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Clinical versus Basic Research

A university based, professional Faculty has three major objectives: to provide the best possible education for the practitioners of the future; to provide opportunities for the members of the profession to stay current in the science and art of their chosen field; and to advance the state of knowledge. I'd like to devote this message to the third.

Our 2004 Academic Plan and 2008 Business Plan both recommended that the Faculty of Dentistry develop a long range plan for the growth and integration of applied clinical and translational research. This means taking the results of basic laboratory studies, translating them into the clinical sphere and then proceeding to direct clinical (bedside or chairside) research. The result is improved, evidence-based clinical practice.

Our Faculty is well positioned to pursue more clinical and translational research. We can leverage our established links with multi-disciplinary university centres and teaching/research hospitals. We can draw patients from our clinic population of over 15,000 patients. We can build on our basic science research strengths.

Challenges are many though, both within the Faculty and in the larger context. For instance, long expected translational research funding from government sources is taking longer to materialize than many had hoped. Furthermore, decades of solid basic research funding in both Canada and internationally has led to an imbalance in academic dentistry research, with much more activity and expertise in basic science than in clinical research.

As we look to recruit more faculty to pursue clinical research, we are faced with a shortage of dental faculty across North America and beyond, with many schools competing for a small number of candidates. And clinician-scholars with clinical research experience are even fewer.

To compound matters, the gap between private practice and faculty incomes continues to grow, making teaching and research positions less attractive. Particularly when students graduate with student loans as high as \$200,000.

In recognition of one of our great clinician scholars, we



have created the George Zarb Clinical Research Lectureship to help strengthen and encourage clinical research at the Faculty of Dentistry. Our inaugural speaker for this annual event is Dr. Sreenivas Koka from the Mayo Clinic. (See page 18.)

Also, the creation of the Centre for Clinical Research should promote more and better applied research. A clinical facility has been equipped and dedicated to this purpose under the leadership of Dr. Sunjay Suri and his staff. The challenge is now to expand our present cadre of excellent clinical scientists to ensure that we have the people and funding to allow it to meet its potential and goals.

Another strategy is to raise funds that help us attract and support clinical scholars. Endowed faculty positions lessen budget pressures throughout the Faculty and ensure funding in priority areas of teaching and research. Funding to support pilot research projects allow faculty to gather preliminary data they can use to secure major funding.

Your dental faculty at U of T is continuing to move forward to serve the needs of its students, the profession and the public.

Have a great summer!

DAVID MOCK 6T8, 7T8 PHD

Culture Shift

Can you imagine the Faculty sharing a scene from *Dentantics* at the Awards of Distinction Gala? Faculty impersonations? Stupid tooth jokes?

How about students, faculty, instructors, and staff singing about everything they "love" at the Faculty of Dentistry? The gala audience enjoyed the laughs, but there's something more.

The video confirms something I have noticed in recent years as I've interacted with students as a Clinical Instructor and as Alumni Association President. There has been a shift in the culture and atmosphere at the Faculty. While the work load is still significant and standards remain necessarily high, there is a palpable sense of increased mutual respect between students and instructors, administrators and staff.

I've heard my share of tales about the old days (or not so old days) of teaching through intimidation. But from what I see in Clinic One on Fridays, those methods are waning, if not gone altogether. Why else would students sing "I love how demos care"? I am sure the Faculty can continue to improve the student experience, but I wanted to take a moment to recognize what has been achieved.

I am also impressed with the quality of our students – their genuine interest in the well being of their patients and the high level of care that they aspire to. I truly feel that the current students are different... not just the Faculty. One begets the other I suppose.

VALERIE STAVRO 8T4

View the *Dentantics Discovery* video and several other Faculty videos at: www.youtube.com/user/dentistryuoft



STUDENT MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the academic year alumni are needed to attend one or more evenings with students to discuss life as a dentist. We welcome alumni in general practice as well as specialists. Graduating DDS students are particularly eager to speak with alumni familiar with the process of securing an associate position. To join the mailing list for future mentorship activities contact: sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca

FACULTY OF DENTISTRY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2011

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Faculty of Dentistry Golf Tournament

Copper Creek Golf Club, Kleinburg, ON



10th Annual Faculty of Dentistry Golf Tournament. Join with alumni, industry partners, associations, faculty, students and friends for a fabulous morning of golf in support of student programs and projects, such as financial aid, community outreach, mentorship opportunities, leadership and professional development opportunities. \$300 per golfer. For more information contact Miriam Stephan at miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

George Zarb Clinical Research Lecture

Faculty of Dentistry

Dr. Sreenivas Koka of the Mayo Clinic will speak on Osteoporosis and the Mouth: Truth, Half-truth and Fiction. See page 18 for more on this new visiting lecture in applied and translational clinical research in oral health sciences.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Alumni Booth at Toronto Academy of Dentistry Annual Winter Clinic

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Visit with the Dean and other surprise guests from the Faculty. Don't miss our prize draw, giveaways and reunion information.

2012

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Research Day

Faculty of Dentistry

Come home to the Faculty for a day of student research posters and presentations, as well as keynote speakers, lunch, student research award presentations, clinical tables and reception. For free alumni registration and CDE credits contact Leah Raz at l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4900 ext. 4600.

MARCH 8-10

Pacific Dental Conference, Vancouver

Alumni Booth

Reception with the Dean

The Faculty will once again have a booth and the Dean will host a reception. Let us know if you plan to attend PDC, so we can send you an invitation.

MAY 10-12

ODA Annual Spring Meeting

Alumni Booth

Alumni Reception

Class Reunions

Don't miss our Alumni Booth with special guests from the Faculty. And our reception for all U of T Dentistry alumni.



We're here to help!

From left to right: **Sabrina Martinez**, Manager of Alumni Relations; **Susan Alksnis**, Director of Advancement; **Miriam Stephan**, Advancement Coordinator

Have your say!

If you graduated DDS between 2001 and 2010, you may receive an email asking you to complete an online survey with the goal of improving our curriculum. The Undergraduate Education Committee seeks your input. If you wish to participate in the survey, please contact: sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca

In the know...

Stay "in the know" by checking the alumni website at: www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni or register for email alerts by contacting sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca
Dates TBD...

- **Mentorship Events**
- **ODA Cup**
- **DSS/Alumni Association Awards Night**
- **Awards of Distinction Gala**
- **Alumni Reception at ODA Spring Meeting 2012**
- **Alumni Reception at Pacific Dental Conference**



Nominations Open

Alumni are making a difference in the world every day. Nominate a fellow alumnus for the Faculty's Award of Distinction.

Recognizing outstanding service to the Faculty, the profession and/or a community; professional or volunteer achievement.

DEADLINE JULY 7, 2011

For information and nomination form see www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni

Establishing a Community of Care

"For us as dental volunteers, the clinic has enabled us to gain a new perspective, and better understanding, of the indignities and hardships of homelessness that we would never have been able to appreciate from the comfort of our home or office."

TOM HARLE 8T0, 8T9 Dip Ortho, 9T0 MSc

Tom Harle graduated top of his class at U of T. In addition to being director of the Mission Dental Clinic, Tom works part-time as a prosthodontist in his own practice. He also heads up a registered charity called Health Teams International (Canada) which takes medical/dental teams to places such as Nepal, Vietnam, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, India, China, Myanmar, North Korea and Peru. This year they worked in a leper colony in Calcutta.



THIS FAITH-BASED, VOLUNTEER-DRIVEN, NO-COST DENTAL CLINIC HAS ESTABLISHED A COMMUNITY OF CARE THAT TRANSCENDS SOCIAL BOUNDARIES.

Established just over four years ago in February 2007 through the efforts of **Dr. Tom Harle**, the Ottawa Mission's Primary Health Care and Dental Clinic currently has 54 dentists, 1 denturist, 25 hygienists and 25 dental assistants volunteering on a rotating basis. Since opening, volunteers have attended to over 4,000 patient visits, performed 3,600 extractions and fillings and have made 125 sets of dentures. Altogether they have provided over one million dollars worth of free dental care.

The genesis for the clinic came from a simple comment made by a patient as Tom recounted a trip he had taken to North Korea to help bring basic oral health care to impoverished communities. The response that there were similar dental needs right on his doorstep in Ottawa challenged him. If he could travel half-way around the world to provide dental services, surely he could travel across his own city to do the same thing.

In March 2006, Tom approached Diane Morrison, Executive Director of The Ottawa Mission, and presented her with a proposal for the clinic. The Mission had already decided that it was going to open a primary health care clinic and wanted to incorporate a dental section, but had no idea of how to make that happen... the timing could not have been better!



Tom's aspiration with the clinic is to combine great service with great advocacy. "We need to go beyond applying local band-aid interventions and contribute towards a more comprehensive dental health care scheme that permits the worst-off in Canadian society to gain the benefits of oral health care," he explains.

Tom believes that what has been achieved at the clinic is a testimony to what God can do through the skills and talents of ordinary people who are committed to being others-centred. "Every city has places where a bit of heaven can show up... much like it does every day of the week down at the Mission Dental Clinic where generosity and compassion come together to alleviate pain and suffering and change lives."

Tom says that volunteering has helped to connect giver and receiver together as persons of dignity; that it has broken down misconceptions and stereotypes to help them see more clearly the human face of homelessness in Canada. "For us as dental volunteers, the clinic has enabled us to gain a new perspective, and better understanding, of the indignities and hardships of homelessness that we would never have been able to appreciate from the comfort of our home or office."



Left to right: Dr. Tam Aung Ling (Clinic Co-ordinator), Dr. Tom Harle (Program Director), Mohsen Ahrari (Dental Assistant)

ALUMNI VOLUNTEERS

*The following alumni volunteer at
The Ottawa Mission Dental Clinic:*

Dr. Inga Patterson 6T6	Dr. Elizabeth MacSween 8T0
Dr. Terry Clark 6T7	Dr. William Wayne 8T0
Dr. Tom Ringland 6T7	Dr. Mike Pilon 8T1 Dip DPH
Dr. John Baechler 6T9	Dr. Bill Henry 8T3
Dr. Richard Christie 7T3	Dr. Ben Cheng 8T5
Dr. John Cox 7T3	Dr. Sandra Chong 9T8
Muriel Laughton 7T7 DH	Dr. Andrew Gaffen 9T9
Dr. Brian Eckert 8T0	Dr. Andie Wiseman 0T0
Dr. Tom Harle 8T0	Dr. Serene Yu 0T1

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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Reunions

6T1 Celebrates 50 Years

In September of '56

*A group of guys, and some chicks,
Enrolled in a school on College Street,
To be Doctors of Dentistry, they would
bleat...*

*The group got smaller as the years went on.
The challenge got greater, as white jackets
they don.*

*From College Street to Edward Street, the
new clinic moved.*

*With high speed drills, their skills they
proved...*

*A dental diploma in their hands,
Some set up practice in far off lands.
But most would stay, within arms reach,
Others off in schools to teach...*

*Today, their fiftieth anniversary is due.
Much fewer in numbers that is true.
Still they come, the ones that are able.
To eat and drink at one happy table.*

*(Short excerpt from a poem written by Joseph
Pacsuta, which he read at the 50th reunion.)*

So many reunions... So little space!

Alumni gathered in droves this spring to celebrate class reunions – including a 50th milestone. In fact there were so many reunions we were unable to profile all of them in this issue.

Catch up on the reunions of the **Classes of 7T1, 7T6, 9T1**, the **Dental Hygiene Class of 7T6** and the **Grad Ortho Class of 7T5** in the fall issue of *Alumni Today*.



Back row, left to right: Sheldon Liebesman; Garry Hurd 6T7 Dip Ortho; Morley Deyette; Bruce Sullivan; Kerry Mathers; John Kennedy; Donald Weatherhead; Clare Arthur; Hugh Kerr
Third row left to right: Ralph Hislop; Robert Hiscox; Douglas Elmhirst; Maurice Moreau; Robert Mowbray; Hagen-Goetz Jaeger; William White; Dean David Mock 6T8; Joseph Pacsuta; Christena Chruszez; Harry Greig; William Dutka
Second row left to right: Sheldon Weingarten; Gary Gutmann; Michael Lococo; Bruce Robinson; Harvey Orfus; Robert Lee; Paul Bodrug; Morley Bernstein 6T4 Dip Ortho; Oscar Doner
Front row, left to right: Albert Weinstein; Jerry Smith

A wonderful 50th reunion of the Class of 6T1 was held on Thursday April 28th at the beautiful Forget About It restaurant in downtown Toronto.

Classmates and partners were greeted with wine and hors d'oeuvres. As they joyfully mingled, and exchanged happy and sad stories, they tried to identify each other from ancient photos from Pre-dents.

Honoured guests at the head table included Dean **David Mock** who gave us an update on happenings at the 'Ol Alma Mater', and later presented each graduate with the prestigious Faculty of Dentistry 50 Year Gold Pin, and **Susan Alksnis**, Director of Advancement at the Faculty.

The names of our deceased members were solemnly read, followed by a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving by **Maurice Moreau**. A sumptuous dinner was followed by the presentation and cutting of a huge 50th Anniversary cake.

During dessert and coffee, the group was entertained with stories by **Morley Bernstein, Bruce Robinson, Mike Lococo** and yours truly. Special thanks go out to Harvey Orfus who did an amazing job with the venue, the menu and many other tasks, **Gary Gutmann** and **Christena Chruszez**, and **Shelly Liebesman**, our newly elected historian.

In the month following the reunion there has been an outpouring of warm sentiment from so many of the classmates, expressing the important meaning of the camaraderie of the evening. The dozens of photos circulating, and the good feelings exchanged, assure us of the ongoing friendship felt by the members of this unusually active and close class.

We are looking forward to 2016 for our 55th reunion.

Joseph Pacsuta
President, Class of 6T1

The Class of 6T6 discovers the dividends of slowing down

On April 29, 2011, members of the Class of 6T6 celebrated 45 years since our release on the unsuspecting public (*see photo at right*). And 50 years since we rolled out of high school and into Pre-dents. Yes, a prior University experience was not a criteria for acceptance to the Faculty.

Half of the class members we could find attended and they all spoke briefly to the group. All concurred that time passes quickly, some of our finest are no longer with us, and slowing down pays dividends.

More photos of the event can be accessed at:

www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni.

Attendees can send photos they want added to the site by mailing them to dents6T6@gmail.com.

Rick Beyers



*Back row, left to right: Zelda Reich, Mary Jefferson, Gail Uebelacker, Marilyn Hastings, Lyn Baker, Beth Sirett, Mariann Boyko, Jennifer Young, Laurie Cohen, Elaine Charters
Front row, left to right: Harriet McCabe, Pat Stanbridge, Sharon Rogers, Lillian Solish, Toba Ajzenstat, Fran Richardson, Karen Charyk*

Calling all reunion organizers! Does your graduation year end in '2 or '7?

Contact Sabrina Martinez at sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4940 for reunion assistance: contact lists, nametags, giveaways, venue suggestions, draw prizes, class memorabilia and more.

Get ready to party in 2012 if you are in one of these classes:

**1952 • 1957 • 1962 - 50th reunion! • 1967
1972 • 1977 • 1982 • 1987 - 25th reunion!
1992 • 1997 • 2002 - 10th reunion! • 2007**

40th reunion of the Class of 7T1 dental hygiene

The Adega Restaurant on Elm Street in Toronto was the venue for the 40th reunion of the Class of 7T1. Our ladies meet every five years, and generally we have a very good response to these reunions. As the years pass, our bond grows stronger and we look forward to sharing our stories and photos with one another at our next reunion. This is a special group that has yielded many outstanding individuals in the field of dental hygiene, with many of us still employed in the profession.

Karen Charyk

Canadian Association of Orthodontics President

Dr. Howard Steiman 8T8, 9T1 Dip Ortho, has been elected President of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO). Dr. Steiman has been an Associate in Dentistry and Clinical Instructor at the University of Toronto in the Undergraduate Orthodontic Discipline for almost 20 years.

A Past-President of the Ontario Association of Orthodontists, Dr. Steiman received the OAO Distinguished Service Award in 2005.

New Book Launch

Two U of T dental hygiene graduates have launched a book promoting dental health care. *Keep Smiling! A practical guide to lifelong dental health* is for a general audience including students in dental and allied health programs and caregivers. Author **Catherine Thom** 6T7 DH, is a retired educator in dental hygiene and dental assisting at Algonquin College in Ottawa. Editor **Sylvia French** 6T5 DH, is a retired dental hygienist working as an editor with Wallbridge House Publishing in Belleville. Preview the book at www.metpublishing.ca.

New iPad App for Dentists and Patients

Dr. Lorne Levy 9T4 along with **Dr. Knowlton Kotansky** 9T3 recently created an application for the new iPad designed for dentists to use chairside with their patients to explain common dental procedures. They have recently secured a corporate partner who will help distribute the application to dentists across the country with the hope that the app will soon be available worldwide.



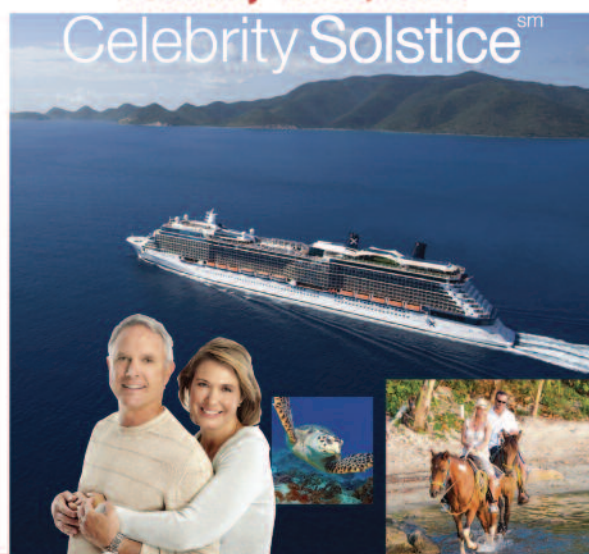
Guest Speaker: **Dr. Jim Yuan Lai**
DMD, MSc, PhD, FRCD(C)
Current Concepts in Periodontics
& Implant Dentistry

MARCH BREAK March 13-18, 2012

17th Annual Seminar At Sea

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Ernest Lam,**
DMD, MSc, PhD, FRCD(C)
Current Concepts in 2D & 3D
Digital Radiographic Imaging

February 19-26, 2012



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Aneta and Ogi Graduate to Marriage

Shown outside the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry are newlyweds Aneta Stojanovski OT9 and Ogi Panich 1T1 who tied the knot on June 12, 2010 in Toronto, Ontario.



FALL CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Immediate Implant Loading: Realities and Implementation in Everyday Practice

Dr. Lesley David and Dr. John Zarb

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Geriatric Dentistry: What Will Your Dental Practice Look Like in Ten Years?

A symposium featuring 8 national experts in this field

Friday, October 21, 2011 (Lecture)

Saturday, October 22, 2011 (Hands-On – Half Day)
Creating Endodontic Excellence

Dr. Clifford Ruddle

Friday, October 28, 2011

There's More Than One Way to Treat Oral and Periodontal Diseases!

Dr. Howard Tenenbaum

Saturday, October 29, 2011

Optimal Aging – Living to 100!

You don't want to miss this full-day educational and entertaining lecture. It's a must for men and women!

Dr. Barbara Steinberg

Friday, November 18, 2011

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Practical Solutions for Complex Restorative Care
"An Intense Hands-On Workshop"

Dr. Arun Nayyar

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Remembering...

Irwin Rose

My father's passing is devastating. To me, he was a rock, a friend, a mentor, and a guide. I'm lucky to have had a father like him. He could ham it up with anyone, and be serious and effective when the situation called for it.

His life revolved around his family. He was always there for us – his support was tangible. Likewise at the office, he made his patients feel at ease and their outpouring of grief and support truly has been comforting.

Irwin attended U of T from 1959 until his graduation from the Faculty of Dentistry in 1964. During that time he married my mother Claire, and they began their life together. He practiced in Etobicoke for 44 years. His office was a great place to work and to be a patient. His influence was such that my brother and I both became dentists, my sister opting for business and real estate. He was involved in Alpha Omega, and served tirelessly in many capacities. He was always delighted to see old friends, classmates, and alumni at various meetings and clinics. Dentistry provided him with a daily challenge, an outlet for his skilled hands, and the opportunity to communicate with people.

To those of you who knew him, your memories of him keep him alive, at least in our minds and hearts. To his friends,



you can always think of something you did with him that made you smile. I'm at a loss for words right now, but I don't lack for memories of him or the good times spent with him. For all of us the loss is palpable.

My family and I would like to thank those of you who have lent their support and comfort over the past few months. My dad was a true friend, a beloved son, husband, father, and grandfather. He is greatly loved and greatly missed.

Dr. Mitchell Rose

Marshall Deeney

Dr. Marshall Deeney 7T2 was program director of the Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics program at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health (University of Rochester Medical Center), when he passed away recently at age 63.



An outpouring of support on CaringBridge.org from students, patients, colleagues and friends conveys how deeply he was admired, respected, valued and loved.

"He loved Eastman, and everyone here loved him," said Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz, director, Eastman Institute for Oral Health. "We're all devastated. Marshall contributed significantly to orthodontic education and will be sorely missed."

Marshall was passionate about the field and especially teaching it, particularly biomechanics, one of the fundamental concepts in orthodontics. He won many

awards throughout his esteemed career, most recently the Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education last year and the American Association of Orthodontists Faculty Award in 2008.

Marshall is survived by his wife Marie Elena, children Beth, Drew and Patrick, as well as grandchildren, countless friends, students, patients and colleagues who will miss him dearly.

WE MOURN THE LOSS

John Christilaw 5T1
Marshall Deeney 7T2
Diana Deluco 8T5
William Walter Dowhos 5T7
6T8 Dip OMFS
Warren Ross Hing 8T1
Thomas Grant Joyner 6T9
Edward Henry Krukowski 6T6
Beverly Arthur Richardson 5T6
6T6 Dip Paedo
Irwin Rose 6T4
William James Sinclair 6T2
6T8 Dip Ortho, 6T9 MScD
Arthur Herbert Rubinoff 6T3
Aldo Vizzutti 5T3

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Beverly Arthur Richardson

Dr. Beverly Arthur Richardson 5T6, 6T6 Dip Paedo, was born in Petrolia, Ontario. Bev graduated from the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry in 1956 and went on to practice general dentistry in Elmira for eight years, after which he returned to the University of Toronto to complete a specialty in Pediatric Dentistry in 1966. Bev returned to Kitchener in 1967 and practiced Pediatric Dentistry until his retirement.

During his career, Bev held various positions including Principal Investigator of a Provincial Grant that studied the Effectiveness of Fissure Sealants in the Prevention of Tooth Decay, President of the Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, member of the Canadian Dental Association and Waterloo-Wellington Dental Society, Acting Chief of Dentistry at the Hospital for Sick Children, Director of the Dental Program at Moose Factory, Chief of Dentistry at the Mid-Western Children's Center, and Chief of Dentistry at the Sunbeam Home. He was also involved with dentistry at Sioux Lookout.

After retirement, Bev went back to the University of Waterloo to study history with a particular interest in treaties with the Indians.

Bev's family was a source of tremendous pride and joy and he played an important part in the lives of his ten grandchildren.

In the early morning hours of Tuesday, December 21, 2010, Bev passed away peacefully in his 80th year, with his wife of 56 years, Marie, by his side.

Warren Ross Hing

Immediately after graduation Dr. Warren Hing 8T1 began his general dentistry practice in Etobicoke with his late father Dr. James Toi Hing.

Dr. Hing was a Past President of both the Academy of Dentistry and the West Toronto Dental Society. For many years he was the official photographer of the ODA's Annual Spring Meeting (ASM), and his photos of the ASM exhibitors and attendees were used by the ODA for publicity and archival purposes.

Dr. Hing was an active contributor to the Children's Aid Foundation.

His passion for water-skiing caused a serious, paralyzing neck injury in 2001 while competing at the Nationals.

Dr. Hing is survived by his partner, Gloria Bull, and daughter Jennifer.



Aldo Vizzutti

Dr. Aldo Vizzutti 5T3 passed away in his sleep, losing his battle with cancer on January 18, 2011.

Born in Powell River, B.C., Aldo's parents immigrated to Canada from Italy in the early 20's. After completing his Bachelor of Arts at the University of British Columbia he applied to the University of Toronto and was one of only three students accepted into the dental program from B.C. He graduated in 1953 and practiced in White Rock, Powell River. After 24 years of dentistry Aldo retired in Whalley, B.C.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, uncle and friend, he will be remembered and missed most of all for his wonderful sense of humour, generosity and love of family.

Aldo is survived by his wife Joan (Rogers), his children and grandchildren and a large extended family.

Faculty loses valued members

Doug Wagner

A senior histology technician and teacher at the U of T Faculty of Dentistry for 39 years, Doug passed away in December 2010 after a lengthy illness.

Jane Sullivan

Jane joined the Faculty in 1975 as a clerk in the Clinic Office and she remained at the Faculty for over 20 years. Promoted to Assigning Officer in the Clinic, she retired from the position of Manager of Patient Reception in 1995. Jane passed away on January 20, 2011. We extend our sympathy to Jane's family, including her eight children and six grandchildren.

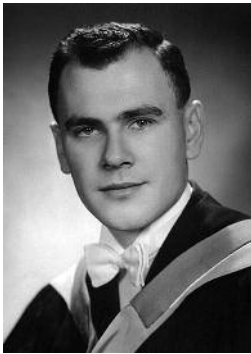
Remembering...

William "Bill" Walter Dowhos

William Dowhos 5T7, 6T8 Dip OMFS, age 77, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre.

A beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many, Bill was

born in Port Arthur, Ontario. As a student, Bill excelled both athletically



"I am really saddened by the news of Bill's death since he was such an extraordinary human being. His integrity of commitment was an early and lingering professional example for me and I always delighted in catching up with him at an occasional meeting. He was so very generous and modest and a wonderful example of what a humanitarian should be like."

Dr. George Zarb

and academically. The star quarterback for the Port Arthur Collegiate Institute (PACI) Redmen football team, he led his squad to three consecutive undefeated championship seasons. Bill's biggest fan was Carole, a cheerleader at PACI. She was the love of his life, and wife of 56 years.

In 1949, he was one of 50 boys from across Canada selected to take part in

the 'Weston Boys Tour' – a tour of Great Britain – in recognition of his scholastic and athletic prowess.

With the financial support and love of his sister, Anne, and family, Bill was able to attend the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. He returned to Port Arthur where he successfully practiced for six years. Wanting to better serve his community, Bill decided to go back to U of T to pursue oral and maxillofacial surgery. Graduating with the highest honours, and the respect of his peers, Bill was offered a professorship to teach oral surgery, but chose to return to his roots to set up practice in Thunder Bay, becoming the only oral surgeon between Winnipeg and Toronto.

Bill was not only a gifted surgeon, but was well recognized for the relationships he had with others. At age 77 he was still taking trauma calls. He combined his professionalism with warmth and empathy, truly listening to and caring for his patients and co-workers. Most recently, he was presented with the Award of Merit, Ontario Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Medical Staff Award of Excellence, Thunder Bay Regional Hospital.

Bill is survived, and lovingly remembered, by his wife of 56 years, their children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and his sister Anne Opaski.

Thomas Grant Joyner

It is with immense sadness the Joyner family announces the passing of their beloved husband, dad and grandpa, Dr. Thomas Grant Joyner 6T9, on December 15, 2010 after a courageous nine year fight with colon cancer.

Born in East York, Thomas received his education at East York Collegiate, Wilfred Laurier University, University of Western Ontario and University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry. For 41 years, Dr. 'J' was a caring family dentist, respected by both patients and colleagues. He taught at the Faculty as a Clinical Instructor for 20 years.

He is survived by his bride of 45 years, Jane, his children and grandchildren.

Grant and Jane loved to travel, and felt privileged to be able to explore the world. Family, friends and Muskoka were always the centre point of his life. We will deeply miss his positive spirit and wonderful sense of humour.

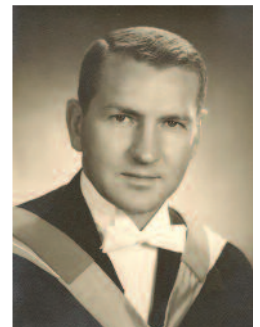
Edward Henry Krukowski

Edward Henry Krukowski 6T6 passed away March 2, 2011 surrounded by family.

Edward was a dedicated dentist for 35 years in Hamilton, Ontario.

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years Sally (née

Kowal), daughters Susan Catalano, Patricia Krukowski, and granddaughter Laurel Catalano.



ODA President's Cup: Winning on Home Ice!

On April 2nd, the 4th annual ODA President's Cup charity hockey game was held at Varsity Arena in Toronto pitting dental school rivals U of T Dentistry versus UWO Mighty Dents. It was an exciting affair that saw over 200 spectators at the game including students, faculty members, and alumni from U of T and UWO. The match went into overtime. Alessandro Decesare 1T2 was U of T's hero as he was able to find the back of the net for the game winning goal, bringing the Cup to Toronto with a 3-2 win!

The day included a CDE course presented by Dr. Judd of Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, a cocktail reception for alumni attendees, raffle draw prizes, and post game parties at the Xi Psi Phi Alumni House and Roosevelt Room. The Alumni Association was happy to sponsor free T-shirts for U of T students, alumni, and faculty members.

Overall, it was a successful fundraiser that made over \$5,000 for the two charities, Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation and UWO Dental

Outreach Community Services. Thank you to the Alumni Office, Western Faculty of Dentistry and everyone who turned out to cheer on their team!



"A tense but exciting game, we won the ODA Cup in a sudden death overtime 3 to 2. Thanks to staff, faculty and students who came out to support our team, and congratulations to the hard working players who carried our honour onto the ice."

DEAN DAVID MOCK



Left to right: Dean David Mock (U of T Faculty of Dentistry); Dr. Harinder Sandhu, Director, Schulich Dentistry, University of Western Ontario and Dr. Lynn Tomkins 8T1, President, ODA and Clinical Instructor at U of T.

SHOW YOUR BLUE!

The 5th ODA Cup will be at Western. Let's have a strong turnout by U of T alumni. Get your name on the email list by contacting sabrina.martinez@dentistry.utoronto.ca or check our website in 2012 www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni

Zarb Clinical Research Lectureship

Encouraging the next generation of clinician scholars

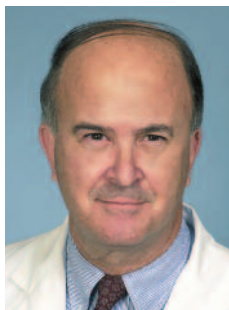
The George Zarb Clinical Research Lectureship has been created through donations from his special friends and colleagues as a tribute to his leadership in clinical scholarship throughout his four decades as Professor and Discipline Head of Prosthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry.

Dr. Zarb's innovation and leadership has made a clear difference to the practice of dentistry. His research in dental implantology led to advancements to the stage where it is now a successful and valid procedure that has benefited many patients throughout the world. He has authored widely-used textbooks in his field and was also instrumental in establishing prosthodontics as a recognized specialty in Canada.

This Faculty-wide Lectureship seeks to advance and sustain the Faculty's clinical sciences development and leadership via annual invitations to selected clinical scholars from around the world. The Zarb Lecturer is chosen to underscore an eclectic clinical research scope. The keynote lecture, seminars, and informal sessions with staff and students will underscore the significance of the three determinants of clinical scholarship – education, research and patient service.

Dr. Sreenivas Koka, Professor of Dentistry, Chair of the Department of Dental Specialties, and Consultant in the Division of Prosthetic and Esthetic

Dentistry at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, will be the inaugural speaker, launching the Faculty of Dentistry's George Zarb Clinical Research Lecture on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. at the Faculty of Dentistry, 124 Edward Street. Dr. Koka's keynote talk is entitled Osteoporosis and the Mouth: Truth, Half-truth and Fiction. Much has been made of the oral-systemic link between



the mouth and osteoporosis, yet a great deal remains over-interpreted and even more remains unknown. This presentation will focus on three specific oral-systemic issues: Osteoporosis and dental implant therapy; bisphosphonate therapy and osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ); and bisphosphonate therapy and dental implant failure. Clinical management guidelines supported by scientific evidence will be presented to help the clinician make prudent patient-centred treatment decisions.

The lecture, which will be followed by a reception to commemorate the event, is open to alumni and friends of the Faculty of Dentistry. Register with Leah Raz at the Dental Research Institute l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4900 Ext. 4600.

HONOUR DR. ZARB

Dr. Zarb's colleagues and former students generously donated over \$100,000 to permanently endow the George Zarb Lectureship. These donors will be recognized at the inaugural lecture.

To make a contribution, please contact Miriam Stephan in the Dentistry Advancement Office: miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775.

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Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

Committed to Making a Difference

The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards were established in 1994 by the University of Toronto Alumni Association and the Division of University Advancement in order to recognize students who have made outstanding extra-curricular contributions to their college, faculty or school, or to the university as a whole.

The Faculty of Dentistry applauds **Shayna Levitan**; **Nicole Maciel**; **Sean Steven Tjandra**; **Claire Wan Hong** and **Matthew Wing Chiu Chan** who were among this year's recipients.



In her capacity as Director of both Orientation Week and *Dentantics*, **Shayna** provided leadership and sacrificed her time to ensure both events would be highly successful. She embodies leadership, character and selflessness.

The recipient of numerous academic awards during his time at the Faculty, **Matthew** has also been involved in various volunteer activities. He has helped deliver dental care for impoverished individuals in South America, as well as outreach teaching programs in Mississauga for disadvantaged youth.



Claire can best be described as an individual who leads by example. She has worked tirelessly behind the scenes of several major Faculty events. Claire is a true leader who continually tries to be of service to others.



With his calm demeanour, good communication skills and his considered approach to dealing with problems and issues, **Sean** has been able to effect a positive student environment.



Nicole has been an integral part of student life from the day the Class of 2011 stepped through the doors of 124 Edward Street. She has been on Class Council yearly, has helped run student events, has participated in *Dentantics* and has been part of the two-time champions dentistry intramural volleyball team.



ALUMNI BRINGING CARDP TO TORONTO

U of T Dentistry alumni **Kim Parlett** 7T9 and **Cary Letkemann** 8T0 are currently President and Convention Chair respectively of the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics (CARDP), which is bringing its annual meeting to Toronto, September 22-24.

CARDP was formed in 1992 through the merger of the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry (CARD) and the Canadian Academy of Prosthodontics (CAP). CARDP quickly became a strong national member-based organization.

In 2008, CARDP's peer-reviewed journal added a new scientific voice to the Canadian dental landscape. This e-journal is published four times a year allowing members and guest contributors to publish scientific and clinically based articles that are evidence-based.

This year's program includes hands-on sessions, golf, sailing, fast paced lectures by renowned speakers, table clinics, spousal programs, and evening social events. U of T faculty member **Dr. John E. Davies** will speak on Mesenchymal Stem Cells and Tissue Regeneration in the Craniofacial Complex. Table clinics include a U of T student table clinic.

Many U of T alumni have volunteered with CARDP and its predecessor organizations CAP and CARD which were founded in the 60s. A recent donation from CARDP to the Faculty of Dentistry helps to fund the new endowed George Zarb Clinical Research Lectureship.

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2011 Awards of Distinction Gala and Silent Auction

Over 500 guests attended Toronto's newest and greenest event venue to recognize achievement and contribution to the profession and the community.

The Gala raised funds for the Faculty's Access to Care program.

Jack Cottrell – a volunteer for improved oral health in developing nations and a leader in dental professional organizations at the provincial, national and international level



Melissa Summerfield accepting on behalf of Oral Health – 100 years furthering the cause of preventive dentistry and providing current clinical content



Chris McCulloch – internationally renowned scientist, compassionate student mentor, a leader bridging the academic and private practice communities



Moved by the sounds of Shugga, one of Toronto's best known funk and R&B cover bands



Alumni Manager Sabrina Martinez with emcee Anne Mroczkowski (Global TV) and Dean David Mock



Raising a glass to toast the Award recipients



Fun in the photobooth with Dean Mock



Lucky holders of the keys unlocking trips to Tuscany and Riviera Maya



Oral Health team members celebrate 100 years since its founding by the first U of T Dentistry Dean

ACCESS TO CARE FUND

How it's making a difference

This year the Faculty of Dentistry launched the Access to Care Fund to make dental care available to those individuals in our clinics who otherwise could not afford it.

Three of our students share their experiences of what it is like to try to provide the best possible oral health care for patients facing financial difficulties.

THESE ARE THE NUMBERS:

15,000	patients annually
80	percentage without insurance
75	percentage with family income below \$40,000

8T0 Makes 30th Reunion Gift

Following their 30th reunion in 2010, the class of 8T0 wished to do something special to commemorate their milestone anniversary. Together, they donated \$30,000 to the Access to Care Fund, which provided a way to help both patients in financial need and students seeking to increase their clinical experience.

Way to go 8T0!

WHO ARE WE HELPING?

We're helping...

- A single mother who postponed her own dental treatment to ensure that her children got regular visits.

We're helping...

- A young man who suddenly found himself out of work and unable to complete his treatment.

We're helping...

- A patient who saved up money for perio treatment at the Faculty but had to cancel treatment when her husband lost his job.

We're helping...

- A divorcee who receives no financial support from her ex-husband and who is responsible for taking care of her daughter and her elderly mother.

We're helping...

- A patient on disability for two years after falling on the job and breaking his back.

We're helping...

- A senior on a pension who can no longer eat with 40 year old dentures.



Scan the QR code or go online at youtube.com/user/dentistryuoft to learn more about what the Access to Care Fund is doing for patients at the Faculty. Also check out the QR on page 20.

Dental Students Share Patient Stories

A tough childhood that provided nothing in the way of a stable environment on which to build her life, Melanie's patient was passed from one foster home to another. Now at retirement age she works two part-time jobs, struggling day to day just to pay the rent.

Her treatment plan included a number of fillings and eventually a new upper and lower denture. A good friend offered to loan her the money she needed to get started but partway through her treatment her friend ran into financial problems of his own. It looked as though the dentures would just not be an option.

"When I told my patient that she had been approved for the Access to Care Fund and that we could go ahead with her dentures she was almost in tears she was so happy," said Melanie.

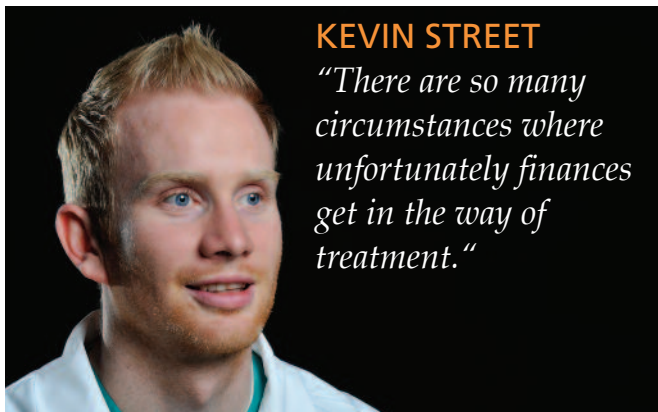
MELANIE TANG

"She was planning to go another two years without dentures, hoping that by that time she might be able to afford them."



KEVIN STREET

"There are so many circumstances where unfortunately finances get in the way of treatment."



Half-way through his third year, Kevin began working with a single mother who had recently immigrated. As they worked together on a treatment plan it became obvious that finances would dictate what they could achieve. Because so many teeth would have to be extracted dentures were the best option, but her limited income meant dentures would have to be put on the back burner. Kevin applied to see whether his patient could qualify for the Access to Care Fund.

Her new appearance has made a huge difference in the quality of life she can enjoy, and in the confidence with which she can now approach job interviews.

Lisa's patient came to the clinic just a few months after beating a 15-year addiction that started during a difficult childhood. Because she had decided to return to school she was only able to hold down a part-time job. Although suffering from acute pain because of the many cavities she had she wouldn't take any pain killers because of her history of drug abuse. The regimen of oral health care that Lisa introduced her to, and which her patient has followed faithfully, has resulted in some small cavities actually remineralizing. However one tooth did need a root canal and crown so Lisa applied to the Access to Care Fund.

"Once she was approved I told her that we had the funds and she was so excited, and so thankful that people who didn't know her or her story were willing to help her."

LISA PAIGE

"She was so thankful that people who didn't know her or her story were willing to help."



Research Day 2011



Faculty, staff, and students filled the auditorium on February 15th to view the outstanding research on display this year. 74 posters were presented.

Guest speakers spoke on the theme of Translational Research: **Dr. Paul Santerre**, Professor in the Faculty of Dentistry and Director of the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering, University of Toronto, and Dr. Christopher Overall, Professor, Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences, Centre for Blood Research, University of British Columbia.

Two mini talks were also given by the winners of the Student Research Group (SRG) / Alumni Travel Award competition funded by the Alumni Association. Graduate student, **Annie Shrestha** gave a talk entitled 'Multifunctional Chitosan Nanoparticles to Disinfect and Improve Structural Stability of Dentin'. Undergraduate student, **Tae Kwon**, spoke on 'Screening and Elucidating Biological Factors associated with Severe and Refractory Periodontitis Phase II: Immunological and Genetic Profiles of Severe and Refractory Periodontitis Patients.'



SRG /Alumni Travel Award winners
Annie Shrestha and Tae Kwon

Awards were presented to students in the following categories:

SUMMER STUDENT CATEGORY

Abbasali Hassanali, Hans Shih

BASIC SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT CATEGORY

Siavash Hassanpour 1T0 MSc, Sidarth Chaudry,
Ryan Schure 1T0, Kristen McKenzie

CLINICAL SCIENCE GRADUATE STUDENT CATEGORY

Guy Aboodi, Michael O'Toole

EDUCATION, BEHAVIOURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES RESEARCH CATEGORY

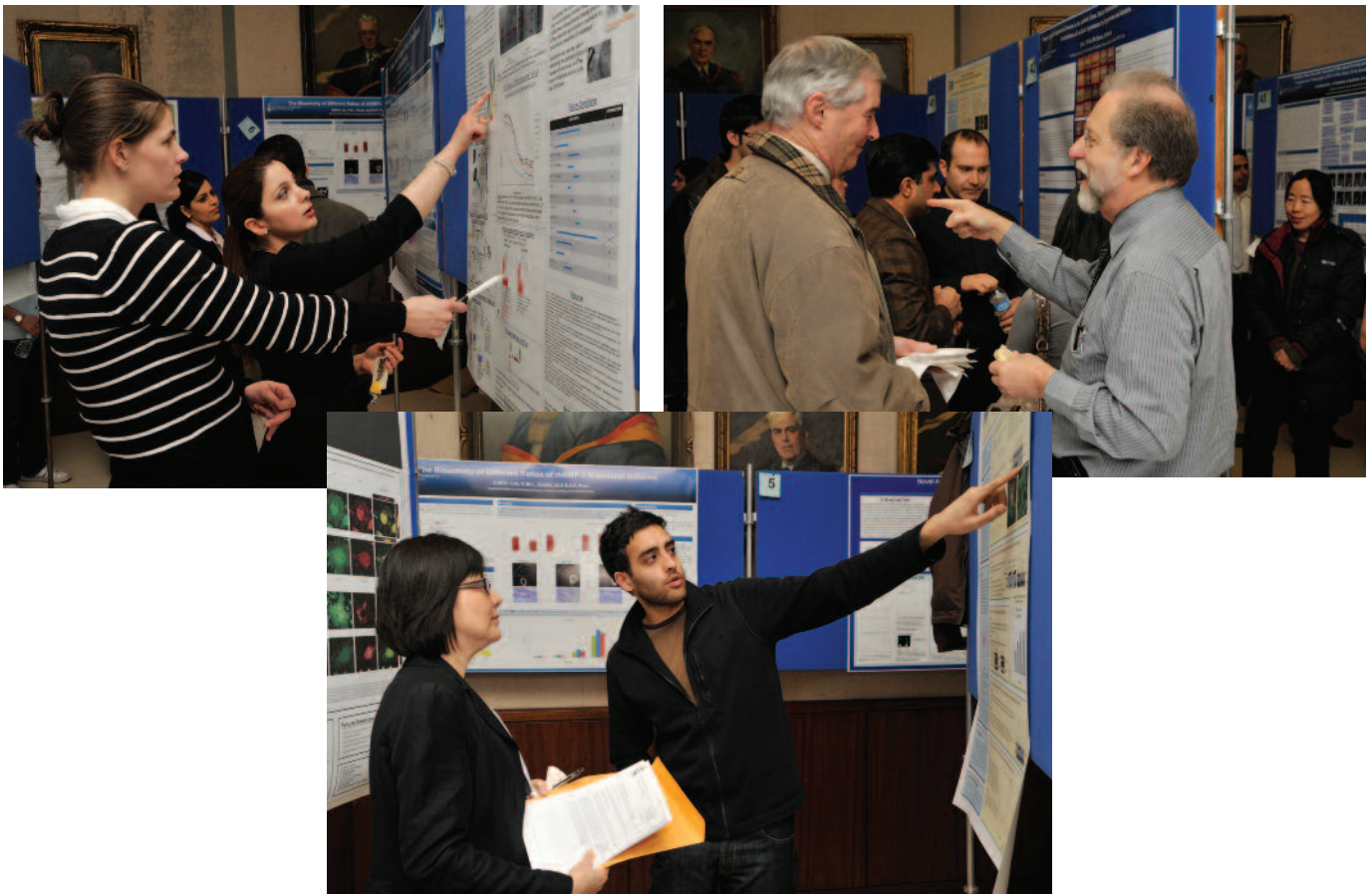
Rafael Figueiredo

POST-DOC AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES CATEGORY

Ibrahim Mohammad 1T0 MSc, and Delphine Dufour

STUDENT RESEARCH GROUP/ALUMNI TRAVEL AWARD

Tae Kwon and Annie Shrestha



“An understanding and appreciation of research in oral health is an integral part of the dental student experience. The ability to make evidence-based decisions and critically evaluate research is vital to the provision of successful health care. Those students who participate in research gain the ‘hands-on’ experience and Research Day is their opportunity to demonstrate the product of their efforts to the rest of the Faculty, the student body and the profession. At the same time, Research Day exposes all the students to the breadth of research in the Faculty and lets them hone their critical skills.”

DEAN DAVID MOCK

Free Registration for Alumni! Next year’s Research Day will be held February 14th. Contact Leah Raz at l.raz@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4900 Ext. 4600

Research Grants

*The following
faculty members
have recently
received grants
for their research*

Dr. Morris Manolson has received a five year CIHR Operating Grant to discover fundamental mechanisms by which the cells that break down bone are regulated. This information could lead to the design of new drugs that would help to prevent the excessive bone loss that occurs in various types of periodontal diseases and arthritis.

The most recent five year CIHR Operating Grant received by **Dr. Christopher McCulloch** 7T6, 8T2 PhD, will fund research that will provide new ways of looking at how mechanical forces affect the supporting tissues of the teeth, and help to identify the regulatory systems which govern how teeth attach to the jaw bone. This information could lead to improved methods of tooth movement in orthodontics, and better clinical management of occlusal trauma.

Dr. Boris Hinz has received three year funding from the Collaborative Health Research Program CHRP/NSERC as a co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Thomas Quinn and collaborator Dr. Paul Martineau (both from McGill University, Montreal) for new technologies for growth of artificial cartilage and skin. By introducing a new platform technology, the project will contribute to improvements in health care through cartilage and skin tissue engineering.

Dr. Hinz is also a co-Principal Investigator on a five year CIHR operating grant, received by Dr. Andras Kapus (St. Michael's Hospital), for a study titled Fate-determining mechanisms in the epithelium during fibrogenesis: role of cell contacts.

Dr. Anil Kishen, Endodontics, has received CFI (Canadian Foundation for Innovation) funding for a state-of-the-art laboratory to enable research on the phototherapeutic management of inflamed dental pulp tissue. The results of this research program may be applied to tissue regeneration and to management of wounds and microbial infections.

Dr. Paul Santerre and colleagues
Drs. Labow, Ruel, Simmons and Suuronen
have received a three-year CIHR grant to
conduct research which will impact peripheral
vascular disease by introducing a new
approach to generating life-saving bypass
vessels. The principal investigators have
synthesized a degradable polymer that is non-
toxic to human blood vessel cells, produces
low-inflammation and good wound healing
characteristics and yields healthy connective
tissue integration within the material. This
grant will establish the methods needed to use
this novel polymer to regenerate replacement
vascular grafts, as an option to current
methods of vascular bypass.

Dr. Yoav Finer OTD PhD, has been awarded a four year NIH R01 grant for 'New Composite Material Design Based on Studies of Tooth-composite and Microbial Interactions'. His co-Principal Investigators are **Dr. Cvitkovitch** and **Dr. Santerre**.

Awards and Recognition

CIHR post-doctoral fellowship awarded

Dr. Charles Godbout, in the Faculty of Dentistry's Matrix Dynamics Group, has recently been awarded a CIHR post-doctoral fellowship to perform a project in the laboratory of **Dr. Boris Hinz**, entitled: *'Regulation of contractile activity of myofibroblastic cells by chemical and mechanical factors: implications for wound healing and fibrosis'*. He is investigating the molecular mechanisms that regulate the contraction of connective tissue cells, ultimately leading to tissue contracture. This project will provide useful insights on mechanisms of pathological tissue remodelling, making another important step towards the definition of possible therapeutic targets in fibrosis.

CIHR Undergraduate Scholarships, NSERC Discovery Grant and CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund Grant

Congratulations to **Mijhgan Ahmed** (DDS1), and **Amr Abou-Zeid** (DDS1), who have been awarded CIHR Undergraduate Scholarships in Musculoskeletal Health and Arthritis to perform summer research projects in the lab of Assistant Professor **Dr. Tara Moriarty**, Oral Microbiology, Matrix Dynamics Group. (See page 29 of the Winter 2011 issue of *Alumni Today* for more information on the research being conducted by Dr. Moriarty. Back issues can be read online at utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni.)

Dr. Moriarty has also recently been awarded an NSERC Discovery Grant and CFI Leaders Opportunity Fund infrastructure grant for purchase of a spinning disk microscope for live imaging of bacterial infection.

University of Toronto researcher elected Fellow of the AAAS

Professor Paul Santerre of the Faculty of Dentistry and the Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering (IBBME) has been elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the world's largest science society and publisher of the prestigious journal, *Science*. This fellowship recognizes Professor Santerre's distinguished contributions to biomedical engineering through research in polymer chemistry, the development of medical devices, and for leadership in engineering education.

Newly elected Fellows were introduced at the AAAS Annual Meeting held in February in Washington D.C.

"To be recognized by the AAAS as a fellow is quite a humbling honour for me given the calibre of scientists who are on this international list of leaders. It is gratifying to see that not only our science but our efforts to disseminate our knowledge through teaching, talking to the public, developing national and international networks and translation of knowledge into medical products, are also valued and recognized within the community at large."

J. PAUL SANTERRE, DIRECTOR
Institute of Biomaterials and Biomedical Engineering

Professor Santerre was the Keynote Speaker at the Faculty of Dentistry Research Day on February 15 (See pages 24-25), and also the Keynote Speaker for the US Society for Biomaterials on April 13-16, 2011.



What do Skiing and Endodontics Have in Common?

Both are technical disciplines which require navigation along paths which are often winding, sometimes treacherous, yet almost always exhilarating. As such it seems quite natural for the staff and students of the Graduate Endodontics Program to return to the slopes of the Alpine Ski Club in Blue Mountain for an annual ski day tradition that dates back to 1993.

Following a day of enjoyment on the mountain, and a delicious luncheon generously sponsored by Victor Onwudiwe of Dentsply Tulsa Dental Specialties, everyone was graciously hosted by **Dr. Cal Torneck 5T8** and his wife Fay at their beautiful chalet for après ski.

The evening was full of laughter and anecdotes – a large proportion of which did not involve MB2 – and will not soon be forgotten.



We Need Your Teeth!

Research at the Faculty of Dentistry requires the use of extracted teeth for studies related to understanding disease processes such as caries. Working on extracted teeth allows us to conduct studies in the laboratory to simulate clinical conditions of disease processes.

Current research collaborations between the Biomaterials and Microbiology Disciplines focus on bacteria-tooth-composite resin interactions. It is now recognised that the resin-tooth interface is the weak link in the resin-composite restorations and as such limits the restorations longevity. We investigate the role of the primary pathogen of human dental caries, *Streptococcus*

Mutans in the initiation and progression of secondary caries that occurs along the compromised resin-tooth interface. This laboratory study requires the use of freshly extracted teeth.

Dentists in the Greater Toronto Area can help our research by providing us with un-restored fully intact teeth that were extracted in their offices, such as impacted wisdom teeth or teeth that were extracted for orthodontic reasons. All that is needed is to place the freshly extracted teeth in a vial containing distilled water, frozen and then shipped. Vials and shipping will be provided.

Your contribution and support of dental research is greatly appreciated.

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Creating a Magical Day

Alison Sigal, third year student at the Faculty of Dentistry and the Founder of Oral Health, Total Health (OHTH), works tirelessly to organize Sharing Smiles Day, an event held each March to bring together individuals with special needs, their care workers, and dental students to enjoy a day of bonding, fun, and, most importantly, education. This year's Sharing Smiles Day, held in Oakville, was the biggest and best yet with over 450 in attendance. A special thanks to second year co-chairs **Sabrina Ramji** and **Jenn Holody**.

The goal is to build positive relationships and to help patients with special needs understand how to take better care of their own oral health. The event is free for all attendees.

"It is up to our generation to make a change," Ali states. "If every student participating gets four years worth of Sharing Smiles Day, then they will feel more comfortable with treating these individuals upon graduation. Once they are in their own practice it will hopefully translate into more of them opening their clinic doors for persons with special needs."

"We wish to thank all of the volunteers for what you have all done today. Not only have you educated, but you have put smiles on faces – that alone counts tremendously. You have all created a magical and memorable day! Many thanks to all of the volunteers who warmed the hearts of our clients."

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Dentantics Antics

This year's 90th anniversary of *Dentantics*, DenTVision, is the story of an exhausted dental student who comes home after a long week at school, looking forward to finally catching up on some much needed relaxation and TV time. To his surprise and mounting frustration, every channel is somehow dentistry related!

DenTVision featured everything from Clinic Director

Dr. Valenzano's long arm of the law in 'Clinic Cops' to the difficult-to-please orthodontist in 'Say Yes to the Dental Dress'. From first year to fourth the generous involvement and talented contributions of our students was astounding: dancers, singers, choreographers, videographers, musicians, artists, writers, actors... the list is endless.

Performers and audience members alike had a fantastic time and shared a lot of laughs all while raising over \$12,000 for the Faculty of Dentistry's Access to Care Fund.

We hope that you will join us next year for the 91st annual production of *Dentantics*, where the long-standing tradition will continue to shine!

Allison Clark and **Dan Vockeroth**
Producers of DenTVision –
Dentantics 2011



DenTVision Producers Allison Clark and Dan Vockeroth.



Dan Vockeroth, Kincaid Chan, Caley Nadon, and Alessandro Virgulti rock the house.

Summer Maqdassy, Lorraine Serletis and Allison Clark wow the crowd in their dentistry inspired gowns in 'Say Yes to the Dental Dress'. Dresses created by first year student Katherine Muzar with the use of dental clinic gowns, latex gloves and plastic barriers.



Joe Ng and Caley Nadon's beautiful ballad 'Bridge Over Troubled Molars' led to record breaking hits on YouTube following the show.



Mike Nguyen as Justin Bieber with backup dancers Aditya Patel and Ashish Patel.



*View a clip from the show.
Scan the QR code or go online at
youtube.com/user/dentistryuoft*

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DSS/Alumni Association Awards

Honouring faculty and staff members who have made a significant difference to students over the past year, and recognizing students for their outstanding extra-curricular contributions and leadership within the Faculty.

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AWARDS:

1T4 - Dr. Eric Freeman 6T5, 6T9 Dip Perio, 7T0 MSc

1T3 - Dr. George Lee 9T2

1T2 - Dr. Daniel Haas 7T9, 8T4 BSc Dent

1T1 - Dr. Dorothy McComb 7T4 MSc

ANITA ARBOR (STAFF OF THE YEAR) AWARDS:

Connie Farramenta

Monica McFarlane

Elizabeth Geref

Terri Jancen

STUDENT WINNERS:

150 point level:

Sari Hershenfield

Stacey Kirshenblatt

Meredith Evans

Shobhana Hoover

300 point level:

Shayna Levitan

Huy Nguyen

Nicole Maciel

Edwin Chang

450 point level:

Sean Tjandra

Claire Hong

DENTAL STUDENT SOCIETY HONORARY AWARD MEMBERS:

Dr. Greg Anderson 8T6

Dr. Richard Rayman 7T0

Dr. Lorne Chapnick 7T2

Dr. Luch Valenzano 8T3

Ms. Lucy Ferraro

SPORTS AWARD WINNERS:

Men's Hockey: Garry Toor

Men's Soccer: Alessandro DeCesare

Coed Football: Thomas Laurenza

Coed Volleyball: Alessandro Virgulti

Women's Soccer: Kristen Brandao

Coed Football : Jackie Evans

Coed Volleyball: Erika Schroeder



Dr. Dorothy McComb receives the DDS4 Teacher of the Year Award from Sean Tjandra, President of the Class of 2011



Monica McFarlane, one of the recipients of the Anita Arbor Awards



Elizabeth Geref accepts an Anita Arbor Award from third year President Aditya Patel



Terri Jancen accepts an Anita Arbor Award from Sean Tjandra, fourth year President



Connie Farramenta accepts an Anita Arbor Award from first year President Joseph Hasso

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