed, both today and tomorrow. It's about creating and building great institutions. And yes, it's about building a sustaining culture—a culture of philanthropy—which makes great things possible.

With the support of dedicated philanthropists inside and outside the institution, GSDM is beginning to reap those benefits. And one day soon, these generous givers may have an opportunity to support a new state-of-the-art School building—bricks-and-mortar building blocks for its new culture of philanthropy. ■

"MY UNCLE ALWAYS SAID THAT LIFE IS A BANK, AND YOU CAN'T KEEP WITHDRAWING FROM IT WITHOUT PUTTING SOMETHING BACK IN."

Paul Fugazzotto PERIO 81

BU Launches First-Ever Comprehensive Campaign (and it's for \$1 BILLION!)

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The Campaign for
Boston University

CHOOSE TO BE GREAT

BOSTON UNIVERSITY OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED

its first-ever, full-fledged fundraising campaign over the September 21-23 weekend, amid ceremonies large and small, festive and contemplative. With an overall goal of \$1 billion, the campaign is designed to support almost every aspect of the University's academic work, including scholarships, new faculty, research, and physical improvements.

On Friday, September 21, both the GSDM Dean's Advisory Board and the GSDM Alumni Board met. Both boards had fruitful meetings, and both also enjoyed a Campaign Leadership Luncheon with Dean of the Medical School and Provost of the Medical Campus Karen Antman along with the members of the School of Medicine Dean's Advisory Board and Alumni Association. Although many topics were discussed at these events, the main topic was the Boston University fundraising campaign.

AT A BLACK-TIE CAMPAIGN kick-off dinner on Friday evening, September 21, Campaign Chair and Trustee Kenneth Feld (SMG 70) revealed that more than \$420 million had been raised in the drive's two-year quiet phase. "What a wonderful leap forward for this great institution!" Feld told an audience of some 300, including Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and colleagues from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

Dean Hutter said that the impact of the campaign on the School would be significant. "The support of our alumni in this campaign will be critical to our ability to transform our School," he noted. "It's an unparalleled opportunity to realize our vision for the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine as the premier center of excellence in oral health education, research, and patient care throughout the U.S. and around the world. I will be asking every member of our community to join with us in supporting our School with time, effort, personal philanthropy, and connections to corporate and foundation support as well as individual philanthropists. The money we raise will go toward the funding of our proposed new facility, along with the establishment of endowed professorships and scholarships."

Feld announced that 100 percent of the BU Board of Trustees had already contributed to the campaign and that between the trustees and overseers, more than \$130 million had been pledged.

RECEPTION AT THE FOUR SEASONS HOTEL



(Clockwise from top right) Tina Valades DMD 84, Frank Casarella DMD 88 AEGD 89, and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter; Kelsey George DMD 16 and her mom, friends of Frank Casarella; Tina Valades, Elliott D. Maser PEDO 75, and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter; Mitch Sabbagh DMD 87 and Tina Valades

Going immediately from the BU Campaign Kick-off Gala with several members of his Dean's Advisory Board, Dean Hutter welcomed guests to an elegant evening reception at the Four Seasons Hotel, hosted by him and wife, Kathleen.

Many hugs were exchanged as the guests arrived at the reception hall. There were a grand total of 128 guests, with roughly 50 alums, 40 guests, 25 students, and 12 faculty and staff members (some of whom were also alums).

Dean Hutter was introduced by outgoing President of the GSDM Alumni Board and Clinical Assistant Professor of General

Dentistry Dr. Tina Valades, who recognized the gathered alumni.

Dean Hutter then addressed the audience, speaking about the great strides the School is making to implement the GSDM Applied Strategic Plan, including curriculum improvement, fundraising efforts, and the goal of designing and constructing a new GSDM facility.

Dean Hutter then presented the GSDM Service to the Community Award to Frank P. Casarella DMD 88 AEGD 89: "Dr. Frank P. Casarella received his Doctor of Dental Medicine from Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

in 1988. After receiving his Doctor of Dental Medicine, Dr. Casarella joined the Department of Prosthodontics at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine as a clinical instructor and began a general dentistry practice in Seekonk, Massachusetts. Dr. Casarella held his position at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine through 1992."

Dean Hutter continued: "For the last 10 years, Dr. Casarella—persisting with the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine mission of 'promoting community service to improve the overall health of the global population'—has been active with

Northeast Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity, an organization that includes dentists among other health professionals in providing care to people who cannot afford or obtain it.

"Dr. Casarella has been participating in health care missions to Nicaragua since 2001. This April, he worked with this same organization in Bristol, Tennessee, an event that was covered in a three-day news story by Channel 6 News in Providence, Rhode Island. Dr. Casarella has said that, sadly, the U.S. patients he has seen are as bad off as patients in Central America, in terms of their oral health care needs. Dr. Casarella has plans to continue his missions providing dental service to those in need."

Upon receiving his award, Dr. Casarella briefly addressed the audience. Dean Hutter then presented the second Service to the

Community Award to Elliott D. Maser PEDO 75: "Dr. Maser holds a Doctor of Dental Surgery from Temple University. He received his post-graduate training at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, earning a Master of Science in Dentistry and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Pediatric Dentistry in 1975."

Dean Hutter continued: "Dr. Maser is very active in his local community, both in recreation and charitable outreach. He has worked to support the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in their outreach programs and has also served as the vice president of his synagogue for the last five years."

"Dr. Maser has managed a private practice in pediatric dentistry since 1975 and has held a hospital appointment at Children's Hospital Philadelphia since 1976."

Professor of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Associate Dean for Advanced Education and International Programs Dr. Kilgore—as chair of GSDM's 50th Anniversary Celebration Planning Group—spoke about the upcoming, yearlong Anniversary Celebration of GSDM's 50 years as a dental school.

The program then proceeded with a "passing of the gavel" from President of the Alumni Association Dr. Tina Valades to the incoming president, Dr. Mitch Sabbagh.

Dr. Valades said: "As Alumni Association president and Alumni Board chairperson, it is my honor to pass the gavel to Dr. Mitch Sabbagh. Dr. Sabbagh has been in private practice in New York City since graduating from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 1987 and has been a member of the Alumni Board for over 20

DESSERT RECEPTION



(l-r) Samia Ezzat; Elizabeth Chiribi; Iman Labib DMD 96 ENDO 01 MSD 04; and Director of Alumni Relations Stacey McNamee

and all people with intellectual disabilities. Along with other dental and hygiene schools, GSDM volunteers gave dental screenings and handed out toothbrushes and mouth guards at the Massachusetts Summer Games.

In the award category of Student Engagement, GSDM won for their annual Pre-doctoral Ice Cream Social, sponsored by alums Craig Allen and wife Nicole Paquette. The event helps students, staff, faculty, and a few alumni get to know each other and forge special relationships.

An air of optimism and determination carried forward into Saturday night's "Celebration of BU," held in a transformed Agganis Arena in front of some 2,800 spectators. The Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, under the direction of Keith Lockhart (Hon. 04), provided musical accompaniment as a series of speakers and performers celebrated the growth and accomplishments of BU over more than a century and a half.

Special guests included Kevin O'Connor (GSM 79), Andy Cohen (COM 90), Dean of Students Kenn Elmore (SED 87), Mike Eruzione (SED 77), and CBS News Special Correspondent Erica Hill (COM 98). Peter Fiedler (COM 94), BU's vice president of administrative services—and son of the late Arthur Fiedler (Hon. 51), longtime Pops maestro—took a turn with the baton. Entertainers included Boston University student groups ranging from the Dear Abbeys a cappella group, to the Inner Strength Gospel Choir, to the BU Figure Skating Team, and also featured skaters provided by FELD Entertainment.

To top off an already extraordinary day, Dean and Mrs. Hutter welcomed 60 alumni, family, faculty, and staff to a Dessert Reception at the 930 Commonwealth Avenue Boston University Dental Health Center. Attendees also were provided guided tours of the Dental Health Center by Dr. Margaret Errante, director of the center.

Alumni festivities continued through Sunday.

BU Alumni Weekend 2012 will be one to remember. ■

years. He has also co-managed the successful GSDM NYC Alumni Club with Dr. Maddy Apfel for approximately the past 20 years."

Dr. Valades concluded by saying, "Congratulations, Mitch, I know you will be a great alumni president!"

Dr. Sabbagh took the podium to say that Dr. Valades had "blazed the trail for me to follow in her footsteps." He stated that the next two years would be hard work, but good work and that he looks forward to reaching out to alumni and having alumni reach out to him.

In addition to taking over as president of the GSDM Alumni Association, Dr. Sabbagh has also recently joined the faculty, volunteering his expertise as a clinical instructor of pre-clinical fixed prosthetics in the Department of General Dentistry. As president of the GSDM Alumni Association, Dr. Sabbagh will also join the Dean's Advisory Board. Dean Hutter also thanked Dr. Valades for the outstanding job she did as president of the GSDM Alumni Association and in so doing presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

Dean Hutter closed: "It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to serve as the dean of our Henry M. Goldman School of Dental

"The money we raise will go toward the funding of our proposed new facility, along with endowed Professorships and Scholarships."

Medicine, and Kathleen and I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we go forward in our fundraising campaign."

On Saturday morning—at the Alumni Leadership Advisory Forum Meeting—even more recognition was in store for the GSDM family. The School won in two categories of the Alumni Networks Awards presented at the meeting.

In the award category of Community Service, GSDM won for its Special Olympics Special Smiles mission to increase access to dental care for Special Olympics athletes

CELEBRATION OF BU



(Clockwise from top) Some of the GSDM family; entertainment at Celebration of BU!



The Class Gift



Class of 2012 President **Alisun Kovach**, Vice President **Shivali Gohel**, AS Class of 2012 President **Sathvik Seshadri**, and AS Vice President **Puneet Arora**

AT GSDM, OUR FUTURE ALUMNI ARE ALREADY GIVING. A 70% PARTICIPATION RATE PUTS US HIGHER THAN ANY OF THE 16 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES AT BU!

Starting with the Class of 2010, Doctor of Dental Medicine students have shown record high participation levels—70%—in the Class Gift Program. The program asks graduating DMD students to give a small donation—usually \$20 and change to represent their graduation year—to their soon-to-be alma mater.

The idea is to start a tradition of giving. The number of people who give is more important than the total received.

Upon presenting the first class gift at the 2010 Commencement ceremony, Class President Gary Nord said: “Dentistry is an ever

changing science and the future change depends upon us. We have to give back. We have to give back to our families, to our communities, and to our School. In the spirit of this, the Class of 2010, my class, has decided to make the first class gift in honor of our School, recognizing the amazing gift that the School has given us: the ability to practice dentistry.”

Subsequent classes followed suit. In 2011, Stephanie Trahan and Brad Woland presented a class gift and in 2012, Alisun Kovach, Shivali Gohel, Sathvik Seshadri, and Puneet Arora did the same.

Graduates set a precedent for their faculty and GSDM alumni, who were compelled to give, as well. In 2011, Chief Commencement Marshall and Professor Dr. Carl McManama agreed to match the class gift. This year, Ronald Weissman PROS 77, CEO and founder of Gentle Dental Associates and a member of the Dean’s Advisory Board, agreed to match the graduates’ contributions. Assistant Dean of Students Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92 agreed to match the class gift presented by 2012 graduates of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) and Post-Graduate Operative and Esthetic (PGOE) Programs.

Dr. Calabrese said, “It’s hard to believe that 20 years have passed since I graduated from AEGD. This program means a great deal to me, as I know it does to all of you. Your contributions to your class gift set a precedent for future AEGD classes to give back to a program that gave so much to all of us.”

With the growing success of the Class Gift Program, GSDM looks forward to improving our clinical and educational facilities, supporting new student scholarships, and maintaining a competitive edge in dental education. ■



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Drs. Harold Levin and Seymour Melnick honored

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Message From Alumni Board President Mitchell V. Sabbagh

DEAR FELLOW ALUMNI,

It is with great honor and pleasure that I write to all of you as the new president of our Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association. I would first like to acknowledge Dean Hutter for his strong leadership, as well as his trust. The Alumni Association has grown and will continue to grow in order to support the educational goals of our students, while fostering a continued relationship upon graduation, and as alumni throughout their careers. I would also like to recognize our past president, Dr. Tina Valades, for her wonderful leadership these past two years, and for her continued commitment in furthering the mission of serving our students and alumni.

As a DMD 87 graduate who has served on the Alumni Association Board since 1992, I have witnessed the transformation and improvement that has made it possible for GSDM to become a leading dental school in the world. The continued evolution of our alma mater has been borne from the vision of our predecessors, who in creating the School we call home, designed an adaptive educational program that could be handed down from generation to generation.

Our predecessors have given generously of their time, effort, and money, and their philanthropy and commitment to the profession was instrumental to the development of our School. We have much to be thankful for as we prepare to celebrate 50 years of excellence at GSDM. We were able to earn our degrees and eventual livelihoods from the generosity and support of GSDM by alumni and friends who were dedicated to a future they would never see, but always embraced. It is the future we are enjoying now.

The time has come for us to follow in their footsteps. Our opportunities for success today were built upon the foundation of philanthropy established by our predecessors. The gifts bestowed upon us must be passed on to the next generation of dental professionals privileged enough to be called graduates of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. The responsibility of philanthropy is rewarded with the thought that your gift ensures the betterment of our profession throughout the world.

Best regards,

MITCHELL V. SABBAGH DMD 87
Alumni Board President

"We have much to be thankful for as we prepare to celebrate 50 years of excellence at GSDM."

—Mitchell V. Sabbagh
DMD 87



Dr. and Mrs. Harold Levin (left)
and Dr. and Mrs. Seymour Melnick



Dr. Levin and his family



The late Mrs. Joan Schilder
and Dr. Melnick



Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter presenting
Dr. Melnick with his award

DRS. HAROLD LEVIN AND SEYMOUR MELNICK HONORED AT AAE ALUMNI RECEPTION

The Boston University Endodontic Alumni Association (BUEAA) honored two great mentors and friends at its alumni reception held Thursday, April 19, 2012, during the 2012 annual session of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) in Boston: Harold Levin and Seymour Melnick, both ENDO 62.

The reception, held at the Four Seasons Hotel, boasted one of the largest turnouts yet. This was, undoubtedly, because of the honored guests. Drs. Levin and Melnick had profound influences both professionally and personally on many GSDM alumni and residents.

"The main ballroom was packed to capacity—a testament to the gratitude many of us

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—Iman Labib DMD 94 ENDO 01 MSD 04
BUEAA President

feel toward Drs. Levin and Melnick," said BUEAA President Iman Labib DMD 94 ENDO 01 MSD 04. "We were gracefully honored by the rare presence of Mrs. Schilder that evening, which not only meant a great

deal to many of us, but was also very touching to our honorees."

The program started with Dr. Mani Moulazadeh, who introduced current residents, followed by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter's State of the School. Dean Hutter congratulated the new diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics, Thomas Bianchi ENDO 03, Glenn Eisenhuth ENDO 06, Mani Moulazadeh ENDO 03, and Robert Saylor ENDO 04. Drs. Peter Morgan, Robert Rosenkranz, Alvin Goodman, and Mark Melnick delivered warm speeches on behalf of the alumni and shared some fond memories.

Dean Hutter presented Drs. Levin and Melnick with their awards recognizing them for 50 years of service to the School. The evening concluded with remarks from both of the honorees. ■

ALUMNI SPONSORED BRUNCH FOR DMD 14 AND AS 13 STUDENTS

On July 3, 2012, the GSDM Alumni Association hosted a brunch for the DMD Class of 2014 and the AS Class of 2013 to celebrate the completion of their second year of dental school. The students were in great spirits and looking forward to a much-deserved summer break. To celebrate the important milestone of advancing to the clinical stage of their education, the Alumni Association presented each student with a commemorative GSDM coffee mug.

Outgoing President of the GSDM Alumni Association and Chair of the GSDM Alumni Board Clinical Assistant Professor Tina M. Valades DMD 84 said, "On behalf of the Alumni Association, I would like to congratulate you all on completing your second DMD year and first AS year. You have worked hard during this year of didactic and pre-clinical studies, and can now look forward to entering the clinic to treat patients. I look forward to seeing you in the clinic and wish you all the best as you make this exciting transition." ■



Students wearing the RUN DMD shirts they created

ALUMNI OF THE AEGD PROGRAM REUNITE TO LEARN ABOUT LATEST IN ESTHETICS

On May 11, 2012, Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials hosted the 7th Annual Continuing Education Lecture and AEGD Alumni Reunion at the BU Trustee Ballroom. The topic of this year's lecture was "Pink and White Esthetics: Establishing the Framework for Esthetic Success," presented by Dr. Marc



Alumni of the AEGD program who are now GSDM faculty

L. Nevins. Dr. Nevins' lecture discussed treatment management to obtain esthetic results for anterior dental implant restorations.

In addition to the lecture, the event featured a cocktail reception, vendor displays, and dinner. Similar to past years, the night was also a great opportunity for networking and catching up with old friends and classmates.

"I am delighted to see the kind of response we had this year from alumni and sponsors alike," said Clinical Professor and AEGD Director Dr. John Cassis. "The involvement of both of these groups continues to grow every year and this dinner has now become, in my opinion, one of the most active alumni gatherings at our School."

He continued, "I would like to thank the faculty and staff, who, with the support of the administration, work very hard to make this program one of the shining stars of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine."

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter provided an update as to the status of the projects that the School is currently undertaking. He also added, "I am very pleased to see all of the AEGD alumni in this room. You are a very important part of our GSDM community and I welcome you back to this annual event."

Professor and Chair of Restorative Sciences/Biomaterials Dr. Dan Nathanson also addressed the attendees, saying, "As

always, it was a distinct pleasure to see so many AEGD alumni attend the annual AEGD alumni CE event. I was delighted with the level of participation and the loyalty to the program and School."

He continued, "It was gratifying to hear many success stories from our alumni and to again realize that this year's AEGD graduating class is joining a well-established family of successful and productive professionals—all AEGD alumni." ■

DEEDEE GURIN DMD 97 GROWING HER PRACTICE

GSDM alum, instructor, and APEX mentor Deedee Gurin DMD 97 added an associate, Dr. Sharon Schrott, to her Milton practice in the spring. Gurin opened the practice six years ago.

Dr. Schrott graduated from the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine and holds a Master of Medical Sciences from Harvard School of Dental Medicine. She studied in Geneva, Switzerland, and ran a private practice in Germany before moving to Boston.

Gurin offers digital X-rays and CEREC, which she trains her APEX students like Kelsey Hill DMD 14 to become experts in.

"We have invested in the most sophisticated equipment on the market to give our

patients the peace of mind they deserve," Dr. Gurin said.

Gurin is president of the South Shore District Dental Society and volunteers for the Special Olympics and on dental care missions to Nicaragua. ■

GRADUATES HONORED AT PERIODONTOLOGY & ORAL BIOLOGY RECEPTION

Chair of Periodontology & Oral Biology, Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontology at GSDM, and Professor Dr. Serge Dibart hosted a reception honoring the graduating periodontology and oral biology residents May 25, 2012, at the BU Castle.

The evening featured a cocktail reception, dinner, presentation of awards, and many kind remarks made by the faculty and residents. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter started the evening with welcoming remarks. He said, "I would like to congratulate the graduating residents on their significant achievements. The entire faculty of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontology under the leadership of Dr. Dibart and Director of Oral Biology Research Professor Dr. Phillip Trackman certainly deserve recognition for their commitment to the education of these fine graduates."

The following awards were presented at the reception: Best Resident in Periodontology Award to Cynthia Yee AEGD 08 ORAL BIO 12 (MScD) PERIO 12; Ruben Scholarship to Kiri Chang PERIO 13; the Stallard Research Award to Konstantina Thomadaki PERIO 12; and the Teaching AAP Award to Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Gail McCausland.

Dr. Dibart congratulated the graduates for their impressive accomplishments. He also thanked their families and the faculty and staff of Periodontology & Oral Biology for their dedication to the residents' education.

To the residents, Dibart said, "There is no doubt in my mind that you will be successful in your undertaking as periodontists in private practice or teachers/researchers in academia. You have demonstrated your superior skills and talents during the two Tri-School

Symposia we have hosted this year. You should feel proficient in your chosen discipline. We are proud of you."

Congratulations to the 2012 Periodontology & Oral Biology graduates: Gokay Goktug ORAL BIO 12 (MScD); Robert Gyurko PERIO 12; Paola Andrea Hurtado Buckley ORAL BIO 08 PERIO 12 (CAGS); Wen-Tse Lin PERIO 12 (CAGS) ORAL BIO 12 (MScD); Hesham Nouh ORAL BIO 12 (DS); Zeina Nseir PERIO 12 (CAGS) ORAL BIO 12 (MScD); Kishore Sama PERIO 12 (CAGS) ORAL BIO 12 (MScD); Abdelrouf Otman Suwid PERIO 12 (CAGS) ORAL BIO 12 (MScD); Konstantina Thomadaki PERIO 12; Cynthia Yee AEGD 08 ORAL BIO 12 (MScD) PERIO 12; and Min Zhu ORAL BIO 12 (PhD). ■

WELCOME, DR. SUDHA CHINTA



Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine welcomes the newest member of the Dean's Advisory Board, Dr. Sudha Chinta.

Dr. Chinta owns East Bay Endo Specialists &

Microsurgery, a practice exclusive to endodontics. They are located in Pleasanton, Walnut Creek, and Danville, California. Dr. Chinta practices in Danville.

Dr. Chinta received her BDS in 1992 from the University of Bangalore, India and her DDS in 1996 from the University of the Pacific. She practiced general dentistry in Northern California for several years before attending GSDM's Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics, where she earned a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study. She is a member of the American Association of Endodontists. ■



THOMAS O'CONNOR'S EYE-OPENING JOURNEY TO HAITI

Thomas O'Connor DMD 12 has wanted to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon since before he entered dental school. So he signed on to complete his APEX rotations with Drs. Matthew Monesmith and Kiley Wood, two oral and maxillofacial surgeons in O'Connor's hometown of Jasper, Indiana, and last winter accompanied them on their annual trip to Cap-Haitien and Milo, Haiti.

This mission trip was different from many others that GSDM students participate in—instead of extractions and restorations, O'Connor assisted with cleft palate repair and surgeries to remove tumors and reconstruct jaws. In addition to Drs. O'Connor, Monesmith, and Wood, the group included O'Connor's father, an emergency room doctor; an anesthesiologist; a dermatologist; and two nurses. The group visited the Children of Promise orphanage to examine and treat the 60 young residents and volunteered at the Sacre Coeur Hospital during their week in Haiti.

This is the first time that the group has taken a dental student on the trip. O'Connor jokes that he spent most of the time holding the retractors in surgery, but explains the surgeries they performed with equal parts fascination, excitement, and sadness.

One of the worst cases he saw was a woman with an inoperable facial tumor. The team did everything—including giving her \$300 to travel to Port-au-Prince for a CT scan—but the scan confirmed that, sadly, there was nothing more they could do for her.

"The greatest success on the trip," O'Connor said, "was a surgery on a 14-year-old boy with a bilateral jaw fracture. The fracture happened two months prior and left him only able to chew on two teeth. The doctors re-broke his jaw, got his bite back together, and plated up the bone."

O'Connor continued, "Some people say that these mission trips are only a drop in the bucket, but I think if you change even one person's life you are making a difference. This surgery changed the life of a 14-year-old boy, who with limited access to care, may have lived many more years or even the rest of his life only being able to chew on two teeth."

O'Connor said that he was also inspired by the follow-up cases that they saw. Many of these patients had tumors removed during the group's 2011 trip and returned for jaw reconstruction surgery. "These people have their lives back," O'Connor said. "They no longer have tumors and are all fully functioning."

This was O'Connor's third mission. As an undergraduate, he traveled to Ecuador and Guatemala. Despite his prior experience he said, "This trip was really eye-opening. The poverty and living conditions were so much worse than I had ever seen before. And the

pathologies that we saw in the hospital were like nothing that you would ever encounter in the States because they would get caught much earlier in the U.S."

The trip to Haiti inspired him to become a regular member of this mission team. ■

NIC SNIDER DMD 12 ACCEPTED INTO PRESTIGIOUS NIH RESEARCH PROGRAM

Taylor "Nic" Snider was accepted into the 2012-2013 class of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medical Research Scholars Program. Beginning in July, this comprehensive, yearlong research enrichment program hosts up to 70 of the most creative, research-oriented medical, osteopathic, dental, and veterinary students on the intramural campus of the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. Scholars engage in a mentored basic, clinical, or translational research project in an area that matches their personal interests and goals.

Snider hoped to get involved with a research project that studies craniofacial abnormalities. He has previously completed research related to implants with the help of mentors Hussam Batal and David Cottrell. Findings from both of

these projects were published in the *Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society*.

Snider was inspired to apply because, he says, "I gained excellent research experience at the School of Dental Medicine and it sparked my interest in quantitative research and making contributions to dental research." He continued, "I am excited to design and work on a project that could potentially elucidate causes of a disease that we don't currently know much about."

After completing the program, Snider hopes to pursue a PhD and specialty training in orthodontics.

This program blends elements of two former, highly successful programs, the Howard Hughes Medical Institute-NIH Research Scholars Program and the NIH Clinical Research Training Program. Associate Dean for Research Maria Kukuruzinska points out that this is the first time a student from GSDM has been accepted into this prestigious program (or its preceding programs), and is reason for us, as a School, to be both excited and proud.

Adds Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, "Congratulations to Nic. I am confident that he will represent us well at NIH and that this will be both a meaningful and enriching step toward his ultimate career in dental medicine." ■

ENDODONTIC GRADUATES HONORED FROM THE COUNTRY CLUB TO THE TOP OF THE HUB

On May 17, 2012, residents of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics Class of 2012 celebrated their upcoming graduation with a golf tournament and luncheon at Brookmeadow Country Club and a reception at the Prudential Tower Skywalk in the evening.

Thirty-five people, including residents, faculty, staff, and sponsors teed off on Thursday morning. Organizer and golfer Michael Pauk DMD 10 ENDO 12 led his team to victory and then celebrated at lunch, where raffle prizes were handed out to lucky winners.

Later that evening, the soon-to-be graduates, their families and friends, and faculty and staff gathered at the Skywalk to celebrate the culmination of several years of hard work and post-doctoral study.

Then Director ad interim of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics Dr. Mani Moulazadeh, along with Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and President of the Endodontic Alumni Association Iman Labib DMD 96 ENDO 01 MSD 04, presented congratulatory remarks.

Dr. Moulazadeh said, "Congratulations to all of the graduates and welcome to the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine alumni."

He encouraged the residents to "keep growing; don't let this be the end of your education," and to "consider teaching, achieve board certification, and attend organized dentistry meetings." He also stressed the importance of keeping connected to other endodontic alumni from the School and reaching out to them as resources.

Dean Hutter added, "Congratulations to you all. You have worked hard to reach this point in your professional careers—achieving success in one of the most highly regarded post-graduate endodontic programs in the world. You have also had the opportunity to work with a wonderful teacher and mentor, Dr. Mani Moulazadeh, and I personally thank him for providing you with support and leadership needed to succeed. I'd also like to recognize the families and friends of the graduates—without you our residents wouldn't be here today." ■

Katy Bednar DMD 12 in
Guatemala, 2012



INSPIRED BY FIRST TRIP, KATY BEDNAR DMD 12 RETURNS TO GUATEMALA

Katy Bednar DMD 12 enjoyed her mission trip with Dentistry for All (DFA) to Comitancillo, Guatemala, last fall so much that she returned to Guatemala—this time El Remate—with DFA in March. Bednar traveled with DFA March 8-19, which was the third week of a five-week spring DFA trip. Her group consisted of 18 volunteers, including DFA Co-Director Brad Krusky DMD 97. The group treated both children and adults in a full range of procedures.

Bednar cannot say enough positive things about DFA and her experience. She says, "You never really know how hard you can work until you put yourself in these situations. You see things on these trips that you'd never see at home and you have to figure out a treatment plan; you have to think on your toes."

She gave one example from her most recent trip, "A patient came in with a six-unit anterior gold bridge that was 'pressed-onto' the existing teeth, and through one of the win-

dows cut out from the gold, I could see a root tip. He also had an abscess in need of care. In Guatemala these 'press-on' gold bridges are a status symbol, but people don't understand how bad they are for their teeth. I had to remove it, treat the disease, and then splint the bridge back on from canine to canine so he would have front teeth."

It's crazy scenarios like this that students say make them more skilled and confident treating patients once they return home. And despite the long hours, hard work, and often rural conditions, many of them, like Bednar, can't wait to return.

GSDM alum Stephanie Trahan DMD 11 is another example. Trahan traveled with DFA to Antigua and El Remate, Guatemala, in spring 2011. This year, she used her vacation time from her post-doctoral residency program to volunteer again and participated in the first week of the DFA's 2012 effort. ■

ELEMENTS NO MATCH FOR GSDM GOLFERS

GSDM students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, friends, and sponsors turned out for the second annual ASDA Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 5, 2012. The event was held at the Norwood Country Club in Norwood, Massachusetts. This year, the participants had to work around rain, thunder, and lightning, but still managed to have a fantastic time.

Brian Musselman DMD 11 was the winner of the Putting Contest and Aadil Shamji DMD 13 was the runner-up. They both received tickets behind home plate for the May 8 Red Sox game. The other contests had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather, so instead the prizes were raffled off. Prizes included a range of golf supplies and gift certificates. ■



Participants of the second annual
ASDA Golf Tournament

OMFS GRADUATES HONORED AT VENEZIA

GSDM's Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery hosted a graduation reception on Thursday, June 14, 2012. The reception honored graduates of the residency program who recently earned their Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS). The event, held at

ognized Drs. Donald Booth and David Cottrell for their continued support of the Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and stated, "I would like to congratulate the Oral & Maxillofacial graduates on completing their program. It is certainly a tremendous accom-



Mark Jesin OMFS 12 and Nathan Turley OMFS 12

Venezia Restaurant in Boston, had approximately 70 people in attendance.

The evening started with graduates, faculty, and staff mingling over cocktails, fruit, and cheese and crackers during a social hour before dinner. During dinner, Chair of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Associate Dean for Hospital Affairs Dr. Pushkar Mehra, and Director of Head and Neck Oncology, Director of Residency Training, and Assistant Professor Dr. Andrew Salama presented the Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study to the graduates. Graduates included: OMFS Fourth-Year Residents Dr. Mark Jesin and Dr. Nathan Turley, and from the one-year Internship Program: Dr. Anastasios Sakellariou, Dr. Hafiz Hashnain, Dr. Nisreen Takulla, Dr. Alvin Choi, and Dr. Samson Murgesh Nadar.

In his remarks, Dean Hutter praised Drs. Mehra and Salama along with the OMFS faculty for the outstanding job they are doing, rec-

plishment and they deserve recognition."

Dr. Pushkar Mehra said, "It has been another successful year for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, which would not have been possible without the hard work of our faculty, residents, staff, and part-time volunteers, as well as the support of our alumni. Our graduation dinner is getting bigger and better each year as the department expands, bringing together alumni and our affiliates to forge new relationships and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating residents."

He continued, "I congratulate our residents on their success and wish them all the best as they embark on new endeavors."

Residency Program and Credentialing Coordinator Cheryl Flynn received the Employee of the Year Award and Dr. Mehra earned the Faculty of the Year Award. The department would like to thank corporate sponsor Stryker Leibinger. ■

DR. SCHIANO LEADS GSDM HABITAT FOR HUMANITY TEAM

The GSDM community showed that its giving spirit extends beyond dentistry in May when a group of alums, faculty, and staff led by Frank Schiano CAS 01 DMD 06 AEGD 07 helped build a home in Dorchester for Habitat for Humanity Boston.

The outing was a partnership between Habitat for Humanity and the Boston Collaborative Group of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). Dr. Schiano is on the group's board.

Also putting on their construction hats were Clinical Assistant Professor Chris Pellegrino AEGD 05, Ismael Montane DMD 10, Dental Radiology Technologist Mary Ellen Sholes, Fenway Health's Dr. David Buczak, and MDS Coordinator of District Affairs and Student Events Lisa Davis. The group built and painted two closets, framed and installed two doors, and framed four windows that day!

"It was great to be able to do something for people in need—and a breath of fresh air to volunteer for an event that had little to do with teeth," said Schiano. "No experience was necessary; we just wore our sneakers and a smile!" ■

AEGD AND PGOE RESIDENTS HONORED AT GRADUATION RECEPTION

Clinical Professor and Director of the Dental Health Center and Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Dr. John Cassis hosted a graduation reception in honor of the 2012 graduates of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in General Dentistry (AEGD) and Post-Graduate Operative and Esthetic Program (PGOE). The event was held at the Student Village on Friday, June 22, 2012.

Professor and Chair of the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials Dr. Dan Nathanson also hosted the evening, but was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict with the Annual Meeting of the International Association for Dental Research. He said,



AEGD and PGOE graduates with Director Dr. John Cassis

"Congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments and many thanks for your hard work and dedication to your patients during the length of the program."

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter welcomed the residents, families, faculty, and staff and praised the excellence of the AEGD and PGOE programs, the faculty, and Dr. Cassis. At the reception, Dr. Cassis said, "Your hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm have made you a great general dentist which has made all of us here very proud." He continued, "I congratulate you for your accomplishments and I commend the faculty and staff for their dedication to both programs."

Outgoing President of the GSDM Alumni Association, Chair of the GSDM Alumni Board, and Clinical Assistant Professor Tina M. Valades DMD 84 welcomed the new graduates to the Alumni Association.

The class made contributions toward a class gift, which Assistant Dean of Students and Assistant Professor Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92 agreed to match. He said, "It's hard to believe that 20 years have passed since graduating from AEGD. The foundation that Dr. Janet Peters put together has stood the test of time and now has been strengthened by the great work of Dr. Cassis, who next

year will celebrate his twentieth year as the program director. This program means a great deal to me, as I know it does to all of you. Your contributions to your class gift set a precedent for future AEGD classes to give back to a program that gave so much to all of us."

After dinner, Dr. Cassis announced the names of the graduates of the 2012 AEGD and PGOE programs. Graduates of the AEGD program include: Hamed Alenezi CAS 08 DMD 11 AEGD 12, Alexandra Antonescu DMD 11 AEGD 12, Lindsay Bruneau DMD 11 AEGD 12, Moira Casey AEGD 12, Justin Cifuni GMS 07 DMD 11 AEGD 12, Pablo Duluc Vega AEGD 12, Roxana Hashemian AEGD 12, Flavio Kottar AEGD 12, Miranda Lucht DMD 11 AEGD 12, Lorenzo Mordini AEGD 12, Candace Schoengold AEGD 12, and Leila Zamani CAS 05 DMD 11 AEGD 12.

Graduates of the PGOE program include: Asma Ben Salah PGOE 12, Ahmed Kaddi PGOE 12, and Ali Khiblil PGOE 12.

Dr. Lindsay Bruneau received the AEGD Clinical Excellence Award, and Dr. Hamed Alenezi received the AEGD Clinical Proficiency Award. Dr. Ahmed Kaddi received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Operative and Esthetic Dentistry Program.

Class Representative Dr. Miranda Lucht then spoke. She thanked the faculty and staff for their hard work throughout the year and said that her and her fellow residents' skills had greatly improved as a result of the faculty's dedication. She also spoke about how important each of the residents had become to her.

The graduates presented a slideshow of highlights from their days here at GSDM. They presented Dr. Cassis with two gifts: a framed photo of a waterfall in his home country of Honduras and an engraved iPad. ■

ALUM RETURNS AS NEW DIRECTOR OF DIVERSITY & MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS

New Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs Dr. Larry Dunham joined GSDM on

July 1, 2012, after an extensive national search.

Dr. Dunham will develop and implement strategies and programming to strengthen the diversity of the applicant pool and facilitate enrollment of eligible, highly qualified students who reflect the diversity of the general population.

He will encourage success and retention of enrolled students and nurture interest in and preparation for dental school education in pipe-

line populations. Pipeline populations include underrepresented minorities and economically disadvantaged students.

He will also coordinate advising, retention, and outreach-related services to both current and prospective students with a focus on underrepresented minority populations.



Dr. Larry Dunham

Dr. Dunham reports to Assistant Dean for Admissions Ms. Catherine Sarkis and works closely with Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese.

Dr. Dunham received a DMD from GSDM in 1983. He also holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. He served as an Operative Instructor at GSDM from 1984 to 1998. He has been an APEX preceptor for GSDM since 1999 in his Cambridge office, which he has operated since 1987.

In 1990, he received the Black Achiever Award from the Boston Medical Center and the Greater Boston YMCA. In addition to his U.S. license, he holds a long-term dental license to practice in Barbados, West Indies.

Dr. Dunham has extensive experience with the National Dental Association (NDA). He previously served as treasurer and currently serves as president of the Bay State Chapter of the NDA. He recently traveled to Haiti as part of a five-member team to identify opportunities for the NDA to be of assistance to the National Public Health Care Agenda in Haiti.

He has also traveled to Honduras as a volunteer dentist with Cape Cares. Through his private practice, he has sponsored internships for many students, including those from Nigeria, Haiti, Colombia, and Barbados.

"I am very pleased that Dr. Dunham will be serving in this important role at GSDM," said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. "Please join me in welcoming Dr. Dunham and wishing him every success in his new role." ■



The Class of 2012 with Drs. Christopher Hughes, Jennifer Soncini, Susan Lo, Wendy Cheney, and James Moss



Tom Keeling DMD 14, Ella Botchevar DMD 14, and Martha Neely AS 13 at the Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY TOASTS GRADUATES AT RECEPTION

Professor and Chair of Pediatric Dentistry Dr. Christopher Hughes and Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program (ASEP) in Pediatric Dentistry Dr. Wendy Cheney hosted a reception for 2012 graduates of the ASEP in Pediatric Dentistry at the BU Castle on June 22, 2012.

Offering their well wishes to graduates were Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Outgoing President of the GSDM Alumni Association and Chair of the GSDM Alumni Board Clinical Assistant Professor Tina M. Valades DMD 84, and Dr. Hughes.

Dr. Hughes wished the residents well, gave the residents their certificates, and introduced Dean Hutter and Dr. Valades.

"You have my sincere congratulations on this

tremendous accomplishment," Dean Hutter said. "You should all be proud of the hard work that has brought you through this challenging program. And, of course, I would like to thank Professor and Chair Dr. Christopher Hughes and Director of the ASEP in Pediatric Dentistry Dr. Wendy Cheney for the expertise and guidance they provided you along the way."

Dr. Valades said, "It is an honor to participate in your graduation celebration. This program is well-respected both nationally and internationally. That is something of which you can be very proud. I wish you the best as you move on to the next step after graduation." She also encouraged the new alumni to stay updated on School news by visiting the website or calling Alumni Relations and attending upcoming alumni events.

East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and Franciscan Hospital for Children, clinical partners of the pediatric dentistry program, presented certificates of appreciation to each of the graduating residents.

Graduates include: Ibtihal Al-Amoudi, Tyler Wood Davis DMD 10, Amy Lee Fugate, Jungwon Joun, Breno Rabelo Reboucas DSc ORAL BIO 07, Shrenik Mukesh Shah CAS 07 DMD 10, Michael Posada DMD 13, Erik James Smith, and Justin Lee VanBibber. ■

LARGE VOLUNTEER TURNOUT AT 2012 SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPECIAL SMILES®

Students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) returned to Harvard University's Athletic Complex on June 16, 2012, to volunteer for the Healthy Athletes® Special Smiles® initiative at the Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games.

More than 150 people volunteered from area dental and hygiene schools, including those at Bristol Community College, Cape Cod Community College, Forsyth, Harvard, Middlesex Community College, Mount Ida College, Mount Wachusett Community College, Tufts, Springfield Technical Community College, and GSDM, which had 39 volunteers. Volunteers offered toothbrushes, mouth guards, and dentist referrals to hundreds of young athletes.

"It was a pleasure for Kathy and me to participate in Special Smiles and we are so very proud of the students who volunteered their time to participate in this very worthwhile event," Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter said. "I also want to recognize the hard work that Director of Alumni Relations Stacey McNamee puts forth each year in organizing Special Smiles."

Senior Global Clinical Adviser to Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Special Smiles and GSDM Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry Steve Perlman PEDO 76 worked with Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver to start the program in 1993. ■

STUDENTS BOND DURING MEXICAN MISSION TRIP

Four fourth-year DMD students who didn't know each other very well boarded a plane together in early March, headed to Mexico, and returned a week later as the best of friends. The students—John Keyes, Kimberley Ung, Vera Chernomordik, and Oshin Anjirghooli—joined team leader Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Frank Schiano and Ismael Montane DMD 10 AEGD 11 on this Project Stretch dental mission to Teacapan,

Mexico, where they bonded while providing dental care to local children.

This is the first time Dr. Schiano led the trip, although he has been a volunteer several times before. This is also the first time that six people capable of serving as dentists were sent at the same time and this enabled the group to treat more children than ever before. Dr. Schiano estimates that they treated 350 patients, placed 1,079 sealants, and performed 40 extractions and approximately 200 operative procedures. They also applied fluoride varnish to all patients' teeth. On one of the days they placed 270 sealants—a Project Stretch record.

Ismael Montane DMD 10 AEGD 11, Vera Chernomordik DMD 12, Kimberley Ung DMD 12, Frank Schiano CAS 01 DMD 06 AEGD 07, Oshin Anjirghooli DMD 12, and John Keyes DMD 12

The team had access to the Project Stretch equipment, which included two chairs. With so many capable people on the trip and only two dental chairs, the students worked in pairs and took turns. Ung and Chernomordik often practiced four-handed dentistry and Keyes and Anjirghooli—who are left-handed and right-handed, respectively—switched off between dentist and assistant roles based on which side of the mouth a patient needed treatment on. Drs. Schiano and Montane also treated patients, but worked more in teaching and supervisory roles, which the students say enabled them to learn a great deal on the trip.

The students had all worked with Dr. Schiano at the Dental School prior to the trip, but say they were able to learn new skills from him in the field. Chernomordik said, "I enjoyed working closely with Dr. Schiano. He works quickly, yet still took the time to demonstrate techniques to us. I really learned a lot from him."





(counter clockwise from top left) Eric Grigsby MED 84, Mary Rocca DMD 84, and Mrs. and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter; Suri Chinta, Sudha Chinta ENDO 09, and Saeid Malboubi PERIO 09; Ana Maria Antoniu DMD 04 and Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations Kevin Holland



In turn, Dr. Schiano was also very impressed by the students and their commitment to this mission. Before the trip even began, the students attended the Yankee Dental Congress in January, met vendors, and gathered donations. They also brought toys and gifts for the children.

Dr. Schiano added, "It was really special for me to see how rewarding this trip was for the students. It made me remember my first Project Stretch trip and why I keep coming back."

The students all agreed the trip exceeded expectations. Everyone hopes to return to Teacapan in the future.

Said Keyes, "We don't see patients like this at school, so this was a great new experience for me. The experience I gained on this trip gave me the confidence to be able to treat any basic pediatric case."

Added Anjirghooli—who was initially apprehensive about treating children, "We treated a range of children all the way from happy to crying. We also developed our critical-thinking skills, when faced with the decision of which teeth to restore in each patient.

Without a radiograph I can now easily identify baby versus permanent teeth. I would say overall my confidence level went from 0 to 95 in all dentistry, especially pediatric dentistry."

Chernomordik said, "This trip gave me an appreciation for pediatric dentistry. And now that I am back at school, I notice how much quicker and more confident I am in all aspects of treatment, which is great for both me and my patients."

ALUMNI COUPLE HOSTS SECOND NAPA RECEPTION

Mary Rocca DMD 84 and her husband, Eric Grigsby MED 84, welcomed School of Dental Medicine and School of Medicine alumni back to their Napa Valley home for the second consecutive year on Saturday, June 9, 2012, for a wine reception.

Dr. Rocca runs the Rocca Family Vineyards, which produces highly praised wines. Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter and School of Medicine Dean Karen Antman mingled with

Bay Area alumni, including Edward Agyekum DMD 90, Sudha Chinta DMD 09, Prescilla Livingston DMD 90, and Saeed Malboubi DMD 09. Fellow classmate and then Alumni Board President Tina Valades DMD 84 also attended.

"It was a delight to be welcomed yet again into the home of Drs. Rocca and Grigsby," said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, "and to reconnect with other alumni from the Napa area."

STUDENTS GAIN MENTORS AND VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE IN RIO SAN JUAN

A student's learning experience at dental school can be greatly enhanced by a good mentor. Fourth-year GSDM student Tim Smith recently encountered such a mentor on a mission trip to Rio San Juan, Nicaragua with the San Juan Rio Relief Organization. Dr. Chris Cannon and his brother Dr. Matt Cannon—both pediatric dentists from Iowa—have been organizing this annual mission trip for several years. Smith joined the mission this year with his fellow classmate and friend, Matt Kramer DMD 12, and Assistant Director of Extramural Programs Kathy Held.

Smith and Kramer were each paired with one of the Cannon brothers as the group, 19 volunteers in total, treated 519 dental patients. The students saw only children, but adults were seen by some of the Nicaraguan dentists who were part of the volunteer group. The students performed mainly extractions and employed the adequate restorative technique (also known as ART or "fujis"). The group tallied 511 extractions and 351 "fujis" successfully completed during the weeklong trip.

Held, who traveled with Dr. Chris Cannon to Nicaragua years ago to scout the area before this trip was created, was excited to return and act as an assistant for the now-established volunteer effort. She added, "This was a great group. Everyone who signed up for this trip was on a mission to help people." She continued, "The students also received excellent mentoring on this trip. It was really fantastic for them to receive one-on-one guidance from such established pediatric dentists."

Smith, who has already been accepted to a post-doctoral pediatric dentistry program, really identified with mentor Dr. Chris Cannon. Both are from a large family, with numerous brothers and only one sister. Smith's older brother is also a practicing pediatric dentist. He hopes that he will be able to return to Rio San Juan on future mission trips, and next time get his brother involved, too.

Smith added, "This trip was so much more than I expected. After treating so many children I feel more confident entering my post-doctoral program. Working with the Drs. Cannon I learned coping mechanisms for treating children who are crying or upset. I learned when to soothe a child patient, when to be stern, and when to have fun with the patient."

Kramer, who is not planning to pursue pediatric dentistry as a specialty, still said that he had an amazing experience. He added, "This trip really allowed me to see how important dentistry is. In Rio San Juan we saw a need for oral health care that is not being met; these children's teeth have a lot of problems, problems that you wouldn't see in an area with better access to care. That level of basic oral health is something that we often take for granted."

Held also emphasized what hard workers both students were. She said, "The guys did a fantastic job. I was amazed by their treatment planning; they addressed every issue in each patient."

Oftentimes on mission trips the volunteers must prioritize the needs of each patient and are only able to treat the most pressing, due to a large volume of patients and limited time. But on this trip the volunteers somehow made the time to treat all issues. Smith said in one child's mouth he extracted six teeth and restored four using ART. Kramer said he came close to treating ten teeth in one patient as well.

But Held took this "address every issue" mentality even one step further. Prior to the trip she organized a shoe drive and received and transported two suitcases full of children's shoes and another suitcase full of toothbrushes to Rio San Juan, which she passed out to the children who were treated, many of whom had arrived barefoot.

YOU'VE BEEN HEARD—THE 2012 ALUMNI SURVEY IS IN!

WHO YOU ARE:

- 73% ARE IN PRIVATE PRACTICE
- 6% ARE IN LARGE-GROUP PRACTICE (6+ DENTISTS)
- 17% ARE FACULTY AT A DENTAL SCHOOL
- 3% WORK IN A COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER
- 2% ARE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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In 2012-13, we'll sponsor GSDM alumni receptions at the AAE, AAO, ADA, AAP, ACP, NESO, ADEA, and CDA, as well as Quintessence and the Thomas P. Hinman Dental Meeting. We'll also have alumni events in Florida, California, and Toronto!

Did you know that there is a University Alumni Directory? It's available at www.bu.edu/alumni/connected/directory.

Did you know we're constantly on the road visiting our alums in every region? Meet with us, and we'll help connect you to your fellow alums in your area!

Did you know that it's now free for alums to post career opportunities on the Dental Career Network?

Did you know that we have a very active Study Club in NYC just celebrating its 20th year, and that the Alumni Association picks up the tab for new GSDM graduates?

THE RAFFLE WINNERS: It's time to announce the winners of the raffle that ran concurrently with the Alumni Survey conducted by Development and Alumni Relations.

There were two prizes. The second place winner of an Apple iPad is Dr. Karen Crowley, who graduated from our Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program in 1986.

The first prize winner of an all-expenses paid trip to Boston to attend Alumni Weekend is Dr. Robert Dubanski (right). Dr. Dubanski received his DMD degree from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 1986.



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On The Road

with Director of Development
Kimberley Branca



Kimberley and **Burton Langer PERIO 66** at his private practice on Fifth Avenue in New York City. On September 10, 2012, Dr. Langer was the Schoolman Lecturer for the residents in the Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology.



Director of Development Kimberley Branca and **Paul Fugazzotto PERIO 81**, Milton, MA



Stacey McNamee and Kimberley Branca, directors of Alumni Relations and Development respectively



John Lindsay PERIO 81 at his private practice in Boca Raton, Florida



Mitch Sabbagh DMD 87, GSDM Alumni Association president, and Kimberley in New York City



Nancy Ekelman PERIO 91 at her private practice in New York City



Guido Riess and Kimberley in April 2012. Dr. Riess of Munich, Germany, is an esteemed visiting clinical research professor in the GSDM Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. He has been a loyal supporter and friend to the School for nearly 30 years. Dr. Riess recently pledged \$100,000 to GSDM.



(l-r) **Phil Melnick PERIO 81**, Kimberley, **Conrad Sack DMD 83**, and **Araxie Yetenekian-Gettas DMD 86** on the campus of UCLA in June 2012



John Gallardo PERIO 94 and Kimberley at Dr. Gallardo's private practice in Miami, Florida



Abhishek Mogre DMD 06 OMFS 11, Manteca, California. Dr. Mogre has joined the GSDM Executive Circle leadership giving society



Kimberley visits **William Falla ORTHO 66** at his orthodontics practice on Cape Cod



Larry Sylva ENDO 91, Pinole, California



Harold Turner PEDO 71 of Delray Beach, Florida, appreciated a visit from Kimberley in February 2012



Kimberley and **Farshid Ariz DMD 89 PERIO 91** at his private practice in Brentwood, California



Kimberley and **Gayle Wood PERIO 89** at Dr. Wood's private practice in Manhattan Beach, California



DR. STEVE PERLMAN INDUCTED INTO THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS HALL OF FAME

Dr. Steve Perlman was inducted into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame on September 27, 2012, at Special Olympics Headquarters in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

For the past 32 years, Dr. Steve Perlman PEDO 76—an associate clinical professor of pediatric dentistry at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine—has devoted much of his private practice as well as his teaching to the treatment of children and adults with physical and intellectual disabilities.

In 1993, Dr. Perlman founded the Special Olympics Massachusetts Healthy Athletes® Special Smiles® program. He now serves as clinical director and senior global clinical advisor for Special Smiles. The first Special Smiles screening was conducted at the Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) Summer Games. The program now holds more than 150 events each year, taking place in every state in the United States and in 40 countries.

Robert A. Johnson, President & CEO of SOMA, presided over the Special Olympics Hall of Fame ceremony. “This evening is about paying deep respect and profound appreciation to those who have shown their

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—Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter

determination, dedication, and loyalty to our athletes and our program,” said Dr. Johnson. He continued, “The compelling stories of all the award recipients will humble you and inspire you. Their stories of compassion, bravery, victory, and yes, generosity, will help us all to better understand and appreciate why Special Olympics continues to grow in every imaginable way.”

Dr. Perlman has been involved in many initiatives to improve and give access to oral health care for people with disabilities. Among these include being the past president and fellow of the Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities, the past president

(l-r) Boston University School of Medicine (MED) Executive Director for Educational Media and Technology and longtime Special Smiles volunteer Domenic Screnci Jr., EdD; MED Director of Educational Media and longtime Special Smiles volunteer Lucy Milne; Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame Member and Global Messenger Melissa Reilly; Honoree Steve Perlman PEDO 76; and GSDM Director of Alumni Relations and longtime Special Smiles volunteer Stacey McNamee

(below l-r) President & CEO of Special Olympics Massachusetts Robert A. Johnson, Honoree Dr. Steve Perlman, and Special Olympics Massachusetts Hall of Fame Member and Global Messenger Melissa Reilly



for the Massachusetts Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a diplomat of the American Board of Special Care Dentistry, cofounder of the American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry, and former advisor to the President’s Committee for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities.

“Dr. Perlman’s commitment to providing care and access to care to people with disabilities is inspiring and we are all supportive of his efforts and congratulate him on his induction into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. He continued, “There is an enormous need out there and I am very proud that GSDM and many of our alumni have a long history of taking the lead and addressing this problem.”

In 2008, Special Olympics honored Dr. Perlman with a special Lifetime Global Leadership Award in promoting human dignity. He was one of 12 individuals honored, including Nelson Mandela, Deng Pu Fang, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Vanessa Williams, Yao Ming, and Nadia Comaneci. Dr. Perlman’s lifetime loyalty to Special Olympics athletes and their health is incredibly admirable. ■

class notes



Members of the BU Italian Alumni Association



Robin Feltoon DMD 89 (left) and Courtney Brady DMD 11



(l-r) Alec Forbes DMD 14, Lt. Daniel Forbes, Lt. Derrick Call DMD 12, and Assistant Dean of Students Joseph Calabrese

1 The GSDM Italian Alumni Association held a meeting in July and another with the Italian alumni of Tufts University.

Mahesh Sadhnani DMD 12 was one of 12 students nationwide awarded the ADEA Johnson & Johnson Healthcare Products Preventive Dentistry Scholarship earlier this year. The scholarship supports pre-doctoral students who have demonstrated academic excellence in preventive dentistry. As a winner of this scholarship, Dr. Sadhnani traveled to the 2012 American Dental Education Association Annual Session & Exhibition, held in Orlando, Florida, in March.

The GSDM Lambda Mu Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society (OKU) held

its 5th annual OKU Induction Ceremony on May 10, at the BU Trustee Ballroom. The induction was presided over by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and OKU Chapter President Dr. Stephen Polins and Secretary Ms. Catherine Sarkis. Students inducted into OKU included: Shruti Apte, Jessica Leigh Bogucki, Vera Chernomordik, Mark Paul Cipolla, Evan Ross Cohen, John Joseph Costandi, Shivali Narendra Gohel, Mark William Hartzler, Jun Hyuk Hwang, Sheede Khalil Ciccarese, Fatima Khan, Ryota Kikuchi, Sara Lalani, Jaeseop Lee, Jong Jin Lee, Sarah Naghibi, Shivani Tapan Patel, Chad E. Rebhun, Lillelenny Santana Gutierrez, Robert Logan Schmidt, Kinnar Rameshchandra Shah, Aida Soroori Ebadi, Betty Suh,

and Kimberley Ung. Faculty inductees were Drs. Pushkar Mehra and Tina Valades.

2 Courtney Brady DMD 11 joined the practice of **Robin Feltoon DMD 89** in July after finishing her residency at the University of Florida.

3 Assistant Dean of Students **Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92** and **Alex Forbes DMD 14** attended a naval ceremony in Newport, Rhode Island, for **Lt. Daniel Forbes, Dental Corps, United States Navy**, who is completing an AEGD residency at Norfolk Naval Base, Virginia, and **Lt. Derrick Call DMD 12, Dental Corps, United States Navy**, who is completing an AEGD residency at Naval Dental Center Camp in Pendleton, California.

Lindsay Bruneau DMD 11 AEGD 12 has joined the practice of Drs. Peter Garofoli and Myles Heffernan Jr. in South Lancaster, Massachusetts.

Payam Matin DMD 11 opened an Aspen Dental location in Bloomington, Illinois, on August 16, 2012. After attending GSDM, he completed a one-year general practice residency at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois.

Marc Jones DMD 10 completed a two-year pediatric dental residency at Louisiana State University, which is affiliated with Children’s Hospital of New Orleans, in June 2012.

Kevin Nietzer DMD 10 completed a pediatric residency in June 2012 and

started practicing in Kona, Hawaii.

Kerry Dove DMD 09 completed a residency in pediatric dentistry at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill this year and now works at Duke Pediatric Dentistry in Durham, North Carolina.

Ronit Antebi-Hadar DMD 09 PEDO 07 opened Lexington Pediatric Dental in 2010.

4 Loubna Chehab Pal ENDO 08 and her husband Philip welcomed their third son, Lance Joseph, on July 12, 2012. He joins big brothers Ian and Alec.

Kevin Acone DMD 07 is engaged to Goli Mostoufi.

Elizabeth DiBona DMD 07 and Assistant

Professor **Ramzi Sarkis DMD 02 ENDO 05** received the Fellowship Award from the Academy of General Dentistry in the summer of 2012. To earn this award, dentists must earn at least 500 continuing education course hours and pass a 250-question exam.

Zhaomin Hung DMD 07 opened a practice in Dublin, California, in June and the practice is growing steadily.

Mani Moulazadeh DMD 00 AEGD 01 ENDO 03, Thomas Bianchi ENDO 03, Robert Saylor ENDO 06, and Glen Eisenhuth ENDO 06 were honored as diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics (ABE) at the 2012 Louis I. Grossman Luncheon held during the AAE Annual Session in Boston.

class notes



The Pal boys



Elaine and father James Wu OMFS 97



Children waiting for dental treatment in Moldova



The Kay family

Joe Chikvashvili ENDO 05 has been the director of endodontics at Beth Israel Medical Center in Newark, New Jersey (GPR Program) since 2006. He is president of the Essex County Dental Society and a board member of District II Endodontists (NY, NJ, CT, and RI).

Jackeline Argandona DMD 03 AEGD 99 moved to Chicago.

Jenny Chong DMD 01 is married to Robert Loo with two children: Justin, 6, and Jonathan, 4.

Paul Bianchi ENDO 00 recently passed the boards and will be receiving his pin at the AAE Meeting in Honolulu next spring.

Robert Malonso DMD 99 and **Jessica Villaluz Malonso DMD 01** of Malonso

Family Dental were voted by the readers of the *San Jose Mercury News* as the Best Dentists in Silicon Valley in 2012. They say they are "surprised, honored, and proud to be BU-educated and -trained."

Tarun Jhamb DMD 98 AEGD 99 moved and expanded his Dedham Aspen Dental practice in June. He is now located at 162 Providence Highway in a 4,400 square foot space with nine treatment rooms for general dentistry and dentures.

The MDS appointed **Badrieh Edalatpour PEDO 97 DMD 99** a guest board member in the spring. In this role, Dr. Edalatpour will participate in several board meetings throughout the year.

Priya D. Kothari DMD 97 completed

a pediatric dental residency in 2007 at Temple Children's Hospital. She recently opened her own state-of-the-art pediatric practice. Visit her online at www.kidsworlddentistry.com.

Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 01 opened a new office in Franklin, Massachusetts. Snow Hill Dental provides general and cosmetic dentistry with a strong emphasis on the connection between oral and systemic health and the use of dental implants to improve patients' facial esthetics and stomatognathic function.

James Wu OMFS 97 and his daughter, **Elaine Wu CAS 15** went on a dental mission to Moldova May 11-19, 2012, to treat children in state-run orphanages. Elaine

was her father's personal surgical assistant for the week as they worked in one converted classroom in each of the four orphanages they visited. They treated more than 300 children. James says, "I told Elaine that if working in those conditions did not deter her from dentistry, then nothing would."

Nibaldo P. Morales DMD 94 is president-elect of the South Florida Academy of General Dentistry.

Farshid Ariz DMD 89 PERIO 91 was a guest lecturer for periodontology students at GSDM on April 23, 2012. Dr. Ariz's lecture, "Soft Tissue & Dental Implants" gave insights into the various stages of the dental implant process. Dr. Ariz is a part-time clinical instruc-

tor of Advanced Periodontics at the Ostrow School of Dentistry at the University of Southern California. He maintains a solo periodontology practice in Brentwood, California, and is a member of a multispecialty practice in Northridge, California.

Michael B. Ferguson DMD 89 AEGD 90 coauthored the book *Clinical Cases in Prosthodontics*, which was recently translated into Spanish. Look for *Casos Clinicos en Prostodoncia*.

Edward Kahn DMD 89 has two sons who are competitive gymnasts. The youngest qualified for the Junior Olympics in Cincinnati.

Thomas E. Lenhart DMD 90 is celebrating his 22nd year of

practice in dentistry and 18th year as an anesthesiologist.

Janice T. Keefe DMD 88 PROS 90 invites alumni to visit her website at www.keefeprosthodontics.com.

Martyn S. Green PERIO 89 was appointed associate professor of periodontics at Loma Linda University.

Jennifer Litton-Navasero ENDO 87, 88 had been practicing in Asia (Philippines and Singapore) since 2005 but moved to the Bay Area in August. Her oldest daughter is a dental student at UCSF.

Araxie Yetenekian-Gettas DMD 86 joined the Dean's Leadership Giving Society in honor of her nephew, Joseph Kabakhian DMD 12. Dr. Yetenekian-

Gettas presented her nephew his diploma on graduation day.

Eugene Bass DMD 84 is assistant clinical professor at NYU College of Dentistry.

Edgar Alb DMD 82 has three beautiful children: Josh, 15, Sarah, 14, and Hannah, 12. He says they are his "inspiration" and "reason for being."

Bill Kay PROS 82 is a grandfather! Jake Hunter Fishman was born to his daughter Alicia and her husband Scot on February 8, 2012, and weighed 7 lb. 15 oz. Bill's son Jeremy graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Dental School in May 2012, and continued on for prosthodontics at NYU. The Kay family sure has a lot to celebrate!

At the March ADEA Annual Session held in Orlando, Florida, ADEA graduated its Leadership Institute Class of 2012 including **Ronni Schnell DMD 81**.

Donald Yu ENDO 81 is busy practicing in Edmonton, Canada, with his "BU-YU" family: Charles Yu, Donald Yu, Henry Yu, Jason Yu, Leon Yu, Jessica Yu, Eric Kwan, Robyn Reiter, Karen Cheng, and Henry Shum.

Kathy Torpey Garganta RDH MS 80 has been promoted to associate vice president of enrollment services at Bristol Community College.

The University of Maryland School of Dentistry honored **Roy L. Eskow PERIO 76** as the 2012 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year in June.

Gerardo Grinberg ORTHO 79 will be a delegate for the Mexican golf team in the Maccabi Games in Israel in 2013.

Rahmat Nassi PROS 79 launched a website for his practice in July, www.drnassi.com.

Jose R. Prieto-Hernandez PERIO 70 is retired and living in Spring Hill, Florida.

In Memoriam

Dr. William J. Pendergast died peacefully at home on August 17, 2012. He was 93.

Born in Boston, he was raised in Dedham and lived in Weston before retiring to Marion.

Dr. Pendergast served as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he met his wife, Betty, who was also a Navy officer.

Dr. Pendergast was a founding faculty member of Boston University Graduate School of Dentistry. He taught at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine as well.

He was a past chair of the American Council of Dental Therapeutics, a past president of the American Academy of Dental Science, and a diplomate of the American Academy of Periodontology. He practiced periodontology in Boston and Weston for more than 40 years.

He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Mattapoisett and a member of the Kittansett Club, the Neighborhood Club of Quincy, and the Gridiron Club of Boston.

He is survived by two sons, David of Dover, Massachusetts, and Peter of Boston; two daughters, Beth of New York City and Julie of Washington, D.C.; a sister, Joy Hale, of Glastonbury, Connecticut; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was the husband of the late Betty M. (McCarthy) Pendergast and the father of the late William J. "Penny" Pendergast, Jr.

You may make donations to the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or the Macular Degeneration Association at P.O. Box 20256, 420 Beach Rd., Sarasota, FL 34276.

Kenneth Mark Wortman ENDO 72 of Coral Springs, Florida, died on July 9, 2012, after a long battle with lung cancer.

He was born on October 4, 1942, in Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Wortman attended Brooklyn College and Temple University School of Dentistry before serving as a captain in the U.S. Army. He earned his degree in endodontics at GSDM in 1972 and went on to practice his specialty in Florida for almost 40 years.

He is remembered as a great family man and friend. He is survived by wife, Laurie; daughters Samantha and Tara and her husband, David; sons Glenn and Steven and his wife, Carolyn; five grandchildren, Audrey, Josh, Eden, Ryan, and Drew; a sister, Jo Ellen, and her husband, Butch; a niece, Beth, and her husband, Adam; and a nephew, Jack.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 2013 EVENTS

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| FEBRUARY 1..... | KICK-OFF 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION RECEPTION AT YANKEE DENTAL CONGRESS..... | BOSTON, MA |
| FEBRUARY..... | ALUMNI RECEPTION..... | BOCA RATON, FL |
| MARCH 8..... | ALUMNI RECEPTION..... | SCOTTSDALE, AZ |
| MARCH 16..... | ALUMNI RECEPTION..... | SEATTLE, WA |
| APRIL 10..... | DONALD F. BOOTH EDUCATION DAY & RETURN TO RESIDENCY PROGRAM..... | BOSTON, MA |
| APRIL 11..... | RECEPTION AT THE CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING..... | ANAHEIM, CA |
| APRIL..... | GLOBAL DAYS OF SERVICE..... | WORLDWIDE |
| APRIL 18..... | RECEPTION AT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS ANNUAL SESSION..... | HONOLULU, HI |
| MAY..... | AEGD ALUMNI RECEPTION..... | BOSTON, MA |
| MAY 5..... | RECEPTION AT THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS ANNUAL SESSION..... | PHILADELPHIA, PA |
| MAY 17-19..... | COMMENCEMENT WEEKEND..... | BOSTON, MA |
| MAY 23-26..... | RECEPTION AT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY ANNUAL MEETING..... | ORLANDO, FL |
| JUNE 5..... | RECEPTION AT THE INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON PERIODONTICS & RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY..... | BOSTON, MA |
| AUGUST 15-17..... | RECEPTION AT THE CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING..... | SAN FRANCISCO, CA |
| SEPTEMBER 28-30..... | RECEPTION AT THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY ANNUAL MEETING..... | PHILADELPHIA, PA |
| OCTOBER 2-6..... | ENDODONTIC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING..... | QUEBEC CITY, CANADA |
| OCTOBER 16..... | OFFICIAL 50TH BIRTHDAY OF GSDM..... | BOSTON, MA |
| OCTOBER 24..... | GERALD M. KRAMER PERIODONTOLOGY SYMPOSIUM..... | BOSTON, MA |
| OCTOBER 25-27..... | ALUMNI WEEKEND..... | BOSTON, MA |
| OCTOBER 25..... | ORTHODONTIC MINI-RESIDENCY FOR GSDM ORTHODONTIC ALUMNI..... | BOSTON, MA |
| OCTOBER 26..... | ANTHONY A. GIANELLY ORTHODONTIC SYMPOSIUM..... | BOSTON, MA |
| OCTOBER 30-NOVEMBER 3..... | RECEPTION AT THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SESSION..... | NEW ORLEANS, LA |
| NOVEMBER 4..... | ANTHONY JONG AWARDS CEREMONY DURING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING..... | BOSTON, MA |
| NOVEMBER 28..... | ASSOCIAZIONE CULTURALE PER LA PARODONTOLOGIA E IMPLANTOLOGIA..... | FLORENCE, ITALY |
| NOVEMBER 30..... | RED HOT HOCKEY: BU VS. CORNELL..... | NEW YORK, NY |

LOOK FOR DETAILS ON OTHER EVENTS, INCLUDING THOSE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, EUROPE, AND ASIA, TO COME SOON!

Staying Connected to GSDM



Associate Dean for Advanced Education & International Programs Dr. Thomas Kilgore

→ In 2013, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of our School and we are planning a fun, yearlong celebration. Since Dean Hutter asked me to chair the working group to organize the celebration of our 50th anniversary, I've enjoyed reflecting on where we are and all that has happened since Henry Goldman generated the idea of starting a Division of Stomatology in the Department of Medicine at Boston University Medical School. That was in 1958. Knowing Henry (and I did get to work with him for several years) he already had a pretty clear vision even then of how the School would evolve.

When we actually became a dental school 49 years ago in October of 1963, there were a small handful of dedicated faculty who were putting together some of the most outstanding post-doctoral programs in the world. Some of the specialties were fairly new—Goldman essentially invented the field of periodontology.

Very quickly, the work of several of our early stars—Goldman, Frankl, Schilder, Gianelly, Booth, Kramer, Jong, Sinibaldi, and several others—brought us a national and international reputation. We very quickly became well known for scientific and clinical excellence in the specialties and as innovators in dental research. I wonder how many of us know that our former dean, Spencer Frankl, led the investigative studies showing the effectiveness of fluoride in the prevention of dental decay.

It is also fun to think about how we have grown physically, from a couple of offices in the Talbot Building, to an ugly brownstone tenement building on East Newton Street and

then to our current building which originally was only three stories. With the development of our DMD programs, the top four stories were built in the early 70s. Now we are virtually all over the Medical Campus and on the verge of growing more.

When I came to the School in 1973, we weren't known very well in the neighborhoods of Boston. Now we have, clearly, the most comprehensive community service programs, in the state and several other academic and community service programs that literally span the globe. We have the largest federal grant in the U.S. for the dental care of patients with HIV/AIDS. Since 2001, we have led the Northeast Center for Research to Evaluate & Eliminate Dental Disparities (CREEDD). In addition to its research projects, the center serves as both a regional and a national resource in efforts at eliminating oral health disparities.

In spite of our accomplishments, we are still progressive, young, and vital. Dean Hutter has a vision for the School that is dynamic and forward-looking. Our Applied Strategic Planning process encompasses all aspects of our programs, our community, and our GSDM family.

Our 2013 celebration is just beginning and will really kick off in a big way at our traditional Alumni Reception at the Yankee Dental Congress on February 1, 2013. However, we have a full agenda of celebratory events that will involve our whole family—students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends. Our Planning Group consists of:

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We'll keep you all informed as our plans for 2013 progress. ■

Tom Kilgore

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