

IMPRESSIONS

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Trailblazers in Oral Health for BC and Beyond



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COVER ARTIST: DR. MARKUS HAAPASALO

Dr. Markus Haapasalo is an inspiring educator, scientist, and clinician at the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. He joined the Faculty in 2004 as a professor in the Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences (OBMS) and has served the Faculty in many leadership capacities as a past head of OBMS (two full terms), past acting head of OBMS, chair of the Division of Endodontics, and a past member of the Executive Team and the COVID-19 Rapid Response Leadership Team. He is a fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and internationally recognized as a gifted clinician-scientist specializing in the field of endodontics, with over 230 publications and over 10,000 citations. His translational research has focused on the field of biofilms and oral infections. In 2019, he was awarded the American Association of Endodontist Louis I. Grossman Award for his "cumulative publication of significant research studies that have made an extraordinary contribution to endodontology." This award is the highest international recognition for research in the field of endodontics.

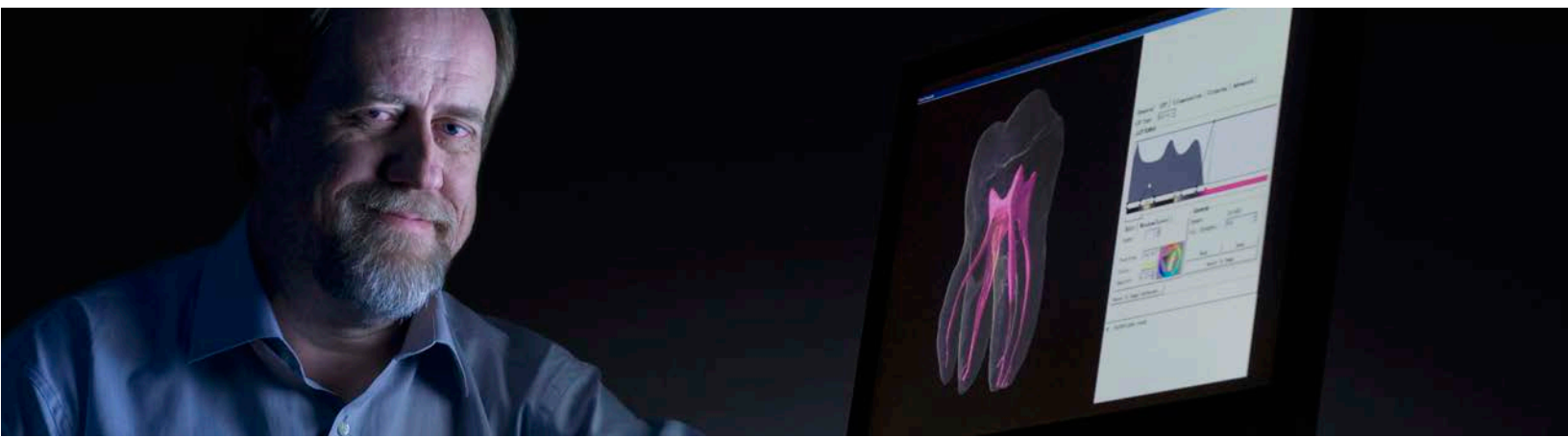


While we are truly motivated by Dr. Haapasalo's passion and commitment to dental education, student mentorship, dentistry, endodontics, and the discovery of new oral health knowledge, we also celebrate his artistic talents, as demonstrated through his photography.

Dr. Haapasalo began his interest in photography at an early age, as well as his great appreciation for nature. His two older brothers took him on birdwatching trips, beginning when he was just seven years old. These trips served as a foundation for his keen interest in nature. As a high school student in his home country of Finland, he was an active member of the Bird Club, travelling to the south coast of Finland each May with his schoolmates to follow the migration of Arctic birds. These experiences helped him to specialize in photographing various birds, butterflies, wild flowers, and landscapes.

ABOUT THE COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Dr. Haapasalo's featured *Impressions* cover image is of an Anna's hummingbird photographed in his garden. The Anna's hummingbird is a species commonly found on the UBC Vancouver campus and elsewhere on the Pacific Coast. These birds are smaller than a ping-pong ball and weigh about as much as a 25-cent coin. This particular image was chosen as this year's cover, as it reflects the instability we have all faced in the past 18 months with the dynamic circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic. This photo was captured using a Nikon D850 camera, with a Nikon 400mm lens, f/2.8.





DEAN'S MESSAGE

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry has mitigated the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic for nearly two years while remaining ranked as the top dental institution in Canada, within the top ten in North America, and among the top 25 globally, as reported by the QS World University Rankings for 2020. This is based on the outstanding global reputation of our Faculty as an innovative leader in dental education, service, and research. As an academic institution, we are thankful to have the support of the dental community, our corporate and association partners, and an extremely strong alumni base in our mission, especially during such demanding times. Our entire team — faculty, staff, and students — has demonstrated a profound level of resiliency, creativity, and dedication to excellence throughout this dynamically disrupting period. However, the impact of the pandemic has led to innovation in our approach to dental education throughout our undergraduate and graduate programs. We have taken the opportunity over the past years to reflect and learn many lessons, perform critical assessments, and engage in open conversations. Our continued change is founded in our desire to improve at our core. We have focused on and aligned with our strategic plan, allowing us to thrive in these times of great stress and hardship. We are confident that moving forward, the disruption of COVID-19 will lead to further innovation based on the commitment and fortitude of our TeamSmile.

In the pages of this issue, we provide updates on our strategic plan, IMPACT 2020–2025, which outlines the vision of our Faculty to be trailblazers in oral health for BC and beyond. Over the past year, through working groups for each of our four pillars — people, education,

research, and engagement — our team members have defined our objectives, set goals, and outlined milestones that will be documented with transparency. A major transformative project for the Faculty defined by IMPACT 2020–2025 is our transition to incorporate digital dentistry and simulation into our undergraduate DMD and DHDP programs and clinical graduate programs. Our progress is phenomenal with the opening in fall 2021 of the new, dedicated Graduate Digital Dentistry facility. The parallel undergraduate Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory is scheduled to open for fall 2022 with construction beginning in November 2021. We are thankful for the guidance and oversight for these projects by the two special task force committees under the leadership of Dr. Anthony McCullagh (graduate) and Dr. Vincent Lee (undergraduate). Faculty and students on these committees have worked diligently to provide the vision for these important new components of our educational programs.

In addition, IMPACT 2020–2025 has focused our attention on our people. We have defined the need for new leadership positions within the Faculty of Dentistry, many of which have been filled by talented faculty members and are noted in this issue. These positions focus on our engagement in the community through our educational programs and research and our efforts to enhance diversity, equity, and inclusion within our faculty, staff, and student populations. We also highlight the numerous accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students over the past year, as well as provide updates about our alumni and alumni events.

We are fortunate to announce two significant gifts to UBC Dentistry from

donors who share our core values: Planmeca and Dr. Edwin S.H. Leong LLD. These gifts are of major significance to moving our mission forward, and they demonstrate the donors' motivation for philanthropy founded in passionate vision, committed partnership, and generosity. Planmeca is providing the largest gift in the Faculty of Dentistry's history of over \$6 million toward the Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory, as well as for a total upgrade of 144 dental chairs in the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre. Dr. Leong, a UBC alumnus, is generously providing support for the Geriatric Dentistry Program, to address accessibility to oral health care by the elderly during the global pandemic. While each donor is unique and supporting different Faculty initiatives, they share an unmistakable quality: a passion to make a difference through impact. We are thankful for their support and trust, as we are for our many other donors and volunteers to the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. You all collectively give us "something special to smile about."

I hope as you read through this issue of *Impressions* that you appreciate the breadth and depth of the transformative innovations being made within the Faculty of Dentistry, innovations fostered by our strategic plan and motivated by the disruptions of COVID-19. These innovations, as well as the fortitude of our faculty, staff, and students and our shared passion, will be the foundation for our future successes, while ensuring excellence and our global reputation.

Dr. Mary MacDougall
Dean and Professor
Faculty of Dentistry

FACULTY SPOTLIGHTS

The Faculty of Dentistry has made some key additions and revisions to our leadership team as an important outcome of our strategic plan, "IMPACT 2020-2025: Trailblazers in Oral Health in BC and Beyond." The Faculty has made new leadership team appointments to define and oversee UBC Dentistry's objectives related to community engagement and diversity, equity, and inclusion and to enhanced Indigenous engagement. Additionally, we highlight changes that modify leadership titles to better reflect the duties of team members. Finally, we also thank team members who have stepped in to assume leadership roles during periods of faculty leaves.

NEW LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS



Dr. Warren Roberts
*Dean's Advisor on
Indigenous Affairs, Co-
Director of Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion*

Dr. Roberts has been appointed as the Dean's advisor on Indigenous Affairs, co-director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and part-time clinical professor in the Department of Oral Health Sciences, Division of General Dentistry. He is a general dentist with more than 40 years of experience in Vancouver and is a 1977 Indigenous graduate of UBC Faculty of Dentistry. Dr. Roberts is the co-founder and clinical director for the Pacific Training Institute for Facial Aesthetics. In addition, with his wife, Dr. Janet Roberts, also an Indigenous graduate of UBC Faculty of Dentistry, he is co-founder of two aesthetic practices: A Smile Above, and Roberts Dental and Facial Rejuvenation, located in Tsawwassen, BC. Dr. Roberts has trained at the Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies and the Frontier Institute. Dr. Roberts is a past president of the BC Academy of General Dentistry and the Fraser Valley Dental Society.



Dr. Leeann Donnelly
*Director of Community
Engagement*

Dr. Donnelly, associate professor, Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences, has assumed the role of director of Community Engagement. She is overseeing the prioritization of aims for our community engagement to determine future needs and resource allocation. Initially, she is focused on organizing the agreements with community sites related to our educational programs. Dr. Donnelly is coordinating with the directors of the DMD, DHDP, and graduate programs to identify and develop opportunities for rotations, professional collaborations, and scholarly activities in the community, and to standardize student placement agreements and our memorandums of understanding for community activities. She will also be developing and maintaining relations with community organizations, Indigenous communities, health authorities, and other UBC faculties working with special care populations. Currently Dr.

Donnelly is working with the Elizabeth Fry Society on the opening of the Rosewood Clinic, where UBC Dentistry students will rotate in providing care for underserved women and children.



Dr. Mario Brondani
*Co-Director of Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion*

Dr. Mario Brondani, associate professor in the Department of Oral Health Sciences, served as the director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) for six months, ending in June 2021. Dr. Brondani has helped UBC Dentistry's efforts to enhance initiatives related to diversity, equity, inclusion, and anti-racism within our Faculty and connect them to initiatives across UBC. Dr. Brondani has organized DEI student, staff, and faculty committees while coordinating with program directors and students to develop and improve curriculum content in this area. He will now share the DEI role with fellow co-director Dr. Roberts.

CHANGES IN LEADERSHIP TITLES & ACTING LEADERSHIP ROLES



Dr. David MacDonald
*Pro Tem Head of
OBMS*

Dr. MacDonald stepped into the role of acting head of the Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences (OBMS) from July to September 2021. During this period, he was responsible for leading the academic department and reporting to the Dean until the return of Dr. Ricardo Carvalho, head of OBMS. As professor and chair, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Dr. MacDonald has been a member of the Faculty of Dentistry since 2003. His teaching duties are in the area of diagnostic radiology of the face and jaw. He is widely published, with two editions of his successful Wiley textbook *Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology: A Diagnostic Approach* and 100+ publications.



Dr. Michael Flunkert
*Acting Clinical
Director*

Dr. Flunkert, lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences, assumed the duties of acting clinical director from June to September 2021, while Dr. Andrea Esteves was on administrative leave. Dr. Flunkert is a double alumnus of UBC completing a BSc in microbiology in 1980 and DMD in 1985. He had a private general practice in downtown Vancouver, mostly as an original member of Aarm Dental Group. Retiring from full-time practice in early 2018, he joined UBC Dentistry as a part-time clinical instructor in the fall of that year. Prior to 2018, he participated in the Vancouver Maxicourse and served a two-year term as a board member of the CDSBC. In August 2020, he joined UBC FOD as a full-time lecturer providing clinical instruction.



Dr. Eli Whitney
*Director of DMD
Program*

Dr. Whitney, associate professor of teaching in the Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences, has recently been named as director for the DMD Program after serving as DMD curriculum director. While his position within the Faculty has not changed, the new title is more descriptive of his role and duties. The new title indicates the broader involvement that Dr. Whitney has taken on in the enhanced development of the DMD Program with online learning and simulation and digital dentistry. Dr. Whitney, a certified specialist in oral medicine and pathology, is actively engaged in teaching in both the graduate and undergraduate programs



Dr. Jolanta Aleksejuniene
*Director of
Graduate &
Postdoctoral
Studies*

Dr. Aleksejuniene, associate professor in the Department of Oral Health Sciences, Division of Public Health, has been appointed as the director of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies after serving as acting director. In her position, she is providing leadership and support to the graduate programs in the Faculty of Dentistry and overseeing and supporting the learning experiences of our clinical specialty and traditional MSc and PhD students. Dr. Aleksejuniene has 15 years of experience at UBC, has supervised numerous clinical MSc and PhD students, and has authored 86 publications.

DONOR HIGHLIGHTS

Graduate Orthodontics Alumni Award

Supporting Students in the Orthodontics Program

The UBC Faculty of Dentistry is extremely proud of our generous and connected alumni community. Their passion to support the next generation of dental students is truly unparalleled.

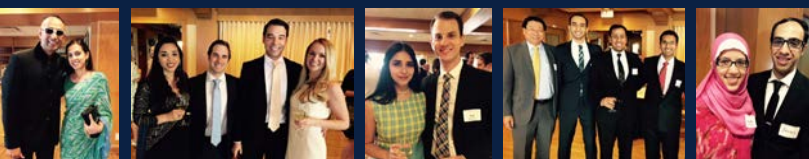
This year, that generous spirit was led by Dr. Asef Karim, BDS Sc 1993, DMD 1999, MSc Graduate Orthodontics 2013, who spearheaded the process of creating a new award to support graduate orthodontics students. As a proud alumnus, Dr. Karim recognized the importance of providing current orthodontics students with support and recognition for their academic achievements.

"As alumni, we believe that the UBC Grad Ortho Program is the best in the world, preparing its graduate students to be certified in both Canada and the US. We have come together to create this endowed award to strengthen our orthodontic profession and to ensure an ongoing commitment of support for current and future students," said Dr. Asef Karim.

Having been through the program himself, he knows first-hand the value of student awards for recognizing academic achievement that greatly enhances the student experience and clinical confidence, acknowledging the student's commitment to succeed in the profession, and providing additional financial support. Garnering support from fellow alumni and faculty, Dr. Karim and his colleagues successfully raised over \$50,000 to create the Graduate Orthodontics Alumni Endowed Award. Being endowed, this award will provide financial support in perpetuity for graduate orthodontics students as well as for alumni to continue building the award endowment.

"I was thrilled that Dr. Karim took the initiative to start this fundraising project to support our Graduate Orthodontics Alumni award. A big thanks to former students and faculty for 'paying it forward.' By supporting our students, we build a lasting family legacy called UBC Graduate Orthodontics. My hope is that all former students will contribute as best they can," said Dr. David Kennedy, co-clinic director, Graduate Orthodontics.

The first award will be available for the 2021/22 winter session. Please visit dentistry.ubc.ca/the-ubc-dentistry-graduate-orthodontics-alumni-award to learn more and make your gift today.



Navigating the Impact of the Pandemic

UBC Faculty of Dentistry Appreciates Gifts from Our Dental Community

Over the past year, as we continued to navigate through the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, the support that the UBC Faculty of Dentistry has felt from the dental community has been unparalleled.

Due in part to the generosity of the dental community, our Faculty was able to lead the way. Not only were we able to keep everyone within the Faculty safe, but we were also able to ensure the continuity of preclinical instruction and patient care for our learners. These gifts are increasingly integral now, as we have transitioned most of TeamSmile back to on-campus activity.

We are grateful for all of the generous donations we received this past year. Thank you for keeping our staff, faculty, students, and patients safe, and for helping to propel us forward through uncertainty.

Thank you to the following donors for their support:

- **Dr. Wilson Kwong** — Three Pura Air™ air purification units, used in the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre and the Patterson Dental Learning Centre
- **Honour Link Enterprises Inc.** — 30,000 level 3 earloop procedure masks
- **Henry Schein** — Hand sanitizer for the clinic and off-campus community outreach programs
- **Anonymous** — Medical-grade children's masks donated to the clinic

Thank You for Your Continued Support!

If you have equipment or supplies you are interested in donating to UBC Dentistry, please contact:

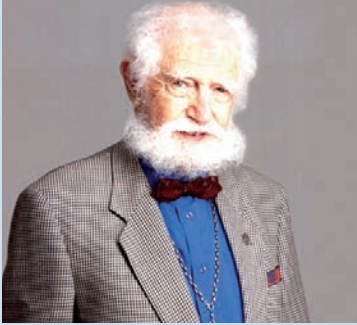
Jane Merling
Email: merling@dentistry.ubc.ca

As part of our philanthropic mandate, and upon approval, charitable receipts for the current value of items may be provided.



NEW AWARDS

Dr. Ralph Yorsh Scholarship in Dentistry



Scholarships have been made available through an endowment established by an estate gift from Dr. Ralph Yorsh (1921–2020) for outstanding DMD students. Dr. Yorsh was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and was raised in Saskatchewan. He attended the University of Saskatchewan and received his DMD from the University of Toronto. After serving in the Royal Canadian Dental Corps, he moved to Vancouver, where he met his wife, Rose. Dr. Yorsh practised general dentistry, specializing in hypnosis; was a lecturer in UBC's Faculty of Dentistry; and founded Toastmasters International's UBC chapter. The scholarships will be first awarded in the 2021/22 winter session.

Implant Genius Scholarship in Prosthodontics



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GENIUS

New scholarships have been made available through a gift from Implant Genius for outstanding second- or third-year students in the Combined MSc and Diploma in Prosthodontics program. Preference will be given to students who show an interest in implant treatment planning. Dr. Kevin Aminzadeh (BSc Pharm 1996, DDS, MSc), founder of Implant Genius, is a board-certified prosthodontist and a fellow of the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. He is an expert in dental implant treatment planning, and he founded Implant Genius in 2015 to help general dentists place and restore dental implants. We thank Dr. Aminzadeh for his future-focused vision in providing scholarships for our students interested in implant dentistry.

Dr. Gary Derkson Memorial Award in Dentistry



A new award has been created through gifts from friends, family, and colleagues in memory of Dr. Gary Derkson (1942–2018). This award was created for students in the Combined MSc and Diploma in Pediatric Dentistry program who have demonstrated academic excellence. Dr. Derkson joined the UBC Faculty of Dentistry in 1977 as an associate professor of pediatrics, retired as an associate professor emeritus in 2004, and served as the chief of dentistry at BC Children's Hospital from 1986 to 2004. This award was established in recognition of Dr. Derkson's commitment to resident education in pediatric dentistry.

Dr. Christopher Wyatt Graduate Award in Dentistry



A new award has been created through an endowment established by Dr. Christopher Wyatt (BSc 1981, DMD 1986, MSc, Dip Pros) for graduate students in the Faculty of Dentistry with an interest in prosthodontics or geriatric dentistry. Dr. Wyatt is head of the Department of Oral Health Sciences, chair of the Division of Prosthodontics and Dental Geriatrics, director of the Graduate Prosthodontics Program, and director of the Geriatric Dentistry Program in the UBC Faculty of Dentistry. His research is focused on prosthodontics and dental geriatrics. Thank you to Dr. Wyatt for his leadership and thoughtfulness in creating this award to support our students.

OUR TEAMSMILE ACHIEVEMENTS

AWARDS



HsingChi von Bergmann
MSc, PhD

Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann was awarded UBC's highest teaching honour, the Killam Teaching Prize, in recognition of her transformative impact on teaching and learning at institutional, disciplinary, and societal levels. She was also recognized as a leader in open education, as a winner of the UBC Alma Mater Society's OER (Open Educational Resources) Champions award.



Adriana Manso
DDS, MSc, PhD

Dr. Adriana Manso was awarded the W.W. Wood Award for Excellence in Dental Education. This award is given yearly in each Faculty of Dentistry in Canada to an outstanding teacher who demonstrates excellence in teaching.



Abiola Adeniyi
DDS, PhD Candidate

Dr. Abiola Adeniyi, a graduate student, was awarded a Killam Graduate Teaching Assistant Award. She is PhD Craniofacial Science student performing research focused on utilizing integrated care concepts for the delivery of preventive oral health care in non-dental settings.



Shivalika Katyal
BDS

Graduate student Shivalika Katyal was selected as the recipient of a 2021 ADEA/Crest Oral-B Scholarship for Dental Hygienists. She has been awarded \$3,000 toward her program tuition.



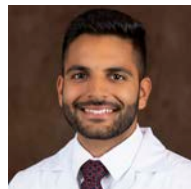
David Kennedy
BDS, MSD, FRCD(C)

Dr. David Kennedy was selected as the 2020 recipient of the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists Award of Merit.



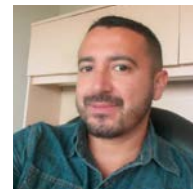
Serena Kassam
DDS, FRCD(C)

Clinical Assistant Professor Dr. Serena Kassam was named a winner of the 2021 YWCA Women of Distinction award in the Health and Wellness category.



Imran Mitha
DMD 2021

DMD student (Class of 2021) Imran Mitha was selected as a winner of the Whole Mouth Health Colgate Award. Imran was awarded \$2,500.



Rodolfo Martín-del-Campo
PhD, MSc, BEng

Dr. Rodolfo Martín-del-Campo received a \$250 award from the UBC Postdoctoral Fellows Office to present his research at the virtual International Experimental Biology Conference.

GRANTS & FUNDING



Adriana Manso
DDS, MSc, PhD

Dr. Adriana Manso is the recipient of the Colgate Award for Research Excellence (CARE). Her project received \$30,000 in research funding from June 1, 2021, to May 21, 2022.



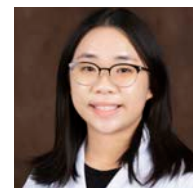
Hugh Kim
DMD, MSc, PhD, DipPerio

Dr. Hugh Kim received a New Frontier Seed Grant from the Network for Canadian Oral Health Research (NCHOR). The work of Dr. Kim's team was awarded \$40,000.



Bingshaung Zou
DDS, DipOrtho, PhD, DSATP, FRCD(C)

Dr. Bingshaung Zou was recognized by the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF) with an Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship (\$20,000) and also as the 2021 Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award winner.



Ilana Yim
BDS

Master's student Ilana Yim was awarded a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Frederick Banting and Charles Best Canada Graduate Scholarship — Master's Award (CGS-M) of \$17,500 for 12 months.

RESEARCH FUNDING: CANADA RESEARCH CONTINUITY EMERGENCY FUND

- Dr. Leeann Donnelly: Stage 4 (\$10,164.00)
- Dr. Nancy Ford: Stage 3 (\$57,564.59), Stage 4 (\$16,940.00)
- Dr. Lari Häkkinen: Stage 3 (\$6,446.25)
- Dr. Hugh Kim: Stage 3 (\$15,517.37), Stage 4 (\$10,164.00)
- Dr. Adriana Manso: Stage 3 (\$32,676.92)
- Dr. Chris Overall: Stage 3 (\$11,769.27), Stage 4 (\$3,387.99)
- Dr. Catherine Poh: Stage 4 (\$10,164.00)
- Dr. Edward Putnins: Stage 3 (\$744.14)
- Dr. Joy Richman: Stage 3 (\$793.29)
- Dr. HsingChi von Bergmann: Stage 3 (\$9,000.00)
- Dr. Bingshuang Zhou: Stage 3 (\$5,574.46)

FACULTY & STUDENT PUBLICATION HIGHLIGHTS



Drs. Susanne Sunnell, Denise Laronde, and Zul Kanji published "Fourth-year dental hygiene students' educational preparedness: Self-confidence ratings of the Canadian Dental Hygienists Association baccalaureate competencies (2017-2019)" in the *Journal of Dental Education*.



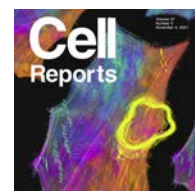
Drs. Batoul Shariati, Zul Kanji, and Shima Soeilipour published "Enhancing learning in an online oral epidemiology and statistics course" in the *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene*.



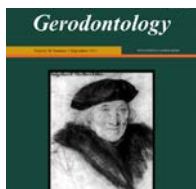
Dr. Zul Kanji published "Enhancing post-secondary student retention: Lessons learned from stories of former first-year students" in the *Journal of Student Affairs Research and Practice*.



Dr. Joy Richman and her research team published "Symmetry and fluctuation of cell movements in neural crest-derived facial mesenchyme" in the May 2021 edition of *Development*.



Dr. Christopher Overall has published "Mechanistic insights into COVID-19 by global analysis of the SARS-CoV-2 3CL^{pro} substrate degradome" in *Cell Reports*.



Drs. Nicholas Tong and Chris Wyatt and Ms. Shunhau To published "Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the University of British Columbia Geriatric Dentistry Program: Clinical education and service" in *Gerodontology*.



Visiting Assistant Professor Dr. He Liu published a paper titled "Biomaterial scaffolds for clinical procedures in endodontic regeneration" in *Bioactive Materials*.



Master's student Kristie Nguyen published "Transitioning into an online dental hygiene degree-completion program" in the *Journal of Dental Education*. This article was co-authored by Drs. Riki Gottlieb and Zul Kanji.

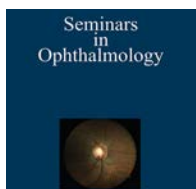


Doctoral student Jennifer Hye Eun Kwon published "Professional identity formation: The key contributors and dental students' concerns" in the *Journal of Dental Education*. This article was co-authored by Drs. HsingChi von Bergmann and Charles Shuler.



Iris Lin and Ilena Yim published "Basement membrane degeneration is common in lichenoid mucositis with dysplasia" in the *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene*. This article was co-authored by Drs. Denise Laronde and Lewei Zhang.

OTHER AWARDS & APPOINTMENTS



Ashley Kim published "Acute vision loss as an ophthalmic complication of dental procedures in seminars" in *Seminars in Ophthalmology*.



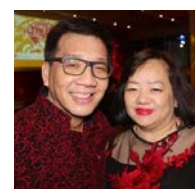
Incoming DMD Class of 2025 student Ehsan Jozaghi and Dr. Riki Gottlieb published a guest editorial "The impact of COVID-19 on dental school admissions: A student and faculty perspective" in the *Journal of Dental Education*.



Dr. Riki Gottlieb, BDS, MSD, FRCD(C), was named a fellow of the American College of Dentists.



Susan Schmitz, DipDH, MEd, DHP(C), was named chair of the board of the British Columbia Dental Hygienists' Association.



Dr. Ken Chow and Susan Chow were the joint recipients of UBC's Great Trekker Award, presented to alumni who make unique contributions to UBC and the wider community.



This year, UBC Dentistry swept all three of the *Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene* (CJDH) award categories:

Teresa La Chimea, Susan Schmitz, and Dr. Zul Kanji were awarded the 2021 CJDH Research Award for best literature review: "Assessment of clinical competence in competency-based education," published in the June 2020 issue of the journal.

Iris Feng, Leeann Donnelly, Dr. Mario Brondani, and Dr. Cristophe Bedos (McGill) were selected as winners of the 2021 CJDH Research Award for best published original research article: "Access to oral health care for people living with HIV/AIDS attending a community-based program"

Amanda McKay (DHDP, Class of 2021) was selected as the winner of the 2021 CJDH Student Essay Award, sponsored by Philips Sonicare. For her winning essay entitled "How access to online health information impacts the dental hygiene client experience," Amanda received a cash prize of \$1,500.

ALUMNI EVENTS

A YEAR IN REVIEW

Alumni Partner Webinars



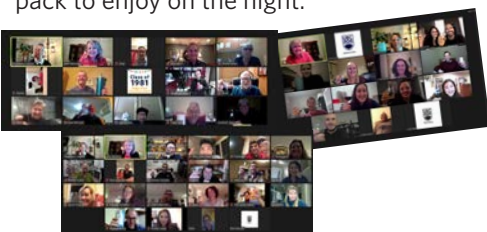
2021 saw us engaging with our Alumni Partners through several webinars, including: "Putting the puzzle pieces together: How to recover and shape the future of your dental practice" with MNP, Heaps & Doyle, and Madaisky & Co., and "What's behind that mask: Supporting your dental team through these strange times," with Heaps & Doyle.

February



2021 Milestone Class Reunion Program

Virtual class reunions were held for the DMD Classes of 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2011, and 2016 in February. Classmates enjoyed a short program, including a look-back video and class quiz, before spending time connecting in Zoom breakout rooms. Lots of fun was had by all, and the virtual reunions allowed alumni to connect with their classmates from Ontario, Alberta, and even Alaska! Each participant donated to the student bursary fund and received a fun party pack to enjoy on the night.



March & April



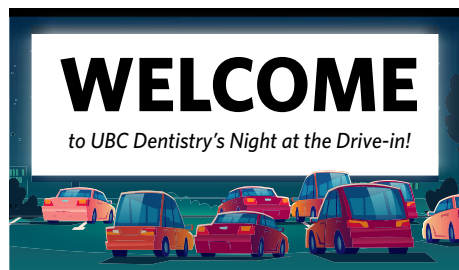
Dental Hygiene Class of 1971 Reunion

In March, the DHDP Class of 1971 put their own virtual reunion together and celebrated 50 years. This class has stayed extremely close throughout the years!



MNP Virtual Dine & Learn and Free Tax Return Clinic

On March 16, alumni partner MNP LLP conducted their annual student "Tax-stravaganza," which included a tax seminar for all DMD and graduate students, and on 6 and 7, they held sessions to help our students prepare for tax season!



A Night at the Movies!

A group of movie-loving alumni and their families joined us at the Twilight Drive-In in Langley, BC. Our Alumni Partners brought goodie bags for all!

May

Your friends at UBC Dentistry think you're



We're going to miss our annual visit to Toronto & the ODA again this year, so sending our heartfelt greetings & Spring flowers your way instead. Hope to see you in 2022!



May saw our Ontario-based alumni receive a gift of wildflower seeds from the Faculty and our Alumni Partners.

June



In early June, the 2021 grads celebrated with an online ceremony. The ceremony is now available for viewing on the Virtual Events page of the UBC Dentistry website.

September



MEDTALKS: UNLOCKING DIABETES 100 YEARS AFTER INSULIN

Saturday, September 18, 2021
1:30-3:00 pm PDT



In September, one of the UBC Homecoming events was a UBC Health MEDTalks panel presentation. The panel included Faculty of Dentistry alumna and Director of the Graduate Periodontics Program Rana Tarzemandy, along with experts from other faculties.

October



While the Thompson Okanagan Dental Society meeting wasn't in person, we were able to hand out 50 of our new limited edition UBC Dentistry toques to online contest entrants!



Thirsty Thursday took place in person on October 28 at the UBC Pit Pub with all Ministry of Health protocols in place. Mixed teams of students and alumni had a wonderful time with each other.

STAY IN TOUCH

The alumni office at UBC Dentistry can help you stay connected with your fellow graduates, plan and promote reunions, and keep you informed of upcoming educational opportunities.

To learn more, contact Rosemary Casson, manager of alumni engagement, at alumni@dentistry.ubc.ca, or visit: dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni

ALUMNI "IN RESIDENCE"

The new student orientation on September 2 allowed the Class of 2025 DMDs to meet alumni partners Sinclair Dental and Dentsply Sirona to receive the annual gift of new backpacks while receiving a sweet treat of "smart cookies."

On September 7, we were able to welcome both the Class of 2024 and Class of 2025 DHDP students, who also received backpacks and welcome sweets!



The Class of 2024 White Coat Ceremony on October 19 was a small in-person event, with students celebrating with their colleagues through this time-honoured tradition. While it looked a bit different, livestreaming of the event allowed our alumni and others to watch the program and celebrate!

Thank you to the CDHBC and ACD BC Section for supporting this event. Particular thanks to Jennifer Lawrence, registrar/CEO, College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia and Kevin Lauwers, ACD BC Section chair, for attending this event, and providing our students with your words of wisdom!



In October, second-year DMD student Grace Barlow made BC hockey history as part of the first all-female officiating team at a BC Hockey League Junior A hockey game. Grace was referee for the contest between the Langley Rivermen and the Surrey Eagles. The International Ice Hockey Federation has also selected Grace to represent Hockey Canada as a referee at the Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire's Winter Universiade in Lucerne, Switzerland, this December.

(In photo below, Grace is 2nd from the right.
Photo Credit: Garrett James Photography)



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ALUMNI PARTNERS!

We are always grateful to our alumni partners for their generous support of our events. To learn more, see the Alumni Partners Corner of our website: dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni/alumni-partners-corner/



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ALUMNI CLASS NOTES

Share your news with classmates, faculty, and friends. Look for reunion announcements and events for all alumni. Submit alumni stories and keep in touch at:

dentistry.ubc.ca/alumni

1970s

In April, UBC President Santa Ono celebrated Dr. Thomas E. O'Brien (Ed), DMD 1978, for his contributions to the profession of dentistry and other community work in a special online night of recognition for the 2020/21 recipients of the UBC Alumni Builder Awards.



Celebrating 50 years since graduation, the DHDP Class of 1971 gathered online to celebrate!



Linda Hirtle and Rita Chu, both DipDH 1975, first met at UBC when they entered the Dental Hygiene Program; Linda was originally from Trail, BC, and Rita from Burns Lake, BC. In the years following graduation, they enjoyed many of the same interests and eventually moved with their husbands to Salmon Arm, BC. In 1984 when Gerry Chu (Rita's husband, DMD 1976) started his own practice, both Rita and Linda joined the team. Over the years, they were among the strong group of hygienists in the Interior advocating for the profession, including for self-governance. More than four decades later, their friendship and professional relationship have endured. They still work together and even get in a game of golf together, now and then!

Wendy Rondeau, DMD 1979, and other alumni wrote welcome notes for the Class of 2025.



1980s

Gordon Wong, DMD 1987, received a teaching award plaque.



Norman Wong, DMD 1988, helped to celebrate our newest grads virtually, all the way from Hong Kong.



1990s

Ivy Yu, DMD 1996, won her team a pizza lunch through our Valentine's e-news contest.



2000s

Sherry Priebe, BDS 2003, MSc 2009, posed in February 2020 to be photographed with the mascot for the Ottawa Dental Society, where she had been a guest speaker.



Cilla Watkins, BDS 2008, and her sister were intrigued by the health benefits of barley tea, enjoyed for centuries in Japan, Korea, and China, so in 2019, they started their company Mo'mugi to introduce it to the Canadian market. Her son is pictured taking tea along on a fall hike in the Shuswap.



2010s

Husband and wife and business partners Mike and Priya Stearns, both DMD 2014, hosted a Skip the Dishes for Six online dinner for students and hired new grad Kelsey Morhun, DMD 2021!



Leanne Olson, BDS 2011, takes time while operating her mobile dental hygiene practice to bond with and comfort her elderly clientele.



Caitlin Meredith, DMD 2013, was inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame as one of the distinguished class of 2021 for her accomplishments as a UBC Thunderbird swimmer.



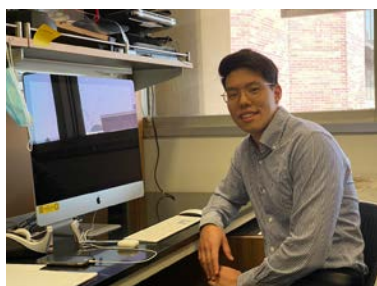
Akashdeep Villing, DMD 2013, hosted one of our online Skip the Dishes for Six student dinners in January.



Ebin Thaliath, DMD 2016, attended our Family Fun Movie Night in April.



Jordan Cheng, DMD 2017, was awarded the US National Cancer Institute's Predoctoral to Postdoctoral Fellow Transition Award. Jordan is currently completing the final two years of his graduate-level training in the laboratory of another UBC alumnus, David Wong, DMD 1981.



2020s

Our Graduate Specialty Program in Orthodontics year one class includes Scott Panther, DMD 2021.
(top row, second from the left)



PEOPLE MATTER:

DENTISTRY'S COMMITMENT TO WELLBEING AND DIVERSITY



UBC Faculty of Dentistry has had a powerful opportunity to reflect on our collective ability to face and traverse the many challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, while looking forward with hope for a brighter future.

As C.S. Lewis noted, “There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” With President Santa Ono’s call to return to campus for September 7, 2021, and the associated rise in activities on the UBC Vancouver campus, our faculty, staff, and students are reinvigorated in their enthusiasm, having a heightened drive to move forward based on the guidelines of our strategic plan, “IMPACT 2020–2025: Trailblazers in Oral Health for BC and Beyond.” This plan was initiated in February 2019 when UBC Dentistry faculty, staff, and students gathered to start defining our future. Planning culminated in summer with a rich capstone, a full-day strategic planning retreat. Little did we know about the turmoil that was coming. We introduced IMPACT 2020–2025 at our alumni gathering during the Pacific Dental Conference in March 2020. Our public UBC launch of the new plan was scheduled for April but was disrupted when UBC, the city of Vancouver, and British Columbia as a whole closed in response to the rising impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Faculty of Dentistry has taken some time over the past academic year to reflect upon the many accomplishments we have collectively achieved in spite of a global pandemic. Over the past year, working groups in each of our four pillars — people, education, research, and engagement — have better defined our strategic plan, IMPACT 2020–2025. These pillars have been aligned with the broader UBC strategic plan to mutually reinforce and connect, ensuring a balanced and integrated approach. Our plan is intended to serve as a guide for the Faculty’s priorities, activities, and commitments. It is the culmination of the very thoughtful efforts of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and stakeholders in articulating the “leading path” of dental oral health academics that others can follow. Our defined vision, purpose, and values have been foundational in providing direction through these challenging times of uncertainty and peril, and they have served us well.

Our Faculty realizes from the experience of the pandemic that a critical feature

in our success as an institution is our people. During our planning phase, numerous surveys confirmed for us that people are the foundation of our continued success and that we must address structural and cultural challenges, many of which have been heightened due to the stresses, frustrations, and concerns caused by the pandemic. We have tried to enforce a safe environment based on team spirit with TeamSmile. We are firmly committed to making real progress, since we know that our people are a top priority.

We have also worked diligently to align our Faculty with UBC’s strategic plan focus on the areas of student wellness and Indigenous engagement. We have made real progress that will be of long-term benefit not only for our learners but for the dental community and oral health professions, as well.

Knowing the rigours of oral health training programs for our students, as well as the stresses and hardships caused

by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Faculty of Dentistry has become even more committed to our students' wellbeing. We initiated the Sweet Student Fund during COVID-19 to aid our students with emergency financial assistance. This fund was established by our gracious dental community to assist UBC Dentistry students who face immense personal challenges, such as medical issues, illness, and family tragedies, and are in need of financial assistance. To date, 120 students have been supported with nearly \$60,000 disbursed in total. Our student services team, under the leadership of Dr. Riki Gottlieb, associate dean for Admissions and Student Affairs, has partnered with UBC Counselling Services to provide, for the first time, in-house access to services for the Faculty of Dentistry's students.

The Faculty has also proactively broadened our activities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion to foster a more diverse oral health workforce. A focus has been on attracting Indigenous student candidates for our various academic programs. Dentistry's Indigenous Working Group (DIWG) was formed in the summer of 2020 in response to UBC's goal in its Indigenous Strategic Plan to increase recruitment and retention of Indigenous students. This goal was heavily influenced by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Call to Action 23: Increase the number of Aboriginal professionals working in the health-care field. The Faculty of Dentistry's strategic plan outlines a goal to attract, engage, and retain historically excluded populations under our core area of people. The DIWG's initial goal is to increase recruitment and enrolment of qualified Indigenous students in UBC Dentistry programs. Members of the working group include Dr. Riki Gottlieb (chair); Dean Mary MacDougall; Dr. Warren Roberts (DMD 1977); Dr. Raymond Krumme (DMD 2003); Allison Beardsworth, associate director of Strategic Indigenous Enrolment Initiatives; Tamis Cochrane, access services assistant at UBC Xwi7xwa Library, and students from the classes of 2022 and 2024.

The mission of the DIWG is to form and maintain partnerships between UBC Faculty of Dentistry and Indigenous



Dedicated Counsellor for Dentistry Students

Lisa John has joined the Faculty of Dentistry as the embedded counsellor for our graduate and undergraduate students as of June 2021. Lisa, who holds a Master's degree in education and counselling psychology, is providing a comprehensive range of counselling services for our students. She has also been working to develop and deliver workshops and outreach

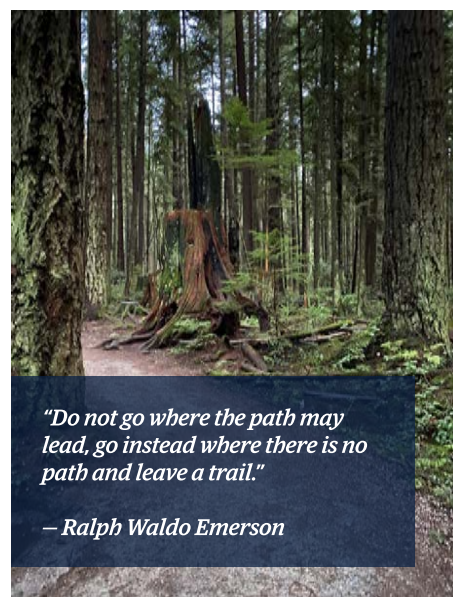
programs that will help to promote student wellbeing. Lisa is a much-welcomed new member to our TeamSmile.

communities in BC and beyond to increase Indigenous students' interest in dentistry as a career choice and to increase admissions of Indigenous students into academic programs at UBC Faculty of Dentistry. The working group's focus is on establishing trust and working relationships with Indigenous communities to introduce dentistry and dental hygiene as career choices. In addition, the working group has identified the need to establish funding to support pipeline programs for prospective Indigenous students, as well as the need to advocate for and assist Indigenous oral health students with obtaining financial support from government, community, and corporate partners. Finally, the working group has emphasized the importance of cultural training for all members of the Faculty of Dentistry to increase awareness of Indigenous cultures and provide resources to support Indigenous members within the educational setting.

"I am extremely pleased with the actions that the Faculty of Dentistry has taken in the past year as a result of the strategic plan, which are aligned with DIWG's mission and goals. For example, establishing positions of director for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and Indigenous advisor to the dean. Faculty of Dentistry admissions committees have also been instrumental in providing pathways for more diverse cohorts, focusing on holistic review and designated seats for qualified Indigenous students," said Dr. Riki Gottlieb, DIWG chair.

The DIWG will continue its important work of making new connections with and building trust among Indigenous communities and prospective students. Upcoming initiatives include creating an Indigenous peer mentorship program, enhancing Indigenous student support, and creating opportunities for prospective students to learn about dentistry and UBC Faculty of Dentistry through on-campus activities.

As evident by these highlighted initiatives, the Faculty of Dentistry's core focus on people is a solid foundation of IMPACT 2020-2025. We are committed to blazing a trail that ensures our actions are supportive and meaningful to our students and team members in their education and practice of oral health and to the communities we serve.



"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

PARTNERS WITH A SHARED PASSION:

PLANMECA'S COMMITMENT TO DENTAL EDUCATION & PATIENT CARE



It was an unseasonably cold night on March 9, 2005, including a light dusting of snow on the UBC Point Grey campus. Through large picture windows facing Wesbrook Mall, ceremonial shot glasses filled with Finnish vodka were raised and a toast was led by Mr. Heikki Kyöstitä, founder, owner, and president of Planmeca, to celebrate the opening of the new Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre (OHC) and a new partnership between UBC Dentistry and Planmeca.

Founded by Mr. Kyöstitä in 1971, Planmeca started in Helsinki, Finland, as a small-scale business manufacturing dental stools and instrument cabinets, but it quickly adopted a global sales approach and expanded its product range to patient chairs, dental units, and now

also 2D and 3D imaging devices, CAD/CAM products, and software solutions. As the largest privately owned dental equipment manufacturer in the world, Planmeca began its affiliation with UBC Dentistry in the early 2000s with discussions about co-designing the most technologically advanced electronically integrated dental operator of its time.

Occupying 39,000 square feet, the OHC houses 144 of the Planmeca UBC Compact i Dental Care Chair Units that provide a unique, integrated educational environment including patient positioning by computer to optimize the student operator's view of the intraoral working field, enhanced ergonomics, and a technologically advanced clinical environment for optimization of dental education and patient care.

Now, 16 years later, Planmeca continues their legacy as a long-term partner with support of two monumental strategic projects that will augment UBC Faculty of Dentistry's position as a leader in dental education.

Last year, UBC Dentistry announced plans for a new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory that will transform

our DMD and DHDP student learning environment, providing exposure to state-of-the-art emerging technologies to learn advancing dental clinical procedures.

This June, UBC Infrastructure Development awarded the equipment contract for the Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory to Planmeca through an open competitive process. Through their vision for innovation and technologically advanced design, Planmeca worked diligently to maximize the unique space allotted within the John B. Macdonald Building for the project, ensuring solution-based efficiency that will serve our students in their education. In addition, as part of Planmeca's strong commitment to the success of this new initiative, the company gifted over \$2.8 million in equipment and a special educational purchase discount.

In addition to the new sSimulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory project, the Faculty was also planning for a pending need to update the OHC over the next 2-3 years. Working with the Planmeca team, the Faculty was able to implement a detailed plan that includes new operating lights, upholstery, instrument

PLANMECA

*Planmeca Factory and Headquarters
Helsinki, Finland*





"At Planmeca, we truly value our inspiring and rewarding cooperation with UBC, which goes all the way back to 2005. Our open dialogue with your prestigious education facility has brought us invaluable insights on the evolving needs and skills of future dentists. Together, we can continue to explore new groundbreaking ideas and bring them into practice."

— Heikki Kyöstilä, founder, owner, and president, Planmeca



review, medical-grade monitors, and computer software (Romexis). This upgrade will augment the usable lifespan of the dental chairs by an additional 10–12 years for our students. However, the cost to upgrade all 144 chair units in the OHC is significant, estimated at a retail value of \$9 million, and not within the scope of the Faculty's operational budget.

"The OHC clinic chair upgrade project will be like having a brand new clinic again! This process allows us to have new and updated features with our chairs, addressing the challenge to replace discontinued parts while also incorporating cutting-edge technology. This will have such a wonderful effect on patient care and student experience at OHC," said Dr. Andrea Esteves, OHC clinic director and associate dean of Clinical Affairs.

Once again, through a shared passion of exceptional dental education and patient care, Planmeca provided an extraordinary opportunity for UBC Faculty of Dentistry to achieve a full clinic chair upgrade of all 144 dental units with an additional gift of over \$3 million in equipment and special educational pricing.

"The UBC Faculty of Dentistry is extremely proud of our long-term partnership with Planmeca," said Dean and Professor Dr. Mary MacDougall. "Mr. Heikki Kyöstilä, as president of Planmeca, is once again making incredible gifts that will be instrumental in empowering UBC Dentistry to continue our strategic vision as trailblazers in dental education. Their combined gift in excess of \$6 million is the largest single donation in the history of UBC Faculty of Dentistry, topping the previous gift by more than \$1 million. The simulation units for our new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory, and the clinical chair upgrade in the OHC will provide cutting-edge technologies and facilities to enhance our student learning and facilitate patient care."

Thinking back to that special evening marking the opening of the OHC and the clinking of glasses as Mr. Heikki Kyöstilä joyously voiced "kippis," it seems only fitting for this Finnish version of the toast "cheers" to be celebrated once again. Thank you, Planmeca, for your vision, your partnership, your generosity, and your ongoing passion.

INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION OF DENTAL EDUCATION

UBC Dentistry Leading the Way with a New Simulation & Digital Dentistry Laboratory

The Faculty of Dentistry continually looks for opportunities to enhance our educational programs and clinical enterprise to enrich the learning experiences of our students. Dentistry as a profession has always embraced and incorporated emerging advanced technologies for the facilitation of patient care. An example is the field of digital dentistry and how it is truly transforming numerous aspects of professional oral care. It is becoming more essential today to adopt and integrate this technology into practice to improve the quality of care and clinical outcomes.

Historically, dental academic institutions such as UBC Dentistry have been limited in their ability to include these new technologies in their curricula and clinics because of limited operational budgets and the high initial investment costs. However, more recently, this hesitancy has lessened, due to lowering overall costs, improving clinical outcomes, and growing demand from dental practitioners who desire experience in using complex software and hardware. Clinical training with new software and digital technologies, through proactive educational partnerships with suppliers, will allow our students to graduate as

emerging clinicians who have desirable qualifications and expertise that is advantageous to the future of the profession.

As a major focus of our strategic plan, IMPACT 2020-2025, under the education pillar, the Faculty of Dentistry has outlined our pledges to:

1. Invest in practices and technologies that advance excellence in teaching and learning, and
2. Enhance the learning environment to promote student success.

One of the overarching strategic ventures for the Faculty is the addition of digital dentistry instruction and technologies into our undergraduate and graduate programs. To accomplish this, we began development of a Graduate Digital Dentistry facility followed by a Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory for our DHDP and DMD students. Our plans are to incorporate instruction in new digital software and technology early in the curriculum, so students will feel knowledgeable about this technology and will be able to confidently apply these tools in a clinical setting — maximizing the benefits for patient care.

The Graduate Digital Dentistry facility was made possible through a Provost Academic Excellence Award of \$490,000 and the planning of the Graduate Digital Dentistry Task Force under the leadership of Dr. Anthony McCullagh. Additional support has generously been provided by a gift from Straumann of \$233,000, bringing the total support to \$723,000 for the endeavour. The Faculty provided resources to renovate JBM 242, in the John B. Macdonald Building, to house the state-of-the-art learning facility that opened as of September 2021.

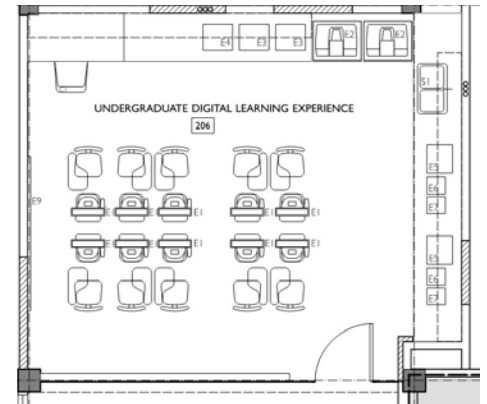
“The digital dentistry facility has been a fabulous addition to the dental clinic and integrated patient care. Not only will the facility further the educational mission of the Faculty in exposing our graduate students to the latest digital technologies, it will enhance the overall ability of the faculty and students to provide the very best standard of interdisciplinary care to our patients. The graduate students are quickly gaining experience in the treatment planning software and printers and are pushing hard to use the facility to its fullest potential,” said Dr. Anthony McCullagh, clinical professor.



Furniture and cabinets going into the under-construction Graduate Digital Dentistry facility, summer 2021 (left). Finished Graduate Digital Dentistry facility (right).



The creation of a Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory is a larger, seminal core initiative of the Faculty's strategic plan for transformative learning related to our educational mission. This new laboratory will enhance the student experience and incorporate state-of-the-art technologies and learning methodologies. Planning for this learning laboratory began in 2020 with the leadership team, in partnership with a special 16-member task force committee under the leadership of Dr. Vincent Lee. The Faculty is fortunate to be working with Project Manager Hilde Schepens from UBC Infrastructure Development's Project Services team on the oversight of this complex project. The new laboratory will occupy the space that holds the current computer learning laboratory in the JBM Building — with some additional expansions. The simulation facility will feature 72 student workstations with one instructor hub. The adjacent digital laboratory will house ten workstations and workspace for a staff digital technician. This new technology will support the migration of a traditional (analog) model of dentistry to a digital workflow.



This new laboratory will not only help prepare our students for the challenges of practice, but will also provide space for increasing our capacity of learners within the Faculty. Currently, the Nobel Biocare Oral Health Centre serves nearly 40,000 patient visits annually, and supports the educational training of over 400 undergraduate and graduate students in various clinical programs. With the addition of this new laboratory, the Faculty will be able to accommodate an increase in the number of international students, as well as release valuable clinic space to allow increased and expanded patient care for the community.

Our Faculty's strategic vision could not have been realized without the incredible support of a number of transformative gifts: an initial gift from 123Dentist of \$1 million, and a more recent donation in excess of \$2.8 million from Planmeca, who will be providing the simulation units. This innovative revamping of our academic programs will allow the Faculty to begin transformation into the digital space and to support our students for years to come while providing them valued clinical knowledge and desired skillsets.

Renovations for the new Simulation and Digital Dentistry Laboratory are currently underway, with a scheduled unveiling and launch of this novel learning laboratory in fall 2022. We hope you are able to join us for the opening celebration! It will be a true culmination of strategic vision and cooperation, as we propel our Faculty and our learners into the future of dentistry.



Simulation & Digital Dentistry Laboratory under construction. The new laboratory will occupy the space that holds the current computer learning laboratory in the JBM Building.



3D rendering of the new Undergraduate Simulation & Digital Dentistry Laboratory.

UBC ALUMNUS MAKES \$1 MILLION GIFT

FUNDING VIRTUAL DENTAL CARE FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES



Dr. Edwin Leong steps up with an impactful gift to fund medical research at UBC's Faculty of Medicine, and innovative technology for seniors isolated from dental care.

Philanthropist, businessman, and UBC alumnus Dr. Edwin S.H. Leong, LLD, has made a \$4 million gift supporting major COVID-19 projects at UBC, with \$3 million going to the Faculty of Medicine to advance understanding of protection, prevention, and treatment of COVID-19, and \$1 million to the Faculty of Dentistry to develop and implement a technology platform for geriatric dentistry.

During the global pandemic, vulnerable communities — especially seniors —

have suffered not just social isolation but challenges in accessing health resources such as dental care. Dr. Chris Wyatt, director of UBC's Geriatric Dentistry Program, knows this funding will significantly change dentistry for seniors in assisted living by supporting the provision of virtual dental care.

"Dr. Leong's donation to UBC will create a paradigm shift using tele-dentistry to improve access to

dental care for elderly long-term care residents. Under the COVID-19 pandemic, older adults have had their traditional access to a dentist compromised. The UBC Geriatric Dentistry Program plans on implementing a Tele-Dentistry Program to explore early interventions and prevent the transfer of patients to hospital emergency, potentially saving lives and health care expenditures." said Dr. Chris Wyatt.



"I have fond memories of my time at UBC, especially commuting to class on the bus up University Boulevard from Broadway. I remember often giving up my seat for an elderly commuter when they'd get on at a later stop," said Dr. Leong. "It's that memory that informs our foundation's philanthropy during the pandemic — to make sure no one is left behind on our life journey together, especially with medical or dental care."

— Dr. Edwin Leong

This \$4 million gift supplements the already established Edwin S.H. Leong Healthy Aging Program — something UBC President Santa Ono finds characteristic of Dr. Leong's philanthropy.

"This support from Dr. Leong exemplifies his deep concern and empathy for anyone isolated during the pandemic from the basics of medical and dental care — especially seniors," said Santa Ono. "I am very pleased, but not surprised, that Edwin would be at the forefront of such far-sighted philanthropy for our community."

Earning his bachelor of science degree from UBC in 1973, Dr. Leong later founded the Hong Kong-based Tai Hung Fai Group property development firm in 1977. In 2013, he established the Tai Hung Fai Charitable Foundation, which serves disadvantaged elderly people and underprivileged children, and supports medical research, among other initiatives. Dr. Leong says he feels privileged to give back to the UBC community.

RESEARCH DAY 2021



The UBC Faculty of Dentistry's Research Day 2021 was a great success with the scientific program organized and hosted by Drs. Adriane Manso and Rick Carvalho, with support from Ingrid Ellis. The program theme for this year was focused on dental biomaterials and devices, and how they are shaping dental care delivery currently and in the future. Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic and the provincial health officer's safety guidelines, Research Day 2021 was held as a Zoom webinar for the first time in the Faculty's history. This allowed for greater participation across Canada and internationally with nearly 900 pre-registrants for this event. The webinar was generously sponsored by Dentsply Sirona, represented by Julie Amyot and their support team.

The featured external presenters included Dr. Simone Duarte, associate professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry, speaking on microbial biofilms, and Dr. Richard Price, professor at Dalhousie University Faculty of Dentistry, speaking on dental resins and curing lights. The keynote speaker was UBC Dentistry's Dr. N. Dorin Ruse, professor in the Department of Oral Biological Medical Sciences, division of biomaterials. Dr. Ruse provided an overview of dental materials and his research on the application of fracture mechanics and fatigue crack propagation methodology to the study of biomaterials, hard tooth tissues, and adhesive interfaces using both conventional and specialized imaging techniques. A highlight of the program was rapid-fire talks by selected undergraduate and graduate students presenting their research.

Just prior to the webinar, the 2021 Student Research Poster Competition was conducted with selection of first- and second-place winners in four categories. These students received cash prizes and in some cases will

represent our Faculty in upcoming national and international research competitions. Faculty members from Dentistry and across UBC served as student mentors and judges for this competition.

You can review Research Day 2021 including all of the student research posters and award-winning posters at: dentistry.ubc.ca/researchday.

The theme of Research Day 2022 will be Vanquishing Foes: The Haapasalo Method. Please join us on Tuesday, January 25, 2022, for a tribute to the distinguished academic career of our very own Dr. Markus Haapasalo!

SAVE THE DATE:
Research Day 2022: Jan. 25

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS & PROMOTIONS



Rana Tarzemyany
PhD, Dip Perio

Dr. Rana Tarzemyany has been appointed the director of the Graduate Periodontics Program. She began this new appointment in June.



Denise Carswell
DMD

Dr. Denise Carswell has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences.



Lamia El-Adwar
BDS, MSc, FCP

Dr. Lamia El-Adwar has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences.



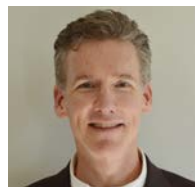
Raquil Faruqi
DMD

Dr. Raquil Faruqi has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences.



Lauren Milchman
DDS

Dr. Lauren Milchman has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Sciences.



Peter Murphy
BSc, DDS

Dr. Peter (P.J.) Murphy has been appointed as a lecturer in the Department of Oral Biological and Medical Sciences.



Rae McFarlane
Dip DH, BDS, MEd

Rae McFarlane has been appointed as the DHDP year 4 coordinator. She began this new appointment as of August 1, 2021.



Leila Gholami
DDS, MSc, Fellowship in Laser Dentistry

Dr. Leila Gholami has been appointed as a clinical assistant professor, starting September 1, 2021.



Anthony McCullagh
BDS, MPhil, MFD
RCSlre, MRD(Pros.)
FDS RCSEd

Dr. Anthony McCullagh has been promoted to clinical professor.



Salem Ghrebi
MSc, PhD

Dr. Salem Ghrebi has been promoted to clinical associate professor.



Ahmed Hieawy
DMD, PhD, MSc/
Dip, MRACDS (Endo),
FRCD (C)

Dr. Ahmed Hieawy has been promoted to clinical associate professor.



Liat Tzur-Gadassi
DMD, MSc, FRCD(C)

Dr. Liat Tzur-Gadassi has been promoted to clinical associate professor.

QUARTER CENTURY CLUB



Muhammad Sheraz
BDS

Dr. Muhammad Sheraz has been promoted to clinical assistant professor.



Edwin Yen
DDS, Dip Ortho, PhD

Dr. Edwin Yen served as the president of the Quarter Century Club for the 2020/2021 academic year.



Edward Putnins
DMD, Dip Perio,
MRCD(C), MSc, PhD

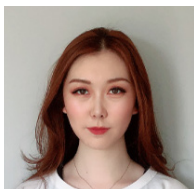
Dr. Edward Putnins, professor, was recognized for reaching 25 years as a faculty member at UBC.



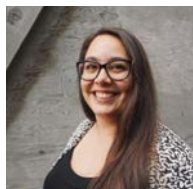
Chris Wyatt
BSc, DMD, MSc,
Dip Pros

Dr. Chris Wyatt, professor and chair of the Division of Prosthodontics & Dental Geriatrics, was recognized for reaching 25 years as a faculty member at UBC.

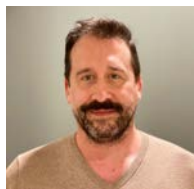
STAFF NEWS



Maggie Ding joined the Faculty in January as the interim executive assistant to the Dean.



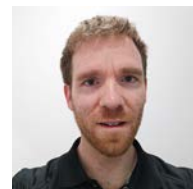
Kathryn Booth joined the Faculty in January as the communications coordinator.



Jesse Anderson joined the TST Team in February as the network and desktop support specialist.



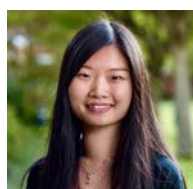
Jeaneth Hernandez joined the Finance Team in May as the financial processing specialist.



Sean Murphy joined the Centre for High-Throughput Phenogenomics in May as an electron microscopy technician.



Kristina Hiemstra joined the Academic Affairs Team and assumed the role of curriculum manager as of September 1.



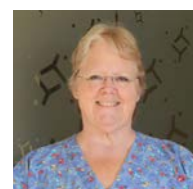
Lydia (Jialin) Chen joined the Academic Affairs Team as the assistant manager of Curriculum and Programs in September.



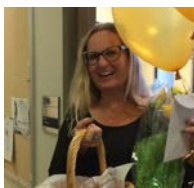
Jerry He joined the Faculty in September as the faculty assistant.



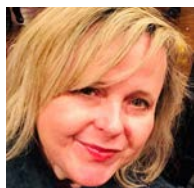
Catherine Makischuk has returned to the DACE Team from maternity leave and will be resuming her advancement officer role.



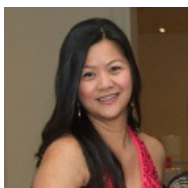
Sandy Harrison retired in February after a long career as a certified dental assistant with a specialization in orthodontics.



Maire Guest retired from her position of curriculum manager at the end of August.



Jane Merling, assistant dean of Development, Alumni, and Communications, was recognized for reaching 25 years of active service at UBC.



Evangeline Jonasson, patient allocation coordinator for DMD and DHDP students, was recognized for reaching 25 years of active service at UBC.



Shauna Catalano, certified dental assistant for the Graduate Endodontics Program, was recognized for reaching 35 years of active service at UBC.

CELEBRATING TEAMSMILE EVENT

On June 3, 2021, the Faculty held our first-ever virtual Celebrating TeamSmile event. This event brought together all members of TeamSmile, from our faculty and staff to the Class of 2021, giving us a chance to reconnect with one another.

It also gave us the opportunity to appreciate the hard work that everyone has contributed to the Faculty over the

past year, especially during uncertain times. We were also able to recognize the student winners of graduation awards and our outstanding part-time faculty.

Although we were unable to celebrate together in person, over 200 of our faculty, staff, and students joined this Zoom celebration, filling it with shared joy and mutual appreciation!





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From April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021

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A MESSAGE TO OUR DONOR COMMUNITY

On behalf of the UBC Faculty of Dentistry, I would like to sincerely thank you all for your support of our Faculty and, in particular, our students. Winston Churchill is quoted as saying: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." This has been especially true during the very tumultuous year of 2021, with its extremely dynamic and consistent changes impacting our private and professional lives. Through your heartwarming generosity and support, our Faculty has begun to emerge from the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic united and even more focused in our mission and values.

The Faculty of Dentistry has been a rather unique leader on the UBC Vancouver campus since mid-March 2020. For the past 18 months, our Faculty has been fully operational, having brought back our students for face-to-face preclinical simulation and patient care to support our learners, stabilize academic programs, and provide access to care under rigorous UBC-approved safety protocols. This fall, with the call from President Santa Ono to return to campus, we were joined by additional staff and faculty team members working remotely. We are thankful to now have our full TeamSmile cohort back on campus, working together again.

We would not have been able to do this without your generous and loyal support. Thanks to your investment in UBC Dentistry's educational programs, research, and community engagement, we have been able to weather the storm. Your support has allowed us to see a light at the end of this pandemic, without a significant degree of disruption to our education programs or research while providing enhanced support to our students.

As UBC Dentistry moves forward, returning to the "new normal," we are even more committed to our long-standing mission of advancing both oral health and general health through education, research, and service.

I hope you and your families continue to stay safe and healthy during this COVID-19 transitional period. Thank you, again, for making a significant difference through your commitment, generosity, and compassion. Your partnership and continued vested support of UBC Dentistry is allowing us to impact dental education, discovery through research, and oral health of the community as trailblazers for oral health in BC and beyond.



Dr. Mary MacDougall
 Dean and Professor
 Faculty of Dentistry

Congratulations, Class of 2021!

Congratulations to the Class of 2021 for completing your academic programs under unprecedented circumstances! You weathered the many transitions and challenges spanning almost an entire year of your academic careers with resilience, fortitude, and grace.

On June 2, 2021, all of UBC's graduates across the faculties attended their virtual graduation ceremony. Although we were unable to celebrate in person, the online ceremony was wonderful to watch, and allowed us to

celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of our graduating class.

Chancellor Steven Point (xwě lǐ qwěi tēl) presided over the ceremony, and UBC President and Vice-Chancellor Santa J. Ono addressed the Class of 2021. Poet Shane Koyczan gave the keynote address. Graduates were also treated to messages of congratulations from UBC's 2021 honorary degree recipients, who included Dr. Bonnie Henry, provincial health officer, and Greta Thunberg, environmental activist.

Dean MacDougall expressed it best, when, in her pre-ceremony address to the Class of 2021, she said "we refer to [graduation] as commencement, or the beginning of a new phase. You will now transition to membership in a deeply engaged and committed alumni network with a strong partnership with the Faculty of Dentistry."

Our Faculty looks forward to seeing the great impact that the Class of 2021 will have on the future of oral health in BC and beyond!

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

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Spencer Belot
Stephen Boulet
Cordelia (Chiao Dan) Cheng
Michael (HyoKeun) Cho
Aidan Coe-Chow
Cynthia Dawson
Manjot Dhaliwal
Loren Earmme
Kristen Eng
Chad Freeman
Jordan Galpin
Rosalie Gu
Christine Haslock
Angela Hu
Steven Huang

Sana Kavei
Cameron Keresztes
Rose (Bohryung) Kim
Ashley (Hee Seung) Kim
Jason (Jong Hoon) Kong
Pavandeep Kooner
Amy (Amandeep) Kullar
Eun chong Lee
Dion Li
Angela (Xi Yuan) Li
Kenny (Wei Hao) Liu
Melody (Meng Ying) Lu
Imran Mitha
Purjeet Monga
Shaun Monty
Kelsey Morhun
Sophie Motet

Michael Ni
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Kanwar Pandher
Jingkai Pang
Scott Panther
Michelyn Rutledge
Negar Samadyan
Ekaterina Sapchuk
Brian Shim
Michael Siarkowski
Endre Sinkovics
Daniel (Wei Lin) Su
Jia Suh
Jacky (Chuo Kai) Sun
Bob (Yijie) Sun

Breton Trask
Shawn Verma
Nikolas Wasylyk
Caleb Wielemaker
Ian Wong
Eric Xu

DHDP Grads

Hannah Allan
Tuqa Al-Shakarchi
Elainah Andrew
Michelle Chang
Alison (Rou Pei) Chen
Natyra Haxhiavdija
Hailey Hutchison
Pauline Javier
Tasnia Kamal
Isabelle Kuo
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Jennifer Nguyen
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Emilee Salonga

Kinjal Saxena
Pooja Sharma
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Congratulations to our DHDP award winners



**Tuqa
Al-Shakarchi**

College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia Award in Special Care



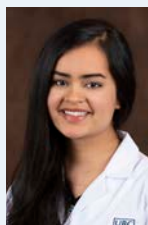
**Alison
Chen**

Dental Hygiene Faculty Graduating Award
Darlene J. Thomas Memorial Award in Dental Hygiene



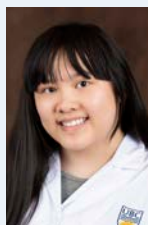
**Natyra
Haxhiavdija**

IMPACT of Ten Dental Hygiene Scholarship



**Tasnia
Kamal**

W. Jo Gardner Memorial Award in Dental Hygiene



**Isabelle
Kuo**

Marilyn Dionne Teed Memorial Award



**Jennifer
Nguyen**

Hu-Friedy Clinical Proficiency Award



**Kinjal
Saxena**

College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia Award for Professionalism and Ethics



**Hailey
Woo**

College of Dental Hygienists of British Columbia Gold Medal Award



**Kayla
Schneider**

BC Dental Hygienists' Association Joan Voris Award of Achievement

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-centred learning, and self-directed study. Students are encouraged to apply what they learn in behavioural sciences to the clinical environment. The clinical aspects of the curriculum emphasize mentorship, demonstration of clinical procedures, and incremental achievement of competency in patient-centred clinics. To accomplish these educational goals, the Faculty counts on the contributions of dental professionals in the community who are generous enough to serve as part-time faculty members.

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 educators, small-group learning tutors, and community service tutors. They are important mentors to dental and dental hygiene students. They answer questions, demonstrate procedures, provide feedback, offer tips, share their experience, and commiserate — they too were once students. Collectively, these part-time faculty members contribute thousands of hours to UBC, and the Faculty of Dentistry relies heavily on their contributions to deliver first-class dental training. Thank you for all that you do for the Faculty!

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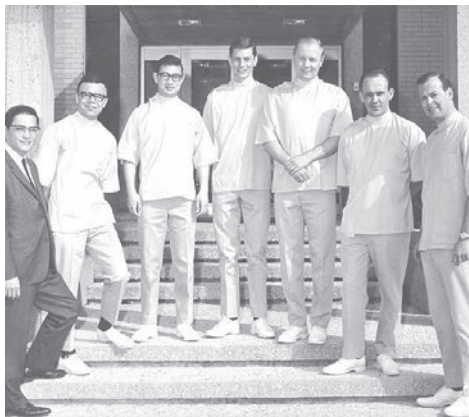
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Thank you to these generous dental professionals for their dedication to teaching students in clinical and simulation settings during the 2020/21 academic year.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Marvin Christianson

Dr. Christianson, who passed away in October 2020, was the inaugural graduate to walk across the stage as part of the Faculty of Dentistry's first-ever class of graduates in 1968. After graduation, he owned his own dental practice in Coquitlam and created the Dental Profession Advisory Program (now the Dentist Wellness Program) for staff and families of dentists in BC. The Class of 1968 included only six graduates, but they have left a lasting impact on our Faculty, alumni, community.



Dr. Manu Dua

This year, Manu Dua, DMD 2012, lost his fight with oral cancer after almost two years. He always went above and beyond for every patient he met; Dr. Dua showed immense heart and had a giving spirit.

In a 2019 DentaTown article that Dr. Dua wrote about his oral cancer diagnosis, he said, "No matter what circumstances you have in life, stay strong and embrace all that life throws your way because living in fear is no way to live."



Dr. Dale Henry

UBC Dentistry was saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Dale Henry (DMD 1991) at the end of June 2021. He opened his dental practice in Vernon, BC, and took great pride in making a visit to the dentist a fun and pleasant experience. Our condolences to Dr. Henry's family and friends and his classmates from the UBC Dentistry Class of 1991.



Dr. Donald Lauriente

Dr. Lauriente was a beloved classmate and friend who will be missed dearly by his family and the Class of 1978.

Dr. Lauriente was initially a partner at Comer Street Dental Clinic in Williams Lake, BC. However, he transitioned to work with the BC College of Dental Surgeons in Vancouver as the Director of Member Services. He held that position for 13 years until his retirement.



Dr. David Zack

Dr. Zack was instrumental in the creation of the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC and was deeply devoted to the Faculty, serving as founding assistant dean and founding clinic director from 1968 until his retirement in 1982. Dr. Zack once said, "I like to think, and I do believe that I contributed tangibly to [many students'] growth and development as honest, talented and ethical practitioners."



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In Memoriam

To read longer obituaries and further comments from classmates and colleagues, please visit the new In Memoriam page on the Faculty of Dentistry website:

dentistry.ubc.ca/about-us/in-memoriam

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THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS!

And special thanks to our many students and practitioners who supported the admissions interviews.

Those listed with DMD or DHDP 2021 through 2024 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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