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2002 Dental Graduates' Commencement/Awards Brunch



The School of Dental Medicine hosted a commencement/awards brunch specifically for graduating dental students on Sunday morning, May 10th at the Farmington Marriott. Each student's future plans along with their respective awards are as follows:

Denise G. Barresi (Private Practice)
School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Sophie A. Cadieux (AEGD, Temple, Philadelphia, PA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Friends of the School of Dental Medicine – Fox Award; Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis Award.

Rebecca L. Cochrane (Prosthodontics, UConn Health Center)
School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American College of Prosthodontists Award; Oral Biology Award.

Aaron A. DeMaio (GPR, Hartford Hospital, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award;

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award; American Society of Dentistry for Children Award; Kohrman Award; Dr. Robert G. Levine Award.

Elissa Ann Eaton (Orthodontics, State University of New York, Buffalo) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Alpha Omega Fraternity Award; American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology Award; American Association of Orthodontists Award; International Congress of Oral Implantologists Pre-doctoral Achievement Award.

Aaron Reza Farrokh (AEGD, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Elie M. Ferneini (OMF Surgery, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Horace Wells Award from the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology; The Quintessence Award for Research Achievement.

Jon Robert Friedberg (Periodontics, UConn Health Center)
School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American Academy of Oral Medicine Award; American Academy of Periodontology Award; American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Award; International College of Dentists Award.

Kullen Gallagher (AEGD, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Award.

Pooja Gupta (AEGD, University of Texas Health Center, San Antonio)
School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

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Message from the Dean

Peter Robinson, DDS, PhD

One of our major research initiatives, Skeletal Biology, was recently showcased in Litchfield, Connecticut. As reported in this issue of the Compass, "The First Annual Skeletal, Craniofacial and Oral Biology Symposium" occurred on May 31-June 2. An important feature of this event was that it illustrated how incredibly well integrated our skeletal biology programs are within the Health Center. This retreat demonstrated the amazing synergy occurring between all departments of the School of Dental Medicine and three departments and one center in the School of Medicine. The successful cooperation found in the musculoskeletal programs is exactly the type of effort we must continue to foster for our small, but robust Health Center to reach our academic goals; together we will flourish.

In contrast, though we are most pleased to continue our joint Commencement exercises with the School of Medicine, the School agreed to a slight deviation from the "tradition." This year the School of Dental Medicine had a special "faculty appreciation" reception co-sponsored by the graduating class and the Dean's Office, followed by an Awards Brunch for the students and their families. These two events allowed the School family to have celebrations separate from the School of Medicine.

An important founding feature of this Health Center is the strong positive working relationship between the School of Dental Medicine with the School of Medicine. The recent research symposium is an excellent example of how this symbiotic relation greatly benefits both schools. However, at times it is important for the School of Dental Medicine to express its own special identity, which was what took place at our Commencement program this year.

Commencement/Awards Brunch *continued...*

Umar Ul Haque (GPR, University of Illinois, Chicago) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Joshua Daniel Howard (AEGD, Temple, Philadelphia, PA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Michael Andrew Ioannou (Pediatric Dentistry, Montefiore/Albert Einstein Medical Center, Bronx, NY) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Rinu Joseph (GPR, St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Chad Alan Kasperowski (AEGD, VA Hospital, San Antonio, TX) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Allan B. Reiskin Award.

Jason Arthur Kasprzak (Private Practice, Greenwich, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons Award.

Anthony Peter Laudano (OMF Surgery, Hospital of St. Raphael, New Haven, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Emily Anne Lazure (GPR, St. Francis-Hartford Hospital, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Amy Z. Lee (Endodontics, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American Association of Endodontists Award; The Northeastern Society of Periodontists Award.

Carolyn Yea-Huey Liang (GPR, VA Medical Center, Manchester, NH) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Jessica Foster Locke (GPR, University of Colorado, Denver) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American College of Dentists Award (awarded during the New England Section Annual Meeting at the Yankee Dental Congress in February); The Pierre Fauchard Academy Award; The Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Restorative Dentistry.

Anjali Jain Lueck (AEGD, University of Florida, Jacksonville) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Marion Mattioli Award.

Tannaz Z. Malekzadeh (Periodontics, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; The Quintessence Award for Clinical Achievement in Periodontics.

Sophie Markovich (Orthodontic Fellowship, University of Florida, Gainesville) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Christopher M. Maulik (Orthodontics, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Aravind Balagopalan Menon (Pediatric Dentistry, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities; South Park Inn Dental Clinic Award.

Jose Fernando Meza (Endodontics, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; The Neurosciences Award.

Ryan Alexander Noseck (Prosthodontics-Implant Fellowship) UConn Health Center; School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

(Left to right): Dr. Mina Mina (Pediatric Dentistry) and Dr. Angles Fuentes, a pediatric dentistry resident, at the 2002 IADR meeting in San Diego; Collegial discussions at the Skeletal, Craniofacial and Oral Biology Symposium in June.



Rima B. Patel (AEGD, University of Missouri, Kansas City) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Bonnie Lynn Payer (AEGD, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American Association of Public Health Dentistry.

Paul Angelo Perciballi (Private Practice, Long Island, NY) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Academy of General Dentistry Award.

Blythe Marie Pikosky (Endodontics, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Nick H. Randall II (GPR, Berkshire Medical Center, Pittsfield, MA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Pericles Christos Rountos (AEGD, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Jeffrey Carl Russo (Private Practice, East Windsor, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Academy of Dental Materials Award; American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award; Dr. Loeb Prize.

Jessica Anne Russo (AEGD, University of California, San Francisco) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Carlivette X. Santamaria (GPR, Boston Medical Center, MA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Alla Sinitski (GPR, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Hartford, CT) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

David Jin Song (Pediatric Dentistry, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Tarryn Strating (Orthodontics, Tufts University, Boston, MA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; Dr. Richard G. Topazian Award.

Stephen Joseph Turella (U.S. Army AEGD, Fort Lewis, Seattle, WA) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Lyndi Le Vo (GPR, University of California, Los Angeles) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award.

Julie Tolve Walder (AEGD, UConn Health Center) School of Dental Medicine Community Service Award; American Academy of Dental Practice Administration.

Shawn Daniel Zahner (GPR, Hartford Hospital, CT) School of Dental Medicine Award for Community Service; American Academy of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology Award.

School of Dental Medicine students made another mission of mercy to Peru this spring.



Skeletal, Craniofacial and Oral Biology Training Program Symposium on Osteoporosis a Success

by Alan Lurie, DDS, PhD and William B. Upholt, PhD

The First Annual Skeletal Craniofacial and Oral Biology Training Program Symposium, held May 31 through June 2, 2002 at the Wisdom House in Litchfield, was attended by 75 trainees, faculty, and visitors ranging in ages from 2 to 81. Highlights of the retreat included keynote addresses on "Bone in Health and Disease" by Dr. Lawrence Raisz and on "Academic Careers in Dentistry" by Dr. Ricardo Martinez, Associate Director for Program Development for the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.



Trainees gave twenty oral and poster presentations, and there were many opportunities to network with colleagues and faculty. Discussions occurred over meals and during the evening poster sessions. Formal and informal small group gatherings offered trainees opportunities to discuss with each other and with faculty the various career options in academic dentistry, as well as their concerns about their futures. Twenty-nine trainees attended including dental students, DMD/PhD trainees, combined resident/PhD trainees, postdocs and faculty. Twenty-three School of Dental Medicine faculty representing all departments plus 11 School of Medicine faculty were present.

The weather was beautiful, and the available free time was spent in bird watching, hiking to Topsmead State Forest, relaxing, and visiting Litchfield. The Skele-

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