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Last Hurrah for the Class of 1992

There was lots of good cheer as members of the Class of 1992 celebrated earning their degrees in May.

More than 200 guests attended the Senior Dinner for the predoctoral graduates, which took place in the School of Medicine’s Hebert Lounge. Donna Hackley, class valedictorian, gave the keynote address, and 30 academic and personal achievement awards were presented to outstanding students. Congratulations to Young Jun An, John Cataudella, Maureen Colella, Lynne Drizen, Steven Elbaz, Walter Fonfara, Jr., Robert Gilardetti, Montserrat Gonzalez, Rita Gruszczki, Donna Hackley, Bruce Hmurovic, Young Nam Kim, Linda Kono, Karen Mega, Georgina Mesa, Robert Moreau, Christopher Nguyen, Eduardo Rodes, and Roger Phillips.

Awards were presented in memory of two faculty members. Donna Hackley received the first Steven R. Gordon Memorial Award, in memory of the late Dr. Steven Gordon of the Prosthodontics Department. Mrs. Carol Speranza, wife of the late Dr. Joseph Speranza, and Dr. William Eaves (DMD ’86), who worked with Dr. Speranza, were on hand as the award in Dr. Speranza’s memory was presented to Walter Fonfara. Dr. Speranza was a member of the Oral Diagnosis faculty during the 1980s.

Postdoctoral residents graduating this year were honored at various events as well. On May 2, the Department of Endodontics hosted a dinner for residents at the Colonnade Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Jon Kapala hosted a dinner for graduating residents of the Pediatric Dentistry Department at their home on May 9, and the first-year students gave the graduates a luncheon on May 15.

A number of events honoring graduating residents took place this summer. On June 14, Dr. and Mrs. Hyman (Smoky) Smukler hosted a cookout at their home for residents in the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology. On June 29 the Oral Surgery Department recognized the graduates at a dinner. The Department of Prosthodontics’ classes of 1992 and 1993 and incoming first-year class were honored at a party at the Castle on the Charles River Campus on July 10.

The smiling faces of proud graduates, families, friends and faculty could be found in abundance during the dental school’s Commencement ceremonies on May 17. The day started with the University’s exercises at Nickerson Field, followed by lunch at Warren Towers. That afternoon, the dental school held its annual graduation at the Alfred Morse Auditorium. Dan Nathanson, professor and chairman of the Department of Biomaterials, gave the commencement address, which was followed by the presentation of diplomas. Eighty predoctoral graduates received their degrees and were hooded by Tom Kilgore, associate dean for Predoctoral Programs, and Sydell Shaw, director of Predoctoral Admissions and Student Affairs. Seventy-five post-doctoral students and six graduate students were also honored at the ceremony. Associate Dean Paula Friedman also announced the names of the academic award winners.
First Distinguished Alumni Awards Presented

In this world, excellence often goes unrewarded. Not so during the school's recent alumni weekend, when four alumni received the Alumni Association's first Distinguished Alumni Awards. The awards were given during the Alumni Gala on May 15.

Dr. Harold Levin (Endo '62), who has a practice in Lynn and Peabody, received the award for distinguished service to the school. Dr. Levin has been a volunteer faculty member since his graduation, spending one day a week lecturing and working with residents in the Endodontics postdoctoral program. In addition, he has been chairing a campaign to endow the Herbert Schilder Chair in Endodontics, an effort that has raised $750,000 to date.

The award for service to the dental profession was presented to Agnes Donahue, a 1975 graduate of the Pediatric Dentistry program. Dr. Donahue has distinguished herself through her work as the director of the Office on Women's Health within the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Michael Sheff (Pedo '68) received the award for service to the community, because of his work in promoting Dental Health Month, which helps bring awareness of the need for proper dental care into the lives of millions of people each year. Dr. Sheff maintains a practice in Newton and is very involved with the Massachusetts Dental Society.

A special Distinguished Alumni Award was given posthumously to Steven Gordon, a 1978 graduate of the DMD program and faculty member at the school. His dedication to his profession (especially in the field of geriatric dentistry), the school and his patients, students and colleagues, made him one of the most respected instructors at the school. Dr. Gordon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gordon, accepted the award. Dr. Gordon's friend, Carrie Fuchs, was also present. Congratulations to all of the award recipients. If you know of alumni who have distinguished themselves in service to the school, the profession, or the community, nominate them for the 1993 awards. Nomination forms will be available in September.

Harold Levin (Endo '62), left, was presented with a Distinguished Alumni Award by Zhimon Jacobson, president of the BUGSGD Alumni Association, during the recent Alumni Gala.

Board of Visitors Meets in June

Members of the school's Board of Visitors were welcomed to the annual meeting of the group on June 15. According to Dean Spencer Frankl, the meeting began with breakfast and a tour of the Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Avenue. The rest of the meeting took place in conference rooms at the School of Law.

The meeting began with opening remarks by Marshall Sloane, chairman of the Board of Visitors, and a report on the progress of the school by Dean Frankl. The remainder of the morning's program focused on research. Aram Chobanian, dean of the School of Medicine, shared with the Board his vision of research for the Boston University Medical Center. Dan Nathanson, professor and chairman of the Department of Biomaterials, and Dana Graves, associate professor of the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology, presented the latest advancements in their departments. The morning session concluded with a presentation on fundraising efforts at the dental school by Glenn Kaufhold, development and alumni relations officer.

After lunch, Christine Paige, clinical director of the Dental Health Center, and Joseph Boffa, director of the Dental Health Plan, presented a report on the first year of the plan. Following their presentation, John McManama, professor and chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry and Madalyn Mann, director of the APEX Program, presented the latest innovations in the predoctoral program.
AADS and AADR Come to Boston

Boston University was well represented at the annual meetings of the American Association of Dental Schools (AADS) and the American Association for Dental Research (AADR), both of which took place in Boston recently. At the AADS meeting, Thomas Kilgore, associate dean for Predoctoral Programs, served as chairperson-elect for the Section on Clinic Administration and led the section meeting that was held in conjunction with the Section on Comprehensive Care and General Dentistry. Dean Spencer Frankl introduced the meeting’s theme, “Integration of Comprehensive Care Philosophy into Clinic Management Systems.” John McManama, chairman and professor of the Department of Operative Dentistry, presented BUGSGD’s comprehensive care program in his talk entitled “The Patient-First Philosophy of Clinical Teaching.”

Associate Deans Anthony Jong and Paula Friedman chaired and co-chaired, respectively, the Section on Community and Preventive Dentistry. Dr. Friedman moderated the meeting on “Restorative Materials for the 21st Century” that dealt with the status of current restorative materials and the impact of changes in these materials on the curriculum, patient care, and the community.

Madalyn Mann, director of the APEX program, presented the poster “The APEX Program: Applied Professional Experience.” Presenting the poster with her were Drs. Jong and Friedman, and Maxine Peck. “A University-sponsored Dental Health Plan as an Employee Benefit” was the title of a poster presented by Christine Paige, clinical director of the Dental Health Plan. Drs. Jong and Friedman and Joseph Boffa, director of the Dental Health Plan, worked with Dr. Paige on the poster.

Researchers well represented

Both faculty and students from the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology and the Department of Biomaterials had a strong presence at the AADS meeting that took place following the AADS meeting.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation of the AADR’s Gies Award to Tao Xu, assistant research professor of Periodontology and Oral Biology, during the opening ceremonies on March 11. Dr. Xu received the award for his paper, “Primary Structure and Anticandidal Activity of the Major Histatin from Parotid Secretion of the Subhuman Primate, Macaca fascicularis.” The award is given annually for the best paper published in the Journal of Dental Research during the preceding year.

Presentations made by faculty and staff in the area of biomaterials included: “Design of Prefabricated Post Heads on Various Core Materials” by Phillip Millstein; “Dentin Etching vs. Priming: Effect on Bond Strength In Vitro” by Nargess Ashayeri; “Effect of Cement on Retention of a Prefabricated Endodontic Post” by Douglas Riis; and “Dentin Etching vs. Priming: Surface Element Analysis” by Ron L’Herault.

Students presenting papers on the topic of biomaterials were: Earah Amin (“Evaluation of Parameters Affecting Bond Strength to Dentin In Vitro”); Andre Hashem (“Effect of Resin Cements and Resin Cores on Crown-core Retention”); Paolo Vigolo (“Evaluating Master Cast Techniques for Multiple Implant Abutment Prostheses”); Jose Segura (“In Vitro Microleakage Under Crowns Cemented with Resin Cements”); Phillipe Aramouni (“The Influence of Die Systems and Die Stones Upon Die Position”); Jean Asmar (“Efficacy of a Rotary Electric vs. a Manual Toothbrush in Orthodontic Patients”), and Rebecca Kraivixien (“Bond Strengths of Luting Resins to Etched Glass Ceramic In Vitro”).

Researchers in Oral Biology presented 11 abstracts. They were: “MCP-1 Regulates Expression of Integrins in Monocytes” by Yanling Jiang and Dana Graves; “TGF-B Modulates PDGF Binding in Human Osteoblastic Cells” by Mohamed Chaibi and Dr. Graves; “Competitive Absorption of Salivary Proteins to Existing Pellicles” by Michael Ho, Mark Lamkin and Frank Oppenheim; “Molecular Cloning and Characterization of the Hamster Salivary ALG/Gene” by George Huang and Maria Kukuruzinska; and “Effects of Human Salivary Histatin 5 on Actinomyces Species” by Chris Kalpidis, Dr. Xu and Dr. Oppenheim.

Other abstracts were: “Relevance of the ALG7 Gene Expression to Salivary Gland Function” by Dr. Kukuruzinska and Kelley Lennon; “Solubility of In Vivo Acquired Enamel Pellicle” by Chris Lin, V. Apekin, Lamkin, M. Paz, Dr. Kukuruzinska and Dr. Oppenheim; “Identification of Epitope Regions in Human Salivary Histatins” by Chris Saxer, Dr. Xu and Dr. Oppenheim; “Regulated Expression of Monocyte Chemoattractant Protein-1 in Normal Human Osteoblasts” by Steve Williams and Dr. Graves; and “Candidacidal Mechanism of Salivary Histatin” by Drs. Xu and Oppenheim.
On the Road to Florida

Several members of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry’s administration and faculty were on hand as the school hosted two special events for alumni and friends of the school in Palm Beach, Florida this past February.

Board of Visitors Chairman Marshall Sloane and his wife Barbara hosted a dinner in their home to prospective donors for the new Center for Advanced Biomedical Research, under construction on Albany Street. Dean Spencer Frankl shared his vision for the school and discussed research activities and plans for the new research center. In addition to his responsibilities on the Board of Visitors, Sloane is co-chairing the Medical Center fundraising campaign for the new building.

The following evening, more than 100 alumni, spouses and friends of the school attended a cocktail party and buffet dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Rosenberg. Dr. Rosenberg (Perio ’60) welcomed the group and Dean Frankl shared news of recent happenings and changes at the school. Alumni present enjoyed being able to catch up with former classmates and current colleagues, as well as hearing about the many enhancements made at the school during the past few years.

The daytime hours were busy as well. Glenn Kaufhold, development and alumni relations officer; Sydell Shaw, director of Predoctoral Admissions and Student Affairs; and Madalyn Mann, director of the APEX Program, visited with alumni from Palm Beach to Miami, renewing old ties and discussing possible affiliations for the APEX program (see related story in this issue of Advisory).

If You Missed the Party

It was an evening filled with terrific food, good music and great fun. Alumni, faculty and staff gathered for the school’s first annual Alumni Weekend on May 15 and 16. The two-day event kicked off with an alumni gala at the George Sherman Union on Friday evening. Saturday offered a day-long continuing education program. That evening, reunioners from throughout the university filled Symphony Hall for Boston University Night at the Boston Pops. The concert was indeed special, as music superstar Bonnie Raitt and her father, well-known Broadway star John Raitt, performed as special guest artists with the Pops.
APEX: Making a Difference

As the APEX program wraps up its third year, program coordinators and participating dentists met recently to discuss how the APEX has been working and to plan for the future.

APEX dentists from the Greater Boston area joined faculty and students of the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry for the annual APEX Conference, which was held in February. According to Madalyn Mann, director of the APEX program, the conference was designed as an open forum to allow dentists, faculty, and students to share their thoughts and experiences with APEX.

“We wanted to let everyone involved with APEX — the dentists, the faculty and the students — know how the program has been working. We wanted to hear from the participants themselves how APEX is doing,” commented Ms. Mann. Participants discussed how the program has progressed in its three years, exchanged ideas on how to improve APEX, and suggested possible future goals of the program.

Participating in the program were Ms. Mann; Sydell Shaw, director of Pre-doctoral Admissions and Student Affairs; Kathi Ferland, administrative director; Paula Marchand, program coordinator in Continuing Education; Anthony Jong, associate dean; Stephen Kane, assistant clinical professor and John McManama, professor and chairman, both of the Department of Operative Dentistry; and Leslie Harder, coordinator of the Comprehensive Care Teams. Students Linda Blaschke (DMD 93), Ronald Bucari (DMD 94) and Robert Moskal (DMD 95) also presented.

Recognition within the educational arena and plans for the future

The APEX program was featured at the recent American Association of Dental Schools meeting in Boston, where Madalyn Mann gave a poster presentation. “Lots of people were interested. I received a tremendous amount of positive feedback. And after talking with many people, I can say we are still the only school with a program as comprehensive as APEX,” commented Ms. Mann.

Even as APEX gains recognition within educational circles, plans are underway to enhance the program. This summer, 10 first-year students are participating in a new aspect of the program: working in APEX sites outside of the Boston area.

“APEX was designed to better prepare students to enter the ‘real world’ of dentistry upon graduation,” said Ms. Mann. “For many students, this ‘real world’ may be 2,000 miles from Boston.” The 10 students are working in new APEX sites, many belonging to Boston University alumni, during the 16-week rotation this summer. Usually, these offices are in the students’ hometowns. In addition to the practical experience, students are now able to begin developing a network in the geographic areas they are planning to return to upon graduation. Ms. Mann noted that she expects the first year of this new aspect of APEX to be successful and hopes to offer the same opportunity to students next summer.

Along with these expansion activities, efforts are underway to expand the number of APEX offices in the Boston area. Ms. Mann noted that within the next month, a direct-mail package will be sent to more than 300 local dentists. “We feel dentists in the community will be interested to learn more about the program and its success during the past three years,” said Ms. Mann.

The Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts, in celebration of its 25th anniversary, awarded $10,000 for scholarships to the Goldman School of Graduate Dentistry recently. Similar donations were made to the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Tufts Dental School. Delta Dental plans to award the scholarship money each year for five years. Associate Dean for Administration Paula Friedman accepted the donation from two founders of the Delta Dental Plan of Massachusetts, Dr. Walter Guralnick (left) and Donald Hutchinson (right) at a ceremony recently.
Local Residents Learn about Dental Health at Museum of Science

Students of the Goldman School participated in the Massachusetts Dental Society's (MDS) celebration of National Dental Health Month during a program at the Museum of Science’s Human Body Discovery Space in February.

That month, nearly 16,000 children and their parents used the Human Body Discovery Space, a collection of exhibits designed to demonstrate how the body functions. According to Tom Kilgore, associate dean for Predoctoral Programs, while the program was designed for the children, many parents learned a great deal, too.

Douglas Schildhaus, a resident in the Pediatric Dentistry program, coordinated Boston University’s participation this year. Students from BUGSGD participated by demonstrating some of the museum’s dental exhibits. One of the highlights was a hands-on demonstration that Dr. Schildhaus created. It consisted of an oversized plaster model of a tooth with a cavity. Dr. Schildhaus filled the tooth with Silly Putty to signify decay. Using a spoon-shaped instruments, the kids dug out the decay, and filled the tooth with silver-colored Silly Putty. Dr. Schildhaus’ exhibit was so well received, the museum asked him to modify it so it could become part of the permanent collection.

Joining Dr. Schildhaus during the exhibit were Karen Mega (DMD 92); Eric Belinfante, Linda Blaschke, Andrew Chase, Timothy Chase and Thomas Michalik, (all DMD 93); Rita Wright, (DMD 94); and Marianne Ching (Pedo 94) and Mayee Regudo (Pedo 93). BUGSGD faculty member Michael Sheff coordinated the MDS’s Dental Health Month celebration.

Paula Friedman Wins Alumni Award; Lectures on Mentoring

Associate Dean for Administration Paula K. Friedman recently received the Distinguished Alumni Award at Columbia University’s School of Dental and Oral Surgery. The award, which has been presented only three times in the past, recognizes Dr. Friedman as an outstanding alumna and dental educator.

The award was presented in conjunction with a well-attended symposium on “Women Dentists — Facing the Issues” which was held in New York City in March. Dr. Friedman’s address discussed “Mentors: Who are they? Where are they? Do we need them?” Also participating in the program was Jeanne Sinkford, special assistant to the executive director of the American Association of Dental Schools, and a member of the BUGSGD’s Board of Visitors. The conference, held under the auspices of Columbia University and the American Association of Women Dentists, aimed to bring together women dentists to review the progress and problems of women as their numbers increase within the dental schools as both students and faculty.
Employee Highlight: Judy Lamb
A lot more than meets the eye

If you’ve been to the new Dental Health Center at 930 Commonwealth Avenue, or were around the school’s third floor during the months before the center opened, you’ve probably met Judy Lamb. But there’s more to her than meets the eye.

Judy joined the staff of the dental school in January 1991, bringing with her more than 25 years of experience building and managing dental practices. As Dental Health Supervisor, her newest challenge is a big one. “My job is complex. My primary responsibility is to see that our patients are as comfortable and pleased with their care as possible,” says Judy.

“Building a team is also important,” she added. “With a practice like this, where residents rotate, our patients have to bond with the staff — they provide the continuity. I help ensure that happens.” Her other big responsibility: creating a rewarding environment for the APEX students who rotate through the center. “This is their first taste of what a real dental office is like. I want to leave them with a good impression.”

When not working, Judy’s interests and activities are diverse. Taking a break from dentistry, Judy spent several years working in interior design. She has a degree in the field, and worked as a sales consultant and visual merchandiser for Yield House furniture in Braintree. But dentistry called her back, and she came, bringing her interior design skills with her by decorating the new dental center. In addition, she has worked with several practices on refurbishing existing, older offices.

On the weekends, Judy can be found in the mountains of North Conway, NH, with her husband Doug. Climbing? “No—building a house from scratch,” replies Judy. She and Doug, along with their daughter Heidi, built an “earth house” during the mid-80s and are completing a big “above ground” house. And Judy isn’t just decorating the new place — she’s done it all, including using a bulldozer to clear the land.

After the house is completed, Judy says, “I start rebuilding a late-1950s Mercedes.”

Bright Smiles at Annual Clinic Day

The DMD Class of 1993 brought smiles to many little faces during the school’s annual Clinic Day in April. Nearly 150 fourth-grade children from the Blackstone School participated in a hands-on program about dental health. One highlight of the day was the announcement of winners of the annual poster contest, where children were asked to portray the importance of dental health.

Another feature was an exhibit by 20 dental companies and organizations which was open to all dental students.

The day culminated in the annual Clinic Night celebration, held this year at the Marriott Hotel in Copley Place. The evening, which was an opportunity to celebrate and toast a job well done, featured fine foods, high spirits and dancing.

Congratulations to the organizing team from the junior class: Linda Blaschke, Samy Parsa, Stephanie Payne and Linda Vidone.
And Speaking of...

Frank Oppenheim, chairman of the Department of Periodontology and Oral Biology, spoke on “The Structure and Function of Salivary Proteins” at the University of Oslo in Norway and the University of Umea in Sweden in March.

Dean Spencer Frankl and Dr. Oppenheim attended a meeting at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, DC, on April 27 and 28. The meeting, entitled “Strengthening the NIDR-University Partnership: A Meeting of Dental School Deans,” explored ways to enhance the integration and collaboration of dental research activities within dental education, to enhance the research potential of dental schools and to examine the scientific impact of research on dental schools.

Endodontic Chairman Herbert Schilder was the feature speaker at a number of meetings. He delivered an address entitled “Predictably Successful Endodontics” at the Dental Association of Trinidad and Tobago’s annual convention; to the Edmonton District Dental Society in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada; to the Stark County Dental Society in Canton, Ohio, and to the Toledo Ohio Dental Society in February. He also spoke on the “Healing Potential of Lesions of Endodontic Origin and its Application to Prosthodontic Diagnosis” at the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics meeting in February.

Associate Dean for Administration Paula Friedman has been elected to the Council of Faculties of the American Association of Dental Schools.