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Following an extensive search, the Faculty has a new Dean. **Dr. Daniel Haas**, who took office on July 1, brings a rich background in research, teaching, clinical service, and administrative experience, as well as extensive involvement with national and international organizations.

Professor Haas received a BSc (with Honours), a DDS, a BScD (Anesthesia) and a PhD (Pharmacology) all from the University of Toronto. In 1991 he was named a Fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada in the Dental Sciences.

His scholarship has been recognized internationally with the receipt of a number of major awards: the International Association for Dental Research Distinguished Scientist Award for Pharmacology / Therapeutics / Toxicology Research (2004); the Heidbrink Award from the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology (2007); and the Leonard Monheim Distinguished Service Award of the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists for contributions to anesthesiology. He has been the only Canadian to win each of these awards.

Professor Haas is also a dedicated teacher and is the recipient of a number of teaching awards including: 14 Dental Students Society Teaching Awards; the A. Bruce Hord Master Teacher Award (1991 and 2000); and the W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Dental Education (2005). He is the director of the graduate program for the specialty of dental anesthesiology. He has been very active in continuing education and until recently maintained his clinical practice skills through a one-day per week commitment at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre’s Department of Dentistry, where his work focused on providing sedation and anesthesia for dental patients with special needs.

Finally, Professor Haas has considerable administrative experience both at the University of Toronto and outside of the University. For the past eleven years he has served as the Associate Dean, Clinical Sciences, overseeing the accreditation review of the Faculty’s DDS program this past year as well as the 2004-05 review. He has extensive involvement in Faculty committees and has chaired numerous search committees in the clinical sciences. He has also served as an executive member of the University of Toronto Centre for the Study of Pain.

Professor Haas’ expertise has been sought by other dental schools in Canada. He has served as an accreditation site visitor on many occasions as well as a decanal reviewer. His extensive administrative experience also extends to the national and international realm. He is the President-Elect/Treasurer of the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry (ACFD) and from 2002-2008 he was the Chief Examiner for the Objective Structured Clinical Exam of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada (NDEB). He also served on the Strategic Planning Committees for both of these bodies. He was President of the Canadian Academy of Dental Anaesthesia in 1995-96 and 2001; Chief Examiner and then Councillor in Dental Sciences for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada from 1995-2006; and since 2009 he has been on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists.

Response to Professor Haas’ appointment has been extremely positive within the school and from our external partners. We are very pleased that Professor Haas is bringing his vast range of talents and skills as the new Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Toronto.
Envisioning the Future

Last year I was truly honoured to be appointed as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry. As an alumnus and faculty member, I am very proud of our school. It has had a profound and defining impact on my life, as it has for so many of you. This impact has been through the people associated with the school – the students, faculty, clinical instructors, support staff, and of course my classmates and fellow alumni. Together, the people of this school train students to become dentists who will provide excellent care throughout their careers. Our research advances knowledge in oral health. We benefit from synergies with the wider U of T community, with its own broad strengths across a remarkable range of disciplines. Our work benefits patients not only in Ontario, but across Canada, and around the globe.

As with all great institutions, our strengths present many opportunities and we are fortunate to have generous alumni and friends who support our work. Yet, we also face challenges. To continue to move forward we must not rest on the past accomplishments of my great predecessors. Leadership is about change – initiating change proactively with a clear, shared vision.

It is because of both our strengths and our challenges that I welcome the opportunity to serve as Dean and work with all who care about the Faculty to make our impact even greater. On a very simple level, at the end of my term, I want to see that the school will be a better place than when I started. What “better” looks like will be defined through our strategic plan that we are now undertaking. Through a consultative approach, we will review every aspect of our school including education, research, patient care, student and staff experience, and our relationships with those in our broader community of practice, including alumni and organizational partners. We will ask questions that must be answered for us to be as good as we can be. What do we do well now? What don’t we do well? What do we need to do to improve? Where are we needed? Where do we want to go? What must we do to get there?

As we envision what our school will look like in the future, I invite you to imagine with us. What do you believe we need to do to demonstrate excellence and be the leading dental school? Please write or e-mail me with your suggestions for positive improvements. Together we can make a difference.

DANIEL HAAS 7T9, 8T4 BscD, 8T8 PhD
Staying Connected

It seems like only yesterday I was graduating from dental school and happily leaving academics behind, but the longer I am out, the more I see the value of my education and the benefits of staying connected to the Faculty of Dentistry. As students, we needed the school to help us get started on a truly great career. Now, being involved with the school can assist us in continuing to grow professionally and in responding to a different kind of need – the need to help those who come after.

The Faculty of Dentistry – and all of the members within – made our professional lives possible. Yes, there may have been some who at times made us feel miserable; however, there were also the kind professors, light-hearted staff, appreciative patients, caring clinical instructors and inspiring lecturers who made the many years of preparation more enjoyable. We received so much as students and now, as alumni, we can have the privilege and joy of giving back.

We can continue to improve the student experience and to help the next generation of dentists by mentoring them, teaching in clinic, or just getting to know them informally by attending Dentantics, the ODA Cup and other student events. I have had the privilege of representing the Alumni Association at Student Research Day and it is great fun to chat with today’s students and hear about the advanced research they are doing. You also can’t help but reminisce about some of the real fun of being a dental student!

Fellow alumni have also inspired me and I want to say a special thank you to Valerie Stavro 8T4 for her service as Alumni President over the past three years.

All alumni of the Faculty of Dentistry are members of the Alumni Association and I strongly encourage you to get involved, whether it is with your time, financially, or both. Annual donations to the Faculty are a great way to give back to the school, and whatever the amount, your participation makes a valuable difference to the current and future students. Your contributions and participation in alumni events will help to make our school the best it can be, for the students of today and tomorrow, as well as for us alumni who represent – and are represented by – this great school in our professional lives.

I hope to see you at the Awards of Distinction Gala on April 6 and at the ODA Spring Meeting!

Amit Puri 0T0

Dragonboat Team Wins Bronze

The Faculty of Dentistry’s Dragonboat Team, Plak Attack, had a great season culminating in the annual two-day event which brought together people from all over the world to participate. This year’s team succeeded in winning a bronze medal in the University Cup E division.

Supported by Scotiabank and the donations of alumni and friends through the Dentistry Annual Fund.
MARCH 14 – 15

**Dentantics 2013**

**DENTISTS GOT TALENT**

7:30 p.m., Isabel Bader Theatre
93 Charles St. W., Toronto, ON

Alumni and friends are invited to join us for the 92nd annual Dentantics; bring a few classmates and reminisce about your student days as you are entertained by our current students. Proceeds from the production will proudly support the Faculty’s Access to Care Fund. Tickets $20.

To order tickets contact Miriam Stephan, Alumni Relations Manager at: miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775.

MARCH 23

**ODA President’s Cup Hockey Tournament**

*Date*: Saturday March 23, 2013, *Time*: 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
*Location*: Varsity Arena at the University of Toronto
299 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1W2

Alumni are encouraged to cheer on the U of T Dents hockey team as they take on UWO. Proceeds from the game will benefit the Lisa Montanera Bursary (U of T’s charity) and D.O.C.S. (UWO’s charity). Tickets $10. To order tickets, contact Miriam Stephan at miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775.

MARCH 24

**5th Annual Sharing Smiles Day**

Le Dome Banquet Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
1173 North Service Road East, Oakville, ON

Oral Health Total Health (OHTH) in partnership with the U of T Faculty of Dentistry and Mount Sinai Hospital Dental Department bring you Sharing Smiles Day, presented by Manulife Financial. Join us for this special outreach event that emphasizes the importance of oral health care to persons with special needs and raises awareness of the oral health care issues in our community. The day includes a carnival morning of various games, followed by a luncheon and interactive demonstrations on brushing. For more information or to become involved in the upcoming Sharing Smiles Day please contact info@ohth.ca – website: www.ohth.ca

**ODA PRESIDENT’S CUP 2013**

*Calling All Hockey Lovers!*  

**It’s time to cheer for your team…**

**The Event:** ODA President’s Cup 2013 hockey game  
**The Teams:** U of T and UWO dental schools  
**The Venue:** Varsity Arena at the University of Toronto  
299 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1W2  
**The Date:** Saturday, March 23, 2013  
**The Time:** 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
**The Payoff:** Charity hockey game for the Lisa Montanera Bursary (U of T’s charity) and D.O.C.S. (U.W.O.’s charity)  
**The Cost:** Tickets $10. To order alumni tickets, contact Miriam Stephan at miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775
Awards of Distinction Gala

6:00 p.m. Cocktail Reception
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel,
Grand Ballroom, 123 Queen Street West, Toronto, ON

Join your fellow alumni and friends for an elegant and fun filled evening as we proudly honour the accomplishments of: Rita Bauer, Dr. Barry Sessle, Dr. Bryan Tompson.

All funds raised will support the Faculty’s Access to Care Fund. Contact Miriam Stephan, Manager of Alumni Relations, with inquiries at miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775 or visit www.utoronto.ca/dentistry/alumni/gala.html

MAY 2 – MAY 4

ODA Annual Spring Meeting

May 2 – 4, 2013
Booth #1020, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
South Building, 222 Bremner Blvd., Toronto, ON

Visit our booth, let us know how you’re doing and flip through our “hya yaka” yearbooks. You will also have the opportunity to catch up with clinic staff, or get started on planning your next reunion. Hope to see you there!

CALLING ALL REUNION ORGANIZERS!

If you graduated in a year ending in 8 or 3 please contact Miriam Stephan, Manager of Alumni Relations at the Faculty of Dentistry for reunion assistance. We can help with contact lists, name tags, giveaways, venue suggestions, and University of Toronto honoured year pins and medallions. Contact: Miriam Stephan at miriam.stephan@dentistry.utoronto.ca or 416-979-4775.

University of Toronto Spring Reunion Dates: May 29 – June 2, 2013 For more information go to: http://springreunion.utoronto.ca/

UPCOMING REUNIONS

DDS 5T8 55th Reunion. Thursday, May 2nd, 2013. Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, ON M6A 1C3. 
Cocktails – 7:00 p.m. Dinner – 8:00 p.m. Notices and maps have been mailed.
Contact: Al Vaughan. Cell: 647-973-3306. Fax: 416-239-1860. E-mail: arvaughan@sympatico.ca

DDS 6T3 50th Reunion. Thursday, May 2nd, 2013. National Yacht Club, 1 Stadium Road, Toronto, ON M5V 3H4.
Dinner – 6:00 p.m. We are updating our class list, so please send us your contact information whether or not you plan to attend.
Contact: Roel Wyman or Ralph Grose. Tel: 416-225-9675. E-mail: 6t3dental@gmail.com

DDS 6T8 45th Reunion. Details TBA. Contact David Ellis. E-mail: dentall@sympatico.ca

DDS 7T3 40th Reunion. Friday, May 3rd, 2013. U of T Faculty Club, 41 Willcocks Street, Toronto. Dinner – 6:00 p.m.
Contact: Barry Hood, Tel: 416-484-1493. E-mail: barryjhood5@gmail.com or Kevin Roach, Tel: 613-735-6798.
E-mail: kandaroach@hotmail.com

Dental Hygiene 7T3 40th Reunion. Saturday, May 4th, 2013. Faculty of Dentistry. Time: 11:30 a.m.
tour of the facilities sponsored by the Alumni Relations Office) Prearranged lunch to follow at a nearby restaurant.
Contact: Linda Skelton Strevens at tlstrev@rogers.com or Colleen McManus at colmin@rogers.com

Email: drmrcardi@hotmail.com
6T2 Celebrates 50 Years

On Thursday, May 10, at the Islington Golf Club, the Class of 6T2 celebrated its 50th year since graduation. Thirty-four classmates and eighteen spouses attended. We all enjoyed the magnificent view from the clubhouse location, thanks to Alan Joe.

The evening commenced with a sparkling cocktail reception, with wine and hors d’oeuvres. We intermingled, exchanged greetings, renewed friendships and reminisced about past experiences in dental school. A memorabilia table was viewed with humour, as it contained our old dental textbooks, laboratory instruments, and an articulator, all with 50s and 60s music playing in the background. Some had trouble in identifying classmates from Pre-Dents photography provided by Gerry Weisberg and Ted Dinniwell. Photographs were taken during this happy reception.

We were honoured to have the retiring Dean David Mock with us, along with Susan Alksnis, Director of Advancement at the Faculty. Dean Mock gave us a brief update on the Faculty. They presented each graduate with a Faculty mug, a Faculty silver pin and a 50 year gold pin from the University of Toronto.

Norm McFarlane, dressed splendidly in his colourful Scottish kilt, led us to dinner with spirited renditions from his bagpipe. The names of our deceased classmates were solemnly read by Bob Pick, followed by a prayer of remembrance and thanksgiving by Alan Joe. We then sat down and enjoyed a sumptuous dinner.

A special thank you to Miriam, Susan and Sabrina in Alumni Relations & Advancement at the Faculty for assisting and helping to organize our 50th reunion.

Bob Pick

Class of 7T2 Dental Hygiene Celebrates 40th!

Our reunion on May 11, 2012 was held at Adega Restaurante on Elm St. and was well attended with classmates travelling from as far away as Tasmania. Thanks to Dean Mock and Susan Alksnis for stopping by for a visit to start off our evening. It didn’t take long for the room to fill with chatter and laughter as we caught up with our lives and reminisced about the past. It was decided we would get together again in five years and hopefully those that could not attend this event will be able to next time.

Until then... Jenny Fodchuk
Dental Nurses of 5T1 Celebrate 60th Reunion

The Toronto Hunt Club was the venue for a 60th reunion luncheon on May 28, 2011 with classmates coming from as far away as Los Angeles and Victoria, B.C. Fifteen members of our original class of 24 members were in attendance, along with 7 spouses. Only one class member has passed away and eight others were unable to attend.

Joan Eddy

The Dental Hygiene Class of 6T2

The Dental Hygiene Class of 6T2 met on May 2, 2012 at the Fairmont Royal York Hotel to enjoy a luncheon. Fond reminiscences were shared and great memories of our university years.

Joan McEachern

Dental Hygiene 7T7

The 35th reunion of the last class of U of T Dental Hygiene was held Friday, May 25th, 2012 at the Adega Restaurante not far from the Faculty. Twenty-one attendees enjoyed a wonderful dinner. Each classmate took her turn updating the others about work (most still working), family (many are now grandparents), travel (everywhere) and life in general. The laughs were many. Everyone had such a good time that all agreed not to wait another five years. Plans are underway for another dinner next year.

Thanks to Muriel Laughton, Cheryl Cancelli and Terri Schipper for planning a great evening.

Terri Schipper
Thank You Class of 8T2!

At their 30th reunion, the reunion committee presented a cheque for $13,000 to be added to their 25th reunion gift for a total of $42,750 to support the Faculty of Dentistry. Pictured left to right: Susan Alksnis, Director of Advancement, Janice Mummery, Sheryl Lipton, Maryann Seefus, Rob Pasch, Dean David Mock, Committee Chair Jaideep Lal. The reunion committee also received an Arbor Award – see page 23.

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Send your reunion class news, comments, questions, letters/email, personal or professional news, or other input, along with photographs, to:

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may be edited due to space
limitations.

The class of 2014 proudly presents
the 92nd annual Dentantics:

Isabel Bader Theatre
March 14-15, 2013
dentantics2013@gmail.com
Continuing Education Implant Residency for Practicing Dentists (January to December 2014)

Course No: MR-01-14
Locations: Some sessions will be held at the U of T Centre for Continuing Dental Education; others will be at the Faculty of Dentistry.

The Continuing Dental Education Department of the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto announces a Continuing Education Implant Residency for Practicing Dentists in implant dentistry. This will be a part time, evidenced based program offered on various Fridays and Saturdays starting in January 2014 and running until early December 2014.

COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will involve didactic and hands-on training together with the opportunity to treat two or more patients under the supervision of Faculty experts from your own practice including case selection, diagnosis, treatment planning, surgical phase and prosthodontics phase to final completion. Student dentists may select patients requiring single of multiple implants but all patients to be treated must be approved by the Faculty as suitable for the educational requirements of the student.

This is not a course based on a single implant system. Participants in this program will have the opportunity in the first phase of the residency to become familiar with a variety of implant systems and then choose the system that they wish to use in the patient treatment phase. Different systems may be selected for each patient to broaden the educational experience or the student can choose to use the same system for both patients.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own patients and do have the option of charging the lab fee back to them. The Faculty can arrange a patient for a participant, if requested, but the lab fee cannot be charged back to the patient. Note: This course will meet the new RCDSO Guidelines for Educational Requirements for Implant Dentistry.

TUITION: $18,000 (This includes all materials, laboratory fees and all associated costs)

Financial terms as follows:

- Deposit $1,000 with registration before April 1, 2013
- Additional $5,000 by June 30, 2013
- $6,000 September 15, 2013
- $6,000 December 1, 2013
- NO refunds for any payment made.

To register contact: continuinged@dentistry.utoronto.ca and a registration form will be emailed to you.

DISCLAIMER: Dental education institutions have an obligation to disseminate new knowledge related to the dental practice. In so doing, some presentations may include controversial materials or commercial references. Sponsorship of a continuing dental education course by the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry does not necessarily imply endorsement of a particular philosophy, procedure, or product by this institution. The University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry reserves the right to cancel this course due to circumstances beyond its control.

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Dr. Gerald Baker 6T4

Dr. Gerald Ian Baker passed away on January 21, 2013 after a year-long battle with cancer, which he fought with dignity and courage. Over the past 45 years he practiced oral and maxillofacial surgery, first in an office setting, and later full time at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto where, as chief of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, he served as teacher, mentor and administrator as well as surgeon.

Dr. Baker received distinguished teaching awards throughout his career and was responsible for the surgical experiences of both hospital-based residents in general dentistry and the residents in the specialty program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

He received his DDS degree from our Faculty in 1964 and held the rank of Assistant Professor. He also served as Consultant Surgeon at Princess Margaret Hospital and Baycrest, as well as a senior consulting surgeon to the Wasser Pain Management Centre at Mount Sinai.

Gerald was admired and respected by his family, friends, colleagues, patients, students and staff alike.

Rosemary Dinnick

Longtime staff member Rosemary Dinnick passed away suddenly on April 23rd, 2012. Rosemary was a very reliable and dedicated employee in the clinics, where her tireless efforts supported the Faculty for many years.

Rosemary said that although she had never attended university as a student, she was very proud of having the opportunity to work at the University. We will miss her very much.

Gaye Donnan shared with Alumni Today: ‘Our Rosemary cherished her sixteen years working in the Faculty in the Packaging Department with Walter Benevides. Rosemary would comment she never had an opportunity to go to University and this chance to work in one was a dream come true!’

Dr. Edward (Ted) William Moore 1T2

The entire Faculty of Dentistry was saddened by Ted’s passing on July 20th, 2012, shortly after completing the DDS with honours. Ted will be greatly missed by his classmates, instructors, and staff at the Faculty of Dentistry.

In addition to his intelligence and diligence, Ted was a kind and caring individual. Ted was born in Toronto and attended Jarvis Collegiate. He went on to earn his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees at Stanford University before entering U of T Faculty of Dentistry.

He is survived by his loving wife Natasha, and beautiful daughter Alice; and will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his parents Thomas and Carole; his brothers Gregory (Kylie) and Jason (Janna); his nephew Lias and by his many friends and extended family.
Dr. W.D. MacKay (Bill) 5T2

Bill passed away peacefully on March 7, 2012 in Mississauga, Ontario in his 91st year. Born in Alness, Scotland July 1921, Bill moved with his parents, at the age of five, to a farm in Limerick, Saskatchewan. At age twenty-one Bill joined the Canadian Army and served for four years. The following year, 1947, he was accepted into the Dental Faculty at the University of Toronto and received his DDS in 1952. Bill then began his private practice in Assiniboine, Sask., and married in 1953. When he was offered a part-time teaching position at the Faculty in 1955, he re-established his practice in Ajax. By 1959 Bill had a full-time teaching position with the Prosthodontics Dept. and his practice went to part-time until he closed it entirely in 1965. In 1964 he was offered a full professorship and that year Bill also took on the position as Chairman of the Dental Materials Dept., which he held until his retirement in 1986.

Bill loved teaching and devoted his time to initiating, developing and refining courses and materials for Dental Materials. He also served on committees related to the Prosthodontic Dept., Dental Technicians, Dental Hygienists, and Dental Assistants, becoming a member of the Governing Board of Dental Technicians. Bill was made the Honorary Class President of the graduating class of 6T6 and in 1967 was granted tenure at the University.

Bill had a great sense of humour, and a fun loving spirit and was quick to put his friends and students at ease. He lived and taught by very basic honest rules and morals. He was a much loved and well-respected teacher, who always made time to help his students.

During his sabbatical in 1979 Bill took on research in the field of Forensic Dentistry, becoming a lifetime member of the Canadian Society of Forensic Science.

After his retirement in 1986, Bill and his wife Barb travelled to places in the U.S.A., St. Lucia, and Scotland but he always preferred to spend time at his workbench either at home or at his country property in Flesherton. Bill was always very proud of his Scottish heritage and indulged in many past-times including antique collecting and restoration, oil painting, golfing, gardening, and music (including the bagpipes). Bill will be fondly remembered by his many students, including the hygienists at George Brown College and by many colleagues and friends at the Faculty and lovingly by his family.

Dr. Ross Hewitt Sheppard 5T4

It has been said that “Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends will leave footprints in your heart.”

I first met Ross in 1949 in the Pre-dental class of 5T4. We were roommates for a time at 1 Devonshire Place, (South House). We were on the Dents Waterpolo team and were cast in Dentantics for four years.

He served as House President one year at South House. He also met his future wife Janice, (a 5T1 Dental Nursing student at that time) in the main dental clinic while watching some dental procedures on myself.

Ross was very generous to me, loaning me text books and inviting me to his home on various weekends. Ross alerted me to a practice opportunity in St. Catharines, and we shared so many good times through the years.

In private dental practice for 40 years, Ross was always generous with his time and energy in helping those less fortunate. He served as a founding member of Meals on Wheels, was an active volunteer with the local Out of the Cold program, and dedicated many years of service to the St. Catharines Lions Club through which he helped establish a special support facility for deaf children among a variety of other charitable endeavours. Active for many years with St. Paul Street United Church, Ross also served professionally with several dental organizations and associations – one year as President of the Niagara Peninsula Dental Association.

Ross enjoyed cottage life with his children, grandchildren and friends and took pleasure in many activities such as fishing, curling and wood carving.

Ross passed peacefully at home on the 9th of January 2012. Loving husband of 57 years to Janice, father to David (Christina), Kent (Maureen) and the late Carol (Ohlsson). Grandfather to Britton and Andrea Sheppard, Taylor and Jannika Ohlsson. Brother of Robert (Christine) of St. Catharines, Bruce (Janet) of Pembroke, brother-in-law to Patricia Taylor (Aurora). Ross will also be fondly remembered by many nieces and nephews.

Rest peacefully Ross ... you are missed.

Wayne H. Tester, 5T4
Remembering...

Dr. Albert (Ted) E.K. Hogg 5T1

Dr. Albert (Ted) E.K. Hogg 5T1 passed suddenly on August 2, 2011 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ted was a veteran of the Second World War, serving with the 4th Canadian General Hospital from 1940 until 1945. He graduated from the Class of 5T1 and retired from his dental practice at Main and Kingston Road in Toronto in 1988. While still in practice, Ted bred championship thoroughbred and hunter horses at his farm in Claremont, Ontario.

Ted was married to his devoted and loving life-long partner and wife of 59 years, Joan. Together they created a legacy of love, respect and devotion to family with two sons, Bruce and David, two daughters Hillary and Kimberly and six grandchildren in Ontario and British Columbia. The entire family will miss the quiet guidance and support his presence provided each of them throughout their life. All his family and friends will miss his simple love of life, consistent spirit, compassion and friendship.

Dr. Charlie Stickel 5T3 1930-2011

At the small airport in Kaslo BC, about where a light plane would lift off, Charlie’s heart gave out, and he died quickly with the final effort of cutting down his Christmas tree. Charlie was 81, a veteran of two by-pass operations, and died as he had lived, “making the most of it.”

A 5T3 Faculty of Dentistry graduate, Charlie had a dental practice in Tillsonburg, with his wife Mary DN 5T3, as his assistant, for 34 years. Then, after reading an article in the Dental Journal about the Underserviced Area Dental program, they sold their practice and house, and worked together in this program until they retired in 1990 to Kaslo BC.

Charlie was a member of the COTC 1950-53, XI PSI PHI Fraternity, United Church member, a 53 year Mason, life member of the Lodge of Perfection, and held a private pilot’s license in the 60’s and 70’s. In retirement Charlie began wood carving, and increased his philatelist interests, fishing and reading time. Charlie was a collector of many things, and foremost were precious dear friends, of which he had many.

Charlie said that one of the most satisfying moments of his working career was when he brought three students from the local high school (when he was serving on the school board) to an Open House at the Faculty of Dentistry. All three were eventually accepted in the program, with two of them returning to Tillsonburg to practice. Later, a young patient of his asked about entering dentistry, and did so, at University of Western Ontario, graduating, and also returning to Tillsonburg to practice.

One of Charlie’s and Mary’s most rewarding dental experiences was working as the Travelling Dental Team, in the Ministry of Health Underserviced Area Program, and in the far north, at the Pickle Lake posting.

Charlie was married for 59 years to his beloved wife Mary, and he was father to four children, Charles Jr., Shelley, Patty and Jamie, and singularly proud of all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dr. George D’Arcy Atkins 6T5, 7T4 Dip DPH, 7T7 MScD

D’Arcy passed away on May 8, 2011 from complications of diabetes.

He was born and raised in Toronto, graduating from St. Michael’s Choir School and St. Michael’s College at University of Toronto in 6T1. After completing his DDS at the Faculty of Dentistry 6T5, he began a private practice with lifelong friend Ross Good 6T5. For years he provided dental care for special needs patients in residential facilities in Aurora and Cobourg. Ever the student, the following years brought diplomas in Anaesthesia (Pittsburgh) and Public Health (U of T 7T4), a Master of Science (Dentistry) 77T9 and Fellowships. As Dean of Health Sciences and Community Services, George Brown College, his constant concern was for both faculty and students, many of whom have been kind enough to let me know what this meant to them.

D’Arcy successfully balanced academic pursuits with an ongoing musical education, completing the Associate of the Royal Conservatory of Toronto and maintaining a sixty year commitment as church organist serving two large Toronto parishes. Life with me began in the dental faculty cafeteria over coffee and bagels, and continued in spite of Dentantics rehearsals for 44 years of marriage. Our children and grandchildren were the delight of his life. We will miss him.

Linda Rose Atkins 6T5 Dip. DH
Lisa Marie Montanera

During her second year in the DDS program, Lisa Montanera passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on January 18, 2012. Lisa was an accomplished student, pursuing a long-held dream to become a dentist. In her first year at the Faculty of Dentistry, Lisa received the Zindart Award in Community Dentistry, awarded to the most outstanding student in First Year Dental Public Health. Her classmates dedicated the 2012 Sharing Smiles Day to Lisa’s memory, a day of outreach to special needs patients.

The beloved daughter of Mary Lou and Walter, and cherished sister of Michael (Katharine), Christopher, and Daniel (Jassie), Lisa will be deeply missed by the love of her life, Trevor Holmes. She is the precious granddaughter of Margaret and the late Randy Borron, and Onelia and Guerrino Montanera. Her many aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends will keep her in their hearts. Lisa embraced life and accomplished so much in a short time.

Her parents have established the Lisa Montanera Bursary at the Faculty of Dentistry to support DDS students. Family, friends and her DDS 2014 classmates are also contributing to the bursary in her memory. (See page 25.)

Tributes

Please send your personal tributes and memories of those alumni who are no longer with us, to:
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My wife and I recently travelled to Peru to hike the Inca Trail to the ancient city of Machu Picchu. The three-and-a-half day hike took us to elevations as high as 4200m above sea-level, up and down undulating landscapes in the mountains, and through natural and man-made tunnels that have stood the tests of time and nature. On the last day of our hike, we reached a landmark on the trail called Intipunku – otherwise known as the “Sungate”.

From this point on the trail, hikers can catch their first glimpse of the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu down below, a huge reward after such a long and arduous trek. On the descent from the Sungate towards Machu Picchu, we frequently encountered tourists climbing up the trail towards the Sungate.

Out of sheer luck, I happened to recognize one of the many travellers walking past us in the opposite direction as Dr. Lynn Tomkins – the Past President of the Ontario Dental Association with her husband Daniel A. Kmiecik, both class of 8T1.

Dr. Tomkins is a tremendous ambassador of dentistry, a huge supporter of The U of T’s Faculty of Dentistry, and was one of my clinical instructors in the Emergency Clinic at the University of Toronto.

As our meeting on the Inca Trail was quickly turning into a bottleneck with hikers building up in both directions, we quickly exchanged greetings, took a photo opportunity and went on our ways.

If you are thinking about doing the hike up to Machu Picchu, stop thinking and DO IT! (Get medical clearance from your family physician before you go, of course). You will be rewarded with one of the most awe-inspiring views that this world has to offer. And you never know who you might bump into when you’re up there!

Michael Banh 0T6

Dr. Banh has been practicing general dentistry in Uxbridge since completing his dental degree. A member of the ODA, Dr. Banh enjoys all aspects of dentistry with particular interests in periodontal and implant surgery. Dr. Banh is dedicated to giving back to the Uxbridge community, supporting several local organizations and events including: The Uxbridge Public Library, The Uxbridge Skating Club, The Uxbridge Diamond Half Marathon, The Uxbridge Rotary Club, The Uxbridge Music Scholarship Trust, Uxbridge Fall Fair, The United Way Durham Region, and The Lucy Maud Montgomery Society of Ontario. His commitment to helping others goes beyond the borders of Uxbridge, Ontario. Dr. Banh has been involved in two medical/dental missions to Ghana, Africa where he provided free dental care for the local population.
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For medical and dental photography expert Rita Bauer, there was no turning back when she decided to forge a new path in life. At the tender age of 18, Rita left her small-town home in Austria with $20 and a one-way plane ticket to Canada and managed to land a job before the money ran out.

Rita’s career in medical photography began by accident. Shortly after arriving in Canada she applied for a job at a hospital thinking that she would be developing radiographs. The job was actually in the medical photography department. Having graduated as a fine art photographer in Austria, Rita had to learn the specialized craft of medical – and later dental – photography. Her attention to detail and high standards of quality were key assets for her new field.

In 1978, Steve Burany, the head of the medical photography department at the Faculty of Dentistry, offered Rita a job in a most unorthodox manner. “I had my job interview in Steve Burany’s glider, soaring over the African Lion Safari near Hamilton,” Rita said. “Any doubt that I had about wanting to move from my current position at the Hamilton Civic Hospitals as a medical photographer was removed. I realized that working with Steve at the Faculty would be a pretty exciting place. He was somewhat of a legend at the Faculty and was well known amongst his peers as one of the most knowledgeable photographers in this field.”

Rita started teaching a few courses a year on Dental Photography in 1985 but when digital photography became a standard procedure for any progressive dental practice, the demand for her courses skyrocketed. At the same time there was an urgent need for universities to implement digital technology into every facet of teaching and lecture material and academics had to be converted to a new way of communicating.

In 2006 Rita stepped down as manager of the Faculty’s Media Services but still works part-time on special projects as needed at the Faculty. She continues to travel around the world, giving presentations, workshops and in-house staff training through her company Bauer Seminars Inc. With more than 600 invited presentations across North America and around the world she has become one of the most sought-after experts on the subject.

The timing for early retirement was perfect. “Freedom 55 really worked for me,” Rita said. “My lecture schedule was booked full and the Media Services department team under the management of James Fiege has the vision and know-how to keep up with the constant changes of technology in the teaching and research environment.”

Her pride in her Media Services colleagues is obvious when speaking with her. “It is such a pleasure to be surrounded by dedicated, young and smart professionals where every day is all about learning and sharing knowledge,” Rita said. “Without exception, we are there for each other and we love our jobs providing top quality education support.

“I honestly believe that there is no department in North America like ours.” She credits all the deans and the academic staff throughout her years at the Faculty for their vision that the teaching material has to be of the best quality.

Rita’s energy and enthusiasm for what she does is contagious. When working on a challenging photographic project, she is known to say that “good enough is never good enough... it has to be perfect.” Rita is certainly someone who has never settled for ‘good enough’ and the success and accolades she has received throughout her career are a direct result of that philosophy.
Twenty percent of Canadians suffer from chronic pain that affects the mouth, face, back, or other parts of the body. Its economic cost in Canada is estimated to be over $30 billion annually, but it is the emotional and physical cost of pain on individuals and their quality of life that causes individuals to seek health care. Untreated and undertreated pain carries a huge economic and immeasurable social cost in terms of suffering and loss of quality of life. Many Canadians also suffer from sensorimotor dysfunctions affecting movements of the jaws, face, limbs etc. This is exemplified in the lives of those individuals suffering from a stroke affecting the sensorimotor cortex, those with Parkinson’s Disease, and those who have difficulty learning to adapt their sensorimotor functions to a new dental prosthesis or rehabilitative surgical procedure. Dr. Barry Sessle’s research group is one of the few that addresses the mechanisms in the brain involved in orofacial pain and these important sensorimotor functions.

Dr. Sessle graduated from dental school at the University of Sydney, Australia in 1963 and went on to complete a Masters in oral biology. This triggered his interest in orofacial pain research which eventually led to his PhD in Sydney and post-doctorate work in dental neuroscience at the US National Institutes of Health. He joined the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry in 1971, and took on the role of Associate Dean (Research) from 1985-1990 and then Dean of the Faculty from 1990-2001. He is currently Professor, Faculty of Dentistry and Faculty of Medicine, and Senior Canada Research Chair (Government of Canada). He is the former President of the International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP), the International Association of Dental Research (IADR), the Canadian Pain Society (CPS), and the Canadian Association for Dental Research.

Dr. Sessle has received significant awards and honours from a wide variety of national and international organizations of fellow researchers and clinicians, including the IASP, IADR, and CPS, and has also received two honorary doctorates. He held the first-ever endowed chair in a dental school in Canada (the Zwingenberger Decanal Chair, at U of T), and is the only dentist to have been elected to two national bodies of distinguished scientists and scholars in Canada: the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Science. He also is the only dentist elected President of the IASP and was the first dentist elected President of the CPS. He was honoured by the American Academy of Orofacial Pain by an award in 2004 for his dedication to pain research, service and teaching. This was only the second such award in the [then] 28 years of the organization’s existence.

Since 1974 Dr. Sessle’s research group has received continuous research support from both the Canadian Medical Research Council/Institutes of Health Research and from the National Institutes of Health in the United States. There is high demand for training in Dr. Sessle’s research laboratories, resulting in a 38-year history of training and mentoring over 100 graduate and research students, post-doctoral fellows, and visiting professors/visiting scientists. For Dr. Sessle that means a great deal of his time is spent interacting with his research team at the Faculty or with colleagues overseas. His travelling schedule is gruelling, with over 15-20 international lectures given each year. In addition to the time spent supervising graduate and research students and post-doctoral fellows, Dr. Sessle also teaches at the DDS and graduate levels and is actively involved in the activities of the U of T Centre for the Study of Pain.

In recognition of his role in education, Dr. Sessle was selected to receive this year’s Outstanding Mentorship Award of the CPS. The research being conducted by Dr. Sessle and his team at the Faculty has tremendous implications for enhancing the quality of life of people who experience chronic orofacial pain or sensorimotor dysfunction. Described by his peers as one of the top, if not the top researcher in this field, Dr. Sessle’s research findings continue to provide new insights into the field and lead to new diagnostic or therapeutic approaches.
An alumnus of the University of Toronto Faculty of Dentistry, Dr. Tompson received his DDS in 1966 and began his career as a dental resident at the Hospital for Sick Children. During his time there he developed a real interest in paediatric dentistry. Soon after, he studied Paedodontics and Orthodontics at U of T. Armed with his certification in both, Dr. Tompson took on the position of division head of the Orthodontics program at Sick Kids in 1989. The Hospital for Sick Children’s Cleft Lip and Palate Program is recognized worldwide for providing excellence in cleft care and is the largest program in North America seeing approximately 120 newborns each year and providing regular comprehensive follow up for 3,500 children with cleft lip and/or palate.

One of the things that Dr. Tompson is particularly proud of is the number of orthodontists that have completed the one year Craniofacial Fellowship at Sick Kids and then taken the treatment protocols and the expertise they have gained in treating the cleft palate population back to their home community.

In 2000 Dr. Tompson was asked to consider taking on the position of Acting Head of the Discipline of Orthodontics at the Faculty, and in 2001 became Head. This position and his role as Division Head at Sick Kids were both full-time positions. The time challenges involved in juggling two full-time positions were resolved by developing what Dr. Tompson refers to as “a sense of efficiency combined with the support of the full and part-time orthodontists that play a significant role in the education of our orthodontic residents”.

In his role as Head of Orthodontics at the Faculty, Dr. Tompson has developed an ‘integrated’ three-year graduate orthodontic program and designed a graduate clinic as well as student work stations and service areas. His numerous published works are mainly in the area of Cleft Lip & Palate and Craniofacial Anomalies. He has lectured nationally and internationally; is a member of many associations and serves on the reviewing panel for several journals.

His love of orthodontics and his dedication to providing the best possible care and outcomes for children with cleft lip and/or palate throughout their development is also demonstrated in his involvement with Transforming Faces. This charitable organization helps pay for the treatment of the cleft population in countries such as China, Indonesia, Africa and Peru. As one of the directors of the organization, Dr. Tompson is involved in assessing the viability of various projects that are presented to them. A recent project, which aims to close the gap in cleft care, provides decentralized care for children in four poor areas of Lima, Peru by setting up four Community Rehabilitation Centres, allowing low income families better access to quality treatment close to their homes. Over 80 patients have been treated in the past five months and over 100 patients evaluated.

Even Dr. Tompson admits that there are only so many days in the week, and the private orthodontic practice that he once worked at part-time is now no longer part of his schedule. With one child being born with cleft palate every two-and-a-half minutes worldwide, the work that Dr. Tompson is doing both at the Hospital for Sick Children and the Faculty in both training and treatment, is making a world of difference in the lives of children and their families not only here in Canada, but around the world.
Class of 8T2 30th Reunion Committee
The Dentistry Class of 8T2 DDS Reunion Committee brings their class together every five years to reminisce and re-connect. The committee members – Jaideep Lai (chair), Sheryl Lipton, Janice Mummery, Rob Pasch and Maryann Seefuss – call every class member and organize reunion class gifts to fund facility improvements at the dental school. The committee’s work keeps the Class of 8T2 connected to one another and to the Faculty.

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Dr. Marvin Klotz
Dr. Marvin Klotz receiving the “Honorary Membership Award” from ODA Immediate Past President Dr. Harry Hoediono, at the “President’s Dinner Dance”, May 25, 2012.

Congratulations to Marvin Klotz for being a recipient of the highest award given by the ODA. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the art and science of dentistry by members who have made a sustained and outstanding contribution to the dental profession for at least 30 years.

Marvin was Editor of Alumni Today from 1982 – 2004. He is currently Director of the UniteHere Wellness and Dental Centres and is also a consultant with the CDPA and members of the profession.
On the evening of November 5th, more than 100 students, faculty, volunteers, alumni and friends gathered at U of T’s Faculty of Dentistry to honour student award recipients and to launch the first phase of the Faculty’s $18 million campaign.

Dean Daniel Haas announced the success to date of the Faculty’s initiative, which has already secured $9.6 million – more than half the goal. By January 31, the total raised had increased to over $10.25 million.

“This is a testament to the dedication of our alumni and friends,” said Haas “and we are most grateful to everyone who has contributed thus far.”

Haas outlined the Faculty’s immediate plans to raise $5 million for student awards.

“Students are the future of dentistry” said Haas, “and their futures bring greater health to the people of Ontario, Canada and the world. Providing financial aid is a tangible way of showing our students we support them, recognize their commitment and hard work and understand the financial pressures associated with studying dentistry.”

Dean Haas had the great pleasure of unveiling four new student awards established through substantial pledges from Mark and Edith Nusbaum, Walter and Mary Lou Montanera and Dental Emergency Service. The impact of these generous gifts will be doubled through University matching programs.

Vice-President of Advancement David Palmer announced the creation of a fifth student award, the George and Olga Haas Scholarship, endowed by Dean Haas in memory of his parents, who placed tremendous value on higher education. The impact of the gift will also be doubled through the Boundless Promise gift matching program.

Another immediate goal of the campaign is to raise $3 million to support expenses related to lower-income patients who come to the Faculty’s dental clinic requiring urgent dental care. The Access to Care Fund allows the Faculty to supplement what patients can afford so that they can complete the treatment recommended for them.

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Dean Daniel Haas

“Almost 20,000 people each year receive treatment they would not otherwise,” Palmer noted. “Dental clinics represent one of the University’s most tangible and direct examples of service outreach to the community. Great praise is due to the clinical instructors, clinic staff, and particularly the students, who work to ensure these patients have healthy smiles and all the opportunities that affords.”

The next phase of the campaign will be informed by a broadly defined strategic plan under Haas’ leadership, which will lead to additional fundraising efforts to attract and retain distinguished scholars and teachers through permanently endowed Chairs and Professorships. This effort will also focus on research innovations in dentistry, such as molecular biology, pain management, biomaterials, bone regeneration and public health that have ramifications across the entire realm of human health. The campaign for Dentistry is a vital part of the University-wide Boundless campaign, a $2 billion fundraising effort.
The following major gifts were announced at the November 5th event celebrating student awards and launching the Dentistry campaign. The impact of each of these gifts is increased through gift matching programs such as the new Boundless Promise program to double the impact of gifts establishing undergraduate student awards.

Dr. Mark and Edith Nusbaum honour David Mock and Barry Korzen

The Nusbaum family has made a gift of $100,000 to establish two endowed fellowships for PhD students in clinical areas. The Dr. David Mock Scholarship honours his leadership during his tenure as dean from 2001-2012. The Dr. Barry Korzen Scholarship recognizes his contributions as Head of Endodontics and Assistant Dean. Both fellowships are receiving matching support through the University. The Nusbaums are very generous and loyal supporters of the Faculty of Dentistry. They established the Nusbaum Family Lecture Room, and make regular gifts in support of the Faculty’s Media Services program.

Dr. Hugh MacKay Dental Emergency Bursary

Dental Emergency Service has pledged $75,000 to establish this bursary to support DDS students. Dr. MacKay was in the class of 5T7 and taught for many years at the Faculty. He was a founder of the Dental Emergency Service (DES), which provides after-hours and other emergency dental care for patients. His two co-founders and 7T4 classmates, Aldo Boccia and Adrienne Schmidt, attended the awards evening, along with Dr. Bill Kivlichan from Dental Emergency Service and Dr. MacKay’s son Thomas whose sister Sandy sent her best regards. Dean Haas noted that he had worked at DES for nine years soon after it was founded.

The George and Olga Haas Scholarship

This award was recently established by Dean Daniel Haas in memory of his parents, who placed tremendous value on higher education. This award is to be given to a student upon entrance into the first year of the DDS program on the basis of financial need and academic ability. The impact of his gift of $50,000 will be doubled through the Boundless Promise gift matching program.

Lisa Montanera Bursary

Lisa’s parents, Walter and Mary Lou Montanera, established an endowed undergraduate bursary in Lisa’s memory. Family and friends have also contributed to the fund. Lisa’s classmates in DDS 2014 are directing proceeds from the 2013 ODA President’s Cup hockey game to the bursary in her memory. (We pay tribute to Lisa on page 15 of this issue of Alumni Today.)

Lisa Montanera, a member of the DDS class of 2014, will be remembered through the Lisa Montanera Bursary established by her family.
Students receiving academic awards and financial aid were the guests of honour, together with donors to student aid, at the Faculty’s first school-wide event focused on student awards.

The evening, held on November 5th, also included the announcement of the Faculty of Dentistry campaign and several major gifts establishing new student awards matched by the University.

The evening was a unique occasion with attendance by former deans Nikiforuk, Sessle and Mock, joining with Dean Haas, faculty, staff, and alumni representatives. (See photo, page 24.)

Serenaded by students from the Faculty of Music, the cocktail reception provided an opportunity for students to take a welcome break from school work to bask in the collective admiration of their achievements and promise for the future.

“You should feel proud – because we are very proud of you,” said Dean Daniel Haas, noting “You worked very hard to gain admission here and you have excelled here. You earn high praise from your most important critics – your patients – whom we survey regularly.” Dean Haas shared his particular pride in hearing from colleagues at other dental schools who are eager to attract U of T graduates due to the strong training developed at U of T. “You are the future of dentistry. We are extremely proud of you.”

The University’s Vice-President of Advancement David Palmer evoked the long and storied history of U of T dental students and their contributions as alumni, dating back to the school’s founding in 1875 and the many generations of alumni and faculty of U of T Dentistry driven to improve health in Ontario, across Canada, and around the world. Palmer recognized the clinical care provided by dental students as one of the University’s most tangible and direct examples of service outreach to the community.

The crowd enjoyed a short video of third year DDS students Faryn Berger and Soheil Khojasteh speaking about the value of their dental school experience and the importance of student awards to recognize achievement and provide financial assistance.

Guests included many who have made financial contributions toward student aid, and the impact of their generosity was a central theme of the formal program. Dean Haas thanked them for their support and recognized the importance of involved alumni and friends in enabling the Faculty of Dentistry to make a meaningful difference in the lives of people everywhere.
Handing Over the Captain’s Hat…

David Mock completed his second term as Dean on June 30, 2012. Staff and faculty bid him farewell at the end-of-year luncheon. Although currently on administrative leave this year, David continues to be involved in graduate teaching and the oral pathology diagnostic service at the Faculty. He is finding time to be more active as Associate Director of the Wasser Pain Management Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital and is also involved in research to isolate a biomarker for malignant transformation in oral mucosa.

During his tenure as Dean, 2001-2012, the Faculty initiated the Access to Care Fund to assist patients at risk of discontinuing care due to financial hardship.

Professor Mock graduated from the University of Toronto in 1968 with a DDS. After a one-year dental internship in the Toronto General/Toronto Western Hospitals and a year of general dental practice in Mississauga, he proceeded into graduate studies and a residency in Oral Pathology/Oral Medicine in the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto. In 1977 he obtained his Fellowship in Oral Pathology from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada and, in 1978, his Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Toronto. In 1999 he was also granted Fellowship in Oral Medicine from the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. From 1992 to 2000, he was Dentist-in-Chief at Mount Sinai Hospital. David is also a recipient of the Faculty’s Award of Distinction.

Staying ahead of the curve: A unified public oral health program for Ontario?

Members of the Discipline of Public Health at the Faculty of Dentistry contributed to a report released in October 2012: Staying ahead of the curve: A unified public oral health program for Ontario? The report discusses the current status of, and various policy options for, publicly funded oral health care programs with the aim of maximizing efforts to maintain and improve the health of Ontarians.

The report was sent to all Ministers, Deputy Ministers, and Assistant Deputy Ministers with related portfolios, as well as to the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health and the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario. The report grew out of a panel discussion at the Ontario Public Health Convention in 2012.

The report can be viewed online at: http://www.opha.on.ca/PDFs/DENTAL_REPORT_8_5x11_WEB.pdf

Faculty and Staff Transitions

Long time Faculty member Dr. Hardy Limeback 8T3 retired, having made an important contribution to the school and the Discipline of Preventive Dentistry.

Dr. Shimon Friedman stepped down after almost 18 years as Endodontics Discipline Head. Dr. Friedman continues as Graduate Program Director. Dr. Anil Kishen stepped up to become Discipline Head. Debbie Flynn retired after many years in the Graduate Endodontics Clinic.

Gaye Donnan retired in June 2012 and will be greatly missed, having served at the Faculty for many years.

Dr. Jim Lai was appointed interim Associate Dean, Clinical Sciences. He will be overseeing the academic and clinical standards in the DDS program. Dr. Lai has been Discipline Head and Graduate Director of Periodontology since 2005.

Many alumni will miss two recently retired members of the Continuing Education team, Monique Touch and Raisyl Wagman. Continuing Education has welcomed Kelly Geddes as Administrative Coordinator and Kathleen Garces as Administrative Assistant.
International Association for Dental Research

The IADR Education Research Group travel awards for oral presentations at the recent IADR meeting in Brazil were announced. U of T Dentistry was well represented: the Faculty award went to Vicki Leblanc (above) and the student award went to Carilynne Yarasacavitch OT4, OT8 MSc Anaes (below).

Congratulations to both!

CADR Student Research Award

The Canadian Association for Dental Research awarded Mandeeep Sood one of the CADR Student Research Awards in the Senior Basic Science Category. Here he is seen receiving his award from the CADR president Dr. Debora Matthews at the CADR/AADR conference in Tampa, FL.

Mandeeep is a resident in the department of orthodontics, University of Toronto, and has research interests in central mechanisms in pain and motor control. His PhD supervisor is Dr. Barry Sessle.

Science Rendezvous 2012

May 2012 was the first time that the Faculty of Dentistry participated in the university-based science program known as Science Rendezvous. The Science Rendezvous team from our Faculty consisted of nine members from graduate research programs and organized the whole day event to educate and entertain the attendees, mainly children 4-14 years of age. More than 300 children participated and gained knowledge about oral health through interactive demonstrations.

Annie Shrestha, PhD Student, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto

Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards

Congratulations to the Faculty of Dentistry 2012 winners:

Quang Michael Nguyen
Aditya Patel
Alison Sigal
Dan Vockeroth
Aileen Zhou

The student experience at the University of Toronto is more than classes and books. It is life on campus, in the community and in the world at large. The Cressy Awards recognize graduating students for outstanding contributions to improving the world around them and inspiring others to do the same.

The Gordon Cressy Student Leadership Awards were established in 1994 by the University of Toronto Alumni Association (UTAA) 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.
New Network for Canadian Oral Health Research

Associate Dean (Research) Dennis Cvitkovich is co-principal investigator with Dr. Debora Matthews at Dalhousie University to create a New Network for Canadian Oral Health Research. The oral health of Canadians has improved dramatically over the past 30 years; children are much less likely to have tooth decay than in the past, and older Canadians are keeping more of their natural teeth than their parents and grandparents did. This is good news – good oral health is essential for overall health and wellbeing. While significant progress has been made, many challenges remain: we now know that oral disease is linked to other conditions such as diabetes, pneumonia and cardiovascular disease; we know there is a growing issue around oral disease among the frail elderly; and we know that there are groups of Canadians who still have high rates of oral disease and little access to oral care. We can attribute much of the improvement in oral health to research into the causes, treatment and prevention of oral disease. Canada is home to a number of internationally known oral health researchers. Until now, however, most have worked individually or in small groups. The Network for Canadian Oral Health Research will link oral health researchers from ten universities across Canada. The network will: create a registry of researchers, their interests and resources; gather researchers from varied backgrounds but with shared research interests at workshops to plan new research; and work to share the outcomes of research with policy makers, dental professionals and the public. This network will create ways for oral health researchers to share ideas and resources so they can work together to continue to improve the oral health of Canadians.

Congratulations!

Another group of incoming DDS students received white coats in September 2012. Here is Dean Haas with the Class of 2016 and internationally trained dentists joining the Class of 2014.

OUR MISTAKE!
The cover of our last issue, Winter 2012, had an incorrect photo. We are pleased to include here the correct photo of the incoming DDS students at the 2011 White Coat ceremony: In their new white coats, the Class of 2015 together with internationally trained dentists joining the Class of 2013. [Our online version of the magazine has the correct cover photo.]
Academic Awards 1T2 DDS Graduates

Congratulations to all our graduating DDS award winners, and our sincere thanks to all the donors who make these awards possible.

Academy of Dentistry Prize
Alison Sigal

Alpha Omega Fraternity Prize
Hannah Hall

John A. Bothwell Scholarship
Rejane Correa

The J.G. Bourassa Cup
Charmaine Kwong

Harold Keith Box Prizes
Gold
Sayeh Jabehdar-Maralani
Silver
Dustin Kirshen

The Canadian Academy of Periodontology Prize
Hannah Hall

Willa Wen-Lan Liu Chou Award
Hannah Hall

Crown and Bridge Study Club (Toronto Academy) Scholarship
Rejane Correa

Davis Orthodontics Award
Rejane Correa

Dean’s Gold Medal
Hannah Hall

Edward G. Dore Award
Hannah Hall

Irwin Fefergad Award
Aida Kashigar

Dr. Paula Gregory Memorial Award
Alison Sigal

George Hare Endodontic Study Club Scholarship
Adrianna Stromme

George Hare Essay in Endodontics Award
Vladimir Jokic

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