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BUILDING A FUTURE FOR GSDM
Dear Alumni and Friends,

As I write this we have just finished celebrating this year’s commencement which is one of my favorite days in the GSDM year. While we will have an extensive article on commencement in the next edition, our staff and faculty are feeling like proud parents sending the newest group of our young alumni out into the world.

Because of this, I have been thinking a lot lately about the future of our graduates, our GSDM community, the profession, and the exciting next chapter of our physical home. Our students are truly impressive – passionate about becoming the best oral healthcare providers they can be, knowledgeable about the latest research, and truly compassionate individuals. They care deeply about community service, and each year we lead the University in Global Days of Service. They are also philanthropic. This year, for the fifth year, our class gift program had the highest participation rate among the 17 schools and colleges at the University.

Each year during orientation, Kathy and I host the incoming students and residents at our home. We started doing this seven years ago, and it has become a wonderful tradition that we look forward to every year. Our students come from all over, and each one has an interesting life background to share. We host six of these welcome receptions which we keep to around thirty students. This gives us an opportunity to get to know each student in a small group setting. It’s a chance for them to meet members of the Alumni Association Board who attend, as well as their respective Group Practice Leaders. Our Alumni Relations staff also attend as we consider it critical to connect our students with the alumni community they will soon join. Helping them understand that they are now part of the GSDM family is our goal, and that they can count on each other, as well as faculty and staff throughout their career. For the second year, we are also hosting three receptions for our incoming residents from each of the specialty programs.

In 2017, U.S. News and World Report rated dentistry as the top profession in the United States. It is an exciting time to become a dentist, and the future looks bright as technological advances continue to enhance the patient experience both at our school, in private practice, and in Community Health Centers. Thanks to the launch of our Group Practice Model and Digital Dentistry programs in which we became the first dental school to offer a seamless digital environment, our graduates are entering the work force ready to be leaders in this new dental world.

As we shared with you last time, we are working with the University in moving forward our plans for a newly expanded and renovated building. In this edition, we are pleased to highlight a group of your fellow alumni and philanthropic leaders helping us achieve this goal. Each of these donors will be recognized with their name on a Patient Treatment Room as a tribute to their $25,000 pledge. We hope each of you will consider making a commitment at a similar level which can be structured as a multi-year pledge. In the near future, students will see the names of these alumni donors as they begin their clinical training. Thanks to your generosity, they will be able to see the true breadth and commitment of the GSDM community. And for that, I am deeply grateful and excited about our future. It is again an honor and privilege for me to serve as the Dean of the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine at Boston University.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey W. Hutter, DMD, MEd
Dean and Spencer N. Frankl Professor in Dental Medicine
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Dear Fellow Alumni:

This will be my last message to you as President of the GSDM Alumni Association. It has been an absolutely remarkable experience to be your representative. I have been privileged to meet so many fellow alumni during my tenure, hear your stories, and be amazed at your accomplishments. It makes me so proud to be part of the GSDM community.

As the leadership of your Association, the Alumni Association board has made it a priority to be a bridge to the newest members of the GSDM family as they make their way through school. The Alumni Association organizes events for each class during every year of their studies. We are there the first day of orientation to welcome them, and the last day at Senior Awards Brunch to offer congratulations. By the time these students graduate they know how deep a resource the alumni community can be to them.

We hope to connect these students to alumni in the places they plan to work, live, or pursue further studies. This is done on a personal level, introducing new graduates to alumni by email or phone, helping them plan for their entry into the profession.

And it is also accomplished through programming, such as the New York Study Club, run by local alumni with support from the Alumni Office, which offers subsidized rates for young alumni. The Alumni Association board works closely with the Alumni Office, and as a result, students get to know the staff there on a personal basis.

It is so important to keep in touch. I have reconnected with so many of you and made new friends during the last couple of years. The good news is that the University has made this easy. Boston University has made this achievable recognizing a commitment of $25,000.

With sincere thanks,

Bing Liu DScD 99, DMD 03
President, Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Alumni Association
The art and science of dentistry are taught at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) in a variety of spaces and in a range of ways. But most dentists, here and elsewhere, would likely agree that the Patient Treatment Rooms (Operatories)—where students first encounter live patients—are the most important spaces in an oral healthcare education.

GSDM books over 30,000 appointments a year, so third- and fourth-year students spend nearly all of their time in these treatment rooms. Under close faculty supervision, they begin to apply their classroom learning and practice collaborating with their dental colleagues. And, perhaps most important, they see how satisfying it is to help people in need of skilled care.

The potential to improve student and patient experiences in a clinical setting has been a major consideration as the School prepares for the expansion and renovation of its Lawrence J. and Anne Cable Rubenstein Building. GSDM’s predoctoral program and clinical space will be increased by more than 60 percent and will feature 100 new Patient Treatment Rooms available to students in the DMD and DMD AS program. Each of the treatment rooms will be better equipped than ever with state-of-the-art equipment and technology.

Today, GSDM alumni have an exciting opportunity to contribute to this top-priority project and create a meaningful legacy for themselves at the School. By making a gift of $25,000, donors will be able to support and name a new Patient Treatment Room in the predoctoral Patient Treatment Center at GSDM. There is already significant philanthropic momentum. Individuals and spouses who make a gift, which can be given through a multi-year pledge, will see their names “in residence” at the new facility upon its opening.

Here, some of the project’s lead alumni donors explain why they decided to support this major new effort.
Mitchell (Mitch) Sabbagh DMD 87
Giving Back and Honoring an Education

“Among the most pivotal four years of my life,” this is how Mitch Sabbagh describes his degree program at GSDM. He loved being at the School so much that he joined the GSDM Alumni Association Board soon after graduation. That affection persists to this day and is at the root of Sabbagh’s decision to support a new Patient Treatment Room at GSDM.

“Why support a room like this?” he asks. “To me, it says that whoever will be working and learning in that space will know that a GSDM alum backed it—that the room is a sign of support for the next generation of dentists. It’s a way to show that economic success is achievable, because an alum had the career success to be able to make that kind of donation, which can be hard to imagine when you’re in the midst of that tough and demanding training. For me, it’s a way to give back and honor my education at GSDM.”

Sabbagh has seen much change at GSDM since he graduated. “I come often to teach, and I notice that the students are here year-round, and that’s different from my years here,” he says. “The campus is buzzing with activity all the time.”

Until he joined the GSDM Alumni Association Board, Sabbagh hadn’t fully appreciated the commitment of time and funds made by the School’s founders in creating an excellent program for students. “We’re all the beneficiaries of that work, as dentists,” he says. “Now it’s our turn to continue that commitment for future dentists. The Patient Treatment Room I support today will be used tomorrow by students I will never meet, but who I know will do great things in the field simply because they were here at GSDM.”
Larry Dunham DMD 83
Giving From the Inside Out

Larry Dunham is culturally and academically curious—about how people live in other cultures, how to keep learning and teaching the next generation, and how to better integrate dentistry, medicine, and public health. He sees things holistically and did so well before he became the first African-American student admitted to the DMD program at GSDM. Today he maintains his own dental practice and is a GSDM Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

His holistic point of view also led him to become a GSDM philanthropist: his gift will support a new Patient Treatment Room. “If we in the academic community don’t do all we can,” he notes, “then why should others invest in us?”

Dunham was born in South Carolina and grew up in Springfield, Massachusetts. “My parents believed a black family would have better chances in the north,” he says. They taught him, he says, that “you don’t give up on yourself; you stay mindful of truth, time, and love; and you work from the inside out.”

Since 2012 when he was appointed Director of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, Dunham has led GSDM’s efforts to make the School’s community more diverse and to encourage those seeking to practice dentistry in underserved communities. “I always had an acute curiosity about cultures,” he says. “You combine that with philanthropy, and you’re really focusing on relationships. In my work, and in giving to GSDM, I’m growing something that has meaning.”
Madalyn Mann had practiced as a dental hygienist, but was drawn to community public health, earning a master’s degree in Dental Public Health at GSDM. She joined its faculty soon after in 1976, and found herself training students to work in underserved communities with allied health professionals, including nurses and social workers. In 1979, she developed and led the School’s Externship Program, placing fourth-year dental students in underserved communities to treat patients. This program was so successful that in 1989, she created APEX (Applied Professional Experience), which to this day gives first-year students similar opportunities to work alongside established private practitioners. Both programs continue to offer valuable opportunities to learn—in the field—about dentistry and dental practice. “Students leave GSDM with this high-level dual training that benefits their work no matter where they choose to practice,” says Mann, who also serves on the GSDM Dean’s Advisory Board.

Mann, who served on the GSDM faculty for 33 years, says her support for a new Patient Treatment Room at the School is all about honoring that training quality. “I know how important the clinical aspect of the training is: where students hone their skills as they work with patients, under supervision... I wanted to contribute to that effort. It’s all part of the amazing GSDM experience.”
There are two generations of Augers at GSDM. The first are alumni Tim and Meghan Auger, who met at the School, married while they were students, had their first son, and then graduated together. And now their daughter Tarhyn Auger is a member of the GSDM Class of 2020.

Tim remembers his first encounter at GSDM. “The day I showed up for my interview, there was a huge snowstorm. Few people were at school, but Professor Stephen Polins was there and showed me all around. His kindness and enthusiasm were my first introduction to GSDM, and I’ll never forget it.” When Tim and Meghan arrived as students, both found a GSDM community with the same qualities Tim had admired in Professor Polins: friendliness, cooperation, and positivity. All three Augers say that despite the intensity of the training provided there, the School treats all students like professionals.

Now Tim and Meghan Auger are honoring their GSDM education by naming a new Patient Treatment Room. “When the opportunity came to support the School, we both said ‘yes’ right away,” Tim says. “I feel like we owe a huge debt of gratitude to GSDM for being educated there, for meeting each other there, and for what it is now doing for our daughter. We think it’s important for people to give back.” The Augers are pleased to see the new developments at the School, especially in the modernizing of patient treatment facilities.

After GSDM, the Augers moved back to California, where they live today. Tim did his residency in orthodontics and Meghan later completed her own pediatric dental residency (commuting weekly to Los Angeles for three years—“probably the hardest thing I’ve ever done!” she notes), as well as a master’s in oral biology. Both have also used their GSDM training to treat some 400 children in rural Guatemala with the International Health Emissaries, an experience both found tremendously fulfilling.

All of these alumni, and many more, are part of the fabric of the Goldman School of Dental Medicine. As generous donors to the School’s new patient treatment rooms, all share great enthusiasm about its future.

Look for other stories about GSDM alumni donors in the months ahead.
BU Giving Day 2017 Breaks Records

April 5, 2017 will go down in the Boston University record books as the most successful Giving Day in history, with over $2.3 million dollars in donations received. GSDM yet again exceeded previous earnings, ranking in the top 5 schools at the University. GSDM’s total gifts received from the GSDM community for the 24-hour period was $76,939.11. Overall, GSDM came in 5th place among all 17 BU schools and colleges in total donations, and 6th place in number of donors. A total of 270 members of the GSDM community donated on Giving Day.

GSDM topped its 2016 Giving Day total for amount of money raised. During Giving Day 2016, on April 6, 2016, GSDM raised $57,566.07. Giving Day 2017 saw more than a 25 percent increase in funds raised.

“It’s a testament to our alumni and the GSDM community that we ranked fifth out of 17 schools this year in total gifts,” said Kevin Holland, Assistant Dean for Development & Alumni Relations. “Despite a GSDM alumni population of approximately 7,800, we consistently rank with the largest schools and colleges at the University.”

A key contribution from Dr. David Lustbader CAS 86 DMD 86 and Chair of the GSDM Dean’s Advisory Board to match every donation dollar for dollar up to $10,000 helped make Giving Day 2017 such a success. Dr. Athanasios Zavras, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatric Dentistry, also matched all donations made to the Department of Pediatric Dentistry.

“Thank you so much to everyone in the GSDM community who made Giving Day 2017 our best yet,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “As always, we will continue to look toward our network of alumni, faculty, staff, residents, and students, to continuously support GSDM as we build upon our reputation both nationally and globally in achieving our vision of being the premier institution promoting excellence in dental education, research, oral healthcare, and community service in order to improve the overall health of the global population.”
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Student Profile: Charmi Nimish Shah DMD 19

Dental school is an ambitious undertaking. It requires hundreds of hours in the Patient Treatment Center, in the classroom, and studying and preparing for exams. Most students at GSDM arrive on campus after four years of rigorous undergraduate study, internships, and sometimes prior experience in the field. For Charmi Shah DMD 19, it’s all happening at once.

Shah was accepted into the Boston University Liberal Arts/Dental Education program, where she will receive both her bachelor’s degree and DMD in just seven years, and is the recipient of the ADA Foundation Scholarship. Shah has already graduated from Boston University in 2016 with a B.S. in Predental Science. As a member of the DMD class of 2019, Shah is currently ranked 1st in her class.

Shah has always been interested in medicine, but didn’t think the dental field would be her career of choice. At her father’s urging, Shah shadowed her local general dentist, and her fate was set. Shah admired the rapport her dentist had with his patients; he knew their life stories, their families, and they in turn were happy to visit. Often the dentist is portrayed as a painful and unwanted experience, but this office proved just the opposite. “His office was all about spending time with the patients and talking with them,” Shah said. “It felt like a combination of your friend, healthcare provider, and artist doing special work for people.”

Shah’s time at GSDM has solidified her decision to enter the field of dentistry. Always up for a challenge, she particularly enjoyed the biochemistry, physiology, and anatomy classes, as it tested her intellect and provided a sound base for her future coursework. “I know most people dislike their first year, but I really liked the first semester. It was cool to see how everything in the body works together,” she said.

As many dental students can attest, Shah’s biggest obstacle so far presented itself when she began working in the Simulation Learning Center (SLC). It took her many late nights of studying and practicing working with her hands and using instruments to become comfortable. As she prepares to begin work in the Patient Treatment Center, she is eager to see how her preparation and studying has paid off. “I’m looking forward to patient interaction, that was the main reason I committed to dental school,” said Shah. “I’m really excited just to talk to patients and create that relationship.”
Hongsheng Liu DMD 10 ENDO 12 Joins the Alumni Board

GSDM is pleased to welcome the newest member of our Alumni Association Board, Dr. Hongsheng Liu. Dr. Liu received his DMD from GSDM in 2010, and completed his Endodontics residency here in 2012. Prior to coming to Boston, Dr. Liu earned his DDS from the Peking University School of Stomatology in 1997, where he completed his Pediatric residency and his MSc in Oral Biology. He was also a Clinical Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Peking University School on Stomatology.

Currently, Dr. Liu serves as the Board Secretary for the Peking University School of Stomatology and as a Trustee of the Merrimack Valley District Dental Society. He owns and practices at New England Endodontic Solutions located in Londonderry, New Hampshire and Methuen, Massachusetts. Dr. Liu is also a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Endodontics at GSDM, a position he has held since 2012.

Since graduation from GSDM, Dr. Liu has practiced in a variety of positions and locations, including, but not limited to; Associate Endodontist at Western Massachusetts Endodontic Associates; Associate Endodontist at My Dentist PC in Londonderry, New Hampshire; Clinical Investigator at Forsyth Faculty Associates; and Associate Endodontist at Steinert Endodontic Associates.

Dr. Liu is a member of the American Association of Endodontists, the American Dental Association, and the International Association of Dental Research.

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Calling for Nominations for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Award

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Each year, the GSDM Alumni Association recognizes alumni whose exemplary accomplishments, service, and commitment have made them exceptional leaders and GSDM representatives. We honor their service in several ways, and awards can be given in recognition of contributions to the school, their community, or the profession.

The award(s) are presented during Alumni Weekend, and this recognition ceremony is the highlight of our GSDM alumni reception. This tradition was established by the GSDM Alumni Association in 1992, and prior awardees have helped patients with special needs; performed cleft palate surgery in Central America; served as the Chief Dental Officer for USPHS; and been awarded numerous patents for innovative and cutting edge dental products.

We are looking for nominations from you! Help us acknowledge and recognize alumni who have made, and continue to make, a difference in their community and the world. Please send nominations to Stacey McNamee (smcnamee@bu.edu).
Mike Roberts PEDO 70 and Sandy Roberts: Planned Giving as a Measure of Commitment

How do you measure commitment? To oral health? To community service? To giving back?

If your yardsticks are seriousness of purpose, breadth of service, affection for mentors, respect for peers, and old-fashioned hard work, then Sandy and Mike Roberts stretch the measurement to unusual lengths.

There is also another way to gauge their commitment to the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine: their philanthropy, in the form of a generous planned bequest earmarked for GSDM’s Department of Pediatric Dentistry. It also honors Mike Roberts’s affection for his alma mater and pays tribute to a long career that took shape at GSDM.

Deciding on Pediatric Dentistry

Mike and Sandy were high school sweethearts in Texas and married in 1964. After graduation from the University of Texas Dental Branch, they moved to Boston where Mike completed a hospital rotating dental internship (GPR). Following completion of the internship, they spent two years in Winslow, Arizona, where Mike worked for the Indian Health Service of the U.S. Public Health Service (USPHS). There, he cared for some 5,000 children as part of his post-college selective service commitment. Mike then began graduate studies at GSDM in 1968.

Mike had already decided on Pediatric dentistry and had visited different Pediatric dental programs earlier while in Boston. It was there he met Spencer Frankl for the first time. Why Pediatrics? “I think it’s all about the relationship you develop with a young patient,” he says. "As Spencer Frankl, the Chair of Pediatric Dentistry when I was there, told me one day when I was having an especially challenging time with a two-year-old patient: it’s all about trust. He was right. It is all about trust with children. And once you have established that, you can make a positive difference in a child’s health.”

Building a Career, with a GSDM Foundation

Once at GSDM, Mike and Sandy made many friends and got to know the University and Boston well. A number of Mike’s colleagues from classes and residency became and have remained friends for nearly 50 years. “The school was like a family,” Mike recalls. “We worked hard and were a pretty tight-knit group. We knew GSDM was a top school, which made us especially proud to have been admitted to the graduate program. On top of that, our Chair expected his graduates to become leaders, and he trained us to be so by example.”

Once his studies were completed in 1970, the USPHS again had Mike off and running, and he took the teachings of GSDM with him. “Spencer Frankl and all the pediatric dental faculty were inspirations,” he says. “We wanted to work hard and give back. That was the expected standard.”

The years following GSDM were productive and geographically diverse. From Boston, they moved to San Francisco, where Mike worked in the USPHS Hospital. In 1975, he was transferred to the USPHS outpatient clinic in Washington, D.C., as Chief of the Department of Dentistry. He was reassigned in 1981 to the chief patient care section as Deputy Clinical Director at the National Institute of Dental Research of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in Bethesda, MD.

Along the way, Mike taught in such distinguished institutions as the University of California, San Francisco; Georgetown University; the University of Maryland; and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where today he is the Henson Distinguished Professor and Associate Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. He is also currently serving as the Executive Associate Dean and COO in addition to having a heavy teaching load. He has published several chapters in Pediatric dentistry reference books and over 110 articles in professional journals. Mike speaks frequently to domestic and international audiences.

Sandy, meanwhile, earned bachelors and masters degrees in business and organizational psychology. She has worked in career services for women, conducting workshops for those re-entering the job market and for those in transition after divorce, abuse, and other major life events. She too spent time at the NIH, where she helped support international postdocs and their families as they settled into the community. Once in North Carolina, she ran the UNC visitors’ center and its Carolina Speakers Bureau.

Giving Back to GSDM

What does “philanthropy” mean to Mike and Sandy? “It means giving back, and it’s about legacy,” Sandy says. “We don’t have children of our own, so we look for other ways to support what we feel is valuable. We’ve been the beneficiaries of generous people, directly and indirectly, so there is a responsibility that is important to us, to pay it forward.”

Planned giving, Mike says, presents excellent opportunities for GSDM alumni to support the school. “For us, it was a way to show how strongly we felt about GSDM and its future,” he says, “about its students and about their preparation as professionals. I remember that it was important to my classmates to know that they had the support not only of our chair, Spencer Frankl, and the faculty, but also of other GSDM graduates. As alumni ourselves, we can inspire our younger colleagues, but I think that financial support from alums will always be important to the School’s success and to the excellent preparation GSDM is known for.”
GSDM Community as Mentor

Sophia Chou DMD 11 believes that GSDM offered her an education that no other dental school could have provided. Since graduation she has stayed close to the GSDM community and leveraged those relationships and experiences on the path to successful entrepreneurship.

In general, Sophia believes, “the journey should be far more exciting than the end itself,” and so far her life has been nothing but fast-paced and exhilarating. Sophia’s current entrepreneurial endeavor with her husband Foy is focused on building technology tools/apps that make the dentist’s life easier.

Sophia’s father, Dr. Lee Chou, Professor and Director of the Division of Oral Medicine and Professor of Biomaterials at GSDM, and Consultant to the Dean on Asian Programs, had a significant impact on Sophia’s desire to always learn and do more. Sophia related that, “because my dad is a professor at the dental school, many aspects of his career would seep into our everyday lives. He would often talk about his work at the dinner table. He would share with me what they were doing in terms of research and ask, ‘is this not exciting?’”

Sophia likes speculative technologies, and the fact that her dad included her in those conversations from an early age was extremely helpful and encouraging. “His stories gave me a spark. You have dentistry; there’s research; there’s science; and there’s a lot of progress that can be made... I really loved that.”

Dr. Sophia Chou’s Journey

Sophia Chou was an undergraduate Biology major in the BU College of Arts & Sciences when she met Foy Savas, who was also at CAS, studying Mathematics. Sharing a love for innovative technology, Sophia and Foy collaborated outside the classroom during their undergraduate years building their first app for sharing class notes, flashcards, and study guides.

Following graduation from BU CAS in 2007, Sophia enrolled in GSDM’s DMD program in the Fall of 2007. During her years at the School Sophia never slowed down. When she wasn’t in the classroom or the clinic seeing patients, she and Foy worked on co-founding a web development firm, Assembly, which they both managed.

After graduating from GSDM with a DMD in May 2011,
Sophia practiced dentistry in the Boston area. During that time, she was trying to decide how dentistry and software both fit into her life.

Sophia, however, had always wanted to live in New York City and she couldn’t resist the attraction of becoming part of a tech accelerator program. Sophia and Foy both applied to the program in 2012 not fully expecting to get in, but they did. At this point, Sophia decided to “hit pause” on her dental career and take this next step. She wanted to get a better sense of whether building tech was something she wanted to do for the rest of her life.

As Sophia was finishing up her tech accelerator program in New York City, she was invited to join the team of an early stage start-up company Levo (LinkedIn for millennial professionals). The CEO of the company was impressed with Sophia’s product experience and work ethic and invited her to join their growing team as their Chief Product Officer. In that role, she launched Levo’s first revenue generating products, helped raise their Series B funding, built a new product and tech team, and defined their product roadmap and strategy. For Sophia, “it was an incredible experience, almost like graduate school.”

Sophia’s next tech adventure presented itself through her networking in the tech ecosystem in New York City. She heard of another company that caught her interest: Plum Alley. They were looking for a Chief Product Officer to build out their crowdfunding platform. Sophia joined Plum Alley as their CPO in 2014. Sophia helped create a new product, an investment platform designed to connect high net worth angel investors with companies that had gender diverse teams. After working with Plum Alley for over a year, Sophia began to realize that she wanted to build products not just for other people, but products that resonated with her. “I believe that if you’re ready, you’re already late,” she says.

Her ongoing conversations with Foy led her to the realization that she wanted to develop an app or software within dentistry. Sophia knew first-hand the problems that dentists face in practice ownership and wanted to help solve them. Ultimately, she and Foy founded Auxpanel, which allows dental practitioners and their practices to save time, boost performance, and grow their practice using analytics and a practice performance dashboard.

Founded in 2015, Auxpanel has offices in Boston and New York. The name Auxpanel is from the prefix “aux,” which means to grow. The word “auxiliary” is also commonly used to refer to staff, such as assistants, front desk receptionists, and the office manager, who make the day-to-day dental practice run smoothly. In short, Auxpanel is another auxiliary member of your dental team. Auxpanel makes managing the performance and finances of multiple locations and many providers instantaneous and painless. Auxpanel’s niche is with owners of one to multi-location practices, group practices, and small Dental Service Organizations (DSOs).

Sophia and Foy believe that Auxpanel’s success can be attributed to the many ambitious, young practice owners who gravitate toward the group practice model or want to grow beyond one practice. They’re tech-savvy and are accustomed to using the latest tech and apps for most facets of their life. They realize that scaling a practice is difficult without the right technology which can streamline their business operations.

Sophia summed it up by relating that as an entrepreneur you have to learn early on to be comfortable with failure. “There are many similarities between building a tech start-up and a start-up dental practice. Both require embracing the unknown, a willingness to experiment, and resilience. Most importantly, it is easier to act on calculated risks when you don’t fear failure.”
Dr. Cassis & AEGD Alumni Catch Up Overseas

Dr. John Cassis PROS 86 DMD 88, was invited to speak at the International Dental Meeting for the Lebanese Dental Association Beirut held on October 13, 2016, in Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Cassis, Clinical Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials, Director of the Dental Health Center at 100 E. Newton Street and Post-Graduate Operative & Esthetic Dentistry and AEGD programs, lectured on ceramics and esthetics.

The theme at this year’s meeting was “Aiming for Excellence.” Over a three-day period, Dr. Cassis and his colleagues attended lectures, experienced the latest state-of-the-art medical equipment and treatments, and attended various networking events.

The event was well-attended by many GSDM alumni, who continue to support the International Dental Meeting for the Lebanese Dental Association. Alumni in attendance were: Drs. Kristel Tabet AEGD 09 ENDO 11, Sandra Ghosn AEGD 94 PROS 97, Philippe Aramouni PROS 91, Walid Dabbagh PERIO 95, Gabriel Menassa PERIO 98, Elie Zebouni PROS 88 DMD 90 MscD 97, Henry Kayem AEGD 99, Marc Kaloustian AEGD 00, and Roy Abourjelly AEGD 99.

GSDM Makes Waves at 2017 Yankee Dental Congress

From January 26–28, 2017, the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) in the Seaport area of Boston was bustling with dental professionals from New England at the 42nd Yankee Dental Congress (YDC). It is the largest dental meeting in the region, and the third largest meeting in the United States. The three-day event featured continuing education courses, lectures, events, and the ever-popular Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) Alumni Reception.

Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving Stacey McNamee hosted the GSDM booth and alumni lounge, which was frequented by hundreds of alumni, students, residents, faculty, staff and friends. New this year was a large screen playing recently produced Patient Treatment Stories that were of great interest to everyone who entered the booth and lounge. In addition, Impressions Winter 2017 was hot off the press and available for guests to peruse, as was a copy of the lead story in Impressions entitled, “A Spectacular New Home.” Many alumni also posed for photographs with Stacey, fellow alumni, faculty, a large cutout of Rhett, and the GSDM banner.

On the second day of the Congress, the GSDM Alumni Association Board Meeting was held in the Constitution Room of the Seaport Hotel. Board members in attendance were Drs. Nazila Bidabadi, Puneet Kochhar, Bing Liu, Hongsheng Liu, Monique Mabry Baam, Speideh Novid, Casey Pedro, Sean Rayment, and Mitch Sabbagh.

Four GSDM students presented at the Yankee Dental Congress on January 28, 2017, and participated in the Student Poster Session. Khalid Alamoud, postdoctoral candidate who works in Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska’s laboratory, was the first-place winner in the Postdoc Category.

Every year the American College of Dentists, New England Section, presents the Senior Dental Student Awards to a deserving senior dental student from Boston University, Harvard University, Tufts University, the University of New England and the University of Connecticut. Each of the recipients, as nominated by their respective Schools, have outstanding achievements in academics, leadership, and initiative. The recipient from GSDM was Joanna Song DMD 17. Dean Hutter was on hand to present her award and in so doing remarked, “Joanna Song truly represents the American College of Dentists’ principles of high achievement, strong leadership, and high ethical standards,” said Dean Hutter. “Since first meeting Joanna, I have been continually impressed with her intelligence, dedication, motivation, can do attitude, and wonderful personality. She is truly deserving of this award and I congratulate her on all that she has accomplished.”

On Saturday evening, Michael Whitcomb
DMD 17 received the MDS EDIC Matthew Boylan Senior Student Scholarship Award. The scholarship is awarded annually during Yankee Dental Congress (YDC) to a Massachusetts resident and dental student who has provided distinguished service to organized dentistry and the community.
GSDM Orthodontic Alumni Association Holds Reception

On Saturday, April 22, 2017, GSDM held an alumni reception during the Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). The Conference took place from April 21 – 25, 2017 in San Diego, California, while the reception was held at the Marriott Marquis, San Diego. Hosted by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, and Dr. Leslie Will, Anthony A. Gianelly Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, the reception drew many alumni from the United States and internationally.

The reception began with brief remarks by Dr. Will, in which she talked about the crucial role that GSDM's orthodontic alumni will continue to play in the future of the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics at GSDM. Dr. Will also thanked all the alumni that have volunteered their services in support of the Orthodontic Alumni Association as it continues to grow.

“The alumni reception at the AAO meeting is always a great time for me to touch base with alumni and share the news of our department,” said Dr. Will. “It’s also good for our current residents to meet alumni, and this year’s meeting was once again a success.”

Dean Hutter then briefed the guests on the status of the expansion and renovation of the GSDM facility located at 100 East Newton Street. During his presentation, Dean Hutter passed around architectural renderings of the exterior of the building along with new and renovated spaces within the interior. He also addressed many questions from the alumni dealing with the scope of the project, construction schedule and floor plans. In closing, Dean Hutter praised Dr. Will, the faculty and the residents for their hard work, dedication and support, and echoed Dr. Will’s sentiments about the important role that GSDM’s orthodontic alumni play in the overall success of the Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics, and in the expansion and renovation of GSDM.

“I would like to thank the alumni for attending the Orthodontic Alumni Reception,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “I certainly enjoyed being able to connect with our orthodontic alumni, while also speaking to all in attendance about the exciting progress we are making in regards to our upgraded facility at 100 East Newton Street.”

During the AAO Annual Session, Orthodontic Resident Dr. Gili Naveh ORTHO 17 was selected to present at the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award Program. Her research was titled, “Structural derived function: the pre-programming of the periodontal ligament.” Her research was titled, “Structural derived function: the pre-programming of the periodontal ligament.” The full abstract of her research is as follows: “In orthodontics, external forces are used to initiate a cascade of structural modifications inside the PDL. These in turn lead to alveolar bone remodeling and tooth movement. Despite the central role of the PDL in orthodontic tooth movement, its structure and function remain unclear. Here we show that the PDL has preprogrammed structural internal driving forces that guide the tooth function. We were able to elucidate the 3D fibrous structure of a fresh mouse molar PDL and follow the organizational changes throughout different developmental and functional stages. Primarily, we demonstrated that the fibrous network is not uniform in its distribution and is organized in dense and sparse networks. Fascinatingly, the distribution of the networks is determined even before the tooth is erupted. We can thus state that the PDL non-uniform collagenous component function is derived by its structure and therefore guided internal structural changes might lead to functional ones.”

New York Study Club Meets During 2017 Giving Day at The Cornell Club in Manhattan

Back row, l–r: Mehrdad Noorani DMD 87, Mitch Sabbagh DMD 87, Gary Nord DMD 10, Ron Schwalb, Van Stevens and Jeffrey Kramer DMD 80

Front row, l–r: Maddy Apfel DMD 80, Brian Perelmutter DMD 96, Lee Smulen DMD 95 and Jack Roth
GSDM Shines at 2017 American Association of Endodontists Annual Session

GSDM residents and alumni were a strong presence at the American Association of Endodontists (AAE) Annual Session, held April 26–29, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

AAE 2017 set a new record as more than 4,000 members, guests and exhibitors attended the annual meeting in New Orleans. Cutting-edge 3-D surgery was one of the many highlights as Dr. SyngcukKim performed microscopic surgery on two patients “behind the curtains” while the audience viewed the procedure with 3-D glasses, seeing the treatments just as Dr. Kim did.

On Thursday, April 27, 2017, over 100 alumni and faculty from GSDM’s Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics, as well as their family and friends, attended a special Alumni reception hosted by Dean and Mrs. Jeffrey W. Hutter, and Dr. Sami Chogle, Director of the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Endodontics at GSDM.

At the reception, Dr. Chogle welcomed all the attendees and sincerely thanked the alumni for their continued support.

Dean Hutter spoke next about the crucial role that GSDM’s alumni have in the continued success of GSDM in working towards its goal of becoming the premier institution promoting excellence in dental education, research, oral healthcare, and community service in order to improve the overall health of the global population. He also updated the endodontic alumni about the status of the expansion and renovation of the GSDM building project, as well as what will be taking place on the 2nd floor of the building as a result of the construction.

In closing, Dean Hutter praised Dr. Chogle and the endodontic faculty for the outstanding job they are doing in educating the endodontic residents and providing endodontic care to the patients being treated in the Postdoctoral Endodontic Patient Treatment Center.

Dean Hutter was followed by President of the Endodontic Alumni Association, Dr. Juan Savelli DMD 00 ENDO 03. Dr. Savelli updated the alumni about the record increase in alumni membership in the Endodontic Alumni Association, and encouraged more to join. He also informed the alumni of the dissolution of the Schilder Institute for the Advancement of Endodontics (SIAE), and that the funds of the Institute were being donated to the GSDM Endodontic Alumni Association.

After the speeches, the attendees and their families mingled with each other and the other alumni, catching up on friendships forged in GSDM’s endodontic program.

Several residents and faculty members also participated in the 2017 AAE Annual Session in a variety of ways.

Two GSDM Endodontic residents delivered oral presentations: YousefAlnowailaty ENDO 17, “Comparison of Two Methodologies for Testing Cyclic Fatigue Resistance of Nickel-Titanium Rotary Files,” and Mona Haghani DMD 14 ENDO 17, “Efficacy of Cone Beam Computed Tomography Use in Endodontics.”

Dr. Sok-Ja Janket, Research Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry, was also active at the Annual Session. She co-authored a poster presentation titled, “Characteristics of the Cohort Opting for Endodontic Treatment.”
Frank Schiano DMD 06 AEGD 07 ORTHO 18 (pictured third from left) was one of twenty orthodontic residents in the country selected for the 2017 AAO Emerging Leaders Conference, which was held in Fort Lauderdale, FL on Thursday, February 9, 2017.

(Above) Jonathan B. Levine DMD 81 and wife Stacey. Dr. Levine is the co-founder of GLO Science’s revolutionary new gum health treatment, ECO Balance, which was awarded the GOLD Thomas Edison Award.

(Lefy) Jun Hyuk Hwang DMD 12 and Priscilla Sia tied the knot on January 7, 2017 in Sentosa Island, Singapore. In attendance were several BU alums including Sarah Courtney DMD 08, Barney Streit ENDO 96 and Ralph Hawkins ENDO 89.


(Left) Mitch Sabbagh DMD 87 and Kelly Antebi were married at the Press Lounge 653 in New York, NY on Sunday April 2, 2017.

Tim Auger DMD 91 and Meghan Auger DMD 91 visit with Dr. Joe Calabrese DMD 91 AEGD 92 and Stephen Polins PERIO 73.

(Above, l–r) Caitlin Reddy DMD 13, Trinh Vo DMD 13, Joshua Williams DMD 15, Sara Mandell DMD 13, Kony Park DMD 12 in Fort Gordon, GA.
Leslie Little Ferrara DMD 09 came back to visit GSDM; pictured here with Dr. Joseph Calabrese on a snowy day this past winter.

(Above) Alex Vasserman DMD 11 and Adar Finkel Vasserman DMD 12 welcomed Ava Sage Vasserman on March 9, 2017.

(Above) Bob Miller DMD 84 PERIO 86 with Miller & Korn office staff in new, Boca Raton, FL location.

(Above) Eric Hoverstad OMFS 14 in his new Wilson, NC office.

(Above) Esther Tam DMD 03, ENDO 06 and husband Kenny welcomed Sophia, born on June 30, 2016. Sophia’s brother Zachary is 3.5 years old.

(Above) Dr. Kerry Anzenberger Dove DMD 09 and husband Travis welcomed Maya Rose Dove on January 12, 2017.
In Memoriam

Dr. Harvey Leon Novack ENDO 68
Dr. Harvey Leon Novack, DMD of Mansfield, entered into rest January 3, 2017, he was 76. Devoted father of Abbe Novack, Andrew Novack, and Jonathan Novack. Loving brother of Neal Novack and Lewis Novack. Also survived by his former spouse and friend, Shirley (Kaufman) Novack.

Dr. Howard E. Schunick ENDO 66
On January 23, 2017, Dr. Howard E. Schunick; loving husband of the late Shelley Schunick; devoted father of Sarla (Morris) Scherlis, Jory (Amy) Schunick, and Lacey Schunick; adored poppy to Kalli, Raquel, and Sophia Scherlis, Jillian Schunick, and Zoe Schunick; cherished son of the late Lillian and Dr. William Schunick; devoted partner of Judy Shor.

Sandra Kranz DPH 90
Sandra Kranz passed away on Friday, March 3, 2017. Sandra was a resident of Newton, Massachusetts at the time of her passing. Beloved wife of the late Sol Kranz; devoted mother of (Phyllis) Dvora and Ben Corn, Joanne and Ephraim Zayat; dear grandmother of Atara and Ami Solow, Elisheva and Ezra Hahn, Abigail Corn, Margo and Eliyah Ladany, Ashley and Glenn Weiss, Justin Zayat, Benjamin Zayat and Emma Zayat; loving great-grandmother of Ori, Lia, Roni, Eden, Noam and Solomon.

Sandra earned her Masters of Science in Dental Public Health from GSDM in 1990 and was an important member of the community from 1971 to 2002, when she retired as an Associate Professor. Nearing the end of her time at GSDM, she was awarded the Alumni Service Award in 2000 for her service to the school.

Faculty and Staff Remember Sandra Kranz

“Sandy had a larger than life personality, and her biggest passion was helping students. She was dedicated to working with them, especially in helping them think about their future.”
— Steve Polins PERIO 93

“Sandy was a beloved member of the faculty for 30 years, and her commitment to our students was remarkable.”
— Catherine Sarkis LAW 94

Former faculty member, Madalyn Mann DPH 76, mourned the loss of her friend and colleague of so many years, “Sandy was just an incredible human being, and the students loved her. She had such an interest in their lives, both on a personal and professional level. She helped shape many generations of our alumni.”

Kranz treasured correspondence from former students, and one letter from 1999, included the following, “It is hard to overestimate the value of advice I was given. Your availability and willingness to always go the extra mile to help students deserves the highest praise and shows real dedication.”
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSE OFFERINGS FALL 2017
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JULY 2017

Basic Life Support Certification for Health Care Professionals
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Tuesday, July 11 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
4 CEUs $95

Infection Prevention & Control: Evaluating Your Compliance
Wednesday, July 19 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3 CEUs $95

Introduction to EagleSoft
This is a hands-on course.
This course is sponsored by Patterson Dental.
Thursday, July 20 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $95

CAD/CAM for the Dental Assistant
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Friday, July 21 • 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
4 CEUs $125

AUGUST 2017

Advanced Laser Dentistry for Laser Users (NEW)
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Sunday, August 13 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $495

Adding Nitrous Oxide to Your Practice
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Thursday, August 24 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, August 25 • 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
16 CEUs $1,695

SEPTEMBER 2017

Nuts & Bolts of Implant Treatment from Planning to Completion, from Single Tooth to the Complex Case: Reviewing Techniques and New Technologies to Achieve Predictable Success (NEW)
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance. This course is sponsored by Ivoclar-Vivadent, Straumann, ADL Dental Ceramics NY, Ultradent and Kettenbach.
Friday, September 8 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, September 9 • 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
11 CEUs $795

Make Yourself Marketable:
Learn How to Fabricate Provisional Restorations
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Wednesday, September 13 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $145

A Facelift for Your Practice
Adding Botox and Dermal Filler Procedures (NEW)
Saturday, September 16 • 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3 CEUs $145

OCTOBER 2017

The Management of Complex Cases and Treatment Planning: Case Discussion (Stage I) (NEW)
Friday, October 6 • 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
6 CEUs $395

Radiology Certification for Dental Auxiliaries
This is not an introductory course.
Thursday, October 12 Lecture: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Saturday, October 14 Clinic A: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Clinic B: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday, October 15 Clinic C: 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Clinic D: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Saturday, October 21 NH Clinic Session: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
MA: 12 CEUs | $250
NH: 16 CEUs | $325

Achieving Superb Results with Every Day, Bread-n’-Butter, Direct and Indirect Procedures
Friday, October 13 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $345

Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning
Thursday, October 19 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, October 20 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
14 CEUs $495

Grow Your Practice by Helping New Patients
Find You through Social Media (NEW)
4 CEUs $145 (Dentist) | $95 (Staff)
Register 3 or more team members and receive 10% off your total registration fee.
Sunday, October 22 • 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Predictable Approaches to Multidisciplinary Treatment
Monday, October 23 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $295

CEREC Guides 2.0 from A to Z with on-site live patient demonstration (NEW)
This course includes a live patient demonstration.
Thursday, October 26 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $495

Innovative Periodontics: Creating Success in Today’s Dental Practice (NEW)
Register for both “Innovative Periodontics” and “Utilizing Laser Technology in a Periodontal Environment” and receive $100 off your total registration fee.
Friday, October 27 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $495

Utilizing Laser Technology in a Periodontal Environment (NEW)
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Register for both “Innovative Periodontics” and “Utilizing Laser Technology in a Periodontal Environment” and receive $100 off your total registration fee.
Saturday, October 28 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $495

NOVEMBER 2017

Legal Documentation and Record Keeping
Thursday, November 2 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $395

Predictably Successful Endodontics:
1. Root of the Problem
2. Schilder Warm Gutta Percha Vertical Compaction Technique
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Friday, November 3 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, November 4 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
14 CEUs $1,400

Immediate vs. Delayed Implants in the Esthetic Zone;
From Initial Evaluation to Final Restoration
Monday, November 6 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
5 CEUs $395

Practical Tips for the Everyday Esthetic Dentist (NEW)
Thursday, November 9 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
7 CEUs $350

Restoring Implants Chair-Side Using Your CEREC – Yes, You Can!
This course is intended for dentists with experience using CEREC.
Friday, November 10 • 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
This course is a collaboration with Sirona Dental, Inc.
7 CEUs $395

Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner:
Faster, Easier, and More Predictable
This is a hands-on course. Limited attendance.
Friday, November 17 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday, November 18 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
14 CEUs $995

Hard Tissue Reconstruction for Implant Site Development in the Esthetic Zone (NEW)
This course includes two live patient demonstrations.
Thursday, November 30 • 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
7 CEUs $795

DECEMBER 2017

Excel as a Practice Manager and Grow Your Practice to the Next Level (NEW)
Thursday, December 7 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Friday, December 8 • 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
14 CEUs $595

SUMMER 2017 IMPRESSIONS 29
**Alumni Reception**

**Friday, September 15**

Four Seasons Hotel Boston  
200 Boylston Street  
Boston, MA 02116  
7–10 p.m.

For more information, contact Stacey McNamee, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving, at smcnamee@bu.edu or 617-638-4778.

Class of 1987 (30th Reunion), please contact Anthony Amato at DMD1987@icloud.com.

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**Reunion Events & Activities**

**Saturday, September 16**

**Continuing Education Course**  
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**A Facelift For Your Practice - Adding Botox and Dermal Filler Procedures**  
Gigi Meinecke DMD 88

Considering getting trained in facial injectables? This course explores popular injectable treatments such as Botox® and dermal fillers and their incorporation into dental practice. A basic overview of human facial evolution, expression, sexual dimorphism and aging provides foundational information. Before and after pictures are presented to demonstrate clinical indications and results. Information on how to incorporate these adjunctive services is discussed.

*Special price of $25 for GSDM alumni.*

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GSDM Participates in Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness

On Sunday, October 2, 2016, GSDM joined forces with the Oral Cancer Foundation (OCF) for the 10th Oral Cancer Foundation Walk/Run for Awareness at the Chestnut Hill Reservoir in Boston. Students, faculty, and staff from GSDM participated in the 5K walk to raise oral cancer awareness and promote early detection as well as to celebrate survivors and remember those who have passed away. The Boston University team was organized by the Oral Cancer Research Initiative (OCRI) and the BU chapter of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). Zachary Snider DMD 18 captained the Boston University team.

Before the walk began, attendees heard from the featured speaker, Eva Grayzel, a stage IV oral cancer survivor. Her inspiring talk highlighted the challenges and experiences of those who have had oral cancer, as well as opportunities for clinicians to diagnose the disease at an early stage. Participants also had the opportunity to get free blood pressure and oral cancer screenings.

The Oral Cancer Research Initiative is a focused multidisciplinary collaborative that brings together basic scientists, clinicians, public health researchers, and other specialists to work on diverse issues related to oral cancer. Among the faculty and staff present at this event was Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Dean for Research at GSDM, Professor of Molecular & Cell Biology, and Director of the OCRI.

This year’s event raised over $20,000, with the BU team contributing nearly $800. The Oral Cancer Foundation uses donations to fund research, create public awareness, advocate for more early detection work, and support patients.
GSDM Takes Part in Top 6 Summit of Global Dental Education

From October 25–26, 2016, GSDM was represented at the Top 6 Summit of Global Dental Education, during which a round table meeting followed by an open forum were held on Global Dental Education. The summit was hosted by Shanghai Jiaotong University College of Stomatology in Shanghai, China.

The six schools participating in the Summit represented GSDM’s International Elective Exchange Program partners, and included; GSDM, Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Dentistry, Fourth Military Medical University School of Stomatology, Peking University School of Stomatology, Shanghai Jiaotong University, and Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

“This is the first time the deans of the dental schools from the US, China, Japan and Thailand gathered together to share the experience and review the outcomes of the Global Externship Exchange Programs among their 6 schools,” said Dr. Laisheng Chou, Professor and Director of Oral Medicine. “This Top 6 Summit provided a great opportunity for the deans to share their view of global dental education.” Also in attendance was Dr. Michelle Henshaw, GSDM Associate Dean for Global & Population Health, and Professor in Health Policy & Health Services Research.

On the first day, the six schools held a closed-door meeting to review and evaluate the existing exchange programs among the schools/colleges. They also discussed the mission of the summit and vision for a future Annual International Conference on Global Dental Education. That evening, the schools enjoyed a Welcome Banquet at the Shanghai Old-Town Temple Restaurant.

The second day, the Open Forum of Global Dental Education, featured presentations on Dental Education Systems from the deans of each partnered institution. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter presented first, titled “Current and Innovative Concepts in Education.” He was followed, in order, by Professor Suchit Poolthong, Dean of Chulalongkorn University, Professor Jihua Chen, Dean of Fourth Military Medical University, Professor Chuanbin Guo, Dean of Peking University, Professor Steve GF Shen, Dean of Shanghai Jiaotong University, and finally Professor Keiji Moriyama, Dean of Tokyo Medical and Dental University.

Prior to the Open Forum, each Dean and their guests were invited to the Opening Ceremony of the 2016 DenTech Conference held at the World Expo Exhibition and Conference Center.

Since the newly minted exchange and collaboration agreement between GSDM and the University of Manchester School of Dentistry (UMSD) is now official, Dean Hutter invited UMSD Dean Paul Couthard to take part in the 2017 Summit that is scheduled for December 2017 and will be held at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand.

GSDM AAWD Chapter Represented at National Meeting

Three GSDM students traveled west to the Rocky Mountains for the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) national meeting held in conjunction with the American Dental Association (ADA) annual session. The GSDM AAWD student chapter President Grace Hanawai DMD 17 was accompanied by chapter members Chandini Shaikh DMD 19, Nobiru Suzuki DMD 18, and Faculty Advisor Dr. Kadambari Rawal, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials. The national meetings took place in Denver, Colorado from October 20–22, 2016.

The chapter representatives attended several seminars focusing on the common issues facing female dentists today; decision making, practice management and leadership. The group also had the unique opportunity to meet and interact with the American Association of Women Dentists’ National President Dr. Mary Martin. Dr. Martin was updated about the past activities of the chapter and she congratulated the GSDM chapter on its achievements. She further motivated the students to continue their efforts and their contributions to outreach programs.
Oral and Maxillofacial Department Featured in BU Today, Patient Success Stories

The Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at GSDM found itself in the spotlight, thanks in large part to Department Chair Dr. Pushkar Mehra DMD 95 OMFS 99, and some life-altering surgical procedures. The treatment of three patients has been featured in BU Today, and is in a video series developed by the GSDM Office of Communications.

In BU Today, Dr. Mehra and his team performed a cutting-edge TMJ surgery that was both profiled and captured in a video story. To read the full story and view the video, please visit www.bu.edu/today.

In three video projects by GSDM’s Communications team, patients of Dr. Mehra and Dr. Andrew Salama were featured for their complexity. First, Dr. Mehra operated on Liz, a woman with such severe sleep apnea that friends would throw objects at her to wake her up. Liz’s sleep apnea, which affects approximately 18 million Americans, had become so debilitating, it required surgery.

The second patient, Stacy, was a student at Brandeis University with the Posse Scholarship program. After his face appeared swollen, and his mother falsely accused him of getting in a fight, it was discovered that Stacy had an aggressive facial tumor. Dr. Mehra and his team moved quickly to formulate a treatment plan and the removal of the tumor.

The third patient, Ted, was treated by Dr. Salama for aggressive oral cancer that required major soft tissue reconstruction. Just three months after surgery, he was speaking and sharing his story.

Dr. Pinelopi Pani Wins Hellenic Society of Periodontology Award

Dr. Pinelopi Pani, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry at GSDM was the recipient of the 2016 Fotis Mitsis (F. Mitsis) award presented by the Hellenic Society of Periodontology. Dr. Pani travelled to Greece to accept this award in late 2016.

The F. Mitsis award is a prestigious honorary award given every two years to distinguished young Greek Periodontists. The goal of the award is to support, encourage, and inform the greater public and dental community about the activity of new Periodontists. The award is given during the opening ceremony of every scientific academic year of the Hellenic Society of Periodontology. It is an event attended by distinguished periodontists and other members of the Hellenic Society of Periodontology.

Dr. Pani was selected based on the following criteria; her studies, degrees, and honors received thus far, her current academic position and research activity, as well as her American Board certification in Periodontology. Dr. Pani’s research, titled, “Association of IL-1β gene polymorphism with levels of IL-1β in gingival crevicular fluid (GCF) and periodontal pathogens in patients with periodontitis,” was a major contributing factor to her selection.

Dr. Pani joined GSDM on August 20, 2015 as a Periodontist. She received her DDS from National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece) in 2010, and her Certificate in Periodontology and her Master of Science from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2014 and 2015, respectively.
On Friday, November 4, 2016, the International Elective Exchange Program between GSDM and the University of Manchester School of Dentistry (UMSD), United Kingdom became official. In a signing ceremony attended by GSDM representatives Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Dr. Belinda Borrelli, Dr. Michelle Henshaw, and Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, and University of Manchester representatives headed by UMSD Dean Paul Coulthard, Professors Anne-Marie Glenny, Kevin Seymour, Helen Worthington, Nick Grey, Iain Pretty, and Dr. Nick Silikas, the two schools formally entered into a partnership several years in the making. Also present for the Ceremony was Dr. Peter Clayton, Dean of the University of Manchester School of Medical Sciences (UMSMS).

“I believe that having a student exchange (research and educational) will not only help students gain new perspectives, but also foster collaborations between faculty who might not otherwise meet,” said Dr. Borrelli, a Visiting Professor at the University of Manchester. “The collaboration will also increase the visibility of both schools, provide access to a wider pool of research grants and facilitate resource sharing, such as data sets and specimens.

This process began on March 13, 2015 during the 2015 joint Annual Session of the International and American Associations of Dental Research held in Boston. Dr. Borrelli introduced Dean Hutter to Professor Coulthard of the University of Manchester. During their initial encounter, they shared a mutual interest in a potential partnership between the two schools. Dean Hutter and Professor Borrelli then visited Manchester in October 2015 for a collaborative meeting where both schools shared their strengths and vision, and it became clear that both institutions shared common values as educational institutions and goals in research and education.

Following up on Dean Hutter and Dr. Borrelli’s visit, a cohort from the University of Manchester visited Boston and GSDM in January 2016. They were treated to a series of faculty presentations, meetings with Provost of the Medical Campus, Dr. Karen Antman, and Boston University Vice President and Associate Provost for Research, Dr. Gloria Waters, along with a tour of the Medical Campus and School. Upon conclusion, both sides agreed that with their shared values in education, patient care, research, and community service, developing an exchange program between the two universities would translate into a valuable experience for faculty and students and positively impact the mission of both schools.

The University of Manchester is the sixth International Elective Exchange Program at GSDM. It is, however, our first exchange partner not located in Asia. As a member of the Cochrane Collaboration, UMSD is a leader in evidence-based dentistry and as such has had a significant impact on shaping the dental profession. In the summer of 2017, four GSDM students and one faculty member, Dr. Henshaw, will go to Manchester as the first cohort in this new exchange program. In August, University of Manchester School of Dentistry students and a faculty member will visit GSDM.

“The addition of the University of Manchester as a new site for the student exchange broadens not only the School’s global footprint into another continent, but also provides our students with the opportunity to see a European-based dental education and healthcare delivery system,” said Dr. Henshaw.
GSDM Gives Kids a Smile

On Saturday, November 19, 2016, 31 children from 19 families received extraordinary preventive and/or restorative dental services from 10 Pediatric Dentistry residents and four AEGD residents at the GSDM during Give Kids a Smile Day (GKAS). Over $7,000 of free dental care in the form of exams, cleanings, fluoride treatments, x-rays, sealants, and fillings was provided. Many of the families voiced that they will be back and will strive to make the GSDM Pediatric Oral Healthcare Center their child’s dental home.

Tremendous work was done by the group of 117 volunteers; including 69 from GSDM, 45 from the Mt. Ida Dental Hygiene Program and three from the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). Special thanks to our GKAS Planning Committee; Drs. Joe Calabrese, Michelle Henshaw, Porshe Jumlongras, Athanasios Zavras, and Ms. Kathy Lituri, Mr. John Riley, Mr. Jon Synnott, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, as well as Drs. Gandhi and Lowenstein from the MDS.
Dr. Stephen Dulong Re-elected Chair of Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry

On Wednesday, December 7, 2016, Dr. Stephen Dulong DMD 75 CAGS 78, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry, was re-elected Chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Dentistry (BORID). He will serve at least until the next election cycle in December 2017.

BORID is responsible for a number of important functions that help to support and ensure appropriate dental care in the Commonwealth. BORID grants professional licenses to dentists, dental hygienists, and dental assistants. They also participate in the process of generating and revising rules and regulations that affect dental practice. Lastly, BORID investigates complaints from the public against licensees.

The BORID was established in 1915, by state law, and is currently made up of 13 volunteers—six dentists, two dental hygienists, one dental assistant, two public voting members, and two non-voting dental assistant advisors. The volunteers are appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth to five-year terms and they meet as a Board twelve to fourteen times each year.

Continuing his role as Chair, Dr. Dulong will moderate the monthly meetings of the Board, speak on behalf of the Board at state and national meetings, and participate in various sub-committee meetings. Dr. Dulong has served on the BORID since being appointed by former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick in May 2012. He assumed the position of Chair on January 1, 2016.

The Dr. Oreste Zanni PERIO 76 Scholarship Now Open to Postdoctoral Residents in the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics at GSDM

The late Dr. Oreste Zanni PERIO 76 bequeathed an endowment of $1.5 million to sustain an annual merit based scholarship of $35,000 per year for three years, or $105,000, for a postdoctoral resident admitted into the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. The Zanni Scholarship, open to an entering postdoctoral Periodontics resident, is currently accepting applications for the 2018 academic year.

The scholarship committee will be chaired by Dr. Gail McCausland, Associate Professor and Clinical Director of Periodontology.

Dr. Oreste (Russ) Zanni was born and raised in Lawrence, Massachusetts. He received a B.A. in Biology from Merrimack College in North Andover, Massachusetts in 1968 and a DDS from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry in Cleveland, Ohio in 1973. He also completed an Internship at Tufts New England Medical Center Department of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts in 1974; and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Periodontics at Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry in 1976.

In both 2009 and 2010, Dr. Zanni was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award presented by the residents enrolled in the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Periodontics at GSDM. In addition, in 2008 and 2009 he was honored with the Educator Award from the American Academy of Periodontology. Dr. Zanni’s professional activities were numerous and included memberships to societies such as: the American Academy of Periodontology; the Massachusetts Periodontal Society; the Merrimack Valley Dental Society; and the Greater Lawrence Dental Society.
The 2016–2017 Applied Strategic Planning Process Will Shape the Future of Dental Medicine at GSDM


The previous Applied Strategic Planning (ASP) process for the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 2011 resulted in the development of a true strategic roadmap that provided expert guidance for the administration, faculty and staff of the School over the past five years. Following that successful outcome, the new Applied Strategic Planning Committee for GSDM appointed in late 2016, had their inaugural retreat in December.

The first of three ASP Committee retreats kicked off in mid-December with great enthusiasm and excitement by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, and ASP Committee Chairs Dr. John Guarente, Clinical Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Dr. Celeste Kong, Professor and Chair, General Dentistry. A dinner reception for the members of the Committee was held at the Algonquin Club of Boston. Drs. Guarente and Kong, opened the meeting and laid out the ASP agenda and goals for this and subsequent retreats.

Drs. Tobias Rodriguez and Mary Coussons-Read from the Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL), the facilitators for the development of the ASP, provided a summary of the Environmental Scan profiling the dental industry and trends in dental education to jump start strategic reflection among participants for the December retreat.

Before the second retreat in March, Drs. Rodriguez and Coussons-Read conducted external stakeholder phone interviews with Boston University executives and dental industry leaders; focus groups on the GSDM campus among faculty, residents, students and staff; and an online survey among external stakeholders (alumni and externship directors) to quantify stakeholder insights from the phone interviews and focus groups. The results of this research helped guide the work during the March retreat.

Overall, the three retreats from December through May 2017 were focused on having members work in smaller teams in breakout sessions to diverge, develop, then finally converge on goals, objectives and integrated action plans for GSDM for the next 5 years. At each retreat, the output of the breakout sessions was presented and discussed with the full ASP Committee for further deliberation and refinement at the end of each day.

While the ASP will be a new document for 2017 and beyond, it will follow the highest and broadest area of planning; objectives define how to achieve the goals; and integrated action plans define and measure the respective objectives.

The final retreat for the ASPC was held in early May 2017. At this retreat, the members completed the new Applied Strategic Plan with the approved goals that will guide the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine into the future for the next five years. The GSDM Applied Strategic Planning Committee’s commitment to excellence continues.
Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine
Applied Strategic Plan Goals for 2017-2022

1. Establish and lead the future of dental medicine

2. Achieve outstanding patient care

3. Pioneer transformative research

4. Foster diversity and inclusivity

5. Empower graduates to achieve success

6. Inspire loyalty, lifelong engagement, and philanthropy

GSDM Applied Strategic Plan Members

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Stacey McNamee and Elizabeth Fay Receive Henry M. Goldman Award for Distinguished Service

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016, Stacey McNamee and Elizabeth Fay were honored with the Henry M. Goldman Award for Distinguished Service. The presentation took place during the Fall / Winter Faculty and Staff Meeting held at 670 Albany Street just prior to the intersession break.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter presented the first award to Ms. Stacey McNamee, who has been a member of the GSDM community for 25 years. She began her career at GSDM on August 19, 1991, as the Administrative Assistant for Dr. Herbert Schilder in the Department of Endodontics. In 2003, she moved into the world of Alumni Relations and Development, when she took over as the Alumni Officer in the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs. Four years later she became the Director of Alumni Affairs and currently serves as our Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving.

With our alumni, Ms. McNamee is the face of the school and it is no exaggeration to say that Stacey knows almost every student, resident and alumnus by name, their degree(s), and probably where they currently practice. She takes their calls after work and on weekends, and would like to be connected on Facebook with each and every alum who has a Facebook account. She also personally reaches out to any alum she can find who has had a baby, gotten married or engaged, or started a practice to congratulate them. She sends BU baby “onesies” with a personal note to every new alumni baby she can find, forging another very personal relationship. Stacey has an unprecedented relationship and commitment that is a testament to her character and her importance to the School.

Her whole life is about making our GSDM community a family – connecting alumni to each other, students and residents to alumni, patients who need care to alumni dentists, and GSDM volunteers to community service organizations. This feeling of community and family is a cornerstone of what our School is all about.

Ms. McNamee also runs the Special Smiles event at Special Olympics annually, typically garnering 100 volunteers from our GSDM community. It is directly in line with our mission, and is always a favorite among our students and residents.

Kevin Holland, Assistant Dean of Development and Alumni Relations who works closely with Ms. McNamee, could not say enough about what Stacey means to their office and GSDM. “In a lifetime of small things over the last 25 years, Stacey has made a remarkable impact on our school and on the lives of our alumni.”

The second award was presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Fay. Due to a family commitment, Mrs. Fay could not attend the ceremony, but Dean Hutter took the time to acknowledge her contributions to GSDM and what she means to our School. He also shared that in a separate ceremony held in his office on December 19, 2016, he was able to present her...
with the award; the photo of which was projected during his remarks.

Mrs. Fay began her career at the GSDM on September 8, 2008 as an Educational Support Specialist in the Department of Clinical Affairs. She remained with the department for six years, where she was a favorite among students, residents, faculty, and staff alike.

In 2014, Elizabeth moved on from Clinical Affairs to the Department of General Dentistry, where she currently serves as the Administrative Coordinator. In this role Ms. Fay performs a multitude of duties at the highest level, ensuring that the operations of our General Dentistry department go smoothly. Performing what sounds like enough work for an entire team, she handles her work seamlessly with care and precision.

Clinical Professor in the Department of General Dentistry Leila Joy Rosenthal noted Ms. Fay’s exemplary work ethic from the first day she joined the Department of General Dentistry. She said, “when Carol Green retired, Elizabeth Fay assumed her mantle without ever missing a beat. Elizabeth manages to juggle the many faculty, staff, and student requests (even when they are in a seemingly unrealistic time frame) with pleasant equability.”

Mrs. Fay assists faculty with their administrative duties, proctors exams for course directors, assists with projects for Department of General Dentistry Chair Dr. Celeste Kong, and compiles the summative skills tests in the Operative Dentistry, Fixed Prosthodontics, Removable Prosthodontics, Restorative Sciences, Periodontics, and General Dentistry courses.

Two of our clinical professors in the Department of General Dentistry, Drs. Carmen Garcia and Debra Pan had high praise for Ms. Fay. “Elizabeth is truly an excellent member of our team. She does exemplary work that is the hallmark of her high level of quality,” said Dr. Garcia.

Dr. Pan added, “Mrs. Elizabeth Fay is truly an outstanding member in the Department of General Dentistry. She is wholeheartedly supportive, kind, enthusiastic and highly knowledgeable in assisting the faculty, staff and all students in the DMD program. Elizabeth Fay is extraordinary in all that she undertakes.”

**GSDM Launches Updated, Fully-Responsive Website**

In an effort to stay current and up-to-date in all facets of our operations, the Communications team at the GSDM unveiled a new, completely responsive website on Thursday, January 19, 2017. While some might notice a total facelift, only minor rebranding took place, so as to remain on message with the larger University.

In cooperation with the BU Creative Services Team, Ron Yeany of IS & T, and 10Up Web Design, the migration process took several months to move the site from a flexi (old format) to the responsive framework. This responsive interface will make it much easier for our students, residents, faculty, staff, and patients to use our website on their mobile devices.
Students Reflect on Externship Experiences in Asia
On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, eight DMD students at the GSDM gave a presentation on their International Externship Exchange Program experiences in China, Japan, and Thailand. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Dr. Laisheng Chou, and Dr. Michelle Henshaw hosted the presentations.

**CHINA EXTERNSHIP**
The first group of students, Jing Guo DMD 17, Alex Nguyen DMD 17, Joanna Song DMD 17, and Michael Whitcomb DMD 17 visited China in June 2016. While there, they observed at the Shanghai Jiao Tong University College of Stomatology in Shanghai, the Fourth Military Medical University of Stomatology in Xian, and the Peking University School of Stomatology in Beijing. As this was a surgically focused Externship, the students were able to observe a number of complicated oral and maxillofacial surgical cases on both adult and pediatric patients. They were joined on the trip by Dr. David Dano AEGD 12, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry. As their faculty leader, Dr. Dano also gave a guest lecture at each of the Schools.

Their first stop was the Peking University School of Stomatology. The students were most astonished at the volume of patients who were seen at the School every day, with an average of 2,000 outpatient treatments done daily. Some people even line up days in advance, as they travel to Beijing from rural parts of China. Here they observed a Cleft Lip and Pallet surgery as part of their experience.

Next was the Fourth Military Medical University (FMMU) in Xian. Xian is a city full of rich history, and the students were very excited about visiting the Xian City Wall, seeing an Opera, and the historic Terra Cotta Warriors. While at FMMU, the students observed in the General Dentistry Treatment Centers and each of the postdoctoral specialty Treatment Centers.

Their final visit was in Shanghai to the 9th People’s Hospital. This also, coincidentally, is Dr. Chou’s alma mater. At this rotation, they observed the most in-depth surgical procedure, as a patient had an apple-sized tumor removed from his right maxillary region. It was a 16-hour procedure and required the neurological and oral surgeons to work together.
JAPAN/THAILAND EXTERNSHIP

The second Externship group, made up of McAllister Castelaz DMD 17, Jimmy Li DMD 17, Wenyu Qu DMD 17, and Lihsin Wu DMD 17 visited Japan and Thailand, specifically the Tokyo Medical and Dental University in Tokyo and the Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Dentistry in Bangkok.

In Tokyo, they spent five days at the University, which is known for its strong research program. On the first day, they toured the entire facility, but each day thereafter was spent in specific departments such as; Orthodontics, Pediatrics, Implantology, Oral Surgery, Prosthodontics, and General Dentistry.

Once in Bangkok, they had a similar experience, spending a day in Implantology, Prosthodontics, Oral Surgery, and Geriatrics. A unique experience for the group was on their second day, when they participated in the Chulalongkorn University’s community outreach program. They visited area schools and interacted with patients there. In addition, they also visited an orphanage for patients with special needs or who were medically compromised and required special care. As a special treat, the students met with Thai students who had studied at GSDM the year before. These students acted as tour guides and introduced our students to their culture, studies, and way of life.
Patient Seminar Series Opens to a Full House

On Monday, January 30, 2017, the beginning of a new Patient Seminar Series kicked off with a presentation from a mother and daughter about their struggles with Dentinogenesis Imperfecta (DI) Type II, a rare disease found in about .013% of the population. It is caused by a genetic mutation, and carriers have a 50% chance of passing it along to their descendants. Dr. Yoshiyuki Mochida, a faculty member in the GSDM Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, played a key role in getting them on campus, and has been an advocate for further study and understanding of the disease. Dr. Cataldo Leone, Professor and GSDM Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, was also instrumental in making this series happen.

Criss and Ann Quigley have both struggled with DI their entire lives. With this disease, teeth are blue-gray or yellow-brown due to the defective dentin shining through the translucent enamel. Due to the lack of support, the enamel fractures from the teeth, leading to rapid wear. If left untreated, it is common to see the teeth worn to the gingival level.

Criss had a milder case than Ann, but was treated back in the 1960s and 1970s when little was known about the disease. Her treatment plan was less traumatic and irreversible than her mother’s, who also suffered from DI, but who had all of her teeth extracted and as a result wore dentures from a young age. Criss’s affected teeth were restored with implants and crowns, and has required continual maintenance throughout her life.

Ann’s case, unfortunately, was much more severe. Her treatment included; braces, gum surgery, tissue transplants, bone grafting, extractions, implants, and fixed prostheses, and has already required a full crown and bridge replacement. Because the treatments were so traumatic from a young age, Ann required psychological therapy to work past these issues. She will require lifelong maintenance, but very few of these procedures are covered by insurance.

Since 2007, the Quigley’s have been lobbying the Massachusetts State House to pass a bill recognizing craniofacial disorders and their need to be covered by medical or dental insurance. It has never passed, but they refiled for the sixth time this year and it was recently sponsored in the senate. Dr. Mochida has traveled to the State House to provide accurate statistics to the legislators and senators and to testify on the bill’s behalf.

The new Patient Seminar Series is designed to provide a curriculum enhancement for our dental education program by “putting a face” on those oral-related diseases dentists may encounter only rarely, but which have marked consequences for those affected. The intent is to have periodic seminars over a 1-2-year cycle during which patients, family members and legislative advocates will expand the understanding of their experiences with such conditions.

Manipal, India Newest Destination for Externship Program

On February 6, 2017, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GSDM and the Manipal University College of Dental Sciences (MCODS) was signed by Professor Nirmala N. Rao, Dean of MCODS; Dr. H. Vinot Bhat, Vice Chancellor of Manipal University; and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter during a ceremony held at Manipal University. Dr. Jean Morrison, Provost of Boston University, had previously signed the document. The MOU officially expanded GSDM’s International Elective Externship Exchange Program for students and faculty alike. Structured in the same fashion as our other international exchange programs, each year, GSDM students accompanied by a faculty member will travel to Manipal, India, located within the city of Udupi in Karnataka, India.

Preliminary discussions and initial introductions to some of the MCODS faculty and leadership were made possible by Dean’s Advisory Board member Dr. Sudha Chinta ENDO 09. Dr. Chinta visited MCODS twice on behalf of the Dean representing the School.

The International Elective Externship Exchange Program is a credit-bearing, elective course at GSDM, which offers fourth-year predoctoral students the opportunity to pursue an intensive educational experience for two or three weeks in a foreign country (or countries). This elective externship consists of clinical rotations in various areas of dental medicine at one or more schools/colleges of dentistry/stomatology in China, Thailand, Japan, England, and now India. Each of these institutions are world-renowned with advanced teaching facilities, outstanding faculty, and large numbers and diverse patients.

The program at MCODS will involve clinical observations with a focus on Pediatric Dentistry, Public Health, Oral Medicine, and Diagnostic Sciences. In the Patient Treatment Centers, GSDM students will be involved in observation and clinical activities supervised by a designated MCODS supervisor. Additionally, as with each of the other Schools/Colleges, students can look forward to learning about the dental education system at Manipal University, as well as participate in lectures and other scholarly activities.

Manipal University College of Dental Sciences was established in 1965 and is currently ranked #1 among the top Indian dental colleges/schools in education and research. In addition, MCODS is the largest private dental school in India offering an excellent dental education, patient care, and community services. Manipal is a suburb within the city of Udupi in Karnataka, India.

Dr. Lee Chou, GSDM Professor and Director of Oral Medicine and Consultant to the Dean on Asian Programs will be the program director for this MOU, as he was instrumental in getting this agreement signed.
During the 2016-2017 academic year, 39 DMD students, 7 Pediatric Dentistry Residents, 5 faculty members, and 5 alumni team leaders from GSDM traveled to Jamaica, Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama, Nicaragua, and Mexico to deliver dental and oral healthcare to people in need. The International Elective Externship program provides fourth-year dental students and residents with an opportunity to go to developing countries to use their knowledge and the clinical skills that they have learned at GSDM. The Office of Global and Population Health (GPH) works closely with Non-Government Organizations (NGO) to ensure excellent educational experiences in global service.

Funding for student travel on these international trips is made possible by gifts to the GSDM Dean’s Fund.

Superemos is the non-profit organization that brings GSDM to Esteli, Nicaragua and they serve many other purposes in the community and the country.

DAY 1

Our three students, McAllister Castelaz DMD 17, Grace Hannawi DMD 17, and Megan McDougall DMD 17, as well as alum Dr. Liz Montero DMD 11 and her sister Lily Montero began their work in the clinic treating pediatric patients. After arriving and setting up the many instruments and supplies brought from Boston, the group began seeing patients.

The second mission in Esteli is to continue the Fluoride Varnish Program. Nicholas Capezio DMD 18 and Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Associate Dean for Global & Population Health, traveled to local schools, known as CDIs, to instruct teachers how to apply the varnish while also applying the varnish themselves. On the first day, they treated approximately 100 children at three different schools. The children ranged in age from 2-6, and were given...
a toothbrush and toothpaste after their treatment. The teachers’ help in treatment is instrumental to long-term oral health.

**DAY 2**
The day began with two more school visits, with Dr. Henshaw, Nick Capezio, and an assistant from the clinic. After setting up a room with four treatment stations, our providers were able to successfully apply Fluoride varnish to about 30 mouths, with minimal struggle and much success. Each child then received a toothbrush and tooth paste to take home with them.

The second half of the day was spent at the clinic with Megan, McAllister, Grace, Lily, and Dr. Montero treating their pediatric patients. While the first day went fairly smoothly, this day seemed to throw a few more curveballs their way. Some equipment failures required them to think on their feet and improvise, which they did with ease. Many children presented abscessed teeth with infection that required extraction. The three fourth-year students acted as the lead providers on most cases, with Dr. Montero and Lily teaching along the way. It is safe to say this was already a rewarding learning experience for all.
This day the students and faculty devoted all their time to the clinic, el Centro de Salud Leonel Rugama. By now the group of fourth-years had the system down pat, but that did not mean Nicaragua did not throw them a few curveballs.

One of our Spanish speakers and dental hygienists, Lily Montero, couldn’t come to clinic this morning as she had come down with a cold. That not only meant one less set of hands for each patient, but one less person who could fluently communicate with the pediatric patients. As the week went on Megan, McAllister, and Grace had all picked up more Spanish-language skills, but not to the same degree. Some of them chose to improvise in the most 21st century way possible; using their cell phones to translate.

Word had also started to travel within the community that American dentists were treating pediatric patients in the clinic, and thus more walk-in patients presented with severe pain and decay started to show up. There is a lack of pediatric dentists in the area, as general dentists don’t like to treat children, and won’t treat children who misbehave or don’t sit still. It is a cultural issue that they are trying to address, but there is still much work to be done.

Luckily, our third-year student Nick Capezio finished with the Fluoride Varnish program early (after treating 160 children), and was able to assist in the clinic with both his dental knowledge and Spanish speaking skills. Having another set of hands made a huge difference with the influx of afternoon patients.
DAY 4

The final day in Esteli had the students and faculty in the clinic and visiting the CDIs. In the morning, the trusted driver Dagaberto picked the group up and they were on their way to the final two schools.

These schools were unique in that they were sponsored/funded by two tobacco companies. Parents who work to process tobacco and roll cigars drop their children here, so resources appear more plentiful. They were offered coffee and water and made quite comfortable, and it was evident the children had better accommodations, though not necessarily better dental hygiene.

The last school we went to was new to the varnish program. While at the school Dr. Henshaw and Nick worked with some of the teachers there to train them on how to varnish the children’s teeth and also give them some good dental hygiene techniques. By the end of the day, the teachers had received their certificates for completing the varnish program. They were very proud and appreciative of GSDM’s training.

While the group was only there for a week, it was evident that BU and GSDM continued to make a difference in Esteli, and of course we are planning to be back again next year.
SNDA Annual Black History Month Dinner a Great Success
On Thursday, February 23, 2017, the BU Chapter of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) hosted their second annual Black History Month Dinner in the GSDM Cafeteria. The event featured a “Spoken Word” performance and delicious southern food catered by Slade’s Bar and Grill.

Vice President of the SNDA, Charles Lewis DMD 18, opened the evening by reflecting on the history of Black History Month and its significance in American history. “During this month we have the opportunity to celebrate amazing individuals like Madam C.J. Walker, who became America’s first African-American woman millionaire, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. We also remember the distinct singing voice and skilled trumpet playing of jazz legend, “Satchmo”, also known as Louis Armstrong. No one will ever forget the words of Martin Luther King, Jr, who firmly believed in the advancement of civil rights, and before him, those of W.E.B. DuBois and Booker T. Washington,” said Lewis.

Other highlights of the evening included poetry recitations by Mercedes Cisneros SAR 19 and Isabel Alexandre. Attendees were also treated to a game of charades, a crowd favorite. Approximately 45 members of the GSDM community were in attendance.

Black History Month, also known as, National African American History Month, is an annual month-long celebration honoring black Americans and the role of African Americans throughout U.S. history. What started as only a week of celebration in 1926, which was created by Carter G. Woodson to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass, has become a month long celebration. Since 1976, every February is recognized as Black History Month in the U.S. Internationally, Canada and the United Kingdom have also devoted a month to celebrate Black history.

The SNDA chapter at GSDM is a diverse and all-inclusive organization which exists to help the growth of members academically and professionally. Specifically, SNDA supports and mentors predental students for matriculation and retention into dental schools, especially underrepresented minorities students; educates its members in the social, moral, and ethical obligations of the profession of dentistry; and improves access to dental care and the delivery of dental services to all people, emphasizing minorities and the underserved through education and community service.

The current members of the SNDA board are; President Tamara Gordon DMD 18, Vice President Charles Lewis DMD 18, Treasurer Eshere Barbea DMD 19, Historian Justine Yeung DMD 19, and Community Service Coordinator Rowan Doyle DMD 19.
The Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) formally honored Dr. Eric Mandelbaum DMD 88, Clinical Assistant Professor and Group Practice Leader in the Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center in the Department of General Dentistry, for his completion of the MDS Leadership Institute from 2015-2017, as well as his dedication to the dental profession. He was presented with a plaque by Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter on February 28, 2017.

The Massachusetts Dental Society Leadership Institute provides the tools and insight needed to improve leadership effectiveness and help dental professionals respond to a rapidly shifting landscape. It is designed for those who want to think strategically about emerging institutional and informational needs, changing expectations, new technologies, and long-range plans. The curriculum deepens insights and broadens the repertoire of useful approaches to leadership. The program also provides a valuable opportunity to assess leadership strengths and weaknesses in a supportive and engaging learning environment. The Leadership Institute coincides with Beacon Hill Day, an annual event where dental professionals come together to learn more about issues of concern to the dental community and to lobby their state legislators to take action on those issues.

Dr. Mandelbaum earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine degree from GSDM in 1988 and subsequently joined the School’s faculty as a Clinical Instructor in the Division of Fixed Prosthodontics in the Department of Prosthodontics, a position he held until 1994. Following many years in private practice, and an academic appointment as Clinical Instructor of Fixed Prosthodontics at Harvard School of Dental Medicine (1992-1996), Dr. Mandelbaum returned to teaching at GSDM in 2014. In 2015, Dr. Mandelbaum was appointed as a Group Practice Leader in the Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center in the Department of General Dentistry.

As a Group Practice Leader in the Predoctoral Patient Treatment Center, Dr. Mandelbaum oversees the progress of students in his group. He meets daily with his students to discuss progress toward graduation and clinical education. Dr. Mandelbaum is also tasked with meeting with patients to resolve any concerns that may arise regarding their dental care.

Dr. Mandelbaum has devoted countless hours of his time to community service most notably through MDS to provide dental care through their mobile care unit to local children and the elderly. He was elected to participate in the MDS Leadership Institute from 2015-2017 which seeks to foster strategic thinking about emerging institutional and informational needs, examine changing industry expectations, explore new technologies, and cultivate long-range career planning. In 2016, Dr. Mandelbaum traveled to Guatemala with GSDM externship students to provide dental screenings and treatment to hundreds of children and adults who lack access to basic oral healthcare.

Dr. Mandelbaum is a member of the American Dental Association, Massachusetts Dental Society, and the West Metropolitan District Dental Society. He is a past member of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, and the Academy of Comprehensive Esthetics.
Representative John Scibak Presents, “Dental Advocacy: From Fillings to Filings”

On Tuesday, March 7, 2017, Representative John Scibak of the 2nd Hampshire District of Massachusetts presented a lecture entitled, “Dental Advocacy: From Fillings to Filings,” as the second part of GSDM’s Patient Seminar Series. Drs. Cataldo Leone and Yoshiyuki Mochida have been leaders in the organization and presentation of the Patient Seminar Series. Rep. Scibak spoke to the GSDM community about legislative initiatives and advocacy related to rare diseases affecting dental, oral and craniofacial structures. He has worked with various patients and their families from his constituency to help raise awareness of the marked dental, medical, economic and social impact of those oral-related diseases dentists may encounter only rarely.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter was in attendance, as was Jake Sullivan, Assistant Vice President of Government and Community Affairs at Boston University and Jim Curley, Director of State Relations for Boston University. Following the presentation, Representative Scibak toured GSDM with Dr. David Russell. He was then treated to gifts from GSDM, as well as a luncheon in the Dean’s Conference Room attended by Dean Hutter, Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Dr. Mochida, Jake Sullivan, Jim Curley, Kate Cone, Staff Director for Representative Scibak’s office, and John Barrett DMD 17.

Criss and Ann Quigley, the first presenters during our Patient Seminar Series, are constituents in Representative Scibak’s district. This mother-daughter duo spoke about their struggles with Dentinogenesis Imperfecta (DI) Type II, a rare genetic disease found in about .013% of the population, which is currently not covered by insurance. They approached Representative Scibak about introducing legislation mandating insurance coverage. Annually, since 2007, Representative Scibak has introduced House Bill 581, for legislation to provide health insurance coverage for certain medically necessary functional repair or restoration of craniofacial disorders, but it has yet to pass.

In his presentation, Representative Scibak detailed the behind-the-scenes work of the House of Representatives; how bills are introduced, how bills are passed, lobbying vs. advocacy, and how dentists can play a key role in making changes in policy. Just this session, over 6,000 bills were filed, so understanding the process is key in affecting change for public individuals and politicians.

Rep. Scibak has long been an effective and determined champion for equal access to affordable, comprehensive healthcare. Throughout his career, Representative Scibak has dedicated many years to the areas of research and administration in healthcare and human services. Since his election, Representative Scibak has been unwavering in his commitment to disabled persons, infant and youth services, veterans’ benefits, and access to quality education and healthcare.

In addition, Representative Scibak has been actively involved in the development and passage of significant legislation. As House Chair of the Legislative Oral Health Caucus, he has educated colleagues on the veritable link between oral health and overall health as well as highlighted the importance of increasing access to oral healthcare in order to reach the most vulnerable individuals. His efforts were critical in helping to secure passage and enactment of an omnibus oral health bill which strengthens the state’s oral healthcare infrastructure and creates new vehicles for oral healthcare professionals to reach out to under-served populations.

GSDM Students and Faculty Enjoy Successful ADEA Annual Session
The 2017 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition was held at the Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center in Long Beach, California from March 18 – March 21, 2017. During the four-day event, members of GSDM community were treated to a variety of informative and interactive educational sessions, workshops, and engaging plenary sessions.

GSDM faculty who attended the 2017 ADEA Annual Session were; Dr. Louis Brown, Dr. Joseph Calabrese, Dr. Theresa Davies-Heerema, Dr. Richard D’Innocenzo, Dr. Larry Dunham, Dr. Margaret Errante, Dr. Neil Fleisher, Dr. John Guarente, Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Dr. Laura Kaufman, Dr. Celeste Kong, Dr. Cataldo Leone, Dr. Hesham Nouh, Dr. Ronni Schnell, and Dr. Michael Slesnick. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter was also in attendance.

Prior to the Annual Session’s first day, Dentsply Sirona invited GSDM, along with fellow dental institutions, to present on their use of Digital Dentistry in the instruction of Implantology. Drs. Fleisher and Nouh discussed their new preclinical course designed to introduce second-year students to our digital dentistry curriculum. Dr. Bendayan also participated in this pre-annual session event.

Many GSDM faculty members were also active at the ADEA Annual Session, as Dr. Calabrese and Dr. Slesnick were part of the poster presentations, and Drs. Fleisher and Leone presented to their colleagues regarding critical thinking. Lastly, Dr. Kaufman presented on her work in Geriatric Dentistry.

Dr. Kong was appointed by Dean Hutter to represent GSDM by presenting to the CAD/CAM Special Interest Group (SIG) session, attended by six other dental institutions. Dr. Brown also presented to the group, about GSDM’s different approaches to the integration of Digital Dentistry in all facets of our curriculum.

The GSDM ASDA Dental Education Committee won the ADEA Outstanding Activities Award. The Committee was honored for their achievements over the past academic year, where they doubled the number of events related to dental education and helped build peer learning connections. Members of the committee are Molly Conlon DMD 19, Scott Jegard DMD 18, Asia Yip DMD 19, and Bowen Zhou DMD 19.

Asia Yip DMD 19 was also selected for the ADEA Academic Dental Careers Fellowship Program, which helps students who aspire to further their careers in academic dentistry. She presented her poster, titled, “The Impact of Peer-Guided Instruction on Student Readiness for Clinic Transition.” Tamara Gordon and Charles Lewis, members of the GSDM ADEA Student Diversity Leadership Program, also attended the ADEA Leadership sessions held during the Annual Session.

Dr. Marianne Jurasic Promoted
Dr. Marianne Jurasic DMD 95 was appointed the Director of GSDM Center for Clinical Research in March 2017. Dr. Jurasic is recognized not only as an outstanding professor dedicated to teaching excellence, but also as an innovative researcher constantly challenging the status quo.

In her new role, Dr. Jurasic’s responsibilities include: increasing the involvement of all faculty (predoctoral and postdoctoral) in clinical research activities at GSDM; fostering collaboration among junior faculty in research and developing senior researchers as mentors for junior faculty; promoting collaboration between basic and clinical scientists to translate research findings from the laboratory to clinical patient care; securing funding from government agencies and industry to support clinical research activities at GSDM; promoting increased collaboration between the Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Dentistry and GSDM; and developing research collaborations with other schools and colleges of the University.

Dr. Jurasic’s research interests fall within the domain of public health. Much of her research has been conducted utilizing Department of Veterans Affairs “Big Data” to answer clinical questions. Her team is currently working on quantifying the burden of dental caries in new, continuing and comprehensive care patients with the ultimate goal of developing and validating a true caries risk assessment tool.

Dr. Jurasic’s academic and postdoctoral training is impressive, beginning at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada in Biology and then completing her DMD degree at GSDM. She also earned a Master of Public Health in Health Policy and Management at Harvard University and subsequently completed the Clinical Research Training (CREST) Fellowship from Boston University’s Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

After graduation from GSDM, Dr. Jurasic was appointed as Clinical Instructor, Department of Restorative Science at GSDM from 1995 to 2002. In 2003, she was appointed Clinical Assistant Professor, General Dentistry. Dr. Jurasic remained in this role until 2015, when she was appointed Clinical Associate Professor, General Dentistry, a position she held until March 2017.
2017 Goldman Gala Ties Attendance Records

A record-tying 575 students, residents, faculty and staff from GSDM attended the eighth annual Goldman Gala at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel on Friday, April 21, 2017. The 2017 Goldman Gala celebrated the diverse culture at GSDM, as it was themed “Around the World.”

The 2017 Goldman Gala began with the attendees and their guests grabbing their “luggage,” personalized suitcase-themed name tags and table designations. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter greeted the many attendees as they made their way through the entrance of the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel. Throughout the evening guests could visit the GSDM World Map and mark on the globe where they were from. A photo booth with scenic backdrops from around the world was also a hit with guests, as they could improvise with various international props and cultural attire.

“The Goldman Gala is truly for our students, especially for those who will graduate and become our newest alumni,” said Dean Hutter. “Mrs. Hutter and I are absolutely delighted to once again have the honor and privilege of hosting you this evening and so pleased that we have such a wonderful turnout of students, residents, faculty, staff, alumni, and guests.”

Dean Hutter made a special acknowledgment of the efforts of Administrative Assistant for Events, Mrs. Diane Dougherty, and Director of Alumni Relations, Ms. Stacey McNamee, as they were instrumental in making the arrangements with the Fairmont Copley Plaza and the Goldman Gala Committee for this year’s event. They were both presented with a corsage by Mr. Tim McDonough, Executive Director of Finance & Operations.

After dessert, the attendees filled the dance floor and danced to the music of the band “One Step Ahead.” Many of the 575 guests who stayed late into the evening were treated to a special surprise of beef sliders and French fries, as they enjoyed the rest of what turned out to be a truly wonderful and memorable event.
GSDM Volunteers Contribute 732 Hours During 2017 Global Days of Service!

During 2017’s Global Days of Service (which wrapped up on May 10, 2017), 210 students, residents, faculty, staff and family from GSDM volunteered a total of 731.75 hours at several different community service locations throughout Boston.

Members of the GSDM community served their 732 volunteer hours at 19 different service events across Boston, helping to make this year’s Global Days of Service a huge success. A total of 210 GSDM community members participated, with many volunteers attending more than one event.

In her role as Oral Health Promotion Director in GSDM’s Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research, Ms. Kathy Lituri served a crucial role in the planning and coordination of most of the events. Ms. Lituri worked with Stacey McNamee, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving and Sheree Norquist, Program Administrator, to plan the events.

“I am so proud to be Dean of an institution comprised of so many students, residents, faculty, and staff members who are engaged in and committed to our community,” said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. “I would like to thank all who volunteered with a special thank you to Ms. Lituri, Ms. McNamee, and Ms. Norquist for their tireless dedication to making sure all these events were successful.”

Notre Dame Education Center
The Notre Dame Education Center is a comprehensive adult education center located in Boston. The Center provides a diverse, caring community in which students are empowered to develop their full potential as scholars, workers, and citizens.

Willing Hearts Soup Kitchen
A secular, non-affiliated charity, Willing Hearts is wholly run by volunteers, apart from a handful of staff. It operates a soup kitchen that prepares, cooks and distributes about 5,000 daily meals to over 40 locations island wide, 365 days a year. Beneficiaries include the elderly, the disabled, low income families, children from single parent families or otherwise poverty stricken families, and migrant workers in Singapore.

Willing Hearts is a registered as a society with the Ministry of Home Affairs since February 2005 and as a charity with the Ministry of Ministry of Social and Family Development since December 2008.

The Mexican Consulate
The Mexican Consulate in Boston started a free program called “Ventanilla de Salud” designed to help people identify the health services available around the area where they live, and also provide them with information and education on a variety of health topics. The main goal is to help prevent diseases, to promote healthy habits, and to establish a direct referral to the community health centers so people can establish a medical home and receive the medical attention that they need. GSDM was there for the oral health promotion component of the program.
Boys and Girls Club
At the April event, children visited six dental themed tables with their “passport” to learn about proper brushing and flossing; healthy eating; tooth protection such as mouth guards, fluoride, and sealants; smoking and oral piercing; and careers in dental medicine. In addition, the children had the opportunity to learn about dinosaur teeth (meat eaters and plant eaters) and decorate a bookmark and tooth necklace. Once their passport was filled they received a goody bag with a toothbrush and toothpaste.

Greater Boston Food Bank
During the nine visits, the volunteers were tasked with sorting and packing donated grocery products that were then distributed to hunger relief agencies. Some volunteers loaded boxes onto conveyer belts, while the other volunteers inspected products, sorted products, and checked and labeled boxes.
Rosie’s Place
The volunteers answered oral health related questions, distributed home care products, and offered dental screenings and related advice. This program, which sees students volunteer at Rosie’s Place on a monthly basis, strives to assess and address the oral health needs of the women that seek services at Rosie’s Place.

Pine Street Inn
Founded in 1969, Pine Street Inn serves more than 1,600 homeless individuals daily and 9,500 annually, providing the full spectrum of services to help men and women reach their highest level of independence and get back to a place they can call home.
Cradles to Crayons (Open to BU community)
The volunteers received an introduction to Cradles to Crayons before being assigned to project areas where they worked with a Cradles to Crayons staff member on projects that would benefit the organization’s various programs. Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12 living in homeless or low-income situations with the essential items they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. Items are supplied free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have items with communities that need them.

Relay for Life
On April 22, 2017, nearly 20 GSDM students, faculty, and staff volunteered at the Relay for Life, held at the Track and Tennis Center on the Charles River Campus. Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society as it is staffed and coordinated by volunteers in more than 5,200 communities and 27 countries.

Charles River Cleanup
On April 29, 2017, six GSDM community members from the Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Avenue volunteered at the Charles River Clean up.
THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GLOBAL DAYS OF SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

NOTRE DAME EDUCATION CENTER
March 29, 2017
Student Volunteers: Kimiya Abtahi DMD 19, Amanda Alon DMD 18, Bakr Amin DMD 18, Laura Daza DMD 20, Debbie Desravines DMD 17, Alex Lopes DMD 19, Katie Quan DMD 19, Sarah Satin DMD 19, and Chris Unger DMD 17.
Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Kathy Lituri, Oral Health Promotion Director, and Dr. Gladys Carrasco, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research.
Preceptorship Volunteers: Paridhi Gupta, and Shaina Uppal.

March 30, 2017
Student Volunteers: Ruchi Ahuja AS 18, Diala Chahine DMD 17, Xiapeng Hu AS 18, Mathew Jones DMD 18, Srujana Kralvi AS 18, Alex Lopez DMD 19, Jayesh Patel DMD 18, Chris Unger DMD 17, and Garrett Wingrove DMD 17.
Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Kathy Lituri, Oral Health Promotion Director; and Dr. Mohammad Mourad, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Global & Population Health.
Preceptorship Volunteers: Samidha Rajora, and Aishwarya Subramanian.

THE MEXICAN CONSULATE
April 1, 2017
Faculty Volunteer: Dr. Gladys Carrasco, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services.

April 20, 2017
Student and Resident Volunteers: Lindsay Albino DMD 19, Stephen Brand DMD 19, Jessica Collins DMD 19, Alexandra Fili DMD 19, Marla Fleming DMD 19, Alex Four DMD 19, Brie Gresh DMD 19, Delaney Jorgensen DMD 18, Divya Puri DMD 19, Katie Quan DMD 19, Sarah Satin DMD 19, Anisha Uppal DMD 19, and Samuel Ustayev DMD 19.

April 11, 2017
Staff Volunteers: Kara Boucher, Manager, Faculty & Staff Administration; Lisa Collins, Program Administrator; Diane Dougerty, Administrative Assistant for Meetings & Events; Greer Lemnash, Communications Specialist; Wendy Mejia, Sterilization Assistant; AnnMarie McCluskey, Grants/Program Coordinator; Stacey McNamee, Director of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving; Catherine Mirarchi, Administrative Coordinator; Alex Singer, Graphic Designer; Karen Stahl, Director of Communications & External Relations; and Kirby Williams, Assistant Director of Marketing & Communications.

April 19, 2017
Student and Resident Volunteers: Jassim Al-Abdulla PERIO 19, Stephanie Brooks DMD 18, Kai-Jen Chiu PERIO 19, Trevor Mitsuki PERIO 19, and Chung-Han Yu PERIO 19.
Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Samuel Boadu Jr., Financial and Grants Administrator; Dr. Corinna Culler, Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research Director; Julia Huntsman, Proposal Development Associate; Kathy Lituri, Oral
April 22, 2017

Student and Resident Volunteers: Ruchi Ahuja AS 18, Nujud Alamy PERIO, Shahil Amin DMD 20, Melissa Anderson DMD 19, Amanda Harr DMD 19, Ray Kuo DMD 20, Harry Lee DMD 17, Gary Li DMD 20, Wendy Wenyu Qu DMD 17, Joanna Song DMD 17, Khanti Tjiang DMD 18, Tianchi Tu DMD 19, Justine Yeung DMD 19, Bowen Zhou DMD 19, and Nouf Zimmo PERIO. Other Volunteers: Samara Aoun, and Robert Robinson.

April 29, 2017

Student Volunteers: Christine Chiao DMD 19, Nabi Faraz AS 18, Hazeka Kadri AS 18, Lindsey Janof DMD 19, Sasha Manchanda DMD 18, Jethani Mohi AS 18, Mike Nardi DMD 18, Jayesh Patel DMD 18, and Jignesh Rudani AS 17. Faculty Volunteer: Carmen Garcia, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of General Dentistry. Other Volunteers: Chris Kim.

May 3, 2017

Student Volunteers: Steve Prieve DMD 18, and Jayesh Patel DMD 18. Faculty Volunteers: Kathy Lituri, Oral Health Promotion Director. Other Volunteers: Samara Aoun, Claudia Gibson, Chris Kim, Emily Pipilas, Christian Letizia, and Hung Nguyen.

May 10, 2017

Student Volunteers: Nicole Buzzi DMD 19, Laura Callan DMD 20, Kerin Gustafson DMD 20, Grace Hannex DMD 17, Haley Harris DMD 20, Jasmine Khedkar AS 17, and Jessica Riccobono DMD 19. Faculty Volunteers: Dr. Pelly Chang, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry; Dr. Simran Grover, Clinical Instructor in the Department of General Dentistry; Dr. Roxana Hashemian, Clinical Instructor in the Department of General Dentistry; Dr. Kady Rawal, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials; and Dr. Ronni Schnell, Clinical Professor in the Department of General Dentistry. Other Volunteer: Dr. peach Dore-Tyrrell, Bobby Guliani, Dr. Mary-Jane Hanlon, and Dr. Janis Moriarty.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Student Volunteers: Padideh Alizadeh AS 18, Amanda Alon DMD 18, Bakr Amin DMD 18, Robert Baldi DMD 19, Stephanie Bont DMD 20, Ashely Brumell DMD 20, Laura Callan DMD 20, Christine Chiao DMD 19, Gagan Dhaliwal DMD 19, Charles Lewis DMD 18, Alex Lopez DMD 19, Shawn Mathew DMD 20, Marina Makiel DMD 20, Gregory Nielsen DMD 20, Taylor Paek DMD 20, Steve Prieve DMD 18, and Asia Yip DMD 19.

Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Dee Devlin, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research; and Kathy Lituri, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research.

Other Volunteers: Emily Pipilas.

ROSIE’S PLACE

Student Volunteers: Chetan Agarwal AS 18, Anusha Chintala AS 18, Sara Elashaal DMD 17, Alexandra Fili DMD 19, Julia Hadley DMD 18, Shadi Haidar DMD 17, Grace Hannex DMD 17, Mike Navy DMD 17, and Sukhpreet Rana AS 18.

Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Dr. Linda Bensilmane, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research; Dr. Pelly Chang, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of General Dentistry; Ms. Kathy Held, Director of Global Initiatives; Kathy Lituri, Oral Health Promotion Director; and Dr. Kady Rawal, Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences & Biomaterials.

Other Volunteers: Ivana Chtay, Aryanna Pina, and Paula Pina.

PINE STREET INN

Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Jobina Cabrera, Research Project Assistant; Gloria Calderon, Research Dental Assistant; Dr. Gladys Carrasco, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research; Dee Devlin, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Health Policy & Health Services Research; Sara Hassan, Research Dental Assistant; Mohammad Mourad, Clinical Instructor in the Department of Global & Population Health; Paula Pina, School Based Program Coordinator; Adlin Pinheiro, Program Coordinator; Mahesh Vasudevan, Research Dental Assistant; and Moaz Zanbarakji, Research Dental Assistant.

CRADLES TO CRAYONS (Open to BU community)

Student Volunteers: Shilpa Agarwal AS 17, and her seven-year-old, Suhani Agarwal; Jayesh Patel DMD 18, and Sasha Manchanda DMD 18.

Faculty and Staff Volunteers: Dr. Antoine Hraiz, Clinical Instructor in the Department of General Dentistry; Dr. Carmen Garcia, Clinical Professor in the Department of General Dentistry; and Paula Pina, School Based Program Coordinator.
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1) Establish your identity with a "Headline" and photo
   - Define yourself as a professional and note your specialty
   - Include 3–5 key words identifying expertise or interests
     - Separate by the pipe key (|)
     - ex. Pediatric Dentist | Dental Homes Advocate

2) Hook your audience through a detailed "Summary"
   - Highlight key experiences and passions in < 2000 characters
   - Identify what is unique about you
     - What interests you?
     - What have you done that you take pride in?
     - What are your capabilities, skills, qualifications?
     - What type of professional opportunities do you seek?
     - How could you help or serve others?

3) Focus on your achievements, not just your job requirements, in the "Experience" section
   - Write 1–3 sentences summarizing each professional experience you have had or use resume-style bullet-point descriptions led by active, past tense verbs
   - Treat each role description as a mini story-telling opportunity to complement your summary and exemplify your value as a professional in the field
     - Procedures completed
     - Digital dentistry or technology used
     - Patient populations served
     - Practice management employed
     - Multispecialty collaboration implemented

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**BOSTON UNIVERSITY DENTAL CAREER NETWORK**

**GET CONNECTED!**

Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine has launched an online job-board system: Boston University Dental Career Network (BUDCN). The system allows employers to post positions tailored to GSDM current students, residents, fellows, alumni, and faculty.

**STUDENTS**
may use BUDCN as a job-board system and career resource tool customized for their needs.

**ALUMNI & FACULTY**
can sign up as job seekers or employers for BUDCN.

**EMPLOYERS**
can register to post positions and review applicant submissions for dentists and specialists.

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**GSDM Career Column: Edition I**

"Is LinkedIn Worth My Time?"
Corinne Kunkle Represents GSDM at the Colgate Dental Students’ Conference on Research

Corinne Kunkle DMD 18 represented Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) at the 52nd Annual Colgate Dental Students’ Conference on Research (Colgate DSCR). This year’s conference was held at the ADA Foundation Dr. Anthony Volpe Research Center (VRC) in Gaithersburg, Maryland from October 2 – 4, 2016.

The Colgate DSCR is an annual event to introduce dental students to industry and academic professionals as well as scientists from the VRC, the American Dental Association, and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) – National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) to raise their awareness of the wide-ranging careers available in oral health research. Students attend guest lectures from leading scientists, tour top research centers, and participate in poster presentations and discussions.

The first night of the conference was a dinner and meet and greet for all students. Many students also opted to present posters of their research, and throughout the evening students could discuss and learn about each other’s work. Of the many guest lectures and presentations, Kunkle made particular note of the volume of projects and research being done on Sjogren’s Syndrome, which she found very interesting.

On the second day of the conference, Kunkle and the other students visited the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), where they toured its facilities, laboratories, and state-of-the-art equipment, such as the electron microscope. Other tours were offered at NIH and NIDCR.

Kunkle’s research, titled, “30 second elevator pitch for the pediatric dental population” was completed as a part of IREC 2, a research program as GSDM. Her research mentor was Arif Mamdani and she was supervised by Dr. Athanasios Zavras, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. The survey-based study looked at the 30-second timeframe from when a pediatric patient is met in the waiting room to the time they are seated in the dental chair. The study looked at all the intricacies of that exchange; first impressions, interacting with parents, what to call the child, and more, in an effort to pin-point what the guardians care about in their child’s experience.
Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska Receives Evans Center Research Collaborator of the Year Award

Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Dean for Research and Professor in Molecular & Cell Biology at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, was named the 2016 Evans Center Research Collaborator of the Year by the Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research and the Boston University Department of Medicine. This recognition was announced at the annual Department of Medicine Awards Dinner on October 13, 2016.

The Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research promotes growth and discovery for interdisciplinary biomedical research through its dynamic organizational structure. It brings together investigators from different fields together to study disease mechanisms and identify further opportunities for training and research. The Evans Center supports Affinity Research Collaboratives (ARCs), which are interdisciplinary teams of investigators focused on a research theme.

The Evans Center Research Collaborator of the Year Award is given to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the ARCs. After accepting nominations from ARC directors and peers, awards are determined by a special committee with support from the administration. Recipients such as Dr. Kukuruzinska are selected for their leadership and strong collaborative efforts.

Dr. Kukuruzinska is a Co-Director of the Etiology and Pathogenesis of Oral Cancer (EPOC) ARC. She is also the Director of the Oral Cancer Research Initiative (OCRI) and the Co-Director of the Greater Boston Head & Neck Cancer Program. These initiatives bring together researchers, clinicians and patients from Boston University Charles River and Medical Campuses, Boston Medical Center, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, Forsyth Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary and Brown University.

“I was very proud to attend the award ceremony for Dr. Kukuruzinska,” said Dean Hutter. “This recognition is truly well deserved and is a testament to the remarkable commitment to collaboration that Dr. Kukuruzinska embodies. She is an excellent role model for our research community and her leadership has been a huge benefit to our School.”

Dr. Kukuruzinska Co-Chairs Session at the International Conference on Cancer Research and Targeted Therapy

On October 22, 2016, Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska represented GSDM at the International Conference on Cancer Research and Targeted Therapy in Baltimore, Maryland. She co-chaired the Cancer Metastasis section with Dr. Gunnar Boysen, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and gave a talk entitled “Targeting the Wnt/beta-catenin-N-glycosylation Axis in Head and Neck Cancer.”

The conference covered a wide range
of topics in cancer including etiology, epidemiology, metabolic reprogramming and environmental altered cellular metabolism, cancer prevention and vaccine, new drug development, multidisciplinary treatment i.e. surgical therapy, chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and cancer stem cell therapy.

**Etiology and Pathogenesis of Oral Cancer ARC Hosts Annual Symposium**

On October 24, 2016, the Etiology and Pathology of Oral Cancer (EPOC) Affinity Research Collaborative (ARC) hosted its annual symposium. Six cancer researchers and clinicians presented on their current work and future opportunities to an audience of researchers, clinicians, residents and students.

The Symposium opened with remarks from Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Dean for Research and Professor of Molecular & Cell Biology at GSDM and Co-Director of the EPOC ARC. Dr. Ravindra Uppaluri, Director of Head and Neck Surgical Oncology at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital, presented the keynote talk, “Window Trials in Oral Cancer with Small Molecule and Immunotherapeutics.”

The other faculty presenter was Dr. Jason Kass, Assistant Professor in the Department of Otolaryngology at the BU School of Medicine, who presented “A Tale of Two T2N2b’s – A Role for Robotic Surgery in the Oropharynx.”

The Symposium was also an opportunity for doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers to present their work. The other presenters were:

- Khalid Alamoudi, ORTHO 19 DScD 19; Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. Beta-catenin/CBP Axis Drives Cancer Initiating Cells in OSCC.
- Vinay Kartha, PhD candidate; Bioinformatics Program. Targeting Beta-catenin/CBP Signaling to Treat Oral Squamous Cell Carcinomas
- Faranak Mahjour, PhD Candidate; Oral Biology and Biomedical Sciences, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology. A Mediator of Tumor to Stromal Cell Communication in Oral Cancer.
- Anna Belkina, MD, PhD; Senior Research Specialist, Flow Cytometry Core Facility, and Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Microbiology, BU School of Medicine. Mapping Immune and Epithelial Populations in Oral Cancer Specimens.
- The EPOC ARC is an Affinity Research Collaborative co-funded by GSDM and the Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research. ARC’s goal is to enhance their research mission in graduate and post-graduate programs, develop current and new institutional research cores, provide educational opportunities for all Evans Center members, and create collaboration opportunities.

**Ahmed Alamoudi Wins Poster Award at 2016 GSI Research Symposium**

Ahmed Alamoudi was one of only five poster award recipients at the 2016 Genome Science Institute (GSI) Research Symposium at Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) held on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 in the Hiebert Lounge. Alamoudi was the only representative of GSDM chosen to present at the GSI Symposium.

The Annual GSI Research Symposium is an interdisciplinary symposium emphasizing research in Genetics and Genomics. Participation in the poster session and attendance at the GSI Symposium was open to all Boston area researchers with interests that emphasize these disciplines. Abstracts were selected for oral presentation distinction and additional prizes were awarded for the best posters in multiple categories.

Ahmed Alamoudi is a graduate student in the Department of Molecular & Cell Biology working with Dr. Yoshiyuki Mochida, Clinical Assistant Professor in the same program. His poster presentation was titled, “Role of Fam20a in Enamel Formation.” People suffering from Amelogenesis Imperfecta (AI) show dental abnormalities including thin and/or soft enamel which likely causes caries in childhood. Currently, no cure is available because the mechanism for this condition is poorly understood. Recently, mutations in the FAM20A gene were identified in some AI patients, indicating the importance of this gene function. Dr. Mochida’s lab focuses on AI research and Ahmed is the main investigator to examine the molecular function of FAM20A using Fam20a gene knock-out mouse model.

**GSDM Students Present Poster at North American Saliva Symposium**


The students completed their research under the mentorship of Dr. Judith Jones. They investigated the association between salivary biomarkers and periodontal disease in a systematic review of over 750 studies found on PubMed, a repository of life science journals and online books. They narrowed the results down to 73 studies by excluding those not available in English, studies in children, studies in animals, and abstracts that were limited or irrelevant. From these narrowed results,
the top biomarkers in saliva associated with periodontal disease were assessed for quality using the Newcastle-Ottawa Quality Assessment Scale. Their research concluded that the most commonly associated biomarkers were IL1 beta, MMP-8, TNF alpha, IL-6, 8-OHdG, LDH, AST and ICTP.

The North American Saliva Symposium is an event for salivary researchers and industry experts to share knowledge and work to further salivary technology which will benefit human health. The symposium is focused on salivary biomarkers and the latest methods and devices to help dentists and physicians. Sessions cover dentistry, medicine, pediatrics, industry, and other disciplines.

GSDM Ranks in Top 10 in NIDCR Funding of Dental Schools
A recent study found that Boston University’s GSDM ranked in the top 10 in National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) funding received over a ten-year span. Boston University also ranked competitively in terms of total National Institutes of Health (NIH) support, ranking 11th and receiving a total of $79.71 million dollars from 2005 to 2014. This strong performance is further reflected by GSDM’s ranking among peer institutions, ranking second in NIDCR funding behind only New York University.

The study, “The NIH’s Funding to US Dental Institutions from 2005 to 2014” by Ferland et al (Journal of Dental Research 2017, Vol. 96(1), pp. 10-16), ranked 56 dental institutions that receive federal funding by the amount of funds received. It examined funding from the NIH to dental institutions based on data from the NIH Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tools. From 2005-2014, there were 56 United States dental institutions that received a total of approximately $2.2 billion in funding.

The largest NIH supporter was the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, whose funding accounted for roughly $1.5 billion, or 70% of the NIH funding. The other 30% of funds came from 19 other Institutes, Centers, and Offices. NIDCR was also the main supporter of research training and career development, providing over 90% of that funding.

GSDM Team Spearheads Outreach Efforts with Head and Neck Cancer Patients, Survivors, and Families
A team from GSDM is spearheading efforts to communicate with and support head and neck cancer patients, survivors and family members. These efforts are centered on the Greater Boston Head and Neck Cancer Community Advisory Board (CAB). Members of the CAB include head and neck cancer survivors and patients as well as care-givers and members of advocacy groups.

The mission of the CAB is to promote the engagement of patients and caregivers with researchers and healthcare providers in order to accelerate the development of new therapies and techniques for patient care. The Board meets on a quarterly basis with meetings alternating between Boston Medical Center and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. CAB members advise on projects under consideration for funding/development, the development of research tools for interfacing with patients, dissemination of research findings and involvement of patients and caregivers in research initiatives. The ultimate vision of the Board is to partner with researchers and healthcare providers to boost the relevance, speed and quality of research with a view towards better patient outcomes and experiences. To learn more about the Community Advisory Board, please visit the CAB website.

In addition to hosting quarterly CAB meetings, faculty and staff from GSDM have been actively participating in the head and neck cancer community. Recent outreach events include a Lunch and Learn to mark World Head and Neck Cancer Day as well participation in the Oral Cancer Walk/Run for Awareness. A team from GSDM is also working with local chapters of the organization Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (SPOHNC).

“Engaging with head and neck cancer patients and survivors provides an important outside perspective that ensures that the patient experience is integrated into our research agenda,” said Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Dean for Research at GSDM and co-Director of the Greater Boston Head and Neck Cancer Program.
Dr. Belinda Borrelli Leads Smoking Cessation Workshop

On Monday, January 9, 2017, a Provost Workshop entitled, Smoking Cessation: Progress and Challenges in Reaching and Treating Underserved Smokers was held in the Hiebert Lounge on the Boston University Medical Campus (BUMC). Dr. Belinda Borrelli, Professor of Health Policy and Health Services Research and Director of Behavioral Science Research at GSDM, was invited to organize the symposium, under the direction of BUMC Provost Karen Antman and Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. Nearly 50 faculty and staff from across BU attended the event.

Following an introduction and program overview by Dr. Borrelli, six speakers from GSDM, BU School of Medicine (BUSM), and BU School of Public Health (BUSPH) presented their research. The presentations were titled: Smoking Cessation in Methadone Programs by Dr. Michael Stein, Chair of the Department of Health Law, Policy, and Management at BUSPH; Reaching, Treating, and Motivating Underserved Smokers to Quit Smoking by Dr. Borrelli (GSDM); Smoking Cessation in Public Housing: Challenges and New Opportunities by Dr. Dan Brooks, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at BUSPH; Capitalizing on Hospitalization to Improve Smoking Cessation: An Implementation Study by Dr. Hasmeena Kathuria, Assistant Professor of Medicine at BUSM; Patient Navigation and Financial Incentives to Promote Smoking Cessation in Primary Care by Dr. Karen Lasser, Associate Professor at BUSM and BUSPH; and E-Cigarettes: Gateway Towards or Away from Smoking by Dr. Michael Siegel, Professor of Community Health Services at BUSPH.

Specifically, Dr. Borrelli’s presentation and research focused on the issue of increased tobacco use among the underserved. Statistics show that smoking rates are nearly doubled among certain subgroups, such as those with physical disabilities, those with psychological distress and those with lower education levels and income levels. Dr. Borrelli has focused her research on developing and testing effective treatments for specific subgroups to aid in smoking cessation.

“Presenters focused on multi-level approaches to motivating and treating underserved smokers, including individual and clinical approaches, through community and policy approaches. Also, the workshop was a great forum for networking, for not only the audience members, but also for presenters as well. Although all of the presenters are currently conducting research in smoking, they did not know each other,” said Dr. Borrelli.
**GSDM Has Strong Showing at IADR/AADR/CADR Annual Meeting**

The joint International Association for Dental Research (IADR), American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR) General Session & Exhibition was held in San Francisco on March 22-25, 2017. Dozens of faculty, students, residents, and staff from GSDM presented at and attended this prestigious conference. This year’s meeting attracted over six thousand researchers for four days of workshops, keynote speakers, oral and poster sessions, symposia, and an exhibition.

During the meeting, Dr. Raul Garcia, a longtime faculty member of GSDM, was inducted as the President of the AADR for 2017-2018. Dr. Garcia, Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research, also serves as the Co-Director of the Northeast Center for Research to Evaluate and Eliminate Dental Disparities (CREEDD).

On the evening of Friday, March 24, 2017, GSDM and the University of Manchester School of Dentistry (UMSD) UK, held a joint reception in the Marriott Marquis Hotel. UMSD and GSDM recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding, signaling the collaboration of both Schools in the International Elective Exchange Externship Program. The Schools are now engaged in establishing research collaborations. Well over 100 people attended to network and socialize, keeping the reception room packed from start until finish. (Refer to page 35; “GSDM and University of Manchester Collaboration Official.”)

On Saturday morning, March 25, 2017, GSDM and UMSD hosted a joint symposium on Emerging Opportunities for Head & Neck Cancer Therapy. Dr. Belinda Borrelli chaired the symposium, and both Dr. Maria Kukuruzinska, Associate Dean for Research and Professor in the Department of Molecular & Cell Biology, and Dr. Ann Marie Egloff, Research Associate Professor in the Department of Molecular & Cell Biology, gave presentations on their research findings pertaining to Neck & Neck Cancer.

“I was very pleased by the number of GSDM faculty, students and residents who participated in this important meeting, as well as the outstanding research presented,” said Dean Hutter. “I was also especially pleased to witness the induction of Dr. Raul Garcia as President of the AADR.”

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**Dr. Belinda Borrelli Launches Mobile and Electronic Health ARC with Colleagues from across BU**

Dr. Belinda Borrelli has partnered with colleagues from across Boston University to launch an innovative new Affinity Research Collaborative (ARC) on Mobile and Electronic Health. Dr. Borrelli is a Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Health Services Research, as well as Director of Behavioral Science Research, at GSDM. She serves as the Principal Investigator and Lead Co-Director of the Mobile and Electronic Health ARC. She is joined in the ARC by Co-Directors Dr. Lisa Quintiliani from the School of Medicine and School of Public Health and Dr. Julie Keyisor from Sargent College. The initiative is funded by the Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research and the Boston University Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Office (IBRO).

The Mobile and Electronic Health ARC’s (ME-ARC) mission is to conduct state-of-the-art research and training in mobile and electronic health, aiming to improve the health of populations, through mobile technology, particularly those who are underserved. Currently, there are over 70 members of the ARC, including a steering committee and external advisory board. The ARC also funds three pilot projects and they anticipate funding additional projects in the future. The ARC has monthly seminars with invited speakers. The ARC also holds an annual mHealth symposium, which was well-attended last year by people from both campuses. GSDM researchers are welcome to join the ARC and receive emails about events.

The Mobile and Electronic Health ARC brings together researchers and affiliates from several schools and both campuses at Boston University, including GSDM, the School of Medicine, the School of Public Health, SAIL/Hariri Institute, Global Health, Sargent College, CAS, and the College of Engineering. Further research projects are in development, as well as an initiative to build a website to foster mobile health collaboration and to design a participant registry to aid BU researchers with recruitment.

Mobile health presents an unprecedented opportunity to proactively reach large populations with evidenced based approaches to assess, manage, and treat health and health behaviors. The Evans Center ARC, launched in 2009 and successfully led by Professor Katya Ravid, is an extraordinary resource at BU, and helped launch this effort.

Affinity Research Collaboratives are organized through the Evans Center for Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research and the Boston University Interdisciplinary Biomedical Research Office (IBRO). Each ARC is focused around a research theme, which is explored through a variety of disciplines and technologies. ARCs also offer opportunities to enhance educational opportunities for graduate and post-graduate researchers, as well as potential to partner with industry or collaborate with other centers and institutions. For more information about ARCs, please visit the Evans Center website.
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Sixteen years ago, I left my home in Venezuela to pursue my dream of becoming a Prosthodontist. Little did I realize that this was the first step in an incredible journey that brought me where I am today, working actively with some of the most innovative and dedicated minds in our field to turn our vision of the future of dentistry into a reality.

The Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine welcomed me first as a resident, then as a faculty member, a Clinical Director and later this summer in my new role as Assistant Dean for Digital Dentistry Development and Clinical Training. Along the way, it instilled in me the importance of working together to move dentistry forward into new horizons, and of collaborating with the next generation of practitioners to develop skills and standards of care higher than ever before. This year, I am honored to have been awarded the Spencer Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching, and I share this award with all my colleagues, students and friends who have supported me over the years. The thoughtful guidance of my mentors here, the unwavering support of faculty and staff, and the creativity and passion of my students have me reflecting humbly and gratefully on all that BU means to me.

Over the course of my career here, I have had the good fortune to teach some of the brightest and most talented students as we explored concepts in Occlusion, Fixed Prosthodontics, Treatment Planning and Digital Dentistry, both in the classroom and in our Patient Treatment Centers. Their enthusiasm for learning has made every minute worth it, and made me proud to have played a part in their professional journey.

Innovation thrives in an open environment, fueled by creativity and trust. Our BU family strives to create an atmosphere that allows all of us to showcase our strengths, while fearlessly tackling new challenges to learn from them and grow. It is because of this dedication to innovation and learning that our predoctoral students and postdoctoral residents can now obtain an optical impression, merge it with a cone beam CT scan, plan a virtual dental implant, place the implant with a milled surgical template using guided surgery, and restore it using another optical impression. What an honor to be part of a team that promotes cutting-edge, efficient dental practices, and most importantly, provides the highest level of clinical care.

I find myself even more energized to move forward as we pour our energy into launching the new state-of-the-art clinical space planned for the school. As our BU family grows, we find ourselves in need of a bigger home. Under the leadership of Dean Hutter, the project for the new facility is under way, where we will build the future of dental medicine with an innovative digital curriculum that trains dentists to meet (and exceed) the demands of a growing population with changing health needs.

Our shared experience makes us all stronger, and it is by working together that we will build the future of our school and our profession. While digital technology makes us a leader in dental education, it’s the students, fellow faculty, staff and alumni that makes us a family.

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