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PURNIMA HERNANDEZ DDS, MA, PEDS '90

Q. DR. HERNANDEZ, AS A YOUNG WOMAN FROM INDIA, ENTERING A COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY GRADUATE PROGRAM IN DENTISTRY, WHAT WERE YOUR EXPECTATIONS?

A. I chose Columbia for its international reputation in pediatric dentistry, but intended to return home to Mumbai for practice. Instead, I accepted a fellowship, became an assistant professor and director of CDM's pediatric dentistry residency program, married a Columbia graduate student – and moved to New Jersey!

Q. WHERE YOU'VE BEEN PRACTICING EVER SINCE?

A. Yes, but I gave it up after my son was born prematurely with multiple disabilities, including autism. Naryan needed me as a full-time care provider and advocate. I began educating myself through Partners in Policy Making, a program teaching advocacy's power to change life positively for people with disabilities. Next, I researched pertinent health care regulations, and also studied sensory integration and behavior therapies.

Q. TODAY, YOU ARE WELL-KNOWN FOR TREATING CHILDREN – LIKE YOUR SON – WITH EXCEPTIONAL NEEDS.

A. Yes. Before Naryan's birth, I saw patients with disabilities, but had no insights about

their family life. Now, I have the necessary perspective to draw up individual pre-visit plans familiarizing each child with simple activities – like keeping his mouth open and having his teeth counted.

Q. HOW ELSE DO YOU HELP THE CHILD ADJUST?

A. Dentistry is multisensory, so I isolate difficulties with sight, taste, etc., offering alternatives. I let the child touch my dental instruments, seldom restrain her physically, and incorporate favorite activities during treatment. If she loves bouncing on a big ball, we clean a few teeth – and then we bounce! Clean a few more – and bounce again!

Q. YOUR CAREER IS QUITE DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE YOU ORIGINALLY PLANNED. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT?

A. I am doing exactly what I love, grateful that my son's problems have taught me so much I can share. My Columbia training and teaching have been so important to me: I am on St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center craniofacial team in Paterson, speak at conferences, and serve on the New Jersey Council for Developmental Disabilities. I also hope to write about this special area of pediatric dentistry.



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BEST DENTAL CARE... and the BEST VIEW

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The view of the Hudson River and George Washington Bridge, seen from every dental chair of the Medical Center faculty practice.

It is only five blocks from 165th Street at Fort Washington Avenue to 100 Haven Avenue at 171st Street, the old and new addresses of CDM's campus faculty practice. But Irma Perez, manager at both the old and new locations, says, "We've come a long way."

The move, made in February 2008, was a major change. The new quarters are significantly larger, with eight treatment rooms – three more than before – and an onsite laboratory and sterilization area, a modern surgical suite, and two rooms dedicated solely to consultation, where doctors and patients plan treatment based on computerized dental x-rays. Onsite specialists now include an orthodontist, an

endodontist, a second periodontist, and two prosthodontists. Staff and patients also rave about the spectacular view from every dental chair – a panorama of the Hudson River, the Palisades, and the George Washington Bridge!

Associate Dean for Extramural Programs Stephen Marshall, DDS, MPH, oversaw construction of the Columbia Dental Associates Medical Center Practice, working closely with Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine Murray Schwartz '53, Perio '58, who has wide experience in the design and remodeling of dental offices. It was not easy. The site, formerly dormitory lobby space, presented low ceilings

and intrusive existing columns, making it necessary to shoehorn the multiple utilities serving a dental practice's technological necessities into extremely cramped spaces. Although the 2,700-square-foot facility required significant time and money, its increased size, staff, and efficiency will allow the practice to grow from 6,000 to as many as 10,000 visits annually. About ninety percent of patients at the new clinic are faculty and staff from the Columbia University Medical Center. From 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and on two Saturdays a month, CDM faculty provide them with high-caliber, comprehensive specialty and emergency care.

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To Alumni, Faculty and Friends:

The eighty-sixth graduation of the College of Dental Medicine was held on May 22, 2008. Each year, I remind all those assembled about that remarkable document, "A Dental School on University Lines," published in May 1916 by a "Committee for a Columbia University Dental School." Its members included Dean

Samuel W. Lambert and William J. Gies, from the Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons faculty, as well as Henry and William Dunning, Arthur Merritt, Leuman Waugh, and William Jarvie, all prominent dental practitioners in New York City. They proposed the creation of a dental school at Columbia University, which, in addition to four years of training, "...the first two... to be identical with, and part of, the medical course," also called for a dental dispensary, providing free treatment to the poor, and opportunities for clinical experience for students of the new school. "Specialized research in dental science" was a third stipulation. For ninety-one years (the new school accepted its first students in 1917, and the first graduation was in 1922), we have remained true to those founding principles.

This issue of *Primus Notes* features our clinical care mission. In addition to our new private practice facility on the Columbia University Medical Center campus, we continue our commitment to those in our society who have difficulty accessing dental services. At our main sites in the Vanderbilt Clinic and our DentCare and ElderSmile programs in schools and nursing homes, the College provides oral health education and clinical services throughout our community.

We are proud of maintaining and strengthening this commitment to improving oral health among the residents of New York City.

Ira B. Lamster, DDS, MMSc, Dean

CDM RADIOGRAPHERS to interpret CBCT IMAGES for I-DONTICS SERVICE

In 2002, Alan A. Winter DDS, Perio '76, and Alan S. Pollack '80, Perio '83, formed a company, now called i-dontics, to deliver specialized digital imaging and processing for high precision dental procedures – placing implants, treating TMJ, and diagnosing and caring for many oral and maxillofacial conditions – to dentists in New York, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Florida. Recently, CDM agreed to provide interpretation of three-dimensional, cross-sectional cone beam CT scans for i-dontics' patient referrals. Dr. Christos Angelopoulos, Director of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at CDM, will oversee all image interpretation. CDM will also work with i-dontics on research in the field.



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With completion of the new facility, Dr. Marshall has recently taken on new duties for expanding the CDM DentCare and ElderCare programs and developing new offsite clinical education facilities. Consequently, on July 1, 2008, CDM Assistant Dean for Admissions Joseph McManus accepted

the added responsibility of directing the Columbia University Dental Associates' multispecialty dental clinics in Northern Manhattan, Morningside Heights, and Midtown at East 60th Street.

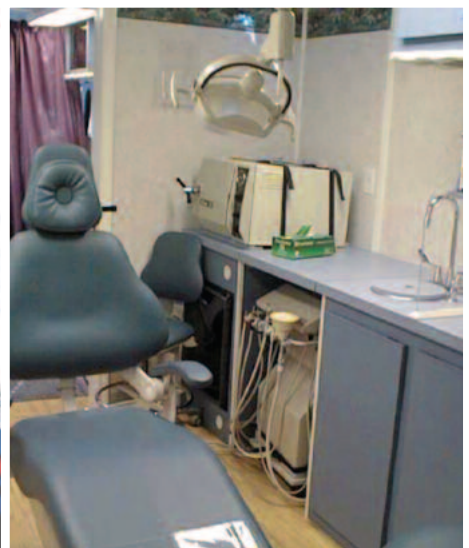


above: 100 Haven, nearing end of demolition, February 2007; and completion of clinic facilities in same area, early 2008.

NYSDOH MAKES \$1 MILLION GRANT to expand CDM COMMUNITY CARE

The Columbia University College of Dental Medicine has received a \$1 million New York State Department of Health grant that will benefit CDM offsite clinical programs. The funds will be used to equip and staff a dental facility in the

Edward W. Stitt School in Northern Manhattan and to purchase a new dental van for visiting dental programs serving the Columbia University Medical Center community.



HENRY NAHOUM '43, ORTHO '52 endows fund for "those with great promise"

Student, postdoctoral resident, and faculty member at Columbia University College of Dental Medicine for over forty years, Dr. Henry Nahoum has a strong allegiance to Columbia. Raised during the Great Depression, he traded his dream of becoming a chemist for a more stable career in dentistry. Because money was scarce, young Henry paid for school himself, working and studying at the same time.

With his own experience in mind, Dr. Nahoum recently made a gift of \$100,000 to the College of Dental Medicine, endowing the Henry Nahoum DDS '43 Fund, to provide scholarship awards in Orthodontics, with special consideration for those considering additional training at CDM in the area of craniofacial anomalies.

"I want to make support available to needy students," he says, "especially those who have great promise, but

because of inadequate finances cannot devote as much time as they want to their studies." Dr. Nahoum believes he, and others like him, can provide "the little push that will help" such deserving dental students. His generous gift – significant not only to CDM, but also to the field of dental medicine – will support professional training for talented future dentists who may make significant advances in dental medicine.

"Retirement" led Dr. Nahoum to Southern California, where he taught, first at the University of Southern California and later on the volunteer faculty of Loma Linda University, in both classroom and clinic. Dr. Nahoum is a student himself, taking classes in literature, economics, history – whatever excites him. Research remains a strong interest, especially in those studies connected to his earlier work on the use of a series of tooth positioning devices for comprehensive orthodontic treatment.



SATISH PAI '05, MS ORTHO '09, has been named the first recipient of the Nahoum Fund Scholarship Award in Orthodontics. Dr. Pai joined the College of Dental Medicine faculty in 2001 as an assistant professor of Clinical Dental Medicine and director of Clinical Information Systems.

In 2006, Dr. Pai began his postdoctoral studies in the Division of Orthodontics. His decision to focus on orthodontics, he says, is strongly associated with his love for children and a desire to help them.

CDM honors...

CLASS OF 2011 BROUGHT NATION'S SECOND-HIGHEST DATS TO CDM

Figures recently released by the American Dental Association showed that the CDM class of 2011 had the second highest DAT scores among all dental school entering classes in the nation. They are the second class in a row to bring this distinction to CDM. Nicknamed "The Magnificent Eleven" by Assistant Dean for Admissions Joseph McManus, the class includes students from many locations in the United States, as well as from other countries. Several of its members already hold advanced degrees in areas of study related to dentistry, or have come to CDM from a career in a different field.

The incoming CDM Class of 2012 also carries distinction, showcasing a high ratio of diversity. More than ten percent of this class is categorized as UID (Underrepresented in Dentistry), a higher rate than that found at many other dental schools. Congratulations to Dean McManus and to Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs Martin J. Davis for helping to bring these exceptional students to the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine.

CLASS OF 2008 ACHIEVES EXCEPTIONAL POSTDOC MATCH

The CDM graduating Class of 2008 was extremely successful in gaining places within a limited field of postdoctoral training spots for the twelve specialty areas of dental medicine. Eleven graduates, an extraordinary fifteen percent of the class, have been accepted by oral and maxillofacial surgery programs; seven, or ten percent of the class, have taken pediatric positions; and five are working in orthodontics. Four graduates joined prosthodontics programs, two are in endodontics, two in periodontics, and one in oral pathology. Twenty class members have chosen further training in general practice residency programs, seven are enrolled in AEGD programs, seven are in the uniformed services, and five are entering private practice.

DEAN SALENTIJN FIRST CDM FACULTY AWARDED CU PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

At the 2008 Columbia University Commencement on May 21, CDM Senior Associate Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn, the Dr. Edwin S. Robinson Professor of Dentistry (in Anatomy and Cell Biology), received the first Columbia University Presidential Teaching Citation given to a faculty member at the College of Dental Medicine. The Citation, established in 1996, "honors the best of Columbia's teachers."

Dean Salentijn's reputation as a fine teacher is well-known, but her academic scope reaches well beyond the classroom to research, administration, and the introduction of innovations in teaching methodology. She is currently focused on obtaining a licensing contract for *The Columbia Dental Review*, CDM's annual student and faculty research publication.

Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn receives the University Presidential Teaching Citation at Columbia's 253rd commencement ceremony this year.



FACULTY reports...



On April 7, the CDM Alumni Association, assisted by the CDM chapter of the American Association of Women Dentists, hosted a mentor reception for students interested in learning about career options. The event was held on the Morningside campus in the Butler Library Tauber Room, named for the father of CDM faculty member Robert Tauber '62. Students, alumni, and faculty members enjoyed each other's company during the evening. Above: Dr. Thomas Magnani '80 incoming president of the 1852 Society, talks with students about life after dental school.

DEAN DAVIS RECEIVES ASDA SERVICE AWARD

The American Student Dental Association presented its 2008 Faculty Award for "...Outstanding Dedication and Service to Dental Students and Organized Dentistry" to Martin J. Davis '74, Peds '75, Associate Dean for Student and Alumni Affairs, and Professor of Clinical Dental Medicine in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry.

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

MICHAEL DUONG '02, ORTHO '04, has been promoted to assistant clinical professor of Dental Medicine in the Division of Orthodontics on a part-time voluntary basis. Dr. Duong joined the CDM faculty in 2005 and holds a CUHC appointment.

PROFESSOR JEREMY MAO, DDS, PHD, director of the CDM Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Laboratory (TERML), has been invited to speak at the 2008 Greater New York Dental Meeting and will be keynote speaker for the 2009 meeting of the American Association of Endodontists. Dr. Mao, who was recently elected to the Council of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society, is also the lead editor of a new book entitled "Translational Approaches in Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine."

MICHAEL S. YUAN '03, ORTHO '91, MS, MA, PHD, has been promoted to associate professor of Clinical Dental Medicine, full-time, in the Division of

Orthodontics. Dr. Yuan, who received the Edward Zegarelli Teaching Award at the 2008 CDM Graduation Ceremony, teaches and supervises research in the predoctoral and postdoctoral orthodontic programs, as well as in anatomy and histology. He is a mentor for many postdoctoral student research projects and is co-principal investigator on a planning grant for digital storage of growth data. Dr. Yuan recently received a plaque from the P&S Class of 2011 expressing thanks, admiration, and appreciation for his "wisdom, gentleness, and ability to... accept life's challenges and use them to grow."

HOSPITAL DENTISTRY

SIDNEY EISIG, DDS, chair, Section of Hospital Dentistry, and director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, has been named editor for the oral and maxillofacial surgery section of the *Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Journal*, official publication of the American Cleft Palate/Craniofacial Association.

ADAM J. FREEMAN '92, assistant clinical professor in the Division of Oral Pathology and director of the forensic odontology area of concentration at CDM, has been elected President of the American Society of Forensic Odontology (ASFO), the world's largest forensic dentistry organization. In 2003, Dr. Freeman completed a fourteen-month fellowship in forensic odontology at the Center for Education and Research in Forensics (CERF), University of Texas

Health Science Center, San Antonio. While there, he carried out research on the distribution of bite marks in human victims, a study published in the *Journal of Forensic Sciences* in 2005, and recently presented a paper at the American Academy of Forensic Sciences on the history and accuracy of the ABFO number two ruler, a device for measuring injuries.

ORAL AND DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCES

ANAS SELMAN, DDS, ENDO '06, became a full-time instructor in Clinical Dental Medicine in the Division of Endodontics in the fall of 2007.

KLAUS AUMAYR, MD, and ANDREAS POLLREISZ, MD, have joined DR. EVANTHIA LALLA in the Division of Periodontics on research concerning mechanisms underlying the association between oral infection and atherosclerosis. Dr. Aumayr, a recent resident in pathology, and Dr. Pollreis, a former research fellow, came to Columbia from the Medical University of Vienna, Austria, where they earned their medical degrees and did postdoctoral work.

Two members of the laboratory headed by Dr. Panos Papapanou, chair of the Section of Oral and Diagnostic Sciences and director of the Division of Periodontics, earned awards at the July meeting of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) in Toronto. DR. JAN BEHLE, who recently earned his Master of Science degree in Periodontics at CDM, received the

organization's Past Presidents' Travel Award for an oral presentation titled, "Periodontal therapy alters systemic inflammatory mediator levels." Post-doctoral fellow MORITZ KEBSCHULL received the IADR/Philips Oral Healthcare Young Investigator Research Award for his study on the "Effects of periodontal therapy on gene and protein expression in the vascular endothelium."

EMIL KOZAROV, MS, PHD, has been appointed associate professor of oral biology (in Dental Medicine) in the Division of Periodontics. Dr. Kozarov holds degrees in pharmaceutical chemistry and molecular biology, is trained in cell biology and microbiology, and has taught at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Florida's Nova Southeastern University.

SHANTANU LAL, BDS, PEDS '01, assistant professor of Clinical Dental Medicine in the Division of Pediatric Dentistry, was the lead researcher for a report published in the May 2008 issue of *Pediatrics*. The study showed that children with diabetes may develop permanent teeth earlier than normal, which could cause an increase in subsequent dental problems.

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

LAWRENCE BAILEY, DDS, MPH '86, assistant clinical professor of Dental Medicine in the Division of Community Health, became a member of the National Dental Association-GlaxoSmithKline Spokesperson Program in the fall of 2007.

BURTON S. WASSERMAN, DDS, clinical professor in the Division of Community Health, has received the Special Care Dentistry Association's (SCDA) highest honor, the Saul Kamen Award. Named for the late Dr. Kamen, a colleague of Dr. Wasserman on the Community Health faculty at CDM, the award is given to a member of SCDA who has shown exemplary leadership and made significant contributions to advancing oral health care for those with special needs. Dr. Wasserman is chairman of dental and oral medicine at New York Hospital Queens, Flushing, and Wyckoff Heights Medical Center, Brooklyn.

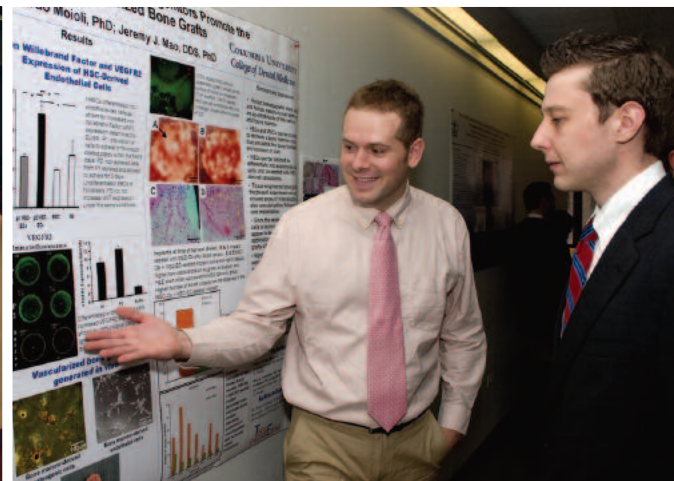
In February 2008, *The Dental Anthropology Journal*, Vol 20, issues 2 and 3, published an obituary honoring MELVIN L. MOSS, former dean of the Dental College. The article contains a full bibliography of Dean Moss's publications, with graphs showing their timespan and cumulative total. Dr. Edward F. Harris, the *Journal's* editor, wrote an accompanying essay about Dr. Moss's career and achievements.

STUDENT news...

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left: Dr. and Mrs. Robert Genco with Dr. and Mrs. Irwin Mandel at CDM's Birnberg Program. right: Helaman Erickson '08 shows classmate Rush Davidson details of the poster project he completed with Dr. Jeremy Mao for the 2008 Birnberg student research presentations:



Hematopoietic Stem Cell Derived Endothelial Progenitors to Promote Vascularization of Tissue Engineered Bone Grafts. His presentation was chosen to represent CDM in the October 2008 AADR Hatton Award Competition at the ADA annual meeting in San Antonio.

BIRNBERG RESEARCH PROGRAM SHOWCASES 41 STUDENT STUDIES

The Birnberg Research Program for 2008, organized by the Jarvie Society at CDM under the guidance of Dr. Richard Abbott, director of the Office of Research Administration, was held on April 9 and 10. Forty-one predoc-toral and five postdoctoral poster pre-sentations were on exhibition. Guest speaker Robert J. Genco, DDS, PhD, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Oral Biology, School of Dental Medicine, and in the Department of Microbiology, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences at the State University of New York at Buffalo, chose the topic, "Oral and Systemic Disease: Crossing the Barriers of Interdisciplinary Research in Academic Health Centers." During the

two-day event, Dean Lamster announced that the College's student research program would be named for Dr. Irwin Mandel in honor of the many decades he has given to encouraging, supporting, and mentoring student research in the basic sciences at CDM.

POSTDOCS CHOOSE DR. GOLDIN FOR FORMICOLA AWARD

Joel Goldin, DMD, clinical professor in the Division of Prosthodontics, received the Allan Formicola Volunteer Faculty Teaching Award for "dedicated and inspired teaching of postdoctoral students" at the Postdoctoral Graduation Ceremony held in the Alumni Auditorium on June 13. Fifty-two graduating students received Certificates or Master's of Science degrees in Endodontics, Orthodontics,



Dr. Goldin receives the Formicola Award from Dean Salentijn.

Periodontics, Prosthodontics, Ad-vanced Education in General Dentistry, Pediatric Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, and General Practice Residency programs.

RICHARD ANSONG '08 came to CDM through a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation-funded initiative, the Summer Medical and Dental Education Program [SMDEP]. The program helps students from underrepresented racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups to compete successfully for dental and medical school admission. In his fourth year at CDM, Richard volunteered for a mission with TABASAMU ("smile" in Swahili), a dental outreach project providing free dental care and education to underserved communities in western Kenya. Dr. Ansong says, "I have always craved new experiences in life and TABASAMU was quite exceptional. This whole trip beat my expectations... the organization and standard of care [were] phenomenal." He adds, "I envision establishing a similar mission to my home country, Ghana, someday, giving back... and staying connected to my roots." Meanwhile, Dr. Ansong will extend his dental training in prosthodontics at the University of Washington.

AWARDS

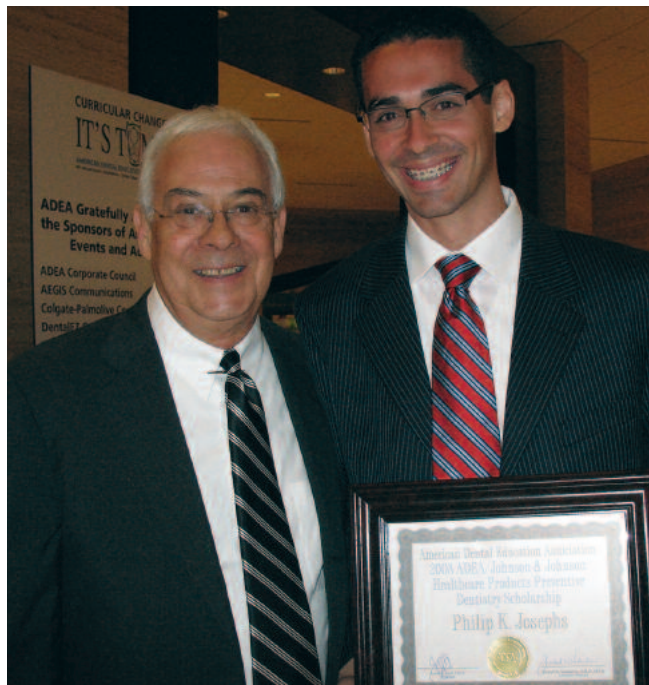
SOO KYUNG KIM ENDO '07 received the award for the best postdoctoral poster presentation during the American Association of Endodontics April 2008 annual meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia.

ADELE NEWELL '11 and **NHU-UYEN CUNG '10** were 2008 NIDCR/SDSA summer research award recipients. Adele worked in the laboratory of Dr. John Cisar, and Nhu-Uyen Cung with Dr. Wanjun Chen.

CARLO ENRICO GUEVARA '10 and **NHU-UYEN CUNG '10** were each selected to receive a \$2500 Minority Dental Student Scholarship from the ADA Foundation for the 2007-2008 academic year.

PHILIP K. JOSEPHS '08, MPH '08 was awarded his second ADEA/Johnson&Johnson Healthcare Products Preventive Dentistry Scholarship at the ADEA annual meeting in Dallas in March. Dr. Josephs' previous ADEA/Johnson&Johnson scholarship was awarded in 2006, when his older brother, Saleem Josephs '06, MPH '06, MBA '06, was also a recipient – and for the second time! The \$2500 awards support pre-

doctoral dental students, who are recommended by their deans at the fifty-seven US dental colleges for demonstrating academic excellence in preventive dentistry.



Dr. Richard Lichtenthal with second-time ADEA Preventive Dentistry Scholarship winner Philip K. Josephs '08, MPH '08.

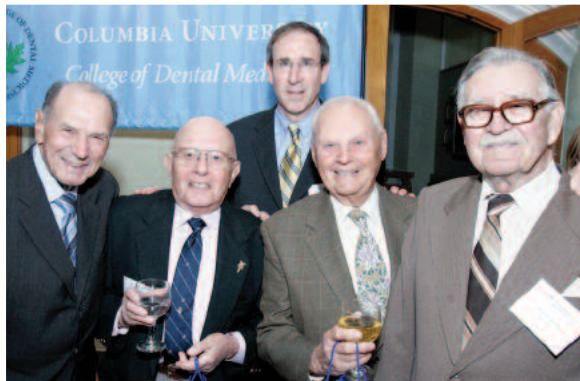
WAYNE STEPHENS '09 and Columbia University MBA candidate, the 2008 president of the ASDA, has been selected as a delegate to the American Dental Association annual meeting in October, to be held in San Antonio.

THE THIRD ANNUAL NYC ORAL CANCER WALK on April 12 was a major success. A record number of CDM community members participated, carrying their water bottles and wearing their limited-edition Dr. Mikey Yuan bandanas, which – as expected – sold out in a week. Dr. Yuan was an inspiration for CDM walkers, every step of the four-mile route.

ALUMNI REUNION 2008



The College of Dental Medicine is greatly saddened to report the death of Dr. Samuel Pritz '33 on June 28, 2008, only a week after losing his wife, Florence, to whom he had been married for sixty-three years. A tribute to Sam will be held in the fall.



top, left: Alumni President Lois Jackson '77, Peds '80 presents John Scarola '60 with the Distinguished Alumni Award.

top, right: In honor of his 75th reunion at the dental school, Sam Pritz '33 was given special recognition by Dean Lamster.

middle, left: CLASS OF '48 Stanley Mand and Walter Engel, Jr.

middle, center: CLASS OF '43: Stanley Mondshine, Norman Menken, Guido Lometti, Alexander Smith,

middle, right: CLASS OF '58: Thomas Fry, Morton Rennert, Charles Solomon, George Rudensky, Richard Slater, Robert Schiff, Milton Merritt, Leo Slawin, Walter Gutstein, Robert Isaacson.

bottom, left: CLASS OF '68: Richard Greenberg, Norman Boyd, Michael Apton.

bottom, right: CLASS OF '73: front row, left to right: Louis Tuzman, Sheldon Greenspan, Mark Jaffe, Peter Cain. back row, left to right: Roy Feldman, Jeffrey Senzer, Richard Lehrer.

(Dean Lamster joined all reunion classes for their photographs.)

More than one hundred alumni from classes whose graduation years end in a three or an eight attended the Columbia College of Dental Medicine Class Reunion Day on May 9, 2008. Dean Lamster's opening update on school achievements, activities, and goals was followed by a lively panel discussion on "Ethics and

Professionalism" and a presentation on improving teaching methods with new technology from Dr. Letty Moss-Salentijn and Dr. John Zimmerman. The day-long program ended with a festive cocktail reception at which each reunion class was given recognition and alumni received gifts presented by CDM students.

top, left: CLASS OF '78: Frank Stapleton, Jack Irwin, John Schmidt, and Stanley Moshman.

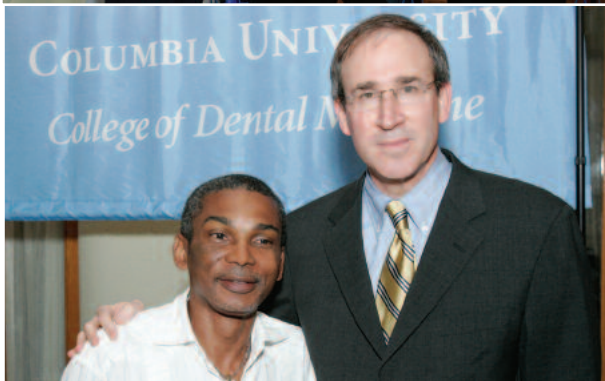
top, right: CLASS OF '83: Alex Greenberg, Frank Graziano, Joseph Ciccio, Nancy Schnur, Scott Levy, Richard Giannandrea, Howard Atlas, Richard Gochman, Marty Rube.

middle, left: CLASS OF '88: Neita Garfield

middle, right: CLASS OF '93: Bardi Toulabi, Arlene Montalbo, Sarina Reddy.

bottom, left: CLASS OF '98: Suzanne Duvalsaint, David Kim, Emily Ro, Nick Toscano, Rachel George, Francis Tang, Ronald Birnbaum, Allison Moses.

bottom, right: CLASS OF '03: Renuka Bijoor, Joshua Tuzman, Ayelet Yoles, Karam Ashoo, Arthur Volker.



ALUMNI notes



CDM ALUMNI EVENING: CUTTING EDGE CONCEPTS

More than seventy alumni, faculty, and students attended CDM's fourteenth Annual Alumni Evening Seminar at the Columbia University Club on March 25th. Associate Dean Martin Davis moderated the program, "Dentistry on the Cutting Edge: Current Concepts from Columbia." Professor and Chairman of the Section of Adult Dentistry Dr. Richard Lichtenthal spoke on "Risk Assessment and Minimally Invasive Dentistry," Assistant Dean and Postdoctoral Periodontic Program Director Dr. James B. Fine discussed "Utilization of the Laser in Periodontal Therapy," and Assistant Professor of Clinical Dental Medicine and Director of Postdoctoral Prosthodontics Dr. Kunal Lal reviewed "Computer Assisted Planning, Flapless Implant Placement and Immediate Loading of Dental Implants." The seminar was videotaped and will soon be available on CD thanks to Procter & Gamble's co-sponsorship.

top: Tzur Gabi, AEGD '08, Gail Schupak, Ortho '85, Neal Vallins '82, Lois Jackson '77, Peds '80, Clifford Melnick '85, and Renee Reynolds '10 enjoy dinner during the 2008 CDM Alumni Evening Seminar.

middle: Colleen Cournot, Howard Deutsch, and Frank Stapleton brought sixteen members of the Class of '78 together for a thirtieth anniversary reunion weekend in Manhattan on June 28 and 29. The group enjoyed a dinner cruise and gathered for a brunch at the CUMC Faculty Club, where they are seen, left to right: Priscilla Konecky Tepper, Peter Zegarelli, Howard Deutsch, Mark Tepper, Kenneth Cheng, Joe Shyong, Frank Stapleton, Colleen Keefe Cournot, Gary LoBasso, Debbie Griffin Iacono, Frank Iacono, Les Burstein, Dennis Bohlin, Ken Murphy, Bob Ziccardi, and Harvey Moskowitz.

bottom: Eighteen members of the Class of '63, with their significant others, held their forty-fifth reunion on May 10, a beautiful day, at the home of Dr. Michael Schwartz and Edie Ruger-Schwartz in New Paltz, NY. The celebration included a walking tour of the Historic Stone Houses in the area. The group plans to meet again for their fiftieth anniversary in 2013. Left to right: Michael Schwartz, Michael Wolf (partially hidden), Howard Tolk, Martin Seidman, Michael Rogow, Stuart Kuller, Joel Polter, Paul Hoffman, and Laurel Hoffman.

CDM DIVISION OF PERIODONTICS CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 2, 2008, Jan Lindhe, DDS, PhD, Professor, Department of Periodontology, Institute of Odontology, The Sahlgrenska Academy at the University of Gothenburg, Göteborg, Sweden, gave the annual Tenenbaum Endowed Lecture: "Periodontology 60 years on: Periodontal disease and its management." Following the lecture, guests attended the Postdoctoral Periodontics Program's sixtieth Anniversary Awards Luncheon at the Terrace in the Sky Restaurant, where fifteen Distinguished Alumni Awards and five Honorary Alumni Awards were presented.

top left: Distinguished Alumni honorees, left to right: Charles Berman, Howard Rodin, Steven Engebretson, David Pitman, Carlos Mendieta, Thomas Connolly, Matthew Neary, Peter Wang, Murray Schwartz, Evanthia Lalla, Denise How, Fraya Karsh, Laureen Langer. Not shown: Vincent Abbatiello, Susan Karabin, Ronald Odrich, Alan Winter.



ORTHODONTIC ALUMNI REMEMBER DR. DISALVO

The Orthodontic Alumni Society of Columbia University held a symposium on the subject of self-ligating brackets at its annual meeting on April 11 at the Columbia Club. The Society paid tribute to the memory of Dr. Nicholas DiSalvo, director, Division of Orthodontics, from 1958 to 1988. They also presented the Society's Distinguished Service Award to Assistant Clinical Professor Joy Hudecz for her outstanding contributions to Columbia and the specialty of Orthodontics.

top right: Five Honorary Alumni awardees: left to right: John Grbic, Ira Lamster, Panos Papapanou, Burton Langer, James Fine.



bottom: Charles Berman, Alumni President-Elect Janet Stoupel, Evanthia Lalla, Paul Tannenbaum, Morton Rennert, Carlos Mendieta, Robert Gottsegen, Steven Goodman, Panos Papapanou, Ted West, President Robert Knepper.



MICHAEL Z. MARDER '63: a creative mind at work



If you give your middle school girlfriend a very special present – a live snake in a chocolate box – it suggests a creative mind at work. In the case of Michael Marder '63, that would be all too true!

When many second graders were drawing stick figures, young Michael was producing a comic book, "Dogtown," and building puppets for shows he wrote and staged for family and friends. He was also very good at sewing, cooking, and ceramics, which he learned at the School for Ethical Culture on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Dr. Marder now thinks his teachers and parents may have wanted him to pay more attention to studying. "They were rather straight-laced," he says, "but, I was... a real 'California' kid!"

In spite of their differences, he became – like his father – a successful dentist! He learned gold casting for dental restorations from his father – useful for his dental career, but also for his hobby of making ornamental and functional metal and

glass pieces, for himself and for his friends. For more than forty years, Michael Marder has created elegant furniture and striking artworks, while maintaining a successful Manhattan dental practice, now shared with his son, Robert.

Dean Edward Zegarelli and Dr. Irwin Mandel were Mike Marder's chief mentors at Columbia. A charter member of

Dr. Mandel's famous "Salvation Army," Mike later bought his professor's practice, so they could pursue research together. He has been a clinical professor of Dental Medicine in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and director of Clinical Cancer Training in his forty-three years of teaching at CDM, and lectures frequently on a diversity of subjects.

Dr. Marder stopped designing his graceful metal pieces for a time in order to raise bison on a farm he owns in Pennsylvania. Early on, he planned a vineyard there, but found the area's temperatures too cold for successfully growing wine grapes. Sadly, bison meat turned out to lack popularity among his potential customer base. He has now happily returned to his art, but not as a financial venture, because he is "not in competition with artists, who depend upon selling their work for a living."

above: Dr. Marder offers dinner to one of his bison.

below: a graceful table designed and constructed by Dr. Marder.



EVENTS & CE COURSES

Wednesday, September 10	Implant Study Club Meeting. Speaker: Dr. Christos Angelopolous. 6 to 8 pm, CUMC. 3 CE credits, \$90.
Thursday, September 18	Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Alumni Reception, AAOMS Annual Meeting. 5:30 to 7 pm, Admiral Room, Sheraton Seattle.
Friday, October 10	Infection Control for the Dental Office. Speaker: Dr. Ronnie Myers. 9 am to 12 pm, CUMC. 3 CE credits, \$145.
Tuesday, October 21	1852 Society Recognition Dinner. 6:30 to 9:30 pm, location TBA.
Wednesday, October 22	Management of the Cleft Lip/Palate Patient. Speakers: Dr. Sidney Eisig, Dr. Margherita Santoro. 9 am to 12 pm, CUMC. 3 CE credits, \$145.
Monday, October 27	Percy T. Phillips Visiting Professorship: The Role of the Dentist in Overall Health and Well-Being. Speaker: Dr. Michael Glick, Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health. Co-sponsor, New York State Dental Association. 4 to 5 pm, CUMC. 1 CE credit.
Tuesday, October 28	Percy T. Phillips Seminar; Student/Scholar Presentations. 9 am to 12 pm, CUMC.
Wednesday, November 12	Osteotome Sinus Elevation: Lecture/Live Patient Surgery. Speakers: Dr. James Fine, Dr. Khalid Choudhary, Dr. Christos Angelopolous, Dr. Janet Stoupe, Co-sponsor BIOMET 3i. 9 am to 5 pm, CUMC. 7 CE credits, \$1,175; lecture only, \$175.
Friday, November 14	A Practitioners Primer: Current Topics in Dental Medicine. Speakers: Dr. Christos Angelopolous, Dr. Evantheia Lalla, Dr. Gregg Lituchy, Dr. Richard Yoon. Co-sponsor: Delta Dental. 9 am to 5 pm, CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Ave, NYC. 7 CE credits, \$245; Delta Dental members, \$80.
Wednesday, December 3	Alumni Reception at GNY Dental Meeting. 6 to 8 pm, Marriott Marquis, NYC.
Friday, December 12	Tobacco Cessation & Oral Health Effects of Tobacco Products. Speakers: Dr. Sidney Eisig, Dr. Lynn Tepper. 8 to 11 am, Columbia University Club, 15 W. 43rd St. 3 CE credits, \$145.
Friday, January 23	Infection Control for the Dental Office/CPR Recertification. Speakers: Dr. Ronnie Myers, Mike Caffrey, EMT. 9 am to 12 pm/1 to 4 pm, CUMC. 3 CE credits per session; \$145 per session, \$275 both sessions.
Friday, January 30	Alumni Luncheon at Boston Yankee Dental Congress. 12 to 1:30 pm, Renaissance, Boston Waterfront Hotel
Spring/Summer Preview 2009	March 7: Patricia McLean Dental Hygiene Symposium. April 5: Women's Oral Health Care Conference. May 8: Class Reunion Day. July 4-8: CE Cruise to Bermuda.

The Columbia University College of Dental Medicine Class of 2008 held its eighty-sixth graduation on May 22 at the New Balance Track & Field Arena in the Armory on the Medical Center campus. New York State Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell, Jr., was guest speaker for the ceremony, which was projected on a Jumbotron above the podium.



For further information regarding these events and courses, please contact Melissa Welsh at 212-305-6881 or mmw7@columbia.edu.

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