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DEAR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

In the spring issue of *Impressions* we shared an overview of the Applied Strategic Planning (ASP) Process our School underwent during the development stage of our Applied Strategic Plan. With the support of President Brown, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer Jean R. Morrison, and Medical Campus Provost Karen Antman, there is palpable excitement and energy throughout the School as we work together to implement the ASP. I am pleased to give you an update of our progress to date.

The ASP planning process established the following goals:

- **Design and construct a new facility that supports our mission**
- **Provide excellence in lifelong dental education and scholarship**
- **Promote continual scientific discovery and scholarship through outstanding basic, clinical and translational research**
- **Perform outstanding community service and inspire civic engagement**
- **Provide outstanding oral health care to the local, national, and global communities**
- **Sustain an environment of mutual respect and a strong sense of community and ownership**
- **Sustain and improve our financial health in support of our mission**
- **Recruit, develop, and retain excellent and diverse faculty and staff**
- **Provide excellent supportive and career-enhancing services to our students throughout their careers**
- **Recruit and enroll an excellent and diverse student body**

Each of these goals has been assigned a "Goal Champion" to ensure that the supporting objectives and integrated action plans are implemented on schedule. These Goal Champions, along with other senior administrators, comprise the "Implementation Team" led by Associate Dean of Strategic Initiatives Dr. Paula K. Friedman.

In July, the Office of the Dean welcomed Mr. Gurjinder Gill (known as "Gill") as senior project manager. Along with Dr. Friedman, Gill will be working closely with me to implement the Applied Strategic Plan. Since his arrival, Gill has been meeting with each of the Goal Champions to fully understand their goals and roles at the School.

Dr. Celeste Kong and Dr. John Guarente continue to serve as co-chairs of the Applied Strategic Planning Committee and will play an integral role in successfully implementing the ASP. Dr. Bob Frazer of R. L. Frazer and Associates—the consulting firm that facilitated the ASP process at GSDM—has been retained to assist as implementation begins in earnest.

The entire GSDM community has been enthusiastically working to implement Integrated Action Plans (IAPs) as we go forward in accomplishing the objectives for our ASP goals. Although the IAPs are too numerous to list here, I do want to share some significant achievements to date:

- **A Staff Forum has been established to allow for discussion of issues of concern among the staff and to implement and maintain a formal system of two-way communication with the Executive Board. This is an important step in support of an environment of mutual respect and a strong sense of community and ownership.**
- **A steering committee has been working with the architectural firm SmithGroup to analyze existing space and utilization, understand future direction and needs, develop and present several facility solution options, and develop a Facility Master Plan for the School.**
- **We have engaged Huron Consulting Group to develop a financial model to forecast the financial implications of the Facility Master Plan, which—along with the financial model—will be presented to President Brown later this fall.**
- **In December 2010 a curriculum summit was held to review the DMD curriculum in light of our goal to provide excellence in lifelong dental education and scholarship. Significant efforts are now under way to revise the curriculum to support a group practice model that will be the framework for didactic and clinical education; a number of changes have already been instituted for the 2011-2012 academic year.**

I am very pleased with our progress and momentum. We are laying the foundation for what will be the transformation of our School. I commend our students, staff, and faculty for all of their hard work and I thank our alumni who have participated in each step of this process. I am grateful for your support and I know that I can count on you as we take each step toward becoming the premier center of excellence in oral health education, research, and patient care.

Sincerely,

JEFFREY W. HUTTER, Dean

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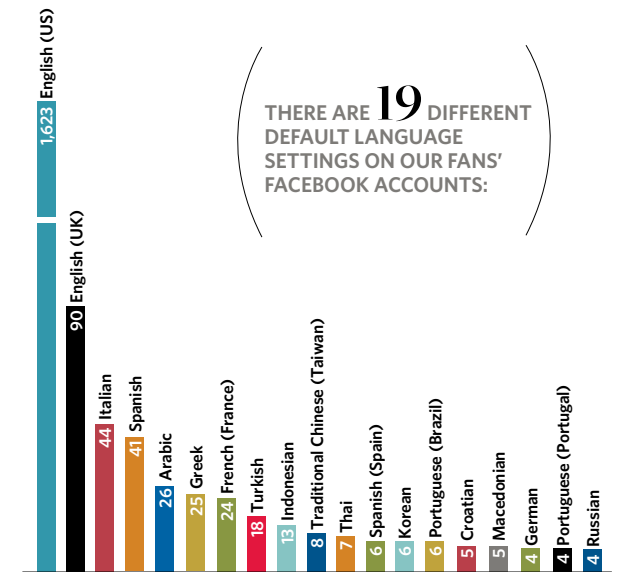
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BUworks Live

Undertaken to replace the aging electronic infrastructure of BU's business systems with a new business enterprise system known as SAP (Systems Applications and Products), BUworks went live on July 1.

A University business transformation effort that is creating a modern, integrated systems infrastructure to support efficient business processes, the project's aim is to create a core electronic system that fulfills BU's current business needs while being flexible enough to serve the University for years to come. BUworks' two main areas of emphasis are updating major business software systems and the organization's business processes.

SAP is an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) business software that is designed to integrate functions across an organization into a single computer system. BUworks will implement an ERP package to replace its 25-year-old Walker financial system, introduce an integrated human resources information system, and provide procure-to-pay capabilities. Based in Germany, SAP is one of the world's leading software companies and one of the largest sellers of business software to universities and research institutions. In April 2009, following two years of research, the University selected SAP to provide enterprise resource planning software that will be the digital engine for Boston University. Major higher education SAP implementations include Purdue University, the University of Kentucky, Duke University, and MIT.



ELIZABETH BOUHMAODOUCHE RECEIVES JOHN S. PERKINS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

During a special ceremony on May 3, Registrar and Director of Enrollment Services Elizabeth Bouhmadouche was one of just three people at BU to receive the John S. Perkins Distinguished Service Award from the Boston University Faculty Council. This award honors members of the BU community who have served the University with great distinction and have made important contributions toward the goals of BU.

"Beth is a pillar of the GSDM community," said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. "I know I speak for the entire School when I congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved honor."

Bouhmadouche earned a bachelor's in psychology from Bridgewater State College and a master's in urban affairs from BU's Metropolitan College. She joined the staff of GSDM in 1980 as an admissions clerk. In 1984, she was promoted to post-doctoral admissions coordinator and in 1988, registrar—a position she held until 2002, when the scope of her responsibilities increased and her title was changed to registrar and director of enrollment services.

Bouhmadouche is a member of both the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers and the New England Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers. She has served on numerous committees within the Dental School and the University and was the first recipient of the Henry M. Goldman Distinguished Service Award in 1996.

Read more about Bouhmadouche and the other Perkins Award winners in Rich Barlow's *BU Today* article. Visit www.bu.edu/today and search for Perkins. ■

ADMISSIONS HOSTS SEND-OFF FOR DR. GREGORY STOUTE

Associate Professor and Director of Minority Affairs Dr. Gregory Stoute marked his last day at GSDM this winter with a farewell party hosted by Admissions. Featuring cake and brimming with camaraderie, the party celebrated Dr. Stoute's nine years at GSDM.

Assistant Dean for Admissions Catherine Sarkis presented Dr. Stoute with a plaque and other gifts. "On behalf of the School, I'd like to thank Dr. Stoute for his service and his friend-



ship," said Sarkis. "We truly appreciate his contributions in admissions, recruiting, mentoring, advising, and educating students."

Dr. Stoute has had a profoundly positive impact on the students of GSDM since he joined the faculty in 2002; he has been active with various student organizations, including the GSDM chapters of ASDA, VSDA, and SNDA, where he served as faculty advisor.

His excellent work has certainly not been limited to the School. In 2005, Dr. (a.k.a. Colonel) Stoute was deployed to Iraq as Commander of the 455th Medical Company, a United States Army Reserve unit out of Devens, Massachusetts. In northern Iraq, he worked as the officer-in-charge of the Logistics Supported Area (LSA) at Anaconda Dental Clinic—the largest dental clinic in Iraq—located

at Balad Airbase. In 2009, back on U.S. soil, he was appointed to a five-year term on the Board of Registration in Dentistry by Governor Deval L. Patrick. Also that year, he was named the 2009 ADEA/Sunstar Americas, Inc./Harry W. Bruce, Jr. Legislative Fellow. In this public policy post, Dr. Stoute functioned as a staff member in the ADEA Center for Public Policy and Advocacy (CPPA), part of the ADEA central office in Washington, D.C., for a three-month term. In 2010, he and recent graduate Esther Lim DMD 10 traveled to Jamaica with the Jamaica Awareness Association of California to provide oral health outreach. Dr. Lim learned a great deal on this outreach mission and

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credits Dr. Stoute with encouraging her to participate; she is one of several students who have accompanied Dr. Stoute on oral health outreach missions in recent years.

Dr. Stoute has also served on numerous committees and councils at GSDM, including the DMD I and DMD II/AS I Promotions Committees, GSDM "Student Quality of Life" Committee, and the Dean's Council on Ethics and Professionalism. Outside of GSDM, he has been extremely active on committees within HRSA, ADEA, ADA, and NDA, where he served as president in 2002.

"Dr. Gregory Stoute has been an incredible role model for our students. His work both at the School and in the larger dental community illustrates the scope of opportunities available to dental graduates. He will be sorely missed, but on behalf of the entire GSDM community, I wish him the best of luck in this next chapter of his personal and professional life," said Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter. ■




GSDM Golfers Enjoy Day Despite the Elements

GSDM students, faculty, staff, alumni, family, friends, and sponsors turned out for the Second Annual ASDA Golf Tournament on May 7 at the Norwood Country Club in Norwood, Massachusetts. This year the participants had to work around rain, thunder, and lightning, but still managed to have a fantastic time.

Brian Musselman DMD 11 won the putting contest; Aadil Shamji DMD 13 was second runner-up. They both received tickets behind home plate to see the Red Sox play the next day. The other contests had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather, so instead the prizes were raffled off, including a range of golf supplies and gift certificates.

GSDM Hits the Road for Senior Oral Health

 This summer, GSDM teamed up with Mass Senior Care—which represents 80 to 90 percent of the nursing homes in Massachusetts—to bring a seminar series on senior oral health care to nursing home staff throughout the state. The program, called “Oral Health & Overall Health: It’s a Two-Way Street,” hit Northampton, Peabody, Randolph, and Marlborough from July 21 through August 2.

Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives and Director of the Geriatric Dentistry Program Dr. Paula K. Friedman is the principal investigator of the DentaQuest Foundation grant that funded the program.

Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Dental Medicine at Hebrew Rehabilitation Center Dr. Joseph Calabrese spoke at the series along with Dr. Friedman.

“Our goal was to educate key stakeholders about the importance of oral health, the necessity of complying with state and federal regulations for nursing home licensure, and to show how to make the programs work financially,” Dr. Friedman said.

Organizers say there are many factors making access to oral health care difficult for nursing home residents, including:

- difficulty getting dentists to facilities
- poor reimbursement rates
- misunderstanding of the need for oral health care

“Nursing home residents are an invisible population and dentally underserved,” Dr. Friedman added. “We hope that this program will make a difference in the quality of life for our medically and cognitively complex elders.” ■

DIET AND EXERCISE MAY RESTORE IMMUNE FUNCTION IN PEOPLE WITH OBESITY

Boston University scientists say that moderate daily exercise and dietary control might reverse immune dysfunctions found in people with obesity.

Overeating and a sedentary lifestyle are well-known risk factors for obesity, which is linked to hypertension, heart disease, diabetes, gum disease, certain cancers, and asthma.

Research has suggested that a change in immune function is a predecessor to all these diseases, and GSDM researchers have previously shown that obesity causes immune defects that make it hard to fight infection.

Until now, little was known about how diet and exercise affect immunity in obese people.

Moderate daily exercise and dietary control dramatically restored immune function in mice. Obese mice saw damaged cytokines—signaling molecules that help immune cells talk to each other—repaired and an improved ability to fight gum disease as measured by bone loss.

“The study underscores the necessity to correct two important factors in obesity—diet and exercise—to improve markers of immune dysfunction and bone loss,” says senior author and GSDM Center for Anti-Inflammatory Therapeutics Director Dr. Salomon Amar. “The correction of one factor only may not lead to any tangible changes.”

The study, “Signaling Mechanisms in the Restoration of Impaired Immune Function Due to Diet-induced Obesity,” is a collaboration of Dr. Amar, Boston University School of Medicine Professor Dr. Susan Leeman, and Researcher Dr. Qingde Zhou. The study appears in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. ■



RESEARCHERS WORKED WITH DIET-INDUCED OBESE MICE IN FOUR GROUPS:

- lean mice on a standard chow diet
- obese mice on a high-fat diet
- obese mice on a high-fat diet on a moderate exercise plan for four weeks
- obese, high-fat diet mice given moderate exercise and a four-week standard chow diet

JACQUELINE GALLANT RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE SCHOOL

Patient Financial Services Manager of Insurance & Claims Jacqueline Gallant retired June 30 after 25 years at GSDM.

Gallant joined the staff in 1985 as a project database manager/research assistant and in 1991 was promoted to data analyst technician/claims administrator. In 1994, she advanced to claims administrator and, in 1997, to benefits and claims manager, BU Dental Health Plan. She’s been in her current position since 2009.

“In my 25 years, I have seen a lot of changes,” Gallant says. One example: “In my position with the Boston University Dental Health Plan I was given the opportunity to see progress as to how data was collected and stored at Boston University. I’ve gone from a mainframe in 1985, then to a PC, then to the current server in 2011.”

Prior to coming to Boston University, she worked as a payroll clerk in New Bedford, Massachusetts, for five years. She has been married to her husband, Edward Gallant, since 1968; they have three children. Her daughters, Christina and Cynthia, are graduates of Boston University. “This has been a great achievement for both my husband and me,” she says. ■

→ LOOKING BACK

DENTAL HEALTH CENTER MARKS 20-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

“I saw my first patient, Phil, on February 2, 1991,” says hygienist, 20-year employee, and unofficial historian of the Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Avenue Anne Jensen. “At that point I was the only full-time hygienist—there was one other part time—and our clinical space wasn’t ready so we worked temporarily on the seventh floor of the Dental School.”

Led by Director Dr. Christine Paige, the skeleton crew of original faculty and staff members worked diligently from February to June of 1991, dividing their time between seeing patients in their temporary location and doing anything and everything that was needed to get the new space up and running. “I remember doing everything from scrubbing furniture to driving out to western Massachusetts to get the fire permit,” Jensen recalls.

Since then, the Dental Health Center has come a long way, with an update in 2000 and a move to a new, state-of-the-art space in September 2008. They’ve also expanded their faculty and staff. Now, under the leadership of Director Dr. Margaret Errante, they employ 20 dentists, eight hygienists, and 16 dental assistants, along with a large number of administrative staff to keep operations running smoothly.

According to Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, “Providing excellent oral health care has always been part of our mission. The staff of the Dental Health Center play an integral role in achieving this mission, and with the opening of the new state-of-the-art facility in 2008, we are able to ensure that patient care at the center remains second to none.”

While the center has changed, many of the early patients remain. Dental Assistant Eudocia Reis has worked at the center for close to 19 years. “Some patients came here before they were married and now we see their kids. Others, we removed their baby teeth, and now we’re removing their wisdom teeth. Treating the same patients for many years allows you to build wonderful relationships, and I have so many favorite patients,” she says.

Center Oral Surgeon and GSDM Associate Dean for Advanced Education & International Programs Dr. Thomas Kilgore elaborates on these special relationships: “Staff members are tremendously important in providing continuity in the care of our patients at the Dental Health Center. Our patients see our dentists when necessary, but they see our hygienists every six months. Many of our patients have seen the same hygienist for decades, and for them, that person is the heart of the center.”

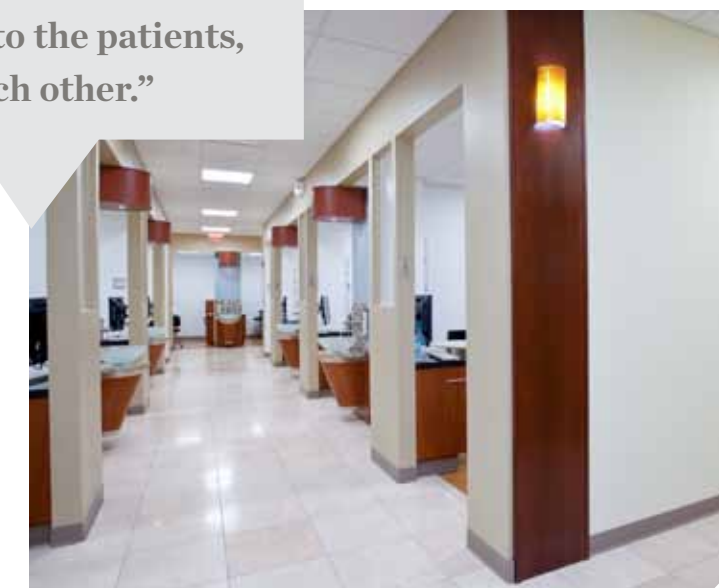
“One of my longtime patients got married recently,” adds Jensen. “At her last appointment she told me that the night before, she had been looking everywhere for wedding photos to bring in. Her husband saw this and said, ‘I thought you were going to the dentist?’ She responded, ‘I am, to see Anne, my hygienist.’ Upon sensing his confusion she told him, ‘Oh, you won’t understand.’ As soon as I saw her in the waiting room, I asked if she had brought me any wedding photos—that’s the kind of closeness that we have with many of our patients.”

Reis and Dental Assistant Solange Olivier—another nearly 19-year veteran of the center—say they value the collaborative work environment. “One of the greatest things about working here is that everyone is doing their best to work with everyone else,” says Reis. “We are close not only to the patients, but to each other.” Working with so many doctors over the years has also allowed them to meet interesting people from a variety of cultures.

Dr. Errante points out that those working at the center get to know a large portion of the Boston University community: “All of us at the Dental Health Center are extremely honored to have the

opportunity to take care of the oral health needs of the Boston University community. Countless BU employees and alumni are patients at the center, as are many members of the general public. We look forward to continuing to provide oral health care to these important populations and to serving future members of the BU community.” ■

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DR. JOHN GUARENTE APPOINTED ASSOCIATE DEAN FOR CLINICAL EDUCATION

In May, Dr. John Guarente was named to the newly created position of associate dean for clinical education at GSDM.

“In creating this position, I envision that Dr. Guarente will provide the leadership necessary for all of the administrative and supportive functions required to successfully sustain all of the clinical activities in the School’s pre- and post-doctoral patient treatment centers,” Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter said.

Dr. Guarente will focus on the continuing development of patient-focused comprehensive care clinical

program directors to ensure coordination between academic programs and treatment center needs; and fostering creativity in the outreach and marketing programs that will result in GSDM being recognized as the premier provider of oral health care.

Dr. Guarente joined GSDM in 1989 as a clinical instructor in the Division of Oral Diagnosis, Radiology and Oral Medicine. In 1993, he was appointed clinic coordinator in the Division of Oral Diagnosis, Radiology and Oral Medicine, and in 1997 became chair of the Department of Diagnostic Sciences and Patient Services. In 2006, he was named assistant dean of patient services and in 2007 promoted to the rank of clinical associate professor. His most recent appointment was assistant dean for pre-doctoral clinical education in 2009.

Dr. Guarente is a member of the American Dental Education Association, the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society, and the National Society of Dental Practitioners. He

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serves as co-chair of the GSDM Applied Strategic Planning Committee; as a member of the DMD Admissions Committee; the Executive Committee; the DMD III-IV & AS II Promotions Committee; the Clinical Finance Committee; and the Quality Assurance Subcommittee; and chairs the Academic Code of Conduct Review Board and the Pre-doctoral Patient Treatment Center Committee.

Dr. Guarente received his DMD in 1989 from the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine. In 2007, he completed a Fellowship at the American Dental Education Association Leadership Institute.

He has been honored with the Alpha Omega Fraternity Dental Educator Award; the Spencer N. Frankl Teaching Excellence Award; the “007 Award” for Support and Dedication; Omicron Kappa Upsilon; and the GSDM Alumni Dean’s Award. ■

programs; improving patient-management practices in order to increase the retention rate of patients; improving integrated management of the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral treatment centers; developing organizational and reporting systems in all the School’s patient treatment centers to ensure enforcement of School policies, chair utilization, and other issues that pertain to the clinical program; reviewing student/resident participation and performance within their respective treatment centers in conjunction with program directors and department chairs; collaborating with respective associate/assistant deans, department chairs and



DR. DAVID E. LEVIN APPOINTED CHAIR OF MOLECULAR & CELL BIOLOGY

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter has appointed Dr. David E. Levin as chair of GSDM’s Department of Molecular & Cell Biology. Dr. Levin succeeds Dr. Carlos B. Hirschberg, who for 13 years served as professor and founding chair of the department and requested to step down effective May 1, 2011 to pursue research and other academic interests.

“I am very confident that Dr. Levin will continue the tradition of excellence established by founding Chair Dr. Carlos Hirschberg,” said Dean Hutter.

Dr. Levin joined the Henry M.

Goldman School of Dental Medicine in 2009 as professor of molecular and cell biology. He also holds a joint appointment as professor of microbiology at the Boston University School of Medicine.

Dr. Levin uses yeast as a model genetic system to understand molecular mechanisms of stress signaling and physiologic responses to environmental stresses. His group is best known for their work on fungal cell wall stress signaling, which has implications for anti-fungal drug development.

Their recent discovery of a novel mechanism for control of gene expression in yeast that is evolutionarily conserved in humans has broad implications for therapeutic gene silencing. They discovered that genes expressed solely under certain stress conditions are normally maintained in a silent state by a process called transcriptional attenuation. Attenuation occurs commonly in bacteria, but was not known previously to operate in eukaryotic cells (those with a nucleus).

Dr. Levin received a BS in zoology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and a PhD in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley. He was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, training with Nobel laureate J. Michael Bishop. His first faculty position was in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Department at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, where he rose from assistant professor to full professor with tenure.

Dr. Levin has received numerous awards including a post-doctoral fellowship from the Damon Runyon-Walter Winchell Cancer Fund, and a Junior Faculty Research Award and a Senior Faculty Research Award from the American Cancer Society. He has been funded continuously for the past 19 years from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH.

Dr. Levin and his research group have published more than 50 research papers in prestigious journals including *Cell*, *Science*, *Genes & Development*, *PLoS Genetics*, *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, *Molecular Biology of the Cell*, *Journal of Cell Biology*, and *Journal of Biological Chemistry*. He has also published invited reviews of his work on fungal cell wall stress signaling in *Microbiology and Molecular Biology Reviews*, *Current Opinion in Cell Biology*, *Journal of NIH Research*, and *Genetics*. Dr. Levin has served as a charter member of NIH study sections and is a member of the editorial boards of *Eukaryotic Cell* and *Yeast*. ■

GSDM Appreciates the Arts

An annual event sponsored by the dean of the School of Medicine, Art Days 2011 was held on March 28 and 29 in the Hiebert Lounge. GSDM had a strong showing this year, with multiple submissions from students, staff, and faculty.

In addition to submitting his poetry to the exhibition, one evening Dr. Daniel Moran also read it aloud. Students, faculty, and staff heard him read 18 poems and discuss the experiences and events that have inspired his writing.

“Someone once said that hearing a poem is like listening in on a poet having a conversation with himself,” Dr. Moran said.

He has authored eight collections of poetry, two of which are in translation, and was poet laureate of Suffolk County, New York, from 2005 to 2007.

SUBMISSIONS INCLUDED:

Manager of Patient Relations & Clinical Instructor Dr. Spandana Arvapali: *Photography*

Susan Baloul ORTHO 09, 11: *Painting and handmade purse*

Mark Cipolla DMD 12: *Photography*

Shivali Gohel DMD 12: *Pencil sketches*

Yamini Gupta DMD 11: *Jewelry*

Rohit James DMD 12: *Graphite sketches*

Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Daniel Moran: *Poetry*

Poutan Shahrokh DMD 13: *Poetry*

Nisha Sundaragopal DMD 11: *Oil on canvas as well as paper molding on canvas sculpted with acrylic teeth and aluminum foil*

DR. FRANK OPPENHEIM TAKES HIS PLACE AS DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST

After 39 years at GSDM, 23 as professor and chair of the Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology, Dr. Frank Oppenheim has stepped down as chair, effective June 30, 2011, to pursue research and other academic interests. In recognition of Dr. Oppenheim's outstanding service to GSDM, Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter appointed him the first Henry M. Goldman Distinguished Scientist as of July 1.

The Henry M. Goldman Distinguished Scientist is a title and set of responsibilities conferred to recognize individuals who, for at least 20 years, have performed at the highest level academically and in research, have displayed leadership in scientific inquiry, and have attained and demonstrated excellence in the profession while at GSDM. "Dr. Oppenheim has achieved this status over many years of dedicated scholarly endeavor, and I am truly pleased to bestow him with this honor," Dean Hutter said.



Dr. Oppenheim originally joined Boston Medical Center after holding faculty positions at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine and Forsyth Institute.

He is internationally known as a periodontist and scientist in oral medicine and has made several discoveries which have contributed significantly to our understanding of host defense mechanisms in the oral cavity. These studies are based on work focusing on salivary proteins and their interactions with soft and hard tissues. He has earned many awards, such as the NIH Research Career Development Award (1975), the NIH Merit Award (1991), the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Salivary Research Group Award (1990), and the IADR Salivary Research Award (1995). Dr.

Oppenheim was also honored with the William J. Gies Award from the American Association of Dental Research (1992). He is an elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has served as a member and chair on several NIH Study Sections, where he continues to review grant applications of program projects and center grants. Dr. Oppenheim has also served on specialty panels and is a reviewer for key journals in his field. He has authored or co-authored over 150 scientific publications, has a continuous funding record from NIH since 1972, and has several successful collaborations with industry. Under his leadership, the Division of Oral Biology was created in the School of Dental Medicine and has since gained national and international recognition for its research and academic contributions.

Dr. Oppenheim has completed clinical specialty training in both periodontology and prosthodontics. In addition to a dental and doctoral degree in dental medicine from the University of Zurich, Dr. Oppenheim received a PhD in biochemistry and a DMD from Boston University. ■

FOLLOWING DR. OPPENHEIM'S RESIGNATION, Dean Hutter announced the formation of a Dean's Advisory Search Committee for the position of chair, Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology.

Dr. Raul Garcia, professor and chair, Health Policy & Health Services Research, will chair the search committee.

The following individuals will serve on the search committee:

Dr. Neal Fleisher, clinical assistant professor, GSDM Department of General Dentistry

Dr. Eva Helmerhorst, associate professor, GSDM Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology

Dr. Carlos Hirschberg, professor and chair, GSDM Department of Molecular & Cell Biology

Dr. Judith Jones, professor and chair, GSDM Department of General Dentistry

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Dr. Barbara Nikolajczyk, associate professor, BUMED Department of Microbiology

Dr. John Samuelson, professor, GSDM Department of Molecular & Cell Biology

Dr. Ming Fang Su, clinical associate professor, GSDM Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology

Dr. Vickery Trinkaus-Randall, professor, BUMED Department of Biochemistry

Dr. Leslie Will, professor and chair, GSDM Department of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics

DR. MARGARET ERRANTE APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL OPERATIONS

Effective August 1, Dean Hutter appointed Dr. Margaret Errante to the new position of director of clinical operations at GSDM. She continues to serve in her current position as director of the BU Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Avenue.



Working in conjunction with Associate Dean for Clinical Education Dr. John Guarente, Dr. Errante oversees clinical operations and manages the administrative and supportive functions required to successfully sustain all of the clinical activities in the School's Patient Treatment Centers.

Errante is also a guest board member on the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS).

In this role, Dr. Errante will offer input on issues affecting the MDS and organized den-

tistry. The Guest Board Member program began in 2006 to provide the MDS with a more representative governing body.

Dr. Errante has more than 30 years of experience in the dental field and more than 18 as a principal in a multilocation group practice. She received her DDS from University of the Pacific in San Francisco and an associate's degree in applied sciences from the University of New York, Farmingdale. She is a registered dental hygienist.

Dr. Errante completed the MDS Leadership Institute—which trains dentists to lead in organized dentistry, the community, and in practice—in 2010. In addition to the MDS, Dr. Errante is a member of the American Dental Association, the Academy of General Dentistry, TKO Honor Fraternity, Pankey Alumni Association, and the University of the Pacific Alumni Association. She has received the Peabody Award for her clinical excellence in dental hygiene and also received an award from the International College of Dentists for her clinical excellence in dentistry. ■

NEW APPLICATION FOR PHOSPHOPROTEIN ANALYSIS HIGHLIGHTED

The June 14 edition of *Biochemistry* published research by Associate Professor Dr. Erdjan Salih titled "Quantitative Analysis of Cytokine-Induced Hepatocyte Nuclear Factor-4 α Phosphorylation by Mass Spectrometry."



The article highlights the first specific biomedical application in the area of surgery, systemic injury, and liver function of the new technology developed by Dr. Salih for phosphoprotein analysis.

"This article introduces, for the first time, a new quantitative analysis of the state of dynamic phosphorylation of an important liver transcription factor, HNF-4, which regulates its function in response to 'cytokine' treatment," Dr. Salih explains.

This research is also significant because of the interdisciplinary approach to biomedical science taken by the Department of Periodontology & Oral Biology and Department of Surgery at GSDM and BUSM respectively. Dr. Salih collaborated with BUSM Chief of Trauma and Professor Dr. Peter Burke and post-doctoral student Dr. Zhongyan Wang. ■

Search Under Way for Endo Chair and Director, Post-doc Programs

In June, Dean Hutter created a Dean's Advisory Search Committee for the Combined Position of Chair, Department of Endodontics, and Director, Post-doctoral Program in Endodontics.

Dr. Thomas Kilgore, professor and associate dean for advanced education & international programs, will chair the committee.

Other committee members include:

Dr. Louay Abrass, assistant professor and director, Post-doctoral Endodontic Patient Treatment Center

Dr. John Guarente, clinical associate professor and associate dean for clinical education

Dr. Christopher Hughes, associate professor and chair, Department of Pediatric Dentistry

Dr. Michelle Henshaw, professor and assistant dean for Community Partnerships & Extramural Affairs

Dr. David Levin, professor and chair, Department of Molecular & Cell Biology

Dr. Mani Moulazadeh, clinical assistant professor and director ad interim, Post-doctoral Program in Endodontics

Dr. Leslie Will, chair and Anthony A. Gianelly Professor in Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics

"I am very pleased that these individuals have accepted appointment to the Advisory Search Committee and I thank them for their time and efforts in assisting me with this very important task," Dean Hutter said.

→ NOTES FROM THE IADR/AADR GENERAL SESSION

The IADR/AADR General Session was held in San Diego from March 16-19. If you were unable to attend, here's what you missed:

Center for Anti-Inflammatory Therapeutics Director **Dr. Salomon Amar** received a Distinguished Scientist Award for Research in Oral Biology. The award is supported by Church & Dwight Company, Inc. and is given annually for outstanding research in any field of oral biology.

Instructor **Brenda Heaton** received an IADR/Philips Oral Healthcare PRG Young Investigator Research Grant to support her research, titled "Evaluating the Impact of Partial-Mouth Recordings in Studies of Oral-Systemic Disease Association."

Heaton was particularly pleased: "My proposed work is epidemiologic in nature, and the interests of this group have primarily been in the basic sciences." She will collaborate with a center at the University of Birmingham; the grant includes funding for her travel to England to oversee the work.

Dr. George Huang served as organizer and chair of two symposia and **Dr. Frank Oppenheim** was a keynote speaker at the session.

Mey Al-Habib DScD 12, ENDO 14 applied for and was awarded the IADR Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group (PBRG) Award for her research abstract, "Enhancement of Dental Pulp Stem Cell Stemness Using Small Molecules." IADR paid for Dr. Al-Habib to travel to San Diego for the meeting and give an oral presentation of her research.

Sheede Khalil DMD 12 received the 2011 AADR Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation Student Fellowship, which was presented at a reception during the general session.

Pre-doctoral students gave both poster and oral presentations. Post-doctoral students also presented

posters, including: **Jehan AlHumaid DPH 11**, "Meta-analysis of Effectiveness of Different Xylitol Products in Caries Prevention"; **Mohammed Al Shahrani ENDO 15**, "Cell Biology in Craniofacial Development"; **Claire Chang PROS 11**, "Flexural Strength of Lithium Disilicate Ceramic with Various Sintering/Finishing Procedures"; **Glena P. Millan PROS 10, MSD 11**, "Primer and Aging Effect on Resin Cements Bond to Zirconia"; Post-doctoral Associate **Dr. Keiko Yoshida**, "Characterization of Fam83h Antibody"; and Research Scholar **Masahiro Asano**, "Establishment of a New Stable Cell Line U2OS

clg." Post-doctoral oral presenters included: **Daniela Toro ORTHO 11**, "Microhardness Evaluation of Enamel During Prevention and Treatment of White Spot Lesions; An In-Vitro Study with Extracted Teeth"; Research Assistant Professor (former post-doctoral fellow) **Dr. Guoxian Wei**, "Oral Microbial Enzymes Degrading Dietary Gluten"; **Maram Zamakhchari PERIO 13**, "Fragmentation of Immunogenic Gluten Domains by Oral Microorganisms"; and **Mohamed Fahmi PROS 11**, "Fatigue and Temp Effects on Properties of Contemporary Restorative Ceramics."

Recent graduates **Vinodh Bhoopathi DPH 10, Mohamed Bamashmous DPH 10, and Huda Nazar DPH 10** presented research they completed as part of their degrees. Their posters were titled "Effectiveness of Oral Cancer Adjuncts in U.S.

Populations"; "School Lunch Program Status, a Marker for High Risk Caries?" and "Caries Prevalence and Oral Hygiene in Kuwaiti Infants," respectively.

"I am incredibly pleased to see so many of our faculty and students receive recognition at this annual event," said **Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter**. "The quality of the oral and poster presentations was outstanding." ■

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• **Brenda Heaton** received an IADR/Philips Oral Healthcare PRG Young Investigator Research Grant

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→ FACULTY & STAFF MEETING, JUNE 21, 2011

The GSDM Faculty & Staff Meeting updated the GSDM community on a variety of ongoing and upcoming initiatives at the School.

Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter welcomed everyone and asked staff and faculty who had joined the School since June 16, 2010, to stand and introduce themselves.

He then announced that for the first time, a selection committee has been formed to determine the winner of the Henry M. Goldman Award for Distinguished Service under the direction of Executive Director of Finance & Operations **Tim McDonough**. "The committee was comprised entirely of past winners of the award and, as such, truly represented the very best examples of service and commitment to our School," he said.

The dean also said that upon the committee's recommendation and in following the GSDM Applied Strategic Plan, there will be additional staff and faculty recognition awards at faculty & staff meetings throughout the year. Due to the number of initiatives and activities he wants to share with the faculty and staff, a third meeting will be held during the coming academic year.

Frances Zaremba, a lab assistant in the removable laboratory, was congratulated on her Distinguished Service Award by Director of the Pre-doctoral Removable Prosthodontics Laboratory **Dr. Ronni Schnell** and Clinical Associate Professor **Leila Rosenthal**, who suggested that Frances apply for a job at GSDM back in 1998.

"Fran supports and advances the mission of our School every day by ensuring that excellent patient care and dental education are delivered," Dean Hutter said.

Zaremba is on the way to becoming a certified dental technician. She recently passed the comprehensive and specialty written exams and plans to take the Complete Denture Practical Exam.

Director of Finance **John Reilly** also won a Special Distinguished Service Award. Dean Hutter remarked upon

Reilly's knowledge of the Salud system, the fact that he had had responsibility for two jobs until a new employee was added, and his reputation throughout the University for being helpful and professional. Usually Office of the Dean staff members are not eligible for the award, however, the Dean made an exception due to the volume of nominations for Reilly, who joined GSDM in 2006 following a career in specialty retail and accounting.

"Under John's leadership, the finance office has dramatically increased and improved financial reporting, and I am confident that under his continued guidance, we will be in an excellent position as we move forward in making our new facility a reality," Dean Hutter said.

Richard Rabbett updated everyone on the BUworks initiative.

Dr. Paula K. Friedman spoke about the balanced scorecards that will be used to implement the GSDM Applied Strategic Plan.

Tim McDonough and **Andy Burke** reviewed a detailed list of upcoming facility projects and advised the crowd not to devote too many resources to a facility that will be extensively renovated down the road.

Speaking on behalf of the Dean's Council on Ethics and Professionalism, **Drs. Carl McManama** and **Thomas Kilgore** reported that ethical fitness training will commence very soon. A "Train the Trainers" session took place in June.

Drs. Friedman and Kilgore reported on the School's upcoming accreditation (which occurs every seven years) in September 2012. There will be a dry run this September; Dr. Kilgore spoke about OMFS accreditation occurring in October 2011 (OMFS programs are reaccredited every five years).

Dr. Steve DuLong spoke briefly about infection control and safety, **Patrice Freeman-Lau** about updated immunization and compliance requirements, and **Catherine Sarkis** about admissions for the upcoming 2011-2012 academic year. ■

HIGHLIGHTS:

• **Selection committee** formed to determine winner of the Henry M. Goldman Award for Distinguished Service

• **Frances Zaremba** congratulated on her Distinguished Service Award

• **Director of Finance John Reilly** won a Special Distinguished Service Award



Ceremony Celebrates First Graduates of Boston University Institute for Dental Research & Education Dubai

In an atmosphere of celebration and with a sense of accomplishment, 12 graduates and their families gathered on July 9 for the first graduation ceremony of the Boston University Institute for Dental Research & Education (BUIDRE) Dubai. Graduates from the post-doctoral programs in endodontics, orthodontics, pediatric dentistry, periodontology, and prosthodontics wore traditional academic robes with hoods bearing the lilac color of dentistry and the red and white colors of Boston University. The ceremony was held under the sponsorship of Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein, wife of His Highness Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai.

The ceremony began with a reading from the Quran by graduating student Dr. Mohamed Jamal Ahmed. Chief Academic Officer of BUIDRE Dubai Dr.

The graduates: (top, left to right) Farhat Baalawi PEDO 11, Shahnaz Faraz PEDO 11, Maryam Sayed Jaffar Al Sharaf ORTHO 11, Fatema Abdulrahman Amir Rad PROS 11, Fatma Darwish Al Emadi PEDO 11, Rana Al Abdullah Saleh Al Amoudi PEDO 11, Tina Rokadia Halela PROS 11, and Mahra Mohammed Hamdan Al Shamsi ORTHO 11

(bottom, left to right) Maanas Shrunghesh Shah PERIO 11, Mohamed Jamal Ahmed ENDO 11, Nael Akram Eid PROS 11, and Sufjan Omar Abusalim PERIO 11

Steven Morgano then presided over the program as the graduates were awarded their certificates and diplomas. In his remarks, Morgano reminded them that they were graduating from the only post-doctoral dental institution in the world composed of faculty members who are all United States specialty board certified in their disciplines. Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

“Today also marks a special moment in the history of this institution, as you are the first graduating class. I congratulate you on the fine choice you made to attend BUIDRE Dubai and I thank you for being the pioneers that helped us shape BUIDRE Dubai into the excellent institution that it is today.”



Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter, Vice President and Associate Provost for Global Programs Mr. Willis Wang, and GSDM Associate Dean for Advanced Education & International Programs Dr. Thomas Kilgore joined Dr. Morgano on the platform.

His Excellency Qadhi Saeed Al Murooshid, director general of Dubai Health Authority, and CEO of the Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Academic Medical Center Dr. Muhadditha Al Hashimi also made opening remarks.

Valedictorians Dr. Fatema Abdulrahman Amir Rad and Dr. Fatma Darwish Al Emadi thanked Dr. Morgano, the faculty, and their classmates for their support during their journey through post-doctoral education.

As chair of the board of BUIDRE, Dean Hutter officially conferred the certificates and master’s degrees upon the candidates



Clockwise from top right: Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter with the first graduating class of BUIDRE Dubai

Chief Academic Officer of BUIDRE Dubai Dr. Steven Morgano, Dean Hutter, Maryam Sayed Jaffar Al Sharaf ORTHO 11, and Boston University Vice President and Associate Provost for Global Programs Mr. Willis Wang

Mohamed Jamal Ahmed ENDO 11 gave the recitation of the Quran

Dr. Steven Morgano, Nael Akram Eid PROS 11, and Director, Post-doctoral Prosthodontics, Dr. Faysal Succaria

and led the graduates through the reading of the oath of the class. “You are truly a group of extraordinary students. You have



worked extremely hard to reach this point in your academic careers, and I commend you on your dedication and tireless efforts. The excellent didactic and clinical education you have received here has prepared you for successful careers ahead, and I wish you all the best,” Dean Hutter said. “Today also marks a special moment in the history of this institution, as you are the first graduating class. I congratulate you on the fine choice you made to attend BUIDRE Dubai, and I thank you for being the pioneers that helped us shape BUIDRE Dubai into the excellent institution that it is today.”

Vice President Wang closed the ceremony by welcoming the graduates to a special club—they now join the ranks of more than 300,000 living Boston University Alumni. ■

GSDM Class of 2011 Celebrated with a Unique and Personal Ceremony



TOP ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Drs. Susan Baloul, David Blackburn, Mary Katherine Fasy, and Jasun Mahaffey, all ORTHO 11

Yale Winestock, Stylianos Krithinakis, Rayan Kafri, Richard Kolanda, and Loai Alsofi, all ENDO 11

Paul Tsai PERIO 11

Suvika Kapur DMD 11

Sreenivasulu Panguluri, Srikanth Cherukadu Vasalaa, Manjeera Kadiyala, and Vijaya Laxmi, all DMD 11

On Friday, May 20, GSDM honored new graduates at the School's 47th annual Convocation. The late-afternoon ceremony boasted 185 DMD and 76 post-doctoral student participants.

Dean of Marsh Chapel Reverend Dr. Robert Allan Hill began the ceremony with an invocation. GSDM Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter followed by welcoming the graduating students, family and friends, and faculty and staff, adding, "You should feel very proud to be a member of such a prestigious graduating class. The Class of 2011's list of accomplishments is long. You have experienced both challenging and exciting times, and I know that when you look back on your experience at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, it will be these good times and the superb education that you received here that will stand out in your minds."

Valedictorian Susan Snyder gave a moving speech, accented by her performance of Claude Debussy's *Claire de Lune* on the piano. She said, "Each of us is leaving here with the tools and background to become an excellent Doctor of Dental Medicine. You not only represent Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, but your chosen profession. Practice dentistry in a way that may give dentistry the good

name it deserves. Honor, fairness, quality, care, kindness, whatever description you want to give it that gives the dental profession the seriousness and meaning it deserves."

During the ceremony, the Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching was presented to Clinical Assistant Professor and Director of Pre-doctoral Periodontology Dr. Neal Fleisher.

"Dr. Neal Fleisher is a proud 1984 DMD and 1986 CAGS in periodontology alumnus of our own Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine," said Dean Hutter. "Dr. Fleisher began his career at the Dental School immediately following his graduation. He has also maintained a private periodontics practice in the greater Boston area for more than 25 years. His contributions to the field of dental medicine are numerous, but his contributions to the School are even greater. He truly personifies the Spencer N. Frankl Award for Excellence in Teaching, and it is with great pleasure that I present him with this award."

"I am here today as much because of the efforts of others as my own efforts," said Dr. Fleisher. "My teachers showed me so much support and allowed me to move at my pace. All were instrumental not just

because they taught me dentistry, but because I also learned how to teach, retaining their finer points. I steal from each of them, discard some things, mix and match others, and then call it my own."

Commencement speaker, poet, and Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Daniel Moran addressed the graduates next. He said, "You who have come to this day of accomplishment have demonstrated the necessary command of dentistry: no small triumph. For this, you will be highly regarded in your lifetime. But let them say of you something more—that you were compassionate, that you shared your time, that you listened. That you were earnest when attention was called for, a mentor when counsel was asked for, a source of solace when comfort was needed." Dr. Moran closed his remarks with a poem written especially for his students titled "Passages." A small excerpt:

*"Our shared wish,
only to arrive at this place,
evoked in a dream.
Our names are so many.
Our way's end, begins here."*

Following Dr. Moran's speech, Class of 2011 President Stephanie Trahan and Vice President Bradley Woland took the stage to present the 2011 Class Gift. It was also announced that Chief Commencement Marshall and Professor Dr. Carl McManama had generously agreed to match it.

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

The graduates then walked across the stage to receive their diplomas, and Dean Hutter brought the ceremony to a close: "As you look beside you, behind you, and in front of you, realize that these special individuals have been your support, your comrades, your colleagues, your friends, and your family for the time of your tenure at Boston University. Protect them, stay close to them—the experiences you have shared will remain with you for the rest of your lives. You will always be a graduate of the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine, and you are now an official alumnus." ■

BOTTOM ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT:

Yale Winestock ENDO 11

Hamed Alenezi and Paula Ancelson, both DMD 11

Alex Vasserman and Christopher Patterson, both DMD 11

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FACEBOOK. TWITTER. Groupon. YELP. For some, they are how we connect with each other every day. For others, they are alien forms of communication we hope we never have to touch. But Kyle Beffa DMD 10 tells us why you not only *can* but *must* use social media and how your practice will benefit many times over.

As a recent grad with a job in his father's Seattle practice but not much to do until his license came through, Beffa had some time on his hands. He knew that soon he would be practicing and would need a new source of his own patients. So he turned to social media.

"It's where things are going in the future," Beffa says. "If you're not doing it, you're not competitive."

Beffa Dental now has an updated website with a blog and accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Yelp. A Groupon last summer brought in new patients, too.

"I'd say as high as 90 percent of new patients who come from online have checked my reviews on Yelp," Beffa estimates.

He adds that these patients tend to be younger—under 40 years of age—and will likely stay with a practice for a long time.

But if you're ready to jump into social media, do it cautiously. "You have to be careful," Beffa says. "Your personal Facebook page is tied to your business; make sure you're not posting things on your personal page that would offend a patient. Personal and business social media are very much intertwined."

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"I use social media in my practice because my daughter told me to! She has her own Internet company and made me realize that in a pediatric dental practice, the young mothers of the children I treat are well-versed in social media."

I find that [by using social media] my communication with patients' families has taken on a personal and meaningful touch—I can answer their questions in a timely fashion, and they are extremely grateful. They feel immensely more a part of our practice and it actually saves me time on the phone during the busiest parts of my day."

Dick Mungo PEDO 75

"Social media has absolutely proved beneficial for our office and I think patients almost expect it. They want to come to an up-to-date office that employs the latest technologies and media relations."

Jeffrey B. Mansolillo DMD 98 uses Facebook (search Mansolillodental) to share cases with patients and friends.

"Social media is the way to market your practice to people aged 22–40."

Janice E. Spada's DMD 82 Sudbury, Massachusetts practice uses Facebook (facebook.com/drjspada), Twitter, (@SudburyDentist), and Wordpress (drjspada.wordpress.com).

"IT ALLOWS ME TO STAY CURRENT AND KEEP PATIENTS APPRISED OF WHAT I AM DOING THAT'S NEW OR DIFFERENT."

Jerry Strauss DMD 80 has had a blog and Facebook account for several years and estimates that he reaches a third to half of his patients at Aesthetic Dental Care of New Jersey online. Search Facebook for Aesthetic Dental Care, LLC. Dr. Strauss is also on LinkedIn and YouTube.

"I like interacting with patients online, but we keep it very professional. Most of it is tooth-related; however, we post interesting updates about staff, too."

Elizabeth DiBona DMD 07, AEGD 08 can be found at facebook.com/pages/DiBona-Dental-Group/102677678218.

"We intend to use social media to keep our patients informed of what's happening in our office as well as to fill cancelled, no-show, or open appointment slots in our schedule."

Niraj Patel DMD 00 is developing Facebook and Twitter for Dr. Harvey Levy & Associates, PC, in Frederick, Maryland.

Mehrdad Noorani DMD 87 uses Yelp for business and advertising.

J. Scott Thompson DMD 87 uses Facebook to post articles for patients to read and discuss.

Search Facebook for **Scott Thompson** DMD and **Erica Grayson DiGuglielmo** DDS.

Wallace J. Bellamy DMD 89 uses Facebook (facebook.com/wallacejbellamydmd) and Twitter (@drbellamy).

Alvaro Garcia PROS 93, DMD 95 of Advanced Dental Care of Norton is on Facebook and Twitter.

Roger Gershfeld DMD 99 is using Yelp for his Los Angeles practice: yelp.com/biz/roger-gershfeld-dmd-los-angeles

Jenny Chong DMD 01 of Marina Bay Dental Associates uses Facebook (facebook.com/marinabaydental).

M. Gabriela Marquez DMD 03, ORTHO 06 and **William E. Hershberger** ORTHO 79 are on Facebook at Hershberger Orthodontics.

Saeid Malboubi PERIO 09 has a Facebook page for Periodontal Professionals. Check out his case photos.

"I HAVE A 'PATIENT OF THE WEEK' SECTION ON FACEBOOK WHERE I FEATURE ONE OF MY PATIENTS AND USE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT HIS OR HER BUSINESS. I ALSO USE FACEBOOK TO HIGHLIGHT MY RECENT BLOG ENTRIES."

Meena Yegbneswaran DMD 99 of Pleasant Street Dental in Worcester, also uses Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

"PEOPLE TEND TO RESPOND PRETTY WELL, AND IT IS A GREAT WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH OUR PATIENTS WHO ARE TECHNOLOGICALLY SAVVY."

Chandan Advani DMD 04 works at Markham Dentistry, where they use Facebook to post monthly specials.

Herb Hughes' YouTube channel, Hughes Orthodontics, features him and his staff singing to patients.

Herb Hughes' ORTHO 86 Alexandria, Virginia practice also has a Facebook page: facebook.com/HughesOrthodontics.

Boston University Student Chooses Dental Education Over Music, Never Looks Back

→ “If you asked me three years ago, I would never have imagined being in dental school,”

says Mr. Jun Hwang, a third-year dental student at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine.

“I was at the career’s end of being a student. I had less than a year left until graduation, and I had no plans to continue my education. Being a music and biological sciences double major, I was deciding between a career as a concert pianist or in something biology-related.”

L-R: Jun Hwang DMD 12 and his sister Jung-Mee Hwang DMD 09 attending Jung-Mee’s concert with Dudley Orchestra at Harvard Square, Cambridge, MA.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, and then relocated nine years later with his family to Calgary, Alberta, Mr. Hwang is no stranger to new experiences. Interested in both science and music, he pursued his undergraduate degrees at Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario. An accomplished pianist and musician, he has collaborated with many renowned artists and played across both Canada and the United States. So why the sudden turn to dentistry?

“My sister was a junior at Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine and I discovered from her that dentistry is something where I would feel rewarded by using my hands—just like playing the piano,” he says. “Helping people to have better smiles was very appealing. However, playing piano had been something that I really enjoyed since childhood. It wasn’t an easy decision, yet at the end I chose to apply to BU at the very last minute... and I got in!”

Like many dental students today, Mr. Hwang is constantly on the go. He has served as a representative on the ADEA Council of Students, Residents, and Fellows (ADEA COSRF) for the last two years and is now on that council as a member of the Task Force on Governance. Within the last two years, he also initiated a Teaching Assistant (TA) program at GSDM based on his observations of similar programs at other area dental schools. “We have implemented TAs in a limited number of preclinical courses. Many were happy with the improved student-faculty ratio. With faculties to guide new TAs, it provides a great opportunity for future dental educators to get hands-on experience at teaching,” he says.

The program has been well received by students and faculty alike. “The faculties at BU have been very receptive of this pilot program, and we hope to expand to include all preclinical simulation courses,” he explains. “It is our hope that TA programs will enhance the learning experience for dental students by improving the faculty-to-student ratio and will also spark interest in future dental educators.”

Hwang’s enthusiasm for dental education is obvious. “I really want to be involved in academia,” he says. During the 2011 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Diego, he spent several minutes eagerly discussing the new TA program with Dr. Shelia H. Koh of the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston Dental Branch. Dr. Koh congratulated him on his success

“Dentistry is something where I would feel rewarded by using my hands—just like playing the piano.”

so far, and gently teased him about burning out. “He’s a very bright student,” she told the *Bulletin of Dental Education (BDE)* later, “And he has great aspirations. He’s a great snapshot of the future of academia.”

Mr. Hwang is quick to recognize his own limitations. “I think I am like most students: stressed out. I try to keep up with schoolwork, but procrastination is unavoidable,” he says. To combat such stress, he looks to courses that offer a hands-on approach: “I really enjoy the hands-on courses where you can talk to your professors and discuss and learn together in a small-group setting. At BU we have a course in practice management; sometimes this class feels like I am attending one of the ADEA break-out sessions, where the professor gives us a topic of discussion and everyone brainstorms together and reconvenes to discuss ideas.” It’s this interaction between students and faculty that Mr. Hwang finds most rewarding—and a great defense against procrastination.

Mr. Hwang has also attended ADEA meetings. “I have attended every ADEA meeting since fall 2009,” he remarks. “After every session, I came back with new motivation and perspective on where dentistry is headed. After seeing how so many dentists and dental students were so proactive in

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Right to left: Jun Hwang DMD 12, Rami Elsebai DMD 13, and Dr. Ronni Schnell, director of removable prosthodontics, at a pre-clinical session at the Simulation Learning Center



R-L: Dr. Michelle Henshaw, Jun Hwang DMD 12, and fellow BU students participated in the recent annual health awareness day in Dorchester, MA, on April 2 by offering free oral health screening services to families.

“I hope to be teaching in dental school several days a week, working at a private practice several days a week, and probably devoting one day a week to community outreach programs.”

their communities to help populations in need of oral health care, I was also inspired to become more involved in my own community.”

He has found the ADEA COSRF meetings and get-togethers particularly beneficial. “Each year, dental students from across the country convene in one room to discuss the issues that we face during our studies and throughout our careers. We learn fresh perspectives from other schools and can apply them to our own schools.”

The meetings also allow time for students of the three Boston-area dental schools (BU, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, and Harvard School of Dental Medicine) to meet and network. With the time demands on many students today, it can be difficult for

aspiring dental professionals, even at institutions within the same city, to connect and collaborate.

Mr. Hwang attended the 2011 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition in San Diego, California, and came away invigorated. “I think the plenary sessions were very informative and entertaining, and the receptions for networking were definitely memorable,” he recalls. “It was very enjoyable to see our faculty in a casual social setting, including BU’s own Dean Hutter and William J. Gies Award-winner Dr. Michelle Henshaw.”

In a little over a year, Mr. Hwang will be continuing on his journey down the path of dentistry after receiving his degree at BU. Where does he see himself headed, even just five years after graduation? “I hope to be teaching in dental school several days a week, working at a private practice several days a week, and probably devoting one day a week to community outreach programs,” he says confidently. “I know it sounds ambitious, but I believe I have the motivation and the willpower to do it all.”

And in 25 years? Mr. Hwang laughed at the question. “Hopefully out of debt!” ■

This article was written by Ben Rome and first appeared in the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Bulletin of Dental Education, May 2011, Volume 44, Issue 5.



Putting It Into Practice

GSDM'S APEX PROGRAM TEACHES STUDENTS THE KIND OF LESSONS THEY JUST CAN'T LEARN IN THE CLASSROOM.

➔ In her Milton, Massachusetts practice, Dorothy (Deedee) Gurin DMD 97 is creating a pipeline of GSDM alums who will graduate with more experience than their peers at other dental schools. Gurin brings the real world of dentistry to GSDM students through her role as a mentor in GSDM's Applied Professional Experience (APEX) Program.

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"Through APEX, you get to learn patient management and to interact with staff," she says. "You just can't get that in a classroom."

As a student at GSDM, Gurin completed three APEX rotations in the office of Dr. Bill Levin. After graduating, she taught at GSDM for 12 years; she left full-time instruction to develop her practice but enjoys the fact that as an APEX mentor, she can still teach.

As alums who participated in the program know, APEX allows students to integrate classroom study and professional experience by working side-by-side with practicing dentists in their offices. Aaron Baumler DMD 12, who worked in Gurin's practice during the summer of 2009 and winter of 2010, recalls it as a unique educational experience.

"I looked forward to coming here," he says. "It wasn't an obligation. Deedee would quiz me on what I was learning in school and let me do whatever I was comfortable with in the practice."

Baumler spent much of his first rotation observing and assisting. As he gained more clinical skills in school, he applied them in the office. He put on matrices and made temporary crowns during his second rotation, which he says complemented the fixed prosthodontics work he was then doing in school.

Gurin sent Baumler to her colleagues' offices to learn additional skills; he gained oral surgery experience with David Lustbader DMD 86 and did hands-on implant work with Paul Fuggazotto PERIO 81.

She also encouraged Baumler to take continuing education courses at GSDM, and he accompanied her to South Shore district meetings of the Massachusetts Dental Society (Gurin was president-elect at the time and is now district president).

"Aaron is a sponge," she says. "He is not just an observer in our office—he is a part of it."

The two are friends as well as colleagues. Baumler cares for Gurin's Chihuahua, Mickey (who on this day came to the office sporting a Boston Bruins jersey), and Gurin and her husband Jim rent an apartment in their Back Bay brownstone to Baumler and his girlfriend, Sabrina. Baumler and Gurin can barely suppress their laughter as they discuss a problem: a bird has settled in the backyard and dives for the head of anyone who exits the house.

On the day *Impressions* staff visited Gurin's practice, Kelsey Hill DMD 14 was designing digital crowns on the CEREC machine. Like Baumler, Hill will graduate GSDM a step ahead of her future colleagues—thanks to APEX. ■



Aaron Baumler DMD 12 and Dr. Deedee Gurin

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Left to right: Do Quyen Pham SPH 11, Melecia Miller SPH 11, Adeel Khan DMD 11, Timnit Tekeste SPH 11, and Cammellia Shahram DMD 12

Across the Great Divide

→ Recent research has demonstrated connections between oral health and overall health, highlighting the need for health professionals to work together across the professions. And what better way to illustrate this to future health professionals than through a collaborative course?

In the Fall 2010 semester GSDM got involved with an elective course, "Leading Community Health Initiatives: Public Health, Medicine, and Dentistry as Partners," a collaboration between the BU Schools of Public Health and Medicine and the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM). GSDM Assistant Dean for Community Partnerships & Extramural Affairs Dr. Michelle Henshaw serves as a faculty resource and clinical instructor and SPH 2009 DRPH grad Dr. Corinna Culler is one of four course faculty members.

The course groups seven to nine students from each of the three schools with one faculty member and a site. The students are given some information on what problems the site might like to solve (not always dental-related), but it is largely up to them to identify an issue and put together a plan to address it. Coursework gives students the tools they need to put the plan into action, and at the semester's end they submit a report detailing what they have done.

Five dental students enrolled in the fall 2010 course: Adeel Khan DMD 11, Julie King DMD 11, Cammellia Shahram Askari DMD 12, Dee Gulis DMD 12, and Shivali Gohel DMD 12.

"It was really interactive," says Culler. "For many of the dental students, the style of this course was different from what they are used to, so it was exciting to see them embrace and enjoy it. They were some of the most active students, with a lot of comments and thought-provoking ideas."

Askari—who worked at the South End Community Health Center addressing a need for patient education and prevention of early childhood caries—says the course was innovative and adds, "Working with students from other schools was a very valuable experience."

Says Gulis, who worked with a group at Boston Health Care for the Homeless addressing smoking cessation, "I'm definitely going to be working in the real world with people who aren't dentists, so I found this course interesting because of everyone's different personalities, backgrounds, and training. At first there was a learning curve in figuring out how to work together, but by the end we all had so much to add that we had to rein ourselves in. It was a great experience!"

The course will continue to be offered to students during the fall semester. ■

Two GSDM Grads Make One Dynamic Couple

→ Arash Aftabi DMD 98, PERIO 01 and his wife, Farnoush Fadavi ENDO 98, say that meeting each other while students at the Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine (GSDM) was an instance of love at first sight. Arash was friendly with Farnoush's

sister Farnoud (also a GSDM ENDO alum), who introduced the two at a graduation party. They've been inseparable ever since. The self-described best friends now live in Newport Coast, California with their two daughters and work together in two area offices, one in Seal Beach and the other in Tustin.

Arash grew up in Southern California and came to GSDM after attending the University of California at Irvine, where he met Dr. Sydell Shaw. Impressed with Dr. Shaw, he accepted her invitation to interview at GSDM. Today, Arash credits Dr. Shaw with the success and happiness he's experienced as a result of attending the School: "It changed my life! The quality of the programs was stellar. GSDM enabled me to develop a successful and fulfilling career. And not only did I receive an incredible education, I also met my best friend, wife, and partner."

Fadavi grew up in Boston, but now enjoys Southern California so much that she's convinced most of her extended family to relocate. After working in a dental office when she was a teenager and then as a dental hygienist for two years, she went on to complete her DMD at Tufts; after that, she gained admission to GSDM's extremely well-regarded post-doc program in the Department of Endodontics. She has many fond memories of the especially close and friendly relationship she had with then-department chair Dr. Herbert Schilder, and keeps a picture of him on her office desk to this day. Fadavi is so proud of her affiliation with Boston University and so appreciative of the high quality of education she received here that Boston University graduates provide all of her own health care!

While Arash was completing his periodontic residency, Farnoush was working in a San Francisco practice. The couple maintained a long-distance relationship, with Farnoush visiting Boston frequently. When Arash graduated, the couple decided to settle in Orange County, California, where they each purchased practices. They spend several days a week at both offices.

Arash and Farnoush strongly believe that their affiliation with Boston University has opened doors for them professionally and speak enthusiastically about the outstanding reputation for scientific research the University enjoys internationally. With a young family and busy practices, they haven't had the opportunity to return to Boston often, but they manage to stay connected to the School through alumni events and publications.

The couple knew Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter when he was a relatively new professor in the Department of Endodontics; they recall a true gentleman and leader who put people at ease. Arash, in particular, remembers Hutter's collegial approach during grand rounds.

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"It was such a pleasure to host Dean and Mrs. Hutter, along with a number of area alumni this past June," Farnoush says. "He is making a remarkable effort, traveling around the country and the world to establish and strengthen connections with all of our alumni. We were so pleased to support him and his vision for the future of our alma mater by hosting an alumni reception."

Both Arash and Farnoush stress how important it is to give back. "We encourage all alumni to get involved. It's extremely important to give back to the School that provided us with such a high-quality education," Arash says. They are especially enthusiastic about being able to support GSDM as Dean Hutter moves the School into a future that looks very bright indeed. ■

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COUPLE!

GSDM Alumni Host Dinner for Dean Hutter, Fellow Alums

On Thursday, June 9, GSDM alumni Arash Aftabi DMD 98, PERIO 01 and Farnoush Fadavi ENDO 98 hosted a dinner at their Newport Coast, California home for Dean Jeffrey W. and Mrs. Kathy Hutter. In attendance were: Leyla Fazeli DMD 01 and her husband Donald Dennis; James Kloss ENDO 69 and his wife Carol; Nooshin Majdzarringhalem DMD 97, ORTHO 03 and her husband Saman Malkami DMD 96, ENDO 03; Saeid Malboubi PERIO 09 and his wife Nikki; and Dick Mungo DMD 75 and his wife Kris.



An Intimate Reception Turns Mini-Reunion

On Saturday, June 11, GSDM alumna Mary Rocca DMD 84 and Medical School alum Eric Grigsby MED 84 hosted a reception at their Napa Valley home for Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter and Mrs. Kathy Hutter and Medical School Dean Karen Antman. Alumni Board President Tina Valades DMD 84 and her husband Ralph Tullberg also attended. Local GSDM alumni in attendance were: Ana Maria Antoniou DMD 04; Wallace Bellamy DMD 89 and his guest Elaine Ferrari; Robert Levine DMD 90; Lawrence Sarkis DMD 84 and his wife Carin; Jennifer Vitez DMD 09 and her sister Jessica; and Richard Yamanaka ENDO 76 and his wife Sharlene.

BU COUPLE!



DESPERATELY SEEKING STUDENTS

DICK MUNGO IS URGING A NEW GENERATION OF DENTAL STUDENTS TO FOCUS ON PATIENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS.

Though several factors encouraged his interest in treating people with special needs, Dr. Dick Mungo PEDO 75 says that getting into BU made the big difference. “I didn’t know about that patient population until I started at BU. Suddenly, I was surrounded by hundreds of people who had disabilities,” he explains, “and I realized that it’s part of dentistry. When you get immersed in that type of environment, the interest just blossoms.” CONTINUED ▶

Mungo with LeAnne Carr, a patient with Down Syndrome.



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Now, GSDM hopes to have the same effect on current students. For the past year, GSDM and the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) have partnered in a pilot program of clinical and didactic training that offers GSDM students the education and clinical experiences necessary to effectively treat and manage the oral—and overall—health of patients with developmental disabilities, an historically underserved population. Key to the program is that patients who are enlisted to receive social, medical, and dental services through DDS can now access dental health services at BU.

During the pilot year, 43 patients were treated at 90 appointments; they had a variety of developmental and intellectual disabilities and ranged in age from 20 to 60.

The treatment setting in Mungo's generation was remarkably different from that of today. Back then, most people with mental disabilities lived in institutions and GSDM residents like Mungo would travel to Salem and Marlborough to treat them.

"It is wonderful that people with disabilities now are socialized into the community," Mungo says. "But now they have to get to our offices to receive care, and that's a challenge."

In the United States there are currently more than 53 million non-institutionalized individuals with disabilities, a number expected to increase as a result of dramatic growth in the geriatric population and the increased life expectancy of individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

"There is an enormous need out there, and I am very proud that GSDM is taking the lead and addressing this problem," says Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter.

According to Mungo, getting patients through the door and even financial compensation are not the only challenges. Because many dental students lack exposure to patients with special needs, as dentists they are often uncomfortable when working with these patients later.

In the past, dental care for children and adults with developmental disabilities was provided by pediatric dentists. Several years ago, the American Dental Association (ADA) declared pediatric dentistry to be an age-defined specialty and placed the responsibility of care for the population of adults with developmental disabilities on the general dentist. However, historically there has been a lack of clinical and didactic training with this population in dental school curricula.

There is now a shared acknowledgement of the need to increase the knowledge, training, and willingness of students to provide the dental care of individuals with special needs. The ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) has a new

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standard for dental and dental hygiene schools which requires that *"Graduates must be competent in assessing the treatment needs of patients with special needs."*

Often, pediatric dentists like Mungo cannot transition their adult patients with special needs into general dental offices.

"Most of the time, the dentist is more afraid of the patient than the patient is of the dentist," he explains, "because patients have medical devices such as feeding tubes. I think we have an obligation in school to break down those barriers."

In most cases, people with disabilities can be treated in a typical dental setting with little to no modifications in treatment modalities, a point that educators in the pilot program stress to the residents who—as general dentists—will be the primary dental care providers for individuals with developmental or intellectual disabilities who reside in their communities.

The program comprises both a didactic curriculum and clinical training. Didactic topics include identifying the barriers to care and factors affecting the oral health of people with intellectual disabilities; increased scientific understanding of the inter-relationship between oral and systemic health complications; physical and oral conditions of syndrome-specific disorders; philosophies and techniques in the field of behavior management; diagnosis and treatment of oro-facial injuries; and home care

Ismael Montane DMD 10, AEGD 11; Katy Bednar DMD 12; and Derek Metzger AEGD 11



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education and adaptive aids for parents and caregivers, including necessary treatment modifications and options to deliver care.

The clinical training is the more complex segment of the program as it involves the AEGD (Advanced Education in General Dentistry) dental resident becoming the primary oral health care provider for patients with special needs referred by DDS. This training will require AEGD residents diagnosing and treatment-planning the patients; providing the necessary dental care (altered, modified or not); and educating the caregivers.

Third- and fourth-year DMD students are assigned to the AEGD patient treatment center to assist the residents with the dental care for patients with special needs. Once the dental treatment of these patients is completed and the pre-doctoral dental students have developed a relationship with their patients through assisting the AEGD residents, they can then become that patient's primary dental care provider in the pre-doctoral clinics.

Katy Bednar DMD 12 participated in the program and says, "I volunteer for Special Smiles every year and was fortunate enough to do my APEX rotation at Dr. Perlman's office, so I have some

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The transference of continuous care from AEGD resident to pre-doctoral student allows the more experienced resident to be the primary care provider and gives the dental student more experience and time to become confident in special patient care. It also helps build the continuity of care between the provider and the patient, which is of utmost importance in this vulnerable population.

Faculty have noticed a growing environment of acceptance within the GSDM community and a positive change in students' perception of people with disabilities.

"We are committed to increasing student exposure and experience with special needs patients because it is the right thing to do," says Professor and Assistant Dean for Community Partnerships & Extramural Affairs Michelle Henshaw.

Mungo does his part by mentoring dental students from the University of Southern California (USC) and pediatric dental residents from USC and Children's Hospital of Orange County. He also participates in California's Pediatric Oral Health Access Program (POHAP), which offers dentists one year of free training in areas such as special needs, infant, and hospital dentistry in exchange for a commitment to treating 20 underserved or under-privileged children.

"Then, hopefully, we've set them up for a lifetime of seeing these kids," Mungo says. "Learning to treat these patients can be a challenge—but a very rewarding one." ■

CALM, COOL & COMPASSIONATE



DR. MICHAEL SHEFF WON'T LET ANYTHING GET IN THE WAY OF TREATING HIS PATIENTS WITH KINDNESS—NOT EVEN TWO KICKS TO THE EYES.

The office of Michael Sheff PEDO 68, MSD 68 is reminiscent of the 1960s, every wall covered in mustard-brown wood paneling. Just a few minutes with Dr. Sheff reveals that keeping up with trends is not his style; he prefers to spend time taking care of people. He is one of a dwindling number of specialists who treat patients with special needs, and he challenges students to do the same. **CONTINUED** ➔

Dr. Michael Sheff with patient Andrew Gannon

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“I keep my voice very low so patients have to work to understand me,” Sheff explains. “A lot of my patients can’t understand what I’m saying because of their disabilities, but they understand my tone and my hands. I won’t play into their nerves or let it affect my mood—if I stay calm, the patient will become calm.”

Dr. Sheff in his office

Sheff is a quiet and patient man. “You learn to be,” he says. He has had patients squirm in their chairs until they kicked him in the eyes with both feet—twice. On the day *Impressions* staff visited, one patient came with security for Sheff. But this is the extreme.

On any given day at his practice, Sheff sees about 80 percent patients with special needs and 20 percent children without special needs. He has perfected an approach that works for whomever may be in the dental chair; his tone is calm and his voice so soft that you strain to hear him from behind his mask. An observer wants him to speak up, but Sheff is not trying to be heard.

“I keep my voice very low so patients have to work to understand me,” Sheff explains. “A lot of my patients can’t understand what I’m saying because of their disabilities, but they understand my tone and my hands. I won’t play into their nerves or let it affect my mood—if I stay calm, the patient will also become calm.”

He developed this technique through years of practice,

starting in GSDM’s pediatric dentistry program. “Dean Frankl helped create an environment in which students felt comfortable treating people with special needs,” Sheff says. He credits Frankl for turning him from a dentist who loved kids and merely had an interest in special needs into a professional committed to working almost exclusively with this population.

Upon graduation, Sheff stayed on as a faculty member and taught many of the current pioneers in pediatric and special needs dentistry, including Steve Perlman PEDO 76, MSD 76 (see the following feature on Special Olympics Special Smiles®). “I like to think I got him started on that road,” Sheff says of Perlman.

Sheff is quick to share the credit for his success with his patients’ caregivers. On this day, Sheff treats Kristin McGovern, an adult with autism. Her brother Peter, who drives Kristin, brother Andrew, and their other siblings from Braintree to Newton for appointments, is critical to the team. Peter gently



Above: Patient Jason Victor at Dr. Sheff’s office

Right: Dr. Sheff’s office walls are covered with awards, photos, and news articles on Sheff and his amazing career.



holds Kristin’s lower body to keep her from falling out of the chair. “Kristin and Andrew are lucky because Peter is committed to bringing them here, and they are well cared for,” Sheff says. “But not everyone has someone like Peter.”

Sheff says getting patients in the door is one challenge for special needs dentistry, but there are others. “It is hard for patients to find a dentist who treats patients with special needs, and it shouldn’t be,” Sheff says. “We are not training enough dentists to do this kind of work. We are forgetting the basics, and this is one of the basics, because every person deserves to have good care.”

Massachusetts covers cleanings for patients with special needs every three months. To the average person—whose benefits generally cover two cleanings a year—that sounds great. But it is not enough. Not only is it difficult for some patients to properly brush and floss daily, but for those with caregivers doing it for them, the

habit sometimes falls by the wayside. On this day, Kristin badly needed a scaling but Sheff had already exhausted the amount the state would allow. So he did it for free.

Sheff’s compassion extends beyond the dental office. He and his wife Barbara own The Candleshop Inn in York Beach, Maine, which, as Barbara once said in a newspaper interview, “Is not about making money. It’s about giving back to others and we have always had someone in transition that helps with the innkeeping.” The inn offers vegetarian breakfasts and yoga; its larger goal is helping people learn self-awareness.

Sheff also chairs the Massachusetts Dental Society Standing Committee to Prevent Abuse and Neglect—which teaches dentists to recognize and report bullying, abuse, and other crises—and urges students and practicing dentists to get involved in this cause.

Sheff may not be a trendsetter, but he is definitely ahead of the curve when it comes to helping people in need. ■



Dean's Advisory Board
Member Marshall Sloane

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MARSHALL SLOANE: THE DIFFERENCE MAKER

Advocating for special needs is a passion that was sparked in Dean's Advisory Board member and prominent business leader Marshall Sloane years ago by enthusiastic GSDM faculty member Dr. Steve Perlman. Sloane's interest was piqued after hearing Perlman's presentation on the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® Special Smiles® program. "What Steve does is absolutely extraordinary, and the attention and support he's been able to bring to this effort is remarkable," Sloane says. Today, Sloane and his family are major supporters of Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA).

In 2010, the Sloane family chaired the "Let Me Be Brave Hall of Fame Gala" benefitting Special Olympics Massachusetts and helped raise over \$400,000 that evening. At the event, Perlman received the Let Me Be Brave Award. Perlman—who currently serves as the Senior Global Clinical Advisor to Special Olympics Healthy Athletes Special Smiles—is only the second individual to be inducted into the SOMA Hall of Fame; the first was Special Olympics founder Eunice Shriver. "Receiving this honor was an indescribable feeling," says Dr. Perlman. "It is an honor to be in the same class as Eunice Shriver and having my BU family, and especially the Sloane family, there to support me was so special."

Sloane was recruited to the GSDM Board of Visitors—now the Dean's Advisory Board—by founding Dean Henry

M. Goldman and has been involved ever since, serving as a trusted advisor to the School for over thirty years. Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter notes, "Marshall's tremendous efforts in supporting special needs and his leadership role at the School help raise public awareness of our own efforts with special needs patients."

Sloane and his wife, Barbara, are the sole officers and trustees of the Marshall M. and Barbara J. Sloane Private Foundation. They provide financial resources to nonprofit health care providers, human service organizations, and educational foundations. The entire Sloane family has devoted countless hours and resources to causes that deeply affect the lives of people throughout Massachusetts. Sloane is also a member of the Boston University Board of Overseers. ■



Dr. Steve Perlman and an athlete at the Special Olympics Massachusetts games

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SPREADING SMILES

GSDM has a long history with the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes® Special Smiles® initiative. Special Smiles was born in 1993, when Clinical Professor of Pediatric Dentistry Steve Perlman PEDO 76, MSD 76 identified a serious shortage of dental professionals willing and able to treat individuals with intellectual disabilities. Perlman set out to address this need by joining forces with Special Olympics founder Eunice Shriver, who also happened to be the sister of Perlman's patient, Rosemary Kennedy. Together, they developed a program that would provide dental screenings and access to quality health care to people with intellectual disabilities.

That year, they implemented Special Smiles at the Special Olympics Massachusetts (SOMA) Games. The program was a success and GSDM helped manage Special Smiles until it was officially recognized and adopted into the Special Olympics Healthy Athletes initiative in 1997.

Since then, Special Smiles has significantly expanded, with more than 150 events taking place in over 40 countries each year. Tens of thousands of athletes have been screened and have accessed the health care system, where they have received treatment that was largely unavailable to them in the past. The program also collects standardized data on the oral health of Special Olympics athletes

using a format they developed with help from the Division of Oral Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This data reports region-specific information and has been used by advocacy groups on several occasions to improve access to dental care for people with special needs.

Perlman—who now serves as Senior Global Clinical Advisor of Special Smiles—has received several prestigious awards, including the Special Olympics Spirit of China Award for global leadership in promoting human dignity, a Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation, a Humanitarian Award from the Academy of General **CONTINUED** ➔

Dentistry, and the George Cushing Award from the Chicago Dental Society. He was also the second inductee to the SOMA Hall of Fame (Shriver was the first) and received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. Recognized for his extensive experience, Perlman also served as an advisor to the President's Committee for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities from 2005 to 2006.

Closer to home, Perlman has been leading the annual charge of GSDM students, faculty, and staff to the SOMA Games for many years. Organized by Special Smiles Local Co-coordinator and Associate Professor Dr. Paul Farsai and Director of Alumni Relations Ms. Stacey McNamee, GSDM volunteers unselfishly donate their time and skills to screen, hand out oral health and provider information, and make mouth guards for hundreds of athletes at the Special Smiles tent. Students from other dental and hygiene schools in the Boston area have also participated over the years.

"It inspires me to watch the students interacting with the athletes, having fun, and working with role model educators. By working together, all the volunteers are helping to improve the quality of life and access to care for children and adults with intellectual disabilities," Perlman says. "This event is also very special to me because it's where it all started back in 1993."

Longtime Special Smiles volunteer Dean Jeffrey W. Hutter observes, "Each time I volunteer at this event I am overwhelmed by its success and by how Steve Perlman, one of our alums, found and addressed such an extensive need for oral health care. He is a wonderful example of how helping one person can lead to helping hundreds, then thousands, and now millions around the globe. I hope that each student who has volunteered had the opportunity to meet and become inspired by Perlman."

One example of Perlman's positive influence on GSDM students is Katy Bednar's DMD 12 experience. Bednar first learned of Perlman's work at a young age when her two sisters were patients at the private practice dedicated to pediatric dentistry that Perlman shares with Dr. Michael Koiden in Lynn, Massachusetts.

According to Katy, "I was fortunate that once I came to BU I was able to do one of my APEX rotations in their office. Dr. Perlman has an enormous gift for working with children, as well as patients with special needs. He is a tremendously generous and caring individual with a unique ability."



Top: GSDM volunteers
Bottom: A student giving a screening

In addition to learning from Perlman in a clinical setting, Katy also wanted to get involved in Special Smiles. "Back in June [2010], I volunteered at the Massachusetts Special Olympics. In one day I must have made over 50 mouth guards and received as many hugs. You just can't beat that—I was hooked!" she recalls.

Perlman later invited Bednar to travel to the 2010 National Special Olympics in Lincoln, Nebraska, where she again participated in the Special Smiles outreach efforts. The 2010 event was one of Healthy Athletes' most successful, with a total of 4,768 free health screenings conducted; Special Smiles alone screened approximately 977 athletes. While in Nebraska, Bednar was also asked to participate in the Special Olympics USA National Games Health Symposium: Improving Health for People with Intellectual Disabilities—Policy, Practice, and Possibility. She served as a student representative to the panel discussion titled "Health Providers: Ready, Willing and Able?"

Bednar raves about the experience and believes that it taught her an important life lesson: Always try something new. "The greatest advice I can pass on to other students is to get outside the classroom, outside the clinic, and find your niche and your passion. It is amazing the opportunities that exist if you just get involved. And GSDM has a tremendous group of alumni who are more than willing to help you," she says. ■

→ To learn more about the Healthy Athletes initiative as well as Healthy Athletes Special Smiles, visit the Healthy Athletes resource page: http://resources.specialolympics.org/Sections/Healthy_Athletes_Resources.aspx.

For more information on the GSDM outreach effort at the SOMA games, contact Stacey McNamee: smcnamee@bu.edu.



"Think about yourself and your family, where you hope to live, where you will be happiest practicing."

—Shadi Daher DMD 90, OMFS 94

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Alums Make Up Half of MDS 2011 Ten Under 10



“The most fulfilling moments are when the braces come off and a patient sees their beautiful, white, wireless smile for the first time.”

—Yael Frydman DMD 05

Five GSDM alums were named on the Massachusetts Dental Society's (MDS's) prestigious Ten Under 10 list for 2011: **Mark Doherty Jr. ENDO 05**; **Yael Frydman DMD 05**; **Jared Reid DMD 04**; **Anubha K. Sacheti PEDO 08**; and **Frank Schiano DMD 06, AEGD 07**.

Since 2005, the *Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society* has annually selected ten MDS member dentists who have been in the profession for ten or fewer years and have made a significant contribution to the profession, their community, or organized dentistry. GSDM is extremely proud this year to call five of these ten our own.

Each dentist was interviewed by the *Journal* about their careers and what they like best about dentistry.

Dr. Doherty said, “I love interacting with patients, diagnosing disease, and eradicating oral infection and pain.”

According to orthodontist Dr. Frydman, “The most fulfilling moments are when the braces come off and a patient sees their beautiful, white, wireless smile for the first time.”

Dr. Reid said, “I wake up every morning thrilled to get to practice dentistry.” He also shared his experience working in private practice with his father, fellow alum James Reid ENDO 80, 82, adding, “It's been hugely helpful to work alongside a resource like my dad—he is a constant source of wise advice. Having a trusted, caring partner with 40 years of experience is invaluable to me as a young dentist.”

Dr. Sacheti also mentioned her family. She said, “I think being a parent makes me a better pediatric dentist. I have a greater understanding of the challenges that my patients' parents face. I have learned many tricks to convince my two-and-a-half-year-old daughter to brush her teeth!”

Dr. Schiano talked about what it's like to work in a community health center setting: “As a community health center dentist, I get to travel the world without leaving my office. I have met people from almost every ethnic, cultural, and religious background you can imagine.” ■

ALUMS COME HOME TO TALK ABOUT LIFE AFTER SCHOOL

At the first annual GSDM Career Fair April 11, alumni were on hand to take questions from soon-to-be graduates. Each alum took a different career path and talked about the decisions facing new graduates.

Frank Schiano DMD 06, AEGD 07 said, “This is an exciting time, but remember, what you select in the next six weeks won't be what you have to do for the rest of your career.”

William Gordon DMD 88, ORTHO 90 added, “Follow your passion, think with your head and heart, and if you don't yet know what your career passion is, take a year or two to figure it out.”



Shadi Daher DMD 90, OMFS 94 encouraged students to come up with a five-year plan. “Think about yourself and your family, where you hope to live, where you will be happiest practicing. Then reach out to alums who pursued a similar five-year plan and learn what they did to achieve their goals.”

Many students in the audience wanted to know what the alums, as potential hiring managers, would look for when hiring a recent grad or associate. **Mitch Sabbagh DMD 87** answered, “The key is confidence. Confidence in your abilities and your degree, but you should also demonstrate a willingness to learn and an understanding of the type of practice you are applying to and the community it serves.”

Tina Valades DMD 84 added, “Before accepting a position, be sure to learn how the patients of the practice are shared, the skills and work style of the dentist you'll be associated with (if applicable), the socioeconomics of the patient population you'll be serving, and how the compensation is structured—a salaried position versus having to produce X amount of patients.”

The panel agreed that the most important thing students can do to become competitive in the job market is to “finish dental school on time!”

“Make the most of your remaining time at school,” said Dr. Schiano. “Show up every morning like it's your job and stay all day.”

Following the panel discussion, students visited with the nearly 20 vendors in attendance to learn about job opportunities. ■

MICHAEL RUSSO CONTINUES STREAK AS TOP NH DENTIST

For the second consecutive year, **Michael Russo DMD 96, ENDO 99** was picked as a “topDentist” by his peers. *New Hampshire Magazine* organizes the annual survey and prints their results in the August issue; visit www.usatopdentists.com to view them.

In a letter to Russo, topDentists LLC Managing Partner Mark Barkley wrote, “Because dentists and specialists throughout New Hampshire cast thousands of ‘votes’ on the abilities of other dentists and specialists, and because listing cannot be purchased, inclusion in topDentists is considered a singular honor. Our congratulations on being honored by your peers.”

GSDM congratulates you too, Mike! ■

ORTHO ALUMS RECONNECT, LECTURE AT EXTREMELY POPULAR ITALY EVENT

Alumni met in Bologna March 31–April 2 for the VI Congresso Nazionale Accademia Italiana Di Ortodonzia.

On the first day of lectures—devoted to Management of Edentulous and Extraction Spaces—**Jack Bednar ORTHO 75** and **M. Gabriela Marquez DMD 03, ORTHO 06** jointly presented “Selecting Anchorage: Which, Why, and When.” The event was expected to draw 300 people; 600 showed up.

On the topic of Periodontally-Facilitated Orthodontics, **Susan Baloul ORTHO 09, 11**

(l-r) **Susan Baloul ORTHO 09, 11**; **Jack Bednar ORTHO 75**; *Academy President Giuliano Maino*; and **M. Gabriela Marquez DMD 03, ORTHO 06**.



presented “Is Surgery the Answer to Fast Orthodontic Movement?”

A third day of lectures addressed expansion.

NEW OMFS ALUM PUBLISHED IN ACOMS JOURNAL

When he's not saving lives in the air (see *Impressions* Spring 2011, Alumni News, Mohammed Nadershah OMFS 11 Heroically Saves a Life on Transatlantic Flight), **Dr. Mohammed Nadershah** is doing impressive research on the ground. *OOOOE (Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Oral Pathology, Oral Radiology and Endodontology)*, the journal of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ACOMS), published Nadershah's research that was the basis for his poster, “Venous Anastomoses Using



Microvascular Coupler in Free Flap Head and Neck Reconstruction.”

“The research presented is a retrospective study that compares the coupler device against

the traditional hand-sewn technique for microvascular venous anastomoses in head and neck reconstruction with free flaps,” Nadershah explains. In April, he won the best poster award for this presentation at the ACOMS 32nd Annual Scientific Conference and Exhibition. Dr. Andrew Salama served as Nadershah's mentor. ■

Our Newest Alums Face Challenges, Gain Fresh Perspectives in Mexico and Nicaragua



Liz Montero DMD '11 dressed as Captain Cavity Fighter, with children from Teacapan

Liz Montero DMD '11 even had some of the children dress up as teeth with germs and bacteria to show the benefits of brushing regularly—and the consequences of not doing so.

TEACAPAN, MEXICO | For three consecutive weeks each year, the children in a small Mexican fishing village called Teacapan receive dental care from Project Stretch volunteers; the other 49 weeks of the year dental care is largely unavailable to them. Under the leadership of Assistant Director of Extramural Programs Kathy Held, GSDM volunteers have participated in a weeklong portion of this trip for several years running.

Repeat volunteers, such as Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Frank Schiano, report a visible difference between the oral health of the children who visit the clinic each year and those who don't; positive improvements are clear in the children who receive yearly treatment.

This year, volunteers decided that the visits weren't all they were going to do to help the children of Teacapan—they wanted to introduce an educational component to teach and empower the children to take better care of their teeth. So, **Liz Montero DMD '11** took what she had learned as a longtime Program Whitecoat volunteer and translated it

into a Spanish-language presentation. Swooping into a local classroom filled with 125 children while dressed in a Captain Cavity Fighter purple cape, Montero gave an interactive presentation teaching the children about the negative impact some of their favorite sugary food and drinks can have on their teeth. She even had some of the children dress up as teeth with germs and bacteria to show the benefits of brushing regularly—and the consequences of not doing so.

"On the last outreach trip we realized that an educational component would be useful when we saw many of the children waiting to see the dentists," explains Held. "They were brushing their teeth in preparation for their turn in the chair and they were brushing for less than ten seconds."

After Montero gave the initial presentation, she and Held taught the *Amigos de Teacapan*—a group of mainly retired expatriates who oversee the clinic—how to give the lesson, and the Amigos continued teaching the children throughout the week.

Left: Alexandra Antonescu DMD '11

Right: Hamed Alenezi DMD '11



Along with fellow GSDM volunteers **Alexandra Antonescu DMD '11** and Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Jennifer Soncini, Montero, Held, and Schiano performed 350 dental exams, placed 900 sealants, and extracted 31 teeth. They all say their busy week was a wonderful learning experience—guess the children of Teacapan weren't the only ones who got something out of the trip!

Watch the video on *BU Today*.



▶ Student video stills from Nicaragua and Mexico. For more videos, visit *BU Today*.

RIO SAN JUAN, NICARAGUA | DMD 2011 grads **Ali Mahin Arastu**, **Gulia Muca**, and **Maria Honorado** traveled to Rio San Juan, Nicaragua with the San Juan Rio Relief Organization to bring oral health outreach to the poverty-stricken region. Learn what their experience was like from a collection of videos they filmed during the trip, now on GSDM's YouTube site.

COPPER CANYON, MEXICO | **Hamed Alenezi DMD '11** and **Adeel Khan DMD '11** traveled to Mexico in early March to participate in a 12-day elective externship in the Copper Canyon region as part of a small outreach team. This trip was affiliated with Liga International/The Flying Doctors of Mercy, but featured fewer volunteers than usual; just the two GSDM students and longtime trip organizer Dr. Fred Kalinoff participated.

The group provided outreach to children and adults in several areas of Mexico. Participants included the Tarahumara Indians, who in recent years have gained international fame for their distance-running abilities, most notably in the best-selling book, *Born to Run: A Hidden Tribe, Superathletes, and the Greatest Race the World Has Never Seen*, by Christopher

McDougall. Khan said that prior to the trip, he'd read the book and was amazed to meet some of the characters while in Copper Canyon. During a break from the outreach activities, Dr. Kalinoff also participated in the Copper Canyon Ultra Marathon on March 6.

In contrast to some of the other Liga trips, portions of this mission were spent fact-finding and traveling to new areas to gauge the need for outreach services. They faced challenges; transportation between remote areas of Mexico can be tricky and the trio often experienced delays when traveling from place to place. Alenezi also got sick, which made it hard for him to care for as many patients as he would have liked. "For these kinds of trips, you must go with an open mind," says Khan. "There are bound to be frustrations, but you will get to see beautiful scenery, travel to destinations you might not otherwise have the opportunity to visit, and provide dental care to some of the most gracious and thankful people you may ever meet."

"These trips are incredible learning experiences. They teach you to not be so rigid and to let go of certain ways of doing things. And helping the patients on this trip was really rewarding," Alenezi adds.

Both students look forward to volunteering on future missions.

Go to Flickr and Facebook for Khan's photos of their experience and more photos from other missions. ■

class notes

Kathy Alikhani DMD 88, ENDO 90 is serving as a guest board member on the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Dental Society. She is a member of the Society's Leadership Institute.

Nicole Hoang DMD 97 is busy practicing in the San Francisco Bay Area and enjoying life tremendously with her husband, Henry, and two little girls, Emma and Bella. She says, "I am loving the art of practicing dentistry and at the same time being my own boss. I am so thankful for my education and feel so blessed to have been a part of Boston University."



Alice P. Chen DMD 05 and daughter Bianca



Younn Alzahrani



Sophia Traboulsi

Mira Perkovic DMD 97 and husband, **Jose Lopez DMD 97, AEGD 98**, spent the summer constructing a new building for their dental practice in British Columbia.

Elaine Wu, daughter of **James Wu OMFS 97**, is following in her dad's footsteps. She was accepted to the seven-year Liberal Arts/Dental Education Program at

BU and entered the College of Arts & Sciences in September.

Mariella Bonilla Connors DMD 00, PEDO 02 took a new job as a pediatric dentist at Falmouth Dental Associates on Cape Cod.

Congratulations to **Mani Moulazadeh DMD 00, AEGD 01, ENDO 03**; **Thomas Bianchi ENDO 03**; and **Glen Eisenhuth ENDO 06**. All three recently became diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics.

Maria Cardenas AEGD 01, DMD 04 welcomed a baby.

Frank Schiano, CAS 01, DMD 06, AEGD 07, director of dentistry at Fenway Community Health Center, was featured in *Boston Business Journal* in August.

Fong Wong PROS 02, MSD 03 was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor at the University of Florida College of Dentistry effective July 1.

Assistant Professor of Oral Surgery **Hussam Batal OMFS 03** and his wife Arghavan welcomed a baby boy, Jason Nicholas, on April 25.

Young Son DMD 04, AEGD 05 became an officer in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and is stationed in South Korea.

Alice P. Chen DMD 05 opened Red Rock Kids Dental, a pediatric dental practice in Las Vegas, Nevada and had a baby named Bianca.

Mara Green AEGD 05 welcomed a baby.

Mukunda Dogiparthi DMD 06 opened Sterling Smiles in Nashua, New Hampshire on July 29.

Afsheen Lakhani DMD 06, AEGD 07 welcomed twins.

April Alford ENDO 07 married **Gabriel Boustani MSD 03, PERIO 03, DMD 06** on May 22.

Maria Moser AEGD 07, DMD 09 welcomed a baby.

Dalia Meisha SPH 08, ORTHO 11 and her husband, Adel Alzahrani, welcomed their second child, baby girl Youmn, on February 8.

Daniel Jeong OMFS 09 and wife Pauline welcomed baby Abigail Grace on May 1. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces.

Oral surgery fellow 2010-11 **Ahmad Alshadwi** was recently married.

Diana Paczesny ENDO 10 was married on July 16.

Oral surgery fellow 2010-11 **Cristobal Quevedo** married in February.

Faysal Succaria PROS 10 became a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

David Blackburn ORTHO 11 and his wife, Christine, welcomed their son, Wade David, on March 31. Wade joins his sisters, Jordan and Cora. Blackburn joined the staff at Apple Orthodontix in Frisco, Texas this summer.

Jan Ortiz ORTHO 11 and **Yaritza Vazquez PERIO 09** welcomed a baby girl, Zoe Isabelli, on November 16, 2010.

Brandon Meier OMFS 11 is joining the office of Dr. Peter Theoharidis, who practices oral surgery in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Abhishek Mogre OMFS 11 is joining a partner (Dr. Ashok Veeranki) in an oral surgery practice in California, with offices in Manteca and Tracy. He and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Sharva Mogre, on April 1.

Mohammed Nadershah OMFS 11 is staying at Boston Medical Center for a one-year fellowship in oncology and microvascular reconstruction with Assistant Professor and Associate Director of Residency Training Dr. Andrew Salama.

Georges Traboulsi PERIO 12 welcomed baby girl Sophia Marie on April 11.

Srinivas Ayilavarapu DScD 08, PERIO 10 earned his board certification from the American Board of Periodontology.



Trevor Neal DMD 11 Wins Massachusetts Squash Championship

Trevor Neal DMD 11 was recently crowned champion of the Massachusetts 4.0 Division in squash. A former member of the Boston University squash team, Neal has been playing since age 11 but didn't play regularly until college, when he was a member of the McGill University Varsity Squash Team from 2002 to 2006.

The Massachusetts tournament was held all over the state, beginning in January and ending with the championship game in April. Neal defeated David Siegle at Harvard's Murr Courts for the win.

Visit www.flickr.com/photos/bu_dental to see photos from recent alumni events, including the annual CE lecture and AEGD alumni reunion and the American Association of Orthodontists reception in Chicago in May.

In Memoriam

Michael Rubin PROS 73 passed away April 20. He was 66.

Prior to attending GSDM, Dr. Rubin graduated from the Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery in 1969 and served as a U.S. Army dental officer for two years. After receiving his prosthodontics and implant dentistry degree here, he assumed the position of assistant clinical professor of prosthetic dentistry at GSDM.

He became active in organized dentistry, traveling throughout Massachusetts and the United States to speak. He was a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the American Dental Association, the Massachusetts Dental Society, the American College of Prosthodontics, and the International College of Dentistry. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Eastern Dentists Insurance Company.

Dr. Rubin was active in his community as well. He served on several committees at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley and as vice president of the executive board from 1992 to 1996. He was a member of the Wellesley Youth Commission from 1987 to 1993 and

the Health and Sex Education Committee, and was a town meeting member in 1992. He belonged to the Wellesley-Weston Human Relations Service and served as president of its Board of Trustees from 1999 to 2000.

Dr. Rubin enjoyed classical music and sports, including Red Sox baseball, golf, skiing, hiking, and swimming.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Gail; daughters Jocelyn and Nicole; a son, Jared; and grandchildren Gus, Eli, and Lana.

Siamak (Samy) Parsa DMD 93 passed away January 11 after a brief illness. Dr. Parsa was living in Tehran and running a successful cosmetic dental practice. He is survived by his wife, Farnaz; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Parsa; his sister, Sety; and a niece and nephew.

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GSDM will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in the fall of 2013! We are planning a yearlong celebration to begin in January of 2013 and will be sharing the details with you soon. If you have any photographs or historical documents that you would like to share, please email or mail them to the address below. We are happy to scan materials and return them to you safely; simply include a note requesting a return.

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Vipul Singhal DMD 06 Dr. Singhal's private practice, Oral Health Services, is located in St. Bernard Hospital & Health Care Center in Chicago. In four years, Dr. Singhal has grown his practice from three to more than 12 locations and remains dedicated to treating Chicago's underserved children and families and empowering them to take charge of their oral health. He joins GSDM's APEX Program as one of our newest mentors.



Director of Development Kimberly Branca with **Earl Marrow DMD 91** at his private practice in Braintree, Massachusetts. Dr. Marrow's 20-year reunion will be celebrated this year during Alumni Weekend (October 28-30).

Staying Connected to GSDM

→ **I bet many people don't know that I am a GSDM alum!** In 1976, I graduated from the Master's in Science Program in Dental Public Health under the leadership of Dr. Anthony Jong. But that's not my only connection to BU. Both of my daughters graduated from the College of Communication and my husband graduated from the Executive MBA Program at BU's School of Management. Before moving back to my hometown of Miami in 2008, I was the director of the Applied Professional Experience (APEX) and Externship Programs at GSDM. We are a BU family. Grateful for what we have received, we feel a sense of responsibility to support BU.

Being connected to the School has been an important part of my life since leaving GSDM. Thanks to the Internet, Facebook, and email, I can keep up to date and informed of the activities and changes taking place there. With much interest, I have followed the tremendous growth and innovation taking place at the Dental School in just a short time under the leadership of Dean Hutter. He has demonstrated great vision, determination, and respect, and has created transparency throughout his administration. I am impressed with how much he has accomplished as dean and how much more he and the faculty have planned for the future. It is an exciting time to be a part of this world-class institution.



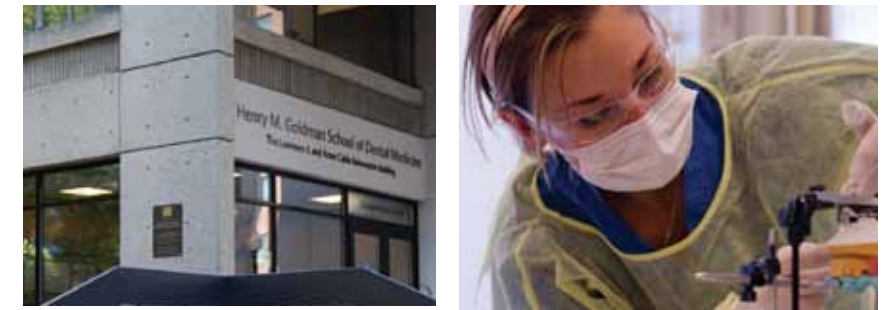
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Writing *The Last Word* brings back some wonderful memories of my professional life at the School. I felt fortunate to watch as students gained confidence and competence through both the APEX and Externship Programs. I felt a sense of pride in their accomplishments, and this was one of my greatest rewards.

Many students would come to our office to talk about life after School, some with trepidation, many with excitement. Those conversations were most memorable for me and didn't stop when our students graduated; we would continue to hear from our alumni 5, 10, and 20 years after they'd left the School. Whether our paths crossed at the Yankee Dental Congress, through their participation as preceptors in the APEX or Externship Programs, or at alumni events, we would hear about their growing families and the success of their dental practices. All of these interactions helped us to stay connected to our alumni. Fostering professional relationships with students and alumni continues to be an important part of GSDM's mission.

I have never forgotten how important GSDM was for me during my training and in my career. As a way of giving back, I have pledged to volunteer my time to help GSDM reconnect with our alumni in South Florida. I hope to visit their dental practices, hear about their professional lives, and build a strong alumni community here. There is much to do, and I cannot think of a greater purpose in which to be engaged. ■

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