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SCHULICH DENTISTRY IN AFRICA

Message From the Director



Dear Colleagues,

The arrival of the Dentistry Alumni Newsletter in your mailbox in December does not signal an early spring but one of many changes at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry. With the June distribution of the School's new annual magazine, Rapport, this publication has been moved to the late fall to facilitate communication throughout the year between Schulich Dentistry and our alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends.

There have been several other changes at Schulich Dentistry since the last newsletter. I think it is important that you are aware of the steps that we are taking to enhance the quality of education and student experience at our School.

I am happy to report that phase II of the clinic renovation is now complete. Students, staff, faculty, and patients alike are enjoying the new facilities. Along with the new facilities, we have introduced a new online cubicle booking system that

is assisting our students in managing their patients in a convenient and efficient manner.

All of these changes have been part of implementing Dentistry's Strategic Plan, which also includes strengthening our faculty. We have very exciting news in this regard: Dr. Ken Hebel, a world renowned expert in dental implantology, has recently joined our faculty. He brings with him many year of experience in educating dental professionals across the world with his continuing dental education programs.

We are also continuing with our efforts to strengthen our research programs. Dr. Peter Canham has joined Schulich Dentistry as our new Assistant Director of Research. I personally thank Drs. Dixon and Hunter for their time and commitment to this position in the past, and their continued dedication to research in dentistry in the future.

I encourage you to take your time as you read through our newsletter. I think you will find that we are taking Schulich Dentistry to new and exciting places thanks to the continued support of each of you. The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is a community that extends well beyond the walls of our School and I hope that this newsletter, along with Rapport, will help keep all of us connected.

Sincerely,
Harinder Sandhu
Director, Schulich Dentistry

Your UWODAS Executive



We held our semi-annual UWODAS breakfast meeting during Homecoming. We thank Dr. Grant Lee (DDS'74), President; Dr. Donna Green (DDS'79), Secretary-Treasurer; and Jack McLister (DDS'75), Past President for their involvement and dedication.

We continue to try to involve more alumni and welcome new additions to the executive. The position of Vice-President remains vacant. Please consider joining us and helping shape the future of our society. Our next meeting will be April 27, 2007 at the ODA Spring Meeting.

This fall the inaugural Dr. Paul Sills Memorial Dentistry Golf Tournament was held with a great turnout. Mr. Ramez Salti (Dents'07) was the driving force behind the event and did an excellent job. Even the weather co-operated!

Another first this year was the presentation of the UWODAS award to a third-year student during the Alumni of Distinction reception. This year's deserving winner was Edward Lam and the turnout of third- and fourth-year students was a record high.

The UWODAS Executive has also provided input regarding Continuing Dental Education. We are currently working with Western's alumni travel program, Discover the World, and Schulich Dentistry's CDE office to plan a trip to Ireland. Think lots of golf and even palm trees if the rumours about Cork prove true! Stay tuned for more information.

On The Cover

Schulich Dentistry students have been going to Tanzania as part of MedOutreach for more than a decade. This past summer Dents 2007 classmates, Ramez Salti and Yasmin Monemdjou (right), were members of the health care team made up of: David Dudok (Meds'09),

Melissa Chan (Meds'08), Jessica Wylie (Meds'09), Emily Polak (Nur'07), Leyla Suleiman (Nur'08) and Olga Wrezel (Meds'09). The team is pictured with its primary point of contact in Tanzania, Dr. Tekle. See page 5 to learn more about Ramez and Yasmin's experience.

Dentistry Newsletter

This the seventh issue of the Dentistry Alumni Newsletter. We are striving to improve the publication and need help from our alumni. If you would like to join the editorial board, please contact the editor, Sandra Nicolucci (DDS'75, BSc'71), at snicoluc@uwo.ca. Comments and suggestions are also welcome.

Around Schulich Dentistry

Just Say Ha!



Paul Mayne, Western News

Second-year Schulich Dentistry students were treated to a bit of comic relief when comedian Rick Mercer tried his hand at filling and drilling in the dental simulation lab under the guidance of Ramez Salti, Dents 2007. The star of CBC's Rick Mercer Report spent the day at Western filming various segments for the November 28 episode. Visit www.cbc.ca/mercerreport/ to see the piece.

In Person: Cameron Crawford, Dents 2010 Class President

Age: 22

Hometown: Lakefield, ON

Last university attended: Wilfrid Laurier University

Previous degrees: Honors BSc Biology with minors in Chemistry and Anthropology

Family or friends who are Schulich

Dentistry alumni: Family dentist Dr. Christopher Moore (DDS'94) and mentor Dr. Brian Bishop (DDS'77).

Why did you decide to become a dentist?

I developed an interest in dentistry in Grade 2 while I was a patient at the UofT dental clinic. I wanted hands-on work and to help people.

Why did you choose to study dentistry at Schulich? The community atmosphere and the dedication to clinical skills.

What has been the biggest challenge in your dental career to date? Waiting to hear the admissions decision after the interview process.

What has been the biggest success in your dental career to date? Receiving an offer from Schulich and becoming involved in school life.



Cameron at the 2006 Schulich Dentistry White Coat Ceremony

What community initiatives are you involved with in the Schulich, Western and/or London communities?

Running the "Loupes Night" where first-year students receive information on dental loupes. I also am a member of the Curriculum Board, Dentistry Council, UWODSS and play on the Dentistry Hockey Team.

Dents 2010: The Big Picture

CLASS SIZE: ----- 54

DEMOGRAPHICS

Men: ----- 27

Women: ----- 27

Average Age: ----- 23 (19 - 37)

MARITAL STATUS:

Single ----- 50

Married ----- 4

FROM:

Alberta ----- 2

British Columbia ----- 3

Ontario ----- 45

Hamilton Area ----- 3

Southwestern ON ----- 12

Toronto Area ----- 17

Rest of Ontario ----- 13

Nova Scotia ----- 1

Saskatchewan ----- 1

USA ----- 1

Taiwan ----- 1

LAST UNIVERSITY ATTENDED:

Alberta ----- 1

British Columbia ----- 2

Brock ----- 1

Calgary ----- 1

Dalhousie ----- 1

Lakehead ----- 1

McMaster ----- 6

Ottawa ----- 2

Queen's ----- 2

Saskatchewan ----- 2

Timisoara ----- 1

Toronto ----- 9

Victoria ----- 1

Western ----- 18

Wilfrid Laurier ----- 1

Windsor ----- 1

York ----- 2

York College of Pennsylvania ----- 1

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Business Administration ----- 1

Engineering ----- 2

Health Sciences ----- 4

Mathematics ----- 1

Medicine ----- 1

Science - various fields ----- 45

Around Schulich Dentistry

Protecting Smiles

Fifty students from all years; faculty member, Dr. Wasan Amornsang; and staff members Brenda Cai and Cathy Adams donated their time Saturday, September 23 to run Schulich Dentistry's fifth annual mouthguard clinic. Sixty-five patients, mostly from local hockey clubs, were fitted with mouthguards.

"The clinic is a good deal for the community and helps with the public perception of dentists," says Ramez Salti, Dents 2007 and UWODSS President. "It is also an opportunity for student to develop better patient skills and practice making impressions."

Patterson Dental donated the impression trays for the clinic and Gillian Johnston Financial Services provided a cash sponsorship and an iPod nano. The proceeds from the clinic were once again directed to the Dental Fund for patients in need.



Jay Chang (Dents'07) helps a young patient at the 2006 Mouthguard Clinic.

Fore!



UWODSS' annual golf tournament was renamed in 2006. Held Sunday, September 24 at the Oxbow Glen Golf and Country Club the Paul Sills Memorial Dentistry Golf Tournament brought out more than 100 students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Tournament sponsors included Patterson Dental and Gillian Johnston Financial Services. The proceeds from event were divided between the Dr. Paul Sills Endowment in Prosthodontics and UWODSS for dental student events.

1. Best dressed honours went to Team Tee-th, comprised of first-year students Cameron Crawford, Ryan Edwards, Derek Tomson and Karl Cuddy.
2. Shimizu Samurais – Dave Chambers (DDS'04); Pete Stefanuto (DDS'05); Schulich Dentistry faculty member, Dr. Michael Shimizu; and Doug Gillespie, Nobel BioCare – won first place.
3. Nancy Lee helps keep things moving on the golf course.



Around Schulich Dentistry

Straumann Supports Schulich Dentistry



Straumann Canada Limited continued its long-standing partnership with Schulich Dentistry in 2006, donating \$512,500 in cash, implants and accessories to support the School's implant program. On November 8, the company's gift was recognized with the unveiling of the Straumann Multi-Functional Operator in the Multi-Functional Clinic. Pictured left to right are: Director of Schulich Dentistry, Dr. Harinder Sandhu; Rita Rostami Asrabadi, ITD '08; Alain Laroche, Country Manager, Straumann; Schulich Medicine & Dentistry Dean, Dr. Carol Herbert; and David Ross, Technical Representative, Straumann.

MPPs Visit Schulich Dentistry



Five members of the Ontario Legislature toured the clinics at Schulich Dentistry in spring 2006: Khalil Ramal (London-Fanshawe), Deb Matthews (PhD '06, BA '98) (London North), John Wilkinson (Perth-Middlesex), Maria Van Bommel (BEd '91, BA '89) (Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) and Kuldip Kular (Bramalea-Gore-Halton-Springdale). The purpose of the MPPs' visit was to get a sense of the work done at Schulich Dentistry, one of only two dental schools in Ontario.

Making a Difference



Ramez examines a young patient at the Children for Children's Future centre while Yasmin documents.

With limited equipment and only a basic understanding of Swahili, Yasmin Monemdjou and Ramez Salti performed 250 screenings plus 140 extractions in 49 days.

The two members of Dents 2007 were part of Western's MedOutreach team which traveled to Arusha, Tanzania during the summer of 2006.

In an area of Tanzania where a 3,000 shilling or \$3 extraction is unaffordable for most of the population, Yasmin and Ramez continued the work of previous Schulich Dentistry students. They saw patients at the Children for Children's Future centre, the Upendo Leprosy Home, and the village hospital in Nkoaranga.

Yasmin and Ramez also added the Upendo HIV Group to the team's yearly projects. Because of the stigma attached to HIV in Tanzania, most affected individuals do not go to the hospital. Yasmin and Ramez supplied food packages, held AIDS tutorials, and provided dental care, including screenings and extractions, to the 60 members of support group.

"With less than one dentist per every 100,000 Tanzanians, we are the only dentists most of these people will likely ever see," says Yasmin.

Ramez adds, "We learned a lot – how to communicate without words, how to interact with people living with HIV, how to problem solve and rely on our own ingenuity. The experience also underlined the idea that dentists can make a difference with their time and skills at home and overseas."

In 2007, Miranda Deller (Dents'10) and Joe Rogers (Dents'08) will participate in MedOutreach. To donate supplies or money, please contact medoutreach@uwo.ca.



Ramez performs a screening. Seventy-five per cent of the patients Yasmin and Ramez treated had Fluorosis.

Around Schulich Dentistry

Clinic Update



Renovation of the main clinic

The second phase of renovations in the main clinic was completed in October.

“Students, patients and instructors are very happy with the new space,” says Dr. Munir El-Kassem, Director of Clinics.

The third and final phase of renovations will begin after classes have finished in spring 2007 and should be completed by early fall.

Online booking system

The clinic booking system – a thorn in the sides of dental students for many years – underwent a major overhaul during the summer. Students no longer need to line up early in the morning to book a cubicle, but can book online from home. The system also allows administrators to grant priority to students who need to complete requirements within specific timeframes.

“There were some technical bugs in the beginning but they’ve been worked out,” says Dr. El-Kassem. “The online booking system is working well.”

Recall program

The success of the recall program has been so great that the adult clinic is no longer able to meet the demand. To this end, all recall charts are being reviewed to find those with educational opportunities and all others are being graduated to other facilities within the School. This process will ensure efficient and fair delivery of care.

Looking forward

Schulich Dentistry is pursuing e-charting. The School is consulting with Canadian dental schools which have computerized their charts and is exploring ways to build onto its existing computer system.

“E-charting is the future,” says Dr. El-Kassem. “It’s our duty to graduate students who are comfortable working with electronic records.”

Schulich Dentistry is also considering expanding the operation of the Multifunctional Clinic. A space where faculty can perform private practice work, the clinic currently has a use rate of 30 per cent.

Increasing its usage would allow the School to see patients from the recall program and those too complicated for the main clinic, employ one or two graduates as associates, as well as generate revenue to help fund advances within Schulich Dentistry.

“We would work with London and area dentists to treat patients who can’t afford a certain procedure and then return them to our colleagues for maintenance,” says Dr. El-Kassem.

New Faces



Dr. Peter Canham
Assistant Director, Research



Dr. Gildo Santos
Faculty member, Prosthodontics



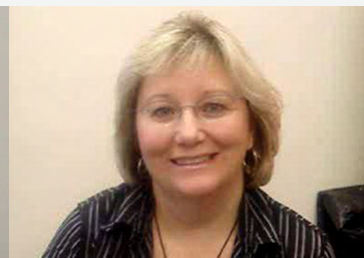
Dr. Barry Schwartz
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Faculty member, Prosthodontics



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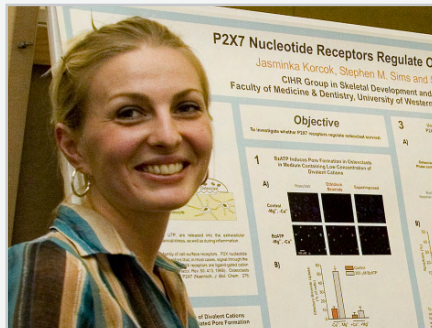
Cheryl Sorenson
Technical Radiology Specialist

Around Schulich Dentistry

Dentistry Research Day



Joe Rogers (Dents'08); Yoonjeong Ji (Dents'08), recipient of the Dr. Donald Moore Research Student Award; and Dr. Jeff Dixon.



Jasminka Korcok (Dents'09) won the CDA-Dentsply student travel award.

Schulich Dentistry held its seventh annual John T. Hamilton Distinguished Lecture and student research day on October 4. Dr. Stephen Bayne, Professor and Chair, Department of Cariology, Restorative

Sciences and Endodontics at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry and President of the International Association for Dental Research, presented "Dental Research Gone Wild – Join the Party."

New Research Agreement



Dr. Sahza Hatibovic-Kofman receives a book from the University of Sarajevo's Rektor, Dr. Faruk Caklovica; Dean of the School of Dentistry, Dr. Hajrija-Konjehodovic-Rascic; and Head of Paediatric Dentistry, Dr. D. Koboslia.

Dr. Sahza Hatibovic-Kofman, Division Chair, Orthodontics & Paediatric Dentistry, visited Bosnia in October 2006 to sign an international agreement with the University of Sarajevo on behalf of The University of Western Ontario. The objective of the agreement is to establish long-term research collaborations between the universities in fields which are mutually compatible.

The first research partnerships will take place between Schulich Dentistry and the University of Sarajevo School of Dentistry. Two faculty members from the University of Sarajevo School of Dentistry will arrive shortly to do research at Schulich Dentistry with four more following within the next 18 months. Long-term, Schulich Dentistry is committed to helping the people of Sarajevo develop fluoridated water to reduce caries in children.

Learning More About Research



Christy Nicolucci (Dents'07) represented Schulich Dentistry at the American Dental Association Student Conference on Research in 2006. The purpose of the conference is to raise students' awareness of the opportunities for research in dentistry. Participants visited the Paffenbarger Research Centre where scientists developed innovations such as the panoramic x-ray, alginate, tooth-coloured composites and high-speed drill. Christy also presented her research on bitewing radiography conducted under the supervision of Dr. Richard Bohay and Dr. Tom Mara.

New Research Grants

Dr. Andrew Leask, Division of Oral Biology, received \$245,000 from Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) over three years for his research project "The contribution of endothelin-1 to lung fibrosis in scleroderma." He is also one of the 13 Western researchers who received an Early Researcher Award from the government of Ontario in November. The program is targeted at making it easier for outstanding researchers to stay in Ontario and recruit talented young researchers to their teams.

Dr. Amin Rizkalla, Division of Biomaterials Science, was awarded a \$110,000 grant over two years by the Centre for Materials and Manufacturing, a member of the Ontario Centres of Excellence Program. Dr. Rizkalla's project is "Inorganic Nanotubes and Nanofibre Aerogels for Advanced Materials."

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Endowed Giving

Dr. Paul Sills Endowment in Prosthodontics

Dr. Paul Sills passed away in the summer of 2005. His spirit, inspiration and legacy are still with us. A consummate optimist, he greeted each day, each student, each colleague and every challenge with a smile.

Dr. Sills arrived at the Dental School in 1970 and officially retired in 1991 at the age of 65. There was no such thing as retirement, however, for a man passionate about the profession of dentistry, his teaching and his students. Dr. Sills continued to teach at Schulich Dentistry until his death at the age of 78.

To honour one of Western's most distinguished educators, a special committee led by Dr. Len Boksman has been struck to assist with raising funds to establish the Dr. Paul Sills Endowment in Prosthodontics. The fund will be used to recruit and retain Dentistry faculty in the discipline of prosthodontics and will enable Schulich Dentistry to continue to lead the way by linking top faculty members with our modern clinical environment to provide the best student experience for future dental professionals.



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Improving Clinical Teaching

The Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry is committed to raising \$2 million for the Endowment to Enhance Clinical Dentistry. The dedicated endowment fund is Schulich Dentistry's highest priority.

"Private gifts to the fund will allow us to hire more faculty, increase postgraduate student enrolment and engagement, continue to improve the quality of education and provide enhanced dental student services," says Dr. Harinder Sandhu, Director of Schulich Dentistry.

The Endowment to Enhance Clinical Dentistry is the second step in building the future of dentistry in Canada at Schulich Dentistry. The first step, the renovation of Western's Dental Sciences Building including the Main Clinic, has created the place to conduct collaborative research, provide on-going education to current professionals



and train the next generation of dentists. The endowment fund will support the people that make up the other half of the equation for success.

Homecoming

UWODAS Award Recipient



Edward Lam (Dents'08) received the 2007 UWODAS Award. Selected by Schulich Dentistry students, the award is given to a classmate who shows dedication and enthusiasm for dentistry with an emphasis on involvement in dental pursuits outside the classroom. Record numbers of Schulich Dentistry students attended the 2006 Homecoming Reception at the London Hunt and Country Club to support Edward.

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Homecoming 2006 took place September 29 – October 1. Events included the Mustang Dental Symposium and Alumni of Distinction Award Reception, sponsored by Nobel Biocare, on Friday. Saturday the Dean's Luncheon for reunion years plus other class gatherings were held in addition to a victorious, if wet, Mustang football game.

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Dentistry Alumni of Distinction



This year during Homecoming we were once again privileged to honor two new recipients with our Dentistry Alumni of Distinction Award - Dr. Ralph Brooke, our former Dean, and alumnus Dr. Blake Nicolucci.

Dr. Brooke received his dental and medical degrees from the University of Leeds. In 1972 he accepted a position as professor and chair of the Department of Oral Medicine in Western's Faculty of Dentistry. He held these positions until 1982 when he became Dean. During his 15 years as Dean, Dr. Brooke helped establish outstanding hospital-based dental programs for special-needs patients and was on the boards of all London hospitals.

Dr. Brooke has been awarded honorary memberships in the CDA and honorary fellowships in the Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine and the Academy of Dentistry International. He has had an illustrious career of academic, administrative and public service achievements. Dr. Brooke is still very active and continues to include numerous committees

and lectures at our School in his pursuits.

Dr. Nicolucci received both his Bachelor of Science (1971) and Doctor of Dental Surgery (1975) from Western. He maintains a general practice in London and has become very involved with implants. He is a clinical associate professor of Oral Implantology at Temple University School of Dentistry in Philadelphia as well as a lecturer and senior surgical demonstrator for both the Canadian Implant Institute and the Misch Implant Institute.

Dr. Nicolucci has been awarded an International College of Dentists fellowship and has received his Diplomate status from the American Board of Oral Implantology. He is president of the Canadian Society of Oral Implantology, Oral Health magazine's Editor for Implantology and is on the board and credential committee of the International College of Oral Implantology. Dr. Nicolucci is also very active with UWODAS.

Congratulations to both our 2006 recipients.

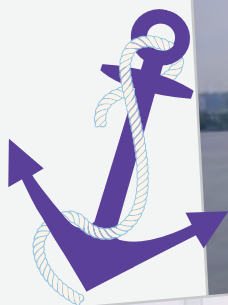


- 2006 Alumnus of Distinction recipient Blake Nicolucci (centre) and his family: Cherie Gyorffy (Dents'07), Mark (DDS'06, BSc'02), Sandra (DDS'75, BSc'71), Jeff (DDS'06, BSc'02), Brock (DDS'00, BSc'00) and Christy (Dents'07).
- Members of Dents 2007: Kim and Rich Kratz, Michelle Gauthier, Andrew Bernas, Amy Ylimaki, Debbie Fonseca, Christy Nicolucci, Roland Leung, Veronica Lee and Monika Amlani.
- Alumni of Distinction Wes Dunn (Founding Dean) (2004) and David Kenny (DDS'70) (1999)
- Ken MacDonald (DDS'76) pours juice for his classmates at the Dean's Luncheon.
- Alumni of Distinction Jack McLister (DDS'75) (2002) and Blake Nicolucci (DDS'75, BSc'71) (2006)
- Bill Lindley (DDS'77) and Colleen Lindley (MA'75)
- Dents'08 classmates: Dagmara Sieron, Yoonjeong Ji, Tassia Lee, and Vivian Chow.
- Peter Kyle (DDS'76), Pennie Thornton (DDS'81) and Frank Lovell (DDS'76)
- Karin Van Ryswyk (DDS'86), Shelley Hornyak, Drew Smith, and Mike Hornyak (DDS'86)
- 2006 Alumnus of Distinction recipient Ralph Brooke (right) and his family Andrew, Michael, and Lorna (BA'75).

Alumni Gatherings

Taking to the Water – Hamilton Harbour Boat Cruise

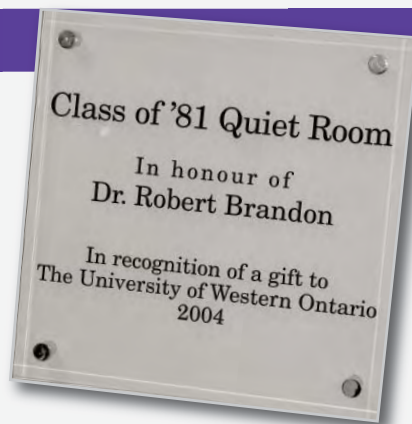
Alumni Western hosted a Hamilton Harbour Boat Cruise in July 2006. The event attracted Schulich Dentistry alumni: Dr. Sean McDonough (DDS'77) and his wife Beatrice (MScN'75) (1), Dr. Peter Vertesi (DDS'77) and his wife Deborah (2), and Dr. Roman Galkin (ITD'01) and his wife Polini (3). Director of Schulich Dentistry, Dr. Harinder Sandhu, and his wife Harpreet were also on board.



Reunions

25th Anniversary Celebrations

Homecoming 2006 saw a great gathering of the Class of '81. Twenty-two of the original Class of 56 were in attendance for one part of the weekend or another. The Mustang Symposium marked the beginning of our reunion. It continued at the Dentistry Alumni of Distinction reception Friday night and the Dean's Luncheon on Saturday. Dr. Sandhu led us on a tour of the renovated dental clinics which allowed for the viewing of the Paedo Quiet Rooms donated by our class in memory of Bob Brandon. We capped off our 25th reunion with a cocktail party and dinner Saturday night at the London Club where 38 people picked up the party as if it had never ended in 2001!



Dents '76 Reunites



Members of the Class of 1976 gathered at Windermere Manor during Homecoming 2006 to celebrate their 30th reunion.

ODA Spring Meeting

Thanks to all our alumni, faculty and friends who visited our booth and attended our annual cocktail reception. Our booth is in the same place and we were thrilled at how many of you managed to drop by. The turnout at the evening reception was wonderful and hopefully you have April 26-28, 2007 marked on your calendars. Thanks to our own Continuing Dental Education office and Western's Alumni Relations staff for their assistance.



A special thanks goes out to our sponsors who made this annual reception possible:

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Welcome to Dentistry's Newest Alumni



Nancy Wat, Esam Shawky, Genevieve Rosca, Gokhan Shevket, Harmeet Kahlon



Jeff and Mark Nicolucci



Front: Xiem Phan Back: Gokhan Shevket, Esam Shawky, Jasdeep Bhattal, Nhon Huyuk

Dentistry Grads 2006

2006 Dentistry Graduates

Anthony Antoniazzi
Kiran Atwal
Academy of Dentistry for the Disabled Award
Quintessence Award in Periodontics
Laurie Baybayan
Jasdeep Bhattal
Matthew Chan
American Academy of Periodontology Award
Quintessence Research Award
George Chatzis
Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award
Ming-Yi Chou
Dr. Walter R. Tetenack Award in Fixed Prosthodontics
Jennifer Curran
Lorne E. MacLachlan Award in Removable Prosthodontics
Paul Glasser
Dr. Paul S. Sills Award in Prosthodontics
Ryan Greenfield
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Xiem Phan
American Association of Orthodontists Award in Oro-Facial Growth
Sameera Pirbhai
Adam Pite
Academy of General Dentistry Senior Student Award
Dr. George Bedrosian Memorial Award in Restorative Dentistry
Gurjeet Rai
Genevieve Rosca
Melissa Roseborough
Jennifer Rumble
George Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
Mark Sarkany
Dr. Igor Bolta Memorial Award in Restorative Dentistry
Ontario Dental Association Proficiency Award
Maya Shantikumar
Esam Shawky
Gokhan Shevket
Daryl Smith
Ratinder Sooin
3M Canada Inc. Clinical Award in Restorative Dentistry
American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award
Barry Stewart
Melissa Stonley
Jeshurun Tse
Satyen Vyas
Zhemeng Wang
Alpha Omega Award
Nancy Wat
Pamela Wigle
Senior Award in Paediatric Dentistry
Jesse Wong
Quintessence Award in Restorative Dentistry
Baharreh Yadollahi
American Association of Endodontists Award
London & District Dental Society Award
Billy Yu
American College of Prosthodontists Award
Evan Zaretsky

2006

Orthodontics Graduates

Dana Hawley
Julia Kim
Phil Lowder

2006 Internationally Trained Dentists

Kayvan Abbasi
George Atanasiu
Cassia Bedinelli
Dominika Bernacka-Sitarski
Amanpreet Chopra
Abdulvase Firouzi
Cristian Ghenu
Matin Javadi
Surinder Khurana
Necla Kutlu
Osama Mohamad
Jamshid Nematollahi

Continuing Dental Education

The Business of Dentistry

February 9-10

Hamilton, ON

Successful practices don't happen by accident. This program with Dr. Edward Philips (DDS'78), Paula Puddy (MBA'01, LLB'96, HBA'93) and L.J. Sandy Wetstein, CA will help you achieve your professional and financial goals.

Expanding the Envelope in a General Practice

May 5

Barrie, ON

In this hands-on program Dr. Tom Davidson (DDS'75) will discuss how he has incorporated implant dentistry, periodontal surgery, orthodontics and oral surgery to enhance restorative outcomes.

Cruising Alaska

June 24 – July 1

Vancouver, BC

This year Schulich Dentistry faculty member, Dr. Tom Mara (MSc'92, DDS'77, BSc'73), will present three sessions: Infection Control – the oral health connection, systemic & pandemic; Oral Diagnosis: common oral lesions, eating disorders & oral pathology; and Quality Assurance & Record Keeping.

Homecoming Mustang Symposium – Conservative Aesthetic Dentistry in an Extreme Makeover World

September 28

London, ON

Dr. James Dunn will review the materials and techniques available to give patients the smiles they want while conserving natural tooth structure.

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Pacific Dental Conference



Schulich Dentistry held its inaugural alumni reception at the Pacific Dental Conference in 2006. The School will be back in Vancouver for the 2007 conference on March 9. With Dr. Sandhu at the 2006 conference are Steve Sangha (DDS'97) and Grace Chun (DDS'98).

2007 Upcoming Events

UWODAS Reception at the Pacific Dental Conference

Friday, March 9 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Pan Pacific Hotel, Vancouver

UWODAS Reception at the ODA Spring Meeting

Friday, April 27 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Intercontinental Toronto Centre – Caledon Room

UWODAS Luncheon Meeting

Friday, April 27 at 12:00 noon
Intercontinental Toronto Centre – Boardroom, 7th Floor



Homecoming

Friday, September 28 – Sunday, September 30, 2007

- **Mustang Symposium**
Friday from 8:45 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Location TBA
- **Dentistry Alumni of Distinction Reception**
Friday at 7:00 p.m. London Hunt and Country Club
- **UWODAS Breakfast Meeting**
Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Room 1003, Board Room, Dental Sciences Building
- **Annual Dr. Paul Sills Golf Tournament**
Sunday – Course TBA

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