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2006 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Omega Chapter Inductees:

Standing: The Pan, Katie Skovborg, David Telles, Song-Yan Guo, Benjamin Ahdut, Huma Miza, Angela Illuzzi, James Ryan, Jai Hong Park, Seth Margulies, Arindam Kakkar, Alexander Rock

Sitting: Prerna Jain, Preeti Mistry, Kattima Boonsirisermsook, Jade Tran, Justina Cho, Luckwinder Brar

Standing: Thomas Lien, Jerome Tsang, Xin Liu, Thai Lam, Iyman Elashmawy, Breyn Peters, Steve Kim, Yelena Shabala, Alfonso Navarett, Michele Tsang

Sitting: Janice Wu, Karina Sheinkman-Goykman, Elona Zekthi, Ambreen Bawa, Edisa Karamitri, Amit Prakash
OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON OMEGA CHAPTER

Omicron Kappa Upsilon is a National Dental Honor Society founded in 1914 at Northwestern University School of Dentistry. The New York University College of Dentistry Chapter, Omega, was founded by charter on June 6, 1929, and is one of 51 active chapters in North America. Admission is based on scholarship and character and is determined by annual election by active members.

Alumni Members (Associate Members) are selected from the top 20% of the graduating class, as reported to the chapter annually by the Dean of Academic Affairs. From this listing, not more than 12% may be elected each year.

Faculty Members (Active) are selected from the dental college faculty and are those who have been teaching full time for three years or part time for six years. These faculty members must have made outstanding contributions to the art, science, or literature of dentistry.

Lifetime memberships may be granted to active (faculty) members who have been members for 30 years and who have reached the age of 60. Lifetime members are exempt from dues and retain all of the privileges of active members while they remain on the dental school faculty.Omega Chapter is interested in the accomplishments and activities of our members.

Please advise the secretary of your current address so that we can keep our rosters current and you can continue to receive our mailings. We would appreciate having your email address so that you will be able to receive all our future electronic newsletters which will keep you abreast of all the wonderful activities of the Omega Chapter as well as the Annual Convocation and Induction information.

2006-07 EVENTS CALENDAR

* Distinguished Lecture Series - Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006, 1:00PM
  featuring Dr. Mark S. Wolff, Chair, Cariology & Comprehensive Care

* Dinner of Excellence - Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2007, 6:30
  By invitation. Contact Jill Fernandez <jbf2@nyu.edu> for more information

* Annual Business Meeting - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2007, 1:00PM

* State of the Art Conference - Friday March 23, 2007

* Research Day - Wednesday & Thursday, April 18-19, 2007

* Convocation / Induction of new members - Thursday, May 3, 2007

RESERVE THIS DATE
Thursday, May 3, 2007
Annual Convocation and Induction Dinner
The Essex House

NYUCD Annual Research Day
The Annual Research Day and Student Research Competition will be held on Wednesday & Thursday, April 18-19, 2007. This event is sponsored by the Office of Research at the College. As it has for many years, our Omega Chapter provides judges for the competition and presents the OKU Omega Chapter Award to the undergraduate DDS student with the Outstanding Poster presentation in either basic science or clinical science. The Award consists of a certificate as well as a monetary award.
Dean’s Message:

I am honored to bring greetings to the distinguished members of Omega Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and to congratulate each of you on your impressive achievements of the past year. NYUCD takes great pride in having you among its ranks.

As you know, recently published federal rankings put NYUCD 5th in the nation in order of grants funded by the National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR) in 2005. This is wonderful evidence of NYUCD’s continuing upward trajectory and it owes much to the intellectual and scientific rigor that you and your colleagues bring to our research enterprise. Thanks also to your outstanding teaching contributions, NYUCD has become one of the most selective dental schools in the nation, a fact recognized by Crain’s New York, which called NYUCD “one of the nation’s top schools.”

The continuing intellectual energy, talent, creativity and commitment that are hallmarks of OKU members ensure that NYUCD will attain its goal of becoming the most influential dental institution in the world, with the greatest impact on the health of society. You have my renewed congratulations on all that you do to improve teaching and learning and to create new knowledge at NYUCD. I am extremely proud and grateful to work alongside such gifted colleagues as the members of Omega Chapter of OKU.

Richard I. Vogel, D.M.D., Interim Dean

Presidents Message

As your professional careers are about to begin, I congratulate you upon your induction into the only national dental honor society in the United States, Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU); and I welcome you to the Omega Chapter of New York University College of Dentistry.

OKU serves as a guiding light to promote academic excellence and good character. Your induction into OKU signifies that you have achieved that level of academic excellence and ethical character and that you represent the very best that our profession has to offer. These qualities are the touch stone upon which your future growth and development will take root and grow. But with this honor comes the concomitant responsibility that you continue to be a life long learner and maintain the high ethical standards throughout your professional career that brought you to the top of your class and to this honor. Achieving this goal also has the beneficial effect of fostering, by example, a similar level of knowledge and ethical character in your fellow professionals.

Whether you choose general practice, a specialty, research, teaching or a combination of these, I wish you all long, happy and healthy life.

Arthur M. Schackman, D.D.S
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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES
On November 15, 2006 Mark Wolff, DDS, PhD, gave the Distinguished Lecture Address entitled Where have You Gone G.V. Black? – A 100 Year Journey to More Conservative Dentistry. Dr. Wolff discussed the way G.V. Black defined dentistry for over a century through the development of a formula for dental amalgam and cavity preparations. Today, through new advances in dental materials, diagnostic technology and therapeutic methods it is possible to perform dentistry in a far more esthetic and conservative fashion. The presentation contrasted G.V. Black’s restorative dentistry to today’s restorative dentistry. This timely and informative lecture was very well received by attendees from all areas of the College of Dentistry. Dr. Wolff is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care at NYU College of Dentistry.
BIOGRAPHIES

President, Arthur Schackman, DDS., is a 1968 graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University School of Dentistry. He served three years in the United States Public Health Service, where he completed a one-year rotating dental internship and two years of active duty. He was in private practice from 1972 until 1992, when he sold his practice and joined the faculty of the College of Dentistry as a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Comprehensive Care and Applied Practice Administration. Dr. Schackman is now a Clinical Associate Professor and a Group Practice Director in the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive care.

Vice-President, John R. Calamia, DMD, is a 1971 graduate of Mount St. Mary’s University, Emmitsberg, Md. where he received his BS degree in Science and Education. John taught Science at St. Ignatius Lyola School for 3 years and then entered the University of the East School of Dentistry RP where he received his DMD degree in 1978. He then became a student in NYU International Program until 1979 when he started a GPR at St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, New York. In 1980 John became a full-time instructor at NYU College of Dentistry a member of The ADA, AOD, AACD, Fellow AGD, IADR, and AADR. He was first asked to Direct Dental Anatomy, than Operative Dentistry where he distinguished himself in the research and development of the Etched Porcelain Bonded Veneer in 1982. He was promoted to assistant, and then associate professor with tenure in 1989 was made Full Professor in 1995 at the age of 45. John has both a National and International reputation in his area of expertise, Cosmetics and Esthetics with over 50 publications and over 150 presentations both in the US and Abroad. John is currently a Director of Esthetics for the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care and is enjoying his 27th year of teaching a NYUCD.

President-Elect, Robert J. Boylan, Ph.D. is a graduate of the University of Scranton. He received his PhD. from the University of Maryland and spent 3 years as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Microbiology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry. He is a member of the American Society for Microbiology, Sigma Xi, the Harvey Society, AADR and the New York Academy of Sciences. He has been a member of the AIDS speaker’s bureau of the American Red Cross (Westchester Division) and the “Scientists in Schools” program of the NY Academy of Sciences. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Basic Sciences and Craniofacial Biology. He is the director of Teaching Program for Microbiology. His research has been funded by the New York State Health Research Council, NIDR and industrial sources. His most recent research interests focus on the bacteria associated with initiation of periodontal disease and their virulence factors.

Secretary-Treasurer, Martin Roy, Ph.D. is a 1968 graduate of Brooklyn College with a co-major in Biology and Chemistry. He received a Master’s degree in Cell Biology from Brooklyn College in 1973, after completing two years of active duty in the U.S. Army. He received his Ph.D. in the Department of Biology of the New York University Graduate School of Arts and Science in 1979, with sub-specializations in Experimental Hematology and Endocrine Physiology. He joined the faculty of the NYU College of Dentistry in 1975. He is currently Professor of Histology and Cell Biology in the Department of Basic Science and Craniofacial Biology of the College of Dentistry and in the Graduate School of Arts and Science. Administratively, he serves as the course coordinator for the Cellular Organelles and Functions course and the Oral Biology courses. For the last twenty years he has conducted research involving the use of Dietary Selenium Supplementation in the prevention of and adjuvant treatment for squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck.
2006 ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Dr. Martin Roy presented the Kramer Award for Excellence to Mr. Rahul Gulati, Class of 2007. The Honor Society also inducted as Faculty Members: Drs. Ananda P. Dasanayake, David L.Glotzer, Leila Jahangiri, Yihong Li and Andrea Schreiber. Lifetime Membership Certificates were presented to: Drs. Stephen Bergen, Peter DiFiore, Stuart Hirsch and Jerome Lish. Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Dr. Peter G. Sacks, Department of Basic Science and Craniofacial Biology. Dr. Warren Scherer presented the President’s Medal to outgoing President Harvey Wishe.

INDUCTION CEREMONIES

Dr. A. Milton Bell leads the group in singing the national anthem.

Dr. Arthur Schackman gives the invocation to the assembled.

Dr. James Delahanty, Editor and past president of the supreme chapter, congratulates the new inductees.

Interim Dean Richard Vogel salutes the new members of OKU.
Professor Jill Fernandez and President Harvey Wishe pose with Kramer Award winner Mr. Rahul Gulati, class of 2007

Interim Dean Richard Vogel and President Harvey Wishe present certificates to new lifetime members: Dr. Stuart Hirsch, Dr. Stephen Bergen, Dr. Peter DiFiore

New Lifetime Member Dr. Jerome Lish and his son and member, Dr. Bruce Lish.

Faculty inductee Dr. David Glotzer and Sponsor Dr. Warren Scherer

Faculty inductee Dr. Leila Jahangiri and her sponsor Dr. Ashok Soni

Faculty inductee Dr. Yihong Li and her sponsor Dr. Louis Terracio
Faculty inductee Dr. Andrea Schreiber and Dr. Alan Sosnay

Faculty inductee Dr. Ananda Dasanayake and his sponsor Dr. Frederick More.

Honorary membership was bestowed upon Dr. Peter Sacks accompanied by Past president Dr. Warren Scherer places the president’s medal on Dr. Kathleen Kinnally.

Past president Dr. Warren Scherer places the president’s medal on Dr. Harvey Wishe.

Student inductee Jade Tran receives her certificate accompanied by her sponsor Dr. Denise Estafan

Student inductee and esthetic honors student Dr. Thai Lam and his sponsor Dr. John R. Calamia
Standing: Thomas Lien, Anna Salek, Michael Ferguson, Robert Glickman, Alan Broner
Seated: Mary Kang, Jerome Sorrel, Herb Frommer, Ambreen Bawa, Farida Bawa

Standing: Alan Sosnay, Xin Liu, Peter Di Fiore, Stan Turetzky, Kittima Boonsrisermsook, Nicolas Elian
Seated: Andrea Schreiber, Wendy Liu, Valentina Lyssova, Guido Sarnachiaro

Standing: Boules Malaty, Luckwinder Brar, Steven Donofrio, Mark Wolff, Richard Vogel, Dave Rubino
Seated: Yelena Shabala, Leigh Busch, Jon Suzuki, James Delahanty

Standing: Brianna Margulies, Mitch Ervin, Bert Gaster, Prerna Jain, Stuart Hirsch
Seated: Seth Margulies, Dianne Rekow, Elise Eisenberg, Katie Skovborg

Standing: Justina Cho, Arthur Schackman, Rahul Gulati, Martin Roy, Harvey Wishe, Kenneth Allen
Seated: Gerald Hoch, Rodney Telles, David Telles, Robert Boylan, Jill Fernandez.

Standing: Eric Studley, The Phan, Benjamin Ahdat, John Poulos, Steven Resnick
Seated: Ivy Peltz, Christine Kelly, Peter Sacks, Kathleen Kinnally, Milton Bell
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