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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 received permission to provide face-to-face instruction and patient care under rigorous UBC-approved safety protocols. We have learned that working together, we are resilient and can rise above the unprecedented challenges facing us.

The Faculty of Dentistry has been supportive of our TeamSmile members’ safety and well-being. We have addressed the COVID-19 emergency financial needs of our students through the Sweet Student Fund and facilitated financial needs of our students through the Sinclair Student Practitioner Program, the Sinclair Cares Foundation, the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, the UBC Vancouver Academic Excellence Funds and a naming gift from 123Dentist through the leadership of their CEO and President, Dr. Aiman Shiji. Related to our community programs, we announce a new partnership with Henry Schein Canada, Henry Schein Cares, and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, the first of its kind in Canada, for multi-year support of our UBC Geniatric Dental Program. Please enjoy the highlights of our faculty, staff, 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 Faculties of Dentistry major awards.

Several of our programs are also highlighted, including the Summer Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory. This nearly $6-million project is being supported through UBC Vancouver Academic Excellence Funds and a naming gift from 123Dentist for a new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory. Related to our community programs, we announce a new partnership with Henry Schein Canada, Henry Schein Cares, and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, the first of its kind in Canada, for multi-year support of our UBC Geniatric Dental Program.

UBC Faculty of Dentistry takes Home Three ACFD Awards in 2020

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. 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 her excellent research mentorship and leadership.

Dr. Joy Richman
Recipient of the ACFD-ACFD National Dental Research Award

The CADR-ACFD National Dental Research Award is presented annually to an individual or group whose contributions 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.

Dr. Andrea Esteves
— ACFD president

“In my first year as ACFD president, I was so proud and surprised to present this year’s awards to my UBC colleagues. Certainly well deserved by all, 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
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 UBC Dentistry students to gain a clinical dental education. 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.

“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.

“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’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, DHDP, graduate prosthodontics, and general practice residence students are already underway.

Words from UBC Faculty of Dentistry’s Dean Mary MacDougall

According to Statistics Canada, Canada’s seniors population will grow by 68 percent over the next 20 years. Developing robust educational programs focused on the oral health needs of this geriatric population is essential. The UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program is a well-established service-learning, community-based program that focuses on treatment of seniors at the point of care. Through the support of Henry Schein, we envision that our Geriatric Dentistry Program can become an educational model for Canada and North America.

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry is extremely proud to partner with Henry Schein Canada, Henry Schein Cares, and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation to improve the oral health care of seniors in British Columbia, Canada, and ultimately the world. We hope the initial five years of support will be just the beginning of a long-term partnership warranted by positive outcomes. We are excited to begin this new phase in our Geriatric Dentistry Program.
DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

Sweet Student Fund
Supporting Dentistry Students Facing Unexpected Hardships

Daily life for UBC Dentistry students went into turmoil with the COVID-19 pandemic. The Class of 2020 DHDP and DMD graduation lanyard, grad ball, and convocation were cancelled, postponed, or transformed to a virtual celebration. The students in years 1, 2, and 3 had concerns regarding summer employment opportunities — along with unanticipated financial hardship for essential needs such as food, housing, and tuition.

It was fortunate that the UBC Dentistry Sweet Student Fund was created several years back by alumni and friends to support dentistry students facing unexpected hardships. Over the past months, students have been able to apply for funding support with $53,500 dispersed to date to DHDP, DMD, and graduate students.

Thank you to all faculty, staff, alumni, and friends who have made recent donations to help sustain the Sweet Student Fund. The balance of the fund is low — please visit support.ubc.ca/projects/sweet-student-fund/ to make a donation today.

Gifts of Kindness
Navigating the Impact of a Pandemic

The challenges resulting from the pandemic have been vast — in particular, sourcing and securing PPE for students and faculty has, and will continue to be, a great concern. Over the past several months, our dental community has stepped forward to assist UBC Dentistry with generous donations of PPE to ensure the continued safety of our students, faculty, staff, and patients. We are grateful for their leadership and support:

• A-dec
• Align Technology
• Dr. Clive Bethal
• Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann
• Dr. John Hung
• Jet Equipment & Tools / SureWerx
• Surgically Clean Air
• Taipei Economic & Cultural Office — Vancouver

“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.

A Gift of Legacy
Dr. Ralph Yorsh’s Passion for Dental Students

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/

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The Digital Age of Dental Education
As a leader in dental education, UBC is committed to providing our students with access to state-of-the-art technologies and emerging advancements in dental practice.

With technology developing at a fast pace, digital dentistry brings to the forefront the need for an entirely new set of skills for our dental students to increase their focus on how to master digital equipment in clinical settings.

Incorporating digital dentistry into the student learning experience is paramount as we enter the digital age of dental education. Students will be exposed to new digital procedures in the curriculum and teaching.

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 collaboration 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 Faculty applied for and was awarded a grant through the Office of the Provost. This grant has been allocated towards the purchase of equipment to create the new digital lab. Leveraging this unique opportunity, the Faculty partnered with Straumann Canada to create a partnership that provided matching funding, equipment, and licensing to ensure the sustainability and success of this new initiative.

Faculty Gifted with Two CEREC Omnicams

The continued commitment of our UBC Dentistry community is remarkable.

As part of the UBC Gift in Kind Program, two CEREC AC Omnicam systems have been donated to the clinic from individuals. These CAD/CAM systems enable both chairside milling and laboratory-generated restorations, and their combined value is over $80,000. These are valuable gifts to support the educational mission of UBC Dentistry. Kudos also goes to Patterson Dental for helping to deliver the machines, and to Dr. Mark Fogelman for his expertise in setup.

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.

Legacy Gifts

For information on how to support UBC Dentistry, please contact:

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For more information, please visit: support.ubc.ca/projects/other-ways-to-give/
**FACULTY APPOINTMENTS**

- **Vincent Lee DDS, MSc, DapPro**
  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.

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

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

- **Penny Hatzemouniolas DipDH, BSc, MSc**
  Ms. Penny Hatzemouniolas has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

- **Jelena Kanen BDS, MSc**
  Ms. Jelena Kanen has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

- **Susan Schmitz DipDH, MEd, DHP(C)**
  Ms. Susan Schmitz has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of OBMS, Division of Dental Hygiene.

- **Suzanne Carlisle BS, DMD**
  Dr. Suzanne Carlisle has been appointed as a lecturer.

- **Luana Dutra da Carvalho DDS, MSc, PhD**
  Dr. Luana Dutra da Carvalho has been appointed as a restorative lecturer.

- **Emil Sztopa DDS**
  Dr. Emil Sztopa has been appointed as a lecturer.

- **Gary Wong DMD**
  Dr. Gary Wong has been appointed as a lecturer.

- **Diana Lin BHE, MSc, MPH**
  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.

- **David Kennedy BDS, MSc, FRCDC**
  Dr. David Kennedy was awarded with the W.W. Wood Award Certificate for Excellence in Dental Education. This award was established to commemorate Dr. Bill Wood, and is given yearly to an outstanding teacher who demonstrates excellence in teaching for each Faculty of Dentistry in Canada.

- **Susanne Sunell EdD**
  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 2020 CJDH Research Award for the Best Published Original Research Article in Volume 53.

- **Mario Brondani DDS, MSc, PhD, MPH**
  Dr. Mario Brondani and Wenzhong Rong (Peking University) received $16,000 from the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) Canada-China Scholars’ Exchange Program for their research project entitled "Chinese elders and quality of life" for January 1, 2020–December 31, 2020.

- **Bingshuang Zou DDS, DipOrtho, PhD, DSATP, FRCD(C)**
  Dr. Bingshuang Zou’s application for the 2020 AAOOF / OFDFA titled “Comparison of transverse and circummaxillary suture changes in different maxillary expansion protocols” was approved for $20,000 in funding. The proposal was also named the 2020 Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award.

- **Adriana P. Manso DDS, MSc, PhD**
  Dr. Adriana Manso, 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.

- **Denise Laronde BA, DipDH, MSc, PhD**
  Dr. Denis Laronde, Charles Shaker, Yidan Zhu, Zul Kanji, and Yung-Chi von Bergmann have been awarded $5,875 from the 2020 UBC Teaching & Learning Enhancement Fund for their proposal entitled "Integration of preventive oral care into undergraduate dental hygiene curriculum: Incorporation of students’ screening skills through the integration of live patients and role-players within an oral medicine and pathology course — Year III."
Our Team

Achievements

Grants/Funding

Nancy Ford
PhD

Mystica Lopez de Leon
BDS

Dr. Nancy Ford received a $150,000 UBC Research Faculty Support Grant for the Centre for High Impact Learning (CFDL) as the Office of the Vice-President, Research and Innovation provided this competitive funding for April 1, 2020–March 31, 2021.

Dorina Lamorde, Dental Student (Class of 2020), won one of the inaugural Whole Health Awards sponsored by Colgate Oral Pharmaceuticals. Dorina received a certificate and $10,000 for her outstanding work. Her case study will also be published by the Colgate Oral Health Network to promote awareness and increase participation among dental students.

Christopher M. Overall
BSc, BSc(Eng), MDS, PhD, FCANS, FRCSC

Dr. Christopher M. Overall’s published article entitled “Cytotactic matrix metalloproteinase substrates: Extracellular and intracellular roles in tumor initiation, progression, and metastasis” has been selected as a representative article about mass spectrometry in a Journal of Biological Chemistry collection called “UBC Methods Madness.”

Drs. Meng Hui, Christopher Overall, and Georgina Butler received a Canada Foundation for Dental Hygiene Research & Education (CFDHRE) for their Peer Reviewed Grant entitled “Oral dysplasia and immune cell spatial relationships: potential indicators of malignant progression” for May 1, 2020–April 30, 2021.

Zul Kanj, Diana Lin, and Jenkue Kanen had a publication covering the Canadian Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Unilever Hatton Award first place prize in the Oral Biology category. Dr. Datta, a research fellow at the University of Saskatchewan, represented the programme at the IADR meeting.

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

Drs. Peter Grin and Carolin Nygren, received a CIDA Frederick Banting & Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship, and the University of British Columbia. The scholarship is being awarded for a project on “Matrix metalloproteinase cleavage of PCSK9 in atherosclerosis” for January 1, 2021–December 31, 2023.

Dr. Madhumita Datta, representing the Canadian Division, was the recipient of the 2020 International Association for Dental Research (IADR) Unilever Hatton Award first place prize in the Senior Clinical Research category. Dr. Datta, a research fellow at the University of Saskatchewan, represented the programme at the IADR meeting.

Walaa Ahmed
BDS, MSc, PhD

Dr. Walaa Ahmed, a prosthodontics resident, was selected as the recipient of the internationally prestigious Ivoclar/ICP Research Fellowship in Dental Restorative Materials 2020–2022. Her proposed research was commended for its high quality and scientific merit.

UFC FOD Research Team received the 2019 Align Research Award for their Invisalign research project. This would entitle them to receive funding for ongoing research that is being conducted by Dr. Abdulrahmem Alawi, an orthodontics MSc student, and supervised by Dr. Binghsuan Zhou.

Dr. Dr. Visalakshi Shivaraman, a graduate prosthodontics, won the 2019 Association of Prosthodontists of Canada Award for Academic Achievement. When she was the dental head for the National Oral Health Programme of the Indian Dental Association, Dr. Shivaraman and her team carried out several outreach programs to better serve her community.

PUBLICATIONS

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, DOCRCP(Glas), DDRCR(UK), FRC(CDO)

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 his bestselling book, Investigations — an Introduction to the Clinical Use of Dental Radiographs, which has been in print for over 45 years.

Iris Lin, BDS

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Michael Siarkowski
BSc, MRT, DMD 2021 candidate

Michael Siarkowski, dental student (Class of 2021), has been elected as the vice-president of the CADR-NCOHR National Student Research Group for a one-year term, effective March 2020. This group is a new initiative to support the needs of student CADR members in becoming the next generation of oral health researchers in Canada.

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UBC Dentistry Impressions

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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.

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ALUMNI EVENTS
A YEAR IN REVIEW

January
Lunar New Year dinner, celebrating donors and alumni welcoming in the Year of the Rat, with two tables of guests joining Dean Mary MacDougall.

Feb. 28–March 1
Whistler Adventure & Learn took place in beautiful Whistler, BC, attracting alumni, donors and alumni welcoming in the Year of the Rat, with two tables of guests joining Dean Mary MacDougall.

March 5-7
The Pacific Dental Conference was held at the Vancouver Convention Centre this year. Highlights of the Faculty of Dentistry’s activities are listed below.

Alumni Affiliate Awards & Strategic Plan Update
Dean MacDougall shared an update on the workings of the Faculty’s new strategic plan, to be launched early spring 2021. Another highlight was the recognition of three outstanding members of our BC dental community through the newly created UBC Faculty of Dentistry Alumni Affiliate Award. They were Dr. Kenneth Chow, Professor Bonnie Craig, and Dr. John Hung.

April 24
First Alumni Partner webinar held with MNP offered UBC Dentistry alumni the “Business considerations for dental professionals” lunch-and-learn session.

May
Missing you Ontario Alumni!
We couldn’t make our annual trip to see our Ontario alumni at ODA in May, but sent out virtual greetings instead.

UBC Dentistry Alumni Reception

Professional commemorative class photos were taken at the UBC Dentistry Alumni Reception. Photos can be seen here: dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni/galleries/class-pictures-at-the-pdc/2020-pdc/

June 17
Mid-June brought us UBC’s first virtual graduation, now available for viewing on the Virtual Events page of the UBC Dentistry website.

June 23
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July 1
In July we celebrated Canada Day with a postcard greeting to alumni.

Summer Student Practitioner Program (SSPP) Breakfast
DMD students (Class of 2021) and mentors attended the SSPP Appreciation Breakfast and received thanks from Dr. Ingrid Emanuelsen, program director, alongside generous sponsors of the program: PDC Trust, CDSP, and Synergy Business Lawyers.

UBC Student & Young Alumni Networking Reception
Recent DMD graduates and third- and fourth-year students connected at the UBC Dentistry Student and Young Alumni Networking Reception. Graduates shared their experiences since leaving the dental school with the current students.

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.

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).

This event made it evident that the Faculty of Dentistry plays an integral part in advancing dental education in Canada by promoting oral health and policies in the community. Everyone in the Faculty should be truly proud of how they have worked collectively to achieve the many points of pride shown to President Ono.

Thank you to Dr. Dorin Ruse, who pointed out during a Faculty Council Meeting that President Ono, since joining UBC in 2016, had not visited the Faculty. The simple solution was a warm TeamSmile invitation. President Ono cleared his schedule for this visit, demonstrating that he continues to be very accessible to staff and faculty, and especially to students.

“What I’m really hoping to do is demystify the role of the president and make post-secondary education more accessible and fun. I want everyone to feel comfortable talking to me, and social media enables me to lower barriers.” — President Ono

Together with the faculty, staff, and students, everyone is committed to the Faculty of Dentistry’s academic mission in leading as trailblazers for oral health in BC and beyond.
**Advancing the Future of Dentistry is as Easy as 1,2,3…**

Peter Smailis, 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 J.B. MacDonald Building. After a review by the UBC Dentistry 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. Dr. Shivji graduated from UBC Dentistry in 1993 and still practises dentistry to this day.

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**Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory a Vision of Innovation**

The UBC Dentistry Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory demonstrates the uniqueness of our Faculty to enhance the student experience and incorporate state-of-the-art technologies and learning methodologies, while amplifying the potential for research studies. It is a core initiative of the Faculty’s strategic plan for transformative learning related to our educational mission. The facility will modernize our dental academic and clinical educational programs, while also serving as a student testing centre and increasing our capacity for hands-on continuing education programs. This multifaceted laboratory will allow an innovative, transformative change to our curriculum by adding a novel mode of teaching and student assessment. Furthermore, by moving some of the preclinical instruction outside of the clinic, we will have the opportunity to increase student patient care and the capacity of our DMD class size, providing additional revenue for future sustainability.

These measures will facilitate future investments in new program innovations, enhancing our faculty and staff numbers, renewals, and equipment upgrades. The laboratory will occupy the current computer learning laboratory in the J.B. MacDonald Building, with some expansions. The planning implementation is being overseen by a 16-member task force that includes faculty from key divisions and DMD and dental hygiene students and is chaired by Dr. Vincent Lee (right photo), assistant professor of teaching, Division of Prosthodontics, Department of Oral Health Sciences.

Project planning is being provided by Hilde Schepens, project manager with UBC Project Services. **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 using technologically advanced patient simulators and acquire the knowledge and specialized skillset of digital dentistry in a learner-friendly environment.

“The costs to outfit the new laboratory are significant and require a partner who can envision both immediate and long-term benefits for students, the future of dental education, and the dental community,” said Dr. Mary MacDougall, dean of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry.

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 Seen, provost and vice-president academic and provost, and the UBC Vancouver Academic Excellence Funds from the Office of the Provost, sponsored by Dr. Andrew Seen, provost and vice-president academic and provost, and the UBC Faculty of Dentistry.
**Cardiac Art Competition 2020 Winners**

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**Second Place:** “Heart Strings” by Shalini Kirupakaran
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**Third Place:** “Heart Cleched” by Kyu Young Park
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The Summer Student Practitioner Program (SSPP), founded in 1982, continues to be a successful and unique dental program offered by UBC. By matching dentists with third-year dental students for a trial run at working together in the dentist’s practice, it gives both parties a chance to check out the fit for those seeking an associate and for those seeking to be an associate, resulting in a win-win situation for all.

The partnership of the College of Dental Surgeons of BC, BC Dental Association, and CDPS allows the program to continue operating smoothly, enabling our students a dynamic and interactive experience within a personal clinical setting.

The program is under the remarkable leadership of alumnus Dr. Ingrid Emanuels, who was named as director of SSPP in 2018. Her passion and dedication have supported and enhanced UBC Dentistry alumni involvement, increasing student placements and enriching student outcomes and expertise. In addition, new benchmarks around practice were also reviewed and set by UBC to ensure the very best experience for both students and mentors.

One 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, CDPSI, Synergy Business Lawyers, and UBC Dentistry.

The SSPP is founded on strong partnerships, both on campus and in the community. It provides UBC DMD students not only with additional clinical experience but also the opportunity to gain valuable insight into the practice of dentistry beyond UBC Vancouver campus. For this, we thank the dentist mentors who have been most generous with their time and talents again this year. I am thrilled that dentist mentors are participating in UBC Dentistry’s mission of training the next generation of leaders in oral health care,” said Dr. Ingrid Emanuels.

**Become a Mentor**

Become part of a win-win combination that encourages more new graduates to practise throughout the province. Relieve your backlog. Test-run an associate. Be part of the learning. For more information and to facilitate student matches, go online at: dentistry.ubc.ca/ssp

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**Thank You to all Mentors!**

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**Results from 2019**

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From April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020

DONOR HONOUR ROLL

Dentistry. Your contribution directly supports exceptional education, research, and service to our community. Even as the global pandemic now and in the future, we can contribute towards the response to this global situation.

As a result of COVID-19, we have seen a dramatic change in our lives, both professionally and personally. Your 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 your 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, the Faculty of 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 our global 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, service, and even as we adjust our programs and operations on a daily basis to new developments and guidelines.

We hope that you and your families remain healthy and safe during this challenging time. Thank you again for your partnership and continued vested interest in UBC Dentistry.

Sincerely,

UBC Dentistry alumni

**Deceased**
MEETING THE CHALLENGES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

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.

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 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.

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 traverse the disruption of COVID-19, Dean MacDougall convened a COVID-19 Rapid Response Leadership Team to initiate plans for our academic and research programs. Team members include Drs. Andrea Esteves, Eli Whitney, Riki Gottlieb, Jolanta Aleksejune, Zul Kanji, Denise Laronde, Chris 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 closing.

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. By mid-May, British Columbia advanced to phase 2 of reopening, which included dentistry. UBC remained closed for on-campus instruction, the Faculty of Dentistry was able to reopen, focusing on our graduate programs resuming patient care and ensuring the clinical competences of the Class of 2020. This was possible through development of safety guidelines approved by UBC and BC Ministry of Health, various planning safety guidelines approved by UBC and BC Ministry of Health, a drastic action taken over a single weekend.

To ease the burden for students experiencing financial hardship, the Association of Canadian Faculties of Dentistry and the American Association of Dental Education. The entire Class of 2020 graduated on June 17, 2020.

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 20/21 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.

Hiring freezes have disrupted plans for graduating DMD 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, Division of Endodontics) and Ya Shen (left of photo) collaborated with Wuhan University’s School 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.

Dr. Chris Overall, a professor in the Department of Oral Biological Medical Sciences, has also turned his attention to expanding scientific knowledge of the virus. He competed in the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) COVID-19 Rapid Research Competition and received $331,212 in funding for a grant titled “Host cellular protein substrates of SARS-CoV-2 proteases.”

On the front lines of care

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 structural 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. Leeanne Donnelly, Kawita Mathi Muu, Fernanda Almaida, and Hsiun-Chi von Bergmann, to consult with dental professionals and gain a comprehensive picture of the preparations, guidance, and challenges involved in meeting patient needs.

Protecting the health of seniors

Faculty members have also placed high priority on educating the public about strategies to maintain optimal oral health during the pandemic, especially among vulnerable populations. Dr. Chris Wyatt, director of the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program, joined a panel of UBC experts on a webinar to discuss strategies for protecting the physical and mental health of seniors. He emphasized the importance of preventive care at home, especially when access to dental services is limited. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program has donated more than 110 boxes of toothpaste to local long-term care facilities (bottom photo).

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.

“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 generous support 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.
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 honourable 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 honorary degree recipient, was also present to extend his best wishes.

Julia Burnham, graduating student, presented gifts from the graduating class to the university of:
- $20,000 to the AMS Food Bank to support their operations during COVID-19
- $20,000 to UBC to support students with financial needs during COVID-19

As the ceremony concluded, Santa J. Ono, UBC president and vice-chancellor, reminded us with words of positivity that the struggles we face today will make us stronger and better, because they will teach us to become more resilient.

Together we will emerge from any challenges that come our way.

Congratulations Class of 2020

We wish all of our graduates every bit of success as they begin the next chapter of their exciting journey!

DMD Graduates

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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 emphasizes professionalism, student-centered learning, and self-directed study. Students are encouraged to apply what they learn in behavioral sciences to the clinical environment. The various elements of the curriculum emphasize mentorship, demonstration of clinical procedures, and incremental development of competency in clinical settings. To accomplish these educational goals, the Faculty counts on the contributions of dental professionals in the community who are generous enough to serve.

These part-time faculty members contribute thousands of hours to UBC, and the Faculty counts on their contributions to deliver first-class dental learning.

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

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 SPP 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 practice leader in 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 greatly benefited from his knowledge and wisdom in the field of dentistry.

Dr. Yorsh will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Gratitude

The quality of being grateful. Thanksful for an occasion... Would you be able to imagine what it might be? Everyone's day-to-day work 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, we have 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 other word than gratitude.
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 Ciriani, 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!

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.

1990s
Jacylin Solled, DMD 1999, and son Riley visited the school and we showed Riley Mom’s class composite photo (and Dad’s, Loren Braun, DMD 2000) hanging in the stairwell! Riley is hopeful about entering the DMD program one day.

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 everyday.”

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 Staschuk, DMD 1989, and Ed Lows, 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!

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.

The Ko family welcomed a new member! Esther Chen, DMD 2014, returned to Vancouver in July as a private endodontist while Kevin Ko, DMD 2011, will join Vancouver General Hospital as an academic oral pathologist/anatomical pathologist.

Danielle Coulson, DMD 2014, 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.

Nicole Chien, BDSc 2012, picked up the UBC Dentistry Hawaiian gift basket for her sister, Michelle Chien, BDSc 2017, who was the lucky draw winner at the Pacific Dental Conference Tiki Bar booth.

Members of the BDSc Class of 2018, including former Sinclair Dental Travel Fellowship participants Yolanda Lam and Rebecca Piccolo, took a picture with mentor host Sherry Priebe, BDSc 2003, MSc 2009.

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ALUMNI CLASS NOTES
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ASHLEY LESSARD, MPH 2020, was recently awarded Best Presentation of her practicum from the Faculty of Medicine, School of Population and Public Health. Ashley, of the Klahoose First Nation, is an assistant Children’s Oral Health Initiative specialist with the First Nations Health Authority. Prior to pursuing a career in public health, Ashley worked as a dental hygiene practitioner in a private dental office for six years. Her educational background also includes a Bachelors degree in dental science in 2013 from UBC.

For more info:

spph.ubc.ca/mph-practicum-awardees/

2020s

DUYAN LE, DMD 2020, with his fellow classmates from the DMD Class of 2020 visit to the VDDS Midwinter Meeting in January. From left to right are: Bruce Chou, DMD 2011; Alyssa Podrebarac, DMD 2020; Alia McLure, DMD 2020; Austin Chen, DMD 2020; and Angela Hu DMD 2021.

KEVIN URMER, DMD 2016, and Jake Wuech, DMD 2020, send their greetings and wishes from Ocudent Dental Clinic in Red Deer, Alberta.

Hillside Dental Centre in Victoria was pleased to announce Jordon McAdam, DMD 2020, as the newest member of their team, which includes alumni Roger Bailey, DMD 1984; Andrea Harbeck, DMD 2001; Kelvin Leung, DMD 2016; and Kathy Wong, DMD 1999.

SHEREE DREW, DMD 1989,

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