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Dear Alumni and Friends,

There is something new and exciting happening at our School. Along with the expected hustle and bustle of our faculty, staff, students, residents and patients inside the building, there are now individuals outside wearing hard hats. After many years of fruitful planning, which included developing a comprehensive applied strategic plan for the School, as well as master facility plans for both the School and the Boston University Medical Campus, construction is underway!

As alumni and supporters, you have all played a role in how we approached this project. First and foremost was the understanding that we were building upon a remarkable foundation of achievement and a global reputation created by you. What is even more impressive is that these feats were accomplished in a challenged and dated facility. With our addition/expansion and renovation construction project, our physical space will now truly represent and enhance our efforts as we ‘right size’ our facility.

In order for the School to remain open to provide education and patient care, the construction will be accomplished in four phases with the first milestone being a completely transformed basement, first floor and new patient entrance located on Albany Street; our new address will be 635 Albany St. When we open the new first floor this coming fall, you will see our physical environment truly match our mission: providing superlative oral healthcare in a warm inviting setting. The new patient entrance and main waiting area, filled with light and comfortable seating, will be solely dedicated to incoming patients, along with elevators designated solely for patients.

Our current entrance on E. Newton Street will be for students, residents, faculty and staff. The address for this ‘academic’ entrance will remain 100 E. Newton Street. For the first time, there will be new student and resident collaborative spaces, not just on the first floor, but throughout the School. The vibrancy of our students and residents will be visible immediately on the first floor, as they visit their brand new David Lustbader CAS 86 DMD 86 and Wendy Lustbader SAR 83 Student & Resident Lounge, meet with fellow students, residents, faculty and staff in a newly created collaborative space that has a Cafe’, and take their classes in the brand new 140 seat auditorium that will allow our faculty and students/residents to respectively teach and learn using the most modern technological and innovative advances in pedagogy. As we then complete our brand new Simulation Learning Center on the third-floor and Patient Treatment Centers on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors, they will see a state-of-the-art facility designed for exceptional pre-clinical education and training, and patient care.

We hope you will visit us as we transform our School and your Alma Mater. In the meantime, we are excited to be able to share, in virtual reality, what the new space will be. As a leader in Digital Dentistry, we are committed to utilizing the latest technologies. Pictured on the cover of this edition is a current GSDM student using virtual reality (VR) glasses. We would be delighted to send you a pair, or you can have this experience when you attend one of our alumni events in the coming year.

We look forward to updating you on the construction project. As you will see in this edition of Impressions, we also continue to move full steam ahead in every other aspect of our mission. Our faculty and staff are committed to creating the best educational experience for our students and residents during this transformative construction project. And our lengthy and thoughtful planning was designed for the best educational experience possible for our students and residents, and oral healthcare experience for the patients we have the privilege of caring for.

In closing, I could not be more proud of the work our faculty, staff, students, residents and alumni are doing around the world to promote oral and overall health.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Hutter, DMD, MEd
Dean and Spencer N. Frankl
Professor in Dental Medicine
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A Message from The Alumni President

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is with great excitement that I write to you as the newest President of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association. At the Fall 2017 Alumni Weekend, I accepted the gavel from my wonderful fellow alum and outgoing President Bing Liu DSc 99 DMD 03. It was a momentous occasion for me, and my family, as I accepted this responsibility. That evening’s alumni reception was also an important date for the school, as we were the first to be able to visualize what the newly expanded and renovated school will look like!

This edition is about that exciting milestone in the school’s history and the path forward. Please consider becoming involved in this exciting journey! In just two years, the construction will be finished, and our students and patients will be educated and treated in a spectacular new space. However, you don’t have to wait until then - you can see it now without coming to Boston (as much as we’d love to see you)!

We’re one of the first schools to incorporate virtual reality into our alumni communications and materials. Please contact us for a pair of virtual reality glasses and no matter where you may be, you can be at 100 East Newton St. Well, you will also be at 635 Albany Street coming through our fantastic new patient entrance. For the first time, we will have a dedicated patient entrance with airy and bright new patient lobbies and reception areas.

We will also have 100 brand new state-of-the-art Patient Treatment Rooms, and we’re looking to have each one named in recognition of an alumnus. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support of the great mission of our school, and the profound impact your education has had in your career. These are available at $25,000, and can be split into five annual payments. We have currently received commitments to name half, and I know that we can reach 100% of our goal in the near future. I am proud to say that most Alumni Board members have made this commitment, and I offer my thanks for their generosity.

There is much to be done in the next two years, and I look forward to working with each and every one of you as we strive to create the most vibrant and connected GSDM community possible.

Sincerely yours,

Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 00
Alumni Association President

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Contact Development & Alumni Relations so you can visualize our future.

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A Building Transformed, and a New Era for GSDM

The Lawrence J. and Anne Cable Rubenstein Building—home of the University’s Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine—is being reborn.
A major renovation and expansion is adding 48,000 square feet to the building, bringing the space to 144,000 square feet and creating a new patient entrance and address, 635 Albany St.

Improvements include a spacious, light-filled patient entrance at East Newton and Albany Streets and patient-designated elevators. Clinical and other treatment space will increase by 60 percent, and classrooms and labs will gain 40 percent more area, in part through the addition of a 140 seat auditorium and a Simulation Learning Center. Students and residents will have their own lounge and collaborative study areas on the first floor.

“This is something we have looked forward to for years,” says Jeffrey W. Hutter, Dean of GSDM, pointing out that GSDM’s most recent strategic planning effort identified a dramatically improved and expanded facility as a critical driver of school success. “We are fortunate and grateful for the support we’ve had so far—but we still have a long way to go in our fundraising effort.”

This fall, alumni attending GSDM events around the country had the chance to “look inside” the improved building using custom virtual reality viewers designed to work with their own mobile phones. (Those interested in seeing renderings of the new interior spaces can visit bu.edu/dental/alumni/building). Hutter and other GSDM leaders emphasize that the project will “right size” the school, creating space to accommodate its strategic objectives. The building has been carefully designed to support GSDM’s standard-setting initiatives—most notably, the adoption of the Group Practice Model for clinical patient care and the commitment to being...
the leader in digital dentistry.

Fundraising Effort Off to a Strong Start

“The momentum for this project has grown strong in recent years,” says Hutter, “with our alumni all over the world sharing their ideas. But they’ve done much, much more. Many of them have thrown their financial support behind it.” An anonymous alumni donor has made a $1 million contribution—the first at this level for the School. “It’s a transformational gift,” Hutter says, “and it encourages us to set our sights even higher.”

Much of GSDM’s initial fundraising effort has focused on the creation of 100 new Patient Treatment Rooms, each with state-of-the-art technology, in the new Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center. All are urgently needed, says Kevin Holland, Assistant Dean for Development and Alumni Relations. The School treats more than 33,000 patients each year, with nearly 150,000 visits. Third- and fourth-year DMD and first- and second-year DMD AS students spend almost all of their time in these treatment spaces.

Donors who give $25,000 or more can name a room, and almost half of the rooms have already been named. Holland points out that these naming opportunities can be particularly meaningful for alumni donors. “The patient treatment rooms are the most important and memorable spaces of a dental education,” he says.

“It’s where students treat their first live patients, where they learn to collaborate, and where they learn how satisfying it is to help someone in need of good oral health care.”

GSDM students will see these donor names on a daily basis, reminding them that today’s successful professional was once a hardworking student as well—and perhaps inspiring them to give back once they’ve achieved professional success.

Students Look Forward to Improvements

For students, the expanded and renovated building will make the learning experience richer and more comfortable, especially in the form of increased classroom space and a more conveniently located Simulation Learning Center. Not surprisingly, though, many of them are focusing on the benefits their patients will see, particularly in the Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center.

“For us, it’s important to have a space to learn in, but it’s just as important for the patients to have a space to feel comfortable in,” says Amanda Alon DMD AS 18. “We’re here for a few years—we’re transient. But I work with people who’ve been patients here since they were kids.
For them, to be comfortable means so much. I think I get more from them than I give to them, so it’s important to have modern and beautiful spaces to invite them into and treat them in.”

Megan Sullivan DMD 18 takes pride in the fact that GSDM has never compromised care because it’s an academic facility. “You don’t think so much about the people skills when you’re practicing on a mannequin, but when it’s a live patient—someone who might be afraid—it’s our job to make them comfortable,” she says. “How can we make sure that BU continues to be one of the best providers of dental care in the area? This is certainly a very good way.”

Charles Lewis DMD 18 says the improvements will enable students like him to do more for his patients—many of whom have complex treatment plans. “The current shortage of treatment rooms can be frustrating, since you know that there are people who want and need treatment,” he says.

Also made possible by the expansion and renovation project is the creation of a first floor offering numerous student and resident collaborative spaces, as well as a student and resident lounge named for Dean’s Advisory Board Chair David Lustbader CAS 86 GSDM 86. The School has never before had these kind of collaborative spaces for students and residents, and this will have a major impact on the student and resident experience. “It’s in everybody’s best interest to elevate the profession by giving back,” Lewis adds. “If you’re an alum and BU’s value increases, that’s a selling point for your own practice, too.”

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A Conversation with the Architects

SmithGroupJJR, the architectural firm responsible for the renovation and expansion of the Rubenstein building, has been working with GSDM to plan and design this major project for eight years. The Detroit-based firm is 160 years old and counts among its landmark projects one of Henry Ford’s first manufacturing plants and NASA’s Lunar Sample Receiving Laboratory. Today, SmithGroupJJR is an award-winning firm with projects around the world. It has practice groups in both higher education and healthcare, and particular expertise in mixed-use projects such as academic clinical facilities, making it an ideal partner for GSDM.

Darin Dagguanno, a SmithGroupJJR principal architect, and Chris Purdy, head of the SmithGroupJJR Higher Education Group Practice, supplied Impressions with the following interview.

What made this project appealing to SmithGroup? What challenges and opportunities did it present?

Facilities for dental education are unique among the health professions, as they directly integrate patient care and education in real time. For architects, this provides a unique opportunity to create an optimal environment for dental students to learn while they are providing dental care to patients. Our engagement with GSDM began in 2010 when we were invited to join the Applied Strategic Planning (ASP) process to better understand both the culture and strategic goals of the School. Engaging early in that process was a unique experience for us and enabled us to gain a deep understanding of the project’s drivers. Dean Hutter’s vision for the facility came through very clearly. We are a design firm that is focused on health sciences education, so his vision for transforming the School aligns with the type of projects we consider important.

The opportunity to revitalize an existing building in Boston, particularly a building design by respected firm, The Architects Collaborative, was attractive as well. That opportunity also happens to be one of the project’s significant challenges. Achieving the Dean’s vision within an existing 50-year-old building constrained by the space limitations of the existing structure while the buildings’ programs remain operational was particularly ambitious.

Why is the GSDM/SmithGroupJJR partnership the right one?

In short: cultural alignment. The commitment by Boston University in general and the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine in particular to providing the highest quality in everything it does mirrors SmithGroupJJR’s approach. The partnership through the planning and design process has embodied several key attributes: transparency, open communication, a collaborative and analytical design process, and trust. GSDM’s commitment to excellence is evidenced in the consideration and care of its patients, students, and staff, as well as in its strong rankings as both an academic and a research institution.

What changes do you think will be most exciting and impactful for the building’s users?

The new entrance on Albany Street along with the porch and renovations to the existing entry will make an immediate impact on all building users. Two distinct entries, one for the public and a separate one for students, residents, faculty, and staff will dramatically improve circulation and way-finding in the building. The porch will be a multi-faceted architectural feature. Its unique configuration will strengthen the School’s identity on Albany and East Newton Streets, acting as both art and architecture.

Are there any particular places or spaces you point to as examples of creative solutions?

The new design will showcase many unique and innovative solutions throughout the building.

The porch itself is creative in its own way, connecting a public way to the building and connecting inside to outside. The new entrance will be the first step in completely transforming the patient experience.

In the design of the clinics, it was important to reflect the school’s progressive approach as the US’s first fully digital dental school. The new Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center has been designed to directly correspond to the school’s innovative use of digital technology, as well as its group practice clinical model.

Another example is the first floor collaboration spaces, which will offer students, faculty, and staff the kind of interaction space they do not currently have. This new space will enable the peer-to-peer learning that is fundamental for today’s students. Not only will it offer a variety of seating and gathering spaces with significant daylight; the tiered arrangement will create more intimate spaces within the larger space and at the same time allow for the entry to the auditorium to be at a lower grade, providing a higher ceiling in that large space. Finally, the Simulation Learning Center will be relocated from the building across the street into the renovated and expanded dental school. As a core component of the pre-clinical curriculum, the opportunity to co-locate simulation with didactic and small-group collaborative work will create a continuum of learning experiences that is not possible today.
Building a Future for the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

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Welcome to Our New Alumni Board Members

As a recipient of the GSDM Dr. Richard Forcucci Alumni award, Dr. Matthew Caceci DMD 17 begins his two-year term on the Alumni Association Board. He obtained a B.A. in Marketing from Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts. Following graduation, he worked in the business world for eight years until he realized his calling was to join his family practice and become a dentist.

Dr. Caceci completed the pre-med program at the University of Hartford prior to enrolling at GSDM. After graduating Cum Laude, he moved to New Milford, Connecticut where he works alongside his father and uncle in their family practice that was founded by his grandfather.

Dr. Caceci is a member of the American Dental Association (ADA); Connecticut State Dental Association; and the Greater Dental Danbury Dental Society.

Dr. Maryam Shomali ENDO 93 is one of three new additions to the Alumni Association Board. Dr. Shomali is a double terrier, having also earned her B.A. in Biology from Boston University in 1986. She currently owns and practices at Wellesley Endodontics in Wellesley, Massachusetts, a position she has held since graduating in 1993. Dr. Shomali also practices at Central Dental Associates in Norwood, Massachusetts.

Dr. Shomali is very active in community engagement and volunteerism. She is currently a volunteer with Give Kids a Smile, the Yankee Dental Congress Scientific Committee, and the Massachusetts Dental Society Mentor Program. Since 2016, she has served as Chair of the Metropolitan District Dental Society.

Dr. Shomali is a member of the American Association of Endodontists (AAE); the Massachusetts Association of Endodontists (MAE); the American Dental Association (ADA); the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS); and the Boston University Endodontic Alumni Association.

Also joining the Alumni Association Board is Dr. Tad Szpoganicz DMD 11. Dr. Szpoganicz currently resides in Coral Springs, Florida, where he has owned a private general dentistry practice since June 2016. He also practices at Bayview Smile Design in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where he has been since September 2014. Dr. Szpoganicz has also practiced in the Houston, Texas area.

While at GSDM, Dr. Szpoganicz participated in the International Externship program, travelling to Poptun, Guatemala, where he treated more than 300 patients. This experience inspired his future community service efforts; Dr. Szpoganicz has since provided free oral health screenings and treatments to over 150 patients in underserved areas of Texas and Florida.

In addition to his dental practice, Dr. Szpoganicz is a member of the American Dental Association (ADA); the Florida Dental Association; the Academy of General Dentistry; and a past-member of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity.
Dr. Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 00
Introducing Your New Alumni Association President

Dr. Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 00 is the new Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) Alumni Association President. He began his tenure in September 2017, taking over for Dr. Bing Liu DSc 99 DMD 03, who had served as President since 2014.

Dr. Rayment earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Amherst College in 1991, but didn’t begin at GSDM until 1994. While here, Dr. Rayment was extremely active within our School, serving as Class President in 1995, 1996, and 1997; serving on the Judiciary Board in 1995, 1996, and 1997; serving on the Executive Committee in 1995, 1996, and 1997; and he has served on the Alumni Association Board since 2014.

After graduating Magna Cum Laude, Dr. Rayment continued his education at GSDM in the Doctor of Science Degree program, which he completed in 2000. While enrolled in postgraduate studies, Dr. Rayment began practicing as a General Dentist at Bedell Dental Associates in Dover, Massachusetts. He went on to practice at Nashua Family Dental in Nashua, New Hampshire, before owning and practicing at Holliston Dental Associates in Holliston, Massachusetts. Dr. Rayment moved on from his Holliston practice in 2011, and now owns and practices at both Snow Hill Dental in Franklin, Massachusetts, and at Medfield Smiles in Medfield, Massachusetts.

Dr. Rayment has been recognized numerous times for his contributions to the dental profession and his dedication to his patients. Some of his awards and recognitions during his educational and professional career include: the American Academy of Periodontology Award for Outstanding Achievement in Periodontics; the Geriatric Dentistry Award for Outstanding Achievement in Geriatric Dentistry; the American Academy of Orofacial Pain Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Studies; and the Metrowest Daily News Reader’s Choice Award for one of the Top General Dentistry Offices, an award he has won five times.

Dr. Rayment is currently a member of the American Dental Association (ADA); the American Association of Dental Research; the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS); Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU); the Metropolitan District Dental Society; the Academy of General Dentistry; the Restorative Dental Study Club of Cambridge; and the Dentist Health and Wellness Committee.

Dr. Rayment currently resides in the Boston area with his wife Daphne and their five children.
Laura and Uday Reebye DMD 98
Stretching the boundaries of modern dentistry

Story by Frances B. King GRS 80

Uday Reebye always wanted to be a track star.

“Tried out for the track team, and of course every 17-year-old thinks they’re going to make it to the Olympics,” Uday says, smiling and recalling his parents’ worries about this dream, as he made his way through the University of British Columbia. It was the early 1990s, and both parents (his father an orthopedic surgeon, his mother a psychiatrist) wanted him to study medicine.

Ironically, it was a sports injury that first propelled him into dentistry. Sidelined, he suddenly had plenty of time for study, and thanks to some inspiration from a relative and his acing of the DAT (Dental Aptitude Test), he began applying to dental schools in Canada and the US. The Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) was his school of choice.

The rest, you might say, is history. Uday became an oral surgeon, opened dental clinics, and since October 2017, held the position of Chair of GSDM’s fundraising campaign. But the route he took was not quite what you might expect.

Coming to America

“I came to Boston and GSDM from a very protected environment,” Uday says. “The Goldman School was in the South End then—but not the fancy South End it is now. The first place I lived was right across from Boston City Hospital in the old days. And that very first month, I walked out of my apartment and there was a car fully engulfed in flames. And then the next week, I went to pick up my laundry from the laundromat, and it was gone. So I decided I needed to grow up a little bit right away.”

Learning the technical parts of dentistry was just the beginning, Uday remembers. The exposure to the community, to patients from all walks of life, and the ability to serve them well were clearly what would make a successful dentist. Rising above what he calls “first-year-dental-student thinking” was also key. “You can always say you learned how to take out a tooth properly, and you can learn all the sciences that are required,” he notes. “But until you become involved with the community and finally lose that I-am-special-because-I-am-a-doctor thinking, you can’t become a truly good dentist. Fortunately, most of us finally get broken out of that position.”

“I’m still not sure whether I chose dentistry or it chose me,” Uday says. “In the end, I think I was always meant to be a dentist.

Detour to Medical School

But the road from training to profession was not perfectly straight. After finishing dental school and his internship year, Uday went home to Mauritius for the summer. While he had planned to attend GSDM for an oral surgery residency, he decided in the fall to take a break from dentistry. A detour seemed reasonable, and, with his father’s encouragement (and an invitation to come home and join his successful practice), Uday enrolled in medical school at the University of North Carolina to study orthopedics. “I was headed into four years of medical school in orthopedics, and then I’d be joining my dad,” he remembers.

Meanwhile, Laura Moves to Nevada

Laura and Uday had met in the oral surgery clinic where Uday did extractions once a week during his residency and where Laura worked at the front desk. “He was charming,” she recalls. “He always came in late for the clinics but he always brought me coffee.” They were soon a pair. But there were no straight lines there either. Laura headed out to Nevada in 2000 to purchase and run a dental management company (her group provided the staff support to dental clinics). “I knew he was the one,” she remembers, “but I was young and doing what I thought I wanted. And I found I wasn’t happy. In that old head/heart thing, the heart won out.” She sold her practice in Nevada and joined Uday in Chapel Hill. They were married in 2001.

Medical School at Chapel Hill

Uday continued his medical studies, but not in orthopedics as planned. An inspiring teacher and a fascination with vascular surgery took him down yet another intense path. But in a sweet irony, alongside his medical studies and surgical internship, he began moonlighting as … a dentist! “Working as a dentist at the local community health center, I was really happy,” recalls Uday. “I loved dentistry and missed it.” He was doing well as a surgical intern, but Laura challenged him: Why, she asked, would he prepare for and begin a full career in vascular medicine if it didn’t bring him joy?

“I’m still not sure whether I chose dentistry or it chose me,” Uday says. “In the end, I think I was always meant to be a dentist. And Laura kept saying, ‘Do what makes you happy, or we’ll both be miserable for the rest of our lives!’” But he finished his medical training anyway, including an internship, and secured his medical license.
Along the way,” he emphasizes, “each of the steps I took involved the inspiration and support of good people. And there were a few really key people, most importantly Laura.”

A Brand New Practice
In Chapel Hill, Laura decided to return to school herself. After a stab at science, she settled on psychology and finished her degree.

Once Uday finished medical school, he and Laura explored his residency options in oral surgery, and he took a position at Long Island Jewish (LIJ) Medical Center. They moved to New York, and met David Lustbader CAS 86 GSDM 86, a fellow GSDM alum and the present Chair of the Dean’s Advisory Board, who was on the LIJ staff.

“LIJ focused on what I had found the most valuable at BU, patient-centric care,” Uday says. “And that very patient-centric view comes right out of my training at GSDM,” Uday says. “This is what we all learned, right from the start.”

Excellent patient care will be the center’s paramount objective. “And that very patient-centric view comes right out of my training at GSDM,” Uday says. “This is what we all learned, right from the start.”

But the South beckoned again, to their astonishment. They returned to Chapel Hill in 2007, and it felt like home.

Laura was eight months pregnant. They bought a house, and then a space in which to start a brand new private practice—complete with a single chair and folding table for the staff assistant who had come with them from Long Island. They soon learned that launching the new practice would be an uphill battle. They were outsiders in the midst of well-established dental practices. Still, they discovered that there was more work than any one set of practitioners could handle. “You simply had to be willing to do it,” Laura says.

Today, Uday and Laura have two daughters and, by dint of energy and determination, four dental practices in Durham, Mebane, Goldsboro, and Wilson,
NC. And they’re starting to see new generations of patients — the children and grandchildren of longtime patients.

**The Practice Philosophy**
“Our founding principle was, and is, you treat people like people,” Laura says. “When you come into our practices, you could be sitting next to someone who’s paying $30,000 for a surgery, and on your other side there’ll be someone who may have difficulty paying their $3 Medicaid co-payment. Everybody sits in the same room, in the same chairs. For us the bottom line is, we’re in the business of providing health care to all. We have friends with boutique practices and that’s truly great and works well for them, but we’ve chosen another way to do it.”

Uday and Laura find patients endlessly interesting. Notes Uday, “you spend just two minutes, and you learn amazing things from them. They always have so much to teach you. I’m not advocating an hour of conversation; just two minutes, and you hear such funny, interesting, sad things.”

And now, there’s a new project on the horizon.

**A New One-of-a-Kind Dental Hospital**
Over the last 10 years, Uday says, it’s been harder for dental patients to get operating room time — to have the care of an anesthesiologist and the surroundings of a hospital setting. Since dentistry has been considered a less profitable health care segment, that means patients with the fewest resources and the highest risks can end up at the bottom of the scheduling chain.

“We looked at the rates of poverty and morbidity among the poor, and we found them unacceptable in an affluent, contemporary urban setting. We live in the richest country on earth, and in one of the richest states. It just doesn’t make sense to allow those with fewer resources to fall to the bottom of the scheduling and treatment list,” Uday explains.

North Carolina has a very strict regulatory board governing who can operate a hospital or an ambulatory care center, “Laura and I, after working with the state for two years, and many petitions, finally got the approval to open the first ambulatory care center devoted specifically and solely to dentistry. It’s essentially a dental hospital—a private practice dental hospital that can welcome medical academics, surgeons, anesthesiologists, and others who make up our critical treatment teams.”

The center, slated to open in March of 2018 as the Surgical Center for Dental Professionals, will be the first such ambulatory care center devoted entirely to dentistry in the US. Its staff will include dental practitioners who work in the Reebye practices, but other dentists will also have access to it. The best part, Uday and Laura say, is that a patient needing surgery can come to the center for treatment, and their dental care providers, who ordinarily don’t have formal hospital privileges elsewhere, can treat them there.

Excellent patient care will be the center’s paramount objective. “And that very patient-centric view comes right out of my training at GSDM,” Uday says. “This is what we all learned, right from the start.”

Do Uday and Laura worry about this one-of-a-kind center being copied elsewhere? Hardly. “We’d feel really fortunate if others would steal this idea and put it to work for patients,” Uday says. “We also hope that our own dental community will use the center as well. We’ll welcome it.”

“One of the best parts of the whole plan is that—just as in the practices—we’ve got really terrific people we’re working with,” says Laura. “We’ve been lucky to be able to surround ourselves with really smart, sharp people, and this will help us make the dream of the new center come true.”

For a man who started out dreaming of being a track star, Uday Reebye is running pretty fast these days. And despite managing four locations employing some 50 professionals, it’s likely to be Laura who still answers the phone in the Durham office.

The list of Uday Reebye’s accomplishments, appointments, and accolades is long and distinguished. He is an attending surgeon at Durham Regional Hospital, an adjunct clinical faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry, and is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Dental Association, the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the International Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons.

In October of 2017, Dr. Reebye was named chair of GSDM’s campaign to fund the School’s dramatic renovation and expansion of the Lawrence J. and Ann Cable Rubenstein Building at 100 East Newton Street in Boston. The project will transform the School in both appearance and functionality—and in terms of the educational and patient experience. The changes slated for the School will transform the building’s exterior, creating a new façade and allowing much more light into a greatly expanded building. Interior spaces will be modernized and spacious. Today’s building includes 93,000 gross square feet; construction will add 49,000 more.
GSDM Alumna Receives Regional Dental Award in Brazil

On Wednesday, April 19, 2017, Dr. Debora Heller Douek PhD 16, received the Gaucho Highlight Award in Dentistry from the Regional Council of Dentistry for the state of Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. The award was presented to Dr. Heller during the Regional Council’s Golden Jubilee.

Dr. Heller graduated with a Ph.D. in Oral Biology from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) in 2016.

The award is intended for dentists in Brazil who have excelled professionally in the scientific, social, or political realms. Dr. Heller is one of the only dental scientists in all of Brazil who specialize in saliva. As such, she has been collaborating with many Brazilian hospitals and the University of Sao Paulo to develop new saliva-based diagnostics for dental and systemic diseases. Most recently, Dr. Heller has discovered the diagnostic abilities of the Zika virus in saliva, and has submitted a patent for the discovery with her fellow researchers in Canada.

The Regional Council for Dentistry is the primary Brazilian dental institution, composed of regional branches of the Federal Dental Board. All dentists must have their licenses registered with the Federal Dental Board in order to practice dentistry in Brazil.

“For me it was a great honor to receive this very prestigious award, and I am very thankful to GSDM, to Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, to my advisor, Dr. Frank Oppenheim and to my co-advisor, Dr. Eva Helmerhorst for their support during my PhD,” said Dr. Heller. “This was a recognition not only to myself, but to the whole GSDM scientific community for their excellence in science and dental research. I am very proud to be a GSDM alumnus.”

After completing her PhD in Oral Biology under the supervision of Dr. Frank Oppenheim, Dr. Heller returned to Brazil where she is currently an Assistant Professor in the postgraduate program in Dentistry at Cruzeiro do Sul University in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is also the Public Relations Director for the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Salivary Research Group.

GSDM Alumnus Finalist for 2017 Eugene L. Gottlieb JCO Student of the Year Award

Dr. Kaveh Baharvand DMD AS 14, was named a finalist for the 2017 Eugene L. Gottlieb Journal of Clinical Orthodontics (JCO) Student of the Year Award. This award is presented annually by Sheboygan, Wisconsin-based American Orthodontics, and announced by the JCO. Dr. Baharvand graduated from the Doctor of Dental Medicine Advanced Standing program at GSDM in 2014, and is currently an Orthodontic resident at Jacksonville University in Florida.

Upon graduation from GSDM, Dr. Baharvand practiced general dentistry in Fall River and Dorchester, Massachusetts. During his time at GSDM, he assisted former Clinical Instructor in the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Dr. Negaar Sagafi at her practice in Quincy, Massachusetts, learning the intricacies of Orthodontics, and this experience solidified his desire to continue his career in Orthodontics. “It was a tremendous opportunity for me to experience real-life orthodontics in a busy private practice and to decide whether orthodontics would be the career I would like to pursue,” he said.

During his application process, Dr. Baharvand made special note of his research experience while at GSDM. During his residency, he researched the impact of orthodontic treatment on the quality of life of teens and their families. He also investigated the correlation between the handicapping index used by Massachusetts Medicaid with the teens’ and their parents’ perception of the severity of their malocclusions. Dr. Baharvand’s research interests have continued at Jacksonville University, where he is currently researching how to produce a better prediction formula for the lip changes caused by orthodontic treatment.

While at Jacksonville University, Dr. Baharvand is busy balancing his clinical hours, studying, and raising his four-month-old son Kian with his wife Julia. Prior to coming to GSDM, Dr. Baharvand earned his DDS from the University of Debrecen School of Dental Medicine in Hungary in 2011.

The Eugene L. Gottlieb award is presented to an Orthodontic resident who displays the highest clinical aptitude and the most well-rounded approach to Orthodontics.
AEGD Celebrates 30 Years with Graduation Dinner and Alumni Reunion

On Friday, June 23, 2017, the Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD) Program, Postgraduate Operative and Esthetic Program (PGOE) and Digital Dentistry Program at GSDM held their final Graduation Dinner on the Charles River Campus of Boston University. The following week, on Friday, June 30, 2017, AEGD alumni and guests gathered in the Trustee Ballroom of the Rafik B. Hariri Building for the AEGD Alumni Reunion and celebration of the 30th year of the program. Dr. John I. Cassis PROS 86 DMD 88 Clinical Professor and Director of the Dental Health Center and Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program, and Dr. Dan Nathanson Professor and Chair of the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials hosted the events.

At the Graduation Dinner, faculty, graduates, friends, and family came together in the Student Village of BU. Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter were in attendance, as was Dr. Bing Liu DScD 99 DMD 03, President of the GSDM Alumni Association Board and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry.

Prior to dinner, Dr. Cassis delivered the opening remarks as host, welcomed the guests, and introduced Dean Hutter, who congratulated the residents on their achievements, and praised Drs. Nathanson and Cassis and the faculty for graduating another class of excellent dentists. Dr. Cassis then introduced Dr. Liu, who welcomed the graduates to the GSDM alumni family; and Dr. Nathanson, who spoke about the Operative and Esthetic Program graduates.

After dinner, Dr. Cassis announced the names of the graduates of the 2017 AEGD and PGOE Programs. In addition, the following awards were presented: The recipient of the AEGD Clinical Excellence Award was Dr. Grecia Corina Sucre Velazquez. This award is given to one AEGD graduate who best exemplifies excellence in character and clinical proficiency.

Four awards for Clinical Proficiency were also presented throughout the evening. Dr. Jeffrey Pan received the AEGD Award for Clinical Proficiency in the field of General Dentistry; Dr. Samar Abuzindah received the Award for Clinical Proficiency in Digital Dentistry honoree; and Drs. Wid Jastaneiah and Abeer Tashkandi won the Award for Clinical Proficiency in the field of Operative & Esthetic Dentistry.

The following week, the GSDM community gathered to celebrate 30 years of success for the AEGD program. Many alumni, faculty, staff, and friends reminisced about their time in the program, and had the opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Dean and Mrs. Hutter were again in attendance, as the Dean thanked Dr. Janet Peters, founding Director of the AEGD program, Dr. Nathanson and Dr. Cassis, along with all the faculty and staff for their dedication over the past 30 years to the AEGD program, that lead to its resounding success.

Drs. Cassis and Nathanson then each delivered their respective speeches for the evening.

Following the cocktail hour, dinner, and speeches, guests were treated to a video presentation, which included a photo slideshow, as well as interviews with AEGD alumni and faculty who reflected on AEGD and their experiences at GSDM. All guests were also given a gift bag, with a Boston University branded thumb drive, and a stainless steel AEGD coffee thermos.
Alumni Reception Held at AGD in Las Vegas

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter hosted an alumni reception on Friday, July 14, 2017 during the 2017 Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Annual Session held at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. The AGD Annual Session took place from July 13-15, 2017.

Approximately 20 GSDM alumni mixed and mingled with GSDM faculty members and their fellow alumni, including GSDM Alumni Association Board Member, Dr. Gigi Meinecke DMD 88. Dean Hutter delivered a brief address in which he recognized and praised Dr. Meinecke for presenting three excellent hands-on training sessions in the use of dermal fillers and Botox®; and Drs. Hirwa Shah DMD 18 and Rohan Shah DMD AS 17 for presenting an excellent poster, titled, “Early Detection of Oral Cancer: A Dentist’s Responsibility.”

Dean Hutter then shared with the attendees many of the activities that the School is involved in and an update as to the status of the GSDM Addition/Renovation Construction Project. In closing his remarks, Dean Hutter expressed his commitment to supporting the AGD, the AGD Annual Session during which an annual GSDM Alumni Reception will be held, and the creation of an AGD student organization at GSDM. He also invited and encouraged everyone to attend the Convocation Ceremony on Saturday, July 15, 2017 during which the AGD Fellowships will be bestowed. The majority of the evening was then reserved for catching up amongst friends and alumni of the School. The 2018 Annual Meeting of the AGD will be held on June 7-9, 2018 in New Orleans, LA.

The AGD Annual Session featured a full lineup of education, exhibits, and unique networking opportunities devoted exclusively to the needs of general dentists. As with any AGD meeting, the focal point of AGD 2017 was a comprehensive program of FAGD/MAGD-accepted continuing education courses. Dental professionals also participated in clinical and practice management lectures, symposia, and hands-on courses.

GSDM Holds First Reception at the NDA Convention

GSDM had a heightened presence at the 104th annual National Dental Association (NDA) Convention, held in Dallas, Texas from July 19-23, 2017. Since 2012, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, along with Dr. Larry Dunham, GSDM Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, faculty and students, have attended this annual conference.

This year marked the first time a reception was held by GSDM, demonstrating Dean Hutter’s commitment to grow a relationship between GSDM and the NDA. Hosted by Dean Hutter and Dr. Dunham, Dean Hutter spoke to a mixed group of alumni, current and prospective students, leaders of the NDA, and colleagues, where he stressed our academic strength, the supportive cultural environment of GSDM, and our mission for the future. He also shared with the attendees plans for GSDM’s Addition/Renovation Construction Project.

Dr. David Russell, Assistant Dean of Admissions, was also present for the recruitment session and reception, as Dean Hutter and Drs. Dunham and Russell addressed interest in and questions about both GSDM pre- and postdoctoral programs from prospective applicants. GSDM had the strongest executive and faculty presence at this year’s conference as the outreach of our Dean, Assistant Dean for Admissions, Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs and GSDM faculty is recognized nationally and internationally in the dental community.

The NDA has a long history of recruiting and educating dentists from underrepresented populations. It is an organization that welcomes all people and focuses on health and economic disparities of underserved communities. The missions of GSDM and NDA are closely aligned. The inclusion of candidates from broadly diverse backgrounds is encouraged and supported by both institutions. Dr. Gregory Stoute DPH 05, former Director of Diversity and Associate Professor at GSDM helped to raise our profile in the southwest region. While Dr. Wallace Bellamy DMD 89, continues to aid our efforts to recruit prospective students from underrepresented groups on the west coast.

“I would like to thank all the participants that helped to make this conference successful and enjoyable,” said Dr. Larry Dunham, Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs at GSDM.
On Sunday, September 10, 2017, GSDM Department of Periodontology held its annual Periodontal Alumni Reception at the Westin Boston Waterfront in Boston, Massachusetts. The reception, which was hosted by Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter and Dr. Serge Dibart, Chair and Professor of the Department of Periodontology, is held every year during the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Annual Meeting. The 103rd meeting took place from September 9 – 12, 2017. Approximately 110 alumni, corporate guests, residents, and faculty members attended the reception, which exceeded all participation expectations and set a new record for attendance.

Dean Hutter opened the festivities by welcoming everyone to the reception and back to the city of Boston, their dental home. “I am so very pleased and proud to see such an excellent turn out for this evening’s alumni reception held during the 2017 Annual Session of the American Academy of Periodontology.” While projecting images of the exterior and interior spaces, he also gave an update as to the state of the GSDM Addition/Renovation Construction Project.

Dean Hutter then welcomed Dr. Serge Dibart to the podium to update the alumni on the state of the Periodontology program at GSDM. Some of the highlights he mentioned included; the surge in applications to the postdoctoral program; the addition of two Periodontology professors; the strong presence of GSDM residents at the AAP Poster Session held during the conference; and lastly, the latest developments with the Dr. Oreste Zanni PERIO 76—former Clinical Associate Professor in Periodontology and Director of the Postdoctoral Periodontology Patient Treatment Center—for his generous bequest of $3.5 million, which provides endowment of a full scholarship in Dr. Zanni’s name for a resident enrolled in the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics.

Dr. Dibart urged the alumni in attendance to return to GSDM. “I encourage all of our alumni to return to the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Department of Periodontology,” said Dr. Dibart. “The department could not accomplish all it does without the tireless support of our fantastic alumni network.”

GSDM was also very active throughout the AAP Annual Session, as Dr. Dibart gave a sold-out course, eleven residents participated in the poster session, and an alumnus presented at the poster session. Dr. Dibart’s presentation, titled, “Surgically Facilitated Orthodontic Therapy with Piezocision,” was held on Saturday, September 9, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The course aimed to help attendees grasp the biological basis and indications of Piezocision™, use Piezocision™ to expand the scope of their practices, and adopt the surgical technique by practicing on a pig’s jaw model. Eleven Periodontology residents were selected to participate in the Research Poster Presentations.
Three GSDM Alums Recognized by MDS Journal

Three alumni from GSDM were recognized by the Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) as part of their “Ten Under 10” group. This recognition is for MDS member dentists who have been in the profession for ten years or less, and show enthusiasm for the profession, organized dentistry, and caring for their patients. The MDS Journal has been compiling this list since 2005.

To qualify, dentists must have graduated from dental school in the last ten years, be current MDS members, and have made significant contributions to the profession, their community, organized dentistry, or all of the above. The three honorees with GSDM ties were Dr. Kevin Oliveira ORTHO 09, Dr. Ana Serrenho DMD 13 ORTHO 16, and Dr. Jay Theva DMD 12.

Dr. Kevin Oliveira currently runs his own practice, Coastal Orthodontics, out of Marion, Middleboro, and Wareham, Massachusetts. His father was also an Orthodontist, and Dr. Oliveira was always drawn to the profession. Dr. Oliveira was the recipient of the 2014 Massachusetts Association of Orthodontists Anthony Gianelly Award, and the 2017 Invisalign Premier Provider and Teen Provider Award. Dr. Oliveira resides in Marion, Massachusetts with his wife, Dr. Tristi Oliveira, a Pediatric Dentist, and their four children.

Dr. Ana Serrenho completed all of her dental education at GSDM, earning her DMD in 2013, her MSD in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics in 2016, and her CAGS in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics also in 2016. During her studies, she was selected to the Massachusetts Dental Society Leadership Institute, a program designed to train the next generation of leaders in dental medicine. She currently practices at Lawrence Braces in Lawrence, Massachusetts. Dr. Serrenho continues to give back to patients in need, and has recently completed mission trips to Mexico and Cape Verde.

Dr. Jay Theva graduated from GSDM in 2012, and currently practices at the Fenway Community Health Center as an attending dentist, and at the Unident Dental Center private practice as a general dentist. Dr. Theva was raised in the dental office, as his mother, Dr. Mathi Theva, has been running their family practice for over 30 years. Dr. Theva currently serves on both the Boston District Dental Society and the New Dentist Committee for the Massachusetts Dental Society.

GSDM Faculty Attend and Present at Dentsply Sirona World Meeting

Dentsply Sirona held their annual World Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada from September 14-16, 2017. GSDM faculty members Drs. Neal Fleisher, Hesham Nouh and Alexander Bendayan presented at the World Meeting. Primarily, their presentation focused on the curriculum changes implemented into both predoctoral and postdoctoral programs to incorporate guided implant surgery into the curriculum using digital workflows at GSDM.

Drs. Fleisher and Nouh presented the details of the predoctoral Implantology laboratory simulation to predoctoral students, and how it seamlessly integrated into the Patient Treatment Centers where students place dental implants with the supervision of faculty members.

Dr. Alexander Bendayan presented the different workflows needed when planning more complex surgical guides used in the Postgraduate Patient Treatment Centers.

Dr. Louis Brown presented together with Dr. Robert Douglas on “Technology in Dental Education,” highlighting the benefits of Evaluation Software on Saturday, September 16th. He has successfully integrated Prep Check in the GSDM predoctoral curriculum during the simulations in fixed prosthodontics. On this subject, he has also presented multiple posters at various organization’s meetings.

During the same meeting, an alumni reception was hosted by Dr. Bendayan on Friday, September 15, 2017 from 6-9 p.m. at Mercato Della Pescheria located in the Palazzo-Venetian Hotel. The event attracted many GSDM alumni who were attending the meeting. Dr. Bendayan gave recognition to all the faculty at GSDM that have worked hard to establish and advance Digital Dentistry in our School. He also updated the attendees of the plans and ongoing progress with the renovation and expansion project, set to commence in January 2018.

The next Dentsply Sirona World Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida from September 13 – 15, 2018 at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort.

Drs. Alexander Bendayan PROS 05, Hesham Nouh PROS 15 and Neal Fleisher DMD 84 PERIO 86
Alumni Weekend kicked off on Friday, September 15, 2017 at the annual GSDM Alumni Reception held at the Four Seasons Boston Hotel. Approximately 130 of the School’s alumni attended the event, hosted by Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter. This year’s reunion honored the classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012. The highlight of the evening was an immersive virtual reality experience that allowed attendees to fly over and through the “completed” expanded and renovated building. Alumni were able to “explore” spaces such as the new Simulation Learning Center (SLC), new 140 seat auditorium, new instructional spaces, the new Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center and patient waiting areas, as well as the new first-ever Student & Resident Lounge, and many new collaborative and administrative spaces for students, residents, staff, and faculty.

The first portion of the evening allowed guests to mix and mingle and catch up with old classmates and their peers. Various food stations encircled the room, with offerings such as beef sliders, crab and corn quesadillas, and parmesan truffle fries.

Dean Hutter then took to the podium to welcome everyone to Alumni Weekend and to deliver his opening remarks. “Each of you: alumni, faculty, staff, students, spouses, partners, distinguished guests, and friends are an integral part of our Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine community, and it means a great deal to me, as Dean, to see our School gather once again to celebrate all of our accomplishments, both past and present and gather our momentum as we continue into the future,” he said. Several special guests and the Dean’s Advisory Board were acknowledged and thanked for their attendance.

In his last duty as President of the Alumni Association, Dr. Bing Liu DSc 99 DMD 03 then introduced the Alumni Association members who were present at the reception. Dean Hutter then thanked Dr. Liu for his contributions to both GSDM and the Alumni Association as President of the Alumni Association for the past three years, telling the crowd that “Dr. Liu’s commitment to the School, and his example of leadership to our alumni, students, and residents has been remarkable”. Dean Hutter also presented Dr. Liu’s wife Helen with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Incoming President Dr. Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 99 was then presented by Dean Hutter. “I know that I speak for all of us when I say that we are thrilled to have you in this alumni leadership position, especially at this important moment in the history of our School,” said Dean Hutter. Dr. Rayment’s wife, Dr. Daphne Rayment was also presented with flowers. Dr. Liu passed the gavel to Dr. Rayment, officially welcoming him as President of the GSDM Alumni Association.

Dean Hutter also recognized Dr. Gigi Meinecke DMD 88 as the President-Elect of the GSDM Alumni Association.

Following the ceremonies for the Alumni Association President, Dean Hutter presented the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. David Lustbader for his contribution to the School and the profession (see separate story about award).

The presentation component of the evening pertained to the Addition/Renovation Construction Project at 100 East Newton Street. “I can now share with you in great detail what our new building is going to look like, but that would be a tedious, old-fashioned approach,” said Dean Hutter. “So, let’s approach it in a different way, and one that will utilize Virtual Reality and 3-D Imaging.”

On three large screens situated around the room, the audience was treated to an animated tour of the new building. The highly realistic rendering was provided by the SmithGroupJJR, the architectural firm charged with designing GSDM’s new space.

After the video experience, several members of the GSDM Alumni and Development, Events, and Communications staff circulated the room handing out 3-D virtual reality glasses. The glasses, which were branded with GSDM
Each year at the GSDM Alumni Reception, held during Alumni Weekend, an alumnus is presented with the Distinguished Alumni Award. This year, the award was presented to Dr. David Lustbader CAS ’86 DMD ’86 for his outstanding service to the School and the profession.

Dr. Lustbader completed the Boston University 7-year combined BA/DMD program in 1986, earning his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from GSDM, while ranked third in his class.

After receiving his DMD, Dr. Lustbader completed his Oral and Maxillofacial Surgical residency at the Long Island Jewish Medical Center in 1990. His training emphasized Orthognathic, TMJ, and reconstructive, implant, and prosthodontic surgery. He received many awards during this time, including: The Operative Dentistry Award in 1986; the Prosthetics Award in 1986; the Gold Foil Operators Award in 1986; the Alpha Omega Award in both 1985 and 1986; the Norman Welch Award for Medical Excellence; and the Pierre Fouchard Award in 1986.

As an oral and maxillofacial surgeon, Dr. Lustbader has practiced at Boston Medical Center, where he served as an Attending Surgeon in the Department of Surgery. He has also been the Chief of Service for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at both Carney Hospital and Milton Hospital.

Dr. Lustbader has held many leadership positions throughout his career. He is currently the President of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the Chair of the Dean’s Advisory Board (DAB) of GSDM, a position he has held since 2012; he has been a member of the DAB since 2010. He also currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of Nobel Biocare.

Previously, Dr. Lustbader served as Chairman of the South Shore District Dental Society; Allied Scientific Chairman of Yankee Dental Congress 23 from 1997-98; the General Arrangements Chairman of Yankee Dental Congress 25 from 1999-2000; the Special Events Chairman of Yankee Dental Congress 27 from 2001-2002; the Hospitality Chairman of Yankee Dental Congress 29 from 2003-2004; the Registration Chairman of Yankee Dental Congress 35 from 2009-2010; the Secretary-Treasurer of the Massachusetts Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons from 2000-2002; the Vice President of the Massachusetts Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons from 2000-2002; the Vice President of the Massachusetts Dental Society from 2015-2016; and President-Elect of the Massachusetts Dental Society from 2016-2017.

Dr. Lustbader is also a member of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Alpha Omega Fraternity, the American Dental Association, American Dental Society of Anesthesiology, International College of Dentists, and the American College of Dentists.

Aside from practicing oral and maxillofacial surgery, Dr. Lustbader has given back to the profession in a variety of ways. He began his teaching career at SUNY Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine in 1988, and is now a Clinical Instructor at GSDM, a position he has held since 1995.

In presenting the award, Dean Hutter stated that Dr. Lustbader is a friend, colleague, faculty member, alumnus, and now recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award. Dr. Lustbader is married to Wendy Lustbader, who graduated with a B.A. from Boston University’s Sargent College in 1983, and from which, she completed her graduate degree in 1984. Mrs. Lustbader currently serves on the Boston University Alumni Council (BUAC). The Lustbader’s have two children, Joshua and Allison, and although Josh was not able to be with his family, Ally was there as their father received his well-deserved award.

In closing his remarks, Dean Hutter recognized several special guests as being present at the award ceremony in support of their colleague and friend Dr. Lustbader in receiving his award. They were: Dr. Robert Boose, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and his wife Edwina; Dr. Michael H. Gu, business partner at South Shore Oral Surgery Associates; Dr. Deedee Gurin DMD ’97 of Dentistry of Milton and a very close friend of Dr. Lustbader; Dr. Janis Moriarty, Vice President of the Massachusetts Dental Society; Dr. Thomas Towbridge, Treasurer of Massachusetts Dental Association; Dr. Paul R. Wilson business partner at South Shore Oral Surgery Associates and his
Dr. Gigi Meinecke Leads 2017 Alumni Weekend Continuing Education Course

President-Elect of the GSMD Alumni Association, Dr. Gigi Meinecke DMD 88, was the guest speaker at this year’s Continuing Education (CE) course held on Saturday, September 16, 2017 during alumni weekend. Her course, titled, “A Facelift for Your Practice – Adding Botox and Dermal Filler Procedures,” was completely sold out.

“It is a pleasure for me to introduce Dr. Gigi Meinecke as our speaker for this morning’s GSMD 2017 Alumni Weekend Continuing Education course,” said Dean Hutter.

In this course, Dr. Meinecke explored popular injectable treatments such as Botox®, dermal fillers, and their incorporation into dental practice. She gave a basic overview of human facial evolution, expression, sexual dimorphism and aging that gave attendees foundational information. The before and after pictures presented demonstrated the clinical indications and results of such procedures.

The outcome of the lecture was five-fold, as the audience will now be able to:

- discuss the importance of facial expression and why preserving function is important when administering Botox®; understand the soft and hard tissue changes that occur as a natural component of the aging process; describe the indications for Botox® and dermal fillers and where they can be used to improve the aging face; discuss therapeutic indications of Botox® in masseter, temporalis and the gummy smile; and detail the business requirements necessary for successful implementation.
- Dr. Meinecke is a leader in the field of facial injectables. In 2013, she established “FACES” — Facial Anatomy for Comprehensive Esthetic Seminars—which provides cosmetic and therapeutic injectable training to medical and dental professionals with a core focus on comprehensive facial anatomy. It is the only training offered in this discipline to regularly integrate cadaver study with live patient injections.
- Dr. Meinecke is Past-President of the Maryland Academy of General Dentistry, and currently serves on the Maryland State Dental Association’s Legislative and Government Affairs Council. Nationally, she is a spokesperson for the Academy of General Dentistry and serves on their Legislative and Governmental Affairs Council. She is a Fellow in the Academy of General Dentistry and in the International College of Dentists, and proudly serves on the GSMD Alumni Association Board.
- Dr. Meinecke maintains a full time General Dentistry practice in Potomac, Maryland, where she lives with her husband, Dr. Doug Meinecke. Dr. Doug Meinecke received his Doctor of Philosophy from the Boston University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences in 1987, and is a researcher at the National Institutes of Health.

Three GSMD Classes Hold Reunions

On Saturday evening, September 16, 2017, three alumni classes from GSMD held a combined reunion at the Algonquin Club of Boston. The class of 1997 celebrated their 20-year reunion, the class of 1992 celebrated their 25 year reunion, the class of 1987 celebrated their 30 year reunion, and Dr. Frank Riccio DMD 77 was there to celebrate his 40th year since graduation. Other class years were represented, with members of the classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 2002, 2007, and 2012 also in attendance.

Saturday evening gave alumni a chance to catch up with their peers who couldn’t attend Friday night’s alumni reception. Many faculty and staff were also on hand to visit with their former students and reminisce about their days at 100 East Newton Street.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter welcomed everyone to the reunion reception, and thanked them for attending the various events throughout the weekend. “It’s wonderful to have you return to the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and I hope you are having an enjoyable reunion being back in our wonderful city of Boston,” he said.

Dr. Sean Rayment DMD 97 DSc 99, newly-appointed Alumni Association President also welcomed everyone to the reunion receptions.

For those in the audience who didn’t see the video of the GSMD Addition/Renovation Construction Project, the 3-D animation video was projected for their viewing pleasure. The VR glasses were also available if the alumni wanted a more immersive experience.

Dean Hutter closed out the final event of Alumni Weekend, and invited everyone to return next year, when tours will be available of our new facility while it is under construction.
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February 7, March 14 & April 18

**Global Days of Service**
April

**Goldman Gala**
April 6

**Giving Day**
April 11

**Alumni Reception at AE Annual Session**
Denver, CO
April 26

**Alumni Reception at the AAO Annual Session**
Washington, D.C
May 5

**Commencement Weekend**
May 18-20

**Alumni Reception at AAPD Annual Meeting**
Honolulu, HI
May 24

**Alumni Reception at AGD Annual Meeting**
New Orleans, LA
June 6

**Special Smiles**
Boston, MA
June 9

**White Coat Ceremony**
Boston, MA
July 7

**Alumni Reception at the NDA**
Orlando, FL
July 11

**Alumni Weekend**
September 21-23

**Endodontics Alumni Fall Meeting**
Jackson Hole, WY
September 26-30

**Periodontics Symposium**
Boston, MA
October 6

**Alumni Reception at AAOMS Annual Meeting**
Chicago, IL
October 11

**Alumni Reception at ADA Annual Session**
Honolulu, HI
October 19

**Alumni Reception at AAP Annual Meeting**
Vancouver, BC
October 28

**Alumni Reception at ACP Annual Session**
Baltimore, MD
November 2
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2. Danielle Fernandez DMD 14 AEGD 15 married Andrew Brattain on April 1, 2017 at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Miami Beach, FL.

3. Daryl J. Dudum ENDO 10 and Katherine Dudum with son Dylan and baby Kennedy Rose.

4. Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92, Elizabeth Benz DMD 11, Heather Parsons DMD 11, Wisi Betschart, Julie King DMD 11 and Lauren Greco DMD 12 on September 15, 2017 at Ru’s Farm in Healdsburg, CA.


6. David Bitchatchi DMD 92 was recently recognized at the GP Summit for Invisalign held in Washington DC, on September 8-10, 2017. This is a very prestigious recognition in that it is an international summit for worldwide Invisalign providers. Dr. Bitchatchi received a plaque and the case submitted was displayed at the GP Summit Showcase 2017 Gallery and is published in the 2017 Invisalign Gallery Book. During his career, Dr. Bitchatchi has been the recipient numerous awards and recognitions most recently the American Academy of Dental Sciences, for Excellence in Aesthetics, for Special recognitions most recently the American Academy of Dental Sciences at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and a recipient of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and a recipient of the American Academy of Dental Sciences and Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor dental societies.

7. Dr. Ingy Alhelawe DMD 15 and her new husband Mohamed Afifi.

8. Julianne Doyle DMD 10 ORTHO 14 married Paul Bruno on October 14, 2017 at Wentworth by the Sea Country Club in New Castle, NH.


10. Adela Agoli Tarshi DMD 08 AEGD 09 and husband Michael Tarshi welcomed their third child, Brayden Steven Tarshi, on December 30, 2017.


12. BU GSDM Italian Alumni – Ugo Macca PROS 92, Caterina Venuleo PERIO 10, Cristiano Fabiani ENDO 92, Fabio Scutella PROS 99 MSD 99, L. Prosper, Stefano Parma-Benfenati PERIO 83, Piero Casavecchia PERIO 00

13. Herb Birnbaum DMD 80, received the Dean’s Faculty Award for Community Service from Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Dental Medicine on June 6, 2017. He is Instructor of Restorative Dentistry and Biomedical Sciences at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and a recipient of the school’s Faculty Award. Herb is the Immediate Past President of the Harvard Odontological Society, served as Co-Chairman of Harvard’s Tree of Peace Committee, and is a member of the American Academy of Dental Sciences and Omicron Kappa Upsilon honor dental societies.

14. Leslie Ferrar DMD 09 and husband Chris welcomed baby girl Cameron Elise on October 6, 2017.

15. Tadeu Szpoganicz DMD 11 and Valeria Papa were married in Florianopolis, Brazil. Friends and alumni joined: Daniel Nelson, David Dano AEGD 12, Ty Eriks DMD 11, Alex Passos, George Gotsiridze DMD 11


18. Mani Moulazadeh DMD 00 AEGD 01 ENDO 03 and Niusha Nikkolgh DMD 17 were married on September 1, 2017 in Punta San Michele in Vila Del Cardinale, Rocca di Pap Rome Italy. They were joined by both friends and fellow alumni: Nooshin Majd DMD 97 ORTHO 03, Saman Malkami DMD 96 ENDO 03, Rasika Zeff, Mike Zeff, Jacob Pourati PERIO 04, Gabriel Boustani PERIO 03 DMD 06, and April Alford Boustani ENDO 07.


20. Courtney Brady DMD 11 & Matthew Messer were married on June 24, 2017 in Cape Cod.

21. Erica Manczuk and Keith Stocks were married on November 4, 2017 at Boston University’s Marsh Chapel. They were joined by alumni, colleagues and friends – Dr. Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92, Lisa Rivera, Amy Nelson, and Tina Finnegan.


23. Leading periodontist, lecturer and entrepreneur, Dr. Jeffrey Ganeles DMD 83, joins Supply Clinic Advisory Board.

24. Dr. Michael Sheff PEDO 68, was recently honored with the lifetime achievement award by the Massachusetts Dental Society. Dr. Sheff has a long history of working with pediatric patients with intellectual and physical disabilities and mental health issues. He taught pediatric and special needs dentistry at Tufts and BU, as well as creating the state’s Children’s Dental Health Month and fighting for dental health benefits for children through Mass Health. The MDDS Lifetime Achievement Award is awarded to those members of the dental society who dedicate their lives to organized dentistry.
In Memoriam

Marshall S. Michaelian ENDO 79

Marshall S. Michaelian, DDS, age 71, died on August 3, 2017 near Sacramento, CA. He was born in Monterey Park, CA on August 21, 1945 and was the son of the late Edith and John Michaelian. Dr. Michaelian graduated from Alhambra High School in 1963, received his Masters of Science in Chemical Engineering from University of Southern California in 1968 and worked for Chevron Research and Standard Oil until 1972. He attended the University of California School of Dentistry, San Francisco, where he received his DDS degree in 1977. In 1979 he graduated from the University of California School of Dental Medicine, Boston University, where he earned his MS degree in Endodontics. He returned to California where he practiced in Daly City, San Mateo and Fresno, CA until his death.

Dr. Michaelian was passionate about living life to the fullest with his beloved wife and constant companion for 48 years, Judith Ann, of Meadow Vista, CA; he is also survived by his sons: Marshall ENDO 01; daughter in law, Francia; granddaughters, Sara, Emily and Ellie of Palo Alto, CA; Jason of San Mateo, CA; Daniel of San Jose, CA; his brothers: Melvyn (Sue) of Fallbrook, CA; Jim Michaelian (Mary) of Seal Beach, CA; mother-in-law: Georgia Wyma; sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Jan Wyma; John and June; 8 nieces and nephews; and numerous close friends.

Committed to giving the best possible care to his patients and supporting his office staff, Dr. Michaelian gladly volunteered his time and services to many local people in Ethiopia, Armenia and beyond. Another passion and joy in his life was flying his airplanes. He volunteered for Angel Flight transporting patients to and from their homes, hospitals and camps for children with special needs. He greatly enjoyed water ski, snow ski, cycling and flying with his family and friends. Marshall played a key role at the San Mateo campus of Menlo Church (Menlo Park) and delighted in serving amazing cups of espresso. He was a committed Christian and devoted his life to Christ, following him as his example and the foundation of his life.

Dr. Felix H. Wagher DMD 90

Dr. Felix H. (“Phil”) Wagher, DMD, 56, of Danbury, died at his home on Thursday, September 14, 2017. He was born in Mineola, NY, to Alan E. Wagher and Anne (Cassidy) Wagher.

Phil graduated from Northview High School in Dothan, AL, attended Auburn University, and graduated from Western Connecticut State University. He graduated from Boston University with a Doctor of Medical Dentistry. He was inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society, and received the 1990 American Academy of Dental Radiology Award for Oral Diagnosis and Radiology.

His career in dentistry included a private practice on South Street in Danbury, as well as with the Southbury Training School. He also generously donated his time volunteering with the CT Mission of Mercy, providing dental care to those in need.

In addition to having a professional career as a dentist, Phil was a self-taught musician, a certified Microsoft engineer, a skilled craftsman, and the inventor of the first flexible dental implant. He will be remembered for his incredible sense of humor, his beautiful mind, and his ability to put others at ease.

Phil will be sorely missed by his cherished children Alanna and Nikolas Wagher; his brothers, Christopher Wagher and his wife, Mary, Karl Wagher and his significant other, Jennifer Hollstein; his nephew and godson, Erik; his niece and goddaughter, Haley; and his godmother, Jacolyn Connolly.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Alan T. “Tim” Wagher.
Remembering Dr. Philip Maloney

Philip L. Maloney, DMD, age 86, passed away on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at his home, surrounded by his loving family. Dr. Maloney was born in Quincy to the late Dr. James Maloney and F. Adele (Powers) Maloney. He was a lifelong Quincy resident, attended Boston College High School and then Boston College, Class of 1952. He graduated from Tufts Dental School in 1955 and began his oral and maxillofacial surgery training at Boston City Hospital. In July of 1956 he left Boston City Hospital to join the U. S. Army and served with the rank of Captain as Chief of Dental Service at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Korea. The 121st Evacuation Hospital functioned as the de-facto tertiary hospital for U.S. troops and other U.N. forces. He was a member of the 38th Parallel Medical Society of Korea. Upon returning from Korea he completed a year of didactic study at the University of Pennsylvania. Here he became reacquainted with his future bride, Frances, who was also studying at the University. They married in 1960.

The majority of his career was spent in public service at Boston City Hospital, which later became Boston Medical Center. While at BCH, he was the Director of Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery from 1967-2000. He was a full Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston University. He was President of the Medical and Dental Staff at Boston City Hospital from 1981-1983.

After his retirement, he became Professor Emeritus of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Boston University. Dr. Maloney trained over two hundred oral and maxillofacial surgeons. He was a national and international lecturer. At the same time, he conducted and enjoyed research. His first, unswerving, most important educational message was that the patient always came first. His values and principles were understood and respected by his peers and residents but appreciated most of all by those patients whom he cared for. He was President of the Massachusetts Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (1972-1973). He was active in the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS). He was elected and served as the President of the AAOMS from 1985-1986. This association and his peers honored him many times.

In 1992 he received the Torch Award, which is the OMS Foundation’s highest award. This award recognized his major contributions to the specialty by co-establishing a five million dollar endowed research fund for the specialty of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The staff at BMC as well as colleagues and residents honored him by establishing the endowed BMC BU Philip L. Maloney, DMD Trauma Lecture Award. Dr. Maloney’s longtime, loyal assistant Helen Doyle led the campaign to raise $50,000 for the endowed lecture award and this was matched by the OMS Foundation to endow the fund for $100,000.

Having been born less than a block from the Quincy Tennis Club, Dr. Maloney was a self-taught, accomplished tennis player. At the age of fifteen he won the National Boys Doubles Title with a partner he met at the event. He also won the Massachusetts State Boys Singles title when he was in high school. He was ranked #1 in doubles in the New England Lawn Tennis Association (NELTA) rankings throughout most of his life. In 1999, he was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame Foundation’s New England Hall of Fame in Newport, R.I. At that time he had won over 130 NELTA tournaments. He was ranked #1 in New-England Father-Son doubles with his son, Philip, Jr., #1 in Father-Daughter doubles with his daughter, Tracy, and #3 with Stephen ten years later. He competed in National Father-Daughter Doubles until 2014. Dr. Maloney was a lifelong member of the Quincy Tennis Club.

Dr. Maloney was always a true gentleman, humble, kind and respectful to all. He was quietly generous to those he knew and did not know. He did not seek accolades but they sought him. He lived honestly and simply. He was not driven by material pursuits. He loved his profession, his family, and many friends. As he aged, he was increasingly troubled by reports in the news of conflict, war, and violence.

When the new OMFS Clinic opened at Boston City Hospital, he dedicated the clinic to Martin Luther King, Jr. He deeply admired Dr. King for his messages and how he delivered them. He believed, whenever possible, of resolution of conflict with peaceful negotiation. He was accomplished personally and professionally but mostly he was a joy to converse with and to be in the presence of. His family, friends, and colleagues will profoundly miss him.

Beloved husband for fifty-seven years of Frances I. (Kozec) Maloney. Devoted, adored and extraordinary father of Frances A. MacFarlane and her husband Bruce, Tracy E. Maloney, DMD, MS, Philip L. Maloney, Jr., Lynne C. Maloney, and Stephen P. Maloney, MD and his wife Amy, and loving Papa to several grandchildren. The youngest of seven siblings he is survived by his sister, Therese Maloney.
In his lifetime, Dr. Maloney received more honors and acclaim than most highly successful oral and maxillofacial surgeons could ever aspire to achieve. As a teacher, he had the knack for acting like a father who would often assign tasks that focused solely on ensuring optimal patient care, while expecting nothing short of superior effort and exceptional results. What was unique was that he was effective in somehow doing this in a manner that one would neither feel intimidated or pressured to perform, but rather motivated to excel. Dr. Maloney exemplified the saying that “great teachers are the reasons why ordinary students dream of doing extraordinary things.” Training and subsequently working under this great gentleman was truly an honor for me.

—Dr. Pushkar Mehra DMD 95 OMFS 99

“Dr. Maloney was the finest kind of gentleman with perfect integrity. Before it became the slogan of BMC, he delivered “exceptional care without exception” to all of his patients at Boston City Hospital. He treated every patient, every resident, and every staff member with respect and dignity. His conservative approach to treatment kept the patients’ well-being as the highest priority, always. “No one ever got an osteo from a closed reduction,” he used to say. He was the best sort of educator; one who instills values, and models what he teaches as well as requires knowledge acquisition and technique development. It is attributed to St. Francis: “Preach the gospel at all times and if necessary, use words.” Dr. Maloney lived and practiced the lessons we learned from him; sometimes he used words.”

—Dr. Karen Crowley OMFS 86

“Each of us that had the privilege to walk the halls of Boston City Hospital and Boston Medical Center has undoubtedly felt the legacy left by Dr. Maloney. His teaching and experience is woven within us, in every surgery we perform, in every challenge we meet head-on, and in every personal or professional encounter. Frequently I find myself asking, ‘what would Dr. Maloney do in this situation?’” For excellence, responsibility, respect, and correctness, are the hallmarks of Dr. Philip L. Maloney.”

—Dr. David Cottrell

“Dr. Maloney was a pioneer in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) practice and education in Boston, and his impact in both was and will continue to be felt throughout the United States and the world. The OMFS residents that he trained will truly be Dr. Maloney’s legacy as they have made an enormous impact on the profession of dentistry and the specialty of OMFS.”

—Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS SPRING 2018

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**JANUARY 2018**

Introduction to EagleSoft 7 CEUs $95
This is a hands-on course. This course is sponsored by Patterson Dental.
Thursday, January 18 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**FEBRUARY 2018**

Adding Nitrous Oxide to Your Practice 16 CEUs $1,695
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Thursday, February 1 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, February 2 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Infection Prevention & Control 2018: Evaluating Your Compliance 3 CEUs $95
Wednesday, February 28 • 1 - 4 p.m.

**MARCH 2018**

Sleep Disordered Breathing/Obstructive Sleep Apnea Symposium 12 CEUs
Friday, March 9 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 10 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Radiology Certification for Dental Auxiliaries MA: 12 CEUs $250
NH: 16 CEUs $325
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Thursday, March 1 Lecture: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, March 3 MA Clinic Session (See website for more details.)
Sunday, March 4 MA Clinic Session (See website for more details.)
Saturday, March 10 NH Clinic Session (See website for more details.)

Soft Tissue Concepts for the General Dentist: Understanding What is Possible and What is Not (NEW) 7 CEUs $350
Friday, March 2 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Basic Life Support Certification for Health Care Professionals 4 CEUs $95
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Wednesday, March 7 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Single-Tooth Implant: The Ultimate Esthetic Challenge Followed by: To Pull or Not to Pull: Guidelines for Evidence Based Ideal Outcomes (NEW) 7 CEUs $495
Saturday, March 24 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Register for both “The Single-Tooth Implant” (March 24) and “Medical Emergencies” (March 25) and receive $100 off your total registration fee.

Medical Emergencies: How to Save a Life, Including Your Own (NEW) 7 CEUs $395
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Sunday, March 25 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
*Register for both “The Single-Tooth Implant” (March 24) and “Medical Emergencies” (March 25) and receive $100 off your total registration fee.

Successes and Failures in Restorative Dentistry 7 CEUs $350
Wednesday, March 28 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Legal Documentation and Record Keeping 7 CEUs $395
Thursday, March 29 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

What’s New in Pediatric Dentistry for the General Practitioner – The Cutting Edge (NEW) 7 CEUs $495
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Saturday, March 31 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**APRIL 2018**

The (Digital) Future of Removable Prosthodontics 3 CEUs $175
Thursday, April 12 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**JUNE 2018**

Radiology Certification for Dental Auxiliaries MA: 12 CEUs $250
NH: 16 CEUs $325
This is not an introductory course.
Thursday, May 24 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, May 25 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Clinical Treatment Planning and Problem Solving — When It Doesn’t Go by the Book (NEW) 7 CEUs $395
Friday, June 8 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Laser Technology in Dentistry: Hard and Soft Tissue Applications 7 CEUs $495
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
This course is sponsored by LightScapel.
Sunday, June 10 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rehabilitation of the Edentulous Maxilla: Fixed vs. Removable Implant-Supported Prostheses 6 CEUs $195
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Wednesday, June 13 • 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Minimally Invasive Dentistry: Current Topics, Techniques and Materials for Maximum Efficiency: A Hands-On Experience 7 CEUs $395
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Friday, June 15 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Do’s and Don’ts of Porcelain Laminate Veneers 7 CEUs $595
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Saturday, June 23 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Clinical Examination and Imaging of Temporomandibular Disorders 7 CEUs $395
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Friday, June 29 • 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
This April, make your impact with thousands of Terriers, by giving back to your community. Over the past eight years you have helped serve over 119,000 hours with nonprofits. For more info, visit bu.edu/globaldaysofservice.

Boston University Alumni Association
From Friday, May 12, to Sunday, May 14, 2017, graduating DMD and Advanced Standing (DMD AS) students at GSDM celebrated their achievements during GSDM’s annual Senior Weekend. Senior Weekend for the Class of 2017 kicked off on Friday, May 12, with an ASDA Hour for the DMD students at Estragon in the South End and a graduation party for the DMD AS students at Clery’s in Boston.

Alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and predoctoral students gathered the next day, Saturday, May 13, at Norwood Country Club for the eighth annual ASDA Golf Tournament. GSDM’s ASDA chapter raised more than $13,000 from the tournament, which is the highest amount ever raised at an ASDA Golf Tournament.

Lunch then followed the tournament during which the following awards were presented: The winners of the cart decorating contest were two teams, the Henry M. Golfman School of Divot Making (Neville Hatfield DMD 20; Christian Ford DMD 20), and Molar Bears (Andrew Brodek DMD 18; Sam Jordan [guest]; Matthew Williams DMD 18; Peter Wilson DMD 18). The Best dressed winner was Greg Nielen DMD 20. The Ethics and Professionalism Award went to team Cavity Search; made up of Dr. Hesham Nouh, Sloane Kaminski-Dietzel DMD 18, Victoria Mitic DMD 18, and Stephen Prieve DMD 18. The men’s and women’s Long Drive winners were Kevin Kramer DMD 20 and Marisa Reason ORTHO 18, respectively. Vishal Goehl DMD 17 captured both the Putting Contest and the Closest to the Pin. The Tournament winners were: Mitchell Akey DMD 19, Stephen Brand DMD 19, Neeko Gardner (guest), and Adam Kornhaber DMD 19. The winners received handmade trophies from Mr. Ralph Tullerg, husband of Dr. Tina Valades, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry.

The festive weekend wrapped up on Sunday at the BU Pub on the Charles River campus, where Student Affairs and Development & Alumni Relations hosted the Senior BBQ. Each member of the Class of 2017 received a commemorative engraved glass stein as a gift from the Alumni Association.

“Senior Weekend is always a great time,” said Dr. Joseph Calabrese, Assistant Dean of Students. “It is a wonderful way for us to celebrate our graduating students. They dedicate so much while they are students here and it is great to have a little fun before Commencement Weekend.”

Dean and Mrs. Hutter, who were also in attendance at the barbecue, expressed their gratitude for another successful Senior Weekend. “Mrs. Hutter and I always enjoy Senior Weekend and the barbecue as we prepare for Commencement. Senior Weekend is an important time to celebrate your accomplishments with your peers and faculty members, a time you won’t soon forget.”
It is a wonderful way for us to celebrate our graduating students. They dedicate so much while they are students here and it is great to have a little fun before Commencement weekend.
Faculty, staff, and senior dental students from the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine gathered together on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at the Courtyard Marriott in Cambridge, Massachusetts for the Boston AO Alumni Annual Spring Brunch. Graduating AO senior dental students from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and the Harvard University School of Dental Medicine were also in attendance.

Dr. Paula Friedman, Professor Emerita of General Dentistry, and Dr. Larry Dunham, Director of Diversity & Multicultural Affairs were honored and awarded honorary memberships into AO.

The GSDM Chapter of AO is advised by Drs. David Dano AEGD 12 and Ronni Schnell DMD 81. Emily Foldes DMD 17, and Heidi Borenstein DMD 17 are the GSDM AO Chapter Presidents. Former GSDM faculty member Dr. Emrey Moskowitz-Porath, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry, is the President of the Boston chapter of Alpha Omega.

The Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity is the oldest international dental organization. Alpha Omega (AO) also has the distinction of being the oldest international Jewish medical organization. Comprised of over 100 alumni and student chapters in ten countries, AO prides itself in being an inclusive organization that welcomes people from all cultural backgrounds.

Lauren Liebman DMD 18 Receives Pierre Fauchard Award
On May 15, 2017, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter presented Lauren Liebman DMD 18 with the Pierre Fauchard Academy’s 2017 Foundation Dental Student Scholarship Award for her leadership and service to GSDM. Also present for the ceremony were; Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Cataldo Leone; Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese; and Lauren’s parents, Peter and Padmini Liebman.

Every year, the Pierre Fauchard Academy awards the scholarship to a dental student in each dental school who has demonstrated the greatest potential for development into an outstanding leader in the dental profession.

Prior to coming to GSDM, Liebman graduated from Hamilton College with a degree in Neuroscience. This year, she was selected for the Fauchard Award for her record of leadership throughout her time at GSDM. In addition to regularly volunteering for community events, Liebman is an active member of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). She has served on student government, where she currently serves as Secretary for the Class of 2018. Liebman is also a Teaching Assistant in one of the Preventive Dentistry courses. Liebman completed her 10-week externship at Uphams Corner Health Center in Boston, and hopes to travel abroad as part of GSDM’s International Elective Externship Exchange Program in the Spring.

After graduation, Liebman hopes to attend a General Practice Residency (GPR) program in New York City, and eventually begin her career as a General Dentist.

In presenting the award, Dean Hutter recognized Lauren for all she has already accomplished as a student at GSDM and praised her for receiving this very prestigious honor from the Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation.
The GSDM Lambda Mu Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society (OKU) held its ninth annual OKU Induction Ceremony and Dinner on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, in the Boston University Metcalf Trustee Ballroom. The induction was presided over by Dr. Stephen Polins, GSDM OKU Chapter President and Professor in the Department of General Dentistry; and Dr. Catherine Sarkis, GSDM OKU Chapter Secretary and Assistant Dean for Admissions.

The following DMD 17 and DMD AS 17 students were inducted into OKU: Shilpa Agarwal; Rebekah Gould Anderson; Divya Reddy Anugu; John Taylor Barrett; Farnaz Bayani; Shahin Bayani; Mahdieh Beheshti; Heidi Alyssa Borenstein; Jelena Cavric; Jing Guo; Sally Ann Jacob; Babak Javidi; Bajeet Kaur Khaira; Jaegak Kim; Megan McDougall; Michelle Nikki Muwanguzi; Linda Thanh Nguyen; Sofyan Sayfo; Maedeh Sedaghati; Joanna Song; Michael Danger Whitcomb; and Min Zhu.

Students are selected for this honor based on their academic achievement, demonstration of exemplary traits of character, and potential qualities of future professional growth. Nine GSDM faculty members—Dr. Serge Dibart, Professor and Chair of the Periodontology Department, and Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics; Dr. Margaret Errante, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry, Assistant Dean for Business Development, and Director of the Dental Health Center; and Dr. Steven Mollica, Clinical Instructor in the Department of General Dentistry—were also inducted as honorary members. Faculty are selected for this honor based on their contributions to the profession.

Dr. Polins began the induction ceremony and delivered remarks to those in attendance.

"Each of you is here tonight because of the success you have demonstrated, and, by virtue of that success, you have validated that you possess the criteria essential for induction into this prestigious National Dental Honor Society," said Dr. Polins. "In addition to scholarship, you have demonstrated exemplary traits of character, and qualities for future professional growth and attainment through act and deed."

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter then delivered his opening remarks.

"You are the best of the best and I know that I speak for the entire faculty, staff and alumni of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine when I say that we feel privileged and deeply gratified that you made the decision to attend our School and while doing so set a standard of excellence for all of your classmates and future students to emulate," said Dean Hutter.

Dean Hutter also made special mention of Dr. Catherine Sarkis, who stepped down as Assistant Dean of Admission effective June 30, 2017. Her years of dedication to our School and recruiting the highest caliber of students has made GSDM what it is today. "Our student inductees this evening are a true testament to the outstanding job she and her team in the Office of Admissions have done," said Dean Hutter.

Dr. Polins, Dr. Sarkis, and Dean Hutter then presented the awards. As Dr. Polins read their names, Dean Hutter and former Assistant Dean Sarkis presented to each of the new members of the Lambda Mu Chapter of OKU a certificate of induction, an OKU symbolic key and an OKU stole signifying their election to the prestigious national dental honor society.

Upon conclusion of the Ceremony, the new inductees were joined by their families, faculty, staff and friends to a dinner in their honor.
GSDM Endodontic Residents Celebrated at Graduation Dinner

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, residents of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics Class of 2017 at GSDM celebrated their graduation in the Boston University Metcalf Trustee Ballroom. They were joined by family, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni of the program.

The evening was hosted by Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics, Dr. Sami Chogle, along with the support of the GSDM Endodontic Alumni Association. Dr. Chogle welcomed the 125 guests in attendance and introduced all of the faculty and staff—who were instrumental in helping the residents make it to this point. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter was then invited to the podium to deliver a few words.

Dr. Cheryl Ullman ENDO 80 and incoming President of the Boston University Endodontic Alumni Association welcomed the new graduates into the GSDM Endodontic family. She spoke of what a strong bond they are now a part of, and asked that they all be active in the alumni association and to attend the alumni meetings.

Dr. Chogle then thanked all those in attendance and reiterated what a strong program they had just graduated from. He asked the graduates to think about giving back to the program that had given them so much. Dr. Chogle continued by introducing the present DScD, MSD and current first year residents before introducing the class of 2017.

A short video, produced by Drs. Alnowailaty and Talua was shown. Dr. Guinn was the final speaker, as he was chosen to speak on behalf of the class.

“Congratulations to the Class of 2017,” said Dean Hutter. “It is a wonderful achievement to have successfully completed such a prestigious program, and I wish you the best in all your future endeavors.”
GSDM Orthodontic Residents Celebrated at Graduation Dinner

On Thursday, May 18, 2017, residents of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics Class of 2017 at GSDM celebrated their graduation on the 26th floor of Boston University Student Village 2 at 33 Harry Agganis Way. They were joined by family, friends, faculty, staff, and alumni of the program.

The celebration began with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and photos. Prior to dinner, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and Dr. Joseph Calabrese presented the Postdoctoral Staff Recognition Award to Ms. Trisha Keane, Administrative Manager in the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics. A lovely buffet dinner was then served while guests were treated to music by the Scarlet Jazz Ensemble. Attendees mingled with each other while watching the sunset over Boston and beyond from the spectacular views offered by the venue.

Dean Hutter and Mrs. Kathy Hutter attended the celebration as well, appreciating the opportunity to congratulate the graduating residents.

Dr. Leslie Will, Anthony A. Gianelly Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, delivered a few remarks by congratulating the graduates and presenting each with a gift, a book that was signed by all of the faculty and offered a few words about each of the six graduates.

Dr. Michael Moynihan ORTHO 00, President of the GSDM Orthodontic Alumni Association, presented the graduates with a Certificate of Membership to the GSDM Orthodontic Alumni Association.

The evening concluded with a video presentation given by the graduates highlighting their memories from the past three years in the program. The class representative, Dr. Meghan Graham, thanked the faculty, staff, and families for their support.
GSDM Community Celebrates
CLASS OF 2017
On Friday, May 19, 2017, 185 predoctoral students and 88 postdoctoral residents received their degrees and Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) at the 2017 GSDM Convocation, held at the Track and Tennis Center.

Upon completion of the Processional, and after the official party had taken their seats on the stage, Chief Marshal, Dr. Carl McManama called the 2017 Commencement Convocation of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine to order.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter then began the Convocation Ceremony by introducing Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of Marsh Chapel, who delivered an inspiring invocation.

“I have watched you and your classmates grow into confident, competent dental and oral healthcare professionals, and I am delighted to share this special occasion with you as you receive your Doctor of Dental Medicine, Master of Science in Dentistry, Doctor of Science, and Doctor of Science in Dentistry degrees, and Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study,” Dean Hutter told the graduates as family and friends looked on.

Dean Hutter highlighted several notable accomplishments that the Class of 2017 achieved during their time at GSDM: providing the highest quality oral healthcare to the diverse population of patients they have had the privilege of treating; educating and caring for Boston children, some of whom had never before seen a dentist; caring for the elderly whom are now homebound and as a result are no longer able to travel to seek oral health care. Volunteering as part of the International Elective Externship Program, traveling globally to such countries as Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Panama to care for those adults and children with the greatest need; traveling to the city of Esteli, Nicaragua as part of ongoing efforts between GSDM, Boston University Medical Campus, and local and national governmental agencies in Nicaragua, to implement an oral health program that seeks to improve the long-term oral health of the city’s population; traveling to...
China as part of the International Elective Student Exchange Externship Program to participate in the diagnosis, treatment planning and surgical care of patients with advanced head and neck cancer and children with oral developmental defects at Shanghai University Jiao Tong College of Stomatology in Shanghai, the Fourth Military Medical University School of Stomatology in Xi’an, and Peking University School of Stomatology in Beijing; traveling to Tokyo Medical and Dental University in Tokyo, Japan, and Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Dentistry in Bangkok, Thailand; and playing a key role in hosting the students from these same institutions and schools as they travelled to Boston to spend their respective elective externships at GSDM.

Dean Hutter then congratulated the Class of 2017 for graduating from the first dental school in the country to have incorporated digital dentistry into its curriculum. While the graduating class has mastered the latest digital dental technologies, one student in particular was recognized. DMD Class of 2017 graduate Dr. Monica Schmidt-Stiteler was the first predoctoral student at GSDM and possibly any dental school within the United States, to design and subsequently place on August 4, 2016 a surgically guided implant under the outstanding mentorship and expertise of our general dentistry and oral & maxillofacial surgery faculty.

Dean Hutter then introduced the valedictorian of the DMD AS Class of 2017, Dr. Shahin Bayani, and the valedictorian of the DMD Class of 2017, Dr. Michael Whitcomb, to deliver their respective student speeches.

The Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching was then presented during the ceremony by Dean Hutter to Dr. Alexander Bendayan PROS 05. Dr. Bendayan is the newly appointed Assistant Dean for Digital Dentistry Development and Clinical Training at GSDM. He also serves as Chair of the GSDM Digital Dentistry Oversight Committee.

The award honors Dean Spencer N. Frankl who, for more than 40 years—30 of which he served as Dean—provided the leadership and vision that shaped GSDM. Each year, this award recognizes faculty member(s) who have shown similar dedication to supporting the School’s mission.

The keynote address was then delivered by Dr. Jonathan Levine DMD 81, one of the nation’s leading prosthodontists, and the former Chair of GSDM’s Dean’s Advisory Board. He is currently an Assistant Professor and the Director of the Advanced Aesthetics Continuing Education Program at the New York University College of Dentistry. He is also a Huffington Post contributor, a panel member on the Dr. Oz show, and currently owns his own practice, Jonathan
B. Levine & Associates in New York City. Dr. Levine is the founder of GLO™ Science, a company which manufactures a guided light optic teeth whitening system, and holds 21 patents. He is also the co-founder of GLO™ Good Foundation.

DMD Class of 2017 President Dr. Megan McDougall and DMD AS Class of 2017 President Dr. Ashish Agarwal then presented the 2017 Class Gift to Dean Hutter. The Class of 2017 reached 92 percent participation, and with matching funds donated through members of the Dean’s Advisory Board, including Dr. Levine, the Class Gift totaled $3,521.42.

“Words cannot describe the significance of this gift and what it means to me and our School’s future,” said Dean Hutter. “You have now set a precedent for future classes to emulate and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

The 2017 pre and postdoctoral/postgraduate graduates each then made the momentous march across the stage to receive their Certificates of Advanced Graduate Study (CAGS) and respective degrees. Dean Hutter then led the Class of 2017 in the recitation of the Professional Oath.

Dean Hutter concluded the event with some inspiring congratulatory remarks. “On behalf of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, I wish you the best of success in your future endeavors, and look forward to remaining in contact with each and every one of you as alumni of our school.”

Reverend Hill delivered the benediction prior to the recessional.

Following the 2017 Convocation Ceremony, a reception took place in a tent adjacent to the Track and Tennis Center during which the graduates, family, friends, faculty, and staff could pose for photos and congratulate each other on all they have achieved.
At this year’s commencement, GSDM was pleased to have a record number of alumni participating in the awarding of diplomas to family members. The families of 22 graduates were part of this special moment. This GSDM alumni tradition was established by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter several years ago, and it has become one of the highlights of the ceremony. If you are an immediate family member of a graduating GSDM student or resident, please contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations.

1. Samar Abusindah DIGITAL DENTISTRY presented by her husband Dr. Abdulraham Alhaddad PROS 16

2. Shilpa Agarwal presented by her husband Dr. Rajesh Kumar Agarwal DMD 16

3. Grace Hannawi presented by her father Dr. Hikmat G. Hannawi DMD 99

4. Nima Iranmanesh presented by his father Dr. Mohamad Reza Iranmanesh PROS 88, 89

5. Sai Anusha Adlur Janakiraman presented by her husband Dr. Kiran Kumar Tamminidi DMD 12

6. Jee Yun Jeong is presented by her husband Dr. Paul Cho DMD 16

7. Mohammad A. Khan is presented by his sister Dr. Zainab Khan DMD 15

8. Pardis Koleini is presented by her brother Dr. Parsia Koleini DMD 13 AEGD 14

9. Binna Lee is presented by her sister Dr. Su Ji Shaeffer DMD 01

10. Megan M. Lucht is presented by her sister Dr. Miranda Janine Lucht DMD 11 AEGD 12
11. Swati Malik is presented by her husband Dr. Rahul Malik DMD 12
12. Ahmed Sameer Znad Mihyawi is presented by his sister Dr. Noor Znad DMD 13
13. Patricia Moraga is presented by her fiance Dr. Jonathan Werbitt ORTHO 16
14. Sara Najafi is presented by her sister Dr. Mona Najafi DMD 16
15. Niusha Nikholgh is presented by her husband Dr. Mani Moulaazadeh DMD 00 AEGD 01 ENDO 03
16. Jeffrey N. Pan AEGD is presented by his mother Dr. Debra Hong Pan DPH 86 DMD 01
17. Krizia Marcella Proia is presented by her husband Dr. Ashish Papneja DMD 15
18. Fadhela Salah is presented by her husband Dr. Ali Khiblil PGOE 11
19. Maged Shokralla is presented by his sister Dr. Dina Shokrall DMD 11
20. Neha Shrestha is presented by her sister Dr. Rakshya Shrestha DMD 12
21. Maryevan Thacker is presented by her father Dr. James Thacker ORTHO 84
22. Min Zhu is presented by her husband Dr. Hongsheng Liu DMD 10 ENDO 12
Graduates Celebrated at Senior Awards Brunch
On Saturday, May 20, 2017, faculty, staff, families and friends once again welcomed and congratulated the GSDM DMD and DMD AS Class of 2017 at GSDM’s annual Senior Awards Brunch, held at the Fuller Building on the Charles River Campus. Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter once again hosted this now annual special event to celebrate the accomplishments of the graduates and recognize those graduates who had excelled in their dental education, and faculty and staff who had played a major role in their education.

After a brunch buffet, with an attendance of over 550, Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese delivered a congratulatory introduction to all the attendees.

Dean Hutter then delivered welcoming remarks in which he congratulated all the graduates on what they have achieved and wished them all the best in their future endeavors.

“Class of 2017, you have worked extremely hard during your years at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and during yesterday’s Commencement Convocation, your hard work was rewarded as you received your Boston University Doctor of Dental Medicine degrees at our Convocation ceremony, and took a most important step toward entering your chosen profession of dentistry,” Dean Hutter told the graduates.

Dean Hutter also acknowledged several staff members who planned the 2017 Senior Awards Brunch: Ms. Erica Manczuk, Associate Director of Student Affairs; Ms. Amy Nelson, Student Affairs Coordinator; Ms. Diane Dougherty, Administrative Assistant for Meetings & Events; Ms. Stacey McNamee, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving; and Ms. Alexandra Singer, Graphic Designer in the Office of Communications & External Relations.

Graduates, faculty and staff then made their way onto the stage as Dean Hutter, faculty members, and special guests, presented them with their respective awards.

GSDM Hosts Students and Faculty from Chulalongkorn University
From May 29, 2017 to June 2, 2017 GSDM hosted five students and one faculty member from the Faculty of Dentistry Chulalongkorn University (FDCU) in Bangkok, Thailand, one of our partners in the International Elective Externship Program. The five students visiting GSDM were: Mustura (Mimi) Phadung, interested in Pediatrics, Endodontics, Oral Medicine, and Surgery; Thorntan (Mo) Songvejkasem, interested in surgery and orthodontics; Tanutchaporn (Mai) Thongngam, interested in Orthodontics and Prosthodontics; Taya (Win) Ruxwongkana, interested in Operative and Maxillofacial Surgery; and Chanapas (Can) Saengsawang, interested in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. The faculty member from FDCU who accompanied the students was Dr. Soranun Chantarangsu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Oral Pathology and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

On Wednesday, May 31, the students and faculty member were hosted by Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter at a dinner they held at their home in Newton, MA. The dinner was also attended by many faculty, staff, and students of GSDM.

Then, on Thursday, June 1, the students presented to 50 GSDM community members on their school, their programs, and their culture. Prior to the presentation, Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Associate Dean for Global & Population Health, presented Dr. Chantarangsu with a Certificate of Recognition for contributing to the progress and advancement of dental education. The students then took turns at the podium sharing information about the Thai culture, such as their religions, temples, and cuisine. Others in the group discussed their dental education and how they found themselves at FDCU studying dentistry. Most of the presentation, however, was focused on the University itself, the largest dental institution in Thailand. Many GSDM students in the audience hope to visit FDCU if they are selected for the Externship Exchange Program.
John W. Stanford New Investigator Award
Dr. Haimem Naas DMD AS 18 was named the 2016 honoree of the John W. Stanford New Investigator Award. His research aims ultimately to integrate porcelain-fused-to-metal restorations to the computer-aided design and computer-aided manufacturing system.

The ADA Council on Scientific Affairs selected Dr. Haimem Naas for the award in recognition of his research project titled “Effect of Surface Treatment on Porcelain Bond Strength to Titanium.”

“Results of this study have shown that sandblasting, in combination with gold or titanium nitride coatings as a surface modification for titanium grade V, could make it a suitable substructure material for the porcelain-fused-to-metal restoration,” said Dr. Naas, who added that the inexpensive metal with “remarkable biocompatibility” is useful because “the CAD/CAM system that we use in dentistry nowadays is a subtractive manufacturing that leads to a significant waste of material making it unfeasible to use noble or high noble alloys to create a restoration by CAD/CAM due to the high cost.”

Dr. Naas has had other successes as a clinical researcher, including developing a new clinical technique related to creating a duplicate for almost any restoration as a backup when needed to avoid the need to redo restorations due to the clinical procedure. The technique was published in the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry in 2014.

As a recipient of the Stanford New Investigator Award, Dr. Naas presented his winning project at the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products annual meeting in San Francisco, California in March.

“Awards do mean a lot more when they come from your elite peers, and from highly prestigious organizations such as the American Dental Association,” Dr. Naas told the ADA News. “I will use this great honor as a reason to look forward towards greater and bigger success.”

The John W. Stanford New Investigator Award honors the contributions of the late Dr. Stanford, who died in February 2011 after a 40-year career with the ADA and is credited with establishing the ADA’s current standards program. The award acknowledges the original research that dental students and new dentists produce in the realm of dental standards.

Department of Pediatric Dentistry Holds Graduation Dinner
Over 80 family, friends, faculty, staff, and community members from GSDM gathered to celebrate the graduating residents of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry on Friday, June 16, 2017 at 33 Harry Agganis Way on the Charles River Campus of Boston University.

The 2017 Pediatric Dentistry graduates were Dr. Yasmin Alayyoubi, Dr. Hanadi Alwafi, Dr. Alison Brienza, Dr. Dina Ghaly-Habib, Dr. Norma Herrera, Dr. Yu Ong, Dr. Tarun Padmani, Dr. Solmaz Shir, Dr. Vani Takiar, and Dr. Carlos Valenzuela.

The evening’s program consisted of a cocktail hour, dinner, and the presentation of certificates to the graduates as well as remarks from several people who are instrumental in the Pediatric Dentistry program at GSDM.

After welcoming remarks from Dr. Athanasios Zavras, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter provided congratulatory remarks to the graduating residents, as well as the faculty and staff for their outstanding support of the residents, the program, and the School. Other speakers during the program included; Dr. Wendy Cheney, Dr. Porsche Jumlongras, Yolanda Cruz, Dr. Susan Lo, Dr. Jayapriyya Shanmugham, Dr. Gerald Finkelstein, Dr. Minoo Chaichian, Dr. Michelle Anderson, and Keena Banda.

GSDM Launches “Go Goldman” App
GSDM continues to be on the cutting edge of technology by launching its first smartphone app specifically for dental students, titled, “GoGoldman.” GSDM is currently the only dental school in the country using this kind of app, according to the design partner, Guidebook. GoGoldman is intended to serve as a one-stop-shop for information for students throughout the course of their dental education. Its first successful deployment and usage could be seen during the weeks of predoctoral orientation, where DMD 21 and DMD AS 19 students used the app for their schedules, questions, and contacting faculty and staff.

The app will be continuously updated by Student Affairs and offers many advantages for dental students. Primary features include: guides from important student-related offices (Academic Affairs, Clinical Affairs, and Student Affairs); the main Student Events Calendar for student organization events, study club meetings, workshops and seminars, and GSDM and BU events. Students can also add events to their own personal in-app schedule, create personal to-do lists, and access relevant links and important information right from their phones.

The app is available on both iPhone and Android platforms.
On Saturday, June 17, 2017, approximately 35 students, faculty, and staff from GSDM participated in the Healthy Athletes® Special Smiles® initiative at the Special Olympics Massachusetts Summer Games at Harvard University’s Murr Center. More than 1,800 athletes from the Greater Boston area converged on Harvard University’s Athletic Complex to participate in athletic events such as Aquatics, Gymnastics, Power Lifting, Tennis, Track & Field, and Volleyball. Dentists and dental students were on hand at the Special Smiles clinic to offer oral screenings, health education and prevention services, and referrals to athletes who need follow-up care. They also provided individually-fitted mouth guards to participating athletes. A total of 180 athletes received oral healthcare.

Special Smiles is just one component of the Healthy Athletes Program offered during the Summer Games. Others include Fit Feet (a podiatry clinic), FUNfitness (physical therapy), and Healthy Hearing (an audiology clinic).

The Special Smiles clinic was also staffed by volunteers from Cape Cod Community College, Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Mount Ida College, and Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Delta Dental co-sponsors the event.

“Special Smiles is a fun and important event and I am proud that GSDM has participated in it for so many years,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “Thank you to all of the GSDM volunteers, and especially to Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving Ms. Stacey McNamee who works extremely hard every year to organize the Special Smiles event.”
On Saturday, July 8, 2017, a record number of friends and family members packed into Metcalf Hall in the BU Student Union at 4 p.m. to watch the members of the DMD Class of 2019 and DMD AS Class of 2018 participate in the annual White Coat Ceremony, which marks the midway point of the dental students’ education and celebrates their transition from the classroom to the Patient Treatment Center.

After all the 860 students and attendees had taken their seats in Metcalf Hall, the White Coat Ceremony began with a welcome from Assistant Dean of Students Dr. Joseph Calabrese, followed by opening remarks from Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter.

“Although they (our students) have had the opportunity of treating patients since they began their dental education, they are about to begin the very important phase of their education in which they manage their own patients and provide comprehensive oral healthcare to them,” said Dean Hutter.

The keynote address followed Dean Hutter’s remarks and it was delivered by Dr. Joseph P. Crowley, President-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA). After the keynote address, the two classes were presented to Dean Hutter by Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Cataldo Leone to signify the beginning of the ceremony.

The students approached the stage to don their white coats, signifying an important transition in their educational and dental careers. While Dr. Stephen Dulong announced their names, Dr. Joseph Calabrese, Dr. John Guarente, Dr. Celeste Kong, Dr. Cataldo Leone, and Dr. Janet Peters assisted the students in donning their coats. Dr. Tina Valades and Dr. Matthew Zwieg served as Marshalls for the Ceremony. When all the students had their coats on and had returned to their seats, Dean Hutter asked them to stand as he led the DMD Class of 2019 and DMD AS Class of 2018 in reciting the Professional Oath.

Several students were then recognized with awards. The recipients of the Spencer N. Frankl Scholarships, American Dental Association (ADA) Foundation Scholarship, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dr. William S. Kramer Award of Excellence were announced.

The Spencer N. Frankl Scholarships were awarded to Safina-Aliya Dhanji DMD 19, Brian Nadeau DMD 19, Katelyn Quan DMD 19, and Elaine Wu DMD 19, while the American Dental Association Foundation Scholarships were presented to Erica Janik DMD 19 and Charmi Shah DMD 19.

Lastly, the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dr. William S. Kramer Award of Excellence was presented to Zachary Fried DMD 19 by Dean Hutter and Dr. Crowley.

Dean Hutter closed the ceremony with a few more remarks to the students and their families and friends.

“Members of the Doctor of Dental Medicine Class of 2019 and the Doctor of Dental Medicine Advanced Standing Class of 2018, we value your experience and we are certainly very fortunate to have you as students,” he said. “You are the best and the brightest and I know that I speak for the entire faculty and staff when I say that we feel privileged and deeply gratified that you made the decision and it was the correct one, to attend our Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.”

All of the DMD 19 and DMD AS 18 students, now that they officially have their white coats, will be tasked with managing the comprehensive oral healthcare of their patients, while providing them with needed treatment in the Predoctoral Patient Treatment Centers of GSDM.
On Monday, July 24, 2017 incoming students in the DMD Class of 2021 and DMD AS Class of 2019 were introduced to GSDM as they began their Orientation Program.

After a hearty breakfast in the BUSM Hiebert Lounge, the students assembled in the Keefer Auditorium where Ms. Erica Manczuk, GSDM Associate Director of Student Affairs, introduced the respective Student Ambassadors for each of the student groups.

Dean Hutter then welcomed the incoming students and introduced the following faculty and administrators who would be speaking: Dr. Joseph Calabrese, Dr. John Guarente, Dr. Celeste Kong, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Janet Peters, and Dr. David Russell.

After the series of presentations, the incoming students returned to the Hiebert Lounge for their Welcome Lunch. Dean Hutter used the opportunity to share his thoughts as to the students beginning their dental education at BU and GSDM.

“You are here today because you have chosen dentistry as your career and you are enrolled at Boston University because you have worked very hard in achieving the credentials necessary for acceptance into what is considered one of the finest dental schools in the world.

You should be very proud of yourselves and your fellow students who are among a select few to be chosen to pursue their dental education at Boston University!”

At the annual Ice Cream Social, sponsored by Craig Allen DMD 95 and the Alumni Association, and Student Information Fair later that afternoon in the Hiebert Lounge, incoming students were able to create their own sundaes, socialize with faculty and staff, and visit various organizations and companies’ information booth.

GSDM’s chapter of the American Student Dental Association welcomed the new students at Tia’s on the Waterfront later that evening for a party to celebrate their first week on campus.
DAY 2
The second day began with a luncheon sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), which welcomed new DMD and DMD AS students to the world of dentistry. The two MDS representatives were GSDM alums, Dr. Michael Mayr DMD 16 and Dr. James Lee DMD 14.

MDS discussed the importance of the student experience and why it’s integral to have such a strong organization of well-seasoned professionals in organized dentistry to provide the support and guidance needed for the students as they enter the dental profession.

Beginning on Tuesday, July 25, Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter generously opened their home to the first two, of six receptions they hosted for the incoming DMD Class of 2021 and DMD AS Class of 2019. The receptions provided the opportunity for the students to socialize with each other, and most importantly, meet their faculty, staff and respective Group Practice Leaders (GPLs).

DAY 3
On Wednesday, July 26, the Hutters welcomed more DMD 21 students to their home for more socializing over small bites and drinks, and a chance to meet their respective Group Practice Leaders, faculty and staff.

DAY 4
Thursday, July 27 was a busy day for all students as they participated in campus tours, were fitted for their scrubs, and visited Dean Hutter’s home for a final reception for the DMD AS students. Led by their Orientation Ambassadors, DMD 21 and DMD AS 19 students toured the Boston University Medical Campus to familiarize themselves with their new surroundings in Boston’s South End neighborhood.
On Friday, July 28, 2017 the GSDM community gathered together on the Talbot Green to take part in the 2017 Professional Ceremony where DMD 21 and DMD AS 19 students along with family and friends marked the end of their first week of orientation and one of the most significant events in their educational careers.

Dr. Joseph Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92, Assistant Dean of Students was first to the podium to welcome everyone to the 2017 Professional Ceremony. He noted the record consumption of cookies and cupcakes during the orientation week, drawing a laugh from the capacity audience.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter then delivered his opening remarks. “You are now a member of the Boston University community and will gain the benefit of an outstanding dental education; a collegial, respectful and supportive environment; and a vast network of Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine alumni,” he said. Dean Hutter was followed by Dr. Thomas J. Moore, Associate Provost of the Boston University Medical Campus and Executive Director of the Office of Human Research Affairs. Dr. Moore was speaking on behalf of Dr. Karen Antman, Provost of the Boston University Medical Campus and Dean of the Boston University School of Medicine, who was unable to attend.

Dr. Catherine Sarkis, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research, and former Assistant Dean of Admissions, then delivered the keynote address. Dr. Sarkis gave a moving speech about spending her life in and around dentistry; first as a child watching her father, Dr. Spencer N. Frankl, practice and instruct Pediatric Dentistry at GSDM, and serve as the second Dean of GSDM for 30 years, and in being married to an Endodontist, Dr. Ramzi Sarkis.

After all 203 DMD and DMD AS students received their pins, Dean Hutter then led them in the recitation of the Professional Oath.

In closing, Dean Hutter added, “Whether you choose patient care, research, education, or health policy as a focus in your career, as a graduate of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine you will be well prepared to meet the challenges that lie before you.”

Following the closing remarks, the students were led out of the tent by Dean Hutter, Associate Provost Moore and the members of the Official Party.

The Marshals for the Ceremony were Drs. Kadambari Rawal, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry; and Tina Valades, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry and Past President of the GSDM Alumni Association.
University of Manchester Visits GSDM

On Tuesday, August 1, 2017, students and one faculty member from the University of Manchester School of Dentistry (UoM) presented information about their School and culture to an audience of about 80 faculty, staff, students/residents in room G-701 at GSDM. The group was part of the first cohort of UoM students and faculty visiting GSDM as part of our International Externship Exchange Program.

The group visited GSDM and Boston from July 29 – August 13, 2017, and consisted of faculty members Dr. Neil Patel, and Professor Hugh Devlin; and students Aruche Hamid, Walid Hassoon, Blythe Hodgson-Parnell, and Ismail Khalil. All of the UoM students are 4th years, rising 5th years in their five-year program.

Aside from their academic schedule, the UoM students were treated to some of the best tourist attractions the city has to offer; a whale watch, a Red Sox game, a Freedom Trail walk, and a visit to the top of the Prudential Center for sunset.

Professor Devlin came for the second week of the group’s visit, and was particularly interested in GSDM’s Digital Dentistry curriculum and our use of the SLC. He was able to observe classes in the SLC with Dr. Mark Ferriero.

In the presentation, Dr. Patel highlighted the various clinical and research activities available at the University of Manchester. As a member of the Cochrane Collaboration, UoM is a leader in evidence-based dentistry and as such has had a significant impact on shaping the dental profession. Blythe Hodgson-Parnell took the audience through a day in the life of a Manchester dental student, Ismail Khalil then discussed the Manchester Undergraduate Dental Society, the first of its kind in the United Kingdom.

Following the presentation, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Associate Dean for Global & Population Health presented Dr. Patel with a certificate of recognition.

As part of the Student Exchange Program, the first team from GSDM to visit Manchester did so from July 1 – July 15, 2017. On that trip were Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Bakr Amin DMD 18, Diala Chahine DMD 18, Sarah Kim DMD 18, and Caroline Michaels DMD 18. While in Manchester, the GSDM cohort was treated to lots of presentations and discussions pertaining to the differences in UK and American dentistry. They discussed the use of dental therapists and the direction dentistry is heading.

GSDM Hosts Latin American Visitors Interested in Implementing Digital Dentistry in Their Universities and Dental Schools

On Monday, September 11, 2017, GSDM hosted a group of Latin American faculty from two universities in Chile, South America. The cohort visited GSDM to learn how the School had implemented Digital Dentistry into its curriculum so effectively and efficiently.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter welcomed the attendees to the School and Boston. He was followed by Assistant Dean for Digital Dentistry Development & Clinical Training, Dr. Alexander Bendayan, who introduced the GSDM faculty who have played a key role in the integration of Digital Dentistry. A guided tour of our Patient Treatment Centers and the Simulation Learning Center (SLC) was then provided during which the participants were able to witness the full integration of digital technologies into the GSDM curriculum, our teaching environments, and patient care.

Following the tour, the group then returned to the Dean’s Conference Room for a presentation on how GSDM has incorporated a seamless Digital Dentistry education into the curriculum. The presenters highlighted the processes used by showing “the changes implemented and clinical cases that demonstrated the implementation in the Patient Treatment Center,” said Dr. Bendayan.

The GSDM faculty who participated in the presentation (pictured below) were Dr. Bendayan, Dr. Louis Brown, Dr. Celeste Kong, Dr. Hesham Nouh, and Dr. Matthew Zweig. Ms. Betsy Ashworth, Academic Relations, CAD/CAM Dentsply Sirona, was also on hand to answer any questions the group might have.
Leila Joy Rosenthal has been walking the halls of GSDM for nearly five decades. She has seen the building gain four stories, thousands of students come and go, and the entire institution renamed in memory of its founder and first Dean, Henry M. Goldman, who happened to be her cousin. She is a staple of the School, and she is beloved. Her journey, however, is far from conventional.

The daughter of a renowned artist, teacher, and craftsman, Leila Joy has always been an artist in her own right. She graduated from Boston University’s College of Fine Arts and began her career in the arts. She has been teaching children’s and adult classes at the Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) Boston for nearly 59 years, and for several years, taught in the city of Boston High School Art Scholarship Classes held at the MFA. It was a fateful day in 1974 that brought her to 100 East Newton Street.

Leila Joy broke two teeth within weeks, and was referred to a GSDM prosthodontic graduate student for crowns. “If I could have crawled in my mouth to see what he was doing, I would have,” she said. Her fascination was palpable, and the dentist performing the procedure gave her two dental text books to peruse at her leisure. Two weeks later she had read them cover to cover and knew that dentistry was her second calling.

Her dental training began that fall as a Volunteer Project Director, doing dental drawings for the faculty. Leila Joy’s actual technical training began in 1976, with the establishment of the Dental Technology Program, from which she graduated in 1979. Nonetheless, she began as a teaching assistant in the newly formed Predoctoral Prosthodontics Program in 1978. In the interim, she has created illustrations for dental publications along with her teaching, and rose to the rank of Clinical Professor in 2012.

Leila Joy has since been a jack-of-all-trades at GSDM, from supervising the Predoctoral Removable Prosthodontic Lab, to acting as the School’s official Fire Marshall. While she certainly has enough on her resume to think about retirement, Leila Joy shows no signs of slowing down.

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GSDM Career Column: Edition II
Resume vs. CV: Which Is the Best Fit for Me?

“Are resumes and CVs the same thing? Which should I submit to an employer?” Resumes and CVs are different documents, and determining which is best for you will depend upon your current goals, not only your past experiences.

Resumes are clinical and administrative, focusing on associated work experiences, whereas CVs, known formally as curriculum vitae, are academic, addressing more detailed research, publications, teaching, and executive roles.

Most employers and recruiters prefer to receive concise resumes – whether it is for an Associate Dentist, Dental Director, specialist role, or even a practice purchase bank loan. Resumes should customarily fall within 1-2 pages, including only the most relevant educational and professional qualifications for your current pursuit. Common sections in resumes include:
- Education, Certification, Licensure
- Clinical Skills and Professional Experiences
- Community Outreach
- Leadership and Professional Affiliations
- Technology and Languages

However, for those interested in academia – whether full-time faculty, part-time instruction, or higher education administration – CVs are more common, focusing not only on educational and clinical experiences, but also on publications, research, and presentations. CVs often exceed the traditional 2-page standards because they follow with a longer list of publications or academic achievements. Nevertheless, CVs should still be targeted, eliminating entries that are not directly relevant for a current set of position requirements. CVs should run 4-10 pages and commonly address:
- Education, Certification, Licensure
- Clinical Skills and Professional Experiences
- Community Outreach
- Teaching
- Research, Publications, Presentations
- Continuing Education
- Leadership and Professional Affiliations
- Technology and Languages

Everyone should keep a master CV and/or resume for personal records. In the master copy, keep track of all roles held, but when it comes time for an application, the document should be tailored to the specific role and employer need.

Want to know more? See below for resources and reach out for more customized coaching.

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It’s not unusual for faculty and staff at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine to spend the majority of their professional lives at GSDM. Oftentimes they begin as students and residents, then graduate and become faculty and staff members. It is rare, however, to do it in reverse-order; enter Daniel Nayebi DMD 20.

The Holden, Massachusetts native began his career at GSDM as a Research Dental Assistant in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research, after obtaining his undergraduate degree in finance from Boston University. While he did venture into the business world after college, he had been drawn to dentistry since he was just a child. “I spent a lot of time at my neighbor’s dental practice, and just fell in love with the artistry of it,” said Daniel. “And now that I’ve gotten to experience the emotional side of dentistry, it’s amazing to see people who couldn’t afford care get treatment and to see how their demeanor changes.”

Daniel specifically worked in Global & Population Health for two years before he began his dental school application process. While he applied to other schools in the region and throughout the country, it was his experience as a staff member at GSDM that solidified his decision to remain a terrier. Daniel said, “I have such a family here I couldn’t leave. I got to meet a lot of faculty and I just saw that they were the most caring people, which swayed me.”

Beginning in the fall of 2016, getting back into the swing of academic life was somewhat of a challenge. Daniel notes that the frequent examinations and class schedule can be tough, but his classmates in the DMD 2020 class have formed a bond that is helping everyone to succeed. “Beginning in year one and now as we prepare to go to clinic, it feels like a family working together performing dentistry,” Daniel said. Through collaborative efforts and feedback, the class is poised to be one of the most successful at GSDM.

Daniel has yet to decide what specialty, if any he would like to concentrate in. His only goal is to be well-versed in all aspects of dentistry when he enters the profession. With only two academic years left, Daniel is eager to get into patient care and put the training he has received to the test. Receiving a GSDM Merit Scholarship has made Daniel’s dreams a reality, and he is grateful for all GSDM alumni who philanthropically support scholarships.

“Going through the application process, no matter how great you feel about what you’ve done, there’s always this crisis of confidence. Am I going to get in? The gesture of those who donated to make this scholarship possible, gave me a wave of relief and gave me the confidence in my abilities, so thank you.”
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It’s safe to say that the results have been outstanding—so much so that we raised our campaign goal to $1.5 billion, and extended the effort through 2019. With your help, we’ve broken new fundraising records every year so far. More important, we’ve made a huge difference in the lives of our students and faculty, transformed our campus, helped strengthen BU’s bond rating, and contributed to a sustained rise in BU’s rankings and reputation—and we’re not done yet.

Helping lead the way has been the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. Congratulations—you’ve enjoyed truly remarkable success in the campaign! All of us here at BU can be proud of the many ways in which GSDM alumni have stepped up and made a difference. Your gifts support student externships around the world, often in places where people have limited or no access to high quality dental care. You have endowed scholarship funds, so that talented students of all backgrounds can afford a GSDM education. You have helped GSDM departments purchase state-of-the-art equipment. GSDM is the number one class-gift program at Boston University, with the highest participation rate among BU’s schools and colleges for the last three years running. And on our annual Giving Day, GSDM alumni routinely rank among the most generous.

As you well know, we already have a standard-setting school of dental medicine here at BU. Now we can look forward to a new era of excellence, thanks in part to the renovation and expansion of the GSDM building. We are pleased and proud to see how many of you have come forward to help make this new facility a reality. I am particularly encouraged by how many GSDM alumni have made a $25,000 commitment to name a patient treatment room. Looking forward, I’m confident that seeing your names throughout the new Patient Treatment Center will encourage generations of students to work harder and do better—and to give back to GSDM and BU once they’ve built their own careers.

Make no mistake: the impact of your giving will last well beyond the end of this campaign. We now have a strong culture of philanthropy at BU, which will serve this university and your school well in the years to come.

Thank you for your generosity. And if you haven’t yet joined this historic effort, I hope you will consider supporting GSDM.

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