



2017-2018 CONFIDENTIAL IMPACT REPORT:

STUDENT SERVICE LEARNING OUTREACH FUND

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A TIME OF PROGRESS

As the Times Higher Education's highest-ranked Canadian university for the ninth consecutive year, the University of Toronto holds a reputation for excellence – and a responsibility to continue conducting world-class research and education. The Faculty of Dentistry is welcoming this responsibility with exciting changes and a focus on innovation.

Here are some of the highlights of this year of progress:

- On May 25, the Faculty officially opened the doors of its newly renovated fourth and fifth floors. This historic \$20 million revitalization transformed 95 cluttered labs into 25,000 square feet of modernized research lab space and 18,000 square feet of office and collaboration space.
- Renovations have moved down to the second floor, where the Dentistry Library is being updated to provide students with a comfortable and efficient study space.
- Responding to the needs of our students, we have introduced a number of wellness initiatives, including adjustments to the curricular program that enable students to gain more of the critical skills they need.
- We are ensuring that more of our alumni feel represented and included through more responsive programming. Our first major hit: the inaugural Great Alumni Event, which was held on April 27. Over 300 of our graduates spanning more than 60 years were in attendance. We look forward to hosting another terrific Great Alumni Event on May 10, 2019.

The future of the Faculty of Dentistry is bright. Thanks to donor support, we are able to continue providing our students and patients with outstanding education and care, and embrace exciting new possibilities for research and innovation.

“For the past 143 years, this Faculty has pursued its mission – to provide the best possible education to its students, the best possible care to its patients, and to actively further innovations in health through rigorous scientific research – and to do it with passion and integrity.”



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SUPPORTING VISIONARIES



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OUR THANKS TO YOU

As Canada's first dental school, with the largest and most comprehensive dental training program in the country, our goal is to contribute to better health and quality of life by advancing dentistry through superb leadership, innovation, and excellence in education, research and practice.

We prioritize the attraction and retention of leaders who, by guiding and instructing our students, will ultimately contribute to the success of future dental practitioners, educators, and scientists. Through continued donor support of the **Student Service Learning Outreach Fund**, our leadership is setting a course for continued future success. Thank you.

OUR VISION AND VALUES

VISION

We improve health by advancing dentistry through inspired leadership, innovation, and excellence in education, research and practice.

VALUES

We are guided by the following values:

- **EXCELLENCE** in achieving the highest standards of scholarship, critical thinking, professionalism, clinical practice and outcomes
- **ETHICALITY** encompassing integrity in practice and behaviour
- **RESPECT** for diverse ideas, rights, beliefs and perspectives of all students, patients, staff and faculty.
- **COMPASSION** in patient care
- **COLLABORATION** across disciplines and professions, with internal and external partners
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** by fairness and transparency in all of our activities
- **SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY** in meeting the oral health needs of disadvantaged populations and serving the needs of our communities.



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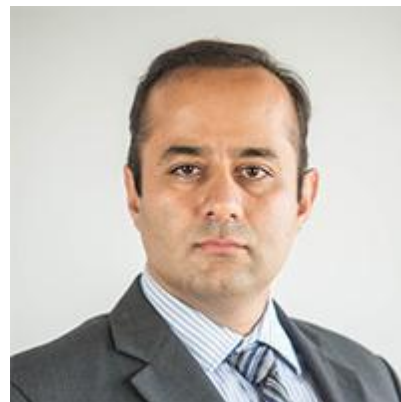


Bright Island Outreach Team in Dominican Republic (2018)

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The *Student Service Learning Outreach Fund* has been used for dental outreach initiatives in Canada and abroad. These initiatives educate dental students on the global challenges in accessing oral health care. Students have the opportunity to visit rural areas in Canada and/or a foreign country to provide free urgent dental care to underprivileged communities while developing their own sense of social responsibility as oral health care professionals. Students have the chance to experience actual oral health challenges while being supervised by a team of highly trained dentists. They also work alongside local dental care providers and community members in a collaborative community-based outreach initiative to promote oral health prevention and treatment.

For the 2017/2018 term, five teams of students and dental care providers were sent to Uganda, Honduras, Guatemala, Dominican Republic and Ethiopia, while 34 students were sent to Haliburton County, Ontario.



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Dental team members with children patients

DENTAL OUTREACH GLOBAL SERVICES

As part of the **Bridge to Health program (BtH)**, two DDS 4 students, Irina Baranova and Jaclyn Scurk, were selected to be part of the dental team who traveled to Uganda from February 3 to 17, 2018. Working in less-than-ideal conditions, students were part of a team that performed up to 150 extractions per day, and provided between 15 and 20 dentures on a given day.

The **Health Outreach - Dentistry for Honduras Program**, was a huge success. Over a 3-week period, 649 children were seen by the hygiene team for cleaning, fluoride, examinations for urgent dental care, and were provided with new toothbrushes and toothpaste. The teams at the dental clinic completed 167 extractions, 250 fillings, 19 root canals, and 1 orthodontic appliance. Two DDS 4 students, John Kerr and Kelsey Motomura, worked together for five days, with a daily average of 11 hours of clinical work and often spent the evenings on case study discussions. Additionally, students had the opportunity to face different challenges and reach different outcomes from in each initiative.

Two UofT Dentistry students also participated in the **Health Outreach - Guatemala Program**. Sina Moshiri and Gagandeep Toor spent five and a half days in the clinic for an average of 8-10 hours per day. Emergency care was provided to patients in pain, and over 750 patients were treated for pulpotomies, stainless steel crowns, extractions, sealants, and restorations.

As part of the **Bright Island Outreach (B.I.O) program in the Dominican Republic**, frontline services of all types were provided by four students: Sina Makaremi, Katie Chung, Boris Godoy-Galvez, and Melody Yao. In total, the team completed 694 treatments on 232 patients. There were 217 surgeries, 330 fillings, 6 root canals, 77 prophyls, 14 dentures, and 50 fluoride treatments.



UofT Faculty of Dentistry students April Xu and Susan D'Souza with staff and students, outside Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia

The **Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC)** is a partnership created in 2008 between UofT and Ethiopia's Addis Ababa University (AAU). In 2018, 2 students (Susan D'Souza and April Xu) were part of the dental outreach program providing dental treatments to people in Ethiopia.

“Learning to provide patient care in less than ideal circumstances was the highlight of our clinical experiences.”

APRIL XU AND SUSAN D'SOUZA,
Volunteer Students, UofT Faculty of Dentistry



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DENTAL OUTREACH COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Haliburton Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO) began in May 2011, and over the course of the past several years, there has been an ongoing increase in the number of students involved in the program. For example, 11 students participated in the 2016/2017 term and that number jumped to 34 students in the 2017/2018 term.

This partnership has given students the opportunity to:

- Provide access to dental care for low-income residents in the area
- Provide education about preventative dental care
- Communicate with the community about the importance of access to dental care and the services of Volunteer Dental Outreach
- Engage and retain volunteers (dental professionals and community members)
- Ensure financial sustainability - through partnerships, volunteer effort, donated services and resources and fundraising

Many students reported that it was the best experience they received in all four years of dental school, as students benefited from the “real dental clinic” experience.

For the 2018/2019 VDO, two students volunteered on September 6 and 7, and two students volunteered on October 4 and 5. More upcoming volunteer outreach dates for the Haliburton VDO are planned for the 2018/2019 term, and students will be selected on an ongoing basis as dates are confirmed.

Our future plan includes a new collaboration with the Bridge to Health program, which is now expanding provincially to Moose Factory and Sioux Lookout.

LOOKING AHEAD

- The Uganda program is now in its fourth year within the Faculty of Dentistry. Faculty supervisor, Dr. Izchak Barzilay, will be selecting two students for the next trip from January 26-February 9, 2019
- Faculty supervisor, Dr. Bill Kerr, will select two students for the next Dentistry for Honduras trip, scheduled for February 9-16, 2019
- Program coordinators, Dr. Bill Kerr and Dr. Pravir Patel, will select two students for the next outreach program in Guatemala, scheduled for January 26-February 3, 2019

It is our community of supporters that help bolster our program and enable our students to change the lives of many while enhancing their clinical and real world experience. Thank you for participating in our success.

“I am truly grateful of the University of Toronto for having funded the trip for us. I would highly recommend this wonderful experience and encourage future third years to apply and gain abroad experience through an amazing outreach program like BIO.”

SINA MAKAREMI, Volunteer Student,
UofT Faculty of Dentistry



“I cannot express the impact it has made for me, my patients, and my future care practice. It has been truly good for the soul.”

IRINA BARANOVA, DDS 4 Student,



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