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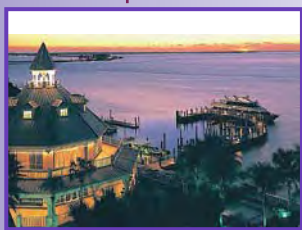
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# Convocation

## AWARDS

### Iranpour Award

The Bejan Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education was first given in 2000 to the person who exemplified excellence in clinical education and after whom the award was named: Dr. Bejan Iranpour.

The winner of the 2007 Iranpour Award is someone who has dedicated a good portion of his professional career to the residents, faculty, staff, and patients of the Pediatric Dentistry Program.

One of the recommendation letters supporting the awardee said, "David challenges the residents to see the 'big picture' and leads them on a journey to clinical discovery and applied learning." That statement came from a pediatric faculty member and alumnus and the person he was referring to was Dr. David Levy, who was selected as the 2007 winner of the Bejan Iranpour Award for Excellence in Clinical Education.

Dr. Levy was the 2003 recipient of Dentistry's Part-Time Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching and also received the award in the late 80s.

Congratulations Dr. Levy!



Dr. David Levy

### Shaffer-Devries Award For Excellence In Administrative Operations Or Clinical Service

For the past several years, staff who have played an important part in the organization have been recognized. The award and process have now been formalized and will be a part of Convocation in the years where there is a qualified candidate.

This award, named in honor of Clare Shaffer and Jane Devries, recognizes a non-faculty/resident, full-time EDC, or EDD staff member for demonstrating sustained excellence in administrative operations or clinical service.

The criteria calls for a candidate:

- ~ Who demonstrates excellent communication skills and interaction with employees and patients;
- ~ Who shows a genuine concern and interest for administration, clinical service, and auxiliary operations;
- ~ A person who is very knowledgeable and skilled in his or her area of expertise;
- ~ Who is respected by faculty, peers, and staff;
- ~ Who is a patient advocate, assuring high quality care;
- ~ And someone who has a high standard of ethics.

Shaffer was a dental hygiene student and interviewed with Dr. Basil Bibby, then director of the Dental

Clare Shaffer and Jane Devries



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## THERE'S BEAUTY IN ORAL SURGERY

**Images of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery**, a photographic exhibit by Eastman Dental Center resident, Dr. Stephen Cho, was on a two-month display in the Edward G. Miner Library, University of Rochester Medical Center.

Oral and maxillofacial surgery is the surgical specialty in dentistry. Its scope includes the diagnosis, surgical and related treatment of diseases, injuries, and defects involving both the functional and esthetic aspects of the hard and soft tissues of the mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, and face.

The exhibit featured photographs taken in the operating room, and provided the viewing public with a glimpse into a world that few may ever know. The images capture the atmosphere, drama, concentration, and team-work that is so common in the operating theater. A graduate from the University of



Dr. Stephen Cho

Toronto, Stephen is nearing the completion of his residency. He obtained a Canon

A80 point-and-shoot digital camera originally for documenting surgical cases, but soon began using it to capture more creative images. He has upgraded to a Canon 30D digital SLR, and he now spends his time dreaming about lenses.



Hands in negative

# Convocation 2007

## Convocation 2007 Speaker

Freeman A. Hrabowski, III, PhD, widely known for his research and publications about minority participation and performance with science and math education, was the keynote speaker at the Convocation 2007 Ceremony held June 29.

Since 1992, Dr. Hrabowski has served as president of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). He also serves as a consultant to the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. He received the prestigious McGraw Prize in Education, the U.S. Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring, and the Columbia University Teachers College Medal for Distinguished Service. Dr. Hrabowski was named one of *Fast Company* magazine's "Fast 50 Champions of Innovation."

Dr. Hrabowski has co-authored two books, *Beating the Odds* and *Overcoming the Odds* focusing on parenting and high-achieving African American males and females in science. Both books are used by universities, school systems, and community groups around the country.

A child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement, Dr. Hrabowski was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, *Four Little Girls*, based on the racially motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Born in 1950 in Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Hrabowski graduated at 19 from Hampton Institute with highest honors in mathematics. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, he received his M.A. in mathematics and four years later his PhD in higher

education administration and statistics at the age of 24.

He holds honorary degrees from Princeton University, Duke University, the University of Illinois, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Gallaudet University, Goucher College, the Medical University of South Carolina, and Binghamton University.



Freeman A. Hrabowski, III

## Walking and Talking

*What did you think of Eastman Dental Center?*

"I am very impressed. I didn't know the Center was as internationally rich as it is; nor did I know it was strictly a postdoctoral institution. I've met many here who care deeply about dental education. I was especially touched by the close relations professors and graduates share and the strength of community here. This is my tenth graduation this year, and I've seen more warmth here than I have at most institutions.

I'm also very impressed with the quality of the teaching and research and how you're developing and preparing leaders who care. That's so important with the critical health care issues we face today."

*See Dr. Hrabowski's speech on page 4.*



# Convocation

## AWARDS

### SHAFFER~DEVRIES AWARD *cont.*

when she first joined the hygiene school. She joined Eastman in January 1970 as a dental hygienist. She became very involved in patient research with Drs. Dennis Leverett and Ronald Billings. She now serves in a number of capacities including director of infection control for Eastman, administrator for EDC credentials, and manager of the Center's Risk Management Program.

Shaffer is the "go to" person when anyone has a question about the Dental Center's policies, procedures,

and history, including people and programs from both the East Main St. site and our current location.

Jane Devries joined Eastman in February of 1991 as a credit/collections manager. She worked her way up through the organization as patient accounts coordinator, patient services director, and finally in 2002, as senior operations administrator for the EDC site.

Devries has been a highly qualified, self-motivated individual who welcomes a challenge and takes pride

### Bibby Fellowship

The Bibby Fellowship Fund for Excellence In Oral Health Research was created by Beatrice Bibby to honor her late husband's academic and research accomplishments.

Basil's efforts set the stage for thousands of students and faculty, both national and international, to establish and maintain productive and challenging careers as dentists, researchers, and teachers.

*Dr. Li Ning accepted the Bibby Fellowship Award*



This year, the Basil G. Bibby Fellowship is awarded to Dr. Li Ning, an AEGD Program resident and a senior technical associate in the Department of Environmental Medicine.

### Dean's Award

The New York State Dental Foundation recently established a Dean's Award to be given annually to graduating students or postdoctoral trainees who have demonstrated an exceptional level of achievement as measured by: outstanding academic performance; a demonstrated commitment to enhancing and improving the oral health of underserved populations; and membership in the American Dental Student Association.

Heeje Lee, DDS, received \$5,000 in addition to a Dean's Award certificate. During Convocation 2007, Dr. Lee also received his certificate for completing the two-year Prosthodontics Program.

*Dr. Heeje Lee*



# Convocation

## 2007



### Dr. Hrabowski's Convocation 2007 Address

You are among the most privileged group in the world. Some of you are Americans and some of you are from other countries in the world. I want you to take a moment and savor this hour. Just take the time to feel good about being here tonight. The fact is that usually when you accomplish things, before you even know it, we are at the next level. What I'm going to be....what comes next...all the issues involving family and we rarely take the time to reflect on what it took to get here and to appreciate this moment.

The reason it's important to do that, although this is a good moment, every moment won't be a good moment. Your families know this and you know this. Sometimes when you take a moment and think about this special feeling...all of your family members who helped you get here, the professors who helped you, you will find that in the difficult times, this memory can sustain you.

I often talk about growing up in the Deep South and I work in Baltimore. I grew up in Birmingham and when people talk about the Deep South, they always talk about the importance of stories. When I grew up there were two things I loved doing...solving math problems and eating food. My mother was always trying to get me to lose weight but my grandmother loved my fat cheeks.

My grandmother would make two blueberry pies for the family, one for the family and one for Freeman. And, she would put my name on it and it would make me feel so special. My mother would be upset with my grandmother but my grandmother would just sit there watching me eat piece after piece of that blueberry pie. I can still taste that pie

today and when I'm depressed sometimes, I think about that blueberry pie and I just savor the moment. So, take this as your blueberry pie and savor it!

**My second point...** I want you to know your story. Each of you has a story that consists of everything that has happened in not only your life but also the things that happened to your parents and grandparents....all the things that made you who you are today. Regardless of where you are in the world, there is a story there and stories inspire...stories inspire us all. I have a sister-in-law who is a dentist in northern Virginia and we've compared stories about dentists. We live in a world in which people have two types of thoughts about dentists. Most people think in the cosmetic range and everybody talks about white teeth, but at the same time there are all kinds of health issues involved. Usually, people only think about dentists when...there is pain. Then you think about your dentist! One of the challenges we have is that people don't think prevention.

I was very fortunate when I was a young boy, I had a wonderful dentist who was broadly educated, and I'll tell you what he did that was so fascinating. When I would come to his office, he would always ask me a question that would make me think about my values... my life....and my future. While he worked on me, he wanted me to be thinking about the question. And, when we finished, we'd talk a few minutes. He had an enormous impact on me because he taught me to have the patience to reflect. So, when I think about a dentist's chair, I think about reflection. It also helped me stop thinking about the pain, quite frankly...but his was a wonderful approach.

In contrast, my wife grew up in a little town in Virginia. Unfortunately, there were no dentists of color, and the one white dentist in town would only pull black children's teeth. He was not a nice man and it was an awful experience. My wife's baby sister said, "I want to have a life different than that. I want to become a dentist so I can tell all kinds of kids that they are special." She became a dentist and she loves what she does.

Those are two stories...but the story of that little girl seeing a dentist who was not nice inspired her to want to make a difference. That story inspires me because it says what's possible. Here's the point for you. You are at the top of your game. You are the leaders of this country and in the world. The challenge that we face is that too often people don't really understand the significance of your work other than when they're having some pain. The fact is, as the Surgeon General said, when you talk about craniofacial tissue, you are talking about humanity. This is the nobility of your work.

When talking about speaking, smiling, kissing, crying out for pain, and protecting against microbial infections... from the biological side of things to human interaction, you have the opportunity to help people to be the best they can be as human beings. Therefore, I would challenge you, as leaders, to remember that of those to whom much is given, much is required.

You are in the top 1% of the citizens of the world. If you were in undergraduate dental programs, you'd still be in the top 4-5%. But at your level now, you are in the top 1% graduating from one of the finest universities in the world...great emphasis...all of this

advanced training...and the question is this...what will you do to change the world? What will you do beyond simply making a good living?

**Here's the challenge.** Whether you go to an underdeveloped country or whether you are in America, you will find large numbers of poor people. One of the things that is significant about EDC is that it does reach out. The question for you is *what will you do to keep learning, growing, and developing?*

There's so much more to learn. Not so much about the science of it all but about human nature, about how you can make that difference. So my challenge here tonight is to consider the possibilities. Now is the time to ask what is possible. You're at the top of your game...you are leaders in the world, so be the best you can be. You are in the top 1% of the people in the world and have graduated from the finest University in the world.

**Ask yourself...** *what will you do to change the world...this world that contains such large numbers of poor people....what will YOU do?* I challenge you to consider the possibilities. When you set off to change the world remember to enjoy your family, remember this moment, know your story, and know that you will be a leader.

**This is the final thing to remember** ...watch your **thoughts** for they become your **words**. Watch your **words** for they become your **actions**. Watch your **actions** they become your **habits**. Watch your **habits** because they become your **character**. Watch your **character** for that becomes... your **destiny**.

Savor the moment!

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

We've had an eventful six months since the last issue of Momentum and this one is full of good news about Dentistry's people, programs, and events, with a special focus on our upcoming All Alumni Reunion 2007.

### Alumni Communication

We are using technology to reach out to our graduates including the use of e-mail blasts to share the latest news and events. Alumni can keep in touch with each other on-line by registering with the Alumni Network at <http://www.alumniconnections.com/URMC/>.

We'll be designing a new look for our Website this summer and hope you'll feel free to comment on how it meets your informational needs. The Web is an ever-changing medium and the information on our site grows on a weekly basis. All of our recruitment materials are now available on the site. You can meet the Eastman Dental Foundation Board with the new link on the home page and reconnect with your fellow alumni under the Alumni and Friends segment.

### All Alumni Reunion 2007

The reunion planning has skyrocketed with a few months until the event, which takes place on November 7-11. A large number of our alumni and faculty will be presenting scientific programs throughout the four-day reunion. Topics range from an "Update of Radiological Techniques to Better Detect Caries" to "The Da Vinci Code in Orthodontics: Principles and Applications." In addition, there will be a session on "Gene Therapy" and one on "Traumatic Dental Injuries." You'll find a registration form and schedule in this issue and on the Web at <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/reunion>

Each of the program areas has planned interesting and informative sessions for their alumni. You'll find all the information along with an on-line registration on the Dentistry Website. I hope all will plan on joining us for a great time of learning and reconnecting with colleagues. The faculty and I are looking forward to seeing all of you at the Sanibel Resort and Spa in Fort Myers, Florida.

### Feasibility Study

Exploring the feasibility of establishing a small undergraduate dental program at the University has been halted for now. The Medical Center is involved in a strategic planning process and Dentistry will identify and prioritize additional strategies and tactics for the development of translational research and training for academic leadership. When the planning process is complete, we look forward to the opportunity of the post-merger review of UR Dentistry by an external advisory group of nationally recognized experts.

### Alumni and Faculty News

It is always a delight to see our alumni and faculty garnering awards and honors because it shows that we offer one of the country's foremost academic and research environments. A number of the honors are in the research field and one of our visions for the institution is to be renown in the basic and translational research with the Center for Oral Biology. Congratulations to all our alumni and faculty for raising the bar and heightening our reputation in the research field.

### Physical Plant

We recently developed a NYS HEAL proposal in conjunction with the other four New York State Dental Academic Centers (NYS DAC) that are the State's oral health safety net. EDC's portion includes a plan to redesign the atrium so we can respond to our ever-increasing patient numbers and needs. The Center was designed in the 70s to handle 30,000 to 40,000 patient visits a year. We are now providing 90,000 visits a year and the need continues to grow.

The design includes a Critical Care Center in the atrium to treat the 45-55 emergency patients who arrive on a daily basis. Because of the building's age, there are major infrastructure needs that must be met before we can begin any work on the atrium or the clinics. We'll keep you updated regarding the status of the proposal.

### Before closing

It is important to recognize the people who make our organization grow and flourish. Thank you to our donors whose gifts support the additional initiatives in support of our patient care, education, and research. We owe a debt of gratitude to our faculty for the long hours spent teaching, mentoring, and being life coaches. Thank you to our staff who do everything from cleaning teeth and sterilizing equipment to scheduling patients and keeping the building up and running. This includes everyone from the administrators, secretaries, and billing clerks, to the library staff, housekeepers, and appointment schedulers.

We are more than just bricks and mortar...we are the ones who carry on the Eastman Legacy to care for the underserved and especially the children.

My best wishes to you,



Cyril Meyerowitz  
Professor and Chair, Eastman Department of Dentistry  
Director, Eastman Dental Center



Cyril Meyerowitz

## ALUMNUS BRINGS HOPE TO TALAMANCA

A free, nongovernmental dental program has blossomed in the absence of proper health-care centers for Costa Rica's indigenous," said New York dentist and founder of Project Talamanca, Dr. Peter Aborn, Prostho '76.

Shiroles, Talamanca is in the Caribbean region and there are no oral health care options in the area. Dr. Aborn was part of a four-day care project that provided fillings and restorative work for about 250 area people.

Dr. Aborn hopes to have a fully equipped health center in the area in the next year. Patients walked five and

six days to get treatment. Talamanca is an area that offers better access to sugar than toothbrushes and trips to the dentist.

In 2005, Dr. Aborn, who has a private practice and teaches at the Universidad Latina, of Panama, gathered some students and colleagues to launch a series of dental visits to the Talamanca Indigenous Reserve. He said, "We want to give the people a basic service that all people deserve."

For info about Project Talamanca, contact Dr. Aborn at [jopetar@ice.co.cr](mailto:jopetar@ice.co.cr).

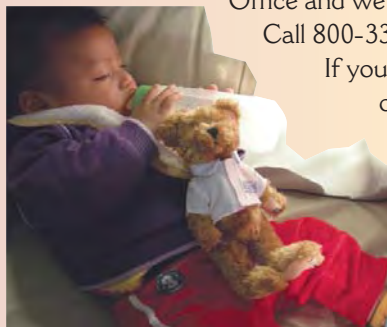


## DR. TEDDY BEAR

If you are a Dentistry alumna/us and have a new addition to your life, contact Dentistry's Alumni Relations Office and we will send you Dr. Teddy Bear.

Call 800-333-4428 or [alumni@admin.rochester.edu](mailto:alumni@admin.rochester.edu).

If you send us a photo with Dr. T and your new child or grandchild, we'll publish it in the next issue of Momentum. Send to [karen\\_black@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:karen_black@urmc.rochester.edu) or mail to Momentum Editor, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620-2989.



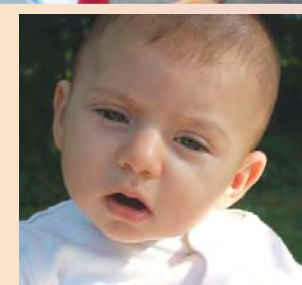
### Christian & Elana Ercoli

The Ercoli children were happy to pose for a photo with Dr. T. Daddy reminded Elana to show all her nice white teeth. Later, Christian got thirsty and snuggled up with Mr. T. and had a little light refreshment.

### Paulie and Benjamin Caruso

"Hello! Here are Paulie and Benjamin with their bears! Thanks so much for the bears! Paulie turned two on December 21 and Ben was a year on July 13."

— Stacey and Paul Caruso



### Noam Ernan

"Thank you sooooo much for the lovely card and teddy bear that you sent to our little baby, Noam. Thank you again."

— Dr. Ernan and family.

ALUMNI  
**Events**

**Dentistry's All Alumni Reunion 2007**

Sanibel Harbour Resort and Spa, Fort Myers, Florida • November 7-11, 2007



**M**any alumni were invited to an event to celebrate their 50th Reunion November 7-11, 2007 at Dentistry's All Alumni Reunion.

*Though all cannot attend, we would like to congratulate those celebrating this special milestone.*

- More than 35 presentations during three 1/2 day sessions
- Alumni and Friends Dinners and Activities
- 50th Reunion Medallion Ceremony and Installation Ceremony for the J. Daniel Subtelny Professorship (presented by the University of Rochester President, Joel Seligman)
- Distinguished Alumni Awards
- Dentistry Division Awards

You should have already received registration materials in the mail. You may return your registration form to: Office of Alumni Relations, 300 East River Road, PO Box 278996, Rochester, NY 14627-8996 or register on-line today at [www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/reunion/](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/reunion/), or call (585) 275-2767

**2007 AAPD CONFERENCE HELD IN SAN ANTONIO**



## ALUMNI EVENTS

### 2007 AAO CONFERENCE IN SEATTLE



## COMMENTS FROM ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

### From A 50th Medallion Recipient

Colin Watson, BDS, Dip Ad  
Betty Watson, BDS  
Australia



Betty and I were pleased to receive your invitation to attend the Eastman 50th Medallion Ceremony. Sadly, however, for health reasons, we are no longer able to travel and are unable to accept your kind invitation.

We both greatly enjoyed our stay in Rochester and benefited from it. On return to Australia, we did our best in the traditions of service we learned at Eastman. Betty first worked for a while at the Australian National University and then with the ACT School Dental Service. My own career involved instigating the provision of Fluoridation into the water supplies in our area, the first in Australia. I was also involved in the management and tutoring for the Dental Assistants Training Course at Canberra's TAFE and was a member of the ACT Dental Board for many years.

We have maintained contact with many friends made while in Rochester and were pleased to learn how well Eastman is currently managing.

We wish Eastman well for its Ceremony and future.

— Colin and Betty Watson

### Regarding The Archives

Elizabeth Kettell, Bibby Librarian, received the following letter regarding some archive items. The diploma was too large to scan but the brochure and picture can be seen online.

The commencement brochure:

<https://urresearch.rochester.edu/retrieve/6649/commencement1928.pdf>

The SDH class of 1929 picture:

<https://urresearch.rochester.edu/retrieve/9326/sdh29.tif>



From left: Dr. Ian McKey, Diane Basage (DeRoos), and hygienist, Patricia Nahmias.

February 6, 2007

Dear Ms. Kettell,

Thank you for your response to my email concerning my Mother's articles from the Rochester Dental Dispensary. I am very pleased that you welcome them as a donation in my Mother's name, Gladys Washburn.

As I mentioned I am forwarding the Commencement program, class picture, and my Mother's diploma. Hopefully, some current student will appreciate these articles from the early years.

Best wishes for a bright future!

Sincerely,

John R. Holmes

### Follow Up To A Currents Article

Patricia Nahmias, who has 'tooth fairy' as part of her e-mail address, saw the Web issue of Currents, the University of Rochester's faculty and staff newsletter, and sent the following message.

**E-mail #1** Thought you might want to know

who that person is in the Dental Hygiene picture of the 50's it's...me and I still practice. I know this is not a question, but I was so surprised to see this I had to respond. Thanks

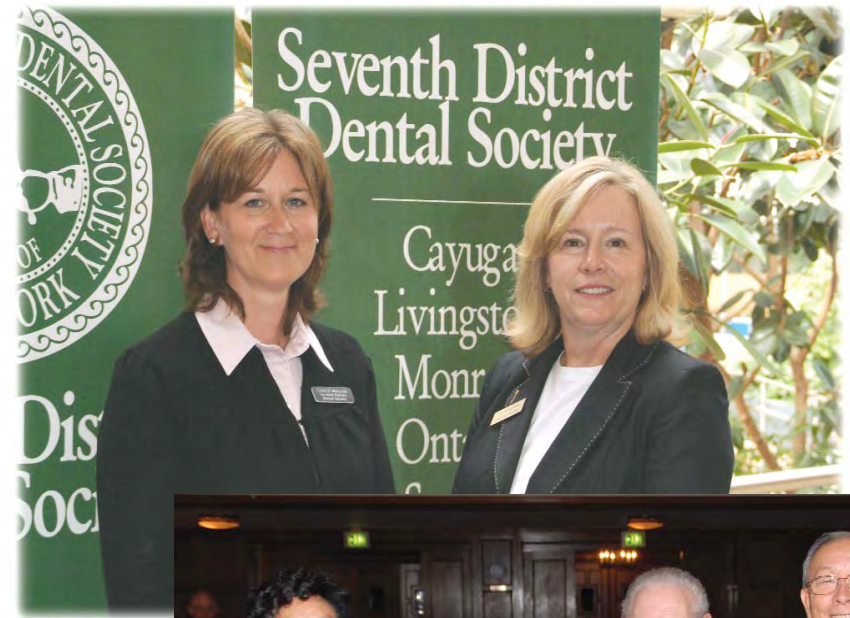
**E-mail #2** Thank you so much for getting back to me. I'm the hygienist in the picture above the heading "Dental Hygiene in the 50's." Dr. Bibby was the director of the Eastman school at that time. If you want more info, do not hesitate to contact me.

**E-mail #3** Ms Kettell, I think the patient in the chair is Diane Basage (DeRoos) and the intern is Ian McKey. Diane is the one who contacted me about the picture and she is the one who told me who the Dr. is. I have some fun pictures of some of my classmates and of course of my class. I still have my cap and some of the teeth we had to carve out of Ivory soap. I often take these things to show my students at our college here in Tulsa and they get a big kick out of comparing today to the "olden days" of Dental Hygiene school.

Thank you so much for your interest.

# ALUMNI Events

## HANDELMAN DINNER & CONFERENCE 2007 HELD IN ROCHESTER





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2007 BREWER DINNER & CONFERENCE, ROCHESTER



*Ladies and gentlemen,*

It's hard to believe that I am standing in front of you to make a speech like this. It means that it's my turn and I am about to leave the program. How fast the time is! I have to say that the days in the program were absolutely nothing but wonderful.

Thank you all, for what I am now. I am a witness of myself and I have to testify what has happened to me for last three years.

Every year, when the Brewer conference comes to date, I remember my

*Heeje Lee, DDS*

father the most. One day when I was in my first year, I was working very hard in the lab after midnight and it was the very night before my first Brewer. As soon as I came back home, I got the phone call from my family in Korea and they informed me that my father has passed away. I had to pack right away and several hours later, I was on the plane heading for his funeral. That's why this is my second Brewer, not the third one.

He was always very proud of me and he was even happier when I got accepted by this program. If he had been alive, he must have been a person who is more proud of me and happier about my graduation than anybody else. He was a diligent man for all his life. If you think I am diligent, it should be attributed to him. If you think I am kind and gentle, it's because of my mother. If you think I am matured, it's because of my wife and two angels between us. If you think I am a

good clinician, it's because I was taught from the best teachers.

Thank you, Dr. Graser, Dr. Ercoli, Dr. Oster, Dr. Soltys, Dr. Tallents, Dr. Abt, Dr. Hofstede, Dr. Mozrall, Dr. Jarvis, Dr. Samburski, and many other doctors who taught me. If I claim myself a prosthodontist, it's because of your excellent education.

Thank you, Mike and the Hagan's family for your support with the wonderful lab works.

Thank you, alumni. With your support, I was able to precede my research project, and I was able to have trips to nation-wide conferences to present my case.

I remember myself when I came to U.S three years ago. I was merely a humble student. Now look at me and all my achievement of those three years. All of them must be attributed to you. Again, look at me. You are watching your great masterpiece that was being made for three years.

Thank you very much and may God bless you. God bless your family. God bless Eastman Prosthodontic program. And God bless this country. Thank you again. Thank you very much.

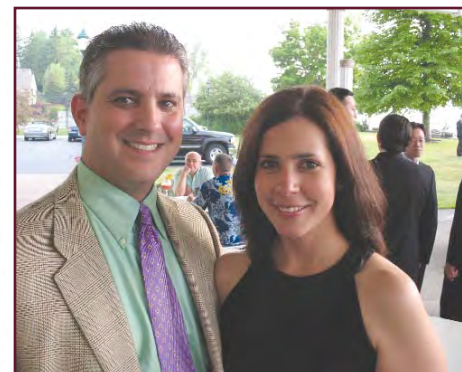
Heeje Lee, DDS  
Prosthodontic Resident  
University of Rochester Eastman  
Dental Center



**Dr. Carlo Ercoli's  
Dinner Remarks**

"I want you to know how we use funds from our alumni. Last year we actually sent two of our third-year residents to three meetings. Alumni funds partially support them and that's thanks to you. That helps make our program visible at the national level. We also can afford a few things for the residents that otherwise we wouldn't have.

Thank you very much from the bottom of my heart."



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**Events**

2007  
IADR/AADR  
CONFERENCE  
NEW ORLEANS



**Local Research Awards**

*The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Rochester section meeting was held in Rochester and included thirty-eight oral and poster research presentations.*

The annual meeting of the Rochester Section of the AADR was held in June at the Eastman Dental Center. This meeting provides a unique opportunity for students, residents, faculty, and staff to showcase their research activities and for all those who are involved in Dentistry at the University of Rochester to learn about and discuss local research endeavors.

Rochester Section officers include President, Dr. Rulang Jiang; Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Andy Teng, and Councilor Dr. Jeffrey Karp. Dr. Teng chaired the event. The Awards Committee included Drs. William Bowen, Dorota Kopycka-Kedzierawski, Yanfang Ren, Ralph Saunders, and Gene Watson.

Dr. Robert C. Rose, associate professor of the University's departments of medicine and of microbiology and immunology, was the event's keynote speaker. His address was titled, "New Vaccines for the Prevention of Cervical Cancer and Other HPV-Associated Diseases."

**Bibby, Buonocore And The Newly Established W.H. Bowen Awards**

The Bibby Award (\$150) is given for outstanding scientific merit among presentations by non-degree candidates. The award was presented to Amir Ali Zandi Nejad.

The Buonocore Award (\$150) is given for outstanding scientific merit among presentations by degree candidates leading to a master's degree. The award was presented to Joanne Thimothe.

The Bowen Award (\$150) is given for outstanding scientific merit



Joanne Thimothe was the Buonocore Awardee

among presentations by degree candidates leading to a PhD or postdoctoral degree.

The award was presented to Matthew Betzenhauser.

The program concluded with a reception in the Bibby Library.



Amir Ali Nejad accepts the Bibby Award



## REPORT OF GIVING 2005 ~ 2006

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Mrs. Joan L. Feinbloom  
Dr. Neil D. Hollyfield, GenDen'78  
& Mrs. Nancy S. Hollyfield

**\$10,000+**

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—Philip Wenk, DDS, Executive Vice President,  
Renaissance Health Service Corporation



## LOST ALUMNI

### Help Us Track Down Your Missing Classmates



Dr. Genevieve Abi-Nahed	Dr. Peter Jensen	Dr. Cristiane Sa Roriz
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Dr. Patrick Barrett	Dr. Kleio Kechagia	Dr. Fayez Sayegh
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Dr. Juan Becerra	Dr. Don King	Dr. John Shaner
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Dr. Hypatia Bernardo	Dr. Holger Klinge	Dr. David Shearer
Dr. Shane Black	Dr. Laura Kraus	Dr. Vandana Sood
Dr. Andreas Brosch	Dr. Keely Lawson	Dr. Vincent Strazzeri
Dr. Irvin Buck	Dr. Han Joo Lee	Dr. Ramon Sumabat
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Dr. Jie Dai	Dr. William Margolis	Dr. Chung-Ming Tse
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Dr. Thao Deo	Dr. Solveig Matheson	Dr. Minni Vaid
Dr. Aida Dimadura	Dr. Paz Mayoral	Dr. Weile Vibeke
Dr. Phillip Dowell	Dr. Inge-Vibeke Meincke	Dr. Alon Waldinger
Dr. Arne Eckerdal	Dr. Anthony Miller	Dr. Cathy Watkins
Dr. Diane Evans	Dr. Nancy Mouradian	Dr. Migara Wefransighe
Dr. Andrew Goulbourne	Dr. Bonnie Myers	Dr. Kenneth Weiss
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Dr. Youssef Guindy	Dr. Cheryl Norton	Dr. Shin-Hyun Yoon
Dr. Daniel Haghighi	Dr. Laura Palmer	Dr. Guillermo Zapata
Dr. Amy Harington	Dr. Joanne Perotta	
Dr. Anna-Lena (Andersson) Heijl	Dr. Thomas Pixley	
Dr. Brad Helm	Dr. Al Game Qumasha	
Dr. Steven Jacoby	Dr. J. William Robbins	
	Dr. Michael Ruppenthal	

If you have contact information for any of our lost alumni, please contact Development and Alumni relations at 585-275-2767 or [tmiller@admin.rochester.edu](mailto:tmiller@admin.rochester.edu)

## A FOND FAREWELL

Eastman Dental Center teacher and trustee, **Edward (Bud) Wentworth, Jr., DDS**, passed away in the fall of 2006 at the age of 85.

Dr. Wentworth was born in Rochester, NY in 1921. He grew up in Pittsford and graduated from Harvard University in 1943. He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific theater for three years and received his dental degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950.

Dr. Wentworth practiced dentistry for 40 years, finding many ways to serve both the profession and the public. He was on the EDC faculty and served as a Foundation Board member from 1981 to 1990.

Among the many leadership positions Dr. Wentworth held in dental organizations, most notable was his work in dental ethics, chairing the Ethics Committee of the Seventh District from 1975 to 1985 and the Council on Ethics of the NYS Dental Society from 1986 to 1990. He organized a dental clinic for the Monroe County Penitentiary and served twice as a missionary dentist in Puerto Rico.

## SHADOWING...FROM AN UNDERGRADUATE'S PERSPECTIVE

“Being able to shadow helps me see the goal; shadowing helps me see what I’m working toward.” When Elizabeth Kaminsky graduates from the University of Rochester, she will have a BA degree with a concentration in the area of brain and cognitive psychology and neuroscience, along with a business certificate and a minor in American Sign Language. Kaminsky will spend time at the University of Melbourne, Australia and then return to the UR.

As part of her shadowing program, Kaminsky also spent a day with a specialist at Rochester General Hospital that dealt with infectious diseases. She found that topic to be

very interesting. She also spent a day with a neurologist at Highland Hospital and found that an interesting specialty but felt it was too intense of a field.

Choosing oral health care, Kaminsky said, “I find teeth less scary and I like the clinic setting rather than the hospital. I’d also like to combine a family with my work and dentistry will



Steve Kaminsky stopped in to say hello to Hans Malmstrom and to visit the clinic.

give me that option.

Finding time for a family would be very difficult to do for a female doctor who’s on call 24-hours a day.”

Liz Kaminsky enjoyed the time she spent shadowing in the Pediatric Dentistry Program clinic.

### ...And Dad's A Dentist

When Kaminsky mentions her mother’s influence in working with children, she also adds that her Dad has been a role model in the field of oral health.

Steven Kaminsky, DDS, received a General Dentistry Program certificate in 1977. He said, “When I graduated from EDC and went out into the world I had no perception of what it would be like in the real world. Stan Handelman was my program chair and there were 14-15 residents in my class. Stan was influential in my education because he helped me design a curriculum to suit my interest so I was able to move forward and build a solid career.”

After his program at EDC, Dr. Kaminsky went on to Tufts to study endodontics. He taught at the University of Pacifica and then went back to Boston where he practiced as an endodontist for 30 years. He is now a part-time faculty member at Tufts. He said, “The endo field has changed dramatically in the past 10 years. What was once the ‘art’ of endo now encompasses a whole new technology.”



Steve Kaminsky talking about the possibility of his daughter, Liz, becoming a dentist.

Regarding his time at EDC, Dr. Kaminsky said, “I grew up in the Boston area where people aren’t really too friendly. I have fond memories of EDC because everyone was so open and friendly.” He added, “EDC is unique in the country because you have a postdoctoral dental school next to undergraduate schools. This is unique because it provides easy access to prospective students to visit and shadow in the field of dentistry. At most, with other institutions, students commute from their college to the dental school and it is very cumbersome.”

Asked if he would like to see his daughter become a dentist, Dr. Kaminsky said, “I think Liz’s mechanical skills and good intellect make her a good candidate for the dental field. She’s also extremely caring, which only adds to her skills. Her interest in pediatric dentistry would be a perfect fit.”

## UPDATE ON THE BIBBY LIBRARY DIGITIZED DENTISTRY COLLECTION

It isn’t every day that you see a birdcage in your dentist’s waiting room, but in Rochester, at the turn of the 20th century, you might have. George Eastman, renowned entrepreneur and philanthropist, established the Rochester Dental Dispensary in 1915. The birdcage was part of Eastman’s efforts to encourage children not to fear dentistry.

Images such as this are part of the rich history of Dentistry in Rochester that was not accessible to the public at large, until last spring, when Bibby Library at the University of Rochester’s Eastman Dental Center, received a Regional Bibliographic Database Grant to digitize its historical dentistry collection. The goal of the project was to preserve existing print materials while making them more available.

Images and documents contained in the Bibby Library archives tell the story of dentistry in Rochester: the Rochester Dental Dispensary and School for Dental Hygiene, dentistry’s earliest leaders in Rochester, historical dental equipment and procedures, and the Eastman dental clinics in Europe. Each of these clinics was equipped with a



Bibby Librarian Beth Kettell

birdcage, which became a logo for the Eastman Dental Clinics.

To date, more than 200 dental images and documents have been digitized. This process involves selecting and scanning each piece, editing the images, creating records for each item, and then uploading the files to the University of Rochester’s UR

Research repository. Once the materials are entered into the repository, they are fully searchable from the Web.

Efforts to make this collection available to the public have been successful. Since the collection has been digitized, the library has received numerous inquiries and requests for information. For more information, please visit

<http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/bibby/news/grant.cfm> or view the collection at: <https://urresearch.rochester.edu/handle/1802/2231>.

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Did you know that the Bibby Library includes an archival collection? Any materials or memorabilia you might have would be most welcome. Please contact [beth\\_kettell@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:beth_kettell@urmc.rochester.edu) or call (585) 275-5010 if you have any questions or have items you would like to donate to the archives.

# Faculty NEWS

## Dr. William Bowen Given Mentoring Award



Presented by David S. Guzick, MD, PhD

William H. Bowen, BDS, PhD, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement in Mentoring Award in recognition of a career of mentoring students, fellows, and faculty. Many of those he mentored have gone on to scientific achievement and the highest levels of leadership in education, academia, government, and industry.

Dr. Bowen is the Welcher Professor Emeritus of Dentistry in the Center for Oral Biology; in addition to being a Professor Emeritus of Microbiology & Immunology; and Professor Emeritus of Environmental Medicine. London.

## EDC Director Selected To Serve On ADA Council

Cyril Meyerowitz, BDS, MS, has been named to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure, an American Dental Association agency dedicated to promoting high quality and effective processes of dental education, dental licensure, and credentialing in the United States.



Dr. Cyril Meyerowitz

Dr. Meyerowitz has led many research initiatives related to salivary function, oral health for those with HIV, chronic renal failure, or developmentally disabled, and for patients who have undergone head and neck radiation.

Dr. Meyerowitz is widely published and has served on the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation and serves on the American Dental Education Association's Commission on Change and Innovation. He is a Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He earned his BDS from the University of Witwatersrand School of Dentistry in South Africa and his MS from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

## Jack Caton And Bryan Frantz Co-Chair AAP Foundation Task Force

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Foundation appointed Jack C. Caton, DDS, MS, and Bryan Frantz, DMD, *Perio '87*, to serve as co-chairs of its Education Fundraising Task Force.

Dr. Caton, chair and program director of the Periodontics Program, serves on the AAP Foundation board of Directors of Periodontology. Under Dr. Caton's leadership, the Bowers Endowment Fund exceeded its \$1.5M goal. Dr. Caton has served as president of the AAP, director and chair of the AAP, and director for the Monroe County Dental Society and the Seventh District Dental Society of New York.

Dr. Caton received his dental degree from the University of California in San Francisco, his certificate in advanced general dentistry from the U.S. Army, and his periodontology postdoctoral certificate from Eastman Dental Center. Dr. Caton also holds an MS degree from the University of Rochester.

Dr. Frantz is chair of the AAP Foundation's Ambassador Committee and serves on the Foundation's Kramer Scholarship Committee. He has served on the Foundation's board of Directors since 2005. In addition, Dr. Frantz served on the AAP's Continuing Education Oversight Committee from 1998 to 2001.

Dr. Frantz is a graduate of the Temple University School of Dentistry. He also received his periodontology specialty Certificate from the Division of Periodontology and his MS degree from the Department of Dental Research at the University of Rochester.

The AAP Foundation Education Task Force is charged with the successful execution of the Foundation's Education Action Campaign. The campaign supports the development of an increased number of periodontal educators in anticipation of a wave in retirements that will hit academia over the next 10 years.

## New Diplomate Named

Joseph J. Fantuzzo, DDS, MD, is now a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery having passed the oral portion of the board in February.

Dr. Fantuzzo is an assistant professor and assistant program director of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery located at the Strong Memorial Hospital Dentistry site.



Dr. Joseph Fantuzzo

## Researchers Honored For Excellence

Hyun 'Michel' Koo, DDS, PhD, was given the Basil G. Bibby Young Investigator in Cariology Award, which recognizes research excellence in cariology among those under age 40.

Thirty-five year old Dr. Koo, who is widely published, has focused on the causes of plaque formation and prevention, and developed a novel approach to preventing the dental plaque formation associated with tooth decay, based on disrupting the process before it occurs, as opposed to the traditional antiseptic approach after the plaque is already present.

He is a past recipient of the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award, and was referred to as representing "the best and brightest of a new generation of young investigators." Koo is a member of the International Association for Dental Research and the American Association for Dental



Dr. Hyun 'Michel' Koo

Research. He earned his DDS degree, his MS in food biochemistry and microbiology, and his PhD in oral biology and pathology from the State University of Campinas in Brazil, and his postdoctoral training at the Center for Oral Biology from the University of Rochester.

Dr. Simone Duarte is a postdoctoral fellow in Koo's laboratory at the Eastman Dental Center was honored as a finalist of the highly competitive Hatton Award, the single most prestigious competition for any graduate or senior student in training

in the United States. She received an award recognizing her work, which explored the reasons why the combination of starch and sucrose,

the two main dietary carbohydrates in modern society, have more capacity to cause decay than either alone.



Dr. Simone Duarte was honored as a finalist in the highly competitive Hatton Award.

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## 2007 PROMOTIONS

You can see faculty on the Dentistry Website listed alphabetically or by program.

<http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/faculty/facultyalpha.cfm>

### Promotions - Congratulations

**James Amborski**, DDS, MS, promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Ronald Bellohusen**, DDS, MS, promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Marshall Deeney**, DDS, promoted to Program Director for the Division of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics

**Jeffrey Karp**, DMD, MS, promoted to Assistant Program Director for the Division of Pediatrics

**Michael Kozlowski**, DDS, promoted to Assistant Professor of Clinical Dentistry

**Stan Orbach**, DDS, promoted to Clinical Associate Professor

**Mohammed Salahuddin**, BDS, PhD, promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Andrew Steinhilber**, DDS, MSD, promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

## SOCIAL WORK UPDATE

### Open Position In The Division Of Community Dentistry

The University of Rochester Medical Center, Eastman Department of Dentistry, invites nominations and applications for the position of chair of the Division of Community Dentistry and Oral Disease Prevention at the professor or associate professor level.

The division has administrative oversight for the community dentistry outreach program, graduate education, and research.

Interested individuals should have a MPH, PhD, DrPH or equivalent degree in a health related field.

Candidates with a dental degree must have a dental license or be eligible for a license to practice dentistry in New York State.

Preference will be given to candidates who are board certified in public health and have the demonstrated expertise to lead a large multidisciplinary division.

As the division has a strong research focus, advanced training in epidemiology or health services research is desirable. The University offers a significant compensation package commensurate with qualifications of the appointee.

Letters of interest should include a current CV and be forwarded to Dr. Ronald J. Billings, Eastman Department of Dentistry, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 625 Elmwood Avenue, Box 683, Rochester, NY 14620-2989, or [ron\\_billings@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:ron_billings@urmc.rochester.edu).

*The University of Rochester is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer; women and minorities are encouraged to apply for all of the positions.*

## REMINDER

If you have news to share, please visit the Dentistry Website at [http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/news\\_events/index.cfm](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/news_events/index.cfm) and click on "Share Your News."

### New Social Work Team



The new social work team from left: Lenora Colaruotolo, Julianne Briffa, and Kimberly Flint

Lenora A. Colaruotolo, social worker at Eastman Dental Center since 2004, expanded her half-time role to ensure a smooth transition of project oversight and uninterrupted provision of social work services when EDC senior social worker Maggie Petrosky resigned.

Kimberly Flint, formerly a dental assistant in pediatric dentistry, has accepted a full-time social work health project counselor position. Flint made the transition to this role with little effort given her proven history with the pediatric dental clinic staff and patient population and her background

in oral health. She splits her time between a federally funded research project within the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic, another project that was formerly funded by the New York State Department of Health, and the *Dental Home for Children Project*.

Julianne Briffa was the first social work graduate student intern within EDC. Briffa has been eager to learn about social work in oral health care, and has been equally interested in learning about grant writing, program development, and the implementation of services. She has already been helpful to the *Dental Home for*

*Children Project* in a number of ways including the development of a pediatric dentistry clinic brochure, the careful review of project charts, and the refinement of letters developed for communication with pediatric primary care providers.

### Site Visit

In early April of 2006, the *Dental Home for Children Project*, which is supported by a \$250,000 Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant, hosted a site visit that was well-attended by a group of people at the local and state level, and by representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics in Chicago. The site visit afforded project staff an opportunity to showcase the project and engage in meaningful discussions about the challenges of attracting and maintaining families in the dental care system. A formal presentation, a tour of the pediatric dental clinic, a brief tour of the community, and a visit to one of EDC's school-based sites were part of the visit. To capture the social context of many vulnerable families in Rochester, a project family was interviewed and videotaped within their home. This unscripted, candid home visit, which was incorporated into the formal presentation, exemplified the vast obstacles facing many poor families.

### A New Sand Table

The Sponsor-a-Smile Fund, developed and launched by social work with help from the program development office, was the first attempt to raise funds that could be used at the

discretion of the social work staff to address unmet financial needs of the EDC patient population. To date, the initiative has raised over \$2,250 and \$990 has been used to help families fill prescriptions, pay for dental care expenses not covered by Medicaid or health insurance, and obtain parking vouchers.

A sand table was recently purchased for the busy pediatric waiting room, with plans to secure additional durable age-appropriate play equipment. We truly appreciate the generosity of those who have contributed, and ask you to consider the opportunity to invest in the care

of vulnerable families through the *Sponsor-a-Smile initiative*. Gifts may be sent to: *Dentistry Development Office at the University of Rochester, 300 East River Road, PO Box 278996, Rochester, NY 14627.*



Maggie Petrosky and two pediatric dentistry patients.

### Safe Crib And Car Seat Project

Social work staff represented Dentistry at an annual Safe Crib and Car Seat Project crib distribution in November of 2006, when 120 cribs

and mattresses were distributed to pre-screened families through participating prenatal and parenting outreach programs. Pregnant women were given the opportunity to learn about child safety and health issues during the event, which features a variety of exhibitors and donors. Many mothers said that although they lack a regular source of dental care, they are very interested to learn about preventing oral health problems in their children.



## KATHERINE FLYNN HONORED WITH THE 2006 URMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD IN DENTISTRY

**K**atherine McMahon Flynn has worked as a dental hygienist within the practices and clinics of the University of Rochester Medical Center's Department of Dentistry for 27 years. She has cared for the teeth and gums of everyone from children with developmental disabilities to homeless people and from corporate executives and patients undergoing cancer treatments.

As a mother with young children, Katherine sought a part-time position in 1979 that would allow her to do "hands on" healthcare that improved lives in a concrete way. She became a full-time oral health care professional when her children grew up and she was able to increase her time at a job that she liked very much.

Katherine's day-to-day work involves taking histories, assessing the status of dental disease in patients, cleaning teeth, and non-surgical periodontal care. In her many years with the same practices, she has built a loyal patient base with her warmth and her determination to see that her patients get the best care. In some cases, her dedication to patients has gone

beyond dental care. She has been known to help patients find ways to pay for their care or to call patients she has not seen in a while.

A recent comment by one long-time patient sums it up: "If I had not met you, I would not have any teeth left."



*Dr. Meyerowitz congratulated Kathy Flynn on her award.*

## FEASIBILITY UPDATE

**A**t this time, we are stopping the exploration of the feasibility of establishing a small academically focused undergraduate program and a School of Dental Medicine at the University of Rochester (URSDM). After careful consideration of the feasibility study, Brad Berk, MD, PhD, CEO of the Medical Center, has decided that the priorities for the Medical Center including the immediate facility needs, do not allow for adequate resources or infrastructure to continue this study. Possible continuation of the study will be considered in five years. Dentistry will continue to focus on its mission and vision articulated at the time of the merger of Eastman Dental Center into the University of Rochester and restated in its 2007 Strategic Plan. In addition, as part of the Medical Center's current strategic planning process (SPF 007), Dentistry will identify and prioritize additional strategies and tactics for the development of translational research and training for academic leadership.

Further exploration of approaches to correct the post-merger anomalies, create an identity and brand for dentistry, and develop an organizational structure that allows dentistry to achieve its goals and objectives will be undertaken through discussion by Dr. Berk and dentistry's leadership. In addition, significant progress made in development efforts will continue and focus on projects that support academic leadership training and address program needs. After the strategic planning process is completed, an external advisory group of nationally recognized experts will be appointed by Dr. Berk to conduct a post-merger review of UR Dentistry. This objective review could provide a useful roadmap for UR to regain its reputation in developing academic leaders in dentistry.

### **Mission:**

Using education, science and technology to improve oral health.

### **Vision:**

1. To be a national and local leader in high quality evidence-based oral health with special emphasis on community service.
2. To be the foremost dental post doctoral environment for the education of leaders in academia and the dental professions.
3. To move into the top five ranking of NIDCR funding for dental institutions in collaboration with the Center for Oral Biology.



## Minority Recruitment Program 2006

**M**inority representation in academia and among community oral health leaders is one of Dentistry's priorities. We strive to recruit minority students for dental academic careers and to establish academic partnerships that facilitate advanced training and career development.

We began a Minority Recruitment Program (MRP) initiative 3 years ago. In 2006, eleven students from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in Tennessee and Howard University College of Dentistry in Washington D.C. were invited for a weekend long visit to showcase Rochester and Dentistry's programs. They were all impressed with the quality of education we offer and they enjoyed seeing Rochester and a cook-out, graciously hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Handelman.

Dr. Handelman, director of the Minority Recruitment Program, has been leading our minority recruitment efforts. We give special thanks to him and our Minority Recruitment Advisory Committee.

We are grateful to alumni and friends who support the Minority Recruitment Program. Additional support is needed in order to recruit the highest quality students and faculty to Dentistry at the University of Rochester Medical Center. Please consider supporting future MRP activities with a donation of funds, gifts-in-kind, or mentoring. Contact Tandra Miller at [tandra\\_miller@urmc.rochester.edu](mailto:tandra_miller@urmc.rochester.edu) or 1-800-333-4428.

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| 1) Hubert Scott          | 7) Julian Stewart  |
| 2) Brandon Hagler        | 8) Alan Savage     |
| 3) Darryl Gilmore        | 9) O'Tisha Preston |
| 4) Monique Hill          | 10) Richard Wilson |
| 5) Dr. Stanley Handelman | 11) LaNita Stozier |
| 6) Latrice Foster        |                    |

# MOMENTUM...VOLUME 1 NUMBER 1/APRIL 1974

## Notes On A Name — Sue Bricker

Why 'Momentum?' This question has been asked repeatedly since the name was chosen. Why not something more descriptive - Alumni News or Eastman Dental Corner Newsletter, for example.

Well, we liked the sound of the word, for one thing. But 'Momentum' is more descriptive than it might appear at first glance: momentum: the force of motion acquired by a moving body as a result of the continuance of its motion.

This is, in a sense, what the Eastman Dental Center is about. Eastman is built not only of bricks and tiles, dental chairs and x-ray units, test tubes and charts, but of people - people who come here and contribute something to the institution. Eastman is a bit better for having been here and they, too, have benefited from the experience. And as one man or woman leaves to move on to something new, another appears to create a place of his or her own.

Eastman is a moving body. It has been almost 60 years since the founding of the original Rochester Dental Dispensary in 1915, and the numerous changes show that this institution has not been standing still.

The name has changed twice.

The first change was to honor the institution's benefactor, who not only provided the finances but also initiated that sense of progressive movement that still exists today. George Eastman recognized a need for dental care with an understanding that is probably not found among the average layman even today, and his concern for the future of 'his' institution was often expressed by surprise visits to the clinic at 9 AM to insure that everything was being handled properly.

Many years later, in 1965, the name was again changed, this time to reflect the fact that Eastman had become a multi-purpose institution - a special Center where dental education and research stand side-by-side with patient care.

The educational programs that have become part of the Center over the past two decades have changed through the years to meet current needs. Research continues here, with the completion of one project, and its conclusions, leading to the start of another.

People who are part of these programs change too, growing as a result of their experiences.



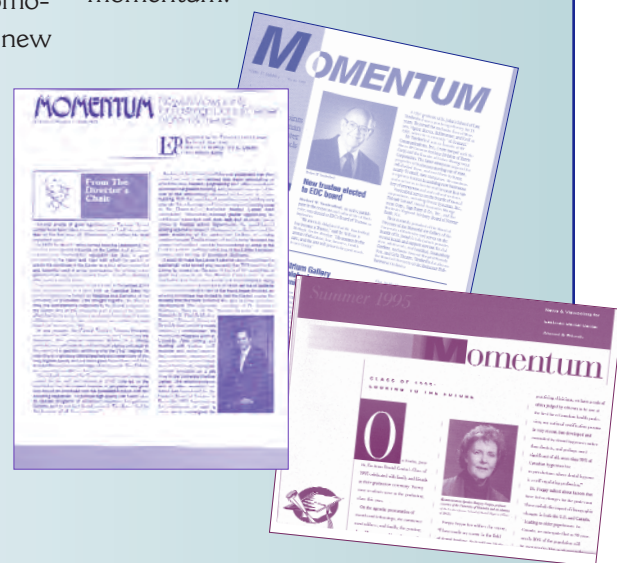
Among those who have been the cause of change at EDC, and who have felt its effect in the resulting progress are the Center's alumni. They have been part of Eastman's momentum, and a major purpose of this publication will be to serve as a link between them and the institution they and others have helped to create.

'Momentum' is intended to be a two-way exchange, and it will reflect what we hear from you. Keep us up-to-date on your activities - promotions, appointments, opening of a new office, honors and awards, and personal information. Tell us what you would like to see in the future - EDC news, news of alumni, commentary, etc. At this time, we plan two issues a year, but if there is a demand for more frequent publications, we will meet that demand.

We'd also like to ask you, if you haven't already done so, to please fill out and return the alumni questionnaire about your

current activities that was sent to you by EDC. If you haven't received one, or if you know of any alumni who haven't received one, please let us know.

'Momentum' is for others, too: for those who make up the staff of the Dental Center today, and for those who previously held positions here; for the members of the board of trustees, a very vital and active group of people who are giving time to make things happen here; and for many others who have shown an interest. These people have given something, and in the process of giving, have contributed in some way to the Eastman Dental Center's momentum.



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Let everyone celebrate your good news. Bookmark the news and events page on your computer and we'll include your news in Momentum!

Connect with classmates and fellow alumni from around the world by joining the online community. Register for life-long email forwarding, learn about the latest events and activities, update your address information or make a gift on-line. Visit

## Did you receive The BYTE?

Dentistry has launched its first online alumni e-news in August 2006. **The Byte** will be distributed via e-mail on a quarterly basis and more often for special news. It will contain newsworthy information from Dentistry along with topics of special interest from the Medical Center and the University.

We hope you will use **The Byte** as a way to keep up-to-date on our news and also as a communication tool to let us know about what's happening in your life.

To view the latest issue of **The Byte** visit <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/dentistry/byte/page1.htm>

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# ENHANCING ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTH FOR THE YOUNG

## Infants And Children Living In Poverty In The Rochester Community Will Receive Better Dental Care Because Of A Grant Renewal.

The effects of Early Childhood Caries (ECC) may be well established by 12 months of age so the disease may cause considerable destruction to the teeth long before a preschool child is seen by a dentist or hygienist.

An early intervention program in the Strong Hospital ambulatory pediatric clinic was funded with a grant from the Dental Bureau of the New York State Department of Health since infants and children are more likely to be seen by a pediatrician or a nurse practitioner than they are by a dentist during early childhood.

The grant has been renewed for \$42,400 per year for the next five years. The renewal is based on the significant increase in the number of children

treated prior to the onset of ECC during the initial funding period.

The research team involved in the grant renewal includes Drs. Ronald J. Billings, principal investigator, Neil Herendeen, Robert J. Berkowitz, and Jeffrey Karp. The team also includes Lenora A. Colaruotolo, Kimberly Flint, Mary Therese Whelehan, and Patricia Ragusa.

The program was a collaborative effort involving the faculty, staff, and residents of the University of Rochester Medical Center departments of Dentistry and pediatrics, and the Division of Social Work. The goal was to improve awareness and to increase dental referrals for children at risk of ECC.

Parents are talking with Kimberly Flint, social work health project counselor, regarding the importance of good oral health habits for their son, who is being treated in the Pediatric Dentistry Clinic.



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# FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

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James T. Henderson

The Eastman Board owes a debt of thanks to Jim Henderson for the dedicated service he has performed on behalf of this organization.

He has served in a number of important positions in addition to being a Board member over the past three decades.

He has provided leadership in the areas of finance, development, and personnel management.

He has diligently attended meetings and lent his support as the Board transitioned through the merger with the University of Rochester Medical Center. He has been a voice of caution, wisdom, and caring as the Board and the dental center branch out into new directions and initiatives.

He has brought his skills, his energy, and his loyalty to the Eastman Dental Center

Foundation Board of Directors ...and for that, we honor him by making this tribute an official part of the June 2007 Board meeting.

### Reaching out

The Board is making a concerted effort in reaching out to new members who can provide a healthy mix in several categories:

**National Leaders in Dentistry:** People who can open doors to opportunity and provide our Dental Center with external perspectives on oral health issues.

**Community Leaders:** Representatives from the corporate world, government, and not-for-profit organizations who can help build awareness and support for EDC.

Eastman Dental Center has an ambitious vision in the areas of education, oral health care, and research. The Center is fortunate to have a dedicated faculty and staff, ambitious residents and international students, supportive friends, and sound leadership. We are deeply proud of the richness and diversity of our alumni body and of the extraordinary work they do in their communities around the world. Together, we can achieve the Center's vision, and then, beyond.

My best,

William W. Richardson

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## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

The Eastman Dental Center Foundation Board of Directors includes individuals who have historically supported the mission and vision of the University of Rochester Medical Center and Eastman Dental Center. They are interested in promoting and supporting the mission and vision of Eastman Dental Center, and are nationally prominent in oral health education, research, and clinical care and support the mission and vision of the Center.

Several years ago, the Board began to branch out in a number of areas.

### New Website

The world has gone digital, the Internet has become one of the most popular ways to communicate across the globe, and the Board is now on the electronic highway with its own Website.

I was amazed to learn that Dentistry's recruitment efforts, which used to involve sending out hundreds of packets of information, is now done via the Dentistry Website. The forms can all be downloaded and there is an extensive Q&A site designed to help prospective students with any questions they may have.

The process is easier, cost effective, and quicker, which helps increase our recruitment efforts. We had 585 applications for 58 available positions in 2007 and the numbers continue to increase.

### Academic Advisory Committee

The Board appointed an Academic Advisory Committee to assist Dentistry and Medical Center leadership to maintain and improve the quality of oral health education and research. The committee will do this by an ongoing review process of Dentistry's educational programs and research activities.

The Board members appointed to the Committee include William Calnon,

DDS, Cecile Feldman, DMD, MBA, Christopher Fox, DMD, DMSc, and Richard Ranney, DDS, MS, the Committee chair. The group expects to review two Eastman Dental Center programs per year, beginning with the Periodontology Program this summer. The review process will be based on a report form completed by the program director and followed by a one-day site visit review.

For each review, the program director may also suggest content experts in addition to the standing Committee, one of whom would be chosen for the review. The review is intended to be a constructive, interactive, and non-punitive process to assist programs in their efforts to support the mission and vision of Dentistry and the University of Rochester Medical Center.



William Richardson

### Saying goodbye

At the June Board meeting, a tribute was read for James Henderson who has resigned from the Foundation Board after a long and devoted service.

This morning, we honor James T. Henderson, a dedicated friend of the Eastman Dental Center Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors.

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Have you visited the Dentistry Website at <http://www.urmc.rochester.edu/Dentistry/>

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