CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2016
DEAN'S MESSAGE

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It has been a rewarding year in the College of Dentistry on many fronts. Highlights include exceptional students/student experiences, improved clinic operations, several facility renovations across the college to enhance student learning/patient services, and the continued evolution of the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and Bannatyne Campus.

Congratulations to all Class of 2016 graduates! This was a memorable dentistry class as: 1) all fourth year students graduated on time; 2) we believe we had a 100 per cent pass rate on the dentistry board exams; 3) the Class of 2016 was the most prolific in terms of community engagement/volunteerism; and 4) among our 35 graduates, two were recognized by the University of Manitoba as emerging leaders (Justin Silverstein and Sunny Virdi).

Furthermore, our students’ transition through the clinics in third and fourth year was exemplary! Our patient pool was managed effectively and our students were able to complete all of the procedures needed to accomplish their training.

This year, we used the Proctor Fund and the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA) Emergency Fund to assist patients who normally couldn't afford these dental services. This was a win-win which benefited the patients, improving their oral health and providing essential dental care, while students gained the exposure to complete complex procedures and reach the competencies they required to move on.

A major priority is that the aforementioned funds, which are not endowments, do not run out. Through our fund-raising efforts we want to promote the importance of the Proctor Fund and the UMDAA Emergency Fund. Our goal is to keep these funds replenished so we are able to continue to provide support to patients in need and ensure a robust patient pool for our learners.

Our annual spring clinic for third-year students was also a great success this year. Students enjoyed two to three weeks of more independent activity, tackling difficult cases and receiving hands-on tutelage from our excellent cadre of instructors. Students raved about the opportunities to perform more complex procedures and their improved speed, confidence and competence.

On the renovations front, we are upgrading the Hart Lab and Sam Borden Graduate Periodontics Clinic, completing the state-of-the-art Snihurowicz Lab this summer and renovating radiology teaching space. (Read more about college upgrades on page 7.)

I am extremely pleased to share with you news that our fifth graduate program was approved by the University of Manitoba, a residency in Prosthodontics, which will have its first intake in 2017. We are the smallest dental school in Canada, but now offer the third most graduate dentistry programs in the country behind only UBC and U of T. Given our dentistry entering class number of 29 compared to 48 from UBC and 96 from U of T, we can be proud that we offer Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics and Prosthodontics and attract students from across the country and internationally to these specialized graduate programs.

In other college news, Frank Hechter [DMD/71, M.Sc./76, M.Ed./90, PhD/95] has taken the lead to organize a task force to review the admissions criteria and admissions process for the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences’ College of Dentistry. The task force, which includes external members to the college and the University of Manitoba, will conduct a scan of other North American dental schools’ admissions processes/interview structures as well as current thought on admissions criteria and interviews. They will provide feedback and recommendation to the college admissions committee.

Lastly, I want to share with you how we are realizing more of the benefits that the alignment with other health professions schools brings in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences from critical funding support to complete our Sam Borden Periodontics Graduate Clinic to inter-professional learning opportunities to communications expertise that has resulted in a revamped College of Dentistry website which I encourage you to visit.

We also anticipate additional resources that will be realized through the University of Manitoba Front & Centre campaign and the other opportunities that will be available to us through a more co-operative and cohesive approach with our partner colleges in the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.

In closing, I want to acknowledge all the dentistry academics, support staff and students who participated in and supported two Habitat for Humanity builds this spring—one for a dentistry staff member and the other at the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences Habitat build. We know that volunteering to build the house and giving donations mean a lot to the very grateful partner families and help them immensely on their road to successful home ownership.
Welcome to the summer edition of our new College of Dentistry Bulletin! We are thrilled to be able to continue to offer you—our alumni, faculty members, students, friends and partners—the opportunity to read about Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene alumni achievements and news, college updates, meet this year’s graduating class and more!

No doubt, you will notice a few changes too. We hope you will embrace these changes as part of an evolution of your treasured magazine—one that not only celebrates all things College of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene but also aligns with the University of Manitoba visual identity guidelines and colour palette.

Please know that the magazine’s more contemporary, fresh look and feel does not detract from us telling stories about alumni, showcasing alumni reunions and events, sharing news about the college, teaching and learning, research and community engagement and paying homage to those who have passed on.

As many of you have already heard, it has been an exciting few months around here! On May 12, Winnipeg-born and University of Manitoba-educated philanthropist and businessman Ernest Rady donated $30-M to the University of Manitoba Front & Centre campaign. In his honour, the University renamed our Faculty the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and the College of Medicine the Max Rady College of Medicine. Ernest Rady thanked his parents for instilling in him the joy of giving back and making a difference.

He decided to make a gift to his alma mater, and specifically to the Faculty of Health Sciences, in honour of his parents, Max [MD/21] and Rose Rady. Student support, research, inter-professional education will all benefit from this generous donation across the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences—comprised of the Max Rady College of Medicine and the Colleges of Dentistry, Nursing, Pharmacy and Rehabilitation Sciences.

Thank you to Senior Scholars Dr. William Christie and Colin Dawes who continue to serve as editorial advisors. We also want to continue to receive your story ideas and news and hear what you would like to see in your dentistry alumni magazine.

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BULLETIN 02
At the recent International Symposium on Dental Hygiene held this past June in Basel Switzerland, Dr. Hans Herren, President and CEO of the Millennium Institute, expanded on the concept of sustainability.

Speaking on the need to think holistically and long-term, Herren challenged us to identify not just today’s needs and the resources available, but to anticipate the needs and resource availability of tomorrow and to prepare for it. The focus of his discussion was on sustainably meeting the agricultural needs of society. However, when the goal is long-term success, the underlying principles of sustainability can be broadly applied.

The School of Dental Hygiene (SDH) has successfully educated, prepared and delivered competent dental hygienists for the past 52 years, all the while evolving, adapting and growing with the oral health needs of the public. We are confident that the SDH teaches our students what they need to know to meet the expectations of today’s patients and employers.

The Class of 2016 excelled, as demonstrated by their 100 per cent pass rate and by exceeding the national average in all areas tested. However, the needs of today’s clients and community are evolving at a dizzying pace, and the expectations of the client care experience have never been higher. While our program is designed to meet today’s needs, the pace of oral health care needs and patient expectations will undoubtedly change and grow increasingly faster in the future. Are we equipping future professional colleagues to be prepared for tomorrow’s needs and patient expectations?

Time will tell. Until then, our best bet is to learn from the principles of sustainability and apply them to program administration, delivery and education.

In the postsecondary setting, the administrative reality is that our focus, budgeting, and performance evaluation are primarily driven by the academic year, and to a lesser extent, the program cycle. Thinking and planning beyond the academic year does not come naturally to us.

Further, much of our institutional credibility comes from meeting standards and being held accountable to our program accreditors. These standards and accreditations are designed to protect the public—today’s public. So, our academic cycle sets the planning horizon and our accreditation sets the bar, both of which are mainly focused on the here and now. However, if we want to integrate sustainability principles into our programs and prepare for tomorrow’s needs, we will have to plan more long term and think beyond our current accreditation cycle.

To be ready for tomorrow, SDH will have to do extra credit homework today. Higher education as entry to practice is that homework, our next step towards sustainability.

Now, back to the present, and to things worth celebrating. On behalf of faculty and staff, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the achievements of some of our own.

First, congratulations to Arna Shefrin, Class of 1970, who is recognized as the 2016 School of Dental Hygiene Alumni of Distinction. Arna, the honour is well-deserved; you carry the respect and admiration of your peers for your many years of dedication and service. (See more on page 18.)

Further congratulations to the School of Dental Hygiene graduating Class of 2016 on receiving your diplomas. Graduates, we salute your hard work and perseverance, and we are proud to now call you colleagues. I would also like to congratulate Shauna McGregor on her graduation and receipt of her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene.

Finally, thank you to all those who have donated to the SDH Smiles for Miles fund that provides free dental hygiene care to newcomers and enhances dental hygiene student practical skills. (Read more on page 10.)
Dr. Charles Lekic never meant to become a dentist. “I was tricked into it!” he says gleefully. He loves his chosen profession—he practically beams when he talks about it. And he hasn't got any regrets, either. But when he started his postsecondary education, it wasn’t in any branch of health sciences. In fact, he was in business school.

“But my father was getting older,” said Lekic of his dentist dad, then reaching the final years of his own career. “And my mother was always talking about how none of the kids seemed to want to go into dentistry. Who was going to help him out at his practice?”

Lekic felt bad about the family’s predicament and finally told his mother he would change track and follow in his father’s footsteps. He says she all but shrugged. “Well, if that’s what you want to do….” Many years later he asked her if he’d fallen prey to some kind of motherly trap. She just smiled and said, “Hmm. Maybe.”

Mom got what she wanted, but the truth is, her plan came close to failing before it even began. Lekic was accepted to dental school and had excellent marks, but after his first year as an intern he came to a grim conclusion. He hated it. And it wasn’t something he thought he could change, either. “The problem was the patients.”

He’d already put significant time and effort into his new goal and was well on his way to a promising career. Was he really going to throw it all away? A friend talked him out of quitting and suggested he give pediatric dentistry a chance. “He said just try it,” says Lekic. “I did, and as Forrest Gump would say, ‘it was the happiest day of my life.’”

Let’s face it, kids can be tough customers—Lekic doesn’t have any illusions. But unlike most adults, he says children have a directness that he respects. “They say what they mean and you know how they feel,” he says. “They’re totally honest. I appreciate that more than anything.”

That direct approach is something Lekic adopted for himself as a health professional—and it became the key to his success. Need to fill a cavity? Say what you’re going to do. Be straight about how it’s going to feel. Make sure the child’s ready. Then check often to make sure everything’s going okay, and mean it. “Once children know you’re not going to lie to them, you have their trust. And then you can do what you need to do, even if they’re not going to like it.”

When he was just starting out in the mid-80s, it was more common to see what he calls the “scary approach.” Dentists consulted only with parents, children were to keep quiet and follow orders. If necessary, physical restraints would be used to keep a child in the chair. “I’ve never agreed with that,” he says firmly, shaking his head.

As a long-time faculty member, Lekic has had the opportunity to instill a more compassionate approach in the generations that followed. His personal philosophy has not only brought a new standard of care to young patients, it’s also made the University’s graduate pediatric dentistry program one to watch. As founder of the program, Lekic has now graduated four classes—each with a 100 per cent pass rate on their specialty board exams. As if that wasn’t enough, the College of Dentistry’s Dean, Dr. Anthony Iacopino, points out that according to the program’s accreditors, “It’s been formally recognized as one of the best in Canada.”

It’s no small achievement, because as Iacopino recognizes, the population that pediatric dentistry serves faces significant challenges. “This program sees the whole spectrum: medically compromised patients, patients flying in from the north, patients with disabilities,” he says. “Dental health is an essential part of overall wellness, especially for children, who are still developing. Our program continues to offer a high standard of dental care to young patients from across the province.”

Following a bright career of over 30 years as an academic, Lekic is now stepping down as pediatric dentistry’s program director and as a professor at the U of M. He doesn’t like the word “retiring,” in part because he plans to continue his private practice and will continue to do some lecturing. But more than that, he believes that once you’ve been someone’s teacher, you never really leave your post. “My past students all have my phone number,” says Lekic. “They know they can call me—and they do. That’s one of the things that means the most to me.”

Iacopino describes the students as equally devoted, calling them Lekic’s “legacy.” He says when invitations went out for Lekic’s retirement dinner the response was overwhelming. “The room was full,” says Iacopino. “Students came from as far away as Europe, all over North America and other countries, to support him and bid him farewell.”

They also helped ensure that big smiles keep shining in the dentistry program by making donations to the new Charles Lekic fund, which will be used to enhance the resident experience, travel, or other professional development opportunities. At the time of publication, the fund had already grown to $11,000 in just over a month—a credit to Lekic’s own generous spirit and his reputation as not only a gifted teacher, but a mentor and a friend.

THE CHARLES LEKIC FUND
If you would like donate to the Charles Lekic Fund in honour of Dr. Lekic’s retirement, visit give.umanitoba.ca to donate online, call 204-474-9195 to donate by phone, or send a cheque to the Charles Lekic Fund made out to:

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Making a Difference

Variety, U of M & WSD Partnership Improves Children’s Oral Health

When it comes to the successes of the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach Program, it is truly measured by the smiles and the stories of the many students it has benefitted over the years.

The program is the result of a partnership between Variety: The Children's Charity, the University of Manitoba College of Dentistry’s Pediatric Dentistry Program and Winnipeg School Division (WSD). A total of 14 schools took part in the program in 2015/16.

During the school year, dentists with the U of M Rady Faculty of Health Sciences visit schools to screen students for any potential dental issues. Parents are provided with photographs of their children's teeth and an outline of recommended treatment. Once parental consent is obtained, students are bussed to the College of Dentistry Clinic where they receive the necessary treatment at no cost to families.

“Our province has the highest prevalence of early childhood cavities reported anywhere in the world,” says Dr. Charles Lekic, the college's Head of Pediatric Dentistry until his recent retirement. “So you start thinking ‘can we do more?’”

Lekic initiated the program in 1998; he has seen it grow from one elementary school, Shaughnessy Park, to 14 today. The program has benefitted more than 4,000 students.

“The most important year was 2005, when Variety came on board,” Lekic recalls. “It is really thanks to Variety that the program is here today, because we were on the verge of not being able to sustain it.”

Variety CEO Jerry Maslowsky says the program fit in with Variety’s philosophy of “Any child, any need, every day.” He encourages schools to consider Variety for their humanitarian fundraising projects. “If there are any opportunities to raise money, big or small, it doesn’t matter because everything helps a child here (in Manitoba)…it also educates students as to what Variety is all about: kids helping kids.”

Stanley Knowles School Guidance Counsellor Joanne Rusen says students at the school cheer when they’re informed that they are attending the dental program. She recalls one student even falling asleep at the clinic because they felt so comfortable there.

“That’s huge, because the children have realized that going to the dentist is not tedious and something to be feared, it’s joyful. They get to have great oral healthcare. I know the value of Variety, but more importantly, the parents at Stanley Knowles really know. It’s a wonderful partnership.”

King Edward School Vice-Principal Nancy Karpinsky remembers the positive change in two brothers who have been in the program over the past several years. “Last year when I first met them, they would be too shy to smile—they would cover their mouths,” says Karpinsky. “This year, they just smile so readily. It’s beautiful to see.”

Superintendent of Education Services, Equity & Diversity, Inclusive Education Fatima Mota says the dental outreach partnership is one that offers immediate benefits to students.

Story by Dan Lemoal, Winnipeg School Division.
It is a fast growing and potentially impactful area of research. And, thanks to a group of forward-thinking and like-minded academics, the University of Manitoba is home to the only research group of its kind in Canada.

The Manitoba Chemosensory Biology (MCSB) Research Group launched a year ago with a focus on the emerging field of chemosensation. A diverse group of researchers is exploring molecular, chemical and sensory biology towards the discovery of novel molecules that can alter or modify human chemical senses.

“It is an up-and-coming area,” says Prashen Chelikani [PhD/04], director, MCSB group and graduate chair in the College of Dentistry’s department of oral biology. “The work we are doing is multi-disciplinary and focused.”

The four research areas of MCSB—taste, bacterial chemosensation, signal transduction and clinical applications of the science—cover virtually all areas of the human chemosensory experience. Potential applications from their research range from the food industry to clinical applications in myriad areas of health care.

“Clinical, pharmacology, consumer products, all those areas,” Chelikani says. “We’re looking at research on taste receptor biology, taste disorders, food chemistry, novel taste blockers and taste modifiers.”

Comprised of eight scientists from disciplines across the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences and the broader University of Manitoba community, the group targets research grants that align with their areas of expertise. For the past several years and in collaboration with Dr. Rotimi Aluko (dept. of human nutritional sciences, Faculty of Agriculture & Food Sciences), Chelikani’s lab has focused on developing taste modifiers. This area has already drawn immense interest from the food industry.

“This partnership will help to understand the role that taste may have in determining a child’s risk for developing caries (cavities), including early childhood caries.”

However, the group’s work goes well beyond consumer products. Microbiologists Drs. Ayush Kumar and Kangmin Duan are investigating how bacteria communicate with each other and with a host cell, a major factor in bacterial infections.

“We want to understand the mechanisms of antibiotic resistance and virulence in bacteria like Pseudomonas aeruginosa,” says Kumar. “This organism is one of the most common pathogens causing lung infections in Cystic Fibrosis patients. Our role in the group is to understand how it may interact with the host defense mechanisms and if this interaction is linked to its antibiotic resistance.”

Dr. Robert Schroth, one of the group’s principal investigators, is interested in looking at the association between caries and taste in children and adolescents. “This partnership will help to understand the role that taste may have in determining a child’s risk for developing caries (cavities), including early childhood caries,” says Schroth, an associate professor in the College of Dentistry.

To advance their research, members of the group review calls for research projects that dovetail into their respective areas of expertise. “The climate for peer-reviewed granting funding is very tough right now. You’re looking at 10 to 15 per cent success, depending on what you are applying for. In that scenario, collaboration is essential,” says Chelikani.

Each member of the team has already enjoyed considerable success in his or her respective field. The group is optimistic that banding together under the MCSB banner can better leverage future opportunities.

“We know most of our principle investigators have good track records and significant, multi-year grants,” Chelikani says, adding it usually takes up to five years for a research group to determine how well it is performing. “The idea is for this group to become a Canadian Centre for Chemosensory Research down the road.”

The new multi-disciplinary MCSB builds on the College of Dentistry’s successful International Centre for Oral-Systemic Health (ICOSH), launched in 2008, and also envisioned as a nucleus for collaboration and innovation.

“ICOSH has received multiple international awards and recognition along with substantial government and private funding so we already know this model works. Dr. Chelikani is uniquely qualified to lead this new group and I have no doubt that it will be extremely successful,” says Dr. Anthony M. Iacopino, Dean, College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.
The College of Dentistry is spearheading nearly $1.5-M in significant renovations and technological advancements to take the college to the next level and to enhance the learning experience of students and continue providing exemplary care to patients. Funds have been raised through donations, clinic revenues and allocations at college and faculty levels.

One of the most exciting projects nearing completion is the “Dr. Sni” Lab renovation. It is named in honour of the late Taras Snihurowycz [DMD/62], a member of the first graduating class, who taught at the College of Dentistry for decades. Shortly after graduating, he opened up a private practice in Winnipeg’s North End. Snihurowycz earned a reputation as a dedicated instructor and outstanding clinician who was ready to assist students and also challenge them.

The $120,000 “Dr. Sni” lab includes key high-tech components: simulation equipment, a 3-D camera that expands microscope images onto a 55” monitor and the revolutionary CAD/CAM station. The inauguration and opening ceremony of the new lab will coincide with U of M’s Homecoming weekend scheduled for September 24, 2016 to welcome alumni.

“Keeping our dental school as a leader in Canada requires that we offer the most advanced technology in the world and that we equip and run our teaching clinics in a way that mirrors a new graduate's private practice,” says Associate Dean (Clinics), Aaron Kim [B.Sc./82, DMD/87]. “When it comes to dentistry, having the new technology really allows us to excel in teaching, communication and service delivery. It is a huge benefit for us.”

The CAD/CAM system is a digital system that scans teeth intra-orally, designs the final crown virtually, electronically sends the image to a milling machine where, ultimately 3-D printing of the actual crown occurs.

“This cutting-edge technology and accompanying teaching software allow us to compare the sample preparation and the students’ preparations. Students are given not just a subjective but an objective assessment and so we are pioneering the way forward clinically and academically,” Kim explains.

Across the College of Dentistry, new technology offers students an advantage in becoming more skilled practitioners. One-on-one feedback sessions enable instructors to provide precise feedback to students both visually and objectively.

As for patients, they too have benefited from new technology. Faster service and the introduction of the General Practice Clinic system has improved the scheduling and management of patients. This new model is a comprehensive-care model—not a discipline-specific one—thereby enabling students to treat the patient’s broad spectrum of dental needs.

Team mentors who oversee a cohort of students operate the Comprehensive Care Clinic model. As a result, students graduate with a true general practice/private practice experience after their College of Dentistry education.

Major renovations and upgrade over the last several years include:

- Renovation to the Sam Borden Graduate Periodontics Clinic ($700,000) involves a complete renovation of the clinic: housing new chairs, technology and equipment.
- Reconfiguring office space to meet administrative and faculty requirements in the School of Dental Hygiene ($190,000).
- Upgrades to the Radiology Suite features a new consultation room, a new and upgraded x-ray machine, J. Morita Cone Beam CT machine and Panorex machine ($200,000).
- Approximately $340,000 in upgrades to the Hart lab includes new computers for each of the 29 incoming students and simulation equipment, which has been funded centrally by the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences.
Year at a Glance
Continuing Professional Development Calendar for Dentistry and Dental Hygiene

FALL 2016

August 30
Reducing Pericrestal Bone Resorption after Implant Loading
Dr. Adriano Piattelli
(Lecture/St. Charles Country Club, evening)

September 24
2nd Annual Clinical Update for the Dental Team
Dr. Michael Barczak, Dr. Meredith Brownlee,
Dr. Anastasia Cholakis, Dr. Charles Lekic,
Dr. Dieter Schonwetter and Dr. Reynaldo Todescan Jr. (Lecture)

October 29
In Pursuit of Clinical Excellence: A Special Program for Dental Hygienists
Mary Bertone and other members of the School of Dental Hygiene (Lecture & hands-on)

November 18-20
Local Anesthetic Techniques for Dental Hygienists
Diane Girardin and other members of the School of Dental Hygiene (Lecture & hands-on)

December 2-4
Cone Beam Radiology Technique and Interpretation Certification
Dr. Meredith Brownlee, Dr. Ingvar Fife and Dr. Idris Elbakriz (Lecture & hands-on)

WINTER/SPRING 2017

January 14
Advanced Removable Partial Denture Designs
Dr. Igor J. Pesun and Dr. Michael Barczak
(Lecture & hands-on)

February 10-11
Dental Management of Snoring and Obstructive Sleep Apnea
John Nadeau and Dr. Jeff Horowitz
(Lecture & hands-on)

March 11
Oral Surgery for the General Dentist: Mini Lecture and Hands-On Workshop
Dr. Reda Elgazzar, Dr. Leland R. McFadden,
Dr. Tim Blight and Dr. Blair Dalglish
(Lecture & hands-on)

April 28-30
Local Anesthetic Techniques for Dental Hygienists
Diane Girardin and other members of the School of Dental Hygiene (Lecture & hands-on)

May 27
Digital Diagnosis and Smile Design: Hands-On Digital Planning
Dr. Anastasia Cholakis and Dr. Jose Viquez
(Lecture & hands-on)

May 29-June 16
Restorative Techniques for Dental Hygienists
Diane Girardin, Dr. Asmaa Halmeur and other staff (Lecture & hands-on)
Life can be full of surprises. Just ask alumnus Mel Sawyer [DMD/77]. Like many of his predecessors, the Winnipegger headed west following graduation, setting up his practice in Vancouver, BC. For many, that would be the end of story, but for Sawyer, it was only the first part of a career that officially wound down last December.

"Dentistry has been good to me," he said, reflecting on a career that has spanned four decades. "I had a tremendous education here. I was very well prepared." After nearly 30 years in private practice, a repetitive strain problem in his hand worsened to the point where it became increasingly difficult to handle the tools of the trade, not atypical among dentists.

Sensing it was time for change, Sawyer signed on as assistant clinic manager with the University of British Columbia Faculty of Dentistry, one of the largest and most modern dental schools in Canada with the country's second largest undergraduate cohort. "It was sort of like being a fireman," he said, "putting out fires and attending to the day–to–day things like electronic patient health records, digital radiography, cone beam tomography and tackling some of the challenges we see with electronic patient records and treatment planning."

Responsible for the patient screening and intake system, Sawyer was also charged with revamping this system. "It’s important to explain to the patients that this is not simply a low-cost clinic. It’s a university and the clinic is here to support the studies of our students as well as serving the public," he said. "As a consequence of that, you are going to get excellent treatment, you’ll get a break in the fees but we are asking for a time commitment. Our students’ ability to graduate depends on their presence in the clinic so patients can’t miss appointments and we can’t have down time."

In 2013, Sawyer received a College of Dental Surgeons of British Columbia award as part of the Infection Prevention and Control Working Group. This followed a certificate of merit from the college in 2010.

In 2010, another new opportunity arose. Back in Manitoba, the College of Dentistry launched its Drive for Top Five, an ambitious plan to make the University of Manitoba one of the best dental colleges in North America.

“First and foremost, I wanted to make a difference in my alma mater and help build upon something that has an enormous amount of potential,” he recounted. “I was looking forward to a challenge. The Dean gave me the opportunity to work here and my wife Linda gave me the reason to be here. On a personal level, I still have all my family and friends here. But again, it’s my affinity for the school [that brought me back].”

Appointed Associate Dean (Clinics), Sawyer spent nearly five years at the University of Manitoba, bringing his trademark steady hand and warm personality to the college community. He is credited with helping advance many new and significant improvements to the college.

His efforts played a large part in the college’s recent, successful accreditation. Additionally, he led the move towards a comprehensive care training model that will soon be implemented into the educational program.

Ever modest, Sawyer, also an excellent keyboard player with several weekend music groups, downplayed his role and impact. “I can be a strong leader but I can listen closely, carefully to everybody else,” he said. “I am a collaborative person; I certainly can’t do everything on my own and I recognize that. I value teamwork.”

Although heading back west, Sawyer will remain involved with the college as a consultant for the new clinic building being planned. And as his career winds down, he still marvels at how everything turned out.

“If someone would have told me I’d be back here running the clinic, I’d have told them they were talking to little green men,” he said with a smile. “For the most part, it’s been fun.”
Students in the College of Dentistry are doing their part to put smiles on the faces of newcomers to Canada through a new outreach initiative.

The *Smiles for Miles* program helps sponsor dental hygiene care for newcomers to Canada who otherwise may not receive it, and provide senior dental hygiene students with the opportunity to provide care free of charge.

For School of Dental Hygiene Director Mary Bertone (Dip. D.Hyg./05, B.Sc. D. Hyg./2011, MPH/15), *Smiles for Miles* gives dental hygiene students a chance to interact with people from different cultures and provide a level of clinical experience that they might not have otherwise encountered.

"We expect this to reinforce the role we play as dental professionals and as an institution in the community and the importance of giving back," Bertone says. "We expect these sessions to be both informative and eye-opening for newcomers and we are thrilled at the prospect of our students experiencing firsthand the impact that their skills and efforts can have on their lives."

According to Bertone, *Smiles for Miles* is being directed towards Canadian newcomers because they are an at risk group that does not have the opportunity or awareness to receive dental hygiene care unless it is provided by a government sponsored program or through an employer that offers dental coverage.

The College of Dentistry currently operates two community clinics in Winnipeg that provide dental services to community members, including newcomers, but the services are limited and do not cover dental hygiene care. Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean of the College of Dentistry, put out a challenge to the college to find a new way to offer dental hygiene care to newcomers and *Smiles for Miles* was born.

Yolandes Gebreyonas is one of the first newcomers to receive the *Smiles for Miles* treatment. Originally from Eritrea, she arrived in Winnipeg with her family this past fall.

"I heard about *Smiles for Miles* from the Deer Lodge Centre and they sent me here," she said. "I am very happy to be here."

Bertone says the goal of the *Smiles for Miles* is to have each senior class dental hygiene student provide care to one newcomer, representing a goal of providing care to 25 newcomers. *Smiles for Miles* is an ongoing program entirely funded by donations from the dental community, dental industry, friends and family.

Learn more about how you can support this initiative by visiting: umanitoba.ca/admin/dev_adv/donate_now/index.html.
One thing I remember from when I was in elementary was that dentists, dental assistants and hygienists would come to our school and talk about oral health and how to maintain a healthy mouth. During my training I noticed there was a decline or a change in the way the importance of oral hygiene was being communicated to younger audiences,” shares Sunny Virdi, when asked what sparked the idea of Brush Fest, a one-day outreach initiative aimed at teaching kids about oral health care.

The initial concept formed after talking to students from other dental schools while he attended a conference in Ottawa. “Some schools have a similar outreach program in place, so I took the idea back to the student council and everyone was on board,” says Virdi.

With a unanimous decision to launch Brush Fest, the team of third and fourth year student volunteers reached out to companies to seek sponsorship and connected with schools in the Louis Riel and Winnipeg School Division to see if there was an interest in having dental students come in to discuss the basics of oral health.

“We got out into the community, played games with the kids and talked to them about why it’s important to manage their oral health, which is especially important now as we have a lot of immigrant families coming to Manitoba and that’s a big issue for new families, they’re not always informed about the importance of oral health,” explains Virdi.

Through the generosity of sponsors they gave each participant an oral hygiene kit. “We left extra supplies with the schools so they can provide toothbrushes and floss to families that may not be able to afford these items because they have more important expenses, like putting food on the table,” adds the 25-year-old.

The inaugural one-day event was a huge success. “We asked the college to add Brush Fest into the syllabus so that it’s not an additional activity that the already busy students have to make time for or requires them to take a day off in order to participate. So it’s now integrated into the curriculum,” says the former Senior Stick.

As he pointed out, among other things the educational event provides oral health information to kids who recently immigrated to Canada. Connecting with immigrant populations is important to Virdi.

“My family, especially my grandparents, needed a lot of dental work when they came from India. At times they couldn’t even eat, so their dental needs were finally addressed when they came to Canada,” he shares. “Seeing the care they received and how it helped them pushed me toward pursuing dentistry as a career.”

Virdi, who graduated with a B.Sc. [Dent.] in addition to his DMD, feels the training he received at the U of M was exactly what he had hoped. He points to the Variety Children’s Dental Outreach program as one example. (Read more about Variety on page 5.)

“We get to see so many different patient populations and get to help so many people. Talking to other dental students—from other schools in Canada—I’ve noticed there are certain things they don’t receive training on or don’t feel like they get enough time doing certain things,” he explains. “From my perspective students from Manitoba graduate feeling really well-rounded.”
**DARRYLL IWASZKIEW**

Darryll Iwaszkiw was getting off of a bus in an impoverished part of Peru when she had an important realization: she had a portable skill she could use to help people in faraway places. In April, she did just that. Iwaszkiw, then a fourth-year dental student, travelled to South America with a classmate and Dr. Noriko Boorberg, an assistant professor (Restorative Dentistry) in the College of Dentistry—someone she considers a mentor.

Together, they spent a week volunteering with Kindness in Action, a Canadian not-for-profit that travels offers free dental health services to some of the poorest regions in the world. One day, before the clinic opened, she noticed a lineup already forming outside. “It set in, in that moment … they’re not here just because they want to get checked,” said Iwaszkiw. “The majority are here with some sort of problem that they’ve been suffering with for months and they can’t afford care.” She now considers that trip a highlight of her education.

“We have the same issues in Manitoba, but it’s very important to get different perspectives. It’s always good to go out there and learn things from other people,” says Iwaszkiw. “Every person provides a new perspective. Get as many opportunities as you can, don’t ever pass them up. Four years goes by quick and you’re really busy, so take advantage of every learning opportunity that you can.”

Iwaszkiw certainly leads by example. In second year she started the Winnipeg chapter of Oral Health, Total Health—a Canada-wide organization that brings together students and faculty from dental schools to advocate, educate and improve the oral health care for those with special needs. This same initiative led to the launch of Sharing Smiles Day in Winnipeg. The annual fun-filled day gives a new perspective to dentists and dental hygienists who hadn’t worked with those with disabilities because of their own discomfort or lack of exposure.

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She also noticed how little information is available to patients with special needs and their families or caregivers. “Even though there are dentists out there, a lot of patients don’t know where they can go for their dental needs … that’s something I learned through this and it’s something that, when I come back to Manitoba, I would like to try and find a way to get this information out to those who need it.”

Iwaszkiw graduated with an extraordinary number of honours; 12 awards and prizes including the University Gold Medal (Dentistry), awarded to the student who has achieved the highest grade point average for the last two years of full-time study. Iwaszkiw now lives in Edmonton, Alberta where she’ll complete a one-year general practice residency and focus on her main area of interest, special needs dentistry.

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**DEBOLA SONOIKI**

Debola Sonoiki was born in Nigeria and, up until four years ago, had lived there her entire life. It’s where she met and married her husband, a family physician, where her daughter was born and where she trained and worked as a dentist.

“Leaving Nigeria was a risk. I came to Canada and had to start from scratch,” shares Sonoiki, referring to her career as a practicing dentist. “However the move has been extremely rewarding. I really don’t have any regrets. I came to Canada and I was able to get into the U of M and finish the program.”

“Studying at the U of M has been an extremely rewarding experience. The instructors were fantastic; the Manitoba Dental Association was also very, very supportive, especially of us international dentists.”

The program she refers to is the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP), which is designed to familiarize international graduates to dentistry and dental practice in Canada. The college admits between five to seven international dentists each year and integrates the cohort with third-year dentistry students. IDDP students complete the two-year program alongside dental students who will be finishing years three and four (predominantly clinical-focused) of their training.

In Nigeria you can apply into dental school right out of high school, Sonoiki explains. It’s a six year program. “I was very young when I got into dental school the first time. The training in Nigeria had a lot of medical components,” she explains. For the first four years she was enrolled in the same classes as medical students, in her fourth year there was some exposure to dentistry and in her final two years she received strictly dental training.

One of things she noticed throughout her training in Canada is the amount of clinical exposure students receive. “It’s a lot more hands-on which has been really good. From what I’ve heard Manitoba offers a lot of clinical exposure versus other dental schools in Canada.”

She also noted the scope of density is wider in Canada, a developed country, in comparison to a developing country like Nigeria. And while she speaks highly of the training she received back home, Sonoiki says she appreciates the opportunity to work and learn alongside other internationally trained dentists from all around the world, including Egypt, Venezuela and Colombia.

“Studying at the U of M has been an extremely rewarding experience. The instructors were fantastic; the Manitoba Dental Association was also very, very supportive, especially of us international dentists. They linked us up with mentors, practicing dentists in the community. We each had someone to guide us and to answer our questions,” says the 32-year-old.

Now that she has graduated from the program, Sonoiki intends on doing general practice and hopes to transition into children's dentistry as she loves working with children but her immediate plan is to take a break and enjoy time off with her five-year-old daughter and husband, who is completing the U of M’s International Medical Graduate program—a program similar to the IDDP for physicians training to be accredited to work in Manitoba.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
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Mentor: Dr. Amarjit Rihal
• Canadian Academy of Periodontology Award

ANNA ARES
Mentor: Dr. Tana Gilmartin

JEFFREY BASSEY, B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. Hamish Varshney
• American Academy of Operative Dentistry Award
• Endowment Fund Award in Dentistry

BRADY BRINKMAN, B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. David Goerz
• Alpha Omega Fixed Partial Denture Prosthesis Award

JASON CHAN
Mentor: Dr. David Goerz
• Golden Scaler Award

TSZ HONG CHEUNG (Tee Hong Chung)
Mentor: Dr. Jenny Gill

JODIE CHRISTENSEN, B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. Jenny Gill

DEREK CHUNG B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. Mike Lukowski

ROBERTO GALLARDO
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Carrington
• Mary Jane Ego Trophy
• American Academy of Periodontology Award
• 3M ESPE Canada Student Clinical Award
• Dr. H.H. Saunders Award in Dentistry
• Dr. Daniel Tai Humanitarian Award
• Academy of General Dentistry Award

PETER HUYNH
Mentor: Dr. Mike Lukowski

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Mentor: Dr. Reg Chrusch
• University Gold Medal
• Graduation with Honours
• Dean’s Honours List
• Alpha Omega Fraternity Award
• Dr. John W. Clay Medal & Prize (Western Canada Dental Society)
• Dr. M.H. Garvin Prize in Periodontology
• Dr. W. Walker Shortill Practice Management Memorial Scholarship
• The Dr. Alvin Shinoff Award
• Canadian Dental Association Student Leadership Award
• Dr. Isadore Wolch Prize in Endodontics
• American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Award
• The Maclachlan-Hart Gold Medal for Complete Denture Prosthesis

HUNDOO KIM
Mentor: Dr. Reg Chrusch

JOSH KIM
Mentor: Dr. Darren Schramke

CHRISTOPHER LAI
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Carrington
• Sophie Kanee Memorial Prize in Dental Jurisprudence
• American Association of Endodontists Award

ELYSIA LAM
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Carrington
• Dr. John Earl Abra Scholarship in Orthodontics
• Dr. F.W.L. Hamilton Scholarship

VY LE
Mentor: Dr. Catherine Dale

SAFA NAGHIPUR, B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. Catherine Dale

CAMERON NORRIE
Mentor: Dr. Charles Rubin
• American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award
• The Portnoy Award

NARINDER PAHWA
Mentor: Dr. Amarjit Rihal

MICHAEL RODILLO, B.Sc. (DENT.)
Mentor: Dr. Charles Rubin

RICA SHARMA
Mentor: Dr. May Ting Yee
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HAITHAM SHETEWI
Mentor: Dr. Dennis Carrington
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• Emerging Leaders Award
• Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Annual Scholarship Award

HINA SOHAIL
Mentor: Dr. Dominika Jasiewicz

JOSHUA SONG
Mentor: Dr. Simon Luong

ADEBOLA SONOIKI
Mentor: Dr. Reg Chrusch

DEOKHYUN SUNG
Mentor: Dr. Darren Schramke

DO SUNG
Mentor: Dr. Simon Luong

EDMOND SZE
Mentor: Dr. Tana Gilmartin
• Certificate of Merit AAPD Predoctoral Student Award

SUNNY VIRDI, B.Sc. (DENT.)
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• The University of Manitoba Emerging Leaders Award

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Mentor: Larissa Bubnowicz
   • Dr. Frances Matiowsky Memorial Award

ARNELDENE SAN JOSE
Mentor: Harriet Rosenbaum
   • M.D.H.A. Award

CHAEEYOUNG SEO
Mentor: Tamara Klapprat
Like every dental hygienist, Jessica Baziuk likes to see a bright smile. But more than that, the new graduate says the most important thing is to make sure her patients are healthy as well as happy.

Though we don’t like to think about it, millions of bacteria are hiding behind even the biggest grin. A dental hygienist plays a vital role in helping patients understand how to keep that bacteria at bay, as well as examining and cleaning their teeth. A job well done means establishing a partnership with every patient and making sure the job of keeping a fresh mouth doesn’t stop when the treatment is over. “It’s especially gratifying when you see an improvement in someone’s oral hygiene as well as their oral health, through the teamwork you have both have put into it,” says Baziuk. “When you have this sort of impact on your client and they understand the importance that it has as well, then it makes your job worth it.”

Baziuk is the recipient of the 2016 Gold Medal in Dental Hygiene, proof of her skills as well as her dedication. The gold medal is awarded to the student who demonstrates superior academic excellence by obtaining the highest overall GPA among the program graduates. The award acknowledges the recipient’s hard work, perseverance and consistency in academic performance.

“Jessica Baziuk has truly earned this distinction,” said School of Dental Hygiene Director Mary Bertone [Dip. D.Hyg./05, B.Sc. D. Hyg./2011, MPH/15]. “Not only is she an exceptional student, her caring and concern for each patient genuinely shines through. Jessica embodies the spirit of this award and the School of Dental Hygiene is proud to recognize her as this year’s gold medal recipient.”

Baziuk admits that it wasn’t easy—she says the hardest part was making the leap from academic life to the clinic. “We went from spending 40 hours in the classroom to being in the clinic four times a week with real clients paying for our services,” she said. “It was very nerve-wracking putting all the theory and skills I learned into practice. There was a definite learning curve.”

That said, Baziuk offers some important advice to her peers still in the program. “It’s stressful at times, but remember that you can and will make it through,” she says. “They will be some of the most exciting and busy years of your life, so do not wish them away.”
A Message from UMDAA President

DANIELLE JOBB [DMD/95]
President, University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association

On behalf of the University of Manitoba Dental Alumni Association (UMDAA) executive, I would like to congratulate the members of the U of M College of Dentistry Class of 2016 on their graduation!

We welcome all new University of Manitoba dental alumni as our fellow colleagues into the profession.

The UMDAA executive realizes that the first few years of private practice can be filled with some anxiety and many questions. Your alumni association is here to help you get through these first years, which can be very exciting but a bit frightening as well.

UMDAA is happy to report a very successful year and that our membership has increased. We had a very successful and well-attended alumni reception at the Manitoba Dental Association convention as well as at the Pacific Dental Conference.

I want to personally thank all those that contributed to the newly established UMDAA emergency fund and assure you that one of the executive’s mandates is to guarantee its proper use.

UMDAA is happy to announce that we will be launching a new website in fall. This will make it easier for our members to renew their dues and to find information on upcoming UMDAA events.

Finally, I want to congratulate Howard Cross [DMD65], our Alumni of Distinction award winner for 2016. This is a well-deserved honour and I want to invite all alumni to attend the Alumni of Distinction Awards gala during University of Manitoba Homecoming on Friday, September 23, 2016 at the Fort Garry Hotel. We will honour Dr. Cross’s contributions to dentistry and the community and will pay tribute to the Dentistry Class of 1966 celebrating its 50th Class reunion this year!

Tickets are available by calling 204-988-5300 ext. 4 or email umdaa@manitobadentist.ca. We hope you will join us for what promises to be a spectacular event!

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Dr. Howard Cross is a graduate of the University of Manitoba Dental Class of 1965. Cross furthered his education at the U of M with Postgraduate education in Pediatric Dentistry in 1973 and a Master’s in Oral Biology in 1974.

Throughout his illustrious career, he has demonstrated extraordinary qualities as a clinician, teacher, researcher and administrator. He has displayed significant commitment to high quality teaching at the University of Manitoba for both undergraduate and postgraduate students in the School of Dental Hygiene, College of Dentistry and Max Rady College of Medicine. He has frequently played an active role in maintaining academic standards and developing educational policy and curriculum. As well, he has authored student textbooks and presently serves as Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Department of Preventive Dental Science in the College of Dentistry.

As a clinician, Cross is renowned as a remarkable pediatric dentist who has influenced and mentored many members of his profession. He has provided specialist clinical services for over 35 years to patients with special health-care needs. In 1980 he launched the Manitoba Cleft Palate Program, which is now part of the Cranio-facial Displasia Program and has earned a national and international reputation.

Cross is also a dedicated community volunteer who was one of the founders of the Teddy Bear Picnic and strives to improve the well-being of children across the province. In 2005, Cross received the MDA Award for Service and Life Membership for his work supporting patients with limited-access to dental care. He has been engaged in extensive outreach work locally and in Northern Manitoba. He received the University of Manitoba Major Outreach Award in 1984 for his involvement in community programs.

Cross’s renown is a well-deserved recipient of this award which celebrates an individual who has served the dental profession and the community in a distinguished and honourable manner.

Arna Shefrin is as dedicated to advancing her profession as she is to her patients, serving not only as an exemplary dental hygienist, but as a noted educator, researcher, and author. Shefrin graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Dental Hygiene Diploma in 1970 and a BA in 1971. Following her time at U of M, Shefrin earned her M.Sc. from the University of Rochester in 1978.

As a student, and indeed, throughout her life, Shefrin has strived for excellence. In her class of 20, she was the only student to take the American National Board Examinations, passing with flying colours. She became the first dental hygienist from North America to be licensed to practice in the United Kingdom. She was affiliated with London’s premier private group practice where her patients were among the most elite and famous globally. In the U.S., while a faculty member in several dental hygiene programs, she published extensively on ethical topics, as well as those related to broadening the scope of practice. As an instructor in both California and New York, Shefrin routinely went above and beyond, accompanying students to conferences, volunteering, lecturing, and mentoring.

Shefrin transitioned from dental hygiene to the pharmaceutical industry, initially working on innovative research projects with distinguished dental investigators. Subsequently, she established her own consulting firm, with an international clientele that included large pharmaceutical firms and the government of Japan. During this time, her work focused on the ethical dimensions of carrying out clinical trials, and she continued to lecture and publish on this topic.

In recent years, Shefrin’s interests have moved from the sciences to the arts, and she is now an accomplished fiber artist, whose work has been displayed in both museums and boutiques.

Throughout her career, Shefrin has lived by the motto: learn it, do it, master it, teach it. Excelling in each of these areas, Shefrin is a most worthy Alumni of Distinction Award honoree.
ALUMNA WINS WORLD DENTAL HYGIENE RESEARCH AWARD

Juliet Dang [Dip. DH/06] was recently awarded a World Dental Hygiene Research Award from the Sunstar Foundation for her doctoral thesis project investigating novel HPVs in oral cancer.

She was invited to Switzerland to speak about her research and to attend the spectacular award ceremony, which included Swiss flag tossers, cowbell dancers, horn players, and presentation of a trophy and $5,000 cheque to each winner.

After she graduated from College of Dentistry’s School of Dental Hygiene, she worked full-time for two years and then moved to Seattle for graduate studies at the University of Washington in the Oral Biology dept. She proudly donated a portion of her award to the College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba.

REUNITED IN THE BIG APPLE
CLASS OF 95
DANIELLE JOBB [DMD/95]

The Class of 1995 celebrated its 20-year reunion in New York during the last weekend in November. Fourteen members of the class travelled from Manitoba, Alberta, British Columbia and the Grand Cayman Island.

We all shared much laughter over dental school antics and great memories. Everyone had a chance to get acquainted over spirits and late night visits to the famous New York food trucks. Thanks to Kari for arranging our tour of the Freedom Tower and Rob for organizing a fantastic dinner at Keens Steak House followed by a Broadway show, House of Mormon. Hopefully we will see everyone in five years in the Cayman Islands!

STUDENTS BEST ALUMNI IN 2016 EDITION OF FABLED COTTICK CUP
CHRIS COTTICK [DMD/90]

After tying things up in an exciting shootout win in the second game, the alumni “thought” that they had the momentum to push through to a much sought after win in the final game of the three game Cottick Cup hockey series between the University of Manitoba College of Dentistry alumni and the dental students. Alumni jumped out to a lead in the final, thrilling tie-breaker game, held this spring; however, not surprisingly, the youth came back. Alumni were up 4-3 with only 90 seconds left when the students rallied to score in the dying seconds that sent the game to overtime! The students scored the winning goal and the series was awarded to the students-again! Fall 2016, we start this collegial, friendly battle anew.
Two alumni of the University of Manitoba, David Goerz [DMD/92] and Janet Leith [DMD/92], were inducted as Fellows of the Pierre Fauchard Society in Vancouver in March 2016.

Another two U of M alumni, Nancy Auyeung [DMD/92] and Alexander ‘Sandy’ Mutchmor [DMD/83], received a Fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard Academy when the society met for its annual luncheon in St. John’s, Newfoundland.

Fellowship in the Academy is by nomination and is designed to honour achievements in the field of dentistry and encourage future productivity. Professional leaders select fellows based on contributions to the dental literature, service to the profession of dentistry, and service to the general community.

Seven University of Manitoba alumni were inducted as Fellows in the International College of Dentists in May 2016 at the annual convocation in Jasper, Alberta.

Congratulations on this very prestigious honour to: Nancy Auyeung [DMD/92] of Winnipeg; Alan Cogan [DMD/90] of Winnipeg; Todd Graham [DMD/99] of Regina; Dwayne Lemon [DMD/88] of Ottawa; Mel Sawyer [DMD/77] of Vancouver; Carmine Scarpino [DMD/81] of Winnipeg; and Michael Sullivan [DMD/83] of Portage la Prairie.

Howie Fogel [DMD/80] is President of the Canadian Academy of Endodontics and Simona Pesun [DMD/97] is Treasurer as the CAE holds its 52nd annual convention in Winnipeg in September 2016. Bill Christie [DMD/64] will be made a Life Member in the same Specialist’s Academy at the President’s Dinner.
Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean, College of Dentistry and Mary Bertone, Director, School of Dental Hygiene, welcomed an enthusiastic group of alumni spanning the last six decades to our annual alumni reception at the Pacific Dentistry Convention in Vancouver. University of Manitoba alumni from British Columbia and across Canada were delighted to reconnect with their alma mater and catch up on College of Dentistry and School of Dental Hygiene news. Our 2016 event drew record attendance of alumni and sponsors! The College of Dentistry sincerely thanks lead sponsor Henry Schein, and event sponsors Bisco, Designs for Vision Inc., and Johnson & Johnson and for their support in making our event a success.

1. L to R: Gary Zimak [DMD/85], Derek Gaudes [DMD/86], Reid Robertson [DMD/85], Margaret Choy [DMD/85], Andrew Chuchman [DMD/85], Doug Galanm [DMD/85], Reg Chrusch [DMD/85], Phill Pass [DMD/85], Jack Bassey [DMD/85]

2. L to R: Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean, College of Dentistry, Rick Grenkow [BA/69, DMD/73], Deanna Grenkow

3. L to R: Hoeim Chen-Campbell [DMD/90], Dr. Edwin Yen, Janet Alsip [DMD/89], Kay Fung [B.Sc./84, DMD/89]

4. L to R: Joel Antel [DMD/79], Rebecca Antel [DMD/13], Michael Porco [DMD/13, B.Sc./09], Tiffany Cheung [DMD/11, B.Sc.(Dent.)/11]

5. L to R: Jessie Bicknell, Sean Bicknell [DMD/03, B.Sc (Dent.)/03], Kristin Cuthbert [DMD/04, B.Sc./00], Renee Duprat [DMD/03, B.Sc./97]


7. L to R: Jones Young [DMD/87], Dr. Anthony Iacopino, Dean, College of Dentistry, Aaron Kim [DMD/87, B.Sc./82]

8. L to R: Nancy Auyeung [DMD/92, B.Sc.(Dent.)/92], Carla Cohn [DMD/91], Rafi Mohammed, Executive Director, MDA, Gord Levin [DMD/85, B.Sc./81], Michael Numerow [DMD/93]
We extend our condolences to all family and friends of our University of Manitoba College of Dentistry, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences alumni and colleagues who have recently passed away.

**WILLIAM OATWAY [DMD/67]**
April 11, 1927 – February 3, 2016

Dr. William Oatway graduated from the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry in 1967. He practiced dentistry in Kamloops, British Columbia for 12 years. He then moved to Grande Prairie, Alberta where he practiced for another 10 years and locum in Grande Cache, Alberta.

He retired with his wife Audrey to Nanaimo, British Columbia.

**LAWRENCE STOCKTON [DMD/70]**
September 30, 1946 – May 18, 2016

Dr. Lawrence Stockton passed away on May 18, 2016 after a battle with cancer.

Lawrence was a member of the Class of 1970 and went on to serve at the University of Manitoba as Associate Dean (Clinical), Director of the International Dental Degree Program, general practice instructor and mentor.

He created a remarkable legacy at the university, including the transition to electronic records and digital/cone beam radiology in the dental clinics. He is also credited with the creation and ongoing development of the General Practice Program, including the development of an effective and balanced grading system. He had a reputation as a highly skilled clinician, manager and project leader who was well respected by students, staff and colleagues. In addition to his work at the university, he also ran a successful dental practice for 25 years.

Lawrence retired in 2012 and enjoyed spending winters in Mesa, AZ. Lawrence was an accomplished athlete, participating in hockey, squash, curling, golf, hunting, dog training, and winning the Vanier Cup in football with the University of Manitoba in 1969 to 1970. He was also inducted to the Manitoba Football Hall of Fame in 1998 as a member of the 1969-70 U of M Bisons.

**ARTHUR SCHWARTZ [DDS, FICD, FACD, FRCD]**
June 22, 1923 – January 20, 2016

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Arthur served with the Royal Canadian Army Dental Corps from 1944-1947, stationed in the North Atlantic and England commissioned with the rank of Captain, then the Militia 1948-1957 with the rank of Major.

Arthur returned to Winnipeg in 1978 to serve as Dean of Dentistry at the University of Manitoba, a post he held until 1989. During that time, he oversaw wholesale renovations to the laboratory and clinical areas of the dental college which helped the school attain full accreditation. From 1989-1991, Arthur served as the university’s Director, Community Dentistry Programs and in 1991-1993 he went on to serve as the Associate Director, Professional Service, Canadian Dental Association in Ottawa.

Arthur was the recipient of several honours, including the Doctor and Mrs. Ralph Campbell Outreach Award, fellowship in both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, an honourary fellowship in the Royal College of Dentists, honourary memberships from MDA and the CDA, the Distinguished Service award from the CDA, and lifetime membership in the Manitoba Dental Association and the Winnipeg Dental Society.

After retirement, Arthur was named Dean Emeritus for distinguished service at the University of Manitoba and also had the honour of having a lecture theatre named after him at the College of Dentistry.

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His love of hockey and The Kenora Thistles drew him to Kenora where he met and married Daphne Wolfe. He opened his first practice there in 1947, leaving it in 1955 to become Director, Dental Services, Department of Health, Province of Manitoba.

He returned to private practice in both Kenora and Winnipeg from 1958 to 1971, when he accepted the position of Regional Dental Officer, Manitoba Health and Welfare Medical Services Branch becoming the Regional Director in 1973. In 1977, he moved to Ottawa where he became Regional Director of Ontario Region, Health and Welfare Canada Medical Services Branch.

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