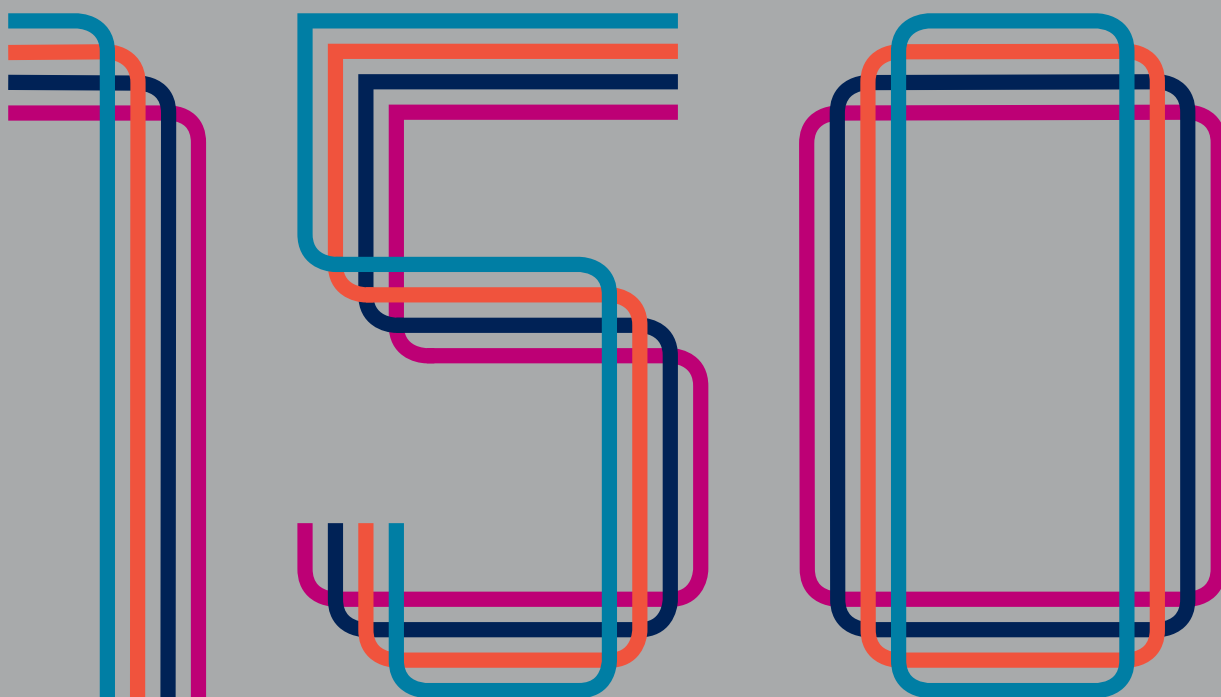


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## MESSAGE FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

### OUR 150-YEAR LEGACY

**W**hat an honour it is to serve the Faculty of Dentistry as interim dean as we mark our 150-year anniversary. Throughout 2025, we will be welcoming our community to celebrate this milestone and reflect on the past, acknowledge the present, and look ahead to what the future holds for us and the profession, too.

As the first, largest and most comprehensive dental school in Canada — we're the only one that teaches all 10 dental specialties — U of T Dentistry is central to the story of dentistry in this country.

Over the past century and a half, our Faculty has graduated more than 13,000 oral healthcare professionals and researchers. But it is you, our incredible alumni community, who have taken your education and gone on to impact the profession and your communities. Our achievements in Canada and across the globe are because of each and every one of you. So, as we celebrate 150 years, we also celebrate all of you.

The Faculty has much to celebrate of late. Thanks to an extremely generous gift from the Rossy Foundation, Clinic 2 at 124 Edward St. will undergo a major renovation. The

University has matched funds to help facilitate this \$40-million project. The new edition of our largest clinic will be equipped with the latest technology to ensure patient comfort and optimal treatment experiences, and it will be more accessible, so that all populations can access care.

I'd also like to acknowledge a \$1.2-million gift from the Canerector Foundation that will support the research of professor Laurent Bozec into better diagnostic methods for

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS), a group of rare and debilitating conditions. This project will help increase our understanding of EDS and, ideally, lead to future treatment options.

To keep building our legacy and our impact, the Faculty depends on the generosity of our alumni and friends.

As you read on to find out more about these donations, take a walk down memory lane through our 150<sup>th</sup> timeline and explore other stories that celebrate the Faculty, I hope you'll share the pride I have for our community. A century and a half of leading in dental education is a long time, and I am confident that our school and our alumni will continue to be cutting edge for many more eras to come. ■

INTERIM DEAN LAURA TAM 875, 973 MSC D

We're the only one that teaches all  
10 dental specialties — U of T  
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dentistry in this country

# UP FRONT

## PINPOINTING WHEN CANCER STARTS

Spatial transcriptomic analysis of oral cancer samples

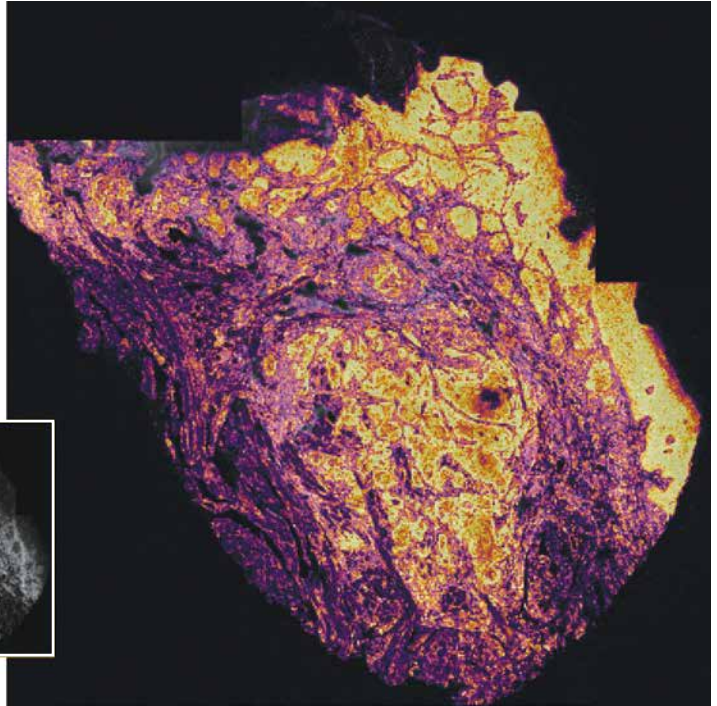
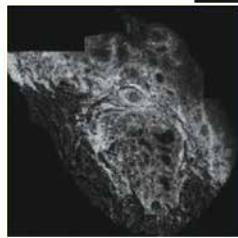


Photo: Courtesy of Marco Magalhaes

**A**ssociate professor Marco Magalhaes of PhD, MSc OP/OM has discovered something important about oral precancer. When the receptor Fn14 is active, you've got a problem.

Fn14 and other members of its family are involved when an oral lesion becomes cancerous. "It's part of the first step of malignant transformation, when the cells start to invade from the surface to the deeper tissues."

"It's also related to inflammation," says Magalhaes of Fn14.

With an operating grant of \$130,000 over two years from the Cancer Research Society, he and his team are taking this discovery closer to helping patients.

They are running animal studies to see how existing medications that target Fn14 — these are already approved for lung and liver inflammatory conditions — can impact oral precancer in mice.

"We already have some results that show that it is, indeed, helpful," he says. More positive results will help the team plan human trials to assess precancerous lesions and treat risky ones, preventing oral cancer.

They will also assess other things, including seeing if skin

cancer functions under similar mechanisms. (Magalhaes suspects it's most likely that a similar process plays out in other cancers of mucosal surfaces.)

Magalhaes says this breakthrough has been a decade in the making, and hopes to be five years away from approved clinical tests and treatments. "If this actually works, we'll have new diagnostic tools and new surveillance strategies. It could make a huge impact directly on patients." ■

## SHARE YOUR VOICE

Complete our annual alumni survey by April 30 and be entered to win one of five \$50 Amazon gift cards



# WELCOMING JAPANESE STUDENTS



From l to r: Anuradha Prakki, Laura Tam, Honami Miyake, Yuiko Shirota, Kanoko Higuchi, Anil Kishen

Photo: Jeff Corbier

**T**hree students from Okayama University Dental School in Japan completed a five-week exchange program at the Faculty this winter. Third-year students Honami Miyake, Yuiko Shirota and Kanoko Higuchi participated in lectures, seminars, pre-clinical sessions and shadowing activities across both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

“Dentistry is taught and practised differently around the world with cultural and technological differences,” says professor Anuradha Prakki, associate dean, undergraduate education. “Opportunities like this provide two-way education: the Okayama students learned from their time at our Faculty and we gained important insight into how oral health care is approached in Japan.” ■

## UPDATE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Stay connected with what's happening at the Faculty and with your fellow alumni and friends in the community! Update your email address at [dentistry.utoronto.ca/alumni/-my-services](https://dentistry.utoronto.ca/alumni/-my-services)



## HAAS AWARDED ORDER OF CANADA

Photo: Jeff Corbier



Professor and former dean Daniel Haas 7T9, 8T8 PhD has been appointed a Member of the Order of Canada.

Haas is a leading expert in dental anaesthesiology and pharmacology who has contributed significantly to dental education and oral health in Canada. His research on local anaesthetic risks has enhanced patient safety and influenced best practices here and around the world.

"It is very humbling to receive this recognition," he says. "Even more importantly, my family is very proud of me for achieving this distinction, and family is everything, so that brings a true sense of gratification." ■

## RETURNING TO ETHIOPIA

Eight years ago, assistant professor Joel Rosenbloom taught Kemer, a student in Ethiopia, through the Toronto Addis Ababa Academic Collaboration (TAAAC). During his visit this past fall, Rosenbloom got to observe Kemer as chief resident during maxillectomy surgery for squamous cell carcinoma at Black Lion Hospital in Addis Ababa.

"It was a full-circle moment," says Rosenbloom, who is also the TAAAC program director and the director of student life at the Faculty. "This is the impact of programs like this. We don't go on these trips simply to teach and leave. We leverage the vast knowledge these students already have and help train them to become self-sustaining."

DDS4 students Rajbir Sidhu and Ocarina Zheng joined Rosenbloom in fall 2024 and spent their time teaching, participating in clinical supervision, helping with triage and providing guidance.

"We were able to see how surgeries can be performed in a completely different environment, often with fewer resources," Sidhu says. "They are exceptional students working with way less."

The last day of class, wearing scarves gifted by first-year students



Photo: Courtesy of Ocarina Zheng

He noted the impact Zheng's participation in the visit had on the female students. "It's a very male-dominated profession in Ethiopia, so seeing a female do this was empowering for them," he says.

The TAAAC experience influenced both DDS students in making their post-graduation plans. Sidhu hopes to work in private practice where he can care for a patient as a person beyond just their teeth. Zheng is aspiring to enter a dental anaesthesia graduate specialty program.

"My ultimate goal is to provide dental care for those who need it most," she says. "And maybe one day, I can return to Addis Ababa and help give more in that capacity as well." ■

# CELEBRATING COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS



Photo: Gustavo Toledo

From l to r: Joel Rosenbloom,  
Norma Chou and Bobby Chagger

**T**he prestigious Arbor Awards from the Faculty of Dentistry honour three individuals who exemplify outstanding volunteerism.

Bobby Chagger 9T6 is being recognized for the hours and effort he's contributed as a member of the Faculty's Dean's Advisory Council and Campaign Cabinet. "One of the most remarkable aspects of dentistry is that it has no singular face; it is a profession that embraces and welcomes people from all cultures and races," he says. "I am deeply invested in fostering a thriving environment for future generations of dental professionals."

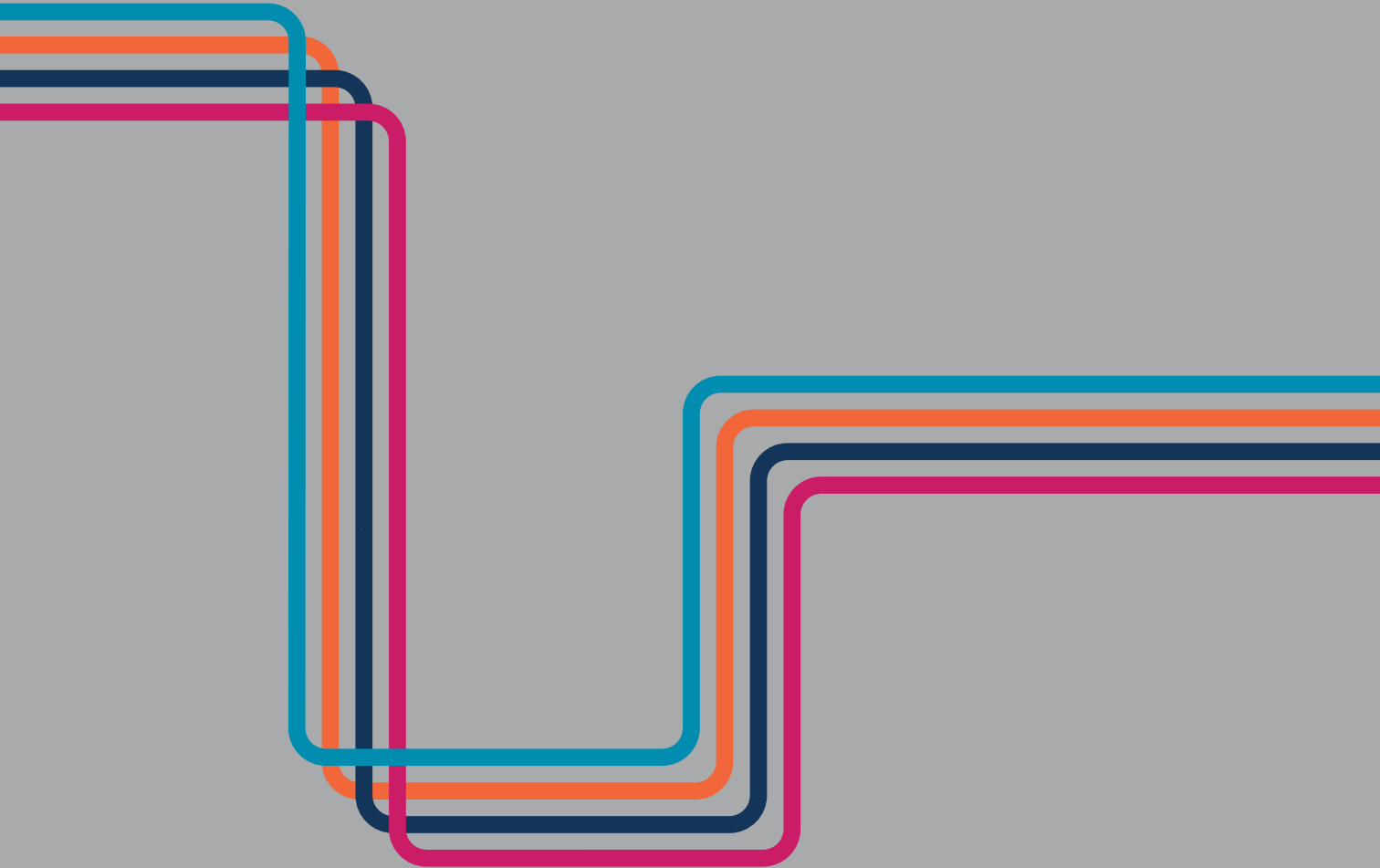
Norma Chou 7T4 organizes class reunions for the graduates of 1974, a feat that requires a lot of time and effort, and has kept the group connected over the years. "Our class reunion organizer Dr. Aldo Boccia sadly passed away in 2016, and with our 45th fast approaching, Dr. Tim Milligan and I took over. For our 50th, the same committee reconvened. It has been really enjoyable and interesting reconnecting with people I had not seen for so many years."

Joel Rosenbloom, assistant professor, teaching stream, is being recognized for his work coaching the U of T Dental Hockey Club. "I became involved when the team was choosing the organization to fundraise for and it was decided to be the CAMH dental clinic," says Rosenbloom, who also works at the clinic, where U of T students do rotations.

"I do it 100 per cent because I love it and am thrilled to support students as they take on different roles. This is just another way to give back and support the next generation of dentists and have a ton of fun along the way." ■


## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Are you interested in volunteering with U of T Dentistry?  
We are looking for help at our 150<sup>th</sup> Faculty Open House on May 10.  
Contact [alumni@dentistry.utoronto.ca](mailto:alumni@dentistry.utoronto.ca) for more details



# A TIME FOR *REFLECTION*





**T**he Faculty is celebrating 150 years of excellence in dental education, research, patient care and leadership. We were the first dental school in the country and as we clock a century and a half we continue to be among the best in Canada and the world. To reflect on our many successes, we're taking you on a tour through past eras, exploring the exciting things happening today and predicting where our best and brightest, along with the profession, will go in years to come.

BY DIANE PETERS AND RACHEL BOUTET

# THE WAY WE *were*

Over the last 150 years, our faculty, alumni and global partnerships have made a lasting impact. Here are a few highlights of our remarkable journey

This timeline reflects highlights of the last 150 years and is not intended to be an official exhaustive history. A more detailed timeline can be found at [150.dentistry.utoronto.ca](https://150.dentistry.utoronto.ca)

## 1944

### DIPLOMA IN DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The Faculty begins offering specialty programs, beginning with DPH and eventually offers all 10 recognized by the RCDSO. Orthodontics, 1945; Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 1945; Periodontics, 1945; Pediatric Dentistry, 1949; Dental Anaesthesia, 1960; Prosthodontics, 1981; Oral Pathology and Oral Medicine, 1982; Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, 1984; Endodontics, 1993

## 1925



Dentistry, University of Toronto, and becomes fully affiliated with the University

### FACULTY OF DENTISTRY NAMED

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons is renamed the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto, and becomes fully affiliated with the University

## 1920

### FIRST DENTIST PHD

Harold Keith Box 1T4, called the father of dental research in Canada for his investigations into periodontal disease, becomes Canada's first dentist to earn a PhD



## 1951

### DIPLOMA IN DENTAL HYGIENE

A two-year certificate launches with admissions for women only, opening to all genders in 1969. It is discontinued in 1977 when colleges take over hygiene training. U of T offers a BSc in hygiene from 1977 to 2001

## 1952

### DIVISION OF DENTAL RESEARCH

Dean Roy Gilmore Ellis 2T9, 3T0 BSc D, 4T2 MSc D — who served as dean from 1947 to 1969 — helps establish the Division of Dental Research and later establishes other funds for dental research



## 1956

### ONTARIO'S FIRST BLACK DENTIST

Arlington Franklin Dungy 5T6, 7T0 Dip Pedo becomes one of Ontario's first Black dental school graduates. In 1969, he becomes chief of pediatric dentistry at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children

## 1986

### DEPARTMENT OF BIOMATERIALS IN DENTISTRY

Dennis Smith, a chemist from the U.K. who joins the Faculty in 1969, establishes the Department. In 1999, it joins with other University departments to become what is now called the Institute of Biomedical Engineering

## 2024

### \$10M-GIFT FOR CLINIC 2

A \$10-million donation from the Rossy Foundation cements plans to proceed with the renovation of Clinic 2



## 2022

### FIRST FEMALE DEAN

Professor Laura Tam 8T5 is the first woman to be appointed dean of the Faculty of Dentistry



### FIRST FEMALE ODA AND CDA PRESIDENT

Lynn Tomkins 8T1 becomes the first woman to have served as both President of the Ontario Dental Association (2010–11) and the Canadian Dental Association (2022–23)



## 1875

### CANADA'S FIRST SUCCESSFUL DENTAL SCHOOL

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons opens with 11 students, backed by the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario (RCDSO)

## 1888

### DDS ESTABLISHED

The college becomes affiliated with the University of Toronto, which agrees to confer the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery

## 1893

### FIRST WOMAN DENTIST

C.L. Josephine Wells graduates from the college with her LDS, becoming the first formally trained female dentist in Ontario. She obtains her DDS in 1899

## 1919

### DIPLOMA IN DENTAL NURSING

The Faculty begins training students as assistants to dental practitioners. It is replaced by a certificate in 1952 and discontinued in 1960



## 1917



### ALUMNUS FOUNDS CHINESE SCHOOL

Ashley Lindsay OT7, 2T8 BSc D, 3T6 MSc D becomes the founding dean of what is now the West China School/

Hospital of Stomatology, Chengdu, considered the birthplace of modern dentistry in China

## 1909

### NEW DENTISTRY BUILDING

RCDSO builds a new college at 240 College St. It is later renumbered 230 and fondly referred to as "Tooth Hurty" College St.

## 1991

### COMMUNITY DENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH UNIT

David Locker, professor and associate dean, earns Ontario government funding to establish the unit to do groundbreaking public health research



## 1994

### PROFESSOR PIONEERS COMPETENCY TESTING

Jack Gerrow 7T9 develops competency testing in dental education and practice. The model is still used around the world in dentistry and other professions

## 1996

### FIRST FEMALE ODA PRESIDENT

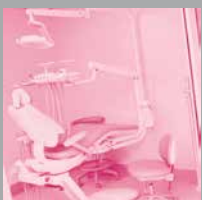
Elizabeth MacSween 8T0 becomes the first female president of the Ontario Dental Association. She later serves as vice-president of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario and a director of the CDSPI



## 2021

### SATELLITE CLINIC

U of T Dentistry opens the Faculty's satellite clinic at 777 Bay St, featuring 41 fully enclosed operatories



## 2019

### CAMILOD OPENS

The Faculty of Dentistry opens the Collaborative Advanced Microscopy Laboratories of Dentistry (CAMILoD), an imaging facility available to researchers in the Toronto area



## 2018

### FIBROSIS RESEARCH BREAKTHROUGH

Faculty researchers discover a link between fibrosis in the periodontium and in the kidney, lung, heart and skin

## 1999

### DENTISTRY ESTABLISHES IDAPP

The Faculty introduces the International Dentist Advanced Placement Program (IDAPP), a six-month preparatory program for graduates of non-accredited dental programs

# Here AND Now

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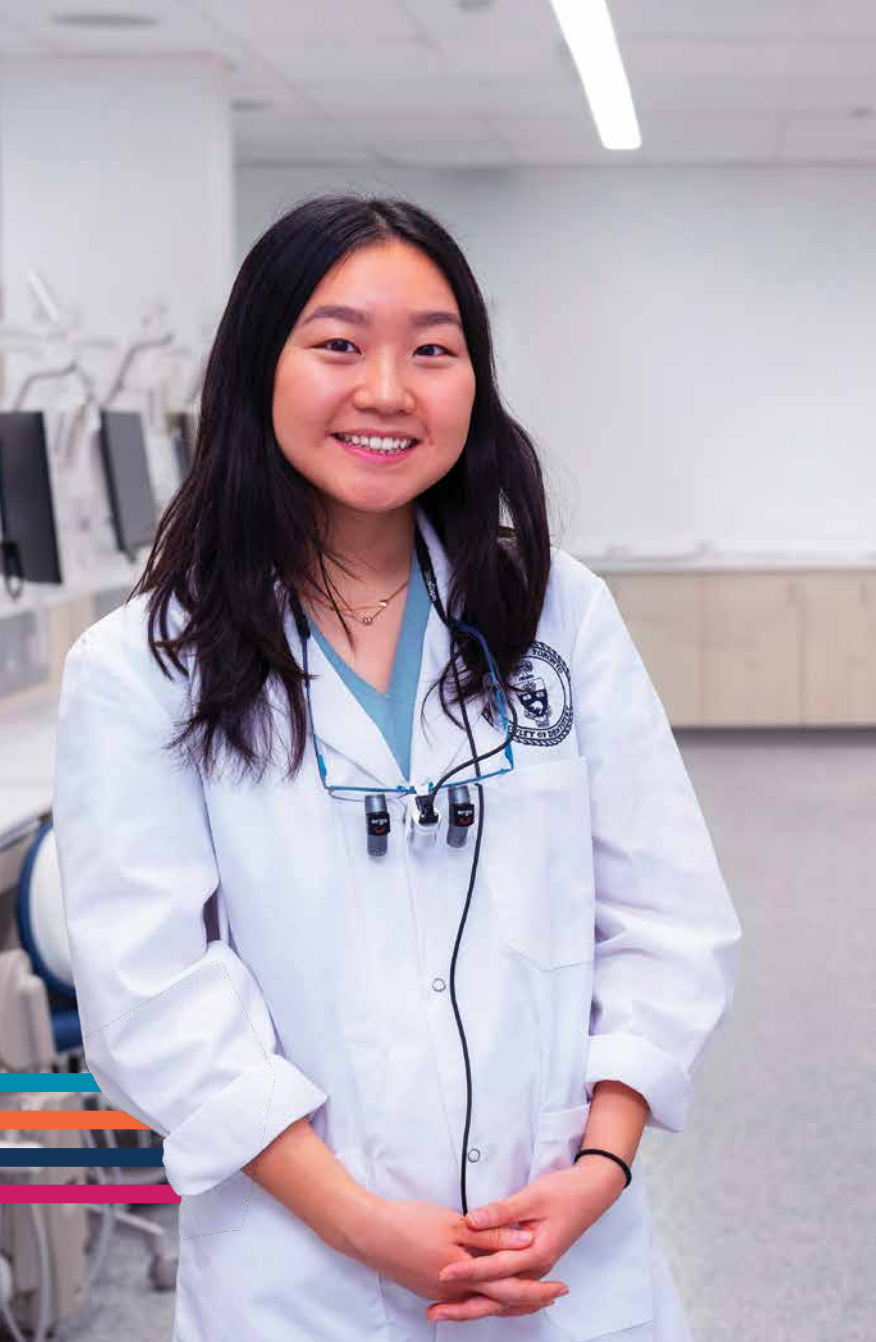
U ofT Dentistry trains dentists and fosters a vibrant community with many facets. To understand where the Faculty is at right now, we share the stories of four inspiring representatives: a student, a researcher, an alumnus and a patient. They're special people who exemplify our ongoing commitment to excellence, care, innovation and social good.

978

Applicants for  
96 DDS1 spots

Total student  
population of

568



#### THE STUDENT

### Emma Wilson

**N**ewly trained dentist Emma Wilson 2T5 first wanted to be a vet. But around the same time she switched from animal biology to biomedical science at the University of Guelph, her boyfriend — he's her fiancé now — had double jaw surgery to correct a severe underbite.

"I didn't know dentistry could do that. I thought it was just checking teeth, filling a cavity or two. I saw how big an impact it can have on someone's life," she says, and began pondering dentistry as a career for herself.

"Seeing the surgery he went through, that was really intense, I thought, I don't think that's for me. I want to be a general dentist," says Wilson. She had fond memories of her own experiences at the dentist, and liked the idea of treating entire families. She applied to U of T — no other schools.

During her DDS, once she got over the learning curve of developing hand skills and slogging through tough courses such as histology, she marvelled further at the importance of oral health care.

Service rotations at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health and Yonge Street Mission made a significant difference to patients. "You can make so much of an impact on them. They come in with a huge cavity and we fix it, and they're so grateful."

Wilson found herself part of an instant community at U of T Dentistry, which inspired her to volunteer. "During orientation week, I just loved my class. Everyone I met was so nice, and it got me excited to get involved."

She served as class president for the first three years, and then president of the Dental Study Society in fourth, positions that gave her industry insights and a close view of faculty and staff. "The dedication of the people around us is very heartening," says Wilson, who knows clinical instructors often get up in the early hours to commute in and be ready well before an 8 a.m. clinic.

Wilson hopes to move north to become an associate at a small-town practice after she wraps up her classes and exams this spring. She plans to stay in touch with her U of T Dentistry classmates and instructors.

"I've made my best friends here. I'm going to be sad to leave," she says. "Here, they make you feel like you can always come back for support. I'm so thankful. It's been four years of learning and growth."





## THE RESEARCHER

## Herenia Lawrence

“People often say, ‘Are you Indigenous?’ No, I’m not. I’m clearly an outsider. But I see myself as an ally and an advocate,” says dental public health researcher and associate professor Herenia Lawrence.

She comes from Brazil, where she did her DDS. She completed her graduate training in the U.K. and did a postdoc in the U.S. before coming to U of T Dentistry in 1998. At that time, she was researching topics such as water fluoridation’s impact and the oral health status of children.

Two years later, what she calls a “serendipitous call” from a hygienist in Sioux Lookout got her involved in her first research project on Indigenous health.

“I’m a very vocal advocate. That’s how the Brazilian aspect of me comes into play. I’m an advocate for increased access to dental care, for oral health care, for First Nations populations.”

She now serves as the director of the Indigenous Oral Health Research Group at the Faculty, frequently travels to remote communities and has been involved in projects related to cannabis use and oral health, fluoridation and minimally invasive interventions for caries.

Lawrence often uses the Indigenous learning circle model, which sees community members contributing equally with researchers and other stakeholders. Increasingly, her grants now fund capacity-building in communities. “We are hiring and training Indigenous researchers. We are fostering their capacity-building for research. This is the future. I will eventually stop doing the research, and the research for these communities will be done by Indigenous scholars.”

This ally and advocate is now turning her attention to dental academia and its power imbalances. She’s working with others to get funding to create a consensus statement for Canadian dental schools that incorporates indigenization and reconciliation along with equity, diversity and inclusion.

Lawrence, with her international pedigree and former globe-trotting ways, knows there are many parts of the world where her expertise in understanding marginalized populations could have a meaningful impact.

Faculty researchers earn more than

**\$4.6 million**

in funding annually

But she’s devoted to U of T Dentistry, where she finds she keeps learning from her fellow faculty, who are always willing to talk and share. “We educate each other. It’s another opportunity for building relationships. It’s so important to work collaboratively with communities, but also with colleagues.”

And she’s deeply embedded in her research community, and starting to see positive change. “I feel like I make a difference here.”







#### THE ALUMNUS

### Kevin Roach

**G**raduating from the Faculty in the early 1970s is very, very different than graduating today, and Kevin Roach 7T3 knows it.

“Just about everyone in the class who wanted to go into general practice just picked a location and set up. Dental companies lined up to take you out for lunch and dinner,” he recalls.

Student loans were \$600, the rest was a grant. Pay from easy-to-get summer jobs was often enough to cover expenses — fourth year was tough financially, he admits, but nothing like what students cope with now.

Roach knows that being among the first baby boomer cohorts afforded him and his classmates benefits that cannot be duplicated today. Giving back and volunteering is how he shows his gratitude.

The close-knit class of 1973 always organizes get-togethers for their honoured-year reunions. At year 35, Roach recalls, he said, “It’s time we started giving back.”

Roach and a group of loyal classmates began with collecting funds for an undergraduate scholarship, and added two more over the years. For their 50th, the class aimed to raise \$50,000 to name an operatory in the soon-to-be renovated Clinic 2.

“It’s not a hard sell,” admits Roach who, like many of his classmates, also gives individually. Many grads from 7T3 are now retired and donate in their local communities. They can easily connect their success to their degree, which was taught in the 1970s by what Roach calls a “dream team” of professors.

He says he “stands on the shoulders” of his mentors and his alumni friends.

At school, Roach served as class president, student governor for the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) and the Canadian Dental Association (CDA), and the student representative for the Canadian Dental Services Plan Inc. He helped create an insurance program for new grads through that organization. “It was a hobby for me,” says Roach.

Once in practice in his hometown of Pembroke, he volunteered with the ODA and CDA, serving as presidents for both, and was the youngest ever in these roles at the time. The Faculty gave Roach an Award of Distinction in 1992 for his service to the school and organized dentistry.

Roach says his extended family helped him and his wife, Anne, with their young family when he was putting in those volunteer hours. It made for a busy but enriching time, and cemented his appreciation for the profession then, and now, too.

“We were very fortunate. Because of what dentistry provided for me and my family and the opportunities in life, it’s just incumbent upon me to give back. There’s just no question.”

# 8,544

Active alumni in 50 countries

# 1,081 donors

to the Defy Gravity Campaign between  
Jan 2019 and Feb 2025

More than

64,000

patient visits annually to Faculty clinics

300 DDS and 30 specialty  
graduate students working in

14 Clinics



## THE PATIENT

## Janet MacKenzie-Cohen

In 1986, while going through a mental health crisis, Janet MacKenzie-Cohen experienced what can only be described as a freak accident while hospitalized. During a nurse-led yoga class, a table leaning against a wall in the activity room fell on her, knocking out all of her top front teeth.

"I didn't realize until it happened how much having no teeth is a symbol for something. It's huge. You get treated differently," she says. Her mother was particularly upset, as the family had invested in braces for her when she was a child. "She felt that my career was wrecked, my life was wrecked."

MacKenzie-Cohen says she herself stayed calm as she embarked on getting a settlement from the hospital, which proved onerous, but was eventually successful. Meanwhile, her short-term disability from her government job as an auditor was running out (she went back to work a few months later).

"My dentist warned me that a lot of my other teeth were in shock and may well depart," she says, and recommended she seek care at the Faculty.

With a treatment plan that would likely cost thousands of dollars and the money not yet available to her, she did. Over the following several months, she had her top front teeth restored and received treatments that targeted many of her other teeth, such as root canals, as they had also been impacted by the trauma.

Over the years, she's come in for extractions, bridges, dentures and crowns. "It's a continual mess," she says bluntly of her dental care. "I have the kind of saliva that doesn't attack sugar very effectively, and I also have very weak enamel."

MacKenzie-Cohen, who's now retired, keeps booking in at the Faculty because she often needs treatments. But also because every decision about her care is done with her consent, and after thoughtful debate between students and instructors, and often after consulting with her medical care team as well. No one seems rushed, and everyone seems concerned with offering the best approach, no matter how long it takes. Her student dentists will take the time to explain treatments to her and even play calming music when she asks.

As she manages her health on a pension, the reduced cost is nice. But it's not the only reason she keeps coming back.

"I would pay millions to have the quality of care that I get at the Faculty." ■



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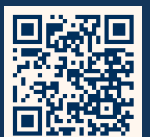
As a part of the Faculty's 150th anniversary celebrations, this event will feature decade rooms, guided tours of the research facilities, specialty clinics with hosts available for questions, a keynote lecture, food and beverage, swag and more.

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# Future *perfect*

The Faculty of Dentistry, like the dental profession, refuses to stand still. Here's where we're going in the coming years

If you love vintage 1950s style and have fond memories of dental school, stop by 124 Edward St. for a nostalgic look at the retro vibes of Clinic 2, the Faculty's largest clinic, which is always bustling with DDS students. Visit soon — perhaps at the Faculty's 150th open house in May — as it won't be this way for long.

In a year or so, the sledgehammers will be coming out to demolish the clinic and replace it with a \$40-million updated space. The revitalized clinic will be renamed The Rossy Clinic, thanks to a \$10-million donation from the Rossy Foundation, and will feature direct elevator access from the patient lobby, wheelchair-accessible treatment spaces, 15 fully enclosed operatories, radiology facilities and a more airy, modern look and feel.

"Infrastructure changes matter," says Selina Esteves, director of advancement. "They matter because of the people. It's never just about the building. It means we can serve more patients, we can improve our teaching and we can support patients in a more humanistic way."

The Faculty already has a new simulation lab and upgraded lab spaces, so this change will take things even further toward modernization. Keeping up with what instructors, students and patients need is an ongoing task in dental academia. As the top dental faculty in the country and one of the highest ranked in the world, after 150 years, U of T Dentistry is still up for the challenge.

## DIGITAL, DIGITAL, DIGITAL

Things are increasingly digitizing in a new Clinic 2, classrooms, speciality clinics and in research facilities across the Faculty.

Anil Kishen, professor and associate dean of graduate education, expects to see, beyond the now-accepted use of digital scans, 3D modelling and records in dentistry, growth in the use of augmented reality and dynamic navigation for surgery, as well as augmented reality for training new dentists. Artificial intelligence (AI) will increasingly help other digital tools function better, plus aid with treatment planning. AI's role in research is already critical, but Kishen thinks that, as the quality of medical data increases, it will become even better at rapidly narrowing down candidates for valid biomarkers and effective drug targets.

"The cost is going to go down," he says of all technologies, as uptake grows. For dental education, the challenge becomes deciding what to integrate into student clinics. Students still need hands-on learning, but they also need exposure to different devices and technologies to prepare them for their future workplaces. "We have to train them beyond the basics of digital scanning, so they can incorporate technology into the workflow of their day-to-day practice," says Kishen.

Dental school must always prioritize the human side of the profession. "Digital technology and AI, they're important, but they're only tools. We're treating patients," says Jim Yuan Lai oTo MSc Perio, professor and vice dean of education. "At the end, it's all about patient relationships and empathy, communication, professionalism. Digital technology will not replace that."

## PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

The future of dentistry and dental education looks like it will tilt more toward the "doctor" side of the Doctor of Dental Surgery. "This might be a controversial way of





saying this, but dentistry is going to be less surgical,” says Lai. “The long-term future will be less cutting of gum tissue.”

Kishen expects minimally invasive dentistry to take off, with more products available to regenerate tissue and remineralize teeth, plus prevent problems such as caries. Dentists will become more family doctor-like in their approach, offering consultations around which products to use and how to get the most out of them — plus cleanings and screenings — and offering surgery only when needed.

Meanwhile, as Canada provides more public coverage for dentistry costs, Lai can see dental professionals becoming part of collaborative health teams.

Such shifts in health care will influence dental school curriculum, with top schools striving for that ideal balance between the aspects of medicine that impact oral health — the list grows longer every day — and those all-important hand and surgical skills that will always matter. “In the end, with dental education, we are going to have to be creative,” says Lai.

There will be other pressures on education, including the need to further expand students’ understanding of equity, diversity and inclusion, says Lai, and that may necessitate fully integrating community-based care into clinical education at dental schools.

### STAYING THE BEST

The Faculty of Dentistry’s leadership team understands that

to stay a top school, you must understand the past — all 150 years of it — and always keep a clear eye on the future.

Lai is passionate about maintaining a balanced education experience, which is why he’s tracking how many implants DDS students perform at the Faculty. “I think we’re the only program in Canada that has such a robust implant curriculum,” he says, noting that restorative dentistry will continue to play a huge role in the future of the profession.

Tracking excellence is a key way to future-proof dental education. Scrutinizing curriculum — including hand skills, didactic knowledge, professionalism and communication — and how it translates into success in practice is one of the Faculty’s strongest assets.

Prospective students are already getting the message, with 978 applicants last year for a mere 96 spots. Dentistry has been seeing those numbers grow, year after year, with 591 students applying for the DDS in 2019. “Our pool of candidates is amazing,” says Lai. Graduate programs also see robust interest.

To keep those talented new students happy, and to make sure graduates are ready for the increasingly tech-driven, health-focused and integrated profession of dentistry, the Faculty will have to keep thinking big. It’ll need funding, either from public sources, or philanthropists passionate about oral health and education. “We’re a strong school,” says Lai. “It’s so much easier to expand and stay on top of things when we have a strong foundation.” ■

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Concept rendering of an updated Clinic 2 lobby



# Right from the *start*

Lucia Santos knew she wanted to be a dental anaesthesiologist as a teen



There are only about 40 dental anaesthesiologists working in Canada. So it was a fluke that a family friend of Lucia Santos 2Tr, 2T4 MSc Anaes was one such specialist and invited her to shadow him when she was in high school.

Right away, she was impressed. She did well in the sciences, and looked ahead to a career in health care. She loved how immediately anaesthesiology could impact patients.

“A lot of times with health care, you take a medication, and it takes weeks or months to see the results. I thought it was incredible how you push a medication, and 10 seconds later, someone’s physiology just completely changes,” she says.

So, she pursued her education with an end goal in mind. Last fall, she graduated from U of T Dentistry with her MSc in dental anaesthesia, fulfilling a longtime dream.

Santos first studied biomedical sciences at Ryerson University (now Toronto Metropolitan University). During that time, she shadowed other dentists, noting the hands-on nature of their work, which firmed up her plan to do her DDS — not med school — with an eye to specializing in anaesthesiology later.

“I loved it,” Santos says of her DDS at U of T Dentistry, where she found a community that supported her. “I want to work with other people that I really like who have the same goals.”

While in her third year, she and others noticed a lack of conversations about how gender and sexuality impact care. They formed the Dental Pride Alliance to provide a community for students, advocate for change and educate students on caring for members of the LGBTQ+ community, as well as other minority groups.

As her DDS came to an end, while many of her peers secured jobs in private practice or looked to general practice residencies, she applied to U of T’s MSc and some programs in the U.S. “I always knew U of T was my top school.”

Santos began working part time as a general dentist after her DDS, a job she continued on weekends throughout her three-year master’s. That, she admits, is all she was able to handle. “The master’s is really heavy. My social life declined, because it’s long hours and a lot of studying. You’re going from dental knowledge to catching up on a lot of medicine.”

She served on surgical teams at various hospitals across the city, assisting in not just dental procedures, but other medical surgeries. Her training spans using different levels of sedation, including full general anaesthetic — the speciality is all about doing in-depth patient consultations and customizing care to match needs.

Since graduation, Santos has kept her part-time role as a general dentist and also works at a clinic in Kitchener that specializes in sedation. She’s enjoying the new position, and has been well supported by mentors at the clinic.

When treating patients, she will sometimes work as part of a larger team, with another dentist performing the surgery while she manages the sedated or sleeping patient. Other times, supported by a dental nurse, she’ll take on both roles,

“I thought it was incredible how you push a medication, and 10 seconds later, someone’s physiology just completely changes

performing general dentistry while also administering sedatives or anaesthesia.

“I actually feel a lot more comfortable doing the dentistry and the anaesthesia than having another practitioner at the airway,” she says, as she’s able to notice changes to the patient’s breathing instantly.

Santos has observed that more people have experienced trauma, at the dentist’s office or elsewhere, and are finally coming in to get care. Many of them need some kind of sedation. She says her experience with the Dental Pride Alliance and her training at U of T have given her an ample toolbox for how to respond with compassion.

This specialty profession remains a busy one, with few practitioners across the country, but many patients needing their services. “There is a huge demand for dental anaesthesiologists and anyone who can provide sedation.” ■

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# *Stellar* standards

BY LISA MURPHY

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For those reaching for the stars in dentistry, the three 2025 Alumni of Influence recipients offer sky-high goals. In dentistry, they are technically precise, impressively innovative and also care deeply for their patients. Their volunteer resumés in the profession and beyond are lengthy. These honourees show us all how dental professionals can give, give some more and never stop striving.

## TINA MEISAMI 9T6, 0T1 Dip OMFS

Oral and maxillofacial surgeon Tina Meisami isn't content to just treat patients – she's passionate about transforming lives.

"Sharing a tremendously challenging journey with patients and seeing the happy results at the end always brings tears to my eyes," says Meisami. She helps improve sleep and reduce cardiovascular risks for patients with obstructive sleep apnea as director of Dental Sleep Medicine at University Health Network's Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, where she recently helped create a surgical fellowship in sleep medicine.

At her private practice, she offers the likes of dental implants and wisdom teeth removal, and corrects facial trauma and dentofacial deformities; she does similar work in her role as active staff surgeon at North York General Hospital. Meisami often sees how functional and reconstructive treatment improves patients' lives.

Transformation for women is always a priority. She and a group of 50 volunteers have been treating survivors of gender-based violence living in shelters through the Dr. Borna Meisami Commemorative Foundation — named in memory of her beloved brother — since 2010. They provide free, trauma-informed dental, rehabilitation and sleep apnea care, which has added up to an astounding \$1.8 million worth of treatments over 15 years.

"What drives me is witnessing the profound impact of oral health care on the lives of survivors, helping them gain confidence, feel worthy and continue their life journey to be the best version of themselves," says Meisami.

Similarly, in her academic roles at U of T and McMaster University, she is ardent about mentorship, especially of women. "Women make up less than 10 per cent of all oral and maxillofacial surgeons in Canada," she says. "The best way I know how to increase women in surgery is to provide mentorship and support to women entering the profession."

She takes on a lot, so when stress builds as she manages her schedule as a surgeon, researcher, mentor, philanthropist, business owner and parent, Meisami rocks out on her drum set. She

doesn't miss a beat in expressing gratitude for the teams that she works with, for her own mentors and for her teachers at U of T Dentistry. (Years ago, she could have studied elsewhere, turning down a Columbia University Faculty of Dentistry scholarship in favour of staying in Toronto.)

"Earn a living doing what you are passionate about," says Meisami. "Have an impact and make a difference."



## BRUCE PYNN 9T0, 9T5 Dip OMFS

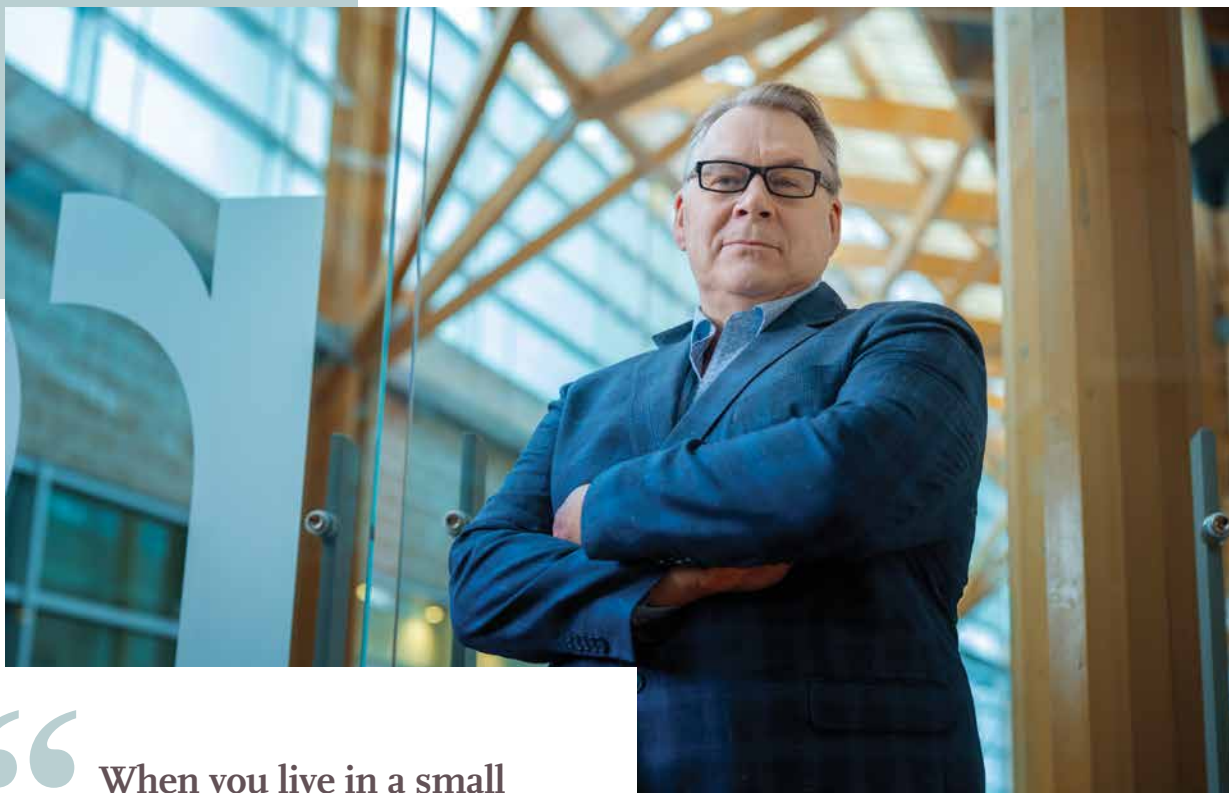


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“When you live in a small community, you’ve got to be the guy people can rely on

Removing a fishing knife from behind a patient’s eye with no loss of vision or facial function — it’s all in a day’s work for Bruce Pynn. As chief of Dentistry/Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre (TBRHSC), Pynn regularly performs emergency facial surgery on people who have been in grisly accidents involving moose, cars, chainsaws and snowmobiles, as well as brutal fights, as the hospital handles trauma patients from the Manitoba border to Sault Ste. Marie.

Pynn runs a private practice and is an assistant professor and researcher at the Northern Ontario School of Medicine, plus he’s been the oral surgery editor of *Oral Health Journal* for the last 20 years. He was a member of the Ontario Dental Association’s (ODA) Hospital Services Committee and now serves on the Indigenous Oral Health Committee.

“I’ve been working on several Indigenous dental projects,” says Pynn. “Trying to improve access to care and dental education has been ongoing.”

Despite the demands on his time, Pynn will drive to a patient’s house for a quick consult or post-op check. “Most

people only live 10 to 15 minutes away here, so it’s just easier than making them come to the office for a two-minute check-in,” he says. “When you live in a small community, you’ve got to be the guy people can rely on.”

Indeed, Pynn is the guy who has built a meaningful career in a community where the needs are palpable. He’s authored more than 100 publications and pioneered advancements in surgery. He has advocated to get TBRHSC’s first portable, handheld dental X-ray unit, a panorex X-ray machine and put digital X-rays in the operating room, plus he’s developing an app to improve operating-room efficiency.

Pynn has served as the chair of medical volunteers for the 2024 Ontario Winter Games, teaches and supervises dental students weekly at Confederation College and flies into Toronto about once a month to supervise U of T Dentistry oral surgery students. Via generous donations, he has established three student bursary programs, including two at U of T.

Around town, Pynn looks like an ordinary guy with a friendly grin. Behind the scenes, he keeps a vast personal collection of dental antiques, and remains modest about his considerable contributions to care and innovation in oral surgery in northwestern Ontario, his adopted home. “I came to Thunder Bay from Toronto 30 years ago,” says Pynn. “I’m super glad that I stayed.”

## HARRY HÖEDIONO 9TO

“The greatest thing you can give is your time,” says Harry Höediono. It’s advice his father repeated often — and words he has often looked to over his 35-year career. It’s why this dental practitioner, frequent guest university lecturer and former chair of the board of directors at Grand River Hospital says his proudest career moment was becoming president of the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) in 2011.

“To me, becoming president is the epitome of volunteerism in the association,” he says. While in that role, he reorganized the association’s governance structure. He began volunteering for the ODA while a student, and still serves on committees. (The organization gave him the Barnabas Day Distinguished Service Award for his service.)

Höediono runs a practice in Kitchener with his wife and former classmate, Helen de Man 9To, where he specializes in occlusal reconstruction. He is a fellow of the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International, the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

The son of immigrants, Höediono was determined to study at the University of Toronto. “When you’re a newcomer, you’re drawn to history,” he says. “U of T is very prestigious, and it didn’t disappoint.” (He did well, earning the Harold Keith Box Prize – Silver Medal at graduation.) He remains in touch with many of his professors, encourages other alumni to give back and has lectured over the past 25 years at the Faculty, along with Western University, the University of Sydney in Australia and others.

In his personal life, he puts his time into ambitious pursuits, too. The father of three is an avid rock climber who has established new climbs plus advocated for a safe and ecologically aware approach to the sport — for this he has earned several environmental accolades.

Recently, he and de Man took over a disused apple farm and have begun restoring it, causing him to see parallels between supporting students and farming. “These beautiful, ancient trees require special care, special pruning to revitalize them. It’s like nurturing students. You’ve got to peel away that educational complex — their fears, their anxieties, their exams, their graduation — to find that student in there and try to bring that person back to an awareness of their talents.”

Höediono hopes the dentistry students he comes across experience the same joy and fulfillment that he has over his stellar working and volunteer career. “I want them to have success and to value their education.” ■





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# DEFY GRAVITY

## FUNDING TO DIAGNOSE A RARE DISEASE

A donor's gift boosts research for collagen disorder



Back row: Laurent Bozec, Susan Hawkins, her daughter Erin Somers, Susan Carleton from the Canerector Foundation, Nimish Mittal. Front row: Research fellow Mehrnoosh Neshatian, Laura Tam

Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS) are a group of rare and debilitating conditions that affect the structure and function of collagen in tissue, leading to hypermobile joints that dislocate easily, elastic and fragile skin, and chronic pain.

Which type of the syndrome a patient has impacts the severity of symptoms and dictates which treatment options work best.

A \$1.2-million gift from the Canerector Foundation to the Faculty of Dentistry will support the research of professor Laurent Bozec into better diagnostic methods for EDS. He's looking at collagen for testing and, one day, better treatment options, too.

"Many of the EDS subtypes have a genetic component that

can be tested for, but one single subtype, hypermobile EDS (HEDS), thought to be the most widespread, lacks any genetic diagnostic markers," says Bozec.

"If we can understand the structural differences in the collagen of individuals with EDS, we can use the findings to revolutionize the diagnosis and understanding of all EDS subtypes, so that patients can access the best care to manage their condition."

Susan Hawkins, president of the Canerector Foundation, selected Bozec's research because of its impact on patients — and for a more personal reason.

Photo: Lisa Sakulensky



"We watched our daughter struggle for years with pain, numerous symptoms and other diagnoses before learning that they could all be explained by HEDS," says Hawkins. "The joy of getting this diagnosis faded as we fought to find knowledgeable healthcare professionals."

The GoodHope Ehlers Danlos Syndrome Clinic at University Health Network was founded in 2015, but this was before that. So, in the years that followed her health issues, Hawkins says her daughter went to the U.S. for specialized neurosurgeries that eventually took her from being bedridden and using a wheelchair to being an active mother of two.

"We were fortunate that we could afford this life-altering care and we feel badly for other Canadians that continue to suffer," she says. "Investing in Canadian research will raise awareness in our community and benefit patients worldwide."

Bozec and his team, who have been working on collagen and related disorders for 20 years, will use atomic force microscopy, which has the ability to look at images at one-tenth of the diameter of a human hair. This new funding will allow Bozec's lab to increase the number of patients it can recruit while also looking to mice models with the condition to validate their findings.

"We know we have excellence in our researchers and facilities, but sometimes, more is required," says Laura Tam, interim

dean at the Faculty, of this large gift. "Donations like these are essential in helping to push the needle forward in order to develop groundbreaking research that can change lives."

Bozec collaborates with GoodHope on his EDS research, and his subjects mainly come from the clinic.

"EDS is classified as a rare disorder, which often means limited interest and priority," says Nimish Mittal, medical lead of the clinic. "As a result, progress in understanding and treating EDS has been slow. Collaboration between clinical and basic scientists is essential to drive change in managing such a complex, multisystemic disorder."

Bozec hopes the five-year study will expand its scope across U of T to include student researchers from other health sciences faculties, and potentially patients from the U.K. and the U.S. His goal is to be ready to receive skin biopsies from across the globe by year three. As his research expands, he plans to educate others about rare but serious conditions such as EDS.

"There is a big sense of providing hope as you do your research," Bozec says. "I want to find answers for these patients who are craving the knowledge of what's happening to their body, and ultimately, drive us closer to the most effective courses of treatment." ■

The poster features a dark blue background with three large, overlapping wireframe spheres on the left side. At the top, there are several horizontal lines in blue, orange, and white. The text is white and orange, providing event details.

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## FILLING A GAP IN COMMUNITY DENTAL CARE

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Now, a transformational gift from the Rossy Foundation to U of T Dentistry, matched with funding from the University of Toronto, will help thousands of patients — including those who are low-income and new to Canada — gain access to care at a redesigned facility.

A \$40-million renovation of Clinic 2 will create The Rossy Clinic, with 60 partially open operatories and 15 enclosed operatories equipped with the latest in care technology,

A rendering of The Rossy Clinic



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focusing on patient comfort and improved treatment. The planned renovations also include a complete overhaul of the patient reception areas, including the addition of an elevator to improve accessibility. This exciting project is seeking support from other committed donors and alumni to see it to completion.

“We are pleased to support this important initiative at the University of Toronto’s Faculty of Dentistry,” says Sara Pedersen, chief program officer of the Rossy Foundation. “The Rossy Clinic will not only increase access to excellent dental care but also improve overall health and quality of life for the thousands of patients who depend on the clinic, while supporting the education of the next generation of dentists.”

Clinic 2 closed briefly during the Covid-19 pandemic and then moved into a satellite location at 777 Bay St., allowing important staging space for other renovations at the Faculty, including the pre-clinical simulation lab. The Bay Street satellite clinic will continue to function until The Rossy Clinic is ready for occupancy in early 2029.

As Canada’s first, largest, top-ranked and most comprehensive dental school, the Faculty of Dentistry has always been a leader in research, teaching and clinical care. U of T Dentistry not only offers training in all 10 dental specialties but is a national leader in providing excellent and affordable community dental care, with 14 teaching clinics across the GTA — which will include the state-of-the-art Rossy Clinic.

“The renovations include specialty clinics, more operatories with X-ray capabilities and dedicated accessible operatories,” says Laura Tam, interim dean. “We want to thank the Rossy Foundation for their generous gift, which will create an environment where students can develop their skills as excellent oral health professionals. The integration of modern facilities will elevate their educational experience and better prepare them for their careers.”

Selina Esteves, director of advancement, adds, “It has been gratifying

seeing alumni and friends show early enthusiasm for this important project. Many have already stepped forward by naming operatories, and we anticipate others will join them in creating a legacy at the school and enabling excellent dental care and cutting-edge experiential learning opportunities.”

The Faculty’s focus on engagement is a particular point of pride for its alumni, donors and volunteers. Donor and member of the Faculty’s Campaign Cabinet, Bruno Venditelli 9T4, 9T9 Dip Ortho, says, “Investing in this clinic by naming an operatory myself and another with my classmates is investing in the future of dental care. It’s a privilege to be part of this transformation of our community.”

Dentistry students are also excited about the project. “Having a modern, comfortable space to learn and practise in will make a huge difference for student training,” says DDS president Emma Wilson. “It’s inspiring to know that

“We want to thank the Rossy Foundation for their generous gift, which will create an environment where students can develop their skills as excellent oral health professionals

future students will be learning and working in an environment that reflects the high standards of care we aspire to provide, and that U of T is known for. It’s so wonderful that the alumni and the school are supporting this.”

David King has been a patient at the Faculty of Dentistry for 25 years. “I am so grateful for all the work that has been done on my teeth. It is one of the ways that has made my life happier and a new clinic to support patients and student learning, I can’t think of anything better.”

By extending compassionate, accessible and affordable care, The Rossy Clinic will serve thousands of patients like David while preparing the next generation of dental professionals with a well-rounded, world-class education. ■



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# WE REMEMBER...

## DONALD LEWIS 5T9, 6T2 DIP DPH, 6T5 MSC D



Professor Don Lewis, who served at the Faculty for many years, died in January at the age of 90. He trained at U of T Dentistry, earning his DDS and also his diploma in Dental Public Health and a master's in dentistry. After practising briefly, he returned to the Faculty and served in a variety of roles before becoming head of the Department of Dental Public Health, a position he held for 14 years. Lewis was a respected expert in community dentistry and consulted with the Canadian federal government and federal U.S. agencies as well. The Canadian Dental Association awarded him the prestigious Distinguished Service Award. Many alumni remember him fondly as a professor, thesis supervisor and mentor.

## SAMUEL NEWMAN

Longtime clinical instructor and esteemed periodontist Samuel Newman died in January. Newman came from



Sydney, N.S., and studied dentistry at Dalhousie and gained his periodontist training at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. He practised in Toronto, was a member of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and taught perio in clinic at U of T.

## HARVEY ELLIOT 5T7



Harvey Elliot died last August at the age of 92. He came from Nobel, Ont., and finished high school in Parry Sound before coming to the Faculty for his DDS, which he completed in 1957, winning the Dean's Gold Medal. After graduation, he practised in Belleville and then set up a general practice in Parry Sound.

There, he got involved in the community through the local Rotary club and bridge

club and served on the Economic Development Board and the Committee of Adjustment. After moving to Tillsonburg, he again got involved in local organizations. His awards for service include the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal, the Parry Sound Economic Development Award, the Parry Sound Ambassadorial Award and the Chamber of Commerce Presidents Proficiency Award for Business Proficiency. He gave generously to the Faculty of Dentistry during his lifetime.

## FREDERICK WARREN 6T7



Rick Warren died last June at the age of 80. He attended U of T Dentistry, graduating in 1967, and served as class president. He practised for many years in Amherstview, Ont., and later practised in Kingston. He served with the Ontario Dental Association and the Kingston and District Dental Society, where he served as secretary and president.

## MARILYNN TADGELL 6T9 DIP DH



Lynn Taddell died last September in Nanaimo at the age of 75. She was born in Hamilton and studied hygiene at U of T Dentistry, serving as class president for many of the years of her studies. She moved to B.C. after graduation and worked as a hygienist with many dentists in the Vancouver area. She was an avid windsurfer, scuba diver and skier, even serving on the Whistler Ski Patrol in the 1980s. ▀

## WE MOURN THE LOSS

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