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HOW I GOT INTO PAINTING

“I have a genetic condition, red/green colour deficiency, passed on to me by my mother on the sex-linked 23rd chromosome. Upon my semi-retirement about five years ago, I decided to find a hobby, besides golfing, that I can do at home. I went to an art studio to learn pencil sketching. My art teacher, Christine, encouraged me to explore colour and I progressed from pencil sketching to colour pencil and eventually acrylic painting. The basic pencil sketching of different shades of black built the foundation to train my mind to recognize different shades of the same colour. I found it very fascinating that people can train our minds to overcome the inherited colour vision deficiency. Now I can stay home and have a hobby when it is raining and I cannot golf.”

COVER ARTIST

Dr. John Hung is a beloved part-time clinical assistant professor at the Faculty of Dentistry. As one of the inaugural recipients of the newly created UBC Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Affiliate Award, Dr. Hung’s long-standing support for and dedication to the Faculty is truly appreciated and recognized. Dr. Hung started as a pediatric public health dentist in Saskatchewan. He moved to BC in 1979 and was the director of the children’s dental program for Burnaby School District and Fraser Health Authority. Dr. Hung has focused on pediatric dentistry for 43 years and founded the Monarch Pediatric Dental Centre in 1997. Dr. Hung has a long and impressive list of distinctions, memberships, and awards within the community. His support for UBC Dentistry is equally as long.

As we continue to be inspired by Dr. Hung’s passion and commitment to children’s dental health, dental education, and the entire community, we also celebrate his many talents, demonstrated through his works of art.
None of us could have imagined that 2020 would be such a disrupted year, so full of challenges, adversity, uncertainty, and change. In mid-March, due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the UBC Faculty of Dentistry rapidly modified our academic programs, clinics, research enterprise, and community programming. At that time, we did not know the extent of what COVID-19 would bring or how dramatically it would impact us. In this issue of Impressions, you can read about our unified and diligent confrontation of the COVID-19 pandemic through teamwork, creativity, and innovation. Our Faculty is extremely fortunate to be one of the few academic programs that have support from 123Dentist for a new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory. This nearly $6-million project is being supported through UBC’s Vancouver Academic Excellence Funds and a naming gift from 123Dentist through the leadership of their CEO and UBC Dentistry alumnus Dr. Amin Shivi. Related to our community programs, we announce a new partnership with Henry Schein Canada, Henry Schein Cares, and Dr. Amin Shivji to honor his service on the Leadership Team, please enjoy the highlights of our faculty, student accomplishments, and student accomplishments in the TeamSmile Achievement pages. UBC Dentistry’s collective milestones, despite formidable disruption, show a real spirit of resilience. We were fortunate to take a clean sweep of the Association of Canadian Dentists’ research programs as we transitioned to a hybrid model of delivery and continue to navigate the unexpected effects of the COVID-19 situation. Collectively, we have risen to meet the many challenges and will stay focused on our mission as trailblazers of oral health in BC and beyond.

Dr. Zul Kanji
Recipient of the ACFD National Dental Teaching Award
The ACFD National Dental Teaching Award is presented annually to a faculty member who has displayed the qualities of an outstanding dental educator. Nominees are expected to have made significant contribution to the creation of new knowledge in the field of oral health while consistently utilizing innovative and creative approaches to problem solving. Their work is expected to have a profound and lasting effect on current knowledge within a field relevant to oral health. Dr. Zul Kanji has been chosen as the recipient of this award, which is a tribute to Dr. Kanji’s outstanding teaching as well as his excellent research mentorship and leadership.

In my first year as ACFD president, I was so proud and honoured to present this year’s awards to my UBC colleagues. Certainly well deserved by Dr. Yen has had a brilliant career and contributed so much to the Faculty as dean and professor of orthodontics. Dr. Richman has done extraordinary work and it’s so wonderful to see her be recognized for all that she has accomplished. Dr. Kanji’s dedication in the ways he innovates his teaching methods is truly remarkable and has been well recognized among his peers.”

– Dr. Andrea Esteves

Dr. Edwin Yen
Recipient of the ACFD Distinguished Service Award
The ACFD Distinguished Service Award is only presented on occasion when an individual or group whose contributions to teaching, research, or service within dental education are of such significance and or span a significant part of a career that special recognition is well deserved. Dr. Edwin Yen has been chosen by the ACFD board as the recipient of this award, which is a tribute to Dr. Yen’s many contributions to teaching, research, leadership, and service within the dental profession and education.

Dr. Joy Richman
Recipient of the CADR-ACFD National Dental Research Award
The CADR-ACFD National Dental Research Award is presented annually to a faculty member who has made a significant contribution to the creation of new knowledge in the field of oral health while consistently utilizing innovative and creative approaches to problem solving. Their work is expected to have a profound and lasting effect on current knowledge within a field relevant to oral health. Dr. Joy Richman has been chosen as the recipient of this award, which is a tribute to Dr. Richman’s outstanding research as well as her excellent research mentorship and leadership.

Our faculty members received their 2020 ACFD awards at the Tooth Fairy Gala held in March. Dr. Andrea Esteves, ACFD president, presented the awards to Dr. Zul Kanji (left photo) and Dr. Edwin Yen (right). Dr. Richman’s award was to be presented at the International Association of Dental Research Centennial meeting in Washington, DC, on March 17 but was cancelled due to COVID-19 travel restrictions.
Bringing Dental Care to Our Most Vulnerable: Henry Schein Supports UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program

The COVID-19 pandemic has shed light on the fragility and limitations of our global health systems, particularly for the vulnerable seniors population. When COVID-19 began, dental care for residents of long-term care facilities all but stopped, even though oral health is critical. However, the systemic issue and social challenges for managing geriatric dental patients as the fastest growing age group in Canada remains a challenge.

The UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program is among the first in Canada to document the distribution of oral health problems in long-term care facilities through a dynamic program. This program not only provides a complement of dental care but also supports a unique educational model for dental students to gain clinical dental education in the provision of geriatric care. Through specialized rotations, they will learn how to best serve our aging population and gain valuable skills for their future practices in gerontology and health aging. Nevertheless, the annual budget to sustain the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program and ensure no-cost treatment to patients has been a challenge.

Today, UBC Faculty of Dentistry is pleased to announce its multi-year agreement with Henry Schein Canada, Henry Schein Cares, and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, in support of the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program. This will enable the program’s dental and dental hygiene students to provide much needed dental care for older adults residing in long-term care hospitals.

Henry Schein, known for fostering and promoting medical and dental health by helping increase access to care in communities around the world, will provide a combined gift of support and in-kind product donations over a five-year period. This donation will include a wide range of dental products supporting the UBC Dentistry curriculum developed for geriatric treatment learning.

Mr. Prashant Ohri, vice president and general manager of Henry Schein Canada, has a longstanding history with UBC Dentistry. His passion and mission are to ensure the partnership between Henry Schein Canada and UBC Dentistry remains successful for the long term.

“"Our aging population is often forgotten and overlooked. Together with UBC Dentistry, Henry Schein can advance its mission to help enhance access to oral health care and education for at-risk and vulnerable populations, such as the aging population. We look forward to continuing to enhance our relationship with UBC and provide a sustainable educational platform for dental students to enhance their clinical skills and prepare to care for geriatric patients,” said Mr. Prashant Ohri.

Henry Schein Canada, a wholly owned subsidiary of Henry Schein, Inc., is Canada’s largest provider of healthcare products and services to office-based practitioners. Henry Schein Cares, the corporate social responsibility program of Henry Schein, along with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, carries out its mission through financial and healthcare product donations to nonprofit organizations supporting healthcare professionals and community-based programs focused on prevention, wellness, and treatment; disaster preparedness and relief; and capacity building of health institutions that provide training and care.

"We are grateful for Henry Schein's generosity in supporting the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program. This gift will continue to enable our students to have a robust and meaningful education in the provision of care for geriatric patients. The educational impact for students and the delivery of much needed care is significant but does take funds to sustain,” said Dr. Chris Wyatt, professor & director of UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program.

The UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program has been delivering community dental services since 2002. The program operates in 28 facilities with a team of dentists, dental hygienists, and certified dental assistants, and is supported by a specialized team of administrative personnel at UBC. Its dynamic learning model incorporating community service continues to enhance student education and provides specialized no-cost dental treatment to geriatric residents. In the current academic year, geriatric clinical activities for DMD, DHCP, graduate prosthetics, and general practice residence students are already underway.

Over a large boardroom table, some 18+ months ago at the Greater New York Dental Meeting, the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program found its new ally in a meeting with Mr. Stanley Bergman, chair and CEO of Henry Schein, Inc.
As shared in the In Memoriam section, our dental community lost Dr. Ralph Yorsh this past spring. However, Dr. Yorsh’s passion and commitment to dental student education lives on with a generous bequest of $50,000 to be distributed over several years. The UBC Dentistry Legacy Giving Program plays an important role for future generations in supporting dental education, innovative research, and community outreach programs. For more information, please visit: dentistry.ubc.ca/other-ways-to-give/

"As a trained science education researcher, I am deeply concerned with the well-being of all teachers and students in this COVID-19 pandemic. If we follow and trust science, we know that proper PPE for protecting aerosol spread is ever more important,” said Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann. The development of the Digital Dentistry facility is the Faculty of Dentistry’s first step in implementing this technology into our educational programs. The facility will provide our graduate students in various programs with a highly advanced, integrated, and multidisciplinary learning environment for this new technology. The Faculty’s vision for this laboratory is that it contain lab scanners, intra-oral scanners, computers, dental-application and treatment-planning software, 3D printers, and milling units. These tools will allow migration of the traditional (analog) model of dentistry to a digital workflow.

For the graduate specialty programs, the new facility will improve clinical effectiveness and translate into an increased number of cases that our residents will treat. Moreover, across all graduate programs, the facility will improve student interactions and foster more interactions within the specialties. The new Digital Dentistry facility will provide our students with a strong foundation in digital technologies as they enter the dental profession.

As part of UBC Dentistry’s mandate to support transformative learning, the facility applied for and was awarded a grant through the Office of the Provost. This grant has been allocated towards purchasing equipment to create the new digital lab. Leveraging this unique opportunity, the Faculty partnered with Straumann Canada to create a partnership that provided matching training, equipment, and licensing to ensure the sustainability and success of this new initiative.

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

If you have equipment or supplies you are interested in donating to UBC Dentistry, please contact: Jane Merling Email: merling@dentistry.ubc.ca

As part of our philanthropic mandate, and upon approval, charitable receipts for the current value of items may be provided.
Dr. Vincent Lee has been appointed as an assistant professor of teaching in the Department of Oral Health Sciences. He began his new appointment as of July 1, 2020.

Dr. Rafat Sobouti has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences starting July 1, 2020.

Dr. Michael Flunkert has been appointed as a lecturer starting August 11, 2020.

Ms. Penny Hatzimanolakis has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

Ms. Jelena Karan has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

Ms. Susan Schmitz has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

Dr. Luana Dutra de Carvalho has been appointed as a restorative lecturer.

Dr. Emil Sztopa has been appointed as a lecturer.

Dr. Gary Wong has been appointed as a lecturer.

Ms. Diana Lin was selected as the winner of the 2019 Award for Excellence in Interprofessional Education Teaching. A $1,000 cash reward was presented to Ms. Lin.

Dr. Susanne Sunell co-authored with Drs. Denise Laronde and Zul Kanji the winning article entitled “Graduating dental hygiene students’ attainment of the CDHA baccalaureate competencies: Students’ self-ratings.” It has been selected as the winner of the CJDH Research Award for the Best Published Original Research Article in Volume 53.

Dr. Mario Brondani and Abosta Adeyi received $8,400 from the UBC Stollery Midwifery Research Initiative for their research projects entitled “Integrating preventive oral care in prenatal healthcare services in British Columbia” for March 31, 2020 – March 30, 2022.

Dr. Adriana Manos, in collaboration with Drs. Dirk Lange (Medicine) and Neil Branda (SFU), received a Tri-Agency New Frontiers in Research Fund — Exploration operating grant of $250,000 entitled “Novel multifunctional metal-doped antibacterial resin-based dental material” for March 31, 2020–March 30, 2022.
ACHIEVEMENTS

Doris Pham, dental student (Class of 2020), won one of the inaugural Whole Health Awards sponsored by Oral Health Canada. Doris received a certificate and $200 for her outstanding work. Her case study will also be published in the Colgate Oral Health Network to promote awareness and increase participation among dental students.

Iris Lin, a doctoral student supervised by Dr. Denise Laronde, received a CIHR Frederick Banting & Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship for the Indian Dental Association, Dr. Shivaraman and her team carried out several outreach programs to better serve her community.

Christopher M. Overall, BDS, BSc(Hons), MDS, PhD, FCANS, FRSC

Dr. Christopher M. Overall’s published article entitled “Inducible nitric oxide synthase promotes oral cellulidinogenesis and tissue regeneration” in the Journal of Dental Education has been selected as a representative article about mass spectrometry in a Journal of Biological Chemistry collection called “JBC Methods Madness.”

Zul Kanji, Diana Lin, and Jelena Kanan had a publication in the Journal of Dental Education entitled “Assessing dental hygiene students’ readiness for interprofessional learning and collaborative practice.”

Dr. Zul Kanji, Diana Lin, and Jelena Kanan had won a prize of $1,600 US.

Dr. Walaa Ahmed is a prosthodontics resident, and supervised by Dr. Denise Laronde, received $10,000 from the Canadian Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research & Education (CFDHRE) for her Peer Reviewed Grant entitled “Oral dysplasia and immune cell spatial relationships: potential indicators of malignant progression” for May 1, 2020–April 30, 2021.

Dr. Walaa Ahmed, a prosthodontics resident, was selected as the recipient of the internationally prestigious Unilever Hatton Award first place prize in the Senior Clinical Research category. Dr. Datta, a doctoral student with Dr. Denise Laronde, received a prize of $1,500 cash prize, and Mystica’s winning essay will be published in the October 2021 issue of the journal.

Dr. Visalakshi Shivaraman, supervised by Drs. Shannon K. Waldron, Jude Walker, Zul Kanji, and HsingChi von Bergmann has been selected for this honour.

Our Teamsmile

Mary MacDougall
BA, PhD

Dr. Mary MacDougall has been featured in a special issue of the research article publication Advances in Dental Research, produced by the International and American Associations for Dental Research (IADR/AADR), as one of the 11 women leaders of the IADR.

David MacDonald
BDS, BSc(Hons), LLB(Hons), MSc, D0S(End), DOHCPS(uk), DDRRCR(UK), FRCCO

Dr. David MacDonald has published the second edition of his textbook Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: A Diagnostic Approach. The second edition is a fully updated and revised edition of this richly illustrated reference to the wide range of conditions affecting the oral and maxillofacial regions, investigating lessons affecting the face and jaws.

Madhumita Datta
BDS

Dr. Madhumita Datta, representing the Canadian Division, was the recipient of the 2020 International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Ullsleif Logan Award first place prize in the Junior Clinical Research category. Dr. Datta, a research student in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, supervised by Dr. Denise Laronde, received a prize of $1,600 US.

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FACULTY MEMBERS RETIRE AFTER REMARKABLE CAREERS

DR. W. LEANDRA BEST

After an exemplary career of dedication, innovation, leadership, and collaboration, Dr. W. Leandra Best, clinical professor and senior associate dean in the Faculty of Dentistry, retired on December 2, 2019, from the University of British Columbia.

Dr. Best joined the Faculty of Dentistry as a part-time clinical instructor on July 1, 1999, and was appointed full time as a clinical assistant professor in 2002. She was promoted to clinical professor in 2014. Dr. Best served the Faculty with integrity and an unwavering commitment to excellence in teaching, service, and scholarly activity.

Dr. Best has demonstrated a notable commitment to service at UBC and beyond. She coordinated years one and two of the DMD program from 2003–2011 and served on numerous committees. She was appointed associate dean, academic, in 2011. She was elected to fellowship in both the American College of Dentists (2013) and the International College of Dentists (2014). She served as acting dean in July 2017 and was appointed senior associate dean in July 2017 by the acting provost. In retirement, Dr. Best planned to reside in the Lower Mainland, spending time with family and friends, as well as travelling.

DR. DAVID SWEET O.C.

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Dr. Sweet was the director and head of the BOLD Forensic Laboratory in Vancouver, which was a unique centre of research excellence specializing in the application of forensic science methods to dental evidence. His passion for education and his dental students was recognized in 2013 with his appointment as associate dean, academic, in 2011. She was elected to fellowship in both the American College of Dentists (2013) and the International College of Dentists (2014). She served as acting dean in July 2017 and was appointed senior associate dean in July 2017 by the acting provost. In retirement, Dr. Best planned to reside in the Lower Mainland, spending time with family and friends, as well as travelling.

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In 2008, then-governor general of Canada Michaëlle Jean invested Dr. Sweet as an Officer of the Order of Canada. This is Canada’s highest civilian honour and was awarded to Dr. Sweet for his work as a forensic odontology researcher, teacher, and consultant in recognition of a lifetime of dedication to the betterment of the human condition in Canada.

In November 2014, Dr. Sweet was the recipient of the Medal of Distinguished Service, the highest Canadian Forces honour for civilian service. This honour recognized Dr. Sweet’s work in forensic odontology. The UBC Faculty of Dentistry congratulates Dr. Sweet for his contributions to forensic odontology over the course of an extraordinary career.

FACULTY LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Ricardo M. Carvalho
DDS, PhD, FADM
Dr. Ricardo Carvalho was appointed as head of the Department of Oral Biological & Medical Sciences (OBMS) in the Faculty of Dentistry. Thank you to Dr. Markus Haapasalo who served as acting head since January 2020.

Nicholas Tong
BHCSc, DDS, MSc
Dr. Nicholas Tong has been appointed as the director of the General Practice Residency Program. He was also hired in the Department of Oral Health Sciences in the Division of Dental Geriatrics as an assistant professor of teaching as of July 1, 2020.

Eli Whitney
BSc, DDS, FRCDC(C)
Dr. Eli Whitney has been appointed as the director of DMD curriculum.

Jolanta Aleksjuniene
DDS, MSc, PhD
Dr. Jolanta Aleksjuniene has been appointed as the director of graduate and postgraduate studies.

STAFF NEWS

Lorraine O’Connell
certified dental assistant, was recognized for reaching 25 years of active service at UBC.

Nicholas Tong
Head of the Department of Oral Biological & Medical Sciences (OBMS)

Vicki Koulouris
Manager of Admissions

Mary Wong
retired in August 2020 after a career at UBC since September 1987. She was a research assistant in the Craniofacial Biology Lab supporting Drs. Hannam, Lowe, Almeida, and Pliska.

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UBC Dentistry Impressions
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**UBC Dentistry Alumni Reception**


**Class Reunion and Photos**

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The Faculty of Dentistry had the unique opportunity to interact with Santa J. Ono, 15th president and vice-chancellor of the University of British Columbia, on February 10, 2020, when President Ono made his first official visit to UBC Dentistry.

President Ono was surprised and touched by the warm reception at the start of his visit, with many students and staff waiting patiently to take photos with him. This visit was an amazing opportunity to demonstrate to President Ono the many facets of the Faculty’s dental educational programs including clinical, research (basic and clinical), service, and community engagement.

President Ono unveiled his special gift to the Faculty — the UBC emblem — which represents the people and the values of the university as a place of innovation and education.

Student ambassadors led President Ono on guided tours of the Oral Health Centre and the graduate specialty clinic. Throughout the afternoon, he was very impressed with the friendly team, inviting environment, and clinical facilities.

The tour ended at the Patterson Dental Learning Centre, where President Ono was thanked for his support of an operatory located in the centre (picture on right).

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The annual Research Day was held at the UBC Alma Mater Society Student Nest, Great Hall on January 28. In total 524 guests attended, including faculty of Dentistry students, staff, faculty, alumni, and visitors.

As the yearly forum to highlight the Faculty’s current research accomplishments, this year’s Research Day focused on the latest findings in dental sleep medicine, presented by UBC Dentistry presenters Dr. Benjamin Pliska and Dr. Fernanda Almeida, and UBC Medicine keynote speaker Dr. Robert Comey.

Regarding dental sleep medicine, Dr. Benjamin Pliska indicated that with the recent heightened interest in obstructive sleep disorders, it has led to much speculation within the dental profession, making it difficult to separate fact from fiction. Dr. Almeida’s presentation focused on treatment for snoring and sleep apnea patients, including oral appliances and their efficacy. The clinical research of both Drs. Pliska and Almeida is supported by the Frontier Clinical Research Centre within the newly renovated Patterson Dental Learning Centre.

A major showcase in this event was the Research Day Poster Competition, where 28 students competed in four categories. The thoroughness in every student’s poster and presentation was evident, and the event successfully ended with the Research Poster Awards Ceremony.

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UBC Dentistry Celebrates Incredible Partnership with 123Dentist

As leaders in dental education, UBC Dentistry is committed to providing advanced educational opportunities for our students as outlined in our new strategic plan, IMPACT 2020–2025: Trailblazers in Oral Health for BC and Beyond. Over the past year, the Leadership Team, in partnership with a special task force committee, has been working on plans to create a new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory that will be transformative for dental education by enhancing the clinical teaching experience through state-of-the-art learning technology, while building capacity for the school.

The Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre currently serves over 38,000 patient visits annually and supports the educational training of over 450 undergraduate and graduate students in clinical programs. With the current footprint of our facilities, UBC Dentistry is unable to accommodate the increasing number of domestic and international student applications as well as fulfilling the growing patient oral health needs due to a shortage of clinical patient care space.

A new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory will alleviate some of the space constraints of the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre. Furthermore, it will provide a progressive learning environment that will allow students to learn complex clinical procedures in a learner-friendly environment.

The university has committed a substantial portion of the funding required for this transformative project through the UBC Vancouver Academic Excellence Funds from the Office of the Provost, sponsored by Dr. Andrew Szeri, provost and vice-president academic and provost. With additional support from the Provost's Office, the 123Dentist has made a significant donation toward this project, and the UBC Faculty of Dentistry has matched this donation with funds from the Office of the Provost and the Office of the President.

“123Dentist is committed to communities across Canada to provide access to the very best in-patient dental care. Vancouver is our home base and the UBC Faculty of Dentistry has always been an important part of our vision. When Dean MacDougall shared her plan and our shared values of quality dental education, it was a natural fit. This is a significant gift for 123Dentist but reflects our dedication to students and to the profession,” said Dr. Amin Shivji.

Peter Smalls, vice-president finance and operations, clearly the investment to equip the laboratory is significant and beyond the scope of the Faculty’s operating budget.

One afternoon in December last year, Dean MacDougall met with Dr. Amin Shivji, UBC Dentistry alumnus and CEO of 123Dentist, and shared the vision to create a state-of-the-art Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory within the current footprint of the John B. MacDonald Building. After a review by the 123Dentist board of directors, the response came quickly — a $1.25-million gift was announced to support the laboratory and to create a unique student lecture series to provide access to qualified expert speakers.

Now the new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory will support the next generation of dental students, as well as provide a platform for continuing dental education.

“We continue to look forward and be leaders for our students and faculty. This commitment from 123Dentist is an incredible gift that will support the UBC Faculty of Dentistry to be progressive and dynamic in our educational model. I am so proud to have one of our own alumni champion this donation.”

— Dean MacDougall

Over the next few months, the Faculty will work with various corporate partners to begin the bidding process for equipment and testing on campus. The vision is to begin initial refurbishing construction of the space next summer and to open the novel learning laboratory in fall 2022.

The 123Dentist Lecture series will launch in the 2021/22 academic year and will be open to students, faculty, and staff.

Dr. Amin Shivji is the founder of 123Dentist, the largest network of dental practices in the Lower Mainland, and the co-founder and CEO of 123Dentist Inc., a national platform of dental practices offering dentists uniquely tailored partnership and transition options. Since its launch in July 2017, 123Dentist’s national platform has exceeded growth expectations by partnering with successful dentists across Canada. 123Dentist is focused on building long-term, sustainable partnerships through flexibility and creative solutions, while ensuring dentist partners retain full clinical autonomy in delivering the best care to their patients.

UBC Dentistry is as easy as 1, 2, 3...
We are excited to share the success of this year’s Artodontia competition, held on March 6, showing us the artistic talent of our DMD students. Dr. Carol-Ann Courneya, associate professor in the Faculty of Medicine’s Department of Cellular and Physiological Sciences, announced the winners, who all portrayed their conceptualization of the human heart and circulatory system. The contest was open to all first-year dental students in the cardiovascular block.

The SSPP program continues to evolve and thrive. Thank you for being part of something much bigger — a robust and vibrant dental community within British Columbia. 

Thank you to all mentors!

Without your support in bringing students into your practice and providing encouragement, advice, and leadership, SSPP would not be possible. Please take great pride in knowing that you are transforming the lives of our young people, who will, in turn, make a meaningful impact on their communities as educated, informed, and engaged oral healthcare professionals. Looking forward, we hope the program will continue to evolve and thrive. Thank you for being part of something much bigger — a robust and vibrant dental community within British Columbia.

We look forward to continued partnerships with all of you and thank you for being a part of something much bigger — a robust and vibrant dental community within British Columbia.

One other new addition to the program was the creation of a commemorative pin to honour and recognize SSPP mentors who have been part of the program for five years or more.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and change the dynamics of daily operations, the 2020 SSPP will go on hiatus until further notice. We are confident, however, that this is only a temporary setback that we will undoubtedly overcome.

The SSPP is financially supported by Pacific Dental Conference Trust, CDSPI, Synergy Business Lawyers, and UBC Dentistry.

Thank you to all mentors!
Annual support from alumni, friends, and corporate partners is vital to the success of UBC Dentistry. Your contribution directly supports educational research, and service to our community. Thank you for your generosity.

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**A Message to Our Donor Community**

On behalf of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, I would like to reach out to sincerely thank you as a supporter of not only UBC Dentistry but also our larger dental community during this unprecedented period in history caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a result of COVID-19, we have seen a dramatic change in our lives, both professionally and personally. Our Faculty has had to rapidly adapt, transitioning our educational programs to online formats and cancelling our student clinics. However drastic these changes have been, we have been able to mobilize and respond in part due to the generous and loyal support. Based on your past gifts and investments in UBC Dentistry, we are in a stable position to weather this global situation.

Despite the physical distances that currently separate us, may we take comfort in knowing that we are connected by our shared commitment to our dental community. Through your philanthropic support of our research, education, and community engagement programs, UBC Dentistry can navigate this time of crisis and contribute in a meaningful manner. As an institution of higher education and innovative discovery, UBC is working to contribute towards a meaningful response to this global pandemic now and in the future.

As we move forward, we will continue to focus on doing our best to implement our longstanding mission of advancing both oral and general health through education, research, and service, even as we adjust our programs and operations on a daily basis to new developments and guidelines.

We hope that all of you and your families remain healthy and safe during this unprecedented period in history caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. We sincerely thank you as a supporter of UBC Dentistry, I would like to reach out to you.
The Patterson Dental Learning Centre (PDLC), a dedicated space for hands-on training of dentists and for their various study clubs, is now in its highly successful third year of operation!

Opened in September 2018, the 203 sq. m. facility includes eight open and three closed operatories, all fully equipped with imaging and scanning technology, a dedicated lecture room with audiovisual equipment for live procedures; and a small patient waiting area.

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The PDLC has fast become home to many of the Lower Mainland’s study clubs, with 15 clubs participating and over 170 study-club sessions successfully hosted. Another exciting aspect of the centre is the much-anticipated addition of student rotation electives. Requests to have students join the study clubs for enhanced learning has been greeted by a resoundingly positive response from 12 clubs to date.

Building on that success, Continuing Dental Education has added some of their own offerings with programs including the annual “Soft tissue grafting” course, “Basic rules of occlusion,” and “Advanced orthodontics study club for the general practitioner.” Combined with the other study clubs, this continuing education represents almost 800 hours of learning.

The PDLC serves to accommodate all study-club activities, whether it is an evening, lecture, simulation program with mandibles, or study club with patients. The centre is also open for independent bookings by individuals and corporate partners looking for a dynamic space for interactive learning opportunities.

The PDLC was made possible through a leadership gift from Patterson Dental, as well as generous support from the BC Dental Association and A-dec Inc. UBC Dentistry continues to be grateful to all the organizations that came together to support our BC study club community and UBC Dentistry students.

We are very proud of this modern and dynamic facility where the rich tradition of British Columbia’s study clubs provides our profession with lifelong learning.

In March 2020, British Columbia was affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic, and the public health state of emergency called mid-month led to major closures, including many of UBC’s on-campus activities. All academic programs transitioned to online delivery, a drastic action taken over a single weekend.

In order to reverse the disruption of COVID-19, Dean MacDougall convened a COVID-19 Rapid Response Leadership Team to initiate planning for our academic and research programs. Team members include Drs. Andree Esteves, Eli Whitney, Riki Gottlieb, Jolanta Aleksejune, Zul Kanji, Denise Laronde, Chis Wyatt, and Rick Carvalho. UBC Dentistry’s Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre remained open for emergency care but all other patient care by students was suspended. All non-COVID-19 research activities were also suspended with laboratories and core facilities closed.

By mid-April, Dr. Bonnie Henry, the provincial health officer, announced the “flattening of the curve” with a reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases. When British Columbia proceeded to phase 3 in June, DMD and dental hygiene students were able to resume preclinical instruction and assessment for advancement. In September, through the hard work, resilience, and diligence of our faculty, UBC Dentistry began the 2020/21 academic year with preclinical and patient care taking place for all programs under rigorous safety measures.

The COVID-19 pandemic has radically upended life as we knew it. Dental clinics across Canada had to close their doors, while dentistry graduates face uncertainty in the job market, and oral health students are having to be flexible with their educational programs. Despite the many challenges, UBC Dentistry’s faculty, staff, students, and alumni are finding innovative ways to contribute to a solution and give back to the community.

Easing the burden for struggling students

Hiring freezes have disrupted plans for graduating DHDP and DMD students, while current students face financial anxiety resulting from limited summer employment opportunities. Several years ago, alumni and friends of the Faculty of Dentistry created the UBC Dentistry Sweet Student Fund to ease the burden for students experiencing financial hardship. Now, as this support is needed more than ever, students can apply online to receive aid.

Donations to the fund from faculty, staff, alumni, and friends are appreciated, and we hope that together, we can make a difference for our students in need. Please visit support.ubc.ca/projects/sweet-student-fund/ to make a donation today.
COMING TOGETHER DURING A TIME OF GREAT NEED

Discovering answers

The COVID-19 pandemic has lent new urgency to the research efforts of UBC Dentistry's faculty members who contribute real-time knowledge with practical implications for the development, testing, and implementation of measures that can halt spread of the virus.

In late 2019, Drs. Markus Haapasalo (right of photo), chair of Division of Endodontics, and Ya Shen (left of photo) collaborated with Wuhan University's School and Hospital of Stomatology in China to study the prevalence of endodontic emergencies in a COVID-19 high-risk area. In their article, “Characteristics of endodontic emergencies during COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan,” published in the Journal of Endodontics, Haapasalo and Shen conclude that endodontic emergencies like pulps form a much higher percentage of dental emergencies in a COVID-19 high-risk area than in a normal context. They argue that by reducing treatment time through vital pulp therapy and prioritizing exposure control through PPE and rubber dams, clinicians can significantly reduce the risk of viral spread during endodontic treatment.

In partnership with four colleagues from the UBC Life Sciences Institute, Dr. Mario Brondani, an associate professor and chair of the Division of Dental Public Health, received a $67,000 grant from Genome BC to create a pipeline of procedures for providing urgent oral health care during the COVID-19 pandemic. He is working with a team of our dental public health faculty members and faculty educational experts, including Drs. Lecan Damlelly, Kavia Mathur, Muju, Fernanda Almeida, and Hsiing-Chi von Bergmann, to consult with dental professionals and gain a comprehensive picture of the preparations, guidance, and challenges involved in meeting patient needs.

On the front lines of care

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry remains committed to serving the public through the emergency dental clinic led by Dr. Andrea Esteves. With the support of certified dental assistants, technicians, and front desk staff, Drs. Matthew, Press, Gottlieb, Caminischi, Coil, Hieway, Larjava, Richmond, and Wyatt continue to provide exceptional patient care despite personal risk. In communities across Canada, alumni in dental clinics like POG Dental have also opened emergency clinics. Others have organized efforts to donate masks, gloves, and scrubs to healthcare workers on the front lines of the battle against COVID-19.

Although it was essential to deal with immediate educational and patient-related issues during the evolving COVID-19 situation, the Faculty is also mindful of providing support for the well-being of all team members to decrease stress, anxiety, and fears. It has become evident that we must think beyond the pandemic to prioritize a culture of innovative thinking and openness to new ideas in defining our future. In 2019, the Faculty of Dentistry developed a new strategic plan, “IMPACT 2020-2025: Trailblazers in Oral Health for BC and Beyond,” which defines our purpose, mission, and core values while laying out a path to our future. It will allow us not only to traverse but to transcend the numerous challenges of this global pandemic through innovation and resilience.

In December 2019 over 700 dental treatments were provided to children and adults in Vietnam by select UBC Dentistry students through the support of the Sinclair Dental Travel Fellowship Program fund.

“The international rotation is a unique educational experience for UBC Dentistry students, giving them opportunities for global community service, enhanced experiential education, and collaborative learning,” said Dr. Riki Gottlieb, associate dean of admissions and student affairs for the Faculty of Dentistry.

The international service learning rotation, held from December 14 to 29, included three DMD and two DHDP students from the fourth-year class.

Treatments, including dental exams, extractions, fillings, fluoride mouth-rinsing and varnishing, dental crown restorations, debridement, sealant applications, and root canals, were provided to indigent children and adults. Critical outreach programs were supported at four community sites in and near Ho Chi Minh City, which included Thien Phuoc Dental Clinic in Cu Chi and in District 12, West Coast Dental International Clinic, and St. Francis Shelter.

In addition to providing dental treatments, the team gave lectures on personal oral hygiene self-care to staff and children at SOS Children’s Village in Ho Chi Minh City and Sunflower Foundation Orphanage in Nha Trang to support greater sustainability in the daily operations at these organizations.

The team also visited the National Odontostomatological Hospital, Berh Vien Ung Buoi Oncology Hospital, and Dental University of Medicine and Pharmacy, where they had the unique opportunity to observe surgical cleft lip and palate reconstruction as well as other periodontics and oral surgery procedures.

One of the highlights for the students was having the chance to share experiences with their colleagues at Hang Bang International University in Ho Chi Minh City. They discussed topics such as the life of a dental student at UBC, and the typical hygiene appointment at UBC’s dental clinic, and they provided insights on the differences and similarities between the dental programs in Canada and Vietnam.

Dr. Gottlieb pointed out that the knowledge exchange between the students and the professionals in Vietnam is a strong international partnership.

“Over several years now, it has promoted mutual learning and the sharing of information across borders, cultures, and professions,” she said.

The Sinclair Dental Travel Fellowship was made possible through the generosity and commitment of Sinclair Dental, one of Canada’s most successful privately owned dental-supply companies. This partnership provides a unique global experience for our UBC Dentistry students that not only enhances their clinical skills and community engagement but also shapes their own sense of social responsibility as future oral healthcare professionals. We are thankful for Sinclair Dental’s vision and leadership within both our community and globally.

SINCLAIR DENTAL TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN VIETNAM 2019

The dental treatments and oral healthcare instructions were provided by now UBC Dentistry graduates:

The student team was led by:

- Sherry Priebe
- Kristie Nguyen
- Ashley Cristina
- Banha Bernath
- Alia Malcom
- Ralph Sarnamero
- Andrew Tsang

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Congratulations Class of 2020

It was truly an unforgettable moment as all of UBC’s graduates across the faculties attended their graduation ceremony on June 17, 2020. Due to the complexity of the COVID-19 global pandemic, graduates faced a dramatic change during the final months of their education, including participating in UBC’s first-ever virtual graduation ceremony. Although we were unable to celebrate in person, we are connected by our hearts and thoughts.

Special and honoured guests who were present to congratulate our graduates included Janet Austin, lieutenant governor of British Columbia; Justin Trudeau, prime minister of Canada; and Melanie Mark, M.L.A. and minister of advanced education, skills and training. Rick Mercer, Canadian icon and comedian, who was a 2010 UBC honary degree recipient, was also present to extend his congratulations.

Julia Bumham, graduating student, presented gifts from the graduating class to the university of: • $20,000 to commission a mural in the UBC Life Building to celebrate student experiences

Congratulations to our DHDP award winners

Congratulations to our DHMD award winners

We wish all of our graduates every bit of success as they begin the next chapter of their exciting journey!
PART-TIME FACULTY APPRECIATION

UBC Dentistry is dedicated to progressive dental education with the goal of preparing today’s students for the changing oral health needs of the community. The faculty embraces a hybrid problem-based learning curriculum that includes didactic, simulated and clinical experiences. This model of teaching fosters the development of essential clinical, care delivery and leadership skills in a dynamic and supportive environment. Part-time faculty members are general practitioners, specialists, and dental hygienists who are committed to education, the profession, and the community. They come from across the Lower Mainland — often giving up practice or personal time — to fill roles as clinical instructors, clinical advisors, and mentors. They are important mentors to dental and dental hygiene students. They answer questions, demonstrate procedures, provide feedback, offer tips, share their experience, and inspire — and they love their work students. Government funding for these part-time faculty members contributes thousands of hours to UBC, and the faculty of Dentistry relies heavily on them to deliver first-class dental learning.

IN MEMORIAM

Dr. Andrew Cheng

Dr. Andrew Cheng passed away in a fatal car accident on April 23, 2020. He was an extremely valuable and committed member of the dental community. He was a part-time UBC Dentistry faculty member and a long-term SPPP mentor. In 2019 he was recognized for his five years of participation in the program.

Dr. Cheng had a huge heart for helping people. Every year, he travelled to remote areas in the world, such as Bhutan and Guatemala, volunteering his time to educate and provide dental care and services to people who may have never been seen by a dentist before. Dr. Cheng’s contributions in the field of dentistry will always be remembered.

Dr. Ralph Yorsh

Dr. Ralph Yorsh left peacefully in May 2020 at the age of 99. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and professionally he was equally committed to his work. Dr. Yorsh was known as a group leader and his field, having practised dentistry upon graduation with the Royal Canadian Dental Corps. He reached the position of captain in the Canadian Army while stationed in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. Many of the UBC students who had the privilege of attending lectures benefited greatly from his knowledge and wisdom in the field of dentistry. Dr. Yorsh will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Dr. Kin Kong Wan

Dr. K. K. Wan passed away in September 2020. He was a beloved husband, father, and dentist, and also a well-known host. He was a long-time member of the Vancouver & District Dental Society and a prominent friend to everyone in the dental community. Dr. Wan was closely involved in activities within UBC Dentistry. He advocated for transferring the BC Dental Association’s learning centre to UBC as the Patterson Dental Learning Centre. He was also a clinical instructor from July 2019 to June 2020 and was an active member of the study groups. Dr. Wan truly made a difference through his support of the dental community and he will be greatly missed by all.

gratitude

[grat-i-tood, -ti-oud] noun

The quality of being grateful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.

Nobody could have imagined what was in store for us this year. As everyone’s day-to-day world has changed. Amid it all, the kindness and support shared between our faculty, staff, and students has been a true testament to what it means to be part of UBC Dentistry. Whether giving a lesson on how to “raise your blue hand” in a Zoom meeting, collaborating on a lesson plan, or simply picking up the phone and calling a colleague to see how they are doing. Everyone has pulled together. It is not the bricks and mortar, chairs, or classrooms that make our Faculty what it is — it is the people. The next weeks and months will continue to test us all, both personally and professionally. However, at the end of the day, we are all committed and passionate about what we do. And for that, there is no word other than gratitude.

Thank you to these generous dental professionals for their dedication to teaching students in clinical and simulation settings during the 2019/20 academic year.

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1970s

It was a pleasure to have Dr. Peter Carpenter, DMD 1970, join us for the Annual Alumni Reception with his wife, Elda.

Regent Dave Cariani, DMD 1987, and International College of Dentists Vice-President Ed O’Brien, DMD 1978, stopped by the UBC Dentistry booth at the Pacific Dental Conference. Ed was sporting the ICD custom tartan!

1980s

Greg Chang, DMD 1986, and Gordon Wong, DMD 1987, stopped by to “catch the wave” at the UBC Dentistry booth at the Midwinter Meeting.

Rob Staszuk, DMD 1989; and Ed Lowes, DMD 1986, gathered with Dr. Bobby Birdi for a photo op.

Michael Flunkert, DMD 1985, stopped by to show us his new UBC Dentistry pin!

1990s

Congratulations to Basker Thakore, DMD 1984 (right), who was awarded the 2020 Paul Rondeau Humanitarian Award by Dr. James Cadigan, President of the Vancouver & District Dental Society (left).

Approved by the UBC Board of Governors in 2002, the Bhasker Thakore and Nimisha Mehta Community Development Endowment Fund was one of the first endowments established within UBC Dentistry and a catalyst to develop community programs and global education for dental students. To date, over 40 general practice residents and more than a dozen DMD students have participated.

1999

Jacalyn Sollid, DMD 1999, and son Riley visited the school and ran into Ahmed Hieawy, DMD 2013, Dip Endo 2016, and now clinical assistant professor for the Faculty in the Department of Endodontics.

2000s

Bernard Bild, DMD 1983 (left), and Sunny Tatra, DMD 2003 (right), came to hear the dean’s CE session at the Victoria & District Dental Society meeting last fall.

Mahmoud Ektefaie, DMD 2003, said upon receiving his teaching award plaque this summer, “I am a proud UBC Dentistry product myself. I have many degrees/plaques on my walls but these ones are the most meaningful. I am very excited to share with students what I have learned and what I am experiencing every day.”

2010s

Alyssa Barnsley, BDSc 2017, married Taylor Woodcock on May 18, 2019, in Yaletown.

Kumudu Suriya, DMD 2012 (right), and her staff at Bear Creek Dental were up for a visit and a sweet fall treat!

Liora Berant, DMD 2016 (centre in white shirt), recently taught a course entitled “Dental trauma: saving smiles one tooth at a time” to ER residents at Royal Columbian Hospital.
**STAY IN TOUCH**

The alumni office at UBC Dentistry can help you stay connected with your fellow graduates, help you plan and promote reunions, and keep you informed of upcoming educational opportunities. To learn more, contact Rosemary Casson, manager of alumni engagement, at 604.356.8635 or alumni@dentistry.ubc.ca

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**ALUMNI IN RESIDENCE**

Sharing Smiles is a free, fun-filled day for children in the special needs community. Run by UBC student dentists and hygienists, Sharing Smiles had 70 volunteers who came to show their support on Feb 1.

In early September, the DMD Class of 2023 picked up their white coats in the breezeway in advance of a reimagined White Coat Ceremony later in the fall. This is a significant event for the Faculty each year, honouring the second-year dental and dental hygiene classes and emphasizing the ethics and responsibilities that come with caring for patients in our dental clinic.

The Welcome Walk Through new-student orientation on September 3 allowed the Class of 2024 DMDs to meet alumni partners Sinclair Dental & A-dec to receive the annual gift of new backpacks while enjoying a sweet treat of “smart cookies.”

UBC Dentistry’s “Homecoming Hello” video featured students from all years of the DMD and DHDP programs as they welcomed alumni “back to campus” in honour of Homecoming weekend, September 25–27. The students filmed themselves sharing greetings to our alumni from around the campus and beyond.

The Class of 2023 White Coat Celebration on October 7 went virtual this year and was “attended” by over 300 of the class’s friends and family, as well as alumni and friends from our community. Engaging video submissions by the students highlighted those who have supported them on their journey. If you missed it, check out the video on our Virtual Events page: dentistry.ubc.ca/about-us/virtual-events/

**BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI PARTNERS!**

We are always grateful to our alumni partners for their generous support of our events. See the Alumni Partners Corner of our website for more information: dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni/alumni-partners-corner/
CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION

This calendar is subject to change. For updates to course offerings, visit: dentistry.ubc.ca/cde

DECEMBER
Surgical Crown Lengthening for General Practitioners December 5, 2020
Dr. Hansu Larjava & Marissa Garcia (Hands-on course at UBC)

CERTIFICATE IN DENTAL PRACTICE MANAGEMENT
Building a Business Worth Smiling About
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Spring Dates TBD
Dr. Jim Armstrong, Dr. Anthony Boardman, Dr. Mahesh Nagrajaraj, Dr. Tim Silik, Mr. Scott Sinclair, Dr. Daniel Skarlicki

ONLINE PROGRAMS (PRE-RECORDED)
Herbal Interactions with Medications Commonly Used in Dentistry
Dr. Mark Donaldson
Red, White or Blue: What Do I Do?
Recognition and Management of Oral Lesions Supported by Teledentistry
Dr. Charles Shuler
Salvia: You All Need to Know, From Caries to COVID-19 and So Much More
Dr. Eli Whitney
Xerostomia: This Course Is Anything but Dry!
Dr. Mark Donaldson
Medication-Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw: Beyond RODJ
Dr. Mark Donaldson
Local Anesthesia – Mythbusters Edition! Dr. Jason Goodchild
What to Have in Your Medical Emergency Kit and Why Dr. Mark Donaldson
Where There’s Smoke, There’s Fire! Oral Health Concerns and EVALI (e-cigarette and vape-associated lung injury)
Dr. Mark Donaldson

Bulky-Fill Composites: What, When and Why
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Certified Dental Assistants and Registered Dental Hygienists
Dates TBD
2020-2021 STUDY CLUBS (IN PROGRESS)
Advanced Orthodontics for the General Practitioner
September 2020–August 2021
Dr. Benjamin Pliska, Dr. Siddarth Vora
Clinically Applicable Oral Pathology
October 2020–June 2021
Dr. Charles Shuler

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Austin Chen DMD 2020 • Cordelia Chang DMD 2021 • Aizlan Coo-Chow DMD 2021 • Meng Dhuhal DMD 2021 • Loree Edmundo DMD 2021 • Chantelle Fach DMD 2020 • Cameron Harris DMD 2020 • Jamie Jiang DMD 2022 • Amy Kular DMD 2021 • Connie Lee DMD 2020 • Jason Lee DMD 2020 • Joanne Lim DMD 2023 • Kenny Liu DMD 2020 • Jordan Ozcan DMD 2023 • Doris Pham DMD 2020 • Kathryn Purdon DMD 2020

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ALUMNI DINE & LEARN HOSTS
Scott Kullen DMD 2013 • William Lea DMD 1980

And special thanks to all my many students and practitioners who supported the admissions interviews! Those listed with DMD or DH 2020 through 2022 following their names are candidates for graduation in the specified year. UBC Dentistry appreciates all those who volunteered their time. We apologize if your name or organization was missed.

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