ANNUAL CONVOCATION AND INDUCTION

2011 Omicron Kappa Upsilon Omega Chapter Inductees:

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DEAN’S MESSAGE:

I welcome this opportunity to bring greetings to the officers and members of Omega Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, and to thank you for your outstanding academic leadership throughout the past year.

In that regard, I want to cite the Class of 2013’s virtually 100 percent pass rate on part 1 of the National Board Examinations. As you know, the Class of 2013 distinguished itself by scoring 4 points higher than the national average, and between 4.5 and 8 percent higher than the national average in each of the disciplines. When you consider that the Class of 2012 scored a first-attempt pass rate of 100 percent on the National Board Exams last year, it becomes clear that NYU dental students are raising the bar on performance standards nationally.

But statistics tell only a part of the story. The engine that drives such success is fueled by our extraordinary faculty, exemplified by Omega Chapter members, whose talent and dedication, coupled with the incredibly hard work and intelligence of our students, is an unbeatable formula for success.

Equally important to our continuing success as a leading academic dental center is the construction, now underway, of a new, interdisciplinary health sciences education and research building directly across the street from the current NYU College of Dentistry. This is a unique opportunity that promises to be nothing short of transformational for our students, faculty, and the surrounding community. It will add significant teaching space to our college, allow us to relocate offices for student services and for two academic departments – biomaterials and biomimetics and epidemiology and health promotion – and free up existing space for research laboratories. Most important, through NYUCD’s collaboration with the College of Nursing and Polytechnic’s Department of Bioengineering, it will provide opportunities for a new model of healthcare education, delivery, and scientific partnership.

As we move forward with this endeavor, the role of Omega Chapter will be pivotal. With your help we will experience unprecedented innovation in dental education, the discovery of new knowledge, and the improvement of patient care.

Thanks in large part to Omega Chapter, NYUCD has a heritage of innovation. I know that I can count on your passion, energy, commitment, and intellectual curiosity to bring the latest example of innovation – our new building – to fruition.

Sincerely,

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

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:

Congratulations on your induction into OKU, the National Dental Honor Society. You have distinguished yourself by accomplishing a high level of scholarship and have demonstrated exemplary character traits and potential for future growth and achievement. Your academic integrity is essential to your success and the mission of this college. You have promoted the values of excellence, honesty, ethics, trust, respect, fairness, and responsibility that are inherent in the health professions.

To graduate dental school is an achievement to be sure – however there is little feeling of success after the initial excitement wears off. Fulfillment does not come solely from achievement, and achievement does not necessarily equate to success. An achievement is simply something you have undertaken and have completed. It does not become a success until that achievement is attached to a personal value or belief that defines it as success. Take it one step further…look back over your life at all your achievements then consider how successful you really are.

We at OKU promote the principles of lifelong learning and personal fulfillment. Continue to pursue knowledge, give back to your community, mentor others and you will be well on your way down the path to success. On behalf of all the members of OKU, I congratulate you on this monumental achievement.

Sincerely,

Jill Fernandez, RDH, MPH
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.
EVENTS CALENDAR
2011-2012

▪ **AP White Coat Ceremony:** Tuesday, September 6, 2011

▪ **Distinguished Lecturer Series: Wednesday, November 30, 2011**
  Family Translational Research: What It Is and Why You (Should) Care
  Dr. Richard Heyman
  Dr. Amy Slep

  Dr. Richard Heyman, a clinical psychologist, is a Professor in the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care and co-director of the Family Translational Research Group at NYU College of Dentistry. He earned a B.S. from Duke University and a Ph.D. from the University of Oregon. He has received 40 grants/contracts from major U.S. funding agencies on a variety of family-related topics, from anger escalation in couples to the impact of family violence on children to community-level prevention of family maltreatment, substance problems, and suicidality. Dr. Heyman has published over 100 scientific articles/chapters focused on couple dysfunction, intimate partner violence and child maltreatment and their risk factors and consequences.

  Dr. Amy M. Smith Slep is a licensed clinical psychologist and professor in the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care at New York University College of Dentistry. She founded and co-directs the Family Translational Research Group, which includes over 20 research staff and students. Her research focuses on understanding and preventing family violence and its consequences. Her work has been supported by nearly 40 federal grants and contracts and has resulted in nearly 100 publications.

▪ **Dinner for Academic Excellence: Tuesday, February 7, 2012,**
  The dinner will be held at the NYUCD Commons by invitation only. Please contact Dr. Maureen McAndrew, (mm154@nyu.edu) for more information.

▪ **Omega Chapter Business Meeting: Wednesday, February 15, 2012**
  Meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida.

▪ **Supreme Chapter Meeting/ADEA: Sunday, March 18, 2012**
  Meeting will be held in room 3W.

▪ **Annual Research Day: Thursday-Friday, April 19-20, 2012**
  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 monetary award.

▪ **Annual Convocation and Induction Dinner**
  RESERVE THIS DATE: Thursday, May 10, 2012, The Water Club Restaurant; The convocation induction of new members. For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Ferguson (mbf2@nyu.edu)
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**BIOGRAPHIES**

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.

President Elect-, Mark Wolff, DDS, PhD, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care and Associate Dean for Pre-doctoral Clinical Education at the New York University College of Dentistry. Mark is a 1981 graduate of the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine and a 1982 Graduate of the Stony Brook General Practice Residency. Mark became a full time practitioner starting a family dental practice in Stony Brook Long Island, focusing on medically compromised patients and esthetic dentistry. He still maintains a small part-time practice there. He entered dental education as a part-time faculty while enrolled in a PhD program in Oral Biology and Pathology, completing his degree in 1997. During that time, he served as Chair of the Department of General Dentistry and Director of Operative Dentistry at Stony Brook. He was Director of their Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program for two years. In 1999, Mark became a full-time member at Stony Brook and helped to develop and implement the first paperless dental school in the nation. Mark has conducted a wide variety of laboratory and clinical research projects with over sixty funded projects completed. He has mentored nearly 100 DDS students in summer research projects during his career. Mark joined NYUCD in 2005, where he designed, developed, and implemented an extensive curriculum in carries risk assessment/minimal intervention and has designed dental information systems to monitor the risk of the entire dental patient populations. He was the founding Councilor of the ADEA Cariology Section. He has authored or co-authors over 50 papers and text chapters. He has served as the principal or co-principal investigator on more than $5 million in grants.

Vice President-, Elise S. Eisenberg, DDS, MA is Senior Director of Informatics and Clinical Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Health Promotions at the New York University College of Dentistry (NYUCD) and is the course director for the D1 Healthcare Informatics course. Elise is a 1984 graduate of NYUCD, has practiced general dentistry in New York City and Washington, DC and became an NYUCD faculty member in 1991. She currently serves as the Secretary / Treasurer of the NYUCD Faculty Council and serves on the NYUCD Executive Management Committee, the NYU Teaching Technology Committee, as well as other NYUCD and University committees. Elise is the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Leadership Institute Alumni Association Vice President and an ADEA Curriculum Change and Innovation Liaison Representative for NYUCD. She is the founding chair of the ADEA Council of Sections Special Interest Group ‘Teaching and Learning with Emerging Technologies’ and previously served as an officer and councilor of the Dental Informatics section and as the ADEA Annual Session TechExpo Program Coordinator. Elise has taken a leadership position in the use of technology in dental education and was a plenary speaker at a recent Apple World Wide Developer Conference. She has also presented numerous lectures and symposiums at national professional meetings and has authored or co-authored several papers. Elise is an alumnum of the ADEA Leadership Institute (2001) and the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program (2006) and is the current recipient of the 2011 ADEA/William J. Gies Foundation Education Fellowship.

Secretary-Treasurer-, Michael Ferguson completed his D.M.D. training and AEGD Certificate at Boston University School of Dental Medicine. He has taught pre-doctoral and post-doctoral residents in dentistry at Boston University School of Dental Medicine and at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine as well as at the Harvard Medical School. He is currently the co-director of fixed clinical prosthodontics at NYU College of Dentistry. His clinical areas of expertise include diagnosis, treatment planning, and restorative dentistry. He has been an active clinician, researcher and teacher since 1989. His research areas of interest include, tooth whitening/color and pre-clinical and clinical/didactic academic education programs. His most recent collaborate project included a satisfaction survey of patients receiving implants at NYUCD. Dr Ferguson has authored/co-authored numerous peer reviewed articles and has recently co-authored a book entitled "Clinical Cases in Prosthodontics". His mission as an educator is to teach ethical sound treatment planning and proper treatment sequencing and to assure an extensive clinical experience using the latest proven techniques and materials. As a teacher, he has an expertise in curriculum development including Problem Based Learning (PBL) and electronic case-based course materials. He lectures to the undergraduates, is actively involved in clinical supervision, and mentors both students and faculty in the clinics. He serves nationally as a CODA/ADA consultant, and is a member or chaired educational committees school wide and nationally.
Kramer Award presented to Sam Bae:
Martin Roy, Maureen McAndrew, Sam Bae and Dean Charles Bertolami

Presentation of the Dr. Michael Alfano Award for Excellence in Research to Kathleen Fabella
Martin Roy, Elise Eisenberg, Kathleen Fabella and Dean Charles Bertolami

New Faculty Inductees: President’s Medal to Outgoing President awarded to Martin Roy
Mitchell J. Bloom, Nancy J. Dougherty, A. Ross Kerr and Bernard Rupnarian

New Life Members presented to Steven Resnick, Kenneth Klonsky, Michael Bral, Christopher R. Parker and Peter Venokur
In Photo: Martin Roy, Steven Resnick, Michael Bral and Dean Charles Bertolami

Honorary Member presented Timothy G. Bromage
Van Thompson, Martin Roy, Timothy Bromage and Dean Charles Bertolami
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On behalf of the OKU Executive Committee, we would also like to thank Ms. Elaine K. Bajana for her tireless efforts in the preparation of this bulletin.