ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND INDUCTION

2008 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Omega Chapter Inductees:

**Top Row:** Drs. Joshua Foxson, Igor Kostanyan, Matthew Walla, Joo Hyeong Kim, Vehazoun Guekguezian, John Eum

**Middle row:** Drs. Daya Bale, Daniel Kim, Igor Robenov, Michael Cote, Karanbir Sandhu, Marina Fainberg

**Seated:** Drs. Olga Siarheyeva, Vera Matshkalyani, Anca Nicola, Shohreh Shahram, Anisha Sharma, Olga Kovalenko

**Top row:** Drs. Malik Usman, Milad Issa, Loay Adel Hammad, Vishal Sharma, Calvin Jung, Todd Hanna, Tan Nguyen, James Keobounma, Lauren Bourrell

**Middle row:** Drs. Brandon Katz, Bhavin Shah, Marina Fainberg, Daya Bale, Vera Matshkalyan

**Seated:** Drs. Shoshana Sperling, Hemavathi Patil, TuAnn Nguyen, Sushma Lavu, Vasudha Narra, Adya Shrotriya, Jennifer Morrison, Edna Shin Kim, Christina Hsu
DEAN’S MESSAGE:

It is a pleasure for me to bring greetings to the outstanding men and women of Omega Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and to congratulate you on your impressive academic contributions of the past year.

NYUCD’s current stature is in large part due to the superb teacher-scholars who drive our institution and enable us to attract the most talented and diverse students ever to attend New York University College of Dentistry. Indeed, the members of Omega Chapter continually raise the bar on faculty performance, and, in so doing, strengthen our institution’s dedication to advancing teaching and learning.

In that regard, I am delighted to report that we are in the process of planning an initiative that is unique in dental education and, I believe, will have special resonance for the members of Omega Chapter. I speak of the establishment of a formal body – the NYU Academy of Dental Educators – that will focus squarely on the important role of faculty in teaching and mentoring, in addition to their roles in clinical care and research. The goal is nothing less than to provoke a transformational change in the teaching of dentistry at NYU by making membership in the Academy the gold standard for evaluating excellence in teaching.

In the days ahead, you will be hearing much more about the NYU Academy of Dental Educators. For now, let me say that I will be relying on your leadership to help fulfill the potential of this exciting initiative, and I know that my confidence is well placed.

I offer Omega Chapter my renewed congratulations and I look forward to our continuing partnership in helping to ensure NYUCD’s ongoing evolution as a leading academic dental center.

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

First let me begin by addressing the new inductees.

Membership in OKU is Limited.

First and foremost it is limited to those students who have distinguished themselves by excellence in scholarship. This is a very objective criterion as it is based purely on GPA. You have shown over the past 3-4 years to be the best of our best in this graduating class. This speaks volumes about your will to succeed and you mastering the material provided to you by your NYU Dental Faculty, a faculty, I might add, whose unwavering support you can always count upon.

A Second component for OKU Membership is much more subjective. It speaks of the candidate’s demonstration of exemplary traits of character. All through your education at NYU but especially over the past 2 years, believe it or not, you have been constantly observed by your faculty, fellow students, and patients. Recommendations from your GPD have gone a long way in describing these relationships and those traits we look for in membership for this society.

The third criterion and what could be the most important criterion of all. It is a prediction of the potential qualities for future professional growth and attainment we see in the candidate.

The first two factors speak to what you have accomplished to date. But the third factor is as important for both the candidate and for the organization. The candidate has only just begun their journey in their chosen profession. They have a strong foundation upon which to build but now come the hardest part, taking all this potential and translating it into a fine career in dentistry. Whether it be in private practice, teaching, research or all the above, you have the tools to hit the ground running and be our future leaders in the profession. We honor you for your accomplishments to date but we hope to honor you even more for your future accomplishments that will not only reflect back on you and your family but will also reflect back on you dental family this Honored Society.

To the faculty inductees, I would also like to express my congratulations. Not only have you made a commitment to give back to your profession by teaching future colleagues in dentistry but you have also distinguished yourself by making outstanding contributions to the art and science or literature of dentistry as judged by our Membership Committee.

You have earned the right to be included in this Honored Society.

Finally to our esteemed membership, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your president this academic year 2008-2009. We have already had some significant events in our calendar including in July and then again in September, the distribution of a printed message from the president of OKU Supreme chapter and a special pen personally handed to each NYUCD entering student by a member of our executive committee. We have also had the OKU Distinguished Lecture Series presentation by Dr. Amr Moursi in Nov 7th. I urge you all to mark your calendars and make every attempt. Possible to attend our 2009 events including the Dinner of Excellence, The Annual Business Meeting, the State of the Art Conference, Annual research day, and MOST IMPORTANT our Annual Convocation. We hope to have our greatest turnout to date and won’t it be nice to rub elbows with your brothers and sisters of OKU again. Hope to see you all at the convocation.

Sincerely,
John R. Calamia, D.D.S.
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.

2008-09 Events Calendar

* White Coat Ceremony

* Distinguished Lecture Series – Friday, Nov 7, 2008, 1PM featuring Dr. Amr Moursi, Associate Professor and Chair of Pediatric Dentistry at NYUCD

* Dinner of Excellence
By invitation. Contact Dr. Maureen McAndrews for more information

* Annual Business Meeting

* State of the Art Meeting

* NYUCD Annual Research Days

* Convocation/Induction of new members
2008-2009: OKU Omega Chapter Officers and Committees

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BIOGRAPHIES

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 SP 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 Vener 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 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 ACD 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.

Vice President Jill B. Fernandez, RDH, MPH, is a 1982 graduate of the University of Bridgeport, CT where she received her AS degree in dental hygiene. In 1985 she received her BS degree in Health Education at New York University. In 1988 Jill joined the faculty as an instructor in the department of pediatric dentistry as Director of the Pediatric Outreach and Prevention Programs. She is responsible for all Pediatric Dentistry outreach activities both in New York City and internationally. Jill also completed a 30 year career in the US Navy and Navy Reserves. She received her Master’s in Public Health in 1996 at New York University and was subsequently also promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor in that same year. In 1999 she was promoted to Clinical Associate Professor. Jill has presented numerous lecture/demonstrations and symposiums at local and national professional meetings. She is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) and is a faculty mentor for the AAPD NYU student chapter. For over 10 years, Professor Fernandez has been, and is currently the regional organizer for one of the largest Special Olympics Special Smiles Program in New York City. Jill is currently the Director of Pediatric Outreach and Prevention Programs in the department of pediatric dentistry.

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.
2008 ANNUAL CONVOCATION

Kramer Award
Dean Bertolami, Dr. Arthur Schackman and Dr. Bob Boylan presenting the Kramer Award to Dr. Stacy Wolf

New Life Member
Dean Charles Bertolami and Dr. Bob Boylan with Dr. Richard Mumma

New Faculty Inductees
Drs. Mijin Choi, Herb Gross, Amr Moursi, Michael Turner, Ken Fleisher, Miriam Robbins, Ralph Cunningham

Officers and Chairs of Omega Chapter
Front row: Drs. Denise Estafan, Martin Roy, Jill Fernandez, Robert Boylan
Back row: Drs. Harvey Wishe, Ivy Peltz, Ken Allen, Elise Eisenberg
Standing: Drs. Joo Hyeong Kim, Kenneth Allen, Martin Roy, Marina Fainberg, Robert Boylan
Seated: Susan Roy, Drs. Neal Herman, Prof. Jill Fernandez, Amr Moursi, Denise Estefan

Standing: Drs. Richard Mumma, Dave Rubino, Richard Vogel, Vasudha Narra, Adya Shrotriya
Seated: Ruth Mumma, Drs. Elise Eisenberg, Charles Bertolami, Anthony Palatta

Standing: Drs. Stacy Wolf, Daniel Kim, Olga Kovalenko, Igor Robenov, Warren Scherer, Arnold Ray
Seated: Drs. William Yagoda, Shoshana Sperling, Gerald Green, Mrs. Gerald Green, Arthur Schackman

Standing: Sara Foxson, Drs. Peter Sacks, James Keobounma, Louis Terracio, Anne Truong, Tan Nguyen
Seated: Drs. Joshua Foxson, Andrew Spielman, Mitch Ervin, Herbert Frommer

Standing: Drs. Kathleen Kinnally, Anthony Vernillo, John Poulos, Vehazoun Guëkguezian, Todd Hanna, Brianne Biggiani, Harvey Wishe
Seated: Drs. Dianne Rekow, Joan Phelan, James Hwong, Christina Hsu, Yihong Li
Standing: Drs. Shohreh Shahram, Ardalan Sanati, Anisha Sharma, David Tarrab, Elizabeth Consedina, Matthew Walla
Seated: Drs. Bapanaiah Pamgonda, Stan Dawkins, Karanbir Sandhu, Kalman Einbinder

Standing: Drs. Bijan Moghadam, John Eum, Michael Fergusono, Mark Wolff, Leila Jahangiri
Seated: Drs. Mijin Choi, Ashok Soni, Natalie Lopex, Brandon Katz, Loay Adel Hammad

Standing: Drs. Herb Gross, Miriam Robbins, Niall Maedhuehain, David Sirois, Hsun-chun Hsu, Milad Issa
Seated: Ellen Gross, Drs. Allen Solden, Jerome Lish, Bruce Lish

Standing: Drs. Gail Miranda, Ken Fleisher, Juliet Bergen, Todd Hanna, Calvin Jung, Alexander Rock, Andrea Schreiber, Lauren Bourell
Seated: Drs. Stephan Bergen, Michael Turner, Vasiliki Karlis, James Keobounna

Standing: Drs. Milton Palat, Edna Shin Kim, Michael Cote, Sameet Sheth, Stanley Turetzky
Seated: Drs. Vishal Sharma, Mitchell Lipp, George Cisneros, Chandra Pham
THE DINNER

Standing: Drs. Barnett Buckland, Maureen McAndrews, Ralph Cunningham, Samia Sheikh, Malik Usman, Steven Resnick, Ganesh Bale
Seated: Eric Studley, Ivy Peltz, Igor Kostanyan, Sofya Kostanyan, Daya Bale

Standing: Drs. David Blank, Anisha Dhanani, Neil Finn, Andre Stein, Graziano Giglio, Robert Schoor
Seated: Drs. Mohammad Alavi, James LoPresti, TuAnn Nguyen, Hemavathi Patil, Esther Kuyinu

Standing: Drs. Silvia Hajek, Alan Broner, ANea Nicola, Olga Kovalenko, Sergio Garcia-Rivera, Anna Khasnik, Alan Sosnay
Seated: Drs. Boyan Manic, Vera Matshkalyani, Martine Mandracchia, Bert Gaster, Olga Siarheyeva

Standing: Drs. Bhaumika Shah, Sushma Lavu, Todd Caisse, Jenniefer Morrison, Leigh Busch, Jerald Hoch, Benjamin Godder
Seated: Drs. Bhavin Shah, David Glotzer, Carmelita Murrantz, Brenda Lee, Ranhavi Rane
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