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Manitoban New CDA President
Dauphin practitioner Dr. Peter Doig is now the new president of the Canadian Dental Association. Dr. Doig becomes the tenth Manitoba dentist to be named president of Canada’s national oral health body.

Hot Time in the Big City
Members of the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 1993 had a hot time in the old town of Chicago this past May as the group marked the 20 year anniversary of their graduation into the profession.

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Annual Celebration Approaches

2013 ALUMNI OF DISTINCTION DINNER & DANCE SET FOR SEPTEMBER 20

The annual evening of excellence is close at hand. The 2013 edition of the Alumni of Distinction evening is fast approaching and all alumni and friends of the Faculty of Dentistry School of Dental Hygiene are welcomed and encouraged to join in the weekend celebration.

This year’s honourees include Dr. Barry Rayter and Ms. Pattie Moore for dentistry and dental hygiene, respectively. Both of this year’s recipients share long histories of involvement with the profession, in and around the University of Manitoba.

“Once again, we have a couple of outstanding people featured for this year’s event,” said Dr. Kyle Gauthier, president of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association, the chief sponsor of the annual event. “Every year it seems it can really be difficult to make this decision because we always receive nominations for so many worthy candidates.”

The 2013 awardee for dentistry is likely no stranger to anyone in the oral health profession here in Manitoba. Dr. Barry Rayter has literally spent the entire expanse of his career involved in organized dentistry. For three consecutive decades, Dr. Rayter served the provincial association as chair of its economics committee. This in spite of the usual practice of turning over new chairs every five years or so.

“Although I drew up the guidelines that said the chairman should be renewed every five years, I found myself getting acclaimed over and over again,” Dr. Rayter joked in reviewing his lengthy commitment. “So I wound up running the economics committee for all that time, which I enjoyed immensely because it showed me a new aspect of life. Also, I traveled all across the country representing Manitoba. I was in Ottawa, BC, Quebec, all kinds of places where I got to meet with people all across the country.”

That extended appointment was hardly the end of his involvement. Dr. Rayter also served as chair of the peer review committee and held a term as president in 1996-1997.

He would go on to receive the provincial association’s Award of Appreciation in 2008 and the Hall of Fame Award in 2001 for valued service to the profession and the public.

Dr. Rayter maintained that commitment throughout his many years in private practice, based mostly in the north eastern section of the city of Winnipeg. Upon retirement, the good doctor was also fondly remembered by a host of his former patients.

“When I retired temporarily I received hundreds of cards and letters and gifts from my patients. I got cards, letters, gift certificates for dinners, books, you name it. I was shocked,” he said. “Who does anything for their dentist? I feel very rewarded that I was thought of in a good way by my patients. I still have patients who come to me and tell me that I changed their lives.”

Among those patients might be Dr. Chelsea Currie, a recent graduate of the Faculty of Dentistry and now a member of the team in the Department of Restorative Dentistry. Dr. Currie was one of several patients of Dr. Rayter’s who would go on to a career in professional oral health.

Even after all this, Dr. Rayter still stayed involved in the profession, next serving as a volunteer instructor at the Faculty, helping in the process of moulding the young minds of today into the practitioners of tomorrow.

“I just wound up at the school because they asked me and because I liked it,” he said. “Basically, I like (the students) very much. I think they are great kids. There are so many nice things about them and I feel that they are very respectful to me and I enjoy that. Now I have a whole bunch of new ideas about things that I never had before!”

For her part, Ms. Pattie Moore has also been something of a fixture in the field of dental hygiene. Her career as a public health dental hygienist has spanned over 30 years. Throughout that time, many significant accomplishments were realized, including the formation of the SMILE program — Saving Mouths in Income Limited Environments — in the inner city and a stint as the first coordinator of Healthy Smile Happy Child programme.

As well, Ms. Moore is also the author of two children’s books on oral health and is a regular guest presenter at the School of Dental Hygiene discussing the role of a dental hygienist in a public health setting.

The evening will also feature a tribute to the Class of 1963, the second graduating class of the Faculty of Dentistry, which marks its golden anniversary year.

And as always, the evening will also offer no shortage of fellowship and good times as alumni, students and friends of the Faculty gather for the anticipated events of the oral health calendar in Manitoba. The evening gets underway at 6 pm with cocktails at the Promenade Ballroom in the beautiful Fort Garry Hotel. The delicious, four-course dinner is served at 7 pm with the awards ceremony at 7:30.

Tickets are still available for the 2013 evening of excellence and can be reserved by contacting Kristjana at the Faculty of Dentistry. Call 204.789.3249 or send an email to k_oliver@umanitoba.ca.
A scientist and instructor in the Department of Oral Biology has become the first in the history of the Faculty of Dentistry named to receive a prestigious research award. Dr. Prashen Chelikani, Associate Professor and Graduate Chair, will receive the Allen Rouse Basic Science Career Development Research Award courtesy of the Manitoba Medical Service Foundation.

Dr. Chelikani’s current research focus is on G protein-coupled receptors (GPCRs). GPCRs act as the gatekeepers and molecular messengers of the cell, transmitting signals from outside to inside. They mediate virtually every important physiological process, from immune system function to taste and smell in humans.

Already GPCRs (pictured inset) are immensely important in medicine and are the target of almost half of the products on the consumer drug market. It is estimated that up to 40 per cent of prescription pharmaceutical drugs, including popular over-the-counter products like Claritin, Prozac, Zoloft, Zantac, Allegra target these GPCRs.

North American biotech companies spend millions of dollars each year looking for new chemicals that activate or block particular GPCRs and in so doing may make products more palatable for the consumer.

Dr. Chelikani’s laboratory is using genetic, biochemical and biophysical techniques to study the signaling mechanisms of GPCRs, with a focus on bitter taste receptors and prostanoid receptors.

“We are working towards the discovery of new ligands, agonists, antagonists and inverse agonists for bitter taste receptors,” Dr. Chelikani said from his lab on the third floor of the Oral Biology Department at 780 Bannatyne.

“Antagonists and inverse agonists for these receptors are referred to as bitter blockers.”

The potential for the project seems massive. “Bitter blockers have significant applications in the flavour and nutraceutical industry,” Dr. Chelikani says. “Bitter blockers are also needed for pediatric formulations. In 2013, my lab discovered two novel bitter taste blockers. This is unique in Canada. Our lab is the only one doing taste receptor research.”

The University of Manitoba team is made up of seven full-time researchers, including five graduate students, two research associates and one student from the BSc (Dent) programme, each of whom has been assigned a particular role in the research.

“We have three labs on the third floor of the Oral Biology Department; some are very specialized,” he explained while providing a brief overview of his equipment, some of which is completely state-of-the-art. “Some of my students have earned provincial and university scholarships for research.”

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**Going the Distance**

**ALUMNUS MAKES LONG TREK FROM ‘THE ROCK’ TO LEND A HAND BACK HOME**

Quick geography quiz: How far is it from Manitoba to Newfoundland? Those who answered ‘very’ can count their answer as correct.

To drill down a bit further, the distance between Winnipeg and the Maritime capital of St. John comes in at just under 5,000 km; 4,802 km to be exact. Not exactly a day trip, to be certain.

But when the call came out, an alumnus of the Faculty of Dentistry wasted no time in booking passage from the province sometimes referred to as ‘The Rock’ to the heart of the country to help out.

This past spring, Dr. Dan Price paid a return visit to the Keystone province to serve as an examiner for the oral examinations held for residents of graduate periodontics here at the Faculty.

Those who were fortunate enough to pass the exam should be buoyed with the confidence of knowing that their examiner is one of the leading authorities on periodontics in Canada today. Since graduating from the Faculty as a member of the Class of 1986, Dr. Price has gone on to establish a solid career in the field. In addition to being active in private practice out on the far reaches of Canada’s east coast, Dr. Price also served as president of the Canadian Academy of Periodontology and as a board examiner of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada.

While back in the city, Dr. Price also gave a presentation to periodontics residents and faculty members on endo-perio lesions and donated a textbook to the programme. During the same trip, he was also invited to speak to the Manitoba Society of Periodontists.

**No Rest for the Learned**

Submitted by Dr. Noriko Boorberg (00)


In June, 18 Manitoba dentists were examiners at the third annual National Dental Examining Board’s Evaluation Session for the Assessment of Clinical Judgement in Ottawa.

Two weeks previously, a total of 490 internationally trained dentists performed dental procedures on manikins at nine faculties of dentistry across Canada, including the University of Manitoba.

All work was graded in Ottawa by examiners from across the country. This is one part of the three-part Equivalency Process by which internationally trained dentists can obtain dental licensure in Canada. The session was three days in length and included extensive calibration discussion and exercises plus training in the use of iPad computers to record scores.

Manitoba examiners held several key positions at the session, including Chief Examiner, five facilitators and two superfacilitators, overseeing grading to ensure appropriate calibration of scoring and consistency of overall evaluations.
Mr. President: Prairie practitioner Dr. Peter Doig was recently named president of the Canadian Dental Association. In so doing, Dr. Doig becomes only the tenth Manitoba practitioner to hold the highest office in Canada’s national oral health body.

Dr. Peter Doig New President of the Canadian Dental Association

The Canadian Dental Association (CDA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Peter Doig of Dauphin, Manitoba, as president for 2013-14. Dr. Doig was born in Outlook, Saskatchewan and graduated from the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan in 1983. He has devoted his career to serving the oral health care needs of the residents of rural Manitoba.

Dr. Doig has practiced general dentistry in Dauphin and Sainte Rose du Lac, Manitoba for the past 30 years. He is a clinical lecturer at the University of Manitoba, College of Medicine, and is a member of the dental staff at the Dauphin General Hospital.

His career-long commitment to the oral health of Canadians has resulted in his extensive involvement in organized dentistry at the local, provincial and national level. He has served as president of both the Northern Manitoba Dental Association and the Manitoba Dental Association.

In 2005, he joined the CDA Board of Directors where he has served in many capacities: with the Advocacy Committee, the Audit Committee and numerous other working groups.

Founded in 1902, the Canadian Dental Association is a non-profit professional association representing Canada’s dentists. As CDA president, Dr. Doig will lead the organization in its mandate as the national voice for dentistry, dedicated to the advancement and leadership of a unified profession and to the promotion of optimal oral health, an essential component of general health.

Siloam Mission Cited for Oral Health Promotion

It is often said that a smile is a source of joy. But if you’re afraid to smile because of bad oral care, those joyful moments may be few and far between. Thankfully for many, the Saul Sair Health Centre has been there to help many of those in serious need of oral health care.

And, this past April, Angelika Fletcher, manager of the centre located at Winnipeg’s Siloam Mission was summoned to Ottawa to receive an Oral Health Promotion Award for 2012 from the Canadian Dental Association. The award was for Siloam Mission’s ongoing work to improve the oral care of men and women experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.

The award recognizes individuals or organizations who have improved the oral health of Canadians through oral health promotion. This may involve creating public health policy or supportive environments, strengthening community action, developing personal skills, and/or increasing the prevention of oral diseases and disorders.

“This award belongs to the community we serve - the hundreds of men and women experiencing homelessness that we have the honour of helping and the privilege of calling friends,” said Angelika, “This award belongs to our volunteers, too. They are some of the most dedicated and compassionate people in Manitoba.”

Helping hands: Volunteer practitioners do their thing at the Saul Sair Health Centre. The centre relies on the good will of volunteer professionals to continue its operations. To lend a hand, contact Angelika at the centre located in Siloam Mission.

Since August 2007, the Saul Sair Health Centre has been providing holistic health care to Siloam’s guests. Patients include the chronically addicted, the mentally ill, street workers, and those who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless.

Services are provided with dignity and without discrimination based on race, gender, religion or identification.

Staff and volunteer health-care professionals of many fields provide care for Siloam’s patrons experiencing poverty and homelessness. Services include primary care, dentistry, physiotherapy, counselling services, chiropractic care, foot care, and health education.
NOTED RESEARCH SCIENTIST BRANDISHES A MEAN PAINT BRUSH

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all it another classic case of the artistry behind the science. In recent years, the oral health community in Manitoba has been witness to some astonishing displays of creativity from those in its midst. Whether in the area of theatre, music or the arts, alumni, academics, students and staff of the Faculty of Dentistry have shown an abundance of creative ability, often at very high levels. Add to that list the talents of Dr. Kan-Zhi Liu.

Many may be aware of Dr. Liu’s accomplishments in the research lab and his growing reputation as one of the great innovators and pioneers in the oral health field in Canada. His work in employing new infrared optical spectroscopy as a novel non-invasive diagnostic tool for periodontal inflammation is being heralded as a breakthrough; one of the most significant advances in the recent history of the profession.

Yet away from the labs and lecture halls, Dr. Liu pursues another passion of his life, one that he is now able to share with others in the community. An avid and talented artist, Dr. Liu is pleased to share that a collection of his works is now on display at the Winnipeg Winter Club for all to see.

“Whenever I have some time, I like to sit back, relax and do some painting,” said the University of Manitoba alumnus, adjunct professor in oral biology at the Faculty of Dentistry and senior research officer at the National Research Council Canada. “When I travel, I like to capture a lot of images; it’s good material for me.” A selection of Dr. Liu’s works is now on display throughout the Winnipeg landmark, ranging from scenic images taken from visits to other nations to popular figures in sports and culture. Visitors to the club will find at least a dozen works scattered throughout the main entrance and lounging areas of the facility. The feedback thus far, he says, has been “excellent.”

“Oil paintings allow you to create the maximum number of images because you can paint a little bit today and come back to it again the next day until it is done to your satisfaction,” he says. “Oils are such good media for creating vivid images. You can play with the colours and produce far more colours. It allows you to add more tones to the colours as well. Most famous historical art has been done with oil.”

So strong was his artistic leaning that Dr. Liu had to think long and hard before pursuing a career in science. “I had the chance of going to medical school or going to art school,” he says. “Somebody suggested I go to medical school and do art as a hobby, so that’s what I chose.”

Bring Along A Story and A Smile!

SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE WANTS YOUR MEMORIES FOR ANNIVERSARY EVENT

What is your fondest memory of your time at the School of Dental Hygiene? What stood out and made a lasting impression on you during your time as a student at one of the leading schools of the profession in Canada?

The School of Dental Hygiene is calling on alumni to share their stories and experiences at this fall’s Champagne Brunch slated for Saturday, September 21. As part of the golden anniversary celebrations of the School of Dental Hygiene, alumni are invited to share their stories and experiences with the those assembled during the Saturday morning event slated for the Brodie Centre starting at 11 am.

Prizes will be awarded for the best stories. School alumni are also reminded to contact the school office to reserve their seat as space is limited and running out quickly. There is no charge to attend the event that will include a full champagne brunch, appearances by many notable alumni and tours of the school for those interested.

To reserve your seat, contact the SDH office at 204.789.3683 or via email at dent_hygiene@umanitoba.ca.

Remember — only a limited number of spots remain for this historic event.
Alumni Return
In Tribute

RESIDENTS, ACADEMICS JOIN IN SHOW
OF SUPPORT AND AFFECTION FOR
LONG-TIME PROFESSOR

It is often said that the key to a successful education is the quality of the instructor. As most of us can attest, an engaging and talented professor or instructor can make a major difference in a student’s academic experience, and may even turn out to be a positive influence on their lives from that point on.

So if this is the benchmark of success, it can only be crystal clear that Dr. David Singer has proven to be a most outstanding and influential educator.

This past summer, a group of almost 30 former students, instructors, support staff and colleagues gathered together in Winnipeg in celebration of the many triumphs and accomplishments of the long-time professor of the Faculty of Dentistry. Members of the group traveled from places such as Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton and Brandon for the event.

Included in the mix were Drs. Jaswinder Brar and Kulbir Manhas, former periodontal residents who also served as instructors at the Faculty before moving on to new opportunities in Alberta.

The group got together at the St. Charles Country Club for a brunch and tribute to Dr. Singer who served as a long-time director of the programme as well as spending a term as Associate Dean of the Faculty.

Dr. Singer is now a senior scholar within the department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences at the Faculty.

Support Brush for the Cure Team

CANADIAN BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION CIBC RUN FOR THE CURE HAPPENS OCTOBER 6

Submitted by Larissabubnowicz (DH 2013)

This year, the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association is joining tens of thousands of Canadians to participate in the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure on Sunday, October 6, 2013.

We will be one of the many teams participating in a one kilometre walk or five kilometre run to help support the Foundation’s dream and vision of creating a future without breast cancer. All of the money that we raise will go directly towards helping fund, support and advocate for relevant and innovative breast cancer research, meaningful education and awareness programs, early diagnosis and effective treatment and a positive quality of life for those who are currently living with breast cancer. To learn more about the work of the Foundation, please visit www.cbcf.org.

This is a cause that is near and dear to many of our hearts, as many friends, family members and colleagues have been diagnosed with and suffered with cancer. When we think about the estimated over 23,000 Canadian women and men who will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year alone, we know that our, and your, participation, contribution and fundraising efforts is helping to change those statistics.

We are proud to be a team for this year’s event and are graciously asking for your support. Please help us by joining our team or donating today!

By placing a monetary donation, you can help us reach our team fundraising goal of $5,000 and make a difference to the lives of many. You can easily donate by going to www.runforthecure.com and entering our team name, MDHA Brush for the Cure, under the tab ‘Donate Now’. Please donate and support our fundraising efforts!

We also welcome and encourage all who are interested in participating and joining our team! If you do wish to participate, please join our team by visiting www.runforthecure.com and click on the link ‘Join a Team’ under the ‘Teams’ main tab. You will find our team, MDHA Brush for the Cure, under the link ‘Winnipeg’ and can fill out the necessary information required to complete the process.

On behalf of the MDHA Brush for the Cure team, including our co-captain Kaitlin Gregoire, we thank you kindly from the bottoms of our hearts! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at larissabubnowicz@gmail.com.
Graduation 2013

Gold Medalist: 2013 Gold Medal winner Dr. Daron Baxter at the Graduation Breakfast with (l-r) Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry and Dr. Cory Sul of the Faculty mentorship programme.

English, French and Now... GREEK?

Those who have been there before can easily attest that the language of dentistry is clearly one unto itself. The product of a highly detailed and technical trade, the orations of oral health appear in many forms, depending on the practitioner’s specialty of choice.

Anyone who happens by a group of practitioners talking shop could certainly attest that the profession has a language far beyond the limits of the local lexicon. For the layman, it conjures up the old phrase ‘it’s all Greek to me.’

In fact, a case could almost be made that it be considered a dialect unto itself: A variety of a language used by a group of speakers who are set off from others. Should this be the case, Dr. Daron Baxter must then be considered a master linguist.

The winner of the 2013 Gold Medal in dentistry followed a unique academic path that led to the hallowed hallways of 780 Bannatyne and ultimately to the top prize the institution has to offer.

“I’m from Winnipeg and I went to high school at Collège Jeanne-Sauvé and did French immersion there,” she explains. “I then did my undergraduate science degree in French at St. Boniface College. So I got my science degree there and it was really good.”

It is one thing to study French immersion in high school, even if it was at the first such institution in Western Canada to offer the choice. To attain an undergraduate degree in similar fashion – in a language that is not your first – would seem to make the achievement a bit more special. Yet, Dr. Baxter remains modest about the feat.

“It didn’t make it that much more difficult,” she said. “It was just very interesting to be learning one more thing as you were going along. Now to say that my name is Daren Baxter and I have a bilingual degree is a great experience.”

Next would come dentistry, a professional programme considered by some to be among the most intense, and at times grueling, of any post-secondary offering. Yet while the challenges therein would prove to be significant, they hardly proved insurmountable.

In addition to the University Gold Medal (for highest grade point average over the last two years of study), Dr. Baxter also earned the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award, the Dr. Isadore Wolch Prize in Endodontics and the Dr. W. Walker Shortill Practice Management Memorial Scholarship, in addition to graduating with honours and securing a spot on the Dean’s Honour List.

“Dentistry was a great fit; I went from one small community to another one so it was a nice place to be,” Dr. Baxter said. “Going on to dentistry was challenging just the same. Dentistry has a language all to itself.”

As well as the language, the dental professional also relies on tools and equipment that are also unique. And while a solid grounding in science is a good place to start, many students are eventually quite surprised by just how much there is to learn.

“The funny thing about dentistry is that going into it, you really don’t know what you are going to be doing” Dr. Baxter notes. “What I did learn is that the U of M has a great clinical programme. We all do so much clinical work that we had lots of experience right from the start. In fact, it was a wonderful experience all the way around.”

With the professional designation now confirmed, Dr. Baxter said her next chapter will be set in the Parkland district of the province as an associate in a practice office located in Dauphin.

The setting seems more than a bit ironic. As many may be aware, the city of about 8,000, located 330 km north-west of Winnipeg, is renowned for its Ukrainian heritage. Even today, Ukrainians account for just over 40 per cent of the population, almost 26 per cent of whom speak the language.

Time to start learning Ukrainian, perhaps?

“Exactly!” Dr. Baxter says.

Off to new adventures: Class of 2013 graduates (l-r) Nicole Watton, Robin Szmadyla, Joanna McQuarrie and Karen Ruoloowski share a moment together before embarking on their new careers as oral health practitioners.
Members of the Faculty of Dentistry’s Class of 2013 would have been fortunate to get a good pair of shoes upon graduation as many, if not most, are preparing for their next adventure far afield from the old stomping grounds of 780 Bannatyne.

Dauphin, Fort Frances, Swan River, even Nunavut were just a few of the places being bandied about by the 35 newly minted Doctors of Dental Medicine following the annual celebration that is the Graduation Breakfast this past May. Seven graduated with both DMD and B.Sc. (Dent) degrees

Continuing in the long and storied tradition that is part of the Faculty of Dentistry’s historical legacy, graduates of the Class of 2013 are putting on their hiking boots and heading for where the opportunities lie to begin their new careers. And many can’t wait to get started, led by the 2013 Gold Medal winner.

“I’m going to practice up in Dauphin,” Daron Baxter said. “I’m not from there but an opportunity came up there and I think it’s going to be a good fit for the next little while. And I’m excited to go up there.”

Dr. Baxter’s sentiments are similar to those expressed by others in the class. Whether it be by previous association or through connections and contacts made through four years of extensive training and education or even sheer happenstance, members of the class are wasting no time displaying their curiosity and ambition to get out there and hit the ground running.

The Dean of Dentistry said displaying such characteristics is a great reflection on the training and support provided by the instructors and staff at the University of Manitoba.

“If you feel that you have both feet planted firmly on the ground, then we have failed you,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino said. “The interesting thing about learning from experience is that you never graduate. Graduation is only a concept. In real life, you graduate every day. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that concept, you’ll make a difference.”

Interspersed among the many official duties of the day, many of the graduates also acknowledged the bonds formed through their four-year tour of oral health training, both directly and indirectly.

“I have had the pleasure of getting to know my classmates over the past four years and the international students the last two years,” said Omobolanle (Bola) Famuyide, senior stick of the class. “We’ve had many laughs and cries, especially during the board exams, but that really made the experience just that much more memorable.”

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MEET THE NEWEST DOCTORS IN THE PROVINCE OF MANITOBA:

DARON BAXTER
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- DEAN’S HONOURS LIST
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- AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD
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MALAR ANNAL
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REBECCA ANTEL
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NAZARIY BAB’YAK (PICTURED BELOW RIGHT)
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MANPREET BOPARAI (BSc [DENT])
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- DEAN’S HONOURS LIST
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- AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD

CLAIRE DE GUZMAN-DAYOT
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MENTOR: DR. ANITA GLOCKNER
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- MARY JANE EGO TROPHY

BREEAN RUSEN
MENTOR: DR. KRISTIE MASLOW
- THE MARTIN NEVILLE AWARD

AJAY SANKAR
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- GRADUATION WITH HONOURS
- DEAN’S HONOURS LIST
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Endodontic Excellence

THIRD-YEAR STUDENT TOPS NATIONAL FIELD TO CLAIM CDA/DENTSPLY RESEARCH AWARD

Don’t look now, but there may just be yet another first for the Faculty of Dentistry, courtesy of a member of the Class of 2014. For several years now, the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene have been actively promoting student research and student attendance at industry events in Canada and the United States. And now, thanks to the success of a third-year research student, that faith and encouragement seems to have proven to be well worth the effort.

The Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to confirm that Ms. Alanna Junaid of the University of Manitoba was the winner of the 2013 CDA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program. The now-fourth-year student topped the field of students eligible from all dental schools in Canada in the annual competition hosted by the Canadian Dental Association (CDA). It also marks the first time in recent history that the national prize was claimed by a University of Manitoba student.

The project, “Influence of single file endodontics on apical transportation in curved root canals: an ex-vivo micro-CT study,” reviewed the challenges and possible treatments in shaping canals, one of the more difficult tasks practitioners encounter when performing the technique.

“The new WaveOne file had caught our attention and we became interested in how this new ‘single file’ technique would compare with the conventional multi-file approach to endodontics, especially in regards to canal positioning/apical transportation,” Ms. Junaid explains of the project that began back in March of 2012. “Shortly following our decision to pursue this study, the University of Manitoba announced that it would be purchasing a micro-CT scanner for clinical research. The opportunity to acquire data at the micrometer level allowed us to perform a research study using the most advanced methods in the literature to date to assess apical transportation.”

(continued on next page. see CDA RESEARCH)

The Road Begins Here

ABSTRACTS NOW WELCOME FOR RESEARCH DAY 2014

The road to success has to begin somewhere. And for Alanna Junaid, it started right here at home. The current undergraduate student at the Faculty of Dentistry was recently named the winner of the Canadian Dental Association’s national research competition held this past spring in Toronto, Ontario.

From there, it is now on to New Orleans for an appearance at a national gathering of the American Dental Association. All of this came about thanks to Alanna’s appearance at Research Day, the annual celebration of research here at the Faculty of Dentistry.

Alanna’s research, supervised by the Faculty’s Dr. Rodrigo Cunha, was first presented at the annual event this past January. Afterwards, Dr. Raj Bhullar, the Faculty’s Associate Dean (Research) suggested the work might be strong enough to warrant entry into the national competition.

Now, budding researchers at the Faculty once again have the opportunity to kick start their careers. The Faculty of Dentistry is now welcoming submissions for consideration for Research Day 2014. The Research Day planning committee welcomes abstracts from researchers and academics interested in presenting their work at the 2014 event slated for late January. Presentations may cover a wide range of subjects or interests.

Abstracts (one page) should detail the purpose, hypotheses, methods, results and the impact of your research. A competition will be held for best presentation and best poster to be judged by a panel of faculty and industry professionals.

Please send abstracts to the attention of Dawn in the Dean’s office via email: dawn.silva@umanitoba.ca. Entry deadline is October 31, 2013.
CDA Research Award (from previous page)

Under the guidance of the Dr. Rodrigo Cunha, who served as project advisor, the research was presented as part of Faculty of Dentistry’s 2103 Research Day. Afterwards, Dr. Raj Bhullar, the Faculty’s Associate Dean (Research), suggested that the project was strong enough to warrant entry into the national competition.

“As a supervisor, I can only say good things about Alanna and her performance during the project,” said Dr. Cunha, who is presently acting department head in the restorative division.

Ms. Junaid joined the field that included competitors from nine of the 10 dental schools in Canada. Each project was presented as a table clinic to a panel of judges at the CDA annual meeting, held in conjunction with the Ontario Dental Association’s annual spring meeting in Toronto.

All student clinicians provided a brief presentation of their table clinic to a panel of qualified judges. Typically, judges include researchers, past CDA presidents and / or CDA staff dentists.

“Participation in the (competition) gave me the opportunity to connect with other student researchers from across Canada,” says Ms. Junaid, who is also a student in the BSc (Dent) programme. “It was inspirational and motivating to see the high quality of research being undertaken by every participant. The programme is a wonderful way to recognize student clinicians for our hard work and dedication to research at the dental undergraduate level.”

For earning the top prize, Ms. Junaid has earned an all-expense-paid trip by DENTSPLY to the 2013 American Dental Association (ADA) annual meeting in New Orleans that takes place in late October, where she will present her research during the ADA’s scientific programme.

“The opportunity to represent the University of Manitoba and the Canadian Chapter of the DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research programme at the ADA/DENTSPLY event in New Orleans is a great honour” Alanna says. “I look forward to meeting the other student clinicians from across the United States. I will enjoy participating in the organized SCADA events to learn more about the International Association of Student Clinicians and perhaps have the opportunity to establish connections that will facilitate research collaboration on an international scale. I have thoroughly enjoyed both my research and clinical experience in the field of endodontics and I look forward to continuing to explore the specialty.”

In addition to taking part in the competition, each of the student researchers were also honoured by the Canadian section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA). The students were presented with a scholarship from the PFA, recognizing their special efforts in the advancement of dental education over and above their academic careers.

Now into its fourth decade, DENTSPLY has provided sponsorship and CDA has managed the event as a means to promote student involvement in the profession and its research opportunities.

Class of 2013 (from page 11)

In the formative days of the Faculty, graduates routinely packed their bags and headed west, mostly to the more temperate climes of British Columbia to begin their careers. These days, thanks in large part to the Faculty mentorship programme and the many other networking opportunities that four years of close-quarter training provides, graduates are discovering opportunities much closer to home, in many cases in practice settings with former mentors or those who broke the path ahead if only by a few years.

The morning and the sentiments displayed throughout the day, were somewhat reminiscent for the President of the provincial dental association who offered a brief but no less accurate recounting of what has become the dental school experience in Manitoba.

“As a class, you have shared many amazing experiences over the last few years. You’ve had mixtures of challenges, with lots of highs, some stressful times with a few lows,” said Dr. Amarjit Rihal, a member of the Class of 1995 in his remarks at the morning event. “All of those experiences collectively helped shape you into the vibrant young professionals that I see before me. And the friendships that you made during your time at the University of Manitoba will last a lifetime.”

The changing landscape of the modern day and age has ushered in a host of new challenges and directions for staff and students alike at Manitoba’s finest oral academy. Spurred by advances in technology, new philosophies in teaching and educating and the changing dynamic of the student population and hundreds if not thousands of patients who present at the institution throughout the year, change has become a constant at the Faculty. Anticipating and adapting to the new reality of the day, the Dean noted, appears to have been well worth the effort.

“We been working very hard to improve our student experience and each year the speeches from the senior classes, both in hygiene and dentistry, have been changing. I’ve seen so much more concentration on the things that are truly important: the professionalism, the growth of people together as friends, things about family and about the profession going forward and about community contributions, acknowledgment of the efforts that faculty and staff and mentors have made,” Dr. Iacopino said. “These are all such great things and it brings us to such a different place in the Faculty and I am very proud of that. I’m very proud of our faculty and our staff for putting our students and our patients and our employees first. I’m so encouraged to see the quality of and the character of the young men and women coming out of this Faculty I could not be more proud to be Dean of this Faculty and to be associated with these graduates.”

Students now colleagues: Drs. Sarah Keating and Rebecca Antel receive best wishes from Dr. Noriko Boorberg at the conclusion of the 2013 Graduation Breakfast.
Extreme Makeover

GROWTH AND MATURITY OF FACULTY IDENTITY ACCELERATING AT RAPID PACE

DEAN ANTHONY M. IACOPINO
DMD, PHD

It almost seems hard to imagine but it’s been six years since I first touched down here in Manitoba. And as I enter into my second term as Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry, it is amazing to see how far we have come together and what promise the future holds ahead.

Fresh off two of the largest and most significant events of our calendar year - the Pacific Dental Conference in Vancouver and the American Dental Education Association annual meetings - I can honestly say that University of Manitoba alumni are having an impact and making their presence felt like never before.

First off, both events featured record turn-outs at our alumni receptions and, as usual, the events were boisterous and high spirited affairs, filled with alumni from the many different generations of the Faculty's history. Alumni from our very first classes congregated with those of our most recent years to enjoy each other's company in celebration of the common heritage that bonds us all.

This record attendance is a reflection of the alumni presence that is clearly growing at many important professional events. Our people are getting out and making their presence felt like never before, assuming positions as thought leaders, researchers, innovators and community leaders.

They are doing so proudly under the University of Manitoba banner, and are earning national and international acclaim along the way. It is clearly a mutually beneficial relationship.

As I mentioned in my state-of-the-Faculty address just a short time ago in Vancouver, it’s been another great year. We continue to provide a great clinical and biomedical sciences education while continuing to do things other dental schools in North America simply don’t do. Based on our size, we have the most active student research programme, representing our school at international and national meetings in North America and beyond.

We have, and will continue to, make a point of getting to know our students personally and taking an interest in them after graduation. Our Office Visit Series has now made over 300 stops to develop relationships and ensure they are reconnected with the Faculty. To that end, we have added annual alumni gatherings in Calgary and now in Toronto to go along with existing events in Vancouver and Ottawa. As well, each of these events is now fully supported by corporate sponsors as our industry partners see the value in helping us connect with our alumni.

And it is clearly working. At the present time, we have the most part-time alumni ever engaged in the Faculty. We have the highest level of financial support ever from our alumni and it just keeps getting better and better. And, as we continue to grow and develop together, I am pleased to share with you another major announcement concerning the potential future of our Faculty.

Detailed discussions are now underway regarding a major redevelopment plan for the University of Manitoba’s Bannatyne Campus that will include the construction of completely new dental teaching clinics. This would be an unique dental teaching clinic facility in North America. In the front, the public face of the clinic will be interprofessional in its focus. We will have physicians, nurses and pharmacists joining with our dentists in a joint Faculty practice. The dental teaching clinics will be adjunctly located for referral behind that store-front.

This will truly be the practice of the future as we will be working with our health professions colleagues. As part of that, the health professions faculties on Bannatyne Campus have proposed to come together to form one common Faculty of Health Sciences, one that will retain professional college units of dentistry, medicine, nursing and pharmacy.

And we will be doing things together like never before - for the co-management and treatment planning of patients - that puts dentistry and oral health front and centre in overall healthcare for patients in Manitoba. Supported by government, supported by the health-care industry and by the university, it is a very exciting future ahead.

I’m in my second term now as dean of the Faculty, and as I mentioned off the top, it’s hard to believe I’ve been here for six years, coming here from the States. And here’s the most amazing thing of all: it was - and still is - a great and an exciting time to be Dean of this Faculty.

We continue to grow, mature and progress as never before. Our alumni associations - including our newest group from the School of Dental Hygiene - now boast record membership and are looking to actively engage and help in the development of our school.

Our national and international presence is growing at an equally astonishing rate and our people are becoming in increasing demand for their skills, thoughts, opinions, expertise and leadership. And now, we appear to be on the cusp of a major upgrade, an extreme makeover if you will, of our teaching and clinical facilities. How completely appropriate, how completely wonderful.

As marvelous and successful as our short history together has been, we are poised on even better times that lie ahead. And it is through your involvement and your participation that all of this was made possible.

The role of Dean of Dentistry at this University of Manitoba is indeed an exciting and worthwhile endeavour. I cherish it every day. I continue to look forward to walking this path with you in days, weeks, months and years ahead, and I thank all of you for your support and your renewed engagement at the Faculty.

Grazie.
Making A Difference

VARiETY, FACULTy OUtREACH EFFORT
PAYING OFF FOR AREA CHILDREN

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ducation, treatment and caring can make a
difference. Take the experience of the students,
families and staff out at Prairie Rose School as the
latest case in point. For several years now, the
elementary school located in Winnipeg’s West End has
been an active participant in the Variety Children’s Dental
Outreach programme. Each year, Faculty students and staff
would screen the many students at the school with many
routinely routed to the main clinic for follow-up treatment.
That was then, this is now.
This past year, the
school announced it would
no longer be participating
as the partnership has
had a major and positive
impact on the oral health
of the children there.
“This partnership has indeed been a success and we can
truly say we have Healthy Teeth and Great Smiles at Prairie
Rose School because of the dental treatment our students
received,” said Anna Fernandes, special education resource
teacher at the Winnipeg School Division facility. “In the
first years, we went from having many students at all grade
levels needing dental work. In the past year, we had mostly
the very young students who were just entering school and
had never visited a dentist before, identified as needing
dental work.”
Ms. Fernandes explained that the combination of
screening and treatment, paired with ongoing education at
the school and the clinic, was responsible for the substantive
drop in the numbers of those needing care. The
children began to look
after their oral health
by themselves, resulting
in a much healthier oral
health population. School
officials were so pleased
that they felt it best to step aside to allow other schools
the opportunity to get the care that made such a positive
impact.
“Now that most of our students, from nursery to grade
six, are dentally healthy and do not need the support, we
will take a break and allow other schools in,” Ms. Fernandez
shared during the year-end wind-up that was held at the
Winnipeg School Division offices, “because really, every
school should reap the same benefits we did from this
wonderful programme.”
Prairie Rose was one of 12 schools participating last year,
in what was yet another very busy year for the outreach
effort. Overall, Faculty of Dentistry students and clinicians
screened 2,735 children throughout 12 schools in central
Winnipeg. Follow-up treatment was provided to 300
children.
David Livingstone School was awarded a certificate for
outstanding participation in the programme, along with a
$500 cheque for school projects. In addition, the school’s
community support worker Julie Halcro was presented with
a certificate in appreciation of her promotion of good oral
health for Manitoba children.
Now that the school year is underway, the outreach has
resumed, once again targeting schools in the core area of
the city. It’s expected that as many as 15 schools will take
part this year.
Since 1998, Variety, the Children’s Charity of Manitoba
has partnered with the Faculty of Dentistry to give the gift
of a healthy smile to many children in the Winnipeg School
Division.
All About Alumni

Grads Through the Years

By Bill Christie (64)

Ken Skinner (73) has taken on dual responsibilities with the International College of Dentists (ICD) last May 2, 2013 when he was appointed as Vice-President of the Canadian Section II at the annual council meeting and also begins duties as Regent for Manitoba district four.

Heinz Scherle (76) was also elected as Vice-Regent for ICD in district four for a three-year term.

The Winnipeg Dental Society has a complement of Manitoba dental alumni on the seven-year stepladder of the executive including outgoing Past-President Cory Sul (95), as fully reported in the last issue. Taking over as President of WDS for the 2013-14 lecture season is Jeff Hein (94). The incoming new executive member is Christie Leberge (06) who begins to learn the process as Secretary. Moving up at Sports-Chair is Don Dziwitt (94). Carmine Scarpino (81) at Assistant-Clinic Chair is both building a scientific programme and helping Peter Kowal (84) with this year’s Clinic Programme.

Waiting in the wings is Vice-President Roberta Krawat (94) who also has a busy fall as representative for dentistry on United Way Winnipeg. The WDS has a time-honoured tradition of bringing to Winnipeg some interesting and influential speakers, long before continuing education in dentistry became mandatory.

Cory Sul (95) and Amarjit Rihal (95) are co-chairs of the MDA mentorship programme. The success of this initiative has resulted in a National Mentorship Summit, a full-day event held in Winnipeg on June 1, sponsored by the MDA and populated by many local speakers. The summit was well attended by other jurisdictions that had just started or are looking to initiate similar programmes.

Adelina Tan (03) is Chair of Tooth Fairy Saturday, June 8, 2013, and by all accounts had a successful day. Thanks also to the many volunteers who helped staff the event.

Bill Christie (64) began a three-year term as President of the Board of the William J. Spence Memorial Foundation within the Canadian section of ICD, taking the reins from founding President Roy Thordarson (62). Roy remains on the Board as member-at-large, Brock Love (65) is Treasurer of the Foundation, and Registrar Bob Baker (63) is ex-officio on the board.

Bill Christie (64) was also made an Honorary Life Member of Manitoba Blue Cross at their AGM in 2013, after 24 years as a member of the MBC board.

Eric Winograd (76) is a new executive member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba as announced in WFP ManitobaMovers on 15 July, 2013.

Ernest Cholakis (82) is also announced in the same article as member at large of the board of governors of Winnipeg Art Gallery (WAG).

Barry Rayter (64), the youngest member of the illustrious “Class-of-64” has been selected as the faculty of dentistry and University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association’s Alumni of Distinction for September, 2013. Although Barry has retired from private practice, he has found a second vocation as a full-time, chair-side instructor in the faculty's main clinic. Dr. Rayter will be presented with the honour at the Alumni of Distinction Dinner and Dance, September 20 at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Frank Hechter (pictured above right with Jack McLister, President of the ICD Canadian Section) and Murray White (pictured below, right with Dr. Ken Skinner at left) were the most recent Faculty of Dentistry alumni members to be awarded fellowship to the International College of Dentists, Canadian section, at the meeting held in Toronto, Ontario in May, 2013.
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Phase 3 Now Leasing
One of the landmark cities in North America served as the host site for a most auspicious occasion for a group of Faculty of Dentistry alumni. Members of the Faculty’s Class of 1993 gathered together on the streets of the Chicago, Illinois to mark their 20 year anniversary.

And while Chi-town may not spring to the top of mind when it comes to destination sites, the group of nine from the class reportedly had a blast visiting one of the most storied, diverse and cosmopolitan communities on the continent.

“Krista organized three amazing dinners for us to be all together,” reports Dr. Mike Pauls, who made the trek from his home in Vancouver, BC “We went out to the SCTV Comedy Club, a smokin’ hot jazz club, shopped up a storm on the ‘Magnificent Mile’ and took in an incredible architectural boat cruise through the city. It was so much fun to be able to re-tell crazy stories from our days on Bannatyne and laugh together again.”

There was certainly plenty for the group to see and do in the centre sometimes referred to as the “Windy City.” The Second City venue is the legendary comedy cabaret where some of the greatest comedians of the day began their careers. Some members of the Class of ‘93 also took in a Broadway show, saw a Chicago Cubs game and witnessed the Stanley Cup winning Blackhawks take on the Detroit Redwings.

Perhaps less well known but no less impressive, the Magnificent Mile is a prestigious section of Chicago’s Michigan Avenue known for its nightlife. It offers a mixture of upscale department stores, restaurants, luxury retailers, residential and commercial buildings and hotels, and caters primarily to tourists and the affluent.

“The group did some serious power shopping and brought back a lot of treasures!” Dr. Pauls notes.

The home of storied mobster Al Capone and sister city to the City of Winnipeg is also renowned for its often astonishing architecture. Many of the buildings and high-rises were created by some of the leading designers of the century, noted more for their originality than their antiquity.

The 1993 grads who attended included: Drs. Bill Cooke, Jin Grewal, David Ho, Ivan Hucal, Rose Kahlon-Dhillon, Krista Kuntz-Grewal, Mike Pauls, Mike Rosenhek and Len Wedlich for the celebration that took place May 17 – 20.

“We decided that the next reunion should be in Bermuda, where Drs. Len Wedlich and Kevin Harney have their practices,” Dr. Pauls adds “We will definitely not wait another 20 years for that, though!”

The Faculty of Dentistry offers best wishes to all members of the class and reminds all alumni that the University of Manitoba is ready, willing and able to help you plan your next class reunion.

Get in touch with Tammy Holowachuk, special events and reunion officer in the Alumni Relations office at 204 474 6455 or send an email to: tammy.holowachuk@ad.umanitoba.ca.
Legal, Ethical Issues In Dental Hygiene

UMSHDA NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT SET FOR APRIL 12, 2014

Save the date! The University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association (UMSDHAA) has confirmed that April 12, 2014 will be the date of its next professional development offering for professionals in the dental hygiene community.

And, similar to its first effort this past spring, it is expected to be a timely topic that is sure to generate interest amongst those in the field in addition to those working towards that goal.

“Our theme this year will be ‘current legal and ethical issues for dental hygienists’ and we hope this proves as popular as last year’s session was,” said Cindy in releasing the details earlier this summer. “This is a growing area in practice and one that we hope will generate quite a lot of interest and attendance.”

A pair of high profile speakers will headline the 2014 April event, including Ms. Jackie Collins, a lawyer for Gange Goodman and French and legal counsel for the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba.

As well, the University of Manitoba’s own Prof. Arthur Schafer will also be appearing. Professor Schafer is Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics at the University of Manitoba. A noted guest for a number of local media outlets, Prof. Schafer comments on the various ethical aspects of health care in Canada.

“This is a growing area within the practice of oral health, not just here in Manitoba, but all across Canada,” Cindy notes. “We think this will make for some very interesting discussions from two very well respected individuals.”

At the session, Ms. Collins will address legal issues from 11 am to noon; lunch with the guest speakers goes from 12-1:30 with Prof. Schafer presenting from 1:30-2:30 pm.

Last year’s course – that featured presentations from Prof. Salme Lavigne and the Dean of Dentistry, Dr. Anthony Iacopino, proved exceptionally popular among both alumni and dental hygiene practitioners in Manitoba. The theme last year focused on how best to provide care for an aging population in the wake of the advancing ages of the baby boom generation.

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The Time of the Season

AUTUMN RETURN INSPIRES ALL

I love this time of year. You can’t help but be inspired and invigorated by the buzz that the new and returning students bring to the campus.

There is excitement in the air, but in combination with that is also anxiety for many students. As I go through the halls, I can hear the students, from all faculties and schools here at the Bannatyne campus, talking about what’s going well and what’s not going well for them in the early days of the term.

Regrettably, despite meticulous planning and preparation, lots of things can go wrong: textbooks not arriving on time, technology glitches, people being sick. Some things are unavoidable; whereas others are definite areas that need to be targeted for improvement.

What students are saying is important to me. It’s how I understand how the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba can better meet student needs and continually improve. Feedback is essential to bringing awareness to what the School is doing well and what we can improve on. Just like our alumni, who are practicing in most jurisdictions across the country, for us, part of the competency process and the quality delivery of education, is listening to and addressing constructive criticism. As a responsive and accountable educational institution, we solicit feedback on all aspects of programme delivery.

From informal comments I receive from students and those of you in the community to formal course evaluations; from students to the accreditation renewal process we undergo; from the Commission on Dental Accreditation of Canada (CDAC), we pay attention to it all.

Even though some of the evaluation we receive is fraught with validity issues, and sometimes it doesn’t feel very good, we still need to pay attention.

For the third year in a row, I have the pleasure of announcing that our graduating class was successful on the national board exams and collectively surpassed the national average on the overall score. This too serves as good feedback on our performance as a dental hygiene programme.

The School will closely look at this data to reflect on our areas of strength and those areas on which we can further improve.

With the aim of continuing to be successful for another 50 years, we will always need to pay attention to what’s being said and reflect and respond in a concerted way.

As we near our 50th Anniversary Champagne Brunch on Saturday, September 21, we can take pride in the knowledge that we have done a lot of things very well.

I sincerely hope you will join us to celebrate this important milestone!

Best wishes.
For many in the dental hygiene Class of 2013, the start of the new academic year way back in September 2011 wasn’t too much out of the ordinary. Naturally there was the usual sense of anticipation and a bit of nerves on the part of the new additions to the School of Dental Hygiene cohort as they prepared to embark on the pathway to their new careers.

Most were likely completely unaware that this class would be a bit different than others, if only because of the calendar year. The Class of 2013 will be logged in the books as the golden anniversary class of the School of Dental Hygiene.

In addition, it is also milestone years for the major partnering groups of the profession as the Canadian Dental Hygienist Association celebrates its 50 year anniversary while the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba marks the fifth year since its inception as well.

“You are all graduating in a very special year,” said Dr. Joanna Asadoorian, director of the school in her remarks to the newly minted professionals this past spring. “All three of these institutions are the foundations of our profession. So I hope you all recognize the importance of giving back by being participants in whatever capacity you can in the future.”

For the record, the 26 graduates of this historic class are also the first to graduate as third-year students, following changes to the university protocol that allows students to target dental hygiene in their first year of studies.

Ms. Chelsea Hagen is also in the record books as the 2013 winner of the School of Dental Hygiene Medal (highest GPA over the course of the study) along with the Manitoba Dental Association Gold Medal (highest overall average) and the Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award (high level of development in instrumentation skills).

Others earning academic honours include Laura Allain who claimed the Manitoba Dental Association Prize and Dental Faculty Women’s Association Prize; Larissa Bubnowicz received the Endowment Fund Award in Dental Hygiene; Jamaka Gerwing was named for the Margaret E. Miller Award with Raymond Wang taking the MDHA Award and the Maria Araceli Pacheco Memorial Award in community health.

The senior stick of the class noted how quickly their time at the school had passed.

“Second year, now the third year, moved with such intensity and high speed that our commitment and transformation was highly believable,” Larissa Bubnowicz said. “We worked at applying our knowledge, education talent and skill, each day becoming that much more independent, that much more competent. We started out, the 26 of us and I’m proud to say that we arrived at our destination 26 strong.”

Students and instructors also offered tributes and thanks to family and friends in addition to acknowledging their mentors who guided them throughout their educational journey.

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 Alumni Association  
A Hive of Activity  

NEW PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSE  
HIGHLIGHTS SCHEDULE FOR YEAR AHEAD

Submitted by Cindy Isaak-Ploegman,  
President, UMSDHAA, on behalf of the executive committee

Due to the incredibly positive response of our participants at our first professional development and luncheon, the University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association is proud to announce our second annual PD and luncheon is set for April 12, 2014.

The theme will be current legal and ethical issues for dental hygienists. We have two excellent and powerful speakers lined up for the event. Prof. Arthur Schafer, Director of the Centre for Professional and Applied Ethics, University of Manitoba will be joined by Ms. Jackie Collins, legal counsel for the College of Dental Hygienists of Manitoba for what we expect will be lively and topical sessions. Sessions will begin at 11 am that morning with Ms. Collins followed by a luncheon with both speakers at noon. Prof. Schafer will then begin his address at 1:30 pm.

Once again, members of our alumni association will receive a substantial discount on attendance fees. UMSDHAA member rates will be $25, non-member rates $65. Sponsorship booth (table) fees are also available for $75.

For UMSDHAA membership forms and PD event registration forms, please contact us at UMSDHAA@outlook.com. You can also mail a cheque or money order into UMSDHAA c/o D212-780 Bannatyne Avenue, Winnipeg, MB. R3E OW2.

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Going Out on a Hy  
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Since its inception several years ago, the School of Dental Hygiene mentorship programme has proved exceptionally successful with a near full complement of mentors consistently volunteering their time throughout the year, many of whom turned up at the Graduation Breakfast to congratulate their protégées.

“Through the two-years at the Faculty and attending mentorship and professional association events, you have gained knowledge and established important personal connections,” said Shauna MacGregor, past president of the Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association and member of the Dental Hygiene Class of 2005. “These connections will provide you with guidance and support needed to best serve the oral health needs of the public.”

The Class of 2013 is also emerging into the workforce at what might be considered the Golden Age of Dental Hygiene in Manitoba. Thanks to self-regulation, professionals are now free to practice without supervision, opening many new avenues of potential for those in the field.

The director of the school reminded the new grads that participating in the programme is just one way that they can continue to help build the profession now that they are out on their own.

“We see through our mentors that we can all give back various in ways to our profession,” Dr. Asadourian said, “to ensure that we don’t just maintain the status quo but that we bring our profession forward as we go forward in time and continue to deliver exceptional health care to the public.”

The Dean of Dentistry was also on hand to congratulate the class and to offer a few words of wisdom during one of the final gatherings of the class as a complete group.

“It’s been said that today marks a new beginning, a new chapter, new endeavours, and new challenges. Celebrate your success, but, at the same time, prepare yourself for tomorrow and brace yourself for what lies ahead. School may be over but the learning always continues,” Dr. Anthony Iacopino said. “Life’s lessons are yet to be learned. Keep an open heart and an open mind. Most importantly, when you leave here, don’t forget why you came.”

The profession now also boasts two robust member associations with the University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association now established and heading into its third year of operation. The UMSDHAA and the MDHA offer their members a variety of benefits including networking and continuing education opportunities that are essential for those in the field.

The School of Dental Hygiene is also planning a huge anniversary celebration in the fall with a champagne brunch slated for Saturday, September 21 at the Bannatyne Campus. Interested alumni are asked to contact the School of Dental Hygiene office to reserve their ticket or for more information.

Raymond Wang with mentor Patti Hawthorne at the 2013 Graduation Breakfast.
PD Ethics Course  
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As well, UMDSHAA members will receive a substantial discount on fees for the course that will be eligible as part of the continuing competency requirements of the profession.

“We did some surveys after our first event to see how everything went and it seems our participants were quite satisfied with both our speakers and their subject matter,” Cindy said. “Dental hygienists take their roles seriously and that means always working to provide the best possible care for the patient.”

Like dentistry, dental hygiene is not immune to the threat of legal and ethical issues that can appear from time to time in practice. The issue becomes one of even greater concern for practitioners, especially in light of the increased scope of practice that is available to those in the profession today.

Those looking for more information or to register for either the session or to sign on with the UMDSHAA are invited to get in touch with Cindy or Marcia Rushka, membership chair at UMDSHAA@outlook.com.

The School of Dental Hygiene Graduating Class of 2013

CHELSEA HAGEN
MENTOR: LORRAINE BODNARUK
• SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE MEDAL IN DENTAL HYGIENE
• MANITOBA DENTAL ASSOCIATION GOLD MEDAL
• HU-FRIEDY GOLDEN SCALER AWARD

MAYS AL-BAYATI
MENTOR: TARYA JOHANNSON

LAURA ALLAIN
MENTOR: LEANNA RIHAL
• MANITOBA DENTAL ASSOCIATION PRIZE
• DENTAL FACULTY WOMEN’S ASSOCIATION PRIZE

NICOLE BOBYCHUK
MENTOR: WENDY REIMER

LARISSA BUBNOWICZ
MENTOR: SONYA WARGA
• ENDOWMENT FUND AWARD IN DENTAL HYGIENE

PAUL CHAN
MENTOR: JOANNA KOSONAN

JOYCE DELA CRUZ
MENTOR: VICKI DELA CRUZ

LORI DEVOS
MENTOR: DIANE MANNNESS

SHAYLEE D’HONT
MENTOR: JEANINE BEAUDRY

JAMAKA GERWING
MENTOR: RENATE (RENE) CRAIG
• MARGARET E. MILLER AWARD (COMMUNITY HEALTH)

KAITLIN GREGOIRE
MENTOR: IRSERING NELSON

KENDAL HART
MENTOR: JOANNA KOSONAN

KRISTIN HOLT
MENTOR: JENNIFER MILLER

ALLISON KALYTA
MENTOR: ANNA MCALEAR

BROOKE LESY
MENTOR: SUZANNE MORIN

HOA LUONG
MENTOR: ERIN FEHR

TRICIA MABB
MENTOR: KATHY GIRARD

KATHLEEN MADSINO
MENTOR: TAMMI CHEETHAM

REBECCA MANDRYK
MENTOR: HEATHER PAETKAU

HONAR MUHAMAD
MENTOR: DEENA STEPHANS

JALAL NASO
MENTOR: AGEE AZCEUTA

MEAGHAN PACHOLEK
MENTOR: TARYN GREENBURG

MARY JANE QUIOGUE
MENTOR: AGEE AZCEUTA

KELLY SEMKOWSKI
MENTOR: LAURA LOEWAN

TEAGAN SIEMENS
MENTOR: DEENA STEPHANS

RAYMOND WANG
MENTOR: PATTI HAWTHORNE
• MDHA AWARD
• MARIA ARA CEEY PACHECO MEMORIAL AWARD
Faculty Facts

Reputation Building

PERIODONTICS PERSONNEL EXPANDING PRESENCE ON NATIONAL SCENE

For the past several years now, many departments of the Faculty of Dentistry have been working to increase their presence on a national scale within their respective disciplines. It’s a challenge that all departments have embraced and thrived upon in recent years with the Department of Periodontics serving as the latest example.

This past summer, four members of the department - two academics and two residents - appeared at the Canadian Academy of Periodontology meeting in British Columbia. Leading the way was Dr. Anastasia Cholakis who presented on implant surface decontamination, a hands-on course held on the first morning of the event that ran June 20 - 22 on the West Coast. The workshop focused on the diagnosis of peri-implantitis, possible risk indicators, as well as different treatment protocols.

It was the latest in a string of speaking engagements for the Faculty academic who most recently assumed the role of Division Head of Periodontology in the Department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Science.

Dr. Cholakis was joined at the event by Dr. Reem Atout, Assistant Professor in the periodontics division of DDSS. Second-year residents Drs. Bonnet and Xiang were also at the meeting with each presenting findings from their recent works. Dr. Xiang discussed the results of his study on how diabetes affects the risk for periodontal disease. Dr. Xiang’s research in this area recently earned him a nomination for the prestigious Balint Orbin Memorial Prize, awarded by the American Academy of Periodontology.

Dr. Bonnet reviewed a recent patient case at the 58th annual gathering held this year in Victoria, BC. Established in 1958, the Canadian Academy of Periodontology promotes excellence in the practice of periodontics by setting standards of care and guidelines for therapy, and to advance the periodontal health of the public.

Arrival of A World Citizen

ACADEMIC FULFILLS DAD’S WISH BY FATHER’S DAY

There can be little doubt that living in Canada equates to being in one of the best places on earth. Yet it is also important to remember and respect one’s heritage, one’s parents and one’s past. And it was with this in mind that a Faculty of Dentistry academic made the decision to become a dual citizen - of Canada and now Montenegro.

And this past summer, Dr. Charles Lekic (pictured above left with the senior Dr. Lekic) followed through on that commitment as he was granted citizenship to a small republic of the former Yugoslavia, fulfilling a promise to his father in the process.

“My father was from that small province, but he left during the Second World War to join the forces that fought the Nazis known as the partisans,” explained the Faculty’s head of paediatric dentistry. “When I left for Canada in 1993, I came as a citizen of Yugoslavia. That part of the world has changed greatly. My family and I felt it would be more appropriate for our children to be raised in a different way.”

A few years ago, Dr. Lekic received a call from his father, whose health was starting to fail at the time.

“He was 86, frail and having dementia,” Dr. Lekic said. “He asked me ‘Why don’t you become a citizen of Montenegro? I said ‘dad, I never lived there, nor will I.’ He said just call them and ask them anyway. In honour of my dad and his request, I called.”

Initially, the response was positive. A member of the nation’s consulate in New York got in touch with Dr. Lekic, requesting a copy of his CV, ostensibly to support his bid for citizenship. The embassy called back the next day.

“He said well, you created programs at the university, you have contributed to the changes in the licensing bylaws, you have raised significant funds for these programs; lectured around the globe and been a visiting professor in many schools. That’s more than enough for me to support the idea that you should get this honourary citizenship,” Dr. Lekic explained. “I didn’t think I had done anything special, other than to raise two good boys.”

After that, the process ground to a halt. There was no further contact from the embassy and the senior Dr. Lekic’s health continued to fail, resulting in his passing last year. But then things changed once again.

“This past March, I received an email, which I found a bit odd; that they were very pleased to inform me that I had been awarded citizenship,” Dr. Lekic said. “I thought it was a prank.”

A call to the consulate confirmed the news - that he was in fact accepted as a citizen of the new nation, by virtue of the exceptional scientific, educational and health care contributions made here in Canada.

“They also told me that the Minister of Health of Montenegro was wondering if I would be interested in discussing issues of dental care and the new faculty they have since started there, when I go to receive the citizenship,” he said.

So, this past June, Dr. Lekic travelled to his new nation whereupon the process was finalized and citizenship made official - all in time for Father’s Day.
The People’s Choice

E ach year the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene offers its respective outgoing classes the opportunity to provide some feedback on their educational experience at Western Canada’s oldest university. Part of that process is the annual selection of outstanding teaching and support staff. Each senior class is given the chance to vote for whom they felt were the best of the bunch when it came to their instructors and other key members of the institution team.

For 2012-2013, the outgoing classes named the following staff members as deserving of this year’s teaching awards: Dr. Rodrigo Cunha (pictured above right with Faculty Educational Specialist Dr. Dieter Schönwetter) for Class of 1976 Inspirational Teaching award and Most Innovative use of Teaching with Technology in the Classroom.

Ms. Dawnie Buchanan was named for the Exceptional Support Staff award.

New Faces for Familiar Places


T he summer season is usually one where academics, students and staff of the Faculty of Dentistry take some well-deserved time away from all the hustle and bustle that is life at 780 Bannatyne. This past summer, however, there was still plenty of activity on the Bannatyne Campus as the Faculty marked the arrival of several new faces and also announced that a few familiar ones will be taking up new positions within the academic framework.

The following is a brief recap of the many happenings and events affecting personnel at the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba:

The Department of Restorative Dentistry is pleased to announce that Dr. Chelsea Currie has joined the team as assistant professor in the Division of Operative Dentistry, as of July 1, 2013.

Dr. Currie is a graduate of the University of Manitoba, Class of 2010 and, for the past few years has been in private practice both here in Winnipeg and in Calgary. Dr. Currie has been involved as course coordinator for operative dentistry and early clinical experiences and has also served as an instructor for dental anatomy here at the Faculty of Dentistry.

The department is also pleased to confirm that Dr. Trenna Reeve has joined the team of operative dentistry as assistant professor, also officially signing on as of July 1, 2013. Dr Reeve is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and has been in active service with the Canadian Armed Forces in the Dental Corp for 21 years. She has completed the Advanced General Dentistry Program at Fort Bragg North Carolina with the US Army Dental Corp. While with the armed forces, Dr. Reeve was also a part-time instructor at the Faculty. Dr. Reeve’s military expertise in general dentistry, calibration, and forensic dentistry is expected to be a great asset for the Faculty.

The Department of Preventive Dental Science (PDS) is pleased to welcome Dr. Asmaa Haimeur.

Dr. Haimeur received her DMD from the University of Montreal and her DES (post graduate diploma) in Pediatric Dentistry from the Universite Libre De Bruxelles (Belgium). Most recently Dr. Haimeur was working in private practice in Morocco.

With the Faculty, Dr. Haimeur is working as a lecturer and as part of the team at Deer Lodge Hospital and with the Personal Care Home program in the Centre for Community Oral Health.

As well, PDS is also pleased to announce that Dr. Adriana Salles has joined the section of Pediatric Dentistry graduate and undergraduate programs as a full-time, tenure track assistant professor within the department.

Dr. Salles recently completed part two of the Royal College of Dentists examination and now is a Fellow and joins the Faculty of Dentistry team as a full-time appointment.

This past summer, Dr. Adnan Shah, also confirmed that Dr. Anastasia Cholakis will be assuming the role of Division Head of Periodontology in the Department of Dental Diagnostic & Surgical Sciences.

“Dr. Cholakis is no stranger to the Faculty as she is a graduate of the graduate periodontic programme and has held numerous part-time Instructor positions since 1996,” said Dr. Shah, department head of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences, in a memo to staff this past summer. “Dr. Cholakis became a full-time academic in January, 2005 and has remained heavily involved in the graduate programme since that time. Dr. Cholakis is an excellent academic having scholarship activities both nationally and international. She brings rich administrative and management skills that we are confident will take our graduate programme to the next level of excellence.”

Dr. Cholakis assumes the role in addition to serving as Director of the Graduate Periodontology programme in the Faculty of Dentistry. Dr. Cholakis assumes this full-time position at the rank of Associate Professor, effective August 12, 2013.

Contact information for all academics, including the new arrivals, can be found by contacting their respective unit offices or online via the Faculty of Dentistry website.
How quickly the first half of summer has passed us by! I’ve been busy meeting alumni to discuss their support of new projects here at the faculty. Not only are donors excited about new projects and campaigns, but paperwork is being completed on a number of new scholarships and bursaries. We hope to offer a few of these new awards for this upcoming academic year.

Donor and Alumni Relations are making plans for our annual homecoming celebrations that will take place in September. Along with campus-wide activities, the faculty is pleased to be hosting the Class of 1963 for a lunch and tour as part of their 50th reunion. As well, details are well underway for the School of Dental Hygiene 50th anniversary brunch.

In June, we had the pleasure of hosting a small group of donors, faculty and support staff in the periodontal clinic to announce the official re-naming of the clinic to the Dr. Sam Borden Periodontology Clinic. It was so inspiring to see friends and colleagues reunite to honour a gem of Manitoba’s dental community.

As we head into fall, planning begins for Dean Iacopino’s 2014 travel and alumni visits. The dean hopes to visit the Ottawa area in January, Vancouver in March and Toronto in May. We look forward to visiting with alumni at their offices or at one of our receptions in these cities.

If you are planning to be in Winnipeg and it has been some time since you visited the faculty, I’d be happy to arrange a visit for you! Please contact me at 204-789-3537 or Kyla. Denisuik@ad.umanitoba.ca

Borden Campaign Wraps Up on High Note

The Faculty of Dentistry will soon be home to a modernized graduate periodontics clinic, thanks to an incredible outpouring of support from more than 50 donors. In an outstanding tribute to one of the faculty’s most esteemed teachers, the new clinic will be renamed the Dr. Sam Borden Graduate Periodontology Clinic.

“Dr. Borden is a teacher at heart and has the heart of a true teacher,” says Dr. Jack Lipkin, a donor to the campaign and former student. “He always reviewed and evaluated his lectures, which were the best bar none, and carried the blame himself if a student didn’t do well.”

Dr. Sam Borden (pictured above centre with Dr. Jack Lipkin at left and Dr. Anthony Iacopino right) joined the Faculty of Dentistry in 1964. Over the course of a fruitful career he held a number of positions including Stomatology (now DDSS) Chair, head of Periodontics and Graduate Periodontics and Acting Dean of Dentistry. His favourite and longest-held position, however, was that of teacher. One of his proudest moments was receiving the Dr. & Mrs. H.H. Sauderson Award for Excellence in Teaching, which recognized him as one of the university’s outstanding teachers.

The success of the campaign for the clinic renovations is a testament to Dr. Borden’s influence on his colleagues and students. Donors generously offered more than $165,000 to create a more efficient and spacious clinic with updated technology, which will allow for better patient care and an improved student experience.

“Dr. Borden is a true icon and beloved member of our faculty. Everyone has a Sam story,” says Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of Dentistry. “This clinic is a critical component of training periodontics residents. Enhancing it allows the faculty to remain competitive with other training centres and will help us to give our students a distinct advantage as they set out to establish themselves. It’s fitting that it’s being named after a teacher who worked so tirelessly for his students.”

True to his character, Dr. Borden’s focus remains solely on the students of the faculty and their education.

“I’ve been lucky. I’ve always had a great relationship with my students,” he says. “I want to thank everyone for their support and for this successful campaign. It’s so nice to know our students will continue to succeed at this faculty and university.”
The Business of Bitter (from page five)

“Sweet, umami (Japanese term for a savoury sensation) and bitter tastes are sensed by GPCRs; salt and sour are sensed by ion channels,” Dr. Chelikani notes of the five basic taste sensations. “In humans, there are over 800 GPCRs; 28 are known to mediate taste perception, with 25 of these sensing bitter taste alone.”

Dr. Chelikani’s team is part of a growing wave of research into new discoveries that could pave the way for applications into myriad different areas of the consumer marketplace, further spurring an already booming industry.

In 2010 alone, the ‘bitter blocker’ market was estimated at $10-billion dollars. Investment in the biotech sector (which focuses primarily on drug development) was estimated at over $2-billion in the first half of 2013 alone.

In 2011 delegates to the American Chemical Society’s National Meeting in California learned of the creation of a new compound that blocks taste buds’ ability to detect bitter flavors, one that could ideally be added to foods and beverages to make them more palatable. Apparently this molecule contains just the right combination of carbon, oxygen, and hydrogen atoms to prevent the tongue from detecting bitter substances. The discovery is part of the now booming area of research into human taste signaling mechanisms and its applications in the marketplace.

Many academics believe that blocking or modifying flavors could help consumers eat healthier and more varied diets instead of masking bad or bitter foods with salty or fatty ingredients. Food manufacturers and drug companies are interested in using chemicals that interfere with the taste receptors on the tongue, leaving them temporarily unable to detect unpleasant flavours.

There is growing confidence that to get a cell to react in a certain way, such as stopping a pain signal or turning out less of a certain type of cholesterol, there is a good chance a GPCR can be found to make it happen.

Association Activities (from page 23)

The location of this professional development event is Frederic Gaspard Theatre (Theatre A) for the lectures and the Buhler Atrium for the luncheon. The topics to be discussed were the result of what previous PD event participants suggested was what they wanted to see covered in future events.

Our decision to move ahead with a second professional development event was brought about largely due to the great success of our inaugural one held last year. The feedback from our first professional development and luncheon event by participants indicated that they were pleased with their experience. This demonstrates a first rate presentation by both speakers.

We are certainly blessed to have such excellence in education at our alma mater. Back on April 13 of last year, Prof. Salme Lavigne spoke on “Looking into the crystal ball: Aging baby boomers and oral health issues” while Dr. Anthony Iacopino provided an “Oral-systemic science update.”

The UMSDHAA would like to express its appreciation to our speakers for their support in donating their time to share their expertise with the dental community for our inaugural event. The support of Dr. Iacopino, our Dean of Dentistry and Prof. Lavigne, a former director of the School of Dental Hygiene, was invaluable. It set the pace for future high quality events while also assisting us in attaining a healthy membership base with little financial cost to the association.

We also are proud to be a part of the Alumni of Distinction 2013 celebration coming up on September 20 at the Fort Garry Hotel. Ms. Pattie Moore will be the honouree for the School of Dental Hygiene this year. It is also delightful to be a part of the 50th Anniversary Champagne Brunch of the School of Dental Hygiene, the following day, September 21 at the Brodie Centre.

We are hoping to generate new membership at these events for our association and continue to grow and to host more social networking events for alumni and students. We also hope to generate funds for our new scholarship to support Baccalaureate and Diploma dental hygiene students to present a poster at a conference. Pledge forms will be available at both events.

Members and non-members will also have the opportunity to register for our professional development course in April.

Please meet us at our booth at these events and introduce yourselves to our executive committee. We would love to meet you. We have received a great response from alumni, in particular those from British Columbia, who plan to attend the celebrations that weekend proving our efforts in Vancouver this past March were worth the trip.

UMSDHAA fees are $25 for active, support, and affiliate members and $10 for students. For registration forms, please contact Marcia Rushka, membership chair at UMSDHAA@outlook.com

The University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association would like to take this opportunity to offer a few words of memorial for Dr. Susan Lukas who passed away August 9, 2013. Dr. Lukas was a graduate of the School of Dental Hygiene and Faculty of Dentistry, University of Manitoba and from an orthodontic graduate programme. She was also an instructor at the Faculty of Dentistry. Dr Lukas will be greatly missed by colleagues and students. The UMSDHAA offers most sincere condolences to her family, friends and patients.
Around Bannatyne

ACTIVITIES OF ALUMNI, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS OF THE FACULTY OF DENTISTRY AND THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL HYGIENE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

Presentations:

Dr. Uche Odiatu 89’ presented on the Mouth Body Connection at DentistryUVE in the UK, the Jamaican Dental Conference and the AGD annual conference all in Nashville in June.

Dr. Paresh Shah, DMD, MS, Cert. Esthetic Dent gave a series of presentations:

• Workshop on composites. University of Alberta (Edmonton, AB), September 28, 2013.

• Lecture on contemporary esthetics – EDDS: (Edmonton, AB), September 27, 2013.

• Three individual lectures: Workshops on dental implants; and contemporary aesthetics and restorative. Ohio Dental Association (Columbus, OH) September 20-21, 2013.

• Mastertrack program on restorative and fixed prosthodontics: Lecture and workshop. Missouri AGD (St. Louis, MI), September 13-14, 2013.

Dr. Anastasia Cholakis presented on implant surface decontamination (hands on course) at the Canadian Academy of Periodontology meeting in Victoria, BC June 20-23.

Drs. Xiaoming Xiang and Colin Bonnet, first-year residents of graduate periodontics, presented on research and case studies respectively in the residents forum at the Canadian Academy of Periodontology meeting in Victoria, BC June 20-23.

Dr. Colin Davies gave a Continuing Dental Education lecture on “Salviva - the Past, Present and Future” at Dental Update 2013, held in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. August 16, 2013.

Poster Presentations:

Slosheower S, MacDonald L, Aylward N, Sellers E, Dean H. Inter-professional shared leadership paves road to innovative oral health model for youth with Type 2 Diabetes. Interactive poster at: Collaborating Across Borders (CAB) IV international conference. An inter-professional collaboration: Transformative change from the classroom to practice; June 12-14, 2013; Vancouver, BC.

Congratulations to:

Ms. Mary Bertone who was selected for most innovative use of teaching with technology for third-year dental hygiene students.

Drs. Gurpal Buttar, Blair Dalgliesh, Adriana Gomez Sarah Theberge. The department of Dental Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences is pleased to announce each has successfully passed the Royal College exam for their specialty.

Dr. William ‘Bill’ Christie (64) who was made an Honorary Life Member of Manitoba Blue Cross, after 24 years as a member of the MBC board, at their Annual General Meeting in May 2013.

Drs. Jonelle Crichton, Richard Halpemn and Mireye Senye, second-year residents of graduate orthodontics, who have each passed the American Board of Orthodontists exam.

Dr. Rodrigo Cunha was named recipient of the Class of 1976 Inspirational Teaching award. Dr. Cunha was also cited for most innovative use of teaching with technology for the 2012-2013 teaching awards as selected by fourth year dental students (the class of 2013).

Drs. Adriana Gomez and Gurpal Buttar, residents of the graduate periodontal program, for their successful completion of the Royal College Examinations.

Ms. Diane Girardin was named outstanding teacher for dental hygiene third-year students.

Dr. Frank Hechter was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at the ICD Canada meeting this past May.

Ms. Pattie Moore was selected as the 2013 recipient of the Alumni of Distinction award, presented by the School of Dental Hygiene and the University of Manitoba School of Dental Hygiene Alumni Association.

Drs. Barry Rayter (64) was named the 2013 recipient of the Alumni of Distinction award, presented by the Faculty of Dentistry and the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association.

Dr. Murray White was inducted as a Fellow of the International College of Dentists at the ICD Canada meeting this past May.

Awards:

Dr. Prashen Chelikani has been awarded the MMSF Allan Rouse Basic Science Career Development Award.

Ms. Alanna Junaid (Dentistry, Class of 2014) of the University of Manitoba was the winner of the 2013 CDA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program for her ex vivo study of the influence of single-file endodontics on apical transportation in curved root canals. First prize is an expense-paid trip by DENTSPLY to the 2013 American Dental Association (ADA) annual meeting in New Orleans.

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Research Day 2014
Call for Abstracts:
The Faculty of Dentistry is now welcoming submissions for Research Day 2014.

Abstracts (one page) should detail purpose, hypotheses, methods, results, and the impact of your research. Presentations may cover a wide range of subjects or interests. A competition will be held for best presentation and best poster to be judged by a panel of Faculty and industry professionals.

Please send abstracts to the attention of Dawn in the Dean’s office via email: dawn.silva@umanitoba.ca. Deadline for entries is October 31, 2013.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Activities of Alumni, Faculty, and Students of the Faculty of Dentistry and the School of Dental Hygiene at the University of Manitoba


Appointments:

Mrs. Lorene Belows will be taking the position of Dental Hygiene III Clinic Coordinator effective July 1, 2013. Mrs. Belows has been a full-time faculty member with the School of Dental Hygiene for five years and has taught various courses, clinics and labs.

Dr. Anastasia Cholakis will be assuming the role of Division Head of Periodontology in the Department of Dental Diagnostic & Surgical Sciences. Dr. Cholakis assumes this full-time position at the rank of associate professor effective August 12, 2013.

Dr. Ernest Cholakis (82) was appointed as member at large of the board of governors of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, July, 2013.

Sheryl Feller (Class of 1970, School of Dental Hygiene) was appointed Chair of the Board of Directors of the Deposit Guarantee Corporation of Manitoba in January, 2013.

The Department of Restorative Dentistry is pleased to welcome Dr. Chelsea Currie and Dr. Treena Reeve, each as assistant professors in the Division of Operative Dentistry, effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Asmaa Hameur was appointed as lecturer with the Department of Preventive Dental Science, effective July 1, 2013.

Dr. Adriana Salles has joined the Department of Preventive Dental Science as a full-time tenure track Assistant Professor for graduate and undergraduate pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Ken Skinner (’73) was appointed as Vice-President of the Canadian Section II of the International College of Dentists (ICD), May 2, 2013. He is also Regent for Manitoba district four.

Dr. Heinz Scherle (’76) was also elected as Vice-Regent for ICD in district four for a three-year term.

Dr. Eric Winograd (’76) named new executive member of the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba as of July, 2013.

Retirements:

After 16 years at the Faculty of Dentistry, School of Dental Hygiene, Prof. Salme Lavigne is retiring effective September 30, 2013. Prof. Lavigne has served as director of the school since her appointment in April, 1997 until August, 2010 continuing in a faculty role.

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Call for Submissions:
The Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene would like to thank all contributors to the Bibliography and Around Bannatyne section of the Alumni - Faculty Bulletin.

Bibliography contributors are reminded that their work must appear in a published peer-reviewed publication prior to being listed here. Items that are to be published or are at press will NOT be listed until after the work officially appears. The AFB editorial board thanks you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

In addition, the Alumni - Faculty Bulletin welcomes word of any and all other activities undertaken by alumni, faculty and students of the Faculty of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene. This includes class reunions, birth announcements, off-shore travel and other items that may be of interest to the broader community.

Submissions are welcomed on an ongoing basis via email: dent_events@umanitoba.ca.
Manitoba Dental Hygienists Association/School of Dental Hygiene Mentorship Program
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Only YOU can help us achieve this statement. Your commitment makes OUR profession stronger. YOU are the MDHA and as we always state “We are only as strong as our members” and with your commitment you are an example of this sentiment.

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- A rare opportunity for all participants to grow and develop together; to share experiences and to work as one for the benefit of OUR profession
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Contact the MDHA Mentorship Committee
email: mentorship@mdha.ca or call and leave a message for us at: 204-981-7327
— In Memoriam —

**DR. SUSAN LUKAS**

September 30, 1960 — August 9, 2013

Peacefully with her family by her side, we sadly announce the passing of our beloved Susan after a valiant battle with breast cancer. Susan leaves to mourn her passing, children Matthew and Lindsay Weiser, husband Rob Weiser, parents Nikolaus and Elisabeth Lukas, and siblings Doris Jordan, Anton, Kathleen and Robert Lukas, along with their families.

Susan was an extremely determined and intelligent person who didn’t stop until her goals were reached.

After graduating from Garden City Collegiate in 1978, she went on to obtain her Diploma in Dental Hygiene, Bachelor of Arts, Doctor of Dental Medicine and Master of Clinical Dentistry-Orthodontics. She worked as a Dental Hygienist in Victoria, BC, practiced dentistry in northern Manitoba and taught at the University of Manitoba as an Assistant Professor in the Dental Hygiene, undergraduate Dental and Orthodontic programs. While at the University of Manitoba, she was voted “Best Teacher” by her students.

In 2009, she opened her own practice (Family Orthodontics) that grew solely by word of mouth. Dr. Lukas was a gifted orthodontist and was very proud of her work.

Though education and career were important to Susan, it was her children, Matthew and Lindsay, that were her pride and joy. Her biggest regret was not being there to see them grow up and become the wonderful people she raised them to be. Her other regret was not being able to finish the work on the last of her orthodontic patients herself.

Special thanks to Dr. Tim Dumore, Lynn and Chantal for all their help. As per Susan’s wishes, cremation has taken place with a private service planned. Chapel Lawn is in charge of arrangements. Rest in Peace dear Susan! You will be forever in our hearts!

**DR. DINA VARGAS PRICE**

The Faculty of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba was saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Dina Vargas Price. Dr. Vargas Price passed away July 6, 2013 in Santiago, Chile after a long and valiant fight with a rare autoimmune disease.

A 2006 graduate of the periodontics programme, Dina was much admired for her lively spirit, personality and intellect both by her fellow residents and Faculty academics. The Faculty of Dentistry wishes to offer condolences to the family on their loss.

~~ Arrivals ~

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May 28, 2013

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