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Drs. Steven and Lucille London come to
Stony Brook from the Medical University of
South Carolina, bringing with them their
expertise and ideas for implementing
innovative research and student programs
at the School of Dental Medicine.

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From the Dean

There has been a significant number of comings and goings at the School of Dental

Medicine in the past year. First, the comings: We have been most fortunate in recruiting two especially talented faculty members, Drs. Steven London and Lucille London, both from the Medical University of South Carolina (see story on page 12). Dr. Steven London is our new associate dean for academic affairs and professor of oral biology and pathology; Dr. Lucille London joins her husband Steven as an associate professor in the Department of Oral Biology and Pathology. She is an accomplished and funded immunologist who will bring added strength to current research projects in that discipline at our School.

Now, sadly, the goings: Dr. Burton Pollack, who has enjoyed, at turns, a unique, six-decades-long career as a lawyer-dentist, dean, and faculty member, has retired to join his children and grandchildren in Tennessee (page 4). Dr. Pollack tirelessly taught ethics, law, pediatric dentistry, and public health here and at the University of Maryland. In his last years at Stony Brook, he performed these duties cheerfully as a volunteer. He will be greatly missed.

Also retired is Dr. Mark Swerdloff, who has the distinction of having taught oral surgery to every dental student graduated from the School of Dental Medicine to date and has served on nearly every committee in the School. Dr. Swerdloff was at Stony Brook for 32 years (page 5).

The School also bid farewell to cutaneous gene therapy pioneer Dr. Lorne Taichman, an oral biology and pathology stalwart at Stony Brook since 1974 (page 2). He was one of the School's top research scientists and a significant member in the University's graduate studies programs. Dr. Taichman has left academia to conduct pharmaceutical research and identify promising new avenues of gene therapy.

As we reminisce about the esteemed colleagues who have left us and celebrate their decades of accomplishments, we must also look to the future with our current faculty members, many of whom continue to win awards and receive recognition for their achievements. The School recognizes Dr. Vincent Iacono, past president of



the American Academy of Periodontics, who recently received the academy's Presidential Award for Distinguished Service (page 3); Dr. Christopher Cutler, professor of periodontics, newly appointed associate dean for research (page 6); and Dr. Lorne Golub, distinguished professor of oral biology and pathology, for making presentations at major symposia (page 6). Of special significance are the achievements of Dr. Patricia Lewis, who developed our

Advanced Program in Pediatric Dentistry and received a \$1 million federal grant to train pediatric dentists and improve access to pediatric dentistry for children on Long Island (page 4).

Our professors and researchers aren't the only members of the School to celebrate outstanding achievements—again this year the School has shared in the accomplishments of our graduating class at a spirited convocation ceremony and awards ceremony (pages 9 and 10). Stony Brook continues to achieve 100 percent placement of graduates in general practice residencies and/or advanced specialty training programs in choice locations on Long Island and in the greater New York City region. I am confident these new dental graduates—who have become new alumni—will distinguish themselves in clinical service. Many of them will become involved in our Dental Alumni Association, which recently hosted a reception (see page 15). I want to thank the members of the Alumni Board of Directors for their enthusiasm, financial contributions, and continuing efforts to re-energize our alumni association.

Finally, I call your attention to the extracurricular activities of a special group of Stony Brook dental students who have risen in the ranks of the American Student Dental Association (page 7). Their leadership and energy have brought national recognition to our School, and many years from now some of them might even be changing the face of the dental industry. Thanks to all of them—and to our great faculty and staff—who have helped make the School of Dental Medicine the highly regarded school it is today.

Dr. Barry Rifkin
Dean, School of Dental Medicine

Cutaneous Gene Therapy Pioneer Leaves Stony Brook

Oral Biology and Pathology Professor Dr. Lorne Taichman, whose research contributed to the development of cutaneous gene therapy, has retired from his full-time duties at the School of Dental Medicine to conduct pharmaceutical research.

He joined the faculty of the School of Dental Medicine in 1974 as assistant professor in the Department of Oral Biology and Pathology. A native of Canada, Dr. Taichman received his M.D. degree in 1965 from the University of Toronto, Ontario. Following medical school, he completed an M.Sc. degree in experimental pathology in 1967, also at the University of Toronto, and received a Ph.D. in molecular biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1971. From 1971 to 1974 he conducted postdoctoral research on chromatin structure under the supervision of Dr. Oliver Smithies at the University of Wisconsin.

“Without a doubt, Dr. Taichman was the best educated and trained individual to be recruited by a dental school in 1974, and Stony Brook University was most fortunate that he chose to join its faculty,” said Dean Barry Rifkin. “Dr. Taichman lost no time in establishing himself as one of the school’s top research scientists and became a significant member in the University’s graduate studies programs,” he said.

In 1976 Dr. Taichman obtained a grant from the National Institute of Dental Research to investigate the differentiation of stability in keratinocytes. In 1980 this project was approved for a merit award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and was renewed through five competitive cycles. Dr. Taichman was



Dr. Lorne Taichman joined the School of Dental Medicine in 1974.

soon recognized in NIH circles as a skin and mucosal cell expert.

In 1985 he established the Living Skin Bank, a laboratory that provides cultured epithelial autografts to burn victims at Stony Brook University Hospital. The facility, housed in the Department of Oral Biology and Pathology, is supported by grants from the New York State Legislature and local fire departments, and several research grants from NIH and corporate entities. The Living Skin Bank continues to flourish under the current director, Dr. Marcia Simon.

During the early years of Dr. Taichman’s research career he explored the possibility of using skin cells for gene therapy, specifically, using the skin as a “factory” to produce secretory products needed to replace faulty proteins resulting from prior genetic mutations. He envisioned the transfer of new genes to skin cells to treat inherited skin diseases and other metabolic disorders. From 1990 to 2000 he lectured extensively at universities around the

country on the potential of cutaneous gene therapy.

His research in establishing the secretory component of keratinocytes (skin cells) contributed to the development of the new science of cutaneous gene therapy. He received several grants to support these investigations from Johnson & Johnson, the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, and Transkaryotic Therapies Inc.

As a leader in this new science, Dr. Taichman was chosen to organize the first International Conference on Cutaneous Gene Therapy, which was held in 2000 at the Natcher Conference Center, Bethesda, Maryland. He also organized or co-organized several regional meetings on gene therapy, including one held in Montreal during the 1985 meeting of the International Association for Dental Research.

During his 30-plus years at Stony Brook, Dr. Taichman served as graduate student thesis supervisor to 12 Ph.D. candidates and several post-doctoral research fellows. He held an adjunct appointment in the Department of Dermatology, where he participated in the resident teaching program and collaborated on various research projects. Dr. Taichman participated in the predoctoral and postdoctoral education of dental students by lecturing on the genetic aspects of molecular biology and keratinocyte biology. He demonstrated his expertise by developing a course in oro-facial genetics, believed to be the first of its kind.

From 1982 to 1983 Dr. Taichman worked at the Pasteur Institute in Paris, where he conducted research on the in vitro propagation of human papillomavirus. This work was supported by a senior fellowship from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. Recently, he chaired company meetings and con-

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—Dean Barry Rifkin

ferences on potential therapeutic opportunities in the developing fields of proteomics and metabolomics.

Dr. Taichman has received numerous awards in recognition of his accomplishments in research and teaching. In 1991 he received a State of New York and United University Professions Excellence Award for overall achievement as a scientist and teacher. In 1999 he was named chair of the Gordon Research Conference on Keratinocyte Differentiation and Keratinization. As a pioneer in the field, in 2000 he was selected to serve as editor of a special issue of the journal *Human Gene Therapy* on the topic

of cutaneous gene therapy.

During the past five years Dr. Taichman became interested in pharmaceutical research, believing that he could make a greater contribution to research by helping to identify promising new avenues of therapy. He recently joined Johnson & Johnson in Brunswick, New Jersey, where he has been a part-time consultant in cell and gene therapy and regenerative medicine.

“Despite his growth as a leader in this new field, and being known nationally and internationally, Dr. Taichman was one of the most modest and friendliest members of the Dental School faculty,” said Dean Rifkin. “He was never too busy to stop to help others, offering advice on methodology or how to organize and manage problems dealing with science, and he even helped out with curricular and administrative problems. He will be remembered at Stony Brook for both his wisdom and his gentlemanly manner.”

Dr. Iacono Receives Special Honors

Dr. Vincent Iacono, past president of the American Academy of Periodontics, recently received the academy's Presidential Award for Distinguished Service for work on a task force on educational initiatives that support educators. In separate news, he was also appointed periodontal commissioner of the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation, a position that includes overseeing the accreditation of all periodontal training programs in the nation.

In addition to that appointment, Dr. Iacono was named distinguished service professor, an honor conferred

upon those who have demonstrated outstanding distinguished service at the campus, state university, community, regional, and state levels.

Dr. Iacono is the president of the International Academy of Periodontology and recently gave a presentation titled “The Clinical and Scientific Basis for Oral Reconstructive Surgery for Dental Implants” at the FDI World Dental Congress in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. He also lectured on advanced osseointegration at the Naval Postgraduate Dental School in Bethesda, Maryland. He is the president of the Academy of Osseointegration.



Dr. Vincent Iacono

School Receives \$1M Grant for Pediatric Dentistry Initiatives

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the School of Dental Medicine \$1 million to provide special training for general and pediatric dentistry residents to expand pediatric dental care programs across Long Island. The grant will also enable the School to promote pediatric oral health education in the University community.

The objectives and activities of this three-year project will include forming partnerships with the Suffolk County Department of Health, Long Island Head Start, and the Department of Dental Hygiene at Farmingdale State College to increase access to comprehensive dental services for Long Island's underserved

pediatric population.

Stony Brook general practice and pediatric dentistry graduates will expand the network of providers already serving the needs of this population, including those with special health care concerns. An additional objective of the grant will be to recruit and retain minority residents and faculty to mirror the diversity of both the local and national pediatric populations.

"Access to dental care is a significant health concern for children on Long Island," said Dr. Patricia Lewis, assistant professor in the Department of Children's Dentistry, who was responsible for writing the grant. "This HRSA award will have a significant impact on the health and well-being of these children by communicating the significant rela-



Dr. Patricia Lewis

tionship between oral health and systemic health and the importance of early intervention."

Dr. Lewis is also director of the Pediatric Dentistry Residency Program, a two-year fellowship that recently received final approval from the Council on Dental Accreditation. Prior to joining the Stony Brook faculty in 2005, Dr. Lewis was director of a similar program in pediatric dentistry at St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, New York.

Retirements

Faculty Members Hang Up White Coats After Three Decades of Service to Stony Brook

Dr. Burton Pollack

Although he "retired" nearly a decade ago, Dr. Burton Pollack was just as involved in policy and activities at the School of Dental Medicine as he was when he joined the faculty in 1976. In his 31 years at Stony Brook, he served in both official and unofficial capacities, including a stint as dean of the School from 1993 to 1998. However, Dr. Pollack could not stay away from Stony Brook for long, so he volunteered to teach dental law and ethics and assumed the role of risk management director. But last year Dr. Pollack's longtime affection for Stony Brook was supplanted by even greater loves—family and recreation. He took off his white coat for the last time and, with his wife Barbara, relocated to



Dr. Burton Pollack

Tennessee to be near their children and grandchildren—and some of the finest golfing around.

The School's faculty and staff held a reception in Dr. Pollack's honor at the Oaks Learning Center, where Dean Barry Rifkin and Dr. Philius Garant reviewed Dr. Pollack's major

contributions to the School, celebrating his brilliant six-decades-long career in academics and the professional niche he carved out for himself in dental law.

Dr. Pollack was born in New York City in 1923 and attended New York University from 1940 to 1943 before completing his D.D.S. degree in 1946 at the University of Maryland. After brief service with the Navy Medical Corps, he launched his academic career at the University of Maryland as an instructor in the Department of Anatomy and Neuroanatomy of the School of Dentistry. During the next 25 years he held academic appointments in the Departments of Pediatric Dentistry and Community Dentistry in the dental school, and in the Department of Physiology in the medical school. From 1966 to 1974 he served as chairman and professor of the Department of Community Dentistry at the University of Maryland.

While he was a member of the dental faculty, Dr. Pollack earned his J.D. degree from the University of Maryland Law School (1959); in 1960 he was admitted to the Maryland Bar Association. In 1967 he earned his M.P.H. degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health. For more than a decade he practiced dentistry and law in Maryland on a part-time basis, while holding faculty appointments at the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University.

In 1974 Dr. Pollack returned to New York City as Chief of Dentistry at Gouverneur Hospital. In 1976 he joined the School of Dental Medicine at Stony Brook University as professor of dental health, and as executive associate dean (1977 to 1979). For more than 30 years he taught Stony Brook dental students the fundamentals of dental law, risk management, and the ethics of dental practice, and also served on nearly every committee of the School, presiding over the planning and completion of several accreditation self-study reports.

Dr. Pollack was licensed to practice dentistry in Maryland and New York, and was a member of the Maryland and New York State Bar Associations as well. In his dual role as lawyer and dentist, he established a leadership position in the fields of dental law, ethics, and risk management. Through his numerous publications, lectures, book chapters, and textbooks, Dr. Pollack clarified many legal issues of importance in the practice of dentistry. He was founder and president of the National Society of Dental Practitioners, a post he held for many years. Dr. Pollack was a consultant to the Suffolk County Medical Examiners Office, where he played an important role in identifying victims of the TWA Flight 800 plane disaster.

“Dr. Pollack’s absence from the School of Dental Medicine will create a substantial void that will be hard to fill,” said Dean Rifkin. “He had been a wise counsel and a friend to many students and members of the faculty. We wish him and his wife great rounds of golf and long years of enjoyment with newly made friends, their children, and their grandchildren.”

Dr. Mark Swerdloff

Dr. Mark Swerdloff has the distinction of having taught oral surgery to every dental student graduated from the School of Dental Medicine to date and has served on nearly every committee in the School, Health Sciences Center, Hospital, and University Administration. But after 32 years at Stony Brook, the professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery decided to retire from full-time academics. Members of the faculty, along with students, family members, and friends of Dr. Swerdloff, recently gathered at the Three Village Inn to celebrate his career.

A native of New York City, Dr. Swerdloff attended New York University and Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, where he earned his D.D.S. degree in 1972. Following graduation, he completed training in oral surgery at Mount Sinai Hospital, Elmhurst, New York. Soon thereafter, he was appointed to the Stony Brook faculty as assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery.

Overcoming enormous hardship as a double amputee, the result of an automobile accident in 1968, Dr. Swerdloff completed dental school and went on to oral surgery training. He persevered in his new career at Stony Brook, making significant contributions to patient care, the oral surgery curriculum, and in collaborative



Dr. Mark Swerdloff with his wife Carol

research. In 1982 he received a continuing appointment as associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. He also held an appointment as associate professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Stony Brook.

During his career he served in numerous positions as an attending oral surgeon or as a consultant in oral surgery, among them, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center in Patchogue, Central Islip Psychiatric Center, Northport Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Saint Catherine of Sienna Hospital in Smithtown, and Southside Hospital in Bay Shore. He was most directly involved as an attending surgeon at Stony Brook University Hospital from 1980 to the present. He had major responsibilities in delivering the predoctoral curriculum in oral and maxillofacial surgery, pain control, patient evaluation, and medicine for dental students.

As a young dental student, Dr. Swerdloff received several honors for academic achievement, most important his induction into the William Jarvie Honor Society and Omicron Kappa Upsilon. During his professional

career, he received the Special Recognition Award for Professional and Personal Accomplishment in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, conferred in 1983 by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. In 1995 he was selected by President Clinton for an Award of Merit for Service on the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. In 1996 he was honored as a recipient of the State University of New York Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Swerdloff was a member of the New York State Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Committee on Continuing Education, and the New York State/United University Professions Joint Labor Management Committee on Clinical Practice. In 2001 he was appointed consultant to the State Education Department's

Office of Professional Discipline.

From 1992 to 1995 Dr. Swerdloff served as a member of the Medical and Insurance Committee of President Clinton's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities. He was a member of Governor Carey's Steering Committee Conference on the Handicapped, and in 1977 Dr. Swerdloff chaired the New York State Delegation to the White House Conference on Handicapped Individuals.

In recalling Dr. Swerdloff's contributions to dentistry, Dean Barry Rifkin stated that Dr. Swerdloff has been a leader in promoting the needs of handicapped individuals. "As a practicing oral and maxillofacial surgeon and teacher, Dr. Mark Swerdloff exemplified the full capabilities attainable by handicapped persons and served their interests at

both the state and national levels," Dean Rifkin said.

Faculty Appointments

Dr. Marcia Simon, professor of oral biology and pathology, has been appointed associate dean for graduate studies. In her new capacity, Dr. Simon will be responsible for developing strategies for enhancing the School of Dental Medicine's M.S. and Ph.D. programs. Previously, she served for nearly five years as associate dean for research.

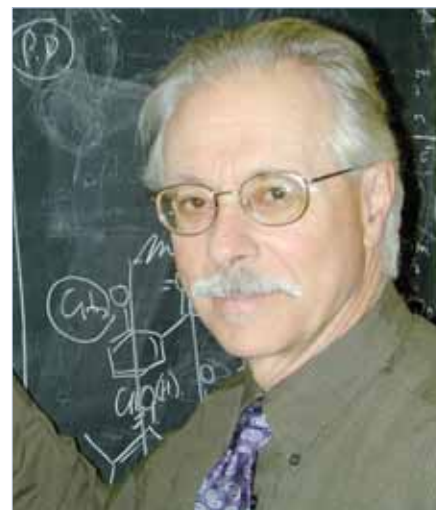
Dr. Christopher Cutler, professor of periodontics, has been appointed as the new associate dean for research. Dr. Cutler is a NIH Research Project Grant Program (RO) investigator with experience on NIH study sections. He will be responsible for developing programs to augment research.

Dr. Golub Makes Presentations at Major Symposia

Dr. Lorne Golub, distinguished professor of Oral Biology and Pathology, presented the lead-off talk in a symposium titled "Inflammation and Chronic Diseases: Treatment With Tetracyclines," held at the University of Nebraska Medical School in Omaha last October. Dr. Golub's contribution to dentistry is significant—he is best known for developing Periostat®, the most widely used treatment in the world to fight adult periodontal disease. His lab was responsible for the discovery and development of different therapies for various dental and medical diseases using tetracyclines and their derivatives. In addition to Dr. Golub, two professors of medicine, B. Timothy Baxter, M.D., and James R. O'Dell,

M.D., both members of the University of Nebraska Medical School, presented talks on tetracyclines to treat rheumatoid arthritis, aortic aneurysms, and chronic lung disease. Dr. Jeffrey Payne, organizer of the symposium and a Stony Brook alumnus, spoke on sub-antimicrobial dose doxycycline in postmenopausal osteopenic women with periodontitis.

Earlier in the year Dr. Golub attended the Meeting of the Council on Scientific Affairs of the American Dental Association at its headquarters in Chicago. He gave a presentation on potential therapeutic interventions relevant to the link between chronic periodontitis and cardiovascular disease, and participated in setting the ADA's research agenda. Dr.



Dr. Lorne Golub

Golub also presented a lecture at the Congress Annuel de L'Ordre des Dentistes du Quebec in Montreal.

Student Named ASDA National Leader for Third Consecutive Year

Stony Brook students have a long-standing tradition of involvement in the American Student Dental Association (ASDA) and are widely recognized for their commitment to organized dentistry. That is especially true of senior Lindsey Krecko, chair of ASDA Council on Legislation for 2007-2008.

While some dental students find it challenging just to keep up with their coursework, Krecko balances her time between her dental studies and involvement with ASDA. In her first year of dental school she served as the legislative liaison for the Stony Brook ASDA chapter. She was the national ASDA legislative coordinator for the Eastern Region in her second year and the national ASDA consultant on legislation in her third year. Krecko also served as a delegate to the 2007 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Session of the House of Delegates.

This year Krecko is working to monitor legislation and policy important to dental students. Among the issues taking center stage are funding and expansion of the State Children's Health Insurance Program; student loan interest deductions and deferment; bills concerning increased access to care, including the Essential Oral Health Care Act and Deamonte's Law; amalgam regulations and bans; the Dental Health Aide Therapist provision in the Indian Health Care Improvement Act; and the Advanced Dental Hygiene Practitioner, a controversial new model endorsed by the American Dental Hygiene Association that would allow hygienists to provide diagnostic, therapeutic, preventive, and restorative procedures such as



Lindsey Krecko (left), District 2 alternate delegate, meets with U.S. Representative (and dentist) Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

performing simple tooth extraction, drilling teeth, and prescribing Oxycodone and Percocet.

During the past three years, in her legislative roles, Krecko has met dentists, board examiners, dental students and educators, lobbyists, journalists, U.S. senators, and representatives from across the nation. She says that her ASDA experience has informed her about many important issues facing the profession, such as faculty shortages at dental schools, large student loan debts faced by many recent graduates, universal health care, and the widespread use of amalgam and fluoridation.

"Being in ASDA has given me the opportunity to exercise my voice as an American citizen and future dentist during my meetings with the senators and representatives from New York when we lobby them in Washington,

D.C.," she said. "I've learned that if we as a profession don't take action on the issues, the government will regulate dentistry at their will and on their terms without our input."

In her role at ASDA, Krecko disseminates e-mail updates to dental schools across the nation about current state and national legislation, and makes several presentations about these issues at local and national conferences and professional meetings. She also works closely with the American Dental Political Action Committee Board to increase student membership, chairs committee meetings, and moderates ASDA-ADEA National Dental Student Lobby Day.

Streamlining the dental profession's licensure process is one of the causes Krecko champions. "I am eager to work with the ADA and examining communities to help develop

a workable solution to licensure. Though both ASDA and ADA support eliminating live patients in the licensing process, this examination model still exists today. In addition, we have not yet achieved a nationally agreed upon model of national licensure; the process varies from state to state and can be confusing and frustrating.”

Widespread adequate oral health care is another issue important to Krecko. “My eyes have been opened to the vast low-income and rural populations of this country who do not have access to adequate oral health care. Without the ASDA, I don’t know that I would fully appreciate the extent of the access issue because it isn’t stressed in the school curriculum.”

In the spirit of doing her part to help address this monumental problem, Krecko spent two weeks last summer providing oral care to Native Americans at the Indian Health Service-sponsored Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. She said that experience made such an impact on her that she is considering doing postgraduate work at a tribal clinic in Alaska.

“I am grateful that I had the opportunity to be exposed to this whole other aspect of dentistry that is in dire need of attention,” she said.

Krecko’s role in the ASDA requires a lot of travel around the country. She attends two ASDA leadership conferences in Chicago and three ADA Council on Government Affairs meetings in Chicago and Washington, D.C., where she is the sole student representative on a council of approximately 17 dentists. She travels to Washington to attend both ASDA-ADEA National Dental Student Lobby Day and the ADA Washington Leadership Conference, where she is one of two student representatives at a conference of 500 to 700 dentists. Krecko also travels to Phoenix, Arizona,



Left to right: Lina Nguyen, '06; Lindsey Krecko, '08; Senator John Kerry; Lanie Sim, '08; and Jonathan Neman, '08

and Fort Lauderdale, Florida, to attend ASDA Annual Sessions, and to San Francisco for the ADA Annual Session.

“I am very fortunate to have become involved with organized dentistry so early in my dental school career,” she said, adding that she first became interested in ASDA after attending a regional conference in February 2005. “It was a real turning point for me because that’s when I caught ASDA fever, a term coined to describe dental students who have just gotten their feet wet to ASDA, and who understand and are energized by the value of organized dentistry, especially at the student level.”

Another reason why Krecko joined ASDA was because two national leaders from Stony Brook—President Chris Salierno, '05, and Trustee Larissa Figari, '06—“served as model examples for me in my quest to take my involvement in ASDA to the next level,” Krecko said. “As I near the end of my dental school career, now is the right time to start the transition from ASDA to ADA so I can continue what I know will be a lifelong commitment to organized dentistry.”

ASDA Officers Selected

In addition to fourth-year student Lindsey Krecko’s selection as chair of the Council of Legislation, fourth-year student Stephanie Demas and third-

year student Anjali Williamson were selected as national officers of the ASDA for the 2007-2008 academic year. Demas was elected trustee of District 2, which includes all schools in New York and New Jersey, and Williamson was appointed chair of the Council on Licensure.

As newly appointed chair, Williamson has worked to improve communication between ASDA members and the ADA Board of Education and dental schools in licensure matters. The ASDA seeks to promote universal licensure so that students are not limited to where they can practice, and it also advocates ending exams that involve live patients. Williamson and the members of the Council on Licensure are working with the ADA to come up with solutions and bring these issues to the state boards. According to Williamson, the council is meeting with recent graduates to investigate how New York State’s mandatory year of residency has affected them.

The new law has effectively increased the number of applicants to hospital and dental school residencies, thereby increasing the level of competition and possibly driving some dental graduates to seek licensure outside of New York State. By mandating a fifth year of training prior to licensure, there are concerns that the extended training period may cause students to postpone paying back their educational loans.

Through her local involvement in ASDA, Williamson created a booklet titled *Spanish for Dentists*, which is provided to ASDA members at Stony Brook to help them communicate with their Spanish-speaking patients. The booklet also is available to dentists in the community for \$12; proceeds help support ASDA.

School Bids Farewell to the Class of 2007

The School of Dental Medicine's 2007 Convocation Ceremony was held on May 18, 2007, in the Student Activities Center. Dean Barry Rifkin welcomed the graduating students along with their families and guests.

Dr. Paulette Tempro, '78, distinguished alumnus speaker, presented the Convocation address and, along with Drs. Kevin Henner, president of the Suffolk County Dental Society; Jane Yahil, assistant vice president of the Health Sciences Center; and former deans of the School of Dental Medicine, Drs. Philius Garant and Burton Pollack, were among the special members of the platform party.

Dr. Tempro spoke about her research in oral microbiology and periodontology and her experience teaching at the University at Buffalo and at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry. As a department chairperson at a dental school, she said, it is becoming increasingly difficult to recruit full-time dental educators, and she emphasized the need for graduates to consider careers as educators. She said young dentists could play a significant role in the industry by supporting dental education at a dental school or hospital either as volunteers or as paid part-time faculty members. She also recounted how Stony Brook had given her a strong foundation in both the basic and clinical sciences upon which she built her academic career.

Dean Rifkin presented the \$5,000 New York State Dental Foundation Dean's Award to David Allan Smith. This award is given to the graduating senior who has demonstrated an exceptional level of achievement measured by outstanding academic performance, is committed to improving the oral health needs of under-



Dean Rifkin presents the New York State Dental Foundation Dean's Award to David Allan Smith.



Dr. Paulette Tempro, '78

served populations, and who is a member of the American Dental Student Association. Dr. Henner presented the Suffolk County Dental Society's award to Liqun Zhang. This award is presented to the graduating senior who has demonstrated the highest level of clinical competency in his or her fourth year.

Dr. Fred Ferguson served as grand marshal and Drs. David Anolik, Carl Blohmke, Mark Salerno, Denise Trochesset, Christine Valestrand, and Ling Xu were faculty marshals, presenting diplomas and doctoral hoods to the graduating class. Dr. Seymour Friedman, co-director of the Advanced Education Program in Endodontics, presented certificates of completion to Drs. Bo G. Ha and

Todd Pobiner. Dr. Richard Faber, director of the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics, presented certificates to Drs. Jeff Drayer, Maria Pouliezios, and Jonathan Schecter. Dr. Garant represented Dr. Vincent Iacono, program director of the Advanced Education Program in Periodontics, and presented certificates to Drs. Scott Froum, Rebecca Orlick, and John Rose.

Dr. Lorne Golub presented a Masters of Science degree in basic health sciences and oral biology to Vinayak Joshi, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in oral biology and pathology to Dr. Oana Iulia Carnu. Dr. Christopher Cutler presented a Doctor of Philosophy degree in oral biology and pathology to Dr. Sivaraman Prakasam.

Benjamin Feintuch was the 2007 student speaker. As is tradition among student presenters, Feintuch recalled some of the more humorous events of the past four years of training. He also thanked the faculty for its patience and dedication, and said that all members of the class of 2007 are prepared to meet the challenges ahead.

Annual Awards Ceremony Held

The School of Dental Medicine's annual award ceremony honoring high-achieving students was held on May 9, 2007. Dr. Allan Kucine, associate dean of Clinical Affairs, led off the ceremony with an introduction of the newest inductees to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the national dental honor society. Four seniors—Kristin Curro, Yael Kryzman, Scott Mateer, and Ari Michael Pillar—were selected from the top 20 percent of their class on the basis of academic excellence and exemplary character.

Mateer also received the Long Island Academy of Odontology Award, presented to the graduating student with the highest academic average. The William Kramer Award of Excellence given to the third-year dental student with the highest academic average went to Emily Gabeler, who also received two other awards—the Nancy Wender National Dental Board High Achievement Award and the Dr. A. John Gwinnett Dental Student Memorial Award for attaining the highest academic average in oral biology and pathology. Christopher Joubert received the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Freshman Award for achieving the highest academic average during the first year of dental school.

Senior Ramiz Akmal Chaudry won 12 awards, among them the New York Academy of Dentistry Award for exemplary professional ethics, the Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou Pioneer in Dentistry Award for outstanding zeal and innovation, the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Award of Excellence for community service and vision for the future of the School, the American Academy of Periodontology Award for excellence in the field of periodontology, and the Dental Care for the Developmentally

Disabled Award, which was shared with senior Jacob Wallach.

Dr. John Lagner, president of the Suffolk County Dental Society, presented an award to Matthew Battiste, the third-year student who demonstrated the highest level of general clinical competency. Other special interest awards given were the Pierre Fauchard Award for Leadership to senior David Smith, the International College of Dentists Award for the greatest professional growth and development to senior Tziri Gertzulin, and the Eleanor Bushee Senior Dental Student Award recognizing outstanding leadership in a senior woman dental student to Marie Michelle Lormil.

Dr. Maria Emanuel Ryan presented the Charles and Maria Ryan Scholarship in Oral Biology and Pathology Award to Jonathan Neman, the third-year student who demonstrated excellence in oral biology and conducted substantive research in the School of Dental Medicine.

Department chairs or their representatives recognized seniors for special achievements in the clinical disciplines. Special interest groups or dental specialty professional societies sponsor many of these awards. The Dental Student Organization (DSO) awarded Elizabeth Moshe for leadership in service to the school and community, and for an outstanding record in mentoring fellow dental students. Other DSO awards went to Dr. Thomas Bonomo, past president of Xi Psi Phi dental fraternity and editor of the *Suffolk Dental Bulletin*, for his professional leadership and support of the American Student Dental Association chapter, and to Dr. John Lagner, secretary of the Suffolk County Dental Society and assistant

clinical professor in the Department of General Dentistry, for his overall support of dental students and the promotion of organized dentistry.

The DSO named Dr. Fred Ferguson, professor and acting chair of the Department of Children's Dentistry, grand marshal of the 2007 graduation ceremony.



Ramiz A. Chaudry (left) receives the School of Dental Medicine Alumni Award of Excellence from Dr. Anthony Casino, president of the Alumni Association.



Dr. Allan Kucine (left) presents Christopher Joubert with the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Freshman Award for achieving the highest academic average during the first year in dental school.



Dr. Debra Cinotti (left) presents the Eleanor Bushee Award to Marie Michelle Lormil.

The Next Step



Following is a list of the Class of 2007 and its residency placements:

Arthur Abdiy, *General Practice Residency (GPR), Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York*

Simon Bangiyev, *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York*

Viktoria Bounitch, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Anne Chan-Ly, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Northport, New York*

Ramiz Chaudhry, *Periodontics, School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook, New York*

Kristin Curro, *GPR, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York*

Christine DeGeronimo, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Benjamin Feintuch, *GPR, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York*

Hyesung Im, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Athina Katsougrakis, *GPR, Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, New York*

Lauren Kerpel, *Prosthodontics, New York Hospital Medical Center, Flushing, New York*

Michael Khanin, *GPR, Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, New York*

Pavel Aleksandrovich Krykhtin, *GPR, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, New York*

Yael Kryzman, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Winnie Lam, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York*

Michael Lin, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York*

Marie Michelle Lormil, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, New York, New York*

Scott Mateer, *Orthodontics, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York*

Melissa McCarthy, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Lara Mikhail, *GPR, New York Hospital Medical Center, Flushing, New York*

Elizabeth Moshe, *GPR, Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York*

Laurence Pfeiffer, *Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas*

Ari Pillar, *Orthodontics, School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook, New York*

Steven Ricco, *GPR, North Shore University Hospital, Manhasset, New York*

Tziri Salamon, *GPR, Jamaica Hospital Medical Center, Jamaica, New York*

Andrew Sami, *GPR, Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, New York*

Maria Shahdad, *GPR, NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center, New York, New York*

Michelle Siry, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, New York, New York*

David Smith, *GPR, NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Hospital, New York, New York*

Philip Squatrito, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Ariel Tamma, *GPR, New York Hospital Medical Center, Flushing, New York*

Kirsten Trandem, *Orthodontics, School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook, New York*

Irina Tsirulnik, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York*

Jacob Wallach, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Adam Wojtasiewicz, *GPR, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Bronx, New York*

Jin Yoo, *GPR, Long Island Jewish Medical Center, New Hyde Park, New York*

Liqun Zhang, *GPR, Stony Brook University Medical Center, Stony Brook, New York*

Edward Zhuo, *GPR, St. Vincent Catholic Medical Centers/Mary Immaculate Hospital Division, Jamaica, New York*

New Appointments to Enhance Research, Student Programs at Stony Brook

The School of Dental Medicine recently appointed two faculty members from the Medical University of South Carolina, Drs. Steven London and Lucille London, who will continue their innovative research and student programs at Stony Brook.



Dr. Steven London, a Long Island native, is the new associate dean for academic affairs, filling the post vacated by Dr. John Chaves who retired in 2006. Dr. London is an internationally known author and conference speaker in the dental educational and research communities, and is the recipient of a National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) Research Career Development Award and American Dental Education Association's Sunstar Butler Harry W. Bruce Legislative Fellowship.

At the Medical University of South Carolina, Dr. London investigated the dissemination of mucosal immune responses on mucosal and non-mucosal surfaces using reovirus and cytomegalovirus animal models. He served as a professor in the Department of

Stomatology and the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

He held positions as director of the Center for Oral Health Research in the College of Dental Medicine, where he played a key role in the College's rapid growth as a national center for oral and dental research, and as associate dean for research and basic sciences. As associate dean, Dr. London spearheaded efforts that led to the award of multimillion-dollar grants from the National Center for Research Resources and the NIDCR to establish the Center for Oral Health Research. He also served as principal investigator on infrastructure development and dental research training grants, and was instrumental in obtaining several NIDCR grants to support his immunology research.

Dean Barry Rifkin said the addition of Dr. London to the Stony Brook faculty elevates the School of Dental Medicine's standing as a research institution.

"While Stony Brook has always been rich in the areas of oral biology and translational research, bringing Dr. London here enables us to pursue a bigger piece of the NIDCR research and training budget, and will also enhance our student research endeavors," Dean Rifkin said, citing Dr. London's creation of the Dental Medicine Scientist Training Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. That program emphasized student recruitment, mentoring, and a dual D.M.D./Ph.D. training curriculum.

Dr. London continues to conduct research on mucosal immunity; his laboratory often collaborates with the laboratory of his wife, Dr. Lucille London, who comes to Stony Brook as associate professor of oral biology and pathology.

At the Medical University of South Carolina, she was associate professor of microbiology and immunology and was the graduate program coordinator for M.S. and Ph.D. graduate programs. She established a research program in the

immunopathology of acute and fibrotic lung diseases that received funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), and was also a co-principal investigator of two NIH grants from the NIDCR. One grant supported the development of research infrastructure, including faculty development, in oral health research, and the other grant supported a comprehensive research training program for undergraduate dental, D.M.D./Ph.D., graduate, and postgraduate students.

In addition, she was an active member of the Admission Committee for the College of

Medicine, where she chaired the minority recruitment subcommittee, and was the co-principal investigator of a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation that centered on student diversity issues for the School of Medicine.

Dr. Lucille London received a B.S. degree in biology at Simmons College, where she worked with Martin Taubman, D.D.S., Ph.D., at the Forsyth Institute, investigating means to develop effective vaccines to combat oral infections. She received a Ph.D. in immunology at the University of Pennsylvania, where she studied NK cell immunobiology, and continued her postdoctoral research training in immunology and molecular biology at Dupont, Searle Laboratories, and Washington University.

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—Dean Barry Rifkin

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1978

William Berg recently received the Academy of General Dentistry's Mastership Award. The award reflects a general dentist's commitment to provide quality care through continuing education. To be eligible for this award, Berg completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education in 16 disciplines of dentistry. In addition to his dental commitments, he is active in the Rotary Club of Northport, Long Island.

1979

Jane Weintraub is the Lee Hysan professor and chair in the Division of Epidemiology and Dental Public Health in the School of Dentistry of the University of California, San Francisco. She



was the lead author on the study of fluoride varnish treatment for infants and small children (*The Journal of Dental Research*, February 2006).

1981

Joseph A. Kanapka (Ph.D., Oral Biology) recently joined Hill Top Research, a worldwide leader in clinical research for personal, oral, and health care products, as technical director. Dr. Kanapka is based in the company's research center in West Palm Beach, Florida. He is responsible for the technical quality of studies conducted in the West Palm Beach and Miami, Ohio, oral care research locations. He will also participate with Hill Top's technical team to identify and lead the company into new areas of technology that support the company's strategic direction. Prior to joining Hill Top, Dr. Kanapka worked at C.B. Fleet Company Inc. as director of pharmaceutical regulatory affairs. Before that, he was vice president of scientific affairs at Del Laboratories Inc., and head of the Worldwide Dental Product Innovation Center at Unilever. He has published numerous papers and abstracts and

has been invited to speak at multiple industry association meetings.

1983

Dan Greenstein bills himself as "America's funniest dentist with his tongue firmly planted in his cheek." His show, the Dr. Dan Show, is designed to bring laughs to dentists and their staffs. Greenstein recently released a CD titled *Spit Happens!* And he performed at the School of Dental Medicine's 30th anniversary celebration. The Dr. Dan Show has been featured at the Suffolk County Dental Society Staff Appreciation Night. For more information on the show, visit www.tonguencheek.com



1984

Nadia Laniado is now the class agent for her graduating year. She has volunteered to serve on the alumni board on an ad hoc basis to share her experiences and to show her appreciation to the School of Dental Medicine.

1989

Raffi Kaprielian is practicing general dentistry in Ridgefield, New Jersey. He is on the board of directors and the providing dentist for the Home for the Armenian Aged. He and his wife Rita live in Paramus with their daughter Siran and son Vatche.

Maria Emanuel Ryan (Ph.D., '98) became president of Stony Brook University's Alumni Association. In this leadership role, Ryan will guide Stony Brook alumni to become more active and giving members.



1993

Jeffrey Dussetschleger has left the field of dentistry to pursue a career in public health research. He received his M.P.H. degree from the University of Connecticut in May 2006 and is a researcher on a federally funded grant evaluating workplace health promotion and ergonomic interventions. He lives in Connecticut with his wife of 15 years, Patricia, and their two daughters.

1995

Christina Hill and Phil Mascia, '96, '02 are parents of a second child, Philip Charles, born in April 2004.

Ling Xu passed her boards in prosthodontics and is now a key full-time member of the Department of General Dentistry at Stony Brook.

1996

Thomas Riutta, a general dentist practicing in Stony Brook, has been married to his wife Debbie since 1997. They have two children, Zach and Duncan. The family is in the process of adopting a little girl from China. Tom recently participated in the "Climb for a Cure" effort as part of a group that descended and climbed the Grand Canyon in a single day. Affiliated with Operation Smile, this fundraising activity supported the construction of a dental clinic in China.

1998

Barbra Berwald (Periodontics, '01) recently opened a periodontal practice in Roslyn, New York. She also practices in downtown Manhattan. She lives in Sands Point, New York, with her husband and sons Benjamin and Jackson.

George Bruder has returned to the School of Dental Medicine as assistant dean for education and information technologies and as director of endodontics. George and his wife Dina live in Mount Sinai, New York.

2000

Zohreh Rasoulinejad is enjoying splitting her time between dental practice and caring for her son Ehsan, born June 2003.

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2001

Dimitrios Kilimitizoglou established the annual Pioneer in Dentistry Award in 2006 to recognize extraordinary passion, pride, and zeal for dentistry in a graduating student who has performed procedures indicative of a pioneering spirit.

Ian Silversmith (Orthodontics, '04) is living and practicing in Warwick, Rhode Island.

2002

Brett Handsman married Jessica Brief in September 2003 and recently bought a new home in Cranford, New Jersey. He is the son of Norma and Paul Handsman, '77.

2003

Michael A. Scialabba completed his two-year residency in Florida and is now practicing in Brighton, Massachusetts, at Dental Care Associates. He married in November 2006. His cousin, Daniel Scialabba, is a member of Stony Brook's School of Dental Medicine's class of 2011.

Dawn Sosnick, a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Children's Dentistry, recently became board certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry. She and her husband Barry have a son, Samuel, born on January 30, 2006.

2006

Larissa Figari received the 2006 Stony Brook University Year of Community Ray of Light Award from President Shirley Strum Kenny. Figari, one of five outstanding honorees, was selected for her selfless dedication to the children of Madagascar and her generous spirit.

Congratulations to **Dan Gahani** on his marriage to Vijal, September 2, 2006. The couple and their dog Zoinki are living in San Francisco.

Diana Pop-Cupsa celebrated the birth of her son, Maxim Calen, on December 13, 2006. She lives in Forest Hills, New York, with her husband and son, and she is practicing in Bay Ridge, New York.

We love hearing from you, so please keep in touch. Information for ClassNotes can be sent to Kathy.Yunger@stonybrook.edu

Alumni Association Hosts Reception

Members of the alumni joined faculty, friends, and Stony Brook University President Shirley Strum Kenny at a reception last April hosted by the Dental Alumni Association to dedicate the School of Dental Medicine's Alumni Wall and to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding class of 1977.

At the event, President Kenny spoke of the School's success and her hope that the association would continue to grow in importance and in its support of the University.

Dean Barry Rifkin described the recent renovations to the Clinical Care Center that will improve the radiology service and the faculty practice suites, and he spoke of his pride in the school's success in its recent accreditation cycle. State Senator Kenneth LaValle issued a congratulatory letter and commendation, read in his absence by Jeanne Garant, former mayor of Port Jefferson Village, New York, and newly appointed member of the Stony Brook Council.

New York State Assemblyman Steven Englebright presented a commendation from the State Assembly

to Dean Rifkin in appreciation of the School of Dental Medicine's contribution to oral health care on Long Island. Association President Dr. Anthony Casino introduced the mem-

bers of the Alumni Board and lauded senior dental student Ramiz Chaudry, who was honored as the first recipient of the Alumni Association's Scholarship Award.



From left: Alumni board members Drs. Denise Emma and Jodi Guttenberg join Dr. Mary Truhlar, chair of the Department of General Dentistry, at the reception.

Alumni Association Governing Board

Anthony J. Casino, '78
President

Dr. Casino is chief of the Section of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the Northport VA Medical Center and associate professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the School of Dental Medicine, Stony Brook. He also serves as chief of the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Department of Dentistry at Stony Brook University Medical Center.

Anthony W. Fazio, '96
Vice president

Dr. Fazio has a private practice in Medford, New York, and is a part-time faculty member in the Department of General Dentistry at the School of Dental Medicine.

Rhona Strizak Sherwin, '78
Secretary

Dr. Sherwin is a diplomate in the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and has been teaching in the Department of Children's Dentistry for nearly 15 years. She previously held the post of postgraduate director of the Pediatric Dental Program at New York University's School of Dental Medicine.

Denise L. Emma, '93, '95
Treasurer

Dr. Emma maintains a specialty practice in orthodontics with locations in Garden City and Baldwin, New York. She graduated from the School of Dental Medicine in 1993 and then continued studies in orthodontics, receiving a certificate in 1995 from the School.

Daniel R. Melnick, '81
National representative

Dr. Melnick is the founder and director of Laurel Lakes Family Dentistry, a group dental practice in Laurel, Maryland. After graduating in 1981, he completed a general practice residency at Baltimore City Hospitals.

Steven Goldstein, '85
National representative

Dr. Goldstein has a private practice in periodontics in North Bergen, New



Dr. Frank Olsen, second from left with his wife Angela, and Dr. Bill Berg, '78, with his wife Barbara.

Jersey, and is vice president and partner in Garden State Dental. He obtained his certificate in periodontics from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1987.

Peter Ceravalo, '83
New York State representative

Dr. Ceravalo received his endodontic specialty training from the Nassau County Medical Center in 1985. He is the endodontic section chief at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, New York.

Steve Schwartz, '85
Suffolk County representative

Dr. Schwartz completed a general practice residency (GPR) at Beth Israel Medical Center. Following his GPR, he went to Boston where he completed orthodontic training and received a master's degree in oral biology at Harvard University.

Jodi Guttenberg, '85
Nassau County representative

Dr. Guttenberg completed a residency program in pediatric dentistry at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York in 1987. She is in full-time practice in Rockville Centre, New York.

Maria Emanuel Ryan, '89, '98
Nassau County representative

Dr. Ryan is a professor in the Department of Oral Biology and Pathology at the School of Dental Medicine and a member of the medical staff at University Hospital. She also serves as director of clinical research in the School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Ryan received specialty training in periodontics at the University of Connecticut Health

Center and a Ph.D. in oral biology at Stony Brook.

Francis B. Olsen, '78
Class year representative (1977-1984)

Dr. Olsen is senior vice president for product and customer management for HIP USA. He is responsible for the financial and operational performance of the Child Health Plus, Dental, Family Health Plus, Medicaid, Medicare, and Workers' Compensation lines of business.

Leslie-Ann Furie, '85
Class year representative (1985-1992)

Dr. Furie completed periodontal training at the University of Medicine and Dentistry at New Jersey. She has been in private practice with her husband and partner Gary J. Penner, '84, since 1988.

Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou, '02, '03
Class year representative (1993-2007)

Dr. Kilimitzoglou is an associate clinical professor in the Department of General Medicine at Stony Brook and founder of the Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou Pioneer in Dentistry Award. He completed a year of postgraduate training at the Advanced Education in General Dentistry residency program at Stony Brook from 2002-2003.

Christian E. Miller, '02, '05
Member at large

Dr. Miller remained at Stony Brook for his postdoctoral training and received a certificate in orthodontics in 2005. As a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, he practices orthodontics in East Meadow and Plainview.



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