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# Guaranteeing the Future

*“An investment in knowledge  
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BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

**T**his is an important message to remember during these difficult economic times to ensure that we guarantee the future while surviving the present. As you will see in these pages, your Faculty is ensuring your investment in the future of oral health and our profession. The single most important aspect of this investment portfolio is our students. This issue includes coverage of various student programs as well as our annual Research Day, all demonstrating the promising dividends we can expect.

The prominence of the leadership role our Faculty plays in the University of Toronto has once again been reinforced with the appointment of Dr. Paul Santerre as the new Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering. This is a multidisciplinary institute, combining the Faculties of Dentistry, Engineering and Medicine, and has become a world leader in its field. The Faculty will miss Paul's talents and leadership as Associate Dean, Research but our prominence in biomaterials and bioengineering is enhanced by having 'one of ours' as its leader. The new Associate Dean, Research Dennis Cvitkovitch has already demonstrated his ability to not only move into the house that Paul and his predecessors built, but do some redesigning of his own.

Also, once again, an alumnus of the Faculty has assumed the responsibility of leadership in our profession. Dr. Larry Levin, the latest in a long line of UofT alumni Presidents of the Ontario Dental Association, is highlighted in this edition.

We continue to work towards finding a new and improved home for our Faculty and I hope to have something significant to report fairly soon. In the meantime, we cannot stand still. Dan Haas and Grace Bradley have initiated a total curriculum review of our DDS program, working closely with the discipline heads and course directors. This will undoubtedly be a long and challenging process, but a necessary one to ensure that we don't become complacent and hence irrelevant. Dentistry is changing and therefore dental education must do the same, not necessarily to follow but more to lead.

On that note, I'm pleased to welcome Ms. Susan Alksnis to the Faculty of Dentistry as Director of Advancement. Susan brings extensive experience in biomedical and health related fundraising at Yale University, and you will all hear more from her as she gets settled in.

I am grateful for, and proud of, the strong support the Faculty of Dentistry gets from its alumni and friends. Our annual Gala was a fantastic success, attended by 650! It was a great party, celebrating deserving honourees and raising funds for world class research.

Enjoy your magazine and feel free to contact us with any newsworthy items for your colleagues.

DAVID MOCK 6T8



# Rising to the Challenge

**I**t is hard to believe that another academic year is coming to an end. It has been a challenging year in some respects, but we have been able to rise to the challenges and overcome them.

It is expected that during difficult economic times, donations and support tend to suffer. However, our alumni, friends and corporate sponsors have come through for the Faculty with their renewed commitment and continued support. We are most grateful for their and your generosity.

As patrons of the Faculty, you have supported every Alumni event this year. Our Golf Tournament was sold out once again and *Dentantics* was well-attended and well-supported by both alumni and sponsors.

Although some of our events rely on financial support, there are many student focused initiatives which depend on the generosity of our alumni in volunteering their time. This was evident in the success of this year's Mentorship Program. The Alumni Association will continue to develop this program to the benefit and appreciation of our students.

When we started our planning for this year's Awards of Distinction Gala, one of our goals was to increase the attendance of dentists. We have always enjoyed the support of our corporate sponsors, but we wanted to introduce more dentists to this great evening for networking and supporting the Faculty. It is my firm belief that when we reach out to our colleagues and friends for a worthwhile cause, they will always come through. This year's Gala proved this. We broke all records for attendance with over 650 guests and the most substantial increase among dentists. It was an entertaining and elegant evening for all and a resounding success.

It is in this spirit of reaching out that I ask you, our alumni, to consider taking a more active role in the Alumni Association. Please step up to the challenge by volunteering on our Board, on one of our committees or as a mentor. Our past successes could not be achieved without our alumni, and our future growth can only be enhanced with greater participation. We all enjoy the benefits of an excellent profession thanks to our alma mater and it is important that we now give back to our students and our school. This will ensure the future strength of our profession.

I thank the Alumni Association for yet another opportunity to serve as your President. It has been an honour and I enthusiastically welcome our next President, Dr. Valerie Stavro. Best wishes for a wonderful summer!

CAROLYN POON WOO 8T5



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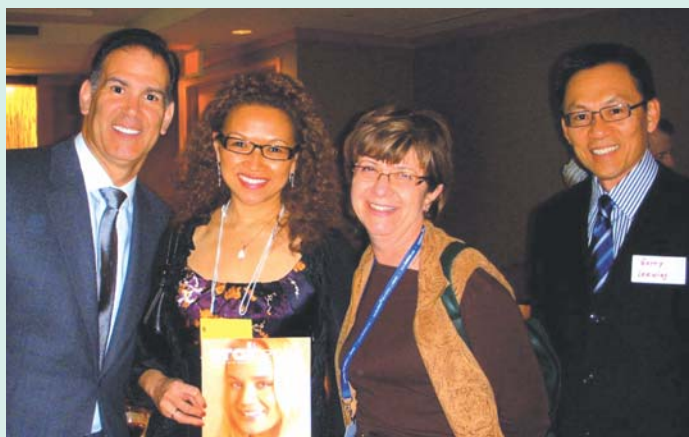
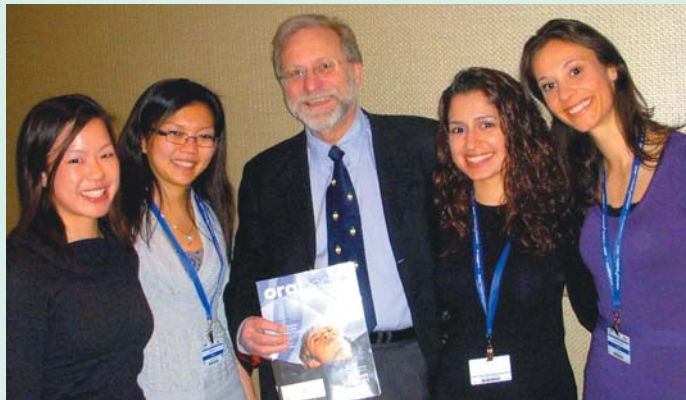
# Pacific Conference

As part of its commitment to maintaining a connection with alumni from across the country, the Faculty hosts a reception at the Pacific Conference held each year in Vancouver. This year's reception took place on Thursday March 5th. The reception not only provides an opportunity for all alumni practicing in western Canada to reconnect with the Faculty, it also provides a venue for alumni who have travelled to the conference from all parts of Canada to meet and renew friendships. This year's reception was a great success, attended by over 200 alumni and friends of the Faculty from the dental industry.

While the main purpose of the reception is to provide a casual environment to meet colleagues and discuss issues of common interest, it also provides the Faculty with an opportunity to inform our alumni of exciting new initiatives taking place at the Faculty. To this end, Dean David Mock discussed the research that is underway at the Dental Research Institute, and updated Alumni on plans for a new Faculty of Dentistry building.

Dr. Robert Carroll, Assistant Dean, Continuing Dental Education and Alumni Relations discussed exciting new initiatives at the Continuing Dental Education Centre, and the Faculty's e-learning program. Information on the calendar of alumni events was distributed and staff was available to answer questions.

We look forward to next year's Pacific Conference and hope to see many of you there.



## REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 6T8



*The 40th reunion of the Class of 6T8, organized by Dr. David Ellis and Dr. David Hough, was held on April 10th at 89 Chestnut Street.*

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reunion pictures and  
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# Just Cruising Along...

## Mexican Riviera

The most recent Seminar at Sea in the Mexican Riviera was truly a collegial affair. There were over nine hours of lectures focused on several different areas of dentistry, which were all well-attended. The topics covered ranged from management of acute dentoalveolar pain and novel management strategies for treatment of chronic periodontitis, to management of mucocutaneous diseases.

The attendees really seemed to involve themselves in the lectures and consistently asked excellent questions that led to much interesting and challenging discussion. The great part was that this was done in the relaxing environment of a cruise run by the Faculty of Dentistry, and in particular Dr. Barry Chapnick who tended to everyone's myriad needs! So we accomplished our goals to teach practicing dentists' material that they could literally use in their offices immediately on return, while at the same time developing new friends, strengthening the links between the Faculty of Dentistry and its alumni, along with developing further ties with dentists trained at other institutions. Truly a wonderful experience!



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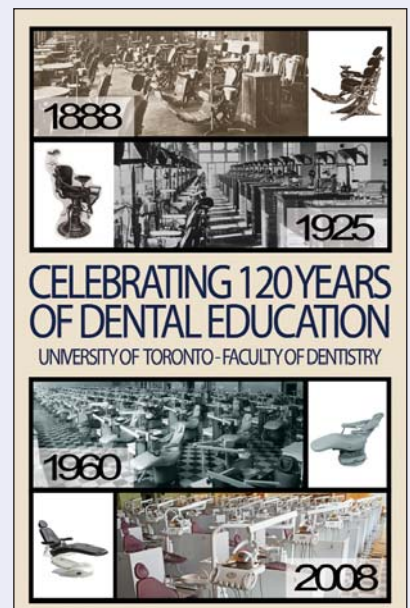
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Orders may be placed by calling Sara Vanos in the alumni office at 416-979-4940 ext.1 and payment can be made by credit card.



# A Bike-Riding Santa Claus with Many Gifts



ODA President, Dr. Larry Levin, has a lot of happy memories connected to the University of Toronto.

Not only did he graduate from U of T's Faculty of Dentistry in 1969,

but his father and mother are both former graduates from there as well. Larry met his future wife Jacki in high school and she also attended U of T, graduating with a BScN at the same graduation ceremony as his. They will soon celebrate their 39th wedding anniversary.

Born and raised in Toronto, Larry graduated from Forest Hill Collegiate. His dad, an optometrist, and his mom, a physical education teacher, encouraged Larry and his younger brother James to pursue

professional careers. One of his proudest moments was during his Presidential Installation in May 2008, when his mom, Rose, now 93, was among the attendees. Says Larry, "She is, and always has been, my biggest fan."

With the encouragement of his parents, Larry decided to study dentistry. "I went into dentistry because I liked the combination of the technical nature of the work and the opportunity to improve a person's health." In the summer of his third year in dental school, an interesting opportunity presented itself. Says Larry: "I had been asked to help Dr. Don Coburn do a time motion study of ergonomics in the dental operatory. Upon graduation he invited me to join him as an associate in his Hamilton practice. I had never been to Hamilton before, and as it turned out, once I started my practice there, I never left."

At the same time Wilson Southam was establishing a dental company, with Don Coburn, called Cox Systems (later renamed the Group at Cox). Recalls Larry: "I worked three days a week in general practice and two days a week at Cox for five years doing ergonomic and dental office environment studies as well as staff support. This was a fantastic opportunity to learn about the importance of good office and equipment design, as well as how critical it is to pay attention to the people-side of the equation. Following this experience I set up my own office in Hamilton, and have happily been in general practice now for 39 years."

A visiting lecturer at the University of Western Ontario, Larry also taught in a dental assisting program at a Hamilton High School for many years as well as being on the Dental Staff at Chedoke McMaster Hospital in Hamilton. A constant student and proponent of continuing education, Larry has taken his staff to many conferences and courses, including to California, to study cosmetic dentistry. "It's a worthwhile experience for the whole team. They come back energized," he says.

His impressive CV lists many achievements







including five Fellowships, an HAD President's Award, and the ODA Award of Merit. Larry has held numerous leadership roles in his Hamilton community, serving as a Cub leader, acting as Chair of the United Jewish Appeal for many years, and serving on the Medical Admissions Committee at McMaster University for six years. When not involved in his professional arena, or serving in the community, Larry enjoys photography, skiing, scuba diving and riding motorcycles – as evidenced by the images shown here!

Speaking about his current role as president of the ODA, Larry says that he first became involved with the ODA in 1982. "I've been a component society

president, a committee member, a council member, a board member and a line officer. And now a President."

But one of his favourite roles is not listed on his CV. For the past two years, Dr. Levin has graciously consented to don a Santa Claus suit and officiate at the ODA staff Christmas party, where his off-the-cuff repartee has been one of the highlights of the annual affair.

Larry's focus during his presidential term has been on communication. He is passionate about the role of the component societies within the ODA. "Most ODA members don't know too much about the Board – but every ODA member is a component society member," he explains. "The experience of a member interacting with the other members of their component society is an area that I hope to enhance during my term as President."

As Larry continues to promote dentistry both locally and provincially as President of the ODA, he is extremely proud of his University of Toronto roots and the alumni he meets almost every single day.

## WHAT ARE YOU UP TO NOW?

*If you know of any Alumni that have a story they should be sharing, or if you yourself are involved in an endeavour, organization, or event that you think would make interesting reading for other Alumni, please send it to:*

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# In Memoriam

## Gerard Maggisano 7T1

Gerry will be remembered as a conscientious and dedicated dentist who devoted one hundred percent of his knowledge and energy toward the betterment of his patients. His transition from a solo practice to his partnership with his daughter at her Woodbridge practice was marked by his likeable nature, skill and humour, which always made his patients comfortable. Gerry spent some time as the dental editor of a magazine called *VitaSanta*, a general interest publication on health matters with articles in both English and Italian. Any spare time was spent at his farm, just north of the city, in Hockley Valley. Gerry passed away from his battle with cancer on December 15, 2008. He will be missed by his family, friends and patients.

## W. Bruce Hudgins 5T8

Born and raised in Kingsville, Ontario, Bruce established a 30 year family practice in Alliston where he happily devoted much of his spare time to volunteering. For 50 years he was a member of the Ontario Dental Association. He was a clinician at the Faculty for a number of years and served on the Board of Governors of the ODA. He was also a founding member of the Toronto Academy Crown and Bridge Study Club. Married to his beloved wife Noreen for 55 years, Bruce passed away on October 21, 2008.

## Donald A. Cheetham 4T2

Dr. Don Cheetham died peacefully at John Joseph Place in Owen Sound on Wednesday April 1, 2009. He was 91. Dr. Cheetham had been a dentist in Owen Sound since the mid 1940s.

*“One of our most remarkable alumni, Don was a past recipient of the Alumni of Distinction Award (2000). This obituary mentions only some of his contributions to dentistry and his community.”*

DR. CAROLYN POON WOO 8T5

Don was born in Toronto and grew up on Lee Ave., in the Beaches area. He attended Malvern Collegiate Institute and then the University of Toronto, from which he graduated as a Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1942. Before graduation, Don had enrolled in the Canadian Army. He was a member of the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry and saw active service as a dentist in Canada, England, The Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany from 1942-45.

Don dedicated himself to public service. He was president of his graduating class at UofT, then active in the Red Cross, the Lions Club, the local hospital, and other organizations in Owen Sound. He was the representative for Grey-Bruce to the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario from 1967 – 1976. In 2000, the Faculty of Dentistry

honoured him as a Distinguished Alumnus.

Don met Enid MacKenzie in high school; they were married in Toronto in 1942 and moved to Owen Sound just after WW II. Enid died in 2008 after almost 66 years of marriage. Don is survived by their only child, Mark, his wife Elizabeth Harvey, and their children, Nicholas and Anthea.

### WE MOURN THE LOSS

- John Ackerman 4T6
- Donald A. Cheetham 4T2
- Allan Coote 4T5
- Victor Anthony Galante 6T5
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- Brad Holmes 6T5
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*Over 650 guests gathered this year to honour four exceptional individuals. From the beautifully plated food, to the silent auction and speeches and finally – for those who still had energy – the chance to dance the night away to the music of George St. Kitts' Midnite Starr Band, it was an unforgettable evening.*

*Thank you to all alumni who have helped make a difference by supporting this event.*

*We'll see you again next year!*



## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2010

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# 2009 Awards of Distinction Gala



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# Coming Full Circle: Applying Science to Client Needs

Calling Paul Santerre an 'academic' is a little like calling a lion a large cat. There's rather more to it than the label implies. For Paul, that title in this day and age has to



include many components – in his case that of scientist, engineer, entrepreneur and manager. "You've got to do it all," he says, "because that is what will be asked of your students when they leave here [the Institute

of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering]."

Let's backtrack a little and follow the route that Dr. Santerre took to arrive at where he is today, Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering (IBBME).

In the summer of 1982, an undergraduate in chemistry, Paul was working as a summer research student on a project which looked at the interactions of DNA with plastics. "This was the first time I got to see my science applied and I loved the concept of it

being driven by something that somebody needed," he explains. This pivotal experience turned his interest towards the applied world, and resulted in his decision to do his Masters in chemical engineering rather than straight chemistry. The fascination with plastics and polymers led him to the University of New Brunswick, and then on to the McMaster Institute for Polymer Production Technology (MIPPT) to do his PhD in chemical engineering. He worked with a professor studying blood interactions with polymers, and was introduced to the whole interfacial idea of biology and engineering. He also got something he didn't bargain for – a strong dose of the McMaster social conscience. "That was the school that introduced problem based learning – getting students to think about their clients and who they are serving," he explains. That experience drove home even deeper the feeling that what he did in his science somehow had to have an application down the road.

PhD now in hand, and newly married, Paul received a post doctoral fellowship

*"Probably the most important role that Paul has filled, not only as Associate Dean of Research but as a constant role, is that of a strong mentor. He is always there to offer guidance and advice to other faculty and students, both graduate and undergraduate. His keen sense of priority and well-grounded and level-headed approach to science and life in general is an inspiration to all of us. He truly helps people achieve goals that they never even dreamed were possible."*



DENNIS G. CVITKOVITCH  
Associate Dean of Research  
Director of DRI



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to work in France at a university in North Paris – an alluring invitation. But something else was on the table to consider. “The lead biomaterials engineering job at the Artificial Heart Program at the University of Ottawa Heart Institute was also offered to me. The chance to work on Canada’s first artificial heart program – a twenty million dollar project – with a phenomenal team was just too big to turn down.”

This was very much an applied-driven project. Senior investigators from the University of Ottawa worked together with teams composed of a wide range of engineers, scientists, biologists, and industrial partners. Paul was able to spend time in the operating room to see the challenges that surgeons were trying to overcome with the implantable technologies and the OR room equipment. It drove home to him the need to talk to the clinicians because they are the client: they know where the needs are, and from those needs he could go back to the lab and, as he puts it, ‘reinvent the wheel’.

His position at the Heart Institute was also his first experience of management, both in terms of the diversity of what his role covered and that of various types of people. It was to serve him well in the days ahead in his career.

At the Heart Institute, twenty percent of his time was allowed to be designated to his own personal research. In his PhD he had worked with a family of materials called polyurethanes which are pervasive throughout the

biomedical field. At that point in time the media were reporting extensively on the biodegradation of polyurethane foam coated silicone – specifically silicone breast implants. The other big story was that of pacemaker leads which were also undergoing degradation. Paul met with a bio chemist and they started developing a program on how to study the degradation of plastics in the body. That original research has resulted in designing coatings for implantable medical devices to prevent rejection and, at the same time, supply medication which measures the severity of infection and releases the required amount of drug.

It was during the time of this research that Paul left Ottawa and took on a position as Assistant Professor to teach undergraduate biomaterials and expand the biomaterials research effort at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. This subsequently led to his appointment as the Associate Dean of Research. He also developed a new

company – Interface Biologics Inc. (IBI). In the beginning, IBI was a partnership between the University of Toronto, Paul’s lab and the investors. However the investors became increasingly impressed with what they saw, and in 2004 invested \$10 million into the company. At that time the technology developed and patented by Paul was transferred to the company. Today Paul still sits on the board of directors, and is the scientific officer, but Interface has its own CEO and president.

The decision to move to the University of Toronto was a strategic one for Paul. “The University of Toronto is recognized as being the front runner in biomedical engineering. It’s one of the top four in North America, and by and large the North American groups pretty well dominate the world scene. Coming here to work with the type of people that the university had attracted was the ultimate,” he explains. “I have received many offers to go to other places but there has just not been a place that is comparable to the resources, the people,

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*“As a result of his leadership and steadfast determination to raise the profile of science within the Faculty of Dentistry, Paul was directly involved in hiring some excellent new faculty members, as well as promoting the idea that a central goal of dental faculties is to advance the field in complementary ways. His recognition of faculty members who contributed to the scientific enterprise, and his dedication to making the Faculty as strong academically as possible, will be greatly missed.”*



DR. CHRISTOPHER MCCULLOCH  
Professor and Director  
CIHR Group in Matrix Dynamics  
University of Toronto

## Coming Full Circle: Applying Science to Client Needs

the collaborations and the networking that I can achieve here.” Paul goes on to say that he thinks the Faculty was ‘pretty brave’ to hire a chemical engineer, and one of the most open-minded schools in terms of science that he has ever seen. “The department of biomaterials is a reflection of that; we have one dentist, a biologist, a metallurgist, a chemist and a chemical engineer. The Faculty have put their faith completely in these non-dentists who assist in the training of dentists by ensuring that they have a strong foundation in materials that they will be using in patients. It’s been a fabulous experience for me because it was an instantaneous introduction to another health sciences field.”

That introduction resulted in a whole new platform of polymers relevant to the dental school. Paul translated his program and knowledge of degradation to open up a completely new area of looking at oral salivary esterases and the interaction with restorative materials. It’s a fascinating story and one that has just spun off a brand new grant, started this year, that will research a new generation of bio-active composite resins that deal with both plaque and filling at the same time. Although still in the initial stages, the ramifications are tremendous.

Being appointed Associate Dean of Research at the Faculty held other challenges separate from that of research. The most pressing one was to raise the profile of the DRI. To accomplish this an identity had to be established, and, along with this, an academic plan needed to be developed that reflected the wants and needs of

faculty members. At the time that Paul joined the Faculty, there was no physical office – no central point in the Faculty that was the ‘home’ of the DRI. Paul’s first job was to establish that space. Paul’s successor, Dr. Dennis Cvitkovitch, credits Paul with being the driving force behind the many improvements and renewed enthusiasm inherent throughout the Faculty. His implementation of an Annual Report which clearly laid out the goals and quantified the results each year led to accountability and a sense of purpose and achievement for all of the researchers. He was instrumental in drafting the current academic plan for research in the Faculty until 2010, setting out several major objectives, all of which have progressed significantly. Paul’s determination to see that research translated into clinical and industrial practice, and the basic concept that researchers’ ideas need to have patent protection in order for companies to

develop them into useful products, has resulted in an increased number of patent filings – 15 in 2008 alone. The added value that this gives research will eventually have significant payoffs for the Faculty, the University and society as a whole.

Paul was also instrumental in hiring new faculty, and even with the space crunch he was able to find lab space for the new hires by essentially restructuring space assignment guidelines that considered both the needs of the new scientists and the established investigators – no small feat!

Last, but certainly not least, Paul has played an important role in the ongoing process of obtaining funding for a new building to house the Faculty of Dentistry. Although plans are on the back burner at the moment due to the difficult financial times we are all having to endure, they are certainly not buried. The need for more space has not

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*“Dr. Santerre took the Dental Research Institute to the next level by bringing to it cohesion and direction. Up until then it had been more of a virtual entity, or an aggregation of scientists and clinicians, largely without focus. He created an active research office that not only managed the ‘business’ of research but acted as a disseminator of information for academic staff and was the focal point of activity. Dr. Santerre ensured that new faculty members were properly mentored and supported as they worked at establishing themselves at UofT. I have no doubt that he will do even more for IBBME. He has a strong vision for where he thinks the Institute can and should go, as well as the ability and drive to ensure it gets there.*



DEAN DAVID MOCK

decreased, and is in fact becoming more urgent than ever.

In 2008, Paul moved from his position at the DRI to take on a new challenge that would utilize all of the skills and abilities that he had honed to this point: that of Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering. The only tri-Faculty biomedical engineering program in North America, it is managed by the Faculties of Dentistry, Medicine and Engineering. For Paul, it speaks volumes to the pathway he has travelled: he started in engineering, his first job was in medicine, the next in dentistry, so he understands the different communities very well. At the Institute there are approximately 80 faculty, 38 core and the rest cross appointed faculty, who cover the gamut of engineers, doctors, dentists, pharmacists and scientists. Paul considers that he has come full circle. From the beginning he realized that he had to have his science connected to the client, and effectively that is what IBBME does. It brings the client not only to the researcher, but to the students themselves. In IBBME's Masters of Health Science clinical engineering program, students spend an internship

in a dialysis unit, an internship in a surgical unit and one additional unit of their choice. They also do two work placements, either in a hospital working with the medical engineering department or in a company. The Institute's graduate programs have over 220 graduate students.

Paul's time is typically spent between teaching and lecturing, administration, and research, and one half day a week consulting, which he gives to his company Interface Biologics.

Paul is the first to acknowledge that he could not have achieved everything he has on his own. "You have to find committed people that believe in what you believe and whom you can rely on to do their share of the work," he says. "And then you have to be able to communicate with them very effectively."

Looking to the future, Paul wants to broaden the graduate recruitment net at IBBME to increase the number of out-of-province and international students, and trainees. At the moment they are primarily drawing from the University of Toronto and southern Ontario. He also wants to introduce a curriculum for entrepreneurial training. "Unlike twenty years ago, fifty percent of our

graduate students have no intention of following an academic path," he explains. "They will be heading towards industry, and right now we don't give them the complete toolsets to allow them a rapid transition, as highly trained scientists, into that industrial environment."

Undoubtedly, just as he set the bar high and developed the tools to make it attainable at the Faculty, he will do the same thing at IBBME. New challenges are necessary, Paul says. Research evolves that way, so teaching and administrative responsibilities should also evolve that way. "You don't change for the sake of change, but change is healthy in an academic environment because we are supposed to be renewing ourselves if we want to stay at the forefront."

*Dr. Santerre has recently been appointed Chairman for the 2016 World Biomaterials Congress to be held in Montreal and a Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering, which recognizes the top two percent of scientists in the field.*

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# Recognizing Outstanding Research

There certainly was a buzz in the air for this year's Faculty of Dentistry Research Day, held on February 10, 2009.

The theme of Tissue Engineering was successfully incorporated with guest speakers. Dr. Mark McKee, Ph.D. Professor, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Dentistry, McGill University kicked off Research Day with his talk entitled "Nature's Biomineralization Strategies and Harnessing them for Tissue Regeneration and Tissue Repair in Bones and Teeth."

The attendees, which included 20 registered Alumni, were also treated to other exceptional speakers including Dr. Cameron Clokie, D.D.S. Ph.D. FRCD, Professor, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto who gave the afternoon talk entitled "Future of Regenerative Surgery." An added element to this year's Research Day was the introduction of two mini talks.

Graduate student, Aileen Zhou gave a talk entitled "Enhancing Production of Recombinant BMP...A look into the Future", which was a seamless continuation of Dr. Clokie's talk, and undergraduate student speaker, Kayvan Fathimani, gave a talk entitled "Heterotopic

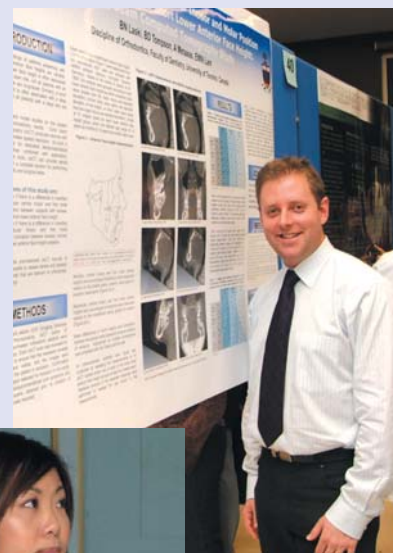
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Faculty, staff and students filled the auditorium, along with the 63 poster presenters and 22 judges, to view the outstanding research on display this year while enjoying a lunch provided by the Faculty's Dental Research Institute. Clinical tables located in the cafeteria ran concurrently with the poster presentations.

This year the Departments that participated with the Clinical Table were: Anaesthesia, Paediatrics, Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Oral Radiology, Oral Surgery and the Library.



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Awards were presented to the following recipients in the various award categories following the afternoon talks: Jeff Chadwick and Audrey McNamara (Summer Student Category), Hamideh Emrani, Joyce Magalhaes and Kamna Singh (Basic Science Graduate Student Category), Zahra Kurji, Dalia Madani and Michael Landzberg (Clinical Science Graduate Student Category) and for the new category, Education, Behavioural and Health Sciences Research, Mariam Baghdady and Sonia Chung were the award winners as well as Kirsten Krastel for the Post-Doc and Research Associates Category. The day's events were wrapped up with a Wine and Cheese in the cafeteria.



# Expanding Your Knowledge

The Continuing Dental Education Department has enjoyed a very successful year. In the first full year of operation of the new Continuing Dental Education Centre at 1440 Don Mills Road many exciting programs have been held. Speakers from across Canada and the United States have put on a range of courses that have been well

attended and received by their participants. These speakers have been unanimous in their praise for this facility as a venue for continuing dental education programs, particularly those that have a hands-on component. In fact a recent article in *Oral Health*, by one of the speakers who has presented programs for many years across North

America, complimented the Centre as one of the best of its kind.

The Department is in the process of planning next year's calendar and is also investing in its e-learning initiative launched this winter. The Faculty recognizes that it is becoming increasingly difficult for traditional CE programs to meet the needs of practicing dentists especially in some core academic areas. Concise programs on-line will be developed so that dentists have an opportunity to access this information at a time convenient to them and without the high cost of closing the office to attend a lecture.

Whether it is with our traditional lecture-based programs or the e-learning initiative, the Faculty's goal is to assist dentists in expanding their knowledge, skill, and judgment, and enrich the enjoyment they obtain from their professional career.

## CE Courses September 2009 – June 2010 (at time of printing)

- \*September 25, 26, 2009    **The Veneer Studio: Veneer Preparation and Photography**  
Dr. Gary Radz, Dr. Tony Soileau
- \*October 30, 31, 2009    **What's New in All Ceramics: Techno-Clinical Perspectives**  
**Hands-on: Prep Design: Achieving Beauty, Function, and Longevity**  
Dr. Damon Adams
- November 6, 7, 8, 2009    **Oral Surgery for the General Practitioner**  
Dr. Howard Holmes, Course Director
- November 13, 2009    **4Th Annual Update in Dentistry (at the Winter Clinic)**
- November 20, 2009    **Endo Instrumentation and Obturation** – Dr. Manor Haas
- \*December 11, 12, 2009    **Predictable Techniques for Total Esthetics** – Dr. Robert Lowe
- \*January 22, 23, 2010    **"Esthetics In Action" Clinical Techniques, Materials and Technology**  
Dr. Ross Nash
- January 29, 30, 2010    **Periodontal Surgery for the General Practitioner**  
Dr. Steven Corber, Dr. Gerry Pearson
- February 5, 2010    **Medical Emergencies** – Dr. Dan Haas
- February 6, 7, 2010    **Nitrous Oxide/Oral Sedation** – Dr. Dan Haas, Dr. Michelle Tang
- \*February 12, 13, 2010    **Smile Design: The Art of Temporization** – Dr Elliot Mechanic
- \*April 9, 10, 2010    **How to Take, Manage and use Communication Quality**  
**Photographs in Dentistry.** Dr. James Dunn, Dr. Richard Young
- April 30, May 1, 2010    **Endodontics** – Dr. John West
- \*June 4, 5, 2010    **Advanced Technology in Aesthetic Surgery** – Dr. Robert Miller
- \*Date to be announced    **An Easy Approach to Predictable Anterior Direct Composite**  
**Restorations** – Dr. Robert Margeas & Dr. Marcos Vargas

### \*Advanced Restorative Esthetic Continuum

The goal of the University of Toronto Advanced Restorative Esthetic Continuum is to provide participants with a logical and insightful perception as to how to examine, treatment plan and deliver dentistry to their patients that is functional, esthetic and optimally maintainable.

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The courses are run in logical progression in order to give each doctor insight, perception, and the vision to achieve their restorative esthetic goals. Treatment planning and working with a dental team of specialists is stressed. Although there is no way to learn everything in seven sessions, participants will acquire a fundamental understanding and direction to continue their quest for dental excellence.



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The program has been designed to assist any member of the dental team understand and implement proven strategies for operational effectiveness and real life business principles specifically designed for the dental profession. This nine month course takes place at the Faculty of Dentistry on Saturdays (dates listed below) from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate in Dental Practice Management from the University of Toronto.

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### Semester One

September 12, 26, 2009  
October 17, 31, 2009  
November 7, 21, 2009  
December 12, 2009

### Semester Two

January 9, 23, 2010  
February 13, 27, 2010  
March 13, 27, 2010  
April 24, 2010  
May 8, 2010 (Graduation and Awards)



## Appointments, Grants and Awards

### APPOINTMENTS

*Dr. Patricia Main*



Dr. Patricia Main, Community Dentistry, has accepted a part-time appointment at the rank of Associate Professor and has assumed the role of Director of the Graduate Program in Dental Public Health.

*Dr. Dennis Cvitkovitch*



As of September 1, 2008, Dr. Dennis Cvitkovitch, Oral Microbiology, has accepted the appointment of Associate Dean, Research, replacing Dr. Paul Santerre.

*Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad*



Dr. Asbjorn Jokstad, Professor and Head, Prosthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry, has been appointed external examiner for the M.Sc. Examination in Evidence-Based Health Care for three years at the University of Oxford, UK. This very competitive degree program is open to international applicants within all health professions.

*Dr. Boris Hinz*



Dr. Boris Hinz has accepted the position of Associate Professor in the CIHR Matrix Dynamics group as of January 1, 2009. He comes to us from the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland. Dr. Hinz has a strong background in cell

biomechanics and connective tissue remodeling and is well positioned to offer ongoing research collaborations with IBBME and the teaching hospitals.

*Dr. Bernhard Ganss*

Dr. Bernhard Ganss, CIHR, has accepted the position of Research Coordinator for the 2008-2009 academic year. As Research Coordinator, Dr. Ganss will be chairing the Research Committee and the Animal Care Committee.

*Dr. Anuradha Prakki*

Dr. Anuradha Prakki has accepted the position of Assistant Professor, Restorative Dentistry, here at the Faculty. Dr. Prakki completed her PhD at the University of Sao Paulo Bauru Dental School. She will be working in the clinical/preclinical teaching and research areas.

### GRANTS

*Dr. Gajanan Kulkarni*

Dr. Gajanan Kulkarni, Pediatric Dentistry, has received substantial CIHR grant funding for Tactile and visual biofeedback in the therapy of compensatory cleft palate articulation. This is a collaborative effort with Dr. Tim Bressmann, Speech Language Pathology / Hospital for Sick Children.



*Dr. Céline Lévesque*

Dr. Céline Lévesque, Oral Microbiology, has been awarded substantial CIHR and CFI grants for her research. This is a major accomplishment so early in Dr. Lévesque's career, and the awards are in the top monetary range for awards received by our Faculty to date.





## Media Coverage of New Dental Procedure Education System

The Faculty of Dentistry launched DPES (Dental Procedure Education System), an online resource for learning about dental procedures late last year. Almost immediately this story was picked up by over 50 media outlets across Canada. DPES is a web-based tool that uses plain language and rich visual media to help both patients and students learn about dental procedures. Developed collaboratively by a team of leaders in dental education and research, DPES provides a clear and definitive understanding of fundamental principles in oral health care. DPES has received significant praise from within the profession.

## ICD Induction

Congratulations to Carolyn Poon Woo 8T5, who was inducted into the International College of Dentists in Vancouver in March.



## Oral Biology Award

The 2009 Research in Oral Biology Award was presented to Dr. Christopher McCulloch, Director of CIHR, at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) 87th General Session and



Exhibition in Miami, Florida on April 1, 2009. This award is one of the highest honours bestowed by the IADR. It recognizes outstanding research in the field of oral biology. Dr. McCulloch's work has led to advances such as guided tissue regeneration, the first automated periodontal probe and clinical studies linking metalloproteinases and progression of periodontitis, as well as several patents.

## 25 Years of Service

The following people have received awards for their 25 years of service as staff members of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto: Peter Birek, Darling Chambers, Mair Cove, Emma Lino, Mary Lino, Maria Lima, Alison Mahoney, Angelos Metaxas, Michael Sigal and Tiiu Tarmet.

## Scientific Chair

Dr. Metaxas will be the Scientific Chair of the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists to be held at Sheraton Centre Toronto, October 29 to November 1, 2009. Dr. Richard Marcus will be the General chair and Dr. Michael Sherman will be the chair of the social program.



## New Director of Advancement

In March the Faculty welcomed Susan Alksnis as Director of Advancement. Susan will oversee Development and Communications, including fundraising for the new building, alumni giving and public relations initiatives. Susan is eager to hear from alumni and friends with suggestions and reflections on the Faculty's fundraising efforts, success stories, and opportunities. She will be collaborating closely with Dr. Robert Carroll, Assistant Dean, Continuing Dental Education and Professional Relations.



Susan brings to the Faculty over 18 years experience as a development professional. She worked at Yale University for over 10 years, where she headed Development and Public Relations for the School of Public Health and was instrumental in securing industry funds for a major partnership in China. Susan also raised significant support for clinical and basic science projects in Yale's Medical School during the University's \$1.5 billion campaign. Susan deepened her understanding of fundraising for direct service through her work as Director of Development for a major women's shelter. Susan also brings experience from Sheridan College, international fundraising, special events, and a variety of community advocacy and campaigning efforts. Susan holds a BA from Yale University. She flosses daily and loves her daughter's orthodontist who trained at University of Toronto. She can be reached at 416-979-4940 ext. 4678 or [susan.alksnis@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:susan.alksnis@dentistry.utoronto.ca).

# The Dean's Breakfast

The Dean's breakfast was an opportunity to thank Gala sponsors, committee members and volunteers. Without each of their contributions the Gala would not be possible, and the funds that are raised to continue the important research being done would also be limited.

Our Faculty has a long tradition of excellence in oral health research. One such research area in which the Faculty has assumed leadership is the diagnosis and treatment of craniofacial deformities. The costs associated with research, particularly clinical research, have escalated over the years while funding has become more difficult to obtain, particularly in our present economic environment. The funds raised through this year's Gala help ensure that the exciting and innovative research initiatives being conducted in the area of congenital facial deformities at the DRI can continue.



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*Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.*

# Celebrating Teamwork and Commitment

**A**s DSS President and a graduating member of the Class of 2009, I look back and appreciate the many different experiences that have allowed me to mature as an individual in dental school, and the remarkable opportunities I have been given. Here are some of the many activities that the DSS and student body was able to embark on at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year.



Our thirteenth annual Dental Students' Society (DSS) and Alumni Association Awards of Distinction Night was held on March 30th at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. We were able to acknowledge and honour faculty, staff and students who have made an outstanding and positive contribution to the overall atmosphere within the Faculty of Dentistry.

We also hosted the second annual President's Cup between the UWO and U of T dentistry hockey teams at Varsity Arena on April 4th in an effort to raise money and awareness for cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital. It was a fun night even though UWO won the game! Thank you to all the sponsors who helped support this event such as the ODA, CDA, U of T alumni association, DSS and the ZIP Fraternity.

Community outreach at our Faculty has always been an important component of our student life. I hope that each one of us continues in giving back to our community in one way or another in the future. In the months of March and April, the student body took part in the BRUSHAMANIA program where we provided oral hygiene to various different schools in the region. I would like to thank Ali Sigal, a first year dental student, for initiating a non-profit organization this year called Oral Health, Total Health, which is affiliated with Mount Sinai Hospital. The purpose of this organization is to advocate, educate and improve oral health care for persons with special needs, since it

is one of the top un-met health needs facing this population today.

This year's Alumni Mentorship Program was a great experience for everyone who took part in it. Thank you to all the alumni and student mentors who helped out with the program.

Thank you also to our awesome *Dentantics* Reps, Lani Kraus and Cara Lindsay, along with the Class of 2010 and the rest of the student body who showcased their many talents in this year's Beatles-themed *Dentantics* production, "Dentalmania." All proceeds from the event were donated to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation to establish a fund for Oral Cancer Research. *Dentantics* is just one of many examples of the phenomenal teamwork and commitment demonstrated by our dental student body outside the classroom that enables us to engage in such creative and admirable initiatives. I would like to wish future *Dentantics* Reps, Shayna Levitan and Elena Gershenzon, and the Class of 2011 all the best with next year's show.

It was a privilege to be a part of the 2008-2009 DSS Council, which was made up of a very creative, motivated and dedicated core of students. Thank you for always being by my side in every initiative that we took, and for making this year such a success for the entire student body. Congratulations to next year's DSS president, Fanar Swaida. I hope you will be as fortunate as I was to work with such an awesome DSS Council and student body.

Thank you once again to Dean Mock, Dr. Carroll, the faculty, staff and alumni association who helped the student body in every way possible despite our many demands and needs. You are an instrumental part in the education process and life experiences that have helped us to grow as individuals and future health practitioners.

GLEN FERNANDES  
*DSS President 2008-2009*

# Students

## DSS/Alumni Association Awards of Distinction Night

Our thirteenth annual Dental Students' Society (DSS) and Alumni Association Awards of Distinction Night was held on Monday March 30th at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. Every year at this Awards of Distinction Night, we recognize students for their outstanding extra-curricular contributions and leadership within the Faculty. In addition, we have the privilege of honouring those faculty and staff members who have made a significant difference to student life over the past year. Although it is always hard to acknowledge and individually honour every single individual who has made a positive contribution to the overall atmosphere within the Faculty of Dentistry, the Awards Night gives us all an opportunity to celebrate the year and to gather together to enjoy a fun and memorable night.

I would like to thank everyone who made this night possible, especially Dr. Carroll and Sara Vanos along with the Alumni Association for funding the food and drinks, and to Sahra Kanji, Fanar Swaida and Ed Yoon for helping me organize this event. On behalf of the DSS and the student body, we would like to once again thank everyone from the faculty members to the janitorial staff for all their help and support throughout the years.



**TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARD:**

Dr. E. Freeman for his dedication and commitment to the Class of 1T2  
 Dr. A. Mazzulli for his dedication and commitment to the Class of 1T1  
 Dr. D. Haas for his dedication and commitment to the Class of 1T0  
 Dr. A.P. Garzon for his dedication and commitment to the Class of 0T9

**THE ANITA ARBOR AWARD:**

*Presented in recognition of staff members who have been a friend and an invaluable help to the dental students in 2008-2009.*

Mariam Mousavi, Connie Farramenta, Jennifer Lanteigne, Terry Jancen, Elizabeth Gerez and Fatima Gomes Aguiar.

**DENTAL STUDENTS SOCIETY HONOURARY MEMBER AWARD:**

*In recognition of faculty members who have made an outstanding contribution to undergraduate students at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry..*

Dr. M. Sigal, Dr. D. Haas, Dr. R. Carroll, Dr. L. Valenzano, Dr. A. Fenton, Dr. G. Anderson, Dr. L. Chapnick and Lucy Ferraro.

**DSS/DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENT HONOUR AWARD (150 PT AWARD)**

Ali Khadivi, Jaclyn Chin, Fehmida Dosani, Bryan Waxman, Chris Harper, Conor McDonough, John Yun, Matthew Dang, Stephanie Falcomer, Marijana Eic, Vipin Grover, Tehchin Hsieh, and Rachel Mills.

**DSS/DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION STUDENT AWARD OF DISTINCTION (300 PT AWARD)**

Sahra Kanji, Corina Chapeskie, Kayvan Fathimani and Edward Yoon.

**DSS/DENTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HIGHEST ACHIEVEMENT STUDENT AWARD (450 PT AWARD)**

Glen Fernandes and Sepehr Zahedi.

**SPORTS AWARDS:**

**MEN'S MVP TROPHY**

Men's Hockey:	Conor Mcdonough
Outdoor Soccer:	Derek Aversa
Indoor Soccer:	Sepehr Zahedi
Co-Ed Volleyball A:	Matt Dang
Co-Ed Volleyball A:	John Yun
Co-Ed Volleyball B:	Glen Fernandes
Men's Basketball:	Shawn Chopra
Co-Ed Basketball:	Ron Ho

**WOMEN'S MVP TROPHY**

Co-Ed Volleyball A:	Nicole Maciel
Co-Ed Volleyball B:	Sahra Kanji
Women's Volleyball:	Lily Caulley
Women's Soccer:	Meredith Evans
Co-Ed Basketball:	Trang Nguyen

*Congratulations to the following dentistry sports teams for making it to the final playoffs despite heartbreaking losses: Women's Volleyball, Men's Outdoor Soccer, Men's Hockey and Coed Volleyball.*

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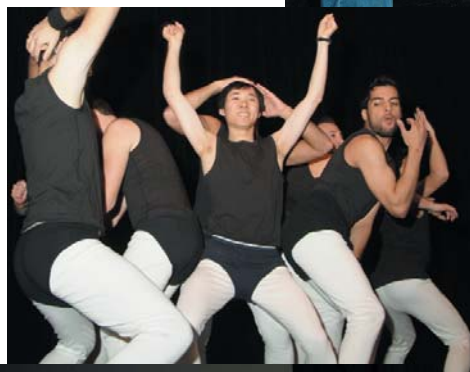
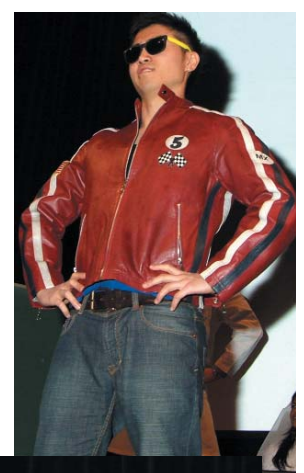
***As our 'Thank You', the names of all dentists who supply teeth by the end of June 2009 will be eligible for a Draw Prize. Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Lawless 6T9, last year's winner.***

# Dentantics 2009

The Isabel Bader Theatre was the place to be on March 5th and 6th as the dental students at the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry showcased their many talents in this year's Beatles-themed *Dentantics* production, "Dentalmania." The audience roared with laughter and enthusiasm as professors were impersonated and the daily life of dental students was comedically portrayed. The combination of talented singers, actors, dancers, and musicians was a recipe for success! All proceeds from the event are being donated to the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation to establish a fund for Oral Cancer Research.

When asked about the production on opening night, here is what co-producers, Cara Lindsay and Lani Kraus, had to say: "We want to thank all of our classmates, families, and friends for their continuous support and encouragement. We are so proud to witness the phenomenal teamwork and commitment of our peers outside the classroom." Congratulations to the class of 2010 on an outstanding performance!

LANI KRAUS AND CARA LINDSAY  
*Dentantics* Producer and Director



## Defining our Success

For many years the Alumni Association has benefitted from the leadership and dedication of many volunteers. This year was no exception. The success of the Awards of Distinction Gala, the Golf Tournament and alumni mentorship programs speak to the hard work and talents that many of your colleagues give freely to the Association and Faculty. The enrichment of Faculty programs and student activities that results from these efforts is profound, and is helping to build a new and better relationship between the Faculty and its students and alumni. On behalf of the Faculty I would like to thank President Carolyn Poon Woo and all alumni for their volunteer efforts. They not only made a valuable contribution to the quality of Faculty programs, but also provided opportunities for many alumni to maintain and re-establish connections with their Alma Mater. This support is essential to the quality of education at the Faculty and the maintenance of this Faculty's reputation as a great dental school to have graduated from. On September 9, at 7:00 p.m., the Association will meet at the Faculty to elect next year's executive. Your presence at this meeting will give you an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Association and how you can become involved. It will also provide a forum to make your views known on the direction of the Association and how it can be more relevant to you. I encourage you to seriously consider attending.

Plans are underway for the 2009-2010 Continuing Education Calendar with special emphasis being placed on hands-on programs. These programs take advantage of the Faculty's new Continuing Dental Education Centre which provides the Faculty with a unique ability to offer these comprehensive programs at a cost that is unmatched by more commercially driven courses.

My first year in this role has been a rewarding experience. I have met a wonderful group of volunteer alumni, enthusiastic students, people from the dental industry who provide amazing support to the Faculty and the profession, and Faculty members who have dedicated their professional life to the advancement of the art and science of oral health care. I have enjoyed the great support of my staff and I would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Barry Chapnick, Raisyl Wagman, Sara Vanos, Monique Toulch and Annette Chan for their commitment to the success of the programs we support and operate. I would also like to acknowledge Fay Rotman who serves the Faculty as the Awards of Distinction Gala coordinator. Fay's dedication to detail and amazing organizational skills resulted in a wonderful evening enjoyed by all. As we continue our planning for a new school year, our success will be defined not just by the programs we put in place, but by the support of faculty, staff and alumni whose combined efforts will continue to enhance the reputation that this Faculty enjoys.



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# *You are invited...*

*to attend an Alumni Association meeting at the Faculty on Wednesday, September 9 at 7:00 p.m. to elect new board members for the coming year. All alumni are welcome.*

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*The fall issue of Alumni Today will include a short profile of each board member.*

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