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From the Dean

The holiday season is officially here, and we are keeping busy with travel, gathering with family and friends, shopping, sending greetings and, of course, waiting in traffic. In all of this holiday rush, I hope each of us finds time to reflect on and be grateful for all we have in our lives and in our nation. I hope each of us also finds time to share our blessings with others and offer encouragement and support when needed. In this challenging economic climate, I am proud of your commitment to work together to achieve successful outcomes. Wishing you peace, happiness and fulfillment in the new year.

-Lonnie H. Norris

School Receives William Gies Award for Achievement

Tufts University School of Dental Medicine has been named a recipient of a 2011 William J. Gies Award for Achievement for an academic dental institution.

The annual awards, given by the ADEAGies Foundation, "honor individuals and organizations

exemplifying dedication to the highest standards of vision, innovation and achievement in dental education, research and leadership." The awards are named for the dental education pioneer William J. Gies, who in 1926 published a landmark report that established the importance of dentistry as a healing science and as an essential component of higher education in the health professions.

The Gies awards will be presented on March 14, during the 2011 meeting of the American Dental Education Association in San Diego.

"The ways this year's Gies Award winners demonstrated achievement, innovation or vision truly stood out among a group of exceptional nominees," said Richard W. Valachovic, president of the ADEA Gies Foundation and executive director of ADEA. "It is a privilege to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, to educate and to advance global oral health."

The other winners are: American College of Dentists, for achievement as a public or private partner; California Dental Association, for vision as a private or public partner; the Center for Women's Health at Trover Health Systems, for innovation as a private partner; Caswell A. Evans Jr., D.D.S., M.P.H., for achievement as a dental educator; Michelle M. Henshaw, D.D.S., M.P.H., for innovation as a dental educator; J. Bernard Machen, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., for vision as a dental educator; Diarmuid B. Shanley, B.D.S., M.A., M.Sc.D., for achievement as a dental educator; and the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, for vision as an academic dental institution.

NIH Clinical Research Training Program

Edward Lahey, D00, hosted a lunchtime session on December 1 to talk about his experiences in the Clinical Research Training Program at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md. Thirty students attended the session, held in the Becker Board Room.

Lahey took a year off after his third year at Tufts to participate in the program. Participants, known as fellows, spend a year engaged in a mentored clinical or translational research project in an area that matches their personal interests and professional goals.

After graduating from Tufts, Lahey completed the six-year combined M.D.-oral and maxillofacial surgery certificate program at Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital. He currently is an attending at MGH and is on the faculty at Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Students Present at Greater New York Dental Meeting

Two students presented their research at the Greater New York Dental Meeting, which took place from November 26 to December 1 in New York City.

Catherine DeFuria, D12, discussed "Shear Bond Strength of Different Resin Cements to Zirconia," and

Alireza Ashrafi, D11, talked about "Correlation of Severity and Morbidity in Odontogenic Infections and the Administration of Appropriate Empirical Antibiotic Therapy as Documented by a Five-year Retrospective Analysis."

The Greater New York Chapter of the Tufts Dental Alumni Association and the Office of Dental Development and Alumni Relations hosted a reception and dinner on November 30 at the Marriott Marquis for 55 alumni and guests who attended the New York meeting. **Kathleen O'Loughlin, D81**, executive director and chief operating officer of the American Dental Association, was the keynote speaker.

A Shared Commitment to Service

Dental and medical students at Tufts University are serving the underserved by running a free health-care clinic for patients in the Greater Boston area. Known as the Sharewood Project (www.sharewood.info), the health-care organization operates out of a church basement in Malden, Mass., on Tuesday nights. The students are supervised by Tufts faculty.

The dental component was founded in 2001 and was reactivated in November 2009 by two Schweitzer fellows, **Ross Icyda, D11**, and **Hubert Park, D11**. Dental students provide oral health and cancer screenings, offer oral health education and assist in referring individuals to local clinics for dental treatment. Tufts medical students were recently featured in a segment on *NBC Nightly News* about Sharewood: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/3032619/#40182965>.

The dental students want to continue to grow and develop the oral health component of the project. To do that they need more faculty involvement and more students from all four classes to volunteer. If you're interested or want more information, contact: Hubert Park (hubert.park@tufts.edu), Ross Icyda (ross.icyda@tufts.edu), Vincent Trinidad (vincent.trinidad@tufts.edu) or Dani Currier (danielle.currier@tufts.edu).

Care Packages for Our Troops

During the first two weeks of November, the 33 students who are attending dental school on military scholarships provided through the Health Professions Scholarship Program collected an abundance of food, candy, magazines, books, DVDs, reading lights, holiday decorations and other goodies to ship to two U.S. Army units stationed in Afghanistan. **Ayse Dason, D12**; **Jessica Dillon, D12**; and **James Koehler, D13**, led the effort.

The 15 boxes of items have already reached their destination:



Here & There

Abeer Basunbul, Jessica Chiang and John Ficarelli, D73, have attained diplomate status in the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry

Wai Cheung (periodontology) has been promoted to associate professor.

On October 2, **Jonathan Garlick** (oral and maxillofacial pathology) presented the keynote talk on "Stem Cell Research and Dentistry" at the annual reunion at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine.

Timothy Hempton (periodontology) gave a presentation on "Extraction and GBR Techniques for Socket Preservation," "Contemporary Periodontal Management for the Restorative Dentist" and "Crown Lengthening Surgery" at the Indian Society of Periodontology's 35th National Conference in Bangalore October 28-29.

Aidee Herman (periodontology), former president of the Hispanic Dental Association, received the Presidential Award during the organization's annual meeting in Chicago in October. Herman also received the Award for Latino Excellence in Education from Latin Roots on November 20 in recognition of "her excellent work promoting a better education for Latinos in New England."

Rory O'Neill (periodontology) spent the week of October 21-25 at the University of Southern Nevada College of Dental Medicine as a guest lecturer in the Department of Orthodontics. The main focus of his

lectures to orthodontic residents was on interdisciplinary dentistry, with particular emphasis on the periodontic-orthodontic interrelationship. He also spent time in the clinic demonstrating surgical techniques.

Carole Palmer (public health and community service) presented three abstracts at the American Dietetic Association's Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo November 5-9 in Boston: "Food and Beverage Consumption Patterns and Oral Bacterial Species As Risk Factors for Severe Early Childhood Caries," "Development of a Pediatric Cariogenicity Index" and "Dietary Patterns and Severe Early Childhood Caries in a Sample of Low-income Young Children." Palmer's article, "Feeding a Healthy Relationship," appeared in the November 2010 issue of *Preventive Dentistry* (UK).

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YMCA Honors Dean Norris

Dean Lonnie H. Norris was one of three Boston community leaders honored by the Wang YMCA of Chinatown at a dinner celebration on November 7. In a statement in the event program, Tufts President Lawrence S. Bacow praised Norris for his dedication to "education, inclusiveness, excellence and community. He has strengthened the school's commitment to service and increased the capabilities of its clinics to reach out to Chinatown's children," the president said.

Also honored at the event were Alan E. Lewis, chairman of Grand Circle Travel and Kensington Investment Company Inc., and Nancy Yee Solomon, a lifelong member of the Wang Y who serves on the organization's Board of Advisors.

The YMCA has served the Chinatown community for nearly a century.

Mock Accreditation Site Visit to Saudi Arabia

A delegation from Tufts School of Dental Medicine traveled to Saudi Arabia for a mock site visit for the pre-doctoral dental education program at King Abdulaziz University (KAU) in Jeddah. KAU is preparing for international accreditation by the American Dental Association's Commission on Dental Accreditation.

The Tufts team, which was in Saudi Arabia from October 28 through November 5, included **Dean Lonnie H. Norris**, Executive Associate Dean **Joseph Castellana**, and Associate Deans **Nancy Arbree** and **James Hanley** and **Adel Abu-Moustafa**, the dean for international affairs at Tufts School of Medicine.

They also visited Umm Al-Qura University, a new government-sponsored school in the Makkah area, and agreed to assist that institution in creating a six year dental curriculum, based on Tufts' four-year program. Tufts will also offer support in faculty development.

Town Meetings Seek Input for Dean Search

The first of two town meetings to gather input from faculty as part of the search for the next dean of Tufts School of Dental Medicine took place on November 16 in Merritt Auditorium.

Faculty were encouraged to provide comments to representatives from Storbeck/Pimentel, the firm hired to assist the dean search committee, headed by Tufts Provost and Senior Vice President **Jamshed Bharucha**.

For faculty who were unable to attend the November session, a second town meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 15, at noon in Merritt Auditorium. Lunch will be served.

The administration does not anticipate scheduling additional sessions, so faculty who are unable to attend are encouraged to email tufts dental@storbeckpimentel.com to provide suggestions and recommendations.

Here & There

William Lobel (general dentistry) was inducted as a fellow of the International College of Dentists during the annual meeting of the American Dental Association in Orlando, Fla.

Rory O'Neill (periodontology) delivered a lecture on "The Orthodontic Periodontal Connection" on October 2 in Nice, France, during the Congress of the International Academy for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Dentistry (IAAID). O'Neill was also chosen as president-elect of IAAID.

Nooruddin Pradhan (pediatric dentistry) has attained diplomate status with the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry.

Morton Rosenberg (oral and maxillofacial surgery) directed the first "Sedative and Medical Emergency Course for Assistants" on October 23 during the meeting of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry in San Diego.

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Dean Norris Announces His Retirement

On September 15, Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** announced his upcoming retirement, effective August 31, 2011. Norris was appointed interim dean in July 1995, following the retirement of **Erling Johansen**, and became dean in February 1996. He joined the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine community in 1977 as a resident in oral and maxillofacial surgery, and has been a faculty member at the school since 1980. He is a tenured professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

In his announcement to the dental community, the dean wrote, "I feel in my heart that the time is right for this transition. The school is in an excellent position. We have maintained a balanced budget while enhancing and improving all aspects of our academic standards, clinical operations, patient care, community service and research. We are extremely fortunate to have a strong core of administrators, faculty and staff to support us. Our alumni are devoted and generous, and our Beyond Boundaries campaign is within 90 percent of the goal and on target for completion in 2011.

"Most recently, the successful completion of the vertical expansion project has afforded us space for growth and expansion. We are well positioned to continue to be innovative in the development of additional programs and services.

"My wife Donna, my children, Marlaina, M99, and Michael, A01, and I have been embraced by the Tufts community and are fortunate to be a part of the Tufts family. We've enjoyed a special relationship with our overseers and trustees, and as we traveled the world, Tufts alumni have welcomed us warmly.

"Over the next year, my plans include staying very active in the ongoing renovation projects, completing our capital campaign, supporting the development of our faculty and staff and enhancing our educational and patient-care programs. I'm focused on leaving Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in its strongest position and in the most positive light. I look forward to completing my final year working together with you, my remarkable colleagues," the dean wrote.

Mehta Named Interim Chair of Public Health

Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** has appointed **Noshir Mehta**, chair of the Department of General Dentistry, to serve as interim chair of the Department of Public Health and Community Service. Mehta oversaw public health and community service when it was still a division within the Department of General Dentistry. This appointment comes following the resignation of **Catherine Hayes** as chair of public health and community service. The dean is in the process of selecting a search committee for a new department chair.

Big Honors at Komen Race for the Cure

Seventy-five runners and walkers represented Tufts School of Dental Medicine at the 2010 Komen Race for the Cure in Boston on September 25. It was the largest turnout in the eight years the dental school has been participating in the event, which raises money for breast cancer research. Tufts Dental was recognized with an award for the largest participating college or university team. The 2010 team captains were **Colin Pedersen, D12, Nick Gordon D12, and Liz Turner, D11.**

Turner provided *News@TuftsDental* with some fun facts about race day: **Catherine Dahl, D12**, an inspirational breast cancer survivor, ran the entire race with a smile on her face; faculty members **Ralph Fowler** and **Sheldon Sullaway, D62** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), defended their age group titles with first- and third-place finishes (27:32 and 50:31, respectively), and each won a pair of running shoes. **Mark Gonthier** and **Carrie Garinger** represented the administration in 20:44 and 27:25, respectively; **Nick Gordon, D12**, was the first Tufts Dental male to cross the finish line in 19:31; **Jill Kollar, D12**, was the first Tufts Dental woman in 25:30.

Wide Open Tournament

More than 100 alumni and friends participated in the 28th annual Wide Open Golf and Tennis Tournament on September 20 at the Wellesley Country Club in Wellesley, Mass. The tournament has raised more than \$275,000 for the Dental Alumni Association Student Loan Fund since its inception. Co-chairs of this year's event were **Peiman Mahdavi, D91, DG94, John Millette, D91, and Derek Wolkowicz, D97, DG00.**

The Student Loan Fund is especially important in a down economy to help students reduce their indebtedness.

Town Meeting Updates

Dean **Lonnie H. Norris**, Executive Associate Dean **Joseph Castellana** and Associate Deans **Nancy Arbree, Mark Gonthier** and **James Hanley** hosted school-wide town meetings in Merritt Auditorium on September 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 to update students, faculty and staff on student performance on the National Board Dental Examinations Parts I and II, curriculum revision, clinic operations and plans for renovating the second floor of the dental school.

Orientation

Orientation for the 2010-11 academic year was held on September 7 in Merritt Auditorium. The program featured presentations on digital dentistry by **H.P. Weber** and on caries management by risk assessment (CAMBRA) by **Peter Arsenault.**

Here & There

Lewis Wharf Dental Associates, the practice of **Robert Chapman, A63, D67, DG74, William Maness, DG73, DG75, and Pamela Maragliano, D04** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), earned Adult Preventive Practice of the Year honors at the American Dental Association meeting in Orlando, Fla. Dona Roberts, the practice's dental hygienist, shares in the recognition. A major part of the competition was a one-hour presentation at the meeting. The team's presentation detailed their preventive practices, including their modification of the CAMBRA protocols and how CAMBRA was implemented successfully in the private-practice setting; their periodontal protocols; risk assessment and risk management and the encouraging results that the team has compiled from a research project that they conducted. The team studied the success of its caries prevention program and how it relates to quality of life and plans to publish their research.

Morton Rosenberg, D74 (oral & maxillofacial surgery), was lead faculty for the "High Fidelity Human Simulation for Anesthetic and Medical Emergencies" courses at the annual meeting of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, held in Chicago September 29 through October 2. He also presented a program on "Pharmacology for the Oral Surgical Assistant" at the meeting.

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Faculty Recognition Luncheon

Nearly 200 guests attended the School of Dental Medicine's eleventh annual Faculty Recognition and Service Awards Luncheon on August 6 at the Boston Harbor Hotel. The event recognizes the entire faculty for their contributions to the school and specifically honors faculty with awards for years of service at five-year intervals.

Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** gave the welcoming remarks and the faculty toast and acknowledged **Thomas Winkler III** (who could not attend) as the traditional presenter of the toast. Associate Dean **Nancy Arbree** served as emcee.

This year's award recipients are:

Five Years: Harish Gulati (general dentistry), **Paul Stark** (general dentistry), **Qui-Sheng Tu** (general dentistry), **Emina Zaganjori** (endodontics), **Christophe Egles** (oral pathology), **Pamela Yelick** (oral pathology), **Kalpakam Shastri** (oral surgery); **Maria Kritsineli** (pediatric dentistry), **Arnold Weiss** (pediatric dentistry), **Francesca Failla** (periodontology) and **Parul Taneja** (orthodontics).

Also, from prosthodontics and operative dentistry: **Chad Anderson**, **Peter Arsenault**, **Laurence Barron**, **Nathaniel Chan**, **Lisa Emirzian**, **Robert Gerlach**, **Angelica Gil-Levin**, **Frank Kam**, **George Maryniuk**, **Damian Meola**, **Vanessa Newton**, **Anthony Paolucci**, **Roberto Pellecchia** and **John Sorenson**.

And from public health and community service: **Uduak Anako-Okereke**, **Thomas Barnes**, **Jerry Kohen**, **Steven Uranga McKane**, **Alan Pan**, **James Seligman** and **Medha Singh**.

Ten Years: **David Mitchell Singer** (endodontics), **Robert Cohen** (general dentistry), **Frederic Hyman** (general dentistry), **William Morlang** (oral pathology), **John Bonner** (periodontology), **Paul Levy** (periodontology), **Tannaz Shapurian** (periodontology), **An-I Tsai** (periodontology), **Lichelle Aldana** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), **Huda Stipho** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), **Samuel Thomas** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), **Daniel Kane** (public health and community service) and **John Morgan** (public health and community service).

Fifteen Years: **Eileen Doherty** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), **Marco Ferrari** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) and **Cynthia Yered** (public health and community service).

Twenty Years: **Jay Marlin** (endodontics), **Murad Padamsee** (general dentistry), **David Paul** (general dentistry), **Peter Theoharidis** (oral surgery), **Timothy Hempton** (periodontology), **Aidee Herman** (periodontology), **Ronald Perry** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) and **Kenneth Malament** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry).

Twenty-five Years: **Daniel Lee** (general dentistry), **Arthur Weiner** (general dentistry), **Barry Briss** (orthodontics), **Bahram Ghassemi** (orthodontics), **Carol Ann Blanchard** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) and **Jamie Lee Wong** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry).

Thirty Years: **Elliot Goldberg** (endodontics), **James Kane** (orthodontics), **Lonnie Norris** (oral surgery), **Gerald Grasso** (periodontology) and **Richard Miller** (public health and community service).

Thirty-five Years: **Michael Thompson** (general dentistry), **Morton Rosenberg** (oral surgery), **Marcel Korn** (orthodontics), **Carl Perlmutter** (orthodontics), **Terrence Griffin** (periodontology), **Robert Rudy** (periodontology), **Robert Doherty** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry), **Iqbal Singh** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) and **Alvar Gustafson** (anatomy and cellular biology)

Forty Years: **Lewis Estabrooks** (oral surgery) and **William Maness** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry)

Carol Blanchard and **Lewis Estabrooks** donated the cost of their gifts to the school's student loan fund. Appreciation was expressed to **Christine Robertson** for coordinating the event and **Mary-Ellen Marks** for her assistance.

Orientation Is September 7

Orientation for the 2010-11 academic year will take place on Tuesday, September 7.

Though this year's orientation will be similar to last year's, there will be a few changes. Attendance is mandatory for all D11 and D12 students (each class will meet for a one-hour session in Merritt Auditorium). On the agenda are **H.P.Weber**, who will talk about digital dentistry, and **Peter Arsenault**,

who will discuss CAMBRA.

The school will provide lunch from noon to 1 p.m. for all returning students, faculty and staff.

Faculty, A.G.E. students and staff are not required to attend orientation on September 7. Instead, they are invited to attend one of five town meetings that will take place on September 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14 from noon to 1 p.m. in Merritt Auditorium.

New Director in Orthodontics

Vassiliki (Vicky) Cartsos, a member of the dental faculty since 2006, will become director of the advanced education program in orthodontics on September 1. Cartsos, who was recently promoted to associate professor, has essentially been performing the duties of program director since Leslie Will left the school in 2009. Cartsos received her D.M.D. from Tufts in May 2010, an M.S. in 1996 and her advanced education certificate in orthodontics in 1994; she is also board-certified. "Having Vicky as the new director will provide our program with the stability and continuity that we need heading into the future," said **Barry Briss**, department chair.

O'Loughlin Receives AAWD's Highest Honor

Kathleen O'Loughlin, D81, the executive director and COO of the American Dental Association, has been chosen by the American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD) to receive the 2010 Lucy Hobbs Taylor Award, its highest honor. The award recognizes service to dentistry on the basis of achievement in civic, cultural, humanitarian and academic areas.

O'Loughlin, the first woman executive director of the ADA, practiced for 20 years in Medford and Winchester, while serving as an assistant clinical professor at Tufts School of Dental Medicine. In addition to her dental degree, she holds a master's in public health and health-care management from Harvard University.

A trustee of Tufts University, O'Loughlin is also a member of the International College of Dentists, the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Tufts Dental Alumni Association.

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Postgraduate Research Day

The dental school hosted its first Postgraduate Interdepartmental Research Day on June 25 in Rachel's Amphitheater. Twelve students in advanced education and master's degree programs presented their research. Congratulations to the winners:

First place: **Yu-Tien Lin**, Orthodontics, "The Relationship between Dental and Basal Anatomy of Mandible in Class I & Class III Malocclusion"

Second place: **Mohamed Ahmed**, Master of Science, "Investigating the Role of Programmed Cell Death in Exocrine Gland Inflammatory Diseases"

Third place: **Hussein Babsail**, Master of Science, "Auto-antibodies to Np63 as a Biomarker in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma"

Paul Stark, director of advanced and graduate education, organized the event.

Top Ten

Tufts dentists captured eight of the Ten Under 10 awards given each year by the Massachusetts Dental Society's Standing Committee on the New Dentist to recognize practitioners who have been out of school for less than a decade for their contributions to the profession, their community and/or organized dentistry.

Among this year's recipients are: **Heidi Birnbaum Aaronson**, D08 (prosthodontics and operative dentistry); **Matthew R. Fantasia**, D00; **Paul S. Gamber Jr.**, D02; **Norman E. Lee**, D02, DG06; **Sam A. Merabi**, D05; **Medha Singh**, DG04, DG05, DI10 (public health and community service); and **Parul Taneja** (orthodontics).

The 2010 recipients will be profiled in an upcoming issue of the *Journal of the Massachusetts Dental Society*.

The Awards Keep Coming

The dental school's Vertical Expansion Project has won a Building of America award, which recognizes the country's most innovative, unique and challenging construction projects.

The award-winning projects represent the best in new construction and renovation. [Read more on the story and view photos.](#)

Other awards include:

- The Boston Society of Architects (BSA) Honor Award for Healthcare Facilities Design
- The International Facilities Management Association (IFMA) Boston Chapter's Best Practice Award
- The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) LEED Silver Certification

Golden Crown Award Luncheon

Shahira "Sherri" Balal, budget analyst, and **Denny Tran**, dispensary assistant, were chosen by their colleagues to receive this year's Golden Crown Award for outstanding performance by a non-faculty staff member. The criteria for the award, now in its 15th year, includes expertise, exceptional interaction with others, continuous improvement, resourcefulness and results and leadership.

The dental school and its satellite facilities employ about 200 non-faculty staff members. Whether supporting students or faculty or maintaining the facility, each staff member, in his or her unique way, makes an important contribution to the school and Tufts University.

About 175 people attended the Golden Crown luncheon on June 3 in the Alumni Lounge on the 15th floor. Serving on the Golden Crown Committee are **Janet Markell** (chair), **Patty DiAngelis**, **Maureen Lombard**, **Tanya Lungelow**, **Kevin O'Dea**, **David Paul** and **Sherry Wilson-Johnson**. Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** expressed appreciation to **Ellen Tomassini** for coordinating the luncheon.

Education on the Road

Dental alumni and friends combine fun and learning as they travel the world with the Tufts Travel/Learn Program. Walking in the footsteps of pharaohs by the Red Sea, playing golf in Scotland, and touring the Italian Riviera are just a few of the trips Tufts dentists have taken. One dentist called his journey to the Red Sea "a wonderful experience with a great group of people." For information about upcoming trips visit www.TuftsTravelLearn.org or contact Usha Nand Sellers, program director, at usha.sellers@tufts.edu or 617.627.5323.

Here & There

Michael Kahn was installed as president-elect of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at its meeting in Tucson, Ariz., in May. In addition, **Michael Hall** and **Lynn Solomon** both gave continuing education presentations at the national meeting: Solomon on oral spindle cell carcinoma and Hall on a case of oral leprosy.

Medha Singh (public health and community service) is a certified academic fellow of the American Academy of Oral Medicine. She passed the certification examination at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Oral Medicine in New Mexico in April.

Lokesh Suri (orthodontics) gave a presentation on "Bone Plates as Orthodontic Anchors" at the annual session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Washington, D.C., in May.

David Tesini (pediatric dentistry) received the Manuel M. Album Award, recognizing significant contributions to the oral health of children with special needs, at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry on June 1 in Chicago. Tesini is a past president of the American Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities and former associate chief dentist of Tufts Dental Facilities for patients with special needs. In accepting the award, Tesini thanked "all the kids with special needs who chose me as their pediatric dentist."

Pamela Yelick (oral and maxillofacial pathology) was featured in the May issue of *Strides in Science*, the American Association for Dental Research e-newsletter that highlights AADR members' accomplishments and how their involvement with the association has been an important part of their career in research. [Read more.](#)

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Commencement 2010: They're on Their Way

At a ceremony on Carmichael Quad on Tufts' Medford/Somerville campus on May 23, 190 students received their D.M.D.s, including 23 graduates of the International Student Program and seven in the Faculty Track International Student Program. Also recognized were three M.S. degree recipients and 55 students who were awarded postgraduate certificates of achievement in dental specialties and fellowships. At least 120 dental school faculty members participated in the ceremony and Dean Lonnie H. Norris, DG80, expressed sincere gratitude to them for their excellent attendance in celebration of the Class of D2010's achievements.

Dean Norris, thanked the class for their patience and constructive input during the school's vertical expansion, the 18-month construction project that added five floors to the dental building at One Kneeland Street. "We are fortunate to have had you as students," Norris said. "Your input [as alumni] will help us continue to be a leading dental school in our beautiful new space."

Class president **Meghann Dombroski** thought back to the first time the group came together in Merritt Auditorium four years ago, recalling the nervous anticipation in the air that day. After 27 dissection groups, 84 exams, two board exams, two Boston sports championships, 24 marriages, 19 babies and one water main break, she said, "I feel that same nervous apprehension. I still have butterflies. But I love beginnings, and this is the start of our future. When you have tough days, remember what you're feeling today."

At the all-university Commencement earlier in the day, **Sol Gittleman**, a professor beloved by thousands of Tufts graduates, told the class that in order to understand and be ready for the future, they must know about the past. "Each generation," he said, "has to grow from the previous one, learn from its errors and build."

Gittleman, the Alice and Nathan Gantcher University Professor and the university's provost from 1981 to 2002, was the main speaker and the recipient of an honorary degree. In addition to Gittleman, Tufts President **Lawrence S. Bacow** presented honorary degrees to **Richard Dorsay**, A60, M64, a founding member of the Leonard Carmichael Society, a student group that coordinates volunteer activities of undergraduates; **Kristina M. Johnson**, the Under Secretary of Energy in the U.S. Department of Energy; **Ann Hobson Pilot**, former principal harpist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra; and **Gordon S. Wood**, A55, a Pulitzer Prize-winning historian who was on the faculty at Brown University for nearly 40 years.

At the dental school ceremony, the Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching and Service went to **Noshir Mehta**, DG73, DI77, professor and chair of general dentistry and a member of Tufts faculty since 1976. **Peter Arsenault**, D94, an assistant clinical professor of prosthodontics, and **Marcelo**

Suzuki, an assistant professor of prosthodontics, shared this year's Dean's Award for Excellence in Clinical Teaching. **Paul Leavis**, an associate professor of physiology, received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Basic Science Teaching. **Anthony Silvestri**, E69, a clinical professor of prosthodontics, and **Charles H. Rankin**, D79, DG86, a professor of endodontics, received the Dean's Award for Excellence in Pre-clinical Teaching.

Rankin, who has won the teaching award 11 consecutive years, reminded the class to maintain balance in their lives, to keep their parents proud of them and to cherish the freedoms granted by the United States.

For more on Commencement, go to http://tuftsjournal.tufts.edu/2010/05_2/features/03.

-Jacqueline Mitchell

Undergrads Explore Dental Careers

The Dental Admissions Office hosted its seventh annual Tufts Undergraduate Open House, "Exploring a Career in Dentistry," in April. Twenty-four students from the Medford/Somerville campus, ranging from freshmen to post-baccalaureate students, attended the event. **Carol Baffi-Dugan**, associate dean of undergraduate education, and **Shirley Smith**, associate director of pre-professional advising, both based on the Medford/Somerville campus, also attended.

Prospective students were welcomed by **Mark Gonthier**, associate dean of admissions and student affairs, and **James Hanley**, associate dean for clinical affairs. **Nancy Arbree**, associate dean for academic affairs, spoke to the students about the dental curriculum as well as the many advantages of a career in dentistry. Students heard from **Maureen Lombard**, director of clinical services, about clinical training at Tufts Dental School and faculty member **Catherine Hayes** about public health and community service opportunities available to dental students. Students then had a chance to use the brand-new simulation clinic under the guidance of faculty member **Dorothy Vannah**.

Prospective students toured the dental school, including the five-floor addition, guided by current Tufts dental students. The prospective students ended their day at a reception in the 15th-floor student lounge, where they met with leaders of many of the student organizations.

OKU Convocation

Twenty-two students were inducted into the national dental honor society Omicron Kappa Upsilon at a ceremony on May 21 at the Radisson Hotel Boston. This year's guest speaker was **Naomi Rosenberg**, dean of the Sackler School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at Tufts. There was near-record attendance, including 126 OKU alumni, inductees and family members.

The D10/IS10 student inductees are: **Akash Aghera, Paul Ala, Fiona Andrea, Andras Balint,**

Nicholas Barone, Brian Crowley, Emily Dodds, Ninus Ebrahimi, Lydia Gardner, Amanpreet Gill, Keith Keller, Kelly Labs, William Stuart McKenzie, Derek Metzger, Andrew Nelson, Michael Paisner, Olivia Peiretti-Paradisi, Monica Rancourt, Anthony Quinta, Sumeet Sharma, Mary Talmo and Ann Thompson.

Also at the ceremony, **Corey Decoteau**, D12, received the Bates Day Research Award; **Rebekah Lucier**, D11, the Basic Science Award and **Andrew Zwiers**, D11, the Dental Science Award.

The faculty inductees are: **Medha Singh** (public health and community service) and **Paul Trombly** (general dentistry). Executive Associate Dean **A. Joseph Castellana** was elected to honorary membership.

Arthur Weiner (oral diagnostics), a former OKU president and current secretary/treasurer, presented outgoing president **Morton Rosenberg** with a gift on behalf of the Executive Board and members for his "awesome" efforts during the year. **Lynn Solomon** (oral and maxillofacial pathology) is the new president, and **Kathryn Ragalis** (general dentistry) is vice president for D11 and D12.

Welcome Back Alumni

More than 500 alumni and friends participated in Homecoming and Reunion Weekend this year. The festivities kicked off on Friday, April 30, with a welcome-back party at the UMass Club. **Noshir R. Mehta**, DG73, DI77, J01P, A07P, and **Gerard Kugel**, D85, SK93, gave continuing education lectures at the school on Saturday morning.

During the annual Tufts University Dental Alumni Association luncheon, **Arthur R. Falvey**, D69, J84P, and Dean **Lonnie H. Norris**, DG80, M99P, A01P, were presented with Alumni Association Awards, and **Paula Callahan**, dispensary supervisor, received the 2010 staff award, all for outstanding service and dedication to Tufts University, the School of Dental Medicine and the dental profession. Tufts President **Lawrence S. Bacow** spoke of the School of Dental Medicine and its accomplishments as he gave the university update.

The Langham Hotel was the venue for many of the weekend's events, including the class receptions and dinners on Saturday evening, when each reunion class presented Dean Norris with its class gift.

Reunion gifts made to the Tufts Dental Fund totaled \$376,057, and more than 489 alumni contributed. The Class of 1980, celebrating its 30th reunion, received the Golden Crown Award, for the largest five-year class gift, as well as the Cusp of Excellence, for the highest level of giving to the Dental Fund this year. The Porcelain Bridge Award, for the highest rate of participation, went to D55, the 55th reunion class.

The Class of D10 far surpassed the previous senior class gift record, with a participation rate of 96 percent and largest total gift.

-Susan Ahearn

Graduation Dinner

The 17th annual Graduation Dinner for the 2010 graduates took place on May 7 at the Westin Copley Place. The annual dinner continues to be very popular, with 420 students, faculty, staff and guests in attendance this year. Members of the class received 68 national and alumni awards during the event; two students in the Class of 2011 also received awards.

Here & There

Nancy S. Arbree, associate dean for academic affairs, has been accepted as a member of the 2010-11 class of fellows in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program for Women. ELAM is the nation's only in-depth program focused on preparing senior women faculty at schools of medicine, dental medicine and public health for institutional leadership positions.

Barry S. Briss (orthodontics), the American Board of Orthodontics liaison to the American Association of Orthodontists' Council on Orthodontic Education, participated in a panel discussion at the 2010 meeting of the American Dental Education Association in Washington, D.C. on "The Future of Postgraduate Dental Programs: The Challenge of Determining the Standards to Be Used When Evaluating Applicants for Matriculation."

Debbie Eisen (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) was selected to serve as a guest member on the Board of Trustees of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS). In this non-voting position, Eisen will participate in several board meetings over the coming year, offering input on a range of issues relating to the MDS and the dental profession.

Aidee Herman (periodontology) led a team of 18 faculty members and students on a mission trip to the Dominican Republic April 17-24. The team included faculty members **Carolyn Cottrell** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) and **Frank Shin** (prosthodontics and operative dentistry); Melvin Miller, D59; D11 students **Hannah Beatty, Elliot Chiu, Daniel Coleman, Nicole Cuoccio, Jide Johnson, Mehdi Aryan, Thomas Mascolo, Hubert Park, Kelly Phillips** and **Stephanie Moore** and D12 students **Marina Stakes** and **Mathew Burdick**. The team treated 603 patients. The faculty members gave lectures at the Universidad Nacional Pedro Henr?quez Ure?a in Santo Domingo: Herman on "Understanding Periodontal Disease and Tobacco;" Cottrell on "Forensic Dentistry" and Shin on "Solving Challenging Restorative Dental Procedures."

Neal Johnson, D05, and **Alex Smith**, D05, gave a presentation on "Learn from Someone Else's Mistakes So You Don't Make Them!" at a reception for alumni and friends that the Office of Dental Development and Alumni Relations hosted in Rachel's Amphitheater on April 30.

Nitin Khankari (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) is a new diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Donna M. Norris was named a Community Clinician of the Year by the Norfolk District Medical Society. Norris, the wife of Dean Lonnie H. Norris, practices child psychiatry in Wellesley, Mass.

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Bates-Andrews Day

Dear Tufts Dental Community:

Thank you all for supporting Bates-Andrews Research Day in its new venue on the 14th and 15th floors. It was a very successful event, and we want to acknowledge not only the winners, listed below, but also all the students who participated and the many faculty who assisted with judging and mentoring our student researchers. The commercial exhibitors provide the funding for this event. We appreciate their support and thank everyone who visited their tables. The artwork that graced the halls this year was supplied by **Tangy Person, Luz Marina Jutras, Roberta Davidson Stratton** and **Jill Kollar**. Thank you for that special touch. Special thanks also go to our keynote speaker, **Hans-Peter Weber**, the new chair of prosthodontics and operative dentistry, who gave an excellent presentation on "Clinical and Translational Implant Research: It Makes a Difference in How We Care for Our Patients."

Sincerely,
Eileen Doherty,
Director of Predoctoral Student Research,
and Gerard Kugel, Associate Dean for Research

2010 Bates-Andrews Day award recipients:

Best Postgraduate Poster Presentation (cash prize donated by Jess Kane, David Tesini and Nancy Jo Soporowski)

Ala Darrat, "The Influence of Timing of Coronal Preparation on the Retention of Translucent Glass Fiber-reinforced Composite Resin Posts and Composite Resin Cores Cemented with Two Different Cements"; faculty mentor: **Robert Chapman**

Best Scientific Research Presentation by a Senior, Andrews Society Award, (cash prize donated by Jess Kane, David Tesini and Nancy Jo Soporowski)

Todd Walker, D10, "Comparison of Shear Bond Strength of All-in-one Adhesive and Self-adhesive-flowable Resin"; mentor: **Gerard Kugel**

ADA/Dentsply Student Clinician Award for Pre-doctoral Table Clinic

Best Overall: **Rebekah Lucier, D11**, "Soft Tissue Protein Expression Modifications Following Exposure to Whitening Agents"; mentors: **Christophe Egles, Susana Ferreira, Jonathan Garlick and Gerard Kugel**

Second Place (cash prize donated by Kane, Tesini and Soporowski): **Catherine DeFuria, D12**, "Shear Bond Strength of Different Resin Cements to Zirconia"; mentors: **Ronald Perry and Gerard Kugel**

Third Place: (cash prize donated by Kane, Tesini and Soporowski): **Alireza Ashrafi, D11**, "Correlation of Severity and Morbidity in Odontogenic Infections and the Administration of Appropriate Empirical Antibiotic Therapy as Documented by a Five-year Retrospective Analysis"; mentors: **Constantinos Laskarides, Kalpakam Shastri, Maria Papageorge and Neophytos Demetriades**

Research Committee Award for Basic Science Research (cash prize)

Eileen Saunders, D11, "Adiponectic Inhibition of Bone Sialoprotein (BSP) Breast Cancer Metastasis to Bone"; mentors: **Qisheng Tu and Jake Chen**

Massachusetts Dental Society and ASDA Public Health Award

Helen Fassil, D12, "Sociodemographic Predictors of Early Childhood Caries and the Effect of Early Childhood Caries on Pediatric Oral Quality of Life"; mentors: **Wanda Wright and Catherine Hayes**

Omicron Kappa Upsilon Hilde Tillman Award

Corey Decoteau, D12, "Strength Analysis of Rebonded Composite Restorations"; mentors: **Shradha Sharma and Gerard Kugel**

Procter & Gamble Traveling Fellowship Awards

Farah Assadipour, D11, "Bioengineered Dental Microtissues in a Collagen-Matrigel Construct"; mentor: **Pamela Yelick**

Corey Decoteau, D12, "Strength Analysis of Rebonded Composite Restorations"; mentors: **Shradha Sharma and Gerard Kugel**

Dr. Chad Anderson Family Award for Innovative Methodology and Research Design

William Moore, D12, "Margin Characteristics of PFM Crown Copings Fabricated on Stereolithography Models"; mentors: **Eileen Doherty** and **Gerard Kugel**

Multicultural Award for the Advancement of Dental Research (travel award donated by Kistama Naidu)

Lily Hu, D12, "Altered Dentition in Retinoblastoma (Rb) Mutant Mice"; mentor: **Pamela Yelick**

A Silver Medal for Going Green

The school's vertical expansion project has received LEED Silver Certification from the U.S. Green Building Council in recognition of its sustainable design.

The building, which was formally dedicated last November, conforms to LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards, the nationally recognized green building model. The five-story expansion's 1,700 new windows, designed to bring more light into the building's interior, contribute to its energy-saving profile.

Community Service Forum

Twenty-five preceptors and guests, traveling from California, Illinois, Washington D.C., New York, Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts, attended the Community Service Learning Externship Program's annual forum on January 27. During the morning session, Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** gave the opening remarks, and preceptors talked about their externship sites to the Class of D11. Following the presentations, the students and preceptors talked one on one about the programs at the individual sites. The afternoon session for the preceptors included presentations from **Aruna Ramesh**, "Panoramic Interpretation;" **Kanchan Ganda**, "Antibiotic Facts and Pre-medication Guidelines," information on TUSK and tours of the new expanded dental school. **Cynthia Yered**, externship program director, coordinated the event.

Health Mission Returns to Nicaragua

David Paul (general dentistry) returned for a fifth year to Nicaragua from January 30 through February 14, this time leading a five-member oral health-care team from the School of Dental Medicine. Twelve students and faculty from Tufts School of Medicine also joined the mission to provide care to those from the most isolated and underserved areas of Nicaragua, the poorest country in the Americas.

In addition to Paul, the Tufts Dental team included three D10 students, **Stuart McKenzie**, **Alan Reid** and **Dustin Navarro**, along with second-year pediatric resident **Katayoon Dorosti**, D08. The team was based in the small village of Tadazna, and spent 11 days living and working without electricity, running water or indoor bathroom facilities. The Tufts contingent treated 275 surgical patients and extracted

more than 950 teeth. They also performed many consults, fluoride treatments, exams and other preventive care. Paul said the goal of this combined medical/dental school project is "to overcome the challenging conditions and to provide a unique and genuine learning experience for our students."

Into the Clinics

The eighth annual Clinical Advancement/White Coat Ceremony for the Class of 2012 was held on March 13 at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel in Boston. Nearly 925 family members, faculty and staff recognized the 167 students in the class as they moved to the patient-care phase of their dental education. Tufts Executive Vice President **Patricia Campbell** represented the university and was given the first white coat in recognition of her support of the dental school, for which she previously served as executive associate dean. Associate Dean **Nancy Arbree** was the presenter for the event, which featured opening remarks by Dean **Lonnie H. Norris** and Executive Associate Dean **A. Joseph Castellana**. Associate Dean **James Hanley** led the class in reading the Oath of the Dental Student. White-coats presenters included Dean Norris and Associate Deans **James Hanley, Gerard Kugel** and **Maria Papageorge**.

This year 16 faculty members and associate deans shared the reading of the students' names: **Noshir Mehta, Charles Rankin, Paul Kwan, Mark Gonthier, Catherine Hayes, Barry Briss, Lynn Solomon, Peter Brodeur, Terrence Griffin, Kanchan Ganda, Joanne Falzone, Ekaterina Antonellou, Wanda Wright, Walter Meinzer, Stanley Alexander** and **Paul Vankevich**.

The annual ceremony formalizes and symbolizes the transition of pre-doctoral students from basic science, biomedical science and pre-clinical education to the responsibilities of delivering patient care in the school's clinics.

Faculty, alumni and family members helped the students don the traditional white lab coat as part of the ceremony. This year, 14 Tufts Dental alums assisted in "coating" their children or other relative. The ceremony concluded with a luncheon at the hotel, tours of the dental school, dessert and coffee in the new Alumni Lounge on the 15th floor and guided discussions in the new Simulation Clinic led by Arbree and faculty members Falzone, **Yun Saksena** and **Dorothy Vannah**. Postgraduate residents in endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics and prosthodontics were also available to answer questions as families toured the school's new clinical floors.

Lessons in a Lunchbox

On March 11, the Department of Public Health and Community Service led a "Lessons in a Lunchbox" oral health education program for elementary school students in Boston.

Founded by Winifred J. Booker, CEO and director of development at the Maryland Children's Oral Health Institute, the Tufts edition of the program was held at the Elihu Greenwood Elementary School in

Hyde Park. Students in grades K-3 received brushing and flossing instructions and nutrition advice and watched a video about "plaque monsters." They also received lunchboxes with toothbrushes and toothpaste, donated by the Maryland Children's Oral Health Institute.

Participating in the program were department members **Natalie Hagel, Elaine Conroy, Latashia Harris** and **Casey McIntyre; Joke Alesh**, a Tufts undergraduate child development major; and **Amber James, Edward Song** and **Caroline Clerisme**, all D11.

Here & There

On March 12 the president of the Alpha Omega International dental fraternity, **Charlene Berkman**, visited the school. She graduated from Tufts Dental in 1978 and is the first woman to serve as president of the 103-year-old organization.

James Hanley has been appointed a commission consultant by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), and **Noshir Mehta** has been selected as a site visitor for CODA's evaluation of orofacial pain programs

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"Tufts Got Talent"

A "Tufts Got Talent" show was held on January 14 in Merritt Auditorium to benefit the Hispanic Dental Association's upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Performers included: **David Leader**, practice coordinator Group 6 (general dentistry), who sang and played guitar on "One Step Up" by Bruce Springsteen and "Mi Rancho," a Spanish children's song; pianist **Christopher Ban, D12**, who played "Marie" by Randy Newman and "Before You Accuse Me" by Bo Diddley; **Brashani Reece** (prosthodontics & operative dentistry), who sang "On My Own" from the musical "Fame"; **Min Seok Kim, D10**, who gave a martial arts demonstration; **Mark Sperling, D11**, who performed "bits and pieces" on electric guitar from the Beatles, Heart, Mason Williams and Led Zeppelin; and **Jill Kollar, D12**, who entertained the crowd with Poi, a performance art that uses spinning balls (or in her case, glow sticks) to create patterns. Poi is a traditional dance performed by the Maori people of New Zealand, who often sing or tell stories while manipulating the poi.

Other performances featured **Bill O'Brien** (Educational Media) playing "Fuse: The Reel Analog" on

piano; **Paulina Muller, Alyse Dason, Ryan Forney, Kimberly Newton and Mathew Burdick**, all D12, in a gymnastics routine; and **Gregory Josephsen, Matteo Sferlazzo and Broc Flores**, all D13, singing and playing acoustic guitars.

Students Get the Scoop on Research Opportunities

Students interested in pursuing research while in dental school or as a career heard about opportunities in science from their experienced peers during presentations in December about training programs offered by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The presenters included **Urvi Ruparelia, D11**, who took this year off from dental school to take part in the HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program; **Samantha Jordan, A06, D10**, who was a 2008-09 HHMI-NIH Research Scholar; **Edward Lahey, D00**, who talked about the Clinical Research Training Program at the NIH; and **Hubert Park, D11**, who discussed summer research opportunities at the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.

Over the years, just 14 dental students in the country have participated in the HHMI-NIH Research Scholars Program, which is also open to medical and veterinary students, and three of them have come from Tufts Dental School.

Greater New York Dental Meeting

Congratulations to **Rebekah Lucier, D11**, and **William Stuart McKenzie, D10**, for representing Tufts well at the 2009 Table Demonstration Competition at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in November. Lucier was awarded first place in the dental student research competition.

Both Lucier and McKenzie gave presentations at the meeting as part of their second- and third-place awards, respectively, at the 2009 Bates-Andrews Research Day. Lucier's project was on "Alterations of Three-dimensional Human Tissue Equivalents by Tooth-whitening Agents," and McKenzie's was on "Anatomical Changes Following SARPE Procedure."

Tufts President **Lawrence S. Bacow** was the featured speaker at the Greater New York Alumni Chapter reception/dinner, held in conjunction with the Greater New York meeting.

ADEA Applicant Code of Conduct Undergoes Revision

On December 15, **Melissa Friedman** (Admissions) attended a meeting of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) in Washington, D.C., as a member of a task force reviewing ADEA's policy on misconduct and irregularities in the admissions process for D.M.D., postgraduate and international students. The task force is revising the ADEA "Applicant Code of Conduct" as well as the questions asked on the AADSAS, PASS and CAAPID applications about prior disciplinary action.

The task force was convened after several reports of applicants who had falsified their applications by responding that they had never been subject to disciplinary action. Tufts is currently one of four dental schools in the country that require all accepted students to complete a "Dean's Certification of Disciplinary History" form prior to matriculating.

The task force anticipates having a new "Applicant Code of Conduct" and revised application questions for the start of the 2011 admissions cycle, which begins this spring. In addition, the task force aims to more clearly define consequences for applicants who have falsified their applications. ADEA will provide updates on the task force's work during its annual session in February.

Tufts Dental Magazine Wins Another Award

The winter 2009 issue of *Tufts Dental Medicine*, which included a cover story on geriatric dentistry, has won a Bronze Medal for Best Writing in the CASE 2010 District I Communications Awards contest. Congratulations to **Julie Flaherty** and **Jacqueline Mitchell**, both senior health sciences writers in Tufts' Office of Publications, whose wonderful story-telling talents brought this honor to the dental school.

Student News

Alana Bednarz, D12, has been selected to compete in the 2010 American Association for Dental Research (AADR) Student Research Group DENTSPLY/Caulk competition, which will take place on March 4 during the AADR annual meeting and exhibition in Washington, D.C.

Shirwac Mohamed, D13, and **Allyce Sullivan, D13**, have been awarded National Health Service Corps Scholarships for the current academic year.

Faculty News

Joanne Falzone has been promoted to clinical professor of prosthodontics and operative dentistry.

Amit Sachdeo (prosthodontics and operative dentistry) was initiated as an associate fellow of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics at its annual meeting in New York City in December.

Morton Rosenberg (oral and maxillofacial surgery) has been appointed to the International Sedation Task Force of the World Society of Intravenous Anaesthesia.

Lynn Solomon (oral and maxillofacial pathology) was named one of "Top 5 People to Watch" in the December 2009 issue of [*Dental Products Report*](#). Solomon, whose research focuses on developing a test to find antibodies that can help detect oral cancer and predict a patient's prognosis, is profiled as an "up and comer" in dentistry. According to one colleague, Solomon "is good in the community and offers her teaching to people of all levels in the dental office. She came out to my office a year ago and my staff still talks about her methodology."

Pamela Yelick (oral and maxillofacial pathology) has been elected to a three-year term on the North American Council of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS), which promotes education and research in tissue engineering and regenerative medicine.