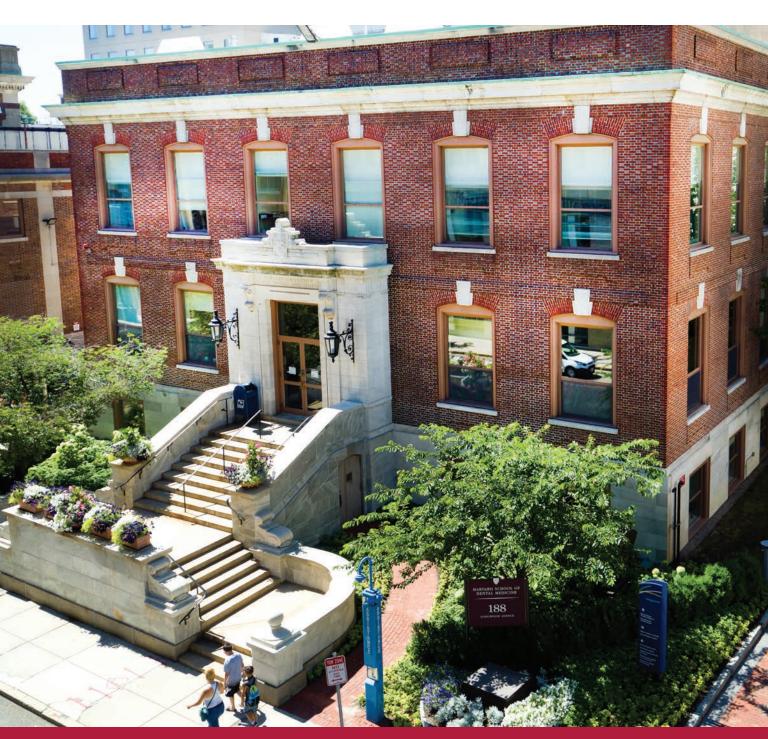
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Reflecting on the past year, the HSDM community continues to impress me in every way—the passion of our students, the dedication of our faculty and staff, and the generosity of our alumni and friends. This year, we reached the momentous conclusion of a five-year fundraising campaign. We exceeded our goal and raised a remarkable \$10.7 million in support of scholarships, fellowships, and unrestricted funds that are vital to the School's core needs. With this support, we strive to make a difference in our community and in the world.

We provide our predoctoral students with an exceptional experience that prepares them to lead, and to be active partners in the overall health and wellbeing of their patients. We also continue to build our advanced graduate education programs, this year launching a new general practice residency and an oral oncology fellowship. Our continuing education courses have also grown, offering new courses for dental professionals here at HSDM and in international destinations such as Shanghai, China.

Our students are vocal advocates for diversity in dentistry, and take an active role in recruiting the next generation of dental students, including those who may not have otherwise considered a career in dentistry to be attainable. They also serve the community in numerous ways, through outreach in local clinics and health centers, and through programs like ACTION, Give Kids a Smile and Operation Mouthguard.

Our basic science research strives to make advances that will have an impact in the lives of patients by exploring skeletal development and rare genetic diseases that could shed light on the way we treat common diseases. Our social science research aims to advance oral health equity and ensure oral health is part of primary care training. In this report, you'll find a list of 50 research projects underway.

While much of this work happens right here at 188 Longwood Avenue, a growing number of our projects happen in all corners of the globe. From Costa Rica to Rwanda, we are actively involved in partnerships to achieve a better understanding of the global burden and distribution of oral disease and how to tackle it through education.

By all accounts, it's been a productive year. I thank you for your support and dedication to HSDM.



**Bruce Donoff, DMD67, MD73** 

Dean and Walter C. Guralnick Distinguished Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery





#### **TAKING A TEAM APPROACH**

Interprofessional education continues to be an important theme throughout the curriculum, as dental students prepare to be collaborative and active partners in the overall health and care of their patients. This year, four interprofessional education (IPE) sessions were held in the predoctoral curriculum for secondyear dental students. The DMD Class of 2020 collaborated with pharmacy students from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and nurse practitioner students from Northeastern University in an interactive learning environment. The session topics included substance abuse, chronic kidney disease, pregnancy, and asthma. In addition to dental faculty, physicians, nurse practitioners, dental hygienists, psychologists, and pharmacists participated in the sessions to discuss their role and interprofessional approach to the wellbeing of patients.

#### **Motivating Mentors**

Faculty mentors are a vital resource to students and represent the future of dental education at HSDM. This year, Drs. Aram Kim and Supattriya Chutinan, instructors in Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials Sciences, were recognized for their work as teachers and mentors. Kim and Chutinan received this year's Young Mentor Award, an award that recognizes Harvard School of Dental Medicine and Harvard Medical School faculty in the early stages of their career who devote their time to mentoring others. In the words of their student nominators:



"Dr. Kim is a conductor, a catalyst, the epitome of an individual whose actions speak volumes of her love and dedication to those around her."



"Dr. Chutinan stands apart as a beacon of inspiration, she reminds her students of the excellence we can achieve, and inspires us to find joy in mentoring the classes that follow."

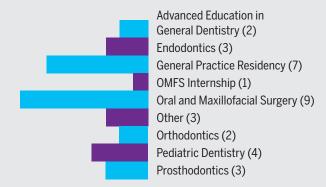
#### DMD CLASS OF 2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Enrollees in the Class of 2021 hail from 18 states and four different countries. They represent 29 colleges and universities. Undergraduate majors are primarily science-based, with 60% majoring in a branch of Biology, 17% in Biochemistry, and 11% in Chemistry. Several students (14% of the class) completed a second major in the arts or social sciences. 28.5% of the class (10 students) took one or more years off before matriculating into dental school.

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APPLICATIONS

#### **Class of 2018 Postgrad Plans**



35 ENROLLEES 5%
ADMIT RATE

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# NEW ADVANCED EDUCATION PROGRAMS

# General Practice Residency with the Boston Veterans Affairs (VA) Hospital

Through an affiliation with the VA Boston Healthcare System, HSDM began offering a one-year General Practice Residency program leading to a VA certificate in Hospital Dentistry, and an HSDM certificate in General Dentistry. The program provides experience in all phases of ambulatory and inpatient dental care, with required rotations in oral and maxillofacial surgery, anesthesiology, and internal medicine.

#### **Oral Oncology Fellowship**

This one-year, full-time training program, offered through the Division of Oral Medicine and Dentistry at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI), is designed for dentists who are committed to developing expertise in oncology and oral health and serving as community leaders. Trainees are co-appointed at HSDM, BWH, and DFCI. Clinical training is based at BWH and DFCI with additional rotations at other Harvard affiliated teaching hospitals as well as community health centers.

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

HSDM's Continuing Education programs provide valuable lifelong learning experiences for dental professionals. This year, opportunities for learners continued to expand with new courses offered in Boston, as well as international locations including China. Nine courses, taught by HSDM faculty, attracted a total of nearly 200 participants to learn about relevant and timely topics in dentistry. Courses covered digital dentistry and digital workflow in implant dentistry, multidisciplinary approaches to advanced dentistry, synergism in dentistry, geriatric dentistry, healthcare education and more.





# **Student Life & Learning**

# CREATING PATHWAYS FOR DIVERSITY IN DENTISTRY

HSDM students have taken an active role in recruiting the next generation of dental students—and they are hoping to attract a wide array of students who may not have considered careers in dentistry.

HSDM's Pathways into Dentistry pipeline program introduces middle, high school, and college students to dentistry. The offices of Diversity and Inclusion and Admissions, partner with organizations such the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity, MEDscience (HMS), MGH/Revere Cares, Reactions in Action (HMS), National Student Leadership Conference, Seeds of Hope (HMS), and Indian Island School, to bring young students, who would not likely be exposed to career opportunities in dentistry, to HSDM to introduce them to the field.

Students competed in games on the Quad at Big/Little Sibling Field Day.

HSDM's Diversity and Inclusion fellows serve as ambassadors, showing them a glimpse of student life and answering their questions about dentistry.

"While we have the students with us, we also teach them about oral health and oral hygiene practices so we can contribute to the prevention of oral disease," Dr. Josephine Kim, director of Diversity and Inclusion, said. "Students leave with knowledge about the field, information on the admissions process, and equipped with oral hygiene products (toothbrush, toothpaste, and floss)," she added.

Visiting students who express an interest in dentistry can participate in further pipeline programming with job shadowing opportunities with local dentists.



"If we can convince one middle school student that they can do it and give them guidance on what it might take to get there, then we create a ripple effect."

-Mindy Truong (DMD 2019), senior Diversity and Inclusion fellow

#### **Scholarly Pursuits**



A new opportunity for DMD students, *Scholars in Dental Education*, is a training program for students who are interested in pursuing academic careers upon graduation. Scholars serve as education liaisons, as well as guests on committees including admissions, curriculum, and other administrative meetings. Monthly meetings with fellow scholars and mentors allow exploration of a wide range of topics in academic dentistry, and the scholars themselves work with mentors to research topics of interest in dental education.

HSDM was honored for its diversity and inclusion efforts, receiving a 2018 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine. The Award honors colleges and universities nationwide that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

"It is important to have a diverse community of healthcare professionals that is representative of the people they serve, and it starts with educating young students."

-Ty Adeseye (DMD 2019) senior Diversity and Inclusion fellow

#### **OUTREACH IN ACTION**

Outside of the classroom, HSDM students get involved in numerous activities in the greater Boston community to promote oral health and awareness. Programs like:

Action for Children and Teens in Oral Health Need (ACTION) Clinic, a student volunteerrun pediatric dental clinic offered one Saturday per month at Windsor Clinic in Cambridge: the Crimson Care Collaborative Nashua Street Jail **Clinic**, a fully integrated health and oral care clinic serving the incarcerated that exposes students to primary and public health care practice; the Give Kids a Smile program that provides free dental care to children ages 1-17 during an annual event in February held in the Teaching Practices clinic; Operation Mouthguard, a program that provides oral health education, and custommade mouthguards for children from low-income families, as well as high school sports teams in lowincome areas of Boston: the Wampanoag Tribe: Oral Health Relief Effort, where students learn how to provide culturally-sensitive care to patients with diverse ethnic and cultural backgrounds; as well as many other programs, clinics, and events throughout the year.





Laura Rushford DMD17, MMSc 2020, is the first recipient of the Lionel B. Pelletier Family Fellowship in Prosthodontics.

#### **RECOGNIZING A CHERISHED MENTOR**

In the fall of 2017, HSDM lost a legendary teacher, mentor, and visionary in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery. For more than seven decades, Dr. Walter Guralnick was a mentor and friend to many at HSDM and had a lasting impact on the lives and careers of the School's students and faculty. One of those students, Dr. Joy Wang, who became an oral surgeon herself, wanted to return the favor to her mentor. With a pledge of \$100,000 she established the Walter and Betty Guralnick Scholarship—a fund to support future generations of predoctoral students.

#### "His door was always open.

He was always there for me," she said. "I wanted to give a gift in the spirit of everything I got from Harvard."

- Dr. Joy Wang

"Walter Guralnick had a profound impact on his students and all those who surrounded him. Joy is someone who exemplifies his teaching, mentorship, and values. Her decision to give a gift that will honor his legacy and give back to students is extremely generous and very much in the spirit of Walter's kindness and generosity," said Dean Bruce Donoff, DMD67, MD73. The Dean and his wife Mady made a generous gift to the Scholarship as well.

Joy Wang, DMD95, MPH95, with the late Walter Guralnick, DMD41.



"Having financial assistance while being surrounded by a supportive community at HSDM has set the foundation for my future as a prosthodontist."

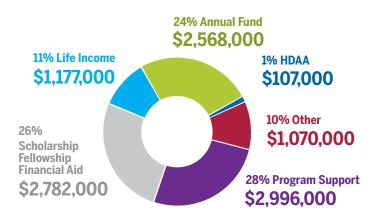
- Dr. Laura Rushford

#### **CELEBRATING SUCCESS**

Our generous alumni, donors, and friends helped the School reach well beyond HSDM's \$8,000,000 goal in the "It Begins with Me" campaign. Raising nearly \$10,700,000 and exceeding the goal by more than 33 percent!

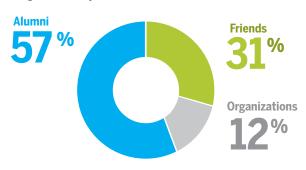
#### **Fundraising Progress**

#### **FY18 Gift Distribution**



#### **FY18 Gifts by Alumni, Friends, and Organizations**

Reflects gifts made by 611 donors



#### Increasing Capacity With Endowed Funds

Thanks to the generosity and vision of donors to the Campaign, a number of endowed funds were established to support student financial aid, specialty programs, and global and community oral health public service activities. These funds help HSDM increase its capacity to attract, retain, and support talented students and faculty.

# The following endowments were established

- · Freeman, Grant, Franklin Scholarship
- · Melvin J. Glimcher. MD. Research Award
- · Walter and Betty Guralnick Scholarship
- HSDM Endowed Scholarship
- · HSDM Student Travel Fund
- JooEun Advanced Graduate Prosthodontics Fund
- · Laure Lebret Orthodontics Fund
- · Si Kon Lee Scholarship
- Lionel B. Pelletier Family Fellowship in Prosthodontics
- Masako and Seizaburo Sakamoto DMD Scholarship
- Straumann USA LLC Implant Fellowship
- The HSDM Endodontics Fellowship (to become the Robert R. White, DMD, Endodontics Fellowship upon Dr. White's retirement)



#### **GAINING INSIGHTS FROM RARE GENETIC DISEASES**

Dr. Yingzi Yang, associate dean for translational research and professor of Developmental Biology at HSDM, explores how the skeletal system forms and how skeletal diseases arise in her research. One of the unique ways she does this is by studying rare genetic bone diseases to uncover mechanisms that can be applied to more common diseases.

Her funded research projects study conditions such as Heterotopic Ossification (HO), a condition that can occur with injury or trauma where bone forms in soft tissue; another project looks at fibrosis in the bone marrow; and yet another examines cartilage morphogenesis in long bones.

"By looking at cartilage morphogenesis in long bones, and why they elongate in a certain direction, this has tremendous implications in diseases such as dwarfism, cleft palate, and even spina bifida—a condition with an open neural tube," Yang said.

Yang's research has significant implications in dental craniofacial research and well beyond.

"As a researcher in medicine, our goal is to also provide a very fundamental understanding of many more physiological or pathophysiological processes. Basic research and medical research are two faces of the same coin."

"When you're trying to address a problem in craniofacial development, often what you find can be applied to other places. It's not limited to only dental implications," she said.

This year Yang also took on the role of director of the PhD in Biological Sciences in Dental Medicine program at HSDM. The program, offered to students accepted into the DMD program at HSDM, provides the opportunity for students to earn a PhD while earning a DMD degree. It offers advanced study in the molecular, supramolecular, cellular, and supracellular processes that provide the intellectual basis for dental medicine.

"We have a long-standing interest in skeletal development, although most of the time we are investigating how the skeletal system forms, **our** ultimate goal is to understand the cellular and molecular mechanisms underpinning skeletal diseases."

- Dr. Yingzi Yang

#### **Award Highlight**



# Recognizing Research Excellence

Dr. Vicki Rosen, professor and chair of Developmental Biology at HSDM, received the William F. Neuman Award this year. The award is the most prestigious given by the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR); it recognizes major scientific contributions in the area of bone and mineral research and contributions to associates and trainees in teaching, research, and administration.

"I am delighted by this honor and proud to be recognized by ASBMR as it is an organization that values diversity and highlights the achievements of women," said Dr. Rosen.

The Rosen Laboratory studies the physiological roles that bone morphogenetic proteins (BMPs) play in the development, maintenance, and repair of musculoskeletal tissues (bone, cartilage, tendon, ligament, meniscus, muscle) with the goal of developing novel strategies for their repair and regeneration.



#### **Student Research**

Student Research Day at HSDM is an annual event where graduating DMD, MMSc, DMSc, and certificate students present their scholarly work to faculty evaluators as part of their research requirements for graduation. This year's event, held in April, provided students with the opportunity to showcase their research in poster sessions and interact with faculty, staff, and peers. Awards were presented for the best student posters.



Zahra Aldawood, DMSc18 (Oral Biology), MMSc 2021, discusses her research into Harnessing Prx1-expressing cells for regeneration of calvarial bone defects.

# **Funded Research Projects**

#### FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

#### **Hend Alqaderi**

Oral Health for Syrian Refugees **Funder**: Karam Foundation

#### **Roland Baron**

Cellular Mechanisms of PTH1R Activation with Osteoporosis

**Treatments** 

**Funder**: Maine Medical Center

Comparison of the Osteocytic Responses to Abaloparitide versus Teriparatide

Funder: Radius Health, Inc.

PTH Resistance and Marrow

Adipogenesis Funder: NIH/NIDDK

R-Spondin3 as a Target for Anabolic

Bone Therapy **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

Mechanisms and Function of the Microtubule Podosome Connection

in Osteoclasts
Funder: NIH/NIAMS

#### Chia-Yu Chen

Electrophoretic Fusion of Perpendicular Type I Collagen into Titanium Nanotube for the Future

Peri-Implant Ligament

**Funder**: Osseointegration Foundation

#### **Christina Cho**

Comparative Evaluation of Composite Resin Restorations Fabricated from CAD/3D Printing and CAD/CAM Technologies

Funder: Academy of Operative

Dentistry

#### Corneliu Sima

Regulation of Inflammation in T2D-Associated Periodontitis

Funder: NIH/NIDCR

#### John Da Silva

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program 2015 **Funder**: HRSA-HIV/AIDS Bureau-

Public Health Service

Nurse Education, Practice, Quality and Retention (NEPQR) Program Interprofessional Collaborative

Practice

Funder: Northeastern University

#### **Erica Frenkel**

The Role of Salivary Mucin in Preventing Cariogenic Streptococcus Biofilm Formation

Funder: NIH/NIDCR

#### **Bernard Friedland**

Development Initiative for Ethical Review and Oversight of Health Research Involving Human Subjects in

Rwanda

Funder: NIH/FIC

#### Giuseppe Intini

A Multi-Fluorescent Intravital Microscopy Approach to Study

Osteosarcoma Funder: NIH/NCI

#### Andreia Ionescu

Hypertrophy and Inflammation in Osteoarthritis: Epistasis or Synergy?

Funder: NIH/NIAMS

#### **David Kim**

Comparison of Volumetric Changes of Soft Tissue around Dektal Implants following Connective Tissue Graft **Funder**: Osteology Foundation

#### Soo-Woo Kim

Comparison of Volumetric Changes of Soft Tissue around Dental Implants following Connective Tissue Graft **Funder**: American Academy of Implant Dentistry

#### Satya Kota

Epigenetic Regulation of Skeletal Patterning and Morphogenesis During Development **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

#### Yefu Li

An Herbal Derivative as the Basis for a New Approach to Treating Post-Traumatic Osteoarthritis **Funder**: U.S. Department of Defense

#### Eli Machtei

Dimensional Changes of the Keratinized Gingiva and Vestibular Depth Following Socket Preservation Procedure Using Two Surgical Protocols

Funder: Valeant Pharmaceuticals, LLC

#### **Beate Lanske**

PTH Resistance and Marrow Adipogenesis-R56 Bridge **Funder**: NIH/NIDDK

Determine the Reproductive Phenotype of Fgf23 and Klotho

Knock-Out Mice

Funder: University of Copenhagen

#### **Christine Murphy**

Family Intervention with Caregivers of Children with Dental Needs

Funder: Case Western Reserve
University

**Equitable Care For Elders** 

Funder: Health Resources & Services

Administration

Academic Units for Primary Care Training and Enhancement

Funder: Health Resources & Services

Administration

Patient Safety: Developing a Patient Safety System for Dentistry

Funder: University of Texas Health

Science Center at Houston

BigMouth: Implementing Dental Quality Measures in Practice **Funder**: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Measuring Occurrence of and Disparities in Dental Clinic

Adverse Events

Funder: University of Texas Health

Science Center at Houston

#### Shigemi Nagai

Quantitative Assessment of Efficacy of New PRO-SYS Toothbrush **Funder**: Benco Dental Supply Company

Iwate Project for Curricular Changes **Funder**: Iwate Medical University

#### Gili Naveh

Tooth Movement Derived by PDL Cellular Manipulations **Funder**: NIH/NIDCR

#### **Bjorn Olsen**

A Mechanism for Tyrosine Phosphorylation of Extracellular

Matrix Proteins **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

#### **Nora Renthal**

Child Health Research Career Development Award

Funder: Children's Hospital Boston

#### Vicki Rosen

Identification, Characterization, and Utilization of Adult Meniscal

**Progenitor Cells** 

Funder: U.S. Department of Defense







Cartilage-Bone-Synovium MPS: Musculoskeletal Disease Biology in Space

**Funder**: Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Adult Bone Mass Regulation by Type 2 BMP Receptors **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

11th International BMP Meeting **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

#### **Brittany Seymour**

CUGH-GH Starter Kit: Toward Competency-Based Best Practices for Global Health in Dental Education: A Global Health Starter Kit **Funder**: Consortium of Universities for Global Health

Global Health Starter Kit for Dental Education

**Funder**: International College of Dentists USA Section

Foundation Inc.

Vietnam Health Advancement Initiative

**Funder**: University of Medicine and Pharmacy at Ho Chi Minh City

The Global Health Learning Helix: Modeling 3D Global Health Education

Funder: Abundance Foundation

#### **Jeffry Shaefer**

Inter-professional Case-based Pain Medicine Curriculum for Students of Dentistry, Medicine, Pharmacy, Psychology, and Nursing in Boston, MA **Funder**: NIH/NIDA

#### **Brett Stein**

A Quantitative Analysis of the Selective-Impression Technique Using CAD/CAM Technology **Funder**: Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics

#### **Malcolm Whitman**

An Herbal Derivative as the Basis for a New Approach to Treating Post-Traumatic Osteoarthritis **Funder**: U.S. Department of

Defense

Role of the First Secreted Tyrosine Kinase in Bone Development, Homeostasis, and Repair **Funder**: NIH/NIAMS

The First Secreted Tyrosine Kinase

Funder: NIH/NIGMS

#### Yingzi Yang

Mechanisms of Hippo Signaling in Alcoholic Liver Disease

Funder: NIH/NIAAA

Gas-Hedgehog Signaling in Intramembranous Bone Formation

and Expansion Funder: NIH/NIDCR

Molecular Mechanism of Wnt/ Planar Cell Polarity Signaling

Funder: NIH/NIAMS

Mechanistic and Therapeutic Studies of Fibrous Dysplasia in a

New Mouse Model

Funder: University of Pennsylvania

Anitha AbdulRahiman, DMD15, MMSc18, presents her research on adverse events in endodontics at Student Research Day.





#### PROVIDING PATIENT-CENTERED CARE

The Harvard Dental Center serves as a vital resource to the greater-Boston community serving over 38,000 active patients. Three tiers of care are offered through the Faculty Group Practice and the Teaching Practices: Advanced Graduate and Predoctoral Clinics. The Center's mission is to set the standard of excellence and innovation in patient-centered care.



Active Patients as of July 2018



26,664

Patient visits to the Teaching Practices (FY18)



18,420

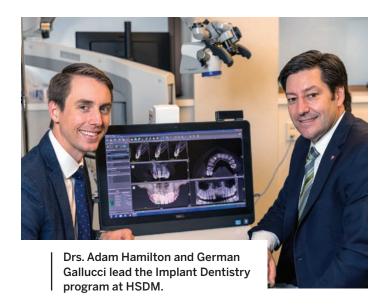
Patient visits to the Faculty Group Practice (FY18)

#### **Expanding Treatment Options**

Chia-Cheng Li, DMSc14, joined the Faculty Group Practice in FY18 to offer oral cancer screenings and treatment to patients.

Dr. Li is an instructor in Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity at HSDM and a research fellow in the Division of Genetics at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is responsible

for both predoctoral and postdoctoral oral pathology courses, and the consult service at the Harvard Dental Center. Dr. Li received her DDS and MS degree in Oral Biology/Virology from National Yang-Ming University in Taiwan. She completed her postgraduate training at HSDM, where she received a DMSc degree in Oral Biology. Dr. Li is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and is a fellow in the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.



#### **Implant Program Celebrates Its Roots**

This year marked the tenth anniversary of HSDM's Advanced Graduate Education program in Implant Dentistry. The program was first launched in 2008 to address a growing demand for dental specialists with skills, knowledge, and interest in oral implantology, and to meet the needs of an aging population with the latest implant technological advances and techniques.

The program is designed for dentists with proven scholarship and excellence in patient care to achieve academic leadership in the clinical and scientific fields of implant dentistry and tissue regeneration. Clinical activities take place in the Faculty Group Practice of the Harvard Dental Center and at affiliated institutions. Implant fellows are exposed to both surgical and restorative aspects of implant dentistry, with special attention to patient care under comprehensive treatment planning.

#### **Winning Smiles**

The Orthodontics team at the Harvard Dental Center goes to great lengths to put smiles on the faces of their patients.

When a young patient of Mohamed Masoud, DMSc07, assistant professor of Developmental Biology and clinical associate in the Faculty Group Practice, took an expedition with her family to travel around the globe by sailboat, she was worried that her crooked teeth would never get straightened.

"I looked horrible because my teeth looked horrible and I didn't want to smile." Salina said.

Dr. Masoud came up with the idea of completing regular checkups by using Facetime, to video chat with Salina, and see how her orthodontic treatment with invisible aligners was progressing. His work virtually treating Salina won an award for the best treated aligner case in the teen category at the Invisalign Ortho Summit.

# "Thank you Dr. Masoud! Even in the Arctic the treatment was possible!"

- Salina, young patient





#### PARTNERSHIPS AND PROGRESS

Oral disease is one of the most prevalent diseases worldwide, affecting 3.9 billion people. HSDM is committed to working with partners around the world to help achieve a better understanding of the burden and distribution of oral disease and how it can be tackled through patient education, workforce development, integrated care delivery, and universal health coverage.

Progress begins with education. All HSDM students take *The Practice of Oral Health* course in their second year, where they learn about vulnerable populations, global health systems, and epidemiology of disease. To build on this foundation, HSDM offers global health courses as well as a special track in Global and Community Health which requires students to take electives in global and/or community health, design and complete a special research project, and defend a thesis.

Students and faculty are engaged in community outreach projects throughout the greater Boston area, and at many local community health centers. Internationally, HSDM is involved in projects in Rwanda, India, Vietnam, Costa Rica, and elsewhere. Both locally and globally, the work is driven by the belief that oral healthcare should be fully incorporated into primary health programming.

Dr. Steffany Chamut (center) with University of Rwanda School of Dentistry students.





#### **Taking Lessons Into The Field**

In a unique learning opportunity, second-year DMD students had the chance to take concepts learned in their *Principles of Oral Health* class and apply them in the field. Assistant Professor of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, Brittany Seymour, MPH11, led a one-week extension course in Costa Rica that gave students a firsthand look at some of the most pressing challenges in global health, such as the effects of environmental degradation, migrations and changing demographics, and nutritional and epidemiological transitions.

The HSDM students were paired with dental students from the University of Costa Rica. Together they visited rural hospitals and ministries of health and learned about the country's health systems. Afterward they worked in teams to strategize and create solutions to challenges they saw in the field.

"The students learned a tremendous amount about the importance of true community partnership and collaboration, and not just what that looks like in theory, what it looks like in action and how challenging it can be," Seymour said. "They see themselves as global citizens and I think they've gained the perspective that what they learned here not only can benefit communities around the world, but can also be applied to challenges faced at home in the U.S."

# "This experience has definitely affirmed a lot of my goals, motivations, and aspirations

and made me think broader too. I have a responsibility to help as many people as I can because there's so much need out there. We can do better both in the U.S. and globally in improving health care and oral health."

- David Danesh, DMD 2020



#### **Building A Dental School In Rwanda**

Since 2011, HSDM has been a leading partner in the effort to launch the new dental school and bachelor of dental surgery degree program at the University of Rwanda. In May 2018, University of Rwanda Vice Chancellor Philip Cotton visited HSDM with Paul Farmer, MD88, Kolokotrones University Professor of Global Health and Social Medicine, and others from the Human Resources for Health (HRH) Program.

Cotton spoke about efforts to bring together fourteen institutions, ten campuses, and 30,000 students into one public university. Through the HRH program, the University of Rwanda has built a new

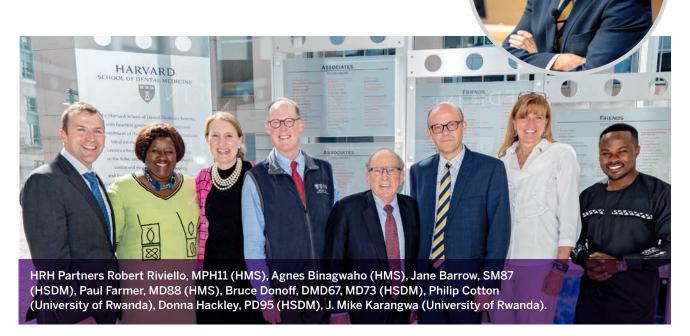
healthcare education infrastructure, including the first ever dental school in the nation.

"We are just going to have our fifth graduation this year. We will see the graduation of our firstever dental surgeons," Cotton said.

Cotton attributed the success of the University of Rwanda and its programs to a new dynamic culture around education in Rwanda, and a commitment to creating an open, accessible, and empowering space for students.

"Harvard has had this quiet yet monumental impact on the lives of young people who occupy this space."

- University of Rwanda Vice Chancellor Philip Cotton





#### **WELCOMING HARVARD'S 29TH PRESIDENT**

In 2018, Harvard University named widely admired higher education leader, and Harvard Corporation member, Lawrence Bacow, MPP76, JD76, PhD78, as its next president. Bacow is an alumnus of both Harvard's Law School and Kennedy School of Government, where he also served as Hauser Leader-in-Residence at the Kennedy School's Center for Public Leadership. With a long career in higher education, he served for a decade as president of Tufts University, and previously as a faculty member and chancellor of Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Bacow stepped into the presidency in early July, and on his first day sent a personal message to the community.

"I am honored to succeed Drew and humbled to have the chance to lead this extraordinary institution. I am one of countless people whose lives have been transformed by Harvard, and helping extend that experience to others is the opportunity of a lifetime," he said.

"There is no place I would rather be, and no community I would rather be part of, to help address the challenges ahead and to consider how we can each do our part to meet them," he added.

Bacow is well known to Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and was keynote speaker at HSDM's Sesquicentennial Gala in 2017, where he spoke about the importance of the School and its mission.

"Larry Bacow is a longtime friend of Harvard School of Dental Medicine, serving as former Harvard Corporation liaison to HSDM, and more recently as keynote speaker at HSDM's Sesquicentennial Gala. We're thrilled to welcome him as Harvard's 29th president."

- Dean Bruce Donoff

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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30	2017	2018
Income Summary		
Student Tuition	\$9,573,806	\$9,592,412
Federal Sponsored Programs	6,195,844	7,129,808
Nonfederal Sponsored Programs	973,213	65,647
Current Use Gifts	732,200	1,090,460
Endowment	9,567,598	9,640,659
Services Income	8,350,211	8,934,222
Other Income	2,913,605	3,017,788
TOTAL INCOME	\$38,306,527	\$39,470,996

<b>Expenses Summary</b>		
Salaries and Wage	\$16,817,320	\$16,601,664
Employee Benefits	5,818,479	5,857,642
Scholarships	79,229	131,375
Supplies and Materials	3,294,028	3,550,697
Space and Occupancy	2,685,626	2,918,877
Interest	1,014,482	772,320
Depreciation	1,782,048	1,766,182
Services Purchased	3,904,647	3,629,772
Subcontracted Services	213,816	309,436
Other Expenses	3,705,664	3,745,382
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$39,315,339	\$39,283,347



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