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ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND INDUCTION
2007 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Omega Chapter Inductees:

Seated: Drs. Sonu Lamba, Su Yon Lee, Soo Jin Kim, Sarra Cushen, Meeta Grewal, Rozaliya Fatakhova
Standing: Drs. Saumil B. Patel, Jacob John, Robert B. Kim, Jung Park, Sora Kim, Kamee Huh, Purav Desai, Camelia Sandulache, Andriy Krayniy, Navtej Singh, Yuriy Z. Koval, Jared Frisbie, Mohammad Alavi, Rahman Ullah

Seated: Drs. Megan Chin, Snehal T. Sheth, Joanne Castaneda, Lisa M. Beznaska, Jennifer Berwick, Jasmine Hanjrah
DEAN’S MESSAGE:
In my first message to you as Dean of the New York University College of Dentistry, I welcome the opportunity to bring greetings to the remarkable men and women of Omega Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and to congratulate you on the impressive scholarly, scientific, and teaching contributions that have helped to catapult NYUCD to the top ranks of U.S. dental schools. Indeed, it is not too much to say that a strong motivation for coming to NYU was the chance it offered me to work alongside such gifted colleagues as the members of Omega Chapter.

In addition to all you do to improve teaching and learning and to create new knowledge, you also play a pivotal role in raising the College’s profile throughout the University. Thanks to joint appointments at other NYU schools, research and teaching collaborations with colleagues throughout NYU, and leadership activities at the all-University level, you have cast NYUCD as a place that can be counted on to seed the University with faculty of the very highest caliber.

An additional point of pride is the commitment of Omega Chapter members to mentoring both our students and one another. As you probably know, mentoring is one of my highest priorities, and I am delighted that you share this passion and are working energetically to implement a philosophy of mentoring on our campus.

The members of Omega Chapter have already done great things. I look forward to working closely with you to ensure that NYUCD reaches even greater glories in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Charles N. Bertolami, DDS, DMedSc
Herman Robert Fox Dean

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:
This time is a very important milestone in your life. You have worked very hard to complete your dental education and achieve a D.D.S. degree. Concurrently, you have demonstrated the qualities of excellence and proficiency in your performance. As a result of your superb efforts, you are being honored by being inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society. I would like to welcome you to the OKU Omega Chapter at NYUCD. Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your outstanding achievement.

In order to become a member of OKU, certain criteria must be met. An outstanding academic record must be demonstrated. It is without doubt, that all of you have fulfilled this requirement. But, in addition, you have also demonstrated that you exemplify professionalism to the fullest extent. Your ethical standards and professional conduct add further credence to your outstanding accomplishments.

As you prepare to enter the real world, your success in academics and professionalism should propel you forward to bigger and better things. Please keep these goals in mind and continue to strive for excellence. All of us at the college have tried very hard to instill in you a good solid background to be used as a guiding light for your future. We hope that you will be able to give back to your profession what we have attempted to convey to you. Maybe, one day, you will become a dental educator and serve as a roll model for future generations. You have the potential to become leaders in the dental profession.

I would, once again, like to reiterate my congratulations on a job well done and your induction into OKU. Good health and luck to you and families and the very best in your future endeavors.

Harvey I. Wishe, Ph.D.
President
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.

2007-08 EVENTS CALENDAR

White Coat Ceremony: Tuesday, September 4, 2007 4:30PM

* Distinguished Lecture Series - Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2008 1:00PM
featuring Dr. Mark S. Wolff, Chair, Cariology & Comprehensive Care

* Dinner of Excellence - Wednesday, Feb. 13, 20, 27?? 2008, 6:30
By invitation. Contact Jill Fernandez <jbf2@nyu.edu> for more information

*Annual Business Meeting: Wednesday March 12th 2008

*State of the Art Meeting : Friday, April 2nd 2008

*NYUCD Annual Research Day : Wednesday & Thursday April 16th - 18th 2008

* Convocation / Induction of new members - Thursday, May 8th, 2008

RESERVE THIS DATE
Thursday, May 8, 2008
Annual Convocation and Induction Dinner
The Essex House

The Annual Research Day and Student Research Competition was held on April 16, 2008. 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.
2007-2008: OKU Omega Chapter Officers and Committees

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DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES

On November 16, 2005 Dianne Rekow, DDS PhD, gave the Distinguished Lecture Address entitled Catastrophe Preparedness – Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina. Dr. Rekow emphasized the importance of having the knowledge to respond properly to disasters in order to minimize their impact on our selves, our families and our practices. She pointed out the skills that members of the Dental Profession already possess that would be extremely useful in responding to natural or terrorist disasters. The timely and informative lecture was very well received by attendees from all areas of the College of Dentistry. Dr. Dianne Rekow chairs the NYUCD Catastrophe Response Team. She is the Chair of the Department of Basic Science and Craniofacial Biology and the Director of Translational Research. She earned her DDS and PhD in biomedical engineering from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Rekow is the President-Elect of the American Association of Dental Research.
2006-2007 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Left to Right: President-Elect John Calamia, Vice-President Denise Estefan, President Robert Boylan, Secretary-Treasurer Martin Roy

BIOGRAPHIES

President, 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.

Vice President Denise Estafan DDS, MS is a 1969 graduate of Cairo University Dental School. She completed a General Practice Residency program at The Royal Victoria Hospital in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 1978, she was instrumental to the development of the clinical curriculum at Riyadh University Dental School. She also served as a clinical instructor for 3 years at the program. Denise received her license at New York University College of Dentistry in 1982 as part of the International Program. She joined the University as a Clinical Instructor in 1983. She taught in the department of Operative Dentistry, Prosthodontics, and Reconstructive and Comprehensive Care, and was promoted to Associate Clinical Professor in 1992. The same year, she began clinical investigative work on CAD/CAM technology, followed by research in the comparative analysis of rate of Ceramic Wear versus Enamel Wear. Denise received her Master’s Degree in Dental Materials in 1995 and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2001. She has over 40 publications in peer-reviewed journals and lectures internationally. Denise is currently a fellow of AACD and the International College of Dentistry, and is a member of AAFP, NAFP, ADEA, IADR, and ACD. She is considered a clinical expert in CAD/CAM technology and is presently co-director of Esthetic Dentistry for the department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care at NYUCD.

President-Elect, 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.

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.
2007 ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Professor Jill Hernandez presented the Kramer Award for Excellence to Mr. Matthew Walla, Class of 2008. The Honor Society also inducted as Faculty Members: Drs. Barnett Bucklan, George J. Cisneros, Kenneth Fleisher, Mitchell J Lipp, Maureen McAndrew, Gayle T. Miranda, Eric S. Studley. Lifetime Membership Certificates were presented to: Drs. Jonathan Ferencz, David Gelb, Gustave Lasoff, Allan Maltman, Stephen Mitzner, Frederick More, Herman Shapiro, Alan Sosnay, Dennis Tarnow, Stephen Winn, Stephen Wolner. Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Dr. Joseph B. Guttenplan. Dr. Harvey Wishe presented the President’s Medal to outgoing President Arthur Schackman.

INDUCTION CEREMONIES
THE DINNER

Associate Dean Richard Vogel and Professor Jill Fernandez and President Arthur Schackman Presenting the Kramer Award to Mr. Matthew Walla

New Life Members: Executive Dean Vogel and President Arthur Schackman with Drs Jonathan Ferencz, ..... .....

New Faculty Inductees
Seated: Drs Eric S. Studly, Maureen MacAndrew, Gayle Miranda, Mitchell J. Lipp
Standing: Drs Joseph Guttenplan, Barnett Bucklan, George Cisneros.

Office Chairs

Honorary Membership was bestowed upon Dr Joseph B. Guttenplan

Pat President Harvy Wishe places the President’s medal on Dr Arthur Schackman
THE DINNER

Seated: Drs. Jasmin Kasamali, Michael Ferguson, Steven David, Luhao Eric Chen
Standing: Drs. Thang Pham, Lisa Antonoff, Mr. Kevin Wang, Ms Ivette Chen, Drs. Esther Kuyinu, Yu – Jung Chen

Standing: Drs. Kenneth Allen, James Kaim, George Cisneros, Barnett Bucklan, Mladen Kuftinec

Standing: Drs. Jonathan Ferencez David Rubino, James Delahanty, David Hirsch, Richard Vogel, Joanne Castaneda

Seated: Drs Robert Kim, Shao – chi-Chiou, Arthur Schackman, John Calamia, Prof. Jill Hernandez.
Standing: Drs. Robert Boylan, Paul Rosenberg, Martin Roy, Ms. Susan Roy, Mr Matthew Walla

Seated: Drs. Amogh Velangi, Andrew Spielman, Joseph Guttenplan, Peter Sacks.
Standing: Ms Barbara Nordquist, Mr. Inderpreet Batra, Drs. Meeta Grewal, Harvey Wishe, Su Yon Lee, Inder Singh.

Standing: Drs. Steven Resnick, Ivy Peltz, Mohammad Alavi, Robert Schoor, Eric Studly
Seated: Drs. Camelia Sandulache, David Sirois, Purav Desai, James LoPresti.
Standing: Drs. Benjamin Godder, Maria Magid, Soo Jin Kim, Bert Gaster, Navtej Singh

Seated: Drs. Lisa Teel, Leigh Busch, Sara Cushen, Ms Loraine Cushen
Standing: Drs. Jared Frisbee, Jasmine Hanjah,(her husband)
Martine Mandracchia, Denise Estafan

Seated: Drs Stephen Bergen, Mr. Roy Kanharajah, Drs. Deepa Sathiah,
Robert Glickman, Andrea Schreiber
Standing: Drs. Peter DiFiore, Juliet Kafka- Bergen, Gayle Miranda,
Alexander Rock, Alan Sosnay

Seated: Ms. Car melita Maurentt, Drs. Stan Tureisky, Jerome Lish, Bruce Lish.
Standing: Ms Brenda Lee, Mr. Mitchel Ervin, Drs. Yuriy Koval, Sora Kim, Harman Cooper, Mr Sung – Yun Woo.

Seated: Drs. Herbert Frommer, Rajunder Jain, Jacob John,
Mr Ashesh Sheth.
Standing: Drs Anthony Palatta, Rozaliya Fatakhova, Lisa Beznoska,
Joan Phelan, Anthony Vernillo, Snehul Sheth.

Seated: Ms Kate Morris, Drs. David Clark, Steven Caldroncy,
Neil Herman.
Standing: Mr Wiler Chiu, Drs. Samuel Chiu, Leila Jahangari,
Jung Hoon Park, Jennifer Berwick, Jerome Sorrel
THE DINNER

Seated: Drs. Kalmen Einbinder, Kamee Huh, Hsun – Chun Hsu, Frederick More,

Seated: Drs. Joel Hirsch, Gerald Green, Sylla Skaria.
Standing: Drs. David Blank, Rahman Ullah, Mark Wolff, Stan Dawkins, John Poulos, Gerald Hoch
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