Student Highlight

DMD 2017 research honors students who were recognized on Student Research Day. Pictured left to right: Cherry Choy, Jason Outlaw, James Baker, Joseph DePalo, and Sara Tejani. Additional research honors students not pictured: Karan Ganjawalla, and Patrick Vaughn.
Dear Alumni and Friends of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine,

In 1867, Harvard University made a bold choice to elevate the study and practice of dental medicine by establishing a new school devoted to those purposes. The Harvard Dental School, as it was then known, was the first of its kind in the United States—a center of learning affiliated with both a medical school and a University.

One hundred and fifty years after its founding, the Harvard School of Dental Medicine continues to demonstrate the transformative power of advancing knowledge and translating it into action for the sake of humanity. Through education, research, patient care, and public service, it creates extraordinary opportunities that deepen our understanding of human health, lead to innovative approaches and treatments, and help to create a healthier future.

It has been a great pleasure to meet students, faculty, staff, and alumni who have committed themselves to improving the lives of individuals and communities across the country and around the world, and it is a great privilege for me to send my congratulations on reaching this historic milestone.

With my best wishes for many more successes,

Drew Gilpin Faust
President of Harvard University
Lincoln Professor of History

This year we celebrate a remarkable milestone—the 150th anniversary of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. The idea that dental education should be a part of this University and affiliated with its medical school was a groundbreaking concept in 1867, and one that is worthy of celebration.

As the first dental school of its kind, we’ve led the way in dental education, research, and patient care. In this anniversary issue you will find examples of these notable achievements. I encourage you to take a moment to browse through the historic timeline and reflect on all that has been accomplished by those who came before us. This issue also recognizes friends and alumni who support the work we are doing today to ensure the School will have a bright future—graduates like Robert Chuong and Elaine Wong, and other supporters who have made gifts of all sizes to benefit the School and student scholarships. This support guarantees the best and brightest students can attend HSDM, regardless of financial need.

I echo President Faust’s warm congratulations to our friends, alumni, faculty, students and staff who are dedicated to the mission of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine and to making a difference in the lives of others. We hope you’ll join us at anniversary events throughout 2017 to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Best wishes,

Bruce Donoff, DMD67, MD73
Dean of Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Walter C. Guralnick Distinguished Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

FROM THE PRESIDENT & THE DEAN
A recent research finding published in *Stem Cell Reports* could potentially lead to therapies that address craniofacial malformations in children. Craniofacial malformations are deformities that affect a child’s head and facial bones—disorders such as cleft palate, or craniosynostosis that are present at birth.

The Intini Laboratory “intinilab,” led by Dr. Giuseppe Intini, assistant professor of Oral Medicine, Infection, and Immunity at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and principal faculty member of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, studied skeletal stem cells found in the skull and bones of the head (calvarial bone). As the skull forms to protect the brain, the sutures (or fibrous joints) of the skull remain an active site of bone formation during post-natal development. Studying a post-natal cell population of calvarial bone in mice, Intini’s team learned that skeletal stem cells expressing PRX1 live exclusively in the skull’s suture niches, decrease in number with age, and are required for bone regeneration. Further, they discovered that upon transplantation the cells are able to regenerate bone. Additional investigation of these cells could lead to novel and more effective therapeutic strategies for treatment of craniofacial malformations.

“My laboratory has worked intensely on this project for years. Thanks to the efforts of my team of investigators and collaboration with Dr. Charles Lin from Massachusetts General Hospital, we have been able to characterize the role of PRX1 expressing cells during post-natal life,” Dr. Intini said. “Harnessing these cells for better regenerative therapies in humans is a challenge that lies in front of us. In collaboration with the surgeons at Boston Children’s Hospital we are ready to tackle it.”

In the next phase of his research, Dr. Intini is collaborating with plastic surgeons and neurosurgeons at the Boston Children’s Hospital, to translate this finding into cell-targeting strategies for better cranioplastic approaches in children with craniofacial malformations.

“This is an exciting research project and we are looking forward to this collaboration,” said Dr. John Meara, plastic surgeon-in-chief at Boston Children’s Hospital, and Kleitjian Professor of Global Surgery at Harvard Medical School.
Through its global partnerships, HSDM is making an impact around the globe. Recent and ongoing activities are underway in the following countries:

**Haiti:** Dr. Brian Swann, instructor in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, is travelling to Haiti in 2017 with the National Dental Association as part of efforts to build faculty capacity in collaboration with the Haiti Dental School.

**Kuwait:** Drs. Mary Tavares (instructor) and Hend Alqaderi (lecturer) in Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology are collaborating on research in Kuwait entitled “The Kuwait Healthy Lifestyle Study.” This longitudinal study focuses on data from over 8,000 Kuwaiti children across the six governorates of Kuwait. The study looks at correlation among sugar sweetened drinks, obesity, caries, and sleep patterns.

**Rwanda:** Now in its fifth year, HSDM’s collaboration with the University of Maryland and the University of Rwanda College of Medicine and Health Sciences led to the launch of the first-ever School of Dentistry, located within the College of Medicine and Health Sciences at the University of Rwanda in Kigali. The bachelor of dental surgery program in Rwanda is part of the extensive Rwanda Human Resources for Health Scale Up (HRH) Program. The HRH Program is a novel and potentially transformative health care workforce capacity-building initiative developed by the Government of Rwanda and funded by the U.S. Government. The overarching aim of this eight-year program is to build a comprehensive, high-quality, and sustainable health care system in Rwanda by strengthening the health care workforce education system and promoting the education and career development of the country’s health care workforce. Current and past HSDM faculty and alumni have assisted with the project.

**United Arab Emirates:** Drs. Christine Riedy, interim chair and associate professor of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, and Hawazin Elani, instructor in Restorative Dentistry and Biomaterials Sciences (HSDM) and Dr. Munzer Ramahi (Mediclinic, UAE) are serving as co-PIs on, “Oral Health and Diabetes in Emirati Adults: A Mixed Methods Study,” funded by the HMS Center for Global Health Delivery-Dubai. The Mediclinic/HSDM collaboration will examine Type 2 diabetes among Emirati adults residing in Dubai, UAE. A quantitative approach will be used to assess the prevalence of periodontitis in diabetic Emirati adults, examine the association between prevalence of periodontitis and uncontrolled diabetes and assess patients’ treatment compliance/adherence. A qualitative approach will be used to examine the experiences of controlled and uncontrolled diabetics. This knowledge will be used to inform and tailor future targeted behavioral interventions in this population.
Rachel Ramoni, DMD99, PD06 vividly remembers the email that led to her new position as chief research and development officer for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

It was from a man who told her that she was recommended by the White House. “I was shocked,” she said. “I looked him up to make sure he was legit!”

The email was from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Dr. David Shulkin (then Under Secretary for Health). Shulkin had heard about Ramoni’s work in the undiagnosed diseases community and thought she would be a good fit for the role.

Ramoni describes what led her to the position as a rapid progression of roles in research administration. Most recently, she was the principal investigator for the Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN) Coordinating Center, a project funded by the National Institutes of Health. At UDN, she brought together clinical and research experts from across the U.S. to solve challenging medical mysteries using advanced technologies.

Prior to her role with UDN, she served as executive director of the Substitutable Medical Applications, Reusable Technologies (SMART) project at Harvard Medical School, which led to innovations in making health care data interoperable across different electronic health record systems.

A Different Kind of Dentist

Ramoni credits Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) as having had a significant influence on her career trajectory.

“Most people go to dental school to become a dentist. HSDM gave me a different perspective about all the options that were available to me,” she said. “We were invited to consider other possibilities.”

Dean Bruce Donoff remembers Ramoni well. “I’m fond of telling the incoming predocs when I greet them that I hope they find careers in dentistry that don’t yet exist. Rachel epitomizes that; I’m thrilled for her success,” said Donoff.

After getting her DMD from HSDM, she entered the dental public health program which combines a residency in dental public health with a doctorate in epidemiology at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. It was during that time she got her first taste of leading a research project. Motivated by the completion of the first human genetic sequence, she began studying the genetic underpinnings of cleft lip and palate. She soon learned that what appealed to her most about research wasn’t working alone in a lab, but collaborating and being an administrative leader of research and discovery. That motivation continues to drive her.

Leading National Research

In Ramoni’s role at the VA, she overseeing 2,000 active projects at more than 100 sites nationwide, with a budget of $1.8 billion in 2016. The figure includes both direct VA support and research funding from outside entities such as the National Institutes of Health, other federal agencies, and nonprofit and private organizations. The VA’s Office of Research and Development is made up of four divisions: biomedical (basic) research; clinical studies; rehabilitation; and health services research.

“My breadth of experience at HSDM and at HMS prepared me to lead an organization that funds such a wide range of projects,” Ramoni said.

One of her goals is to increase awareness of the VA’s research and development program, which in over 90
years has produced numerous health care discoveries and led to three Nobel prizes.

“A lot of innovative research has come out of the VA. The first successful liver transplant, the nicotine patch, the shingles vaccine, and many advances with prosthetic limbs,” she said.

For Ramoni, another exciting part of overseeing the VA’s research program is to see innovations tested and implemented in VA health centers. She enjoys traveling to many of these locations around the country. Some of her work brings her back to Boston, where she is involved in the VA-funded Million Veteran Program (MVP). MVP is an effort to study the effects that genes have on Veterans’ health, by building one of the world’s largest databases of health and genetic information.

**Finding the Perfect Fit**

Even with all her new responsibilities, she hasn’t forgotten her roots in dental medicine. “I also try to speak up for the importance of Veterans’ dental health,” she said. Through the VA, Veterans receive different levels of dental care based on eligibility, but Ramoni acknowledges it could be more comprehensive.

Her advice to current HSDM students is to keep an open mind to what they can do with their dental education.

“When you’re a kid you think maybe there are three jobs out there for you. I thought, maybe I’d be a veterinarian, teacher, or doctor,” she said. “I didn’t even know a job like mine existed!”

A career path that wound through dentistry, public health, and research led Ramoni to her dream job—serving her country and its Veterans.

“I love my job. It’s a real privilege to be here.”

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**Senior Dental Leaders Come to Boston**

The Senior Dental Leaders Program (SDL) brought 17 delegates from around the world to Boston on March 5-10. Delegates from Australia, Brazil, China, Mexico, South Africa, Tanzania, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Zambia participated in the 6-day conference that develops key strategic leadership competencies, and provides networking opportunities with other international leaders in dentistry. Faculty from King’s College London, and Harvard School of Dental Medicine presented a number of seminars on topics ranging from transforming oral health, to team leadership, and public health innovation.

“Strategic dental leaders are in short supply globally and are greatly needed to tackle the ongoing issue of poor child oral health worldwide,” said Professor Raman Bedi, Chairman, Global Child Dental Fund. “SDL is designed to produce leaders who can return to their own settings and implement child oral health improvement programs, that attract resources and benefit from the knowledge and skills of the global dental community.”

The Senior Dental Leaders Program was first conceptualized in 2007 at King’s College London by Professor Raman Bedi, DDS. It is supported by King’s College London, the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Colgate Palmolive, and Henry Schein.
Knowing that a substantial gift could make a big impact for a small school like the Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM), Robert Chuong, DMD77, MD77, PD82, and his wife Elaine Wong, DMD, recently established a Charitable Lead Annuity Trust in the amount of $1 million for HSDM. The trust will provide the School with an annual sum for a term of 20 years.

"I feel thankful for the opportunity to go to Harvard. HSDM was naturally the place to give my gift," Chuong said.

As a graduate student, Chuong came to HSDM from New York City. His first impression of Boston was that it was considerably smaller than his home city where he attended Columbia University as an undergraduate. "I was surprised that the T shut down at midnight," he said.

Not only did he come to a smaller city, but to Harvard School of Dental Medicine, the smallest graduate school of Harvard. Joining a class of less than twenty DMD students, he got to know his classmates quickly and immersed himself in learning about dentistry alongside medicine.

"I liked the whole Harvard philosophy. I liked the idea that we were learning medicine in general, not only dentistry. We went to school with our medical school peers—it’s unique and a positive way of learning," he said.

The advantages of his Harvard experience expanded as he worked toward a dual degree in Oral Surgery. He credits exceptional faculty like Drs. Bruce Donoff, Walter Guralnick, Lenny Kaban, Edward Seldin, Gerald Shklar, Stephen Sonis, and Ray Williams as mentors who helped guide him along the way.

"I was kind of shy, and lucky to have faculty who were all good teachers—all kind and informative. They were all great to their students," Chuong said.

After HSDM, Chuong initially followed in the footsteps of his HSDM mentors, serving in academic positions at The University of Virginia School of Medicine, Department of Plastic and Maxillofacial Surgery and then back at Harvard at the Brigham & Women's Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital, before entering private practice in Florida, where he continues practicing on a full-time schedule.

Chuong finds his work to be rewarding. "It’s fulfilling treating patients and seeing positive results. Patients are generally very appreciative. Overall the specialty [of oral and maxillofacial surgery] makes a real impact on patients’ health," he said.

He treats a wide range of issues—from temporomandibular joint disorders and tumors, to skeletal deformities. During his career he has also produced numerous academic presentations and articles, and served as assistant editor for the monthly journal of the Florida Dental Association, among other advisory roles with nonprofits and hospitals.

Chuong credits his success to HSDM. "I appreciate that the School gave me a great education. I didn’t restrict the gift, so that the School can put it toward core operations, or possibly allow students to attend HSDM who might not otherwise have had the chance to attend due to financial limitations," he said.

"Bob and Elaine exemplify the spirit of HSDM’s mission. Bob has made an impact in the lives of countless patients throughout his career, and now their gift to the School will make a difference in the lives of HSDM’s students," Dean Bruce Donoff said.
Give Kids a Smile Event Warms Hearts and Generates Smiles

Neither mountains of snow, nor chilly temperatures, deterred local families and volunteers from coming to Harvard School of Dental Medicine (HSDM) on Saturday, February 11 for the annual Give Kids a Smile Event. The popular event held in the Harvard Dental Center’s Teaching Practices was an opportunity for kids ages one to seventeen to receive free dental care and to learn about oral health.

“Even in the snow, we came, we brushed, and we smiled,” said Mirissa Price, DMD2019, co-coordinator of the Give Kids a Smile 2017 event. Price, along with Carolynn Vuong, DMD2018, Justin Montenegro DMD2019, and Elodi Healy DMD2020, spent months organizing and publicizing the event—distributing flyers in English and Spanish throughout the local community.

HSDM student volunteers, faculty, and staff provided free dental exams, cleanings, sealants, mouth guards, x-rays, and educational activities for nearly 40 children. The educational games included a treasure hunt, dental arts and crafts, and face painting.

This year’s activities also stressed the importance of overall health with a wellness check that emphasized the connection between the mouth and the body. Kids were encouraged to try out stethoscopes to listen to a heart beat. Harvard medical students helped conduct the wellness checks, further demonstrating the integration of medicine and dentistry that happens in the classroom and the clinic.

According to Price, reviews from kids and parents were glowing. “Parents left saying, ‘great opportunity!’ and ‘You are doing an amazing job!’”
HSDM Ranks in Top Five Dental Schools Worldwide

In a 2017 international ranking of dental schools by QS World University Rankings, Harvard School of Dental Medicine is ranked fifth in the top 50 dental schools worldwide, and second within the ranking of North American dental schools.

The rankings are based on academic reputation, employer reputation, and research impact. HSDM rated especially strong in employer reputation, earning a 100 percent in that criteria—a positive sign for HSDM students and alumni.

“Harvard School of Dental Medicine is delighted to be ranked among the top five dental schools in the world in the recently released QS 2017 rankings,” Dean Bruce Donoff said. “This honor is especially noteworthy as the School is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. As the first U.S. dental school affiliated with a university and its medical school, and the first to confer the Dentariae Medicinae Doctoris (DMD) degree, we celebrate a proud history along with this significant achievement.”

Rounding out the top five dental schools are, The University of Hong Kong, University of Michigan, Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU), and King’s College London.

“We would like to recognize and thank our dental school peers around the world who are united in the mission to advance dental education, research and clinical care,” Donoff added.
Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

The Sesquicentennial Gala on November 9, a black-tie evening worthy of Harvard’s great hall, celebrated an achievement in the field of education: the first dental degree awarded in the United States. The gala was held in the 3,000-seat Harvard University Baker Library Rotunda, where the nation’s first dental graduates sat 150 years ago, following their diagnosis of dental health issues.

The celebration emphasized the importance of dentistry in our society and the need for more dentists. It also highlighted the vital role dentists play in improving access to quality oral health care.

Research and Outreach Takes Students Around the Globe

Jettea Calero’s work at the Maxillofacial Surgery Research Group at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, is an example of the impact of the Schools’ research activities. Her focus is on improving facial aesthetics and function in patients with cleft lip and palate.

Goldhaber Award Winner

Liz Heineer, MPH, MPP, MD’15, who was honored as the Goldhaber Award Winner, has made significant contributions to the field of dental medicine. Her research focuses on improving access to quality oral health care for underserved populations.

The Harvard Dental Bulletin

A Retrospective Through the Decades

The Harvard Dental Bulletin is the official publication of the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. It began in 1931 and has been published continuously since then. It is a source of information about the School’s activities, research, and educational programs.

The Bulletin includes news of significant events, such as the opening of new clinics, the awarding of grants, and the publication of research findings. It also features articles by faculty members, alumni, and students on topics related to dental health and education.

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1867

Harvard Dental School founded
In its early years the School was located near Massachusetts General Hospital on Anderson and Allen Streets in Boston.

1868

Robert Tanner Freeman becomes the first African American to earn a dental degree in the U.S.

1869

Nathan Cooley Keep appointed as founding dean

1870

George Franklin Grant, DMD 1870, becomes Harvard University's first African American faculty member

1872

Dean Thomas Barnes Hitchcock appointed
Initially appointed as the first professor to specialize in dental pathology and therapeutics, he later became the second dean of the School.

1874

The Dental School moved to North Grove Street
For the first time, the Dental School’s infirmary, laboratories, and lecture rooms were in a single building.

1875

The curriculum expanded to a two-year DMD program
Yearly examination requirements and gave students a strong medical background.

1876

Harvard Dental School becomes one of the first dental schools to require students to have a college degree

1879

Dean Eugene Hanes Smith appointed
Dean Smith’s aggressive, bold personality drove the continuation of an era marked by educational and structural progress.

1883

Dean Thomas Henderson Chandler appointed
A graduate of Harvard College, as well as Harvard Law School, he was the first dean without a medical or dental background.

1885

The Faculty of Medicine

1889

Faculty from Harvard Dental and Medical Schools formed the Joint Faculty of Medicine
The Faculty of Medicine united faculty from both the Dental and Medical schools to reinforce and explore the relationship between dentistry and medicine. The two Harvard departments shared administrative responsibilities under the new merger. The dean of the Medical School became the dean of the Faculty of Medicine and the executive committee of the Dental School was appointed as the administrative board for the dean. Today, the two schools are still very much connected.

1904

A $50,000 bequest from Harriet M. Noyes established the first society for research

1908

The Dental School purchased land adjacent to the Medical School campus

1941

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1947

Dean Leroy Matthew Hawley, PD38 appointed

1955

First female DMD student graduate from HSDM

1967

Seventy-six years after the School’s founding in 1867, the School celebrated its Centennial Conference on Oral Health.

1979

Five fellows were appointed to the Forsyth Dental Research Foundation.

1980

Dean A. LeRoy Johnson appointed

1984

Dean Roy Orval Greep returned to a four-year curriculum

1995

HSDM celebrated its 125th anniversary with a five-year DMD accelerated program

1999

HSDM returned to its first full-time applicants

2002

HSDM received a $750,000 gift from the American College of Dentists

2004

HSDM opened its new 53,000 square foot, five-story Research and Education Building

2014

A 2014 Leadership Forum convened academics and professionals from around the world to discuss the School’s research and educational mission.

2019

HSDM received a $3 million gift from a anonymous donor

2022

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<td>The New Dental School campus opens at 188 Longwood Avenue building with a curved facade.</td>
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<td>1943</td>
<td>The Faculty of Medicine formally dedicated the new dental school buildings. A two-day celebration marks the opening.</td>
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<td>The School's history is celebrated with proceedings and events over a two-day period.</td>
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<td>1971</td>
<td>HSDM returned to the five-year predoctoral curriculum. This new curriculum reinforced the notion of dentistry as a branch of medicine, as it touched upon various related fields, such as public health.</td>
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<td>1983</td>
<td>Sarah Gelfand Deutschmann donated the largest gift in HSDM's history, $3 million, to honor the memory and accomplishments of her Russian parents in dentistry, Sarah Gelfand, and to support the recruitment of minority applicants.</td>
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<td>1991</td>
<td>Joseph L. Henry becomes the first African American Dean at HSDM. Dr. Joseph L. Henry, an HSDM faculty member and Professor of Oral Diagnosis, has his presence and leadership were invaluable in the recruitment of minority applicants.</td>
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<td>United States Golf Association recognized Dr. George Franklin Grant's contribution to the game. Grant finally received the recognition he deserved 80 years after his death for having crafted the first wooden golf tee.</td>
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<td>2004</td>
<td>HSDM renewed its affiliation with the Forsyth Institute. Together, HSDM and Forsyth formed a joint Harvard-Forsyth Department of Oral Biology at the Institute.</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>Dean R. Bruce Donoff appointed: Dr. Bruce Donoff, a native New Yorker, earned his dental degree from HSDM in 1967 and his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1973. True to its dedication to an innovative curriculum, HSDM returned to a four-year predoctoral program with an emphasis on problem-based learning and comprehensive patient care.</td>
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Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

The Sesquicentennial Guide is a treasure. It is a huge scrapbook worthy of rescuing, radiating the history of the School. The guide is brimming with the story of the School’s history, from its past to recent events. It’s a gem, its contents priceless.

Research and Outreach Takes Students Around the Globe

Justine Clere in Uganda: Justine Clere, a 2014 graduate, is a research assistant at the National Dental Research Institute of Uganda. She studies the impact of fluoride on dental caries in children.

Goldhaber Award Winner

Lara Bennis (DMD, MPH, 1995) is an assistant professor in the department of community dentistry and health promotion.

The Harvard Dental Bulletin

A Retrospective Through the Decades

1940s

In 1940, the Harvard Dental School was transformed from a graduate program to a degree-granting institution. The school expanded its curriculum and research, with a focus on preventive dentistry. This period saw the development of new techniques and materials, such as antibiotics to treat dental infections.

1950s

In the 1950s, the School underwent significant changes, including the appointment of the first female faculty member. The school also expanded its international programs, with students and faculty traveling abroad to study and collaborate.

1960s

The 1960s saw significant changes in the School’s structure, with the establishment of new departments and the creation of new research initiatives. The school expanded its outreach efforts, with a focus on providing dental care to underserved populations.

1970s

In the 1970s, the School saw significant growth, with an increase in enrollment and the establishment of new programs. The school also played a role in the civil rights movement, with a focus on providing dental care to minority students.

1980s

The 1980s were a time of change and transition, with the school adapting to new technologies and research initiatives. The school also expanded its international collaborations, with a focus on global health.

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2000s

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Bottom: Marion and Stanley Bergman; Atusa and John C. Bergman. Top: HSDM students Carolynn Vuong, Kellie Moore, Amanda McCauley and Mady Donoff.
Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

The Sesquicentennial Guide by Trotter: "Hair is a hodgepodge made up of hair follicles, each of which feeds on a feeder vessel of the arterial supply. The follicles are encased in a connective tissue sheath that is the main source of the hair shaft." The Guide was released in 2017 to commemorate the School's 150-year history.

Research and Outreach Takes Students Around the Globe

Jackie Chou on Developing Artificial Teeth: "Developing artificial teeth requires a multidisciplinary approach, involving engineers, biologists, and materials scientists." Chou and her team developed a new material that could mimic the properties of natural teeth.

Goldhaber Award Winner

Laurie McCauley, DDS, MS, PhD, was selected as the Goldhaber Award Winner for 2016. McCauley's research focuses on the impact of oral health on systemic health conditions, and she has made significant contributions to the field of periodontics.

The Harvard Dental Bulletin

A Retrospective Through the Decades

1970s

The Harvard Dental Bulletin began in 1970, with the first issue covering the School's 100th anniversary. The Bulletin has evolved over the years, reflecting the changing landscape of dental education and research.

1980s

In 1980, the Bulletin introduced a full-color cover, marking a significant change in design. The issue also stressed the importance of alumni engagement, with a full-color cover.

1990s

The 1990s transformed the Bulletin into a glossy magazine with a focus on student scholarship and outreach. The issue was an address by Walter J. Loesche about the “Best of Times” and the issue was an address by Walter J. Loesche about the “Best of Times” and the “Worst of Times” for dentistry in the future.

2000s

In 2000, the Bulletin introduced “Dental Bites,” a regular column that provided updates on research, clinical, and educational developments. The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 100th anniversary.

2010s

Today’s Bulletin reflects the current state of the School and its mission. The issue was an address by Walter J. Loesche about the “Best of Times” and the “Worst of Times” for dentistry in the future, with a focus on global collaborations and research. The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 150th anniversary.

Students Around the Globe

Research and Outreach T akes Students Around the Globe

Babeck Ebadpour (DMD 2019 candidate) traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Madison to study the erosive capacity of alcoholic drinks in a population. The study also investigated factors influencing the health of the local community.

Morgane Amat (DMD 2019 candidate) traveled to the University of Toronto to study orthodontist case discussions and maxillofacial case discussions. The study also investigated the impact of orthodontics on the health of the local community.

Lauren Kuhn (DMD 2019 candidate) traveled to Thailand where she contributed to a study on the health of the local community. The study also investigated factors influencing the health of the local community.

Goldhaber Award Winner

Laurie McCauley, DDS, MS, PhD, was selected as the Goldhaber Award Winner for 2016. McCauley’s research focuses on the impact of oral health on systemic health conditions, and she has made significant contributions to the field of periodontics.

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A Retrospective Through the Decades

1970s

In 1970, the Harvard Dental Bulletin began with a dedication to student scholarship and outreach, generous financial support, and alumni; global collaborations.

1980s

The 1980 issue introduced five research sections, including “The Multiplier Effect,” "The Value of Dental Program,” and “The Importance of Research.” The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 100th anniversary.

1990s

In 1990, the Bulletin expanded its audience by introducing the word “Alumni” from the title. The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 100th anniversary.

2000s

In 2000, the Bulletin introduced “Dental Bites,” a regular column that provided updates on research, clinical, and educational developments. The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 100th anniversary.

2010s

Today’s Bulletin reflects the current state of the School and its mission. The issue was a special issue to commemorate the School’s 150th anniversary.
Celebrating the Sesquicentennial

The Sesquicentennial issue on Tuesday. Like a breath of fresh air, it brings joy and gratitude. It features four statements reflecting on the past and future of dental education at Harvard, of one thing we can be better reflected in the pages of the Harvard Dental Bulletin: “The Multiplier Effect of Readings,” by J. Loesche about the “Best of Times and Best of Times: A Tribute to HSDM.”

In a departure from the traditional design of issues past, the 2004-05 issue introduced five news about faculty and students. Today’s Bulletin reflects the current mission of the School and its mission to replace equipment dating back to the Harvard Dental Bulletin’s 150th anniversary, kicking off the evening with a festive evening for a festive evening at the Harvard Art Museums. Harvard President Larry Bacow, M.D. ’80, M.P.P. ’76, Ph.D. ’78, and University President, Victor Merriam, D.M.D. ’26, M.B.A. ’41, delivered remarks and enterta.
The Gala was followed by an Educational Summit held at HSDM on Friday, May 5. The morning’s program began with a keynote by Paul Farmer, MD, PhD, Kolokotrones University Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Farmer spoke about his work with Partners In Health, an international non-profit organization that provides health care services and advocacy on behalf of those who are sick and living in poverty. Farmer stressed the importance of oral health around the world.

The keynote was followed by concurrent educational sessions focused on many aspects of dentistry including the historical foundations of dentistry; women innovators in the profession; the future of dental education and patient care; the integration of oral health and primary care, and more.

Top: Richard Valachovic, MPH81, PD82; Mary Kay Leonard; Linda Niessen, DMD77, MPH77, PD82; and Jack Dillenberg, MPH78. Drs. Dillenberg, Niessen and Valachovic presented a session on dental education for the next 150 years.

Middle: Dean Bruce Donoff, DMD67, MD73 welcomed Paul Farmer, MD88, PHD90 to HSDM.

Bottom: Jessica Murphy presented a session on the historical origins of the School.

Stephen Martin, MD01 (top) and Jane Barrow, SM87, (bottom) presented a session on oral health and primary care integration.

View photos from the Summit at: hsdm.harvard.edu/galleries/edsummit

Teresa Perkins, DMD81, MMSc85; Delores Mercedes Franklin, DMD74; and Brian Swann, MPH08. Drs. Perkins and Swann presented sessions on women in dentistry, and having difficult conversations with patients.
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Alumni News

Owen Ross Beirne, DMD72, professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at University of Washington School of Dentistry received the Daniel M. Laskin Predoctoral Educator of the Year Award at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons annual meeting, in recognition of his commitment to pre-doctoral education. After more than 10 years as department chair at UW, he stepped down to devote more time to teaching, patient care and research.

Thomas Dodson, DMD84, MPH84, department chair of the University of Washington School of Dentistry, received the Clinical Research Award at the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons annual meeting. He was honored for a wide-ranging body of work that includes establishing clinical markers to identify victims of domestic abuse.

Lorne M. Golub, PD68 (Periodontology), was inducted as a Fellow of the National Academy of Inventors. Golub, distinguished professor of Oral Biology and Pathology at SUNY Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, is an innovator in the development of medicines to promote oral health and to treat chronic inflammatory diseases. He holds 55 U.S. patents and 104 international patents.

Michelle Hutchinson, DMD87, MPH87, has a new position at Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta. She is an editor, writer and health communications specialist in the Division of Issues, Management, Analysis and Coordination.

A. Thomas Indresano, DMD71, was elected vice president of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons during the association’s 98th Annual Meeting in Fall 2016. He is the T. Galt and Lyn Dehaven Atwood Endowed Professor and chair of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry. Dr. Indresano comes to the position after serving four years as the District VI trustee on the Board of Trustees.

Linda Niessen, DMD77, MPH77, PD82, dean and professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine, received the American Student Dental Association’s (ASDA) highest honor as the 2017 Paragon Award Winner. The Paragon Award recognizes an individual who has significantly contributed to the advancement of the rights, interests and welfare of dental students throughout his or her career. Dr. Niessen was presented with the prestigious award during ASDA’s Annual Session.

Oscar Raul Suarez-Sanchez, MMSc07, has been selected to represent the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) at the World Congress FDI 2017 in Spain with work he performed at Harvard during his graduate Prosthodontic program. The research project conducted in 2007, is currently used for guiding strategic planning at the ACP executive and organizational levels, aligning operational objectives for the Healthy People 2020 consortium, while developing new 2030 objectives.

HSDM Awards

Hend Alqaderi, DMSc16, lecturer in the Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology won an Honorable Mention for the Leverett Graduate Student Merit Award for Outstanding Achievement in Dental Public Health for her research. As an Honorable Mention Award winner, she will be recognized at the 2017 NOHC. The ceremony will take place during the AAPHD Annual Business Meeting.

HSDM orthodontic residents Drs. Oscar Humberto Reyna-Blanco and Jose Carlos Castillo (pictured on left) who were recently awarded scholarships from the Hispanic Dental Association Foundation. Both have served as advocates for oral health in the Hispanic community.
Na’eel Ahmed Cajee, third year resident in endodontics was awarded the Dr. Cecelia L. Dows Ethics Scholarship from the American College of Dentists Foundation. The $10,000 scholarship is awarded to dentists who are pursuing a graduate degree (masters or doctorate) in ethics.

Cherry Choy (left, DMD17 candidate) and Joseph DePalo (right, DMD17 candidate) were both awarded ADEA/GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Preventive Dentistry Scholarships at the 2017 ADEA Annual Session. In between the two students is Aram Kim, DMD11, Senior Tutor for Peabody Society, who is the 2009 recipient of the same award.

Christina Dervishian, HSDM Global and Community Health Program Coordinator, was named a 2017 Harvard Hero. The University-wide employee recognition program, is designed to recognize “above and beyond” achievement among Harvard’s high-performing staff.

Katherine Vig, senior lecturer on Developmental Biology was recently awarded the Honors of the Association Award from The American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) at ACPA’s 74th Annual Meeting. The award is given to an individual whose lifetime of research, health care delivery or leadership has advanced, significantly and uniquely, the amelioration of physical, behavioral or social handicapping conditions of cleft lip and palate or other craniofacial anomalies.

Sook-Bin Woo, associate professor in the Department of Oral Medicine, Infection, and Immunity, and program director for the Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology program has been selected to receive the 2017 Samuel Charles Miller Award from The American Academy of Oral Medicine® for her outstanding contributions as a clinician scientist in the field of Oral Medicine.

Leigh Yarborough, DMD18, American Student Dental Association (ASDA) First Delegate (pictured second from left), was recently awarded the “District 1 Delegate of the Year” at the ASDA Gold Crown Awards. Other ASDA HSDM student leaders in attendance included: Sam Lee, Kellie Moore, Tyler Haeffs, and David Danesh.

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Andreia Ionescu, has been promoted to assistant professor of Developmental Biology, effective March 1, 2017. Dr. Ionescu has established an independent research program on osteoarthritis, with a focus on cartilage hypertrophy and modifying therapies for the disease. She received funding for a five-year National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) R01 that investigates hypertrophy and inflammation in osteoarthritis.
Josephine Kim was named director of Diversity and Inclusion in December 2016. She has a dual faculty appointment in the Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology at Harvard School of Dental Medicine and in the Prevention Science and Practice/CAS in Counseling programs at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Edward T. Lahey, MD04, PD06, has been promoted to assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, effective February 1, 2017. Dr. Lahey is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. He is an attending in oral and maxillofacial surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital and instructor in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at HSDM. His research-oriented practice focuses on the surgical treatment of adult and pediatric jaw abnormalities, wisdom teeth, dental implants, maxillofacial trauma, and pathology.

Man Wai Ng, associate professor of Developmental Biology (Pediatric Dentistry) was named Dentaquest Chair in Pediatric Oral Health and Dentistry at Boston Children's Hospital. A celebration was held in her honor on February 15, 2017.

Cory Resnick, MD08, PD11, has been promoted to assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, effective February 1, 2017. Dr. Resnick practices pediatric oral and maxillofacial surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. He lectures to medical and dental students at HMS and HSDM, and mentors oral and maxillofacial surgery residents through the Massachusetts General Hospital residency program.

Brittany Seymour, MPH11, assistant professor of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, was selected by the American Dental Association's (ADA) Board of Trustees to be a Consumer Advisor spokesperson for the ADA. The ADA maintains a roster of volunteer Consumer Advisors who are dedicated to helping the public understand the importance of oral health by participating in interviews with national media outlets across the country. Because of Dr. Seymour’s background and dedication to education, she will specialize in topics related to public health and community water fluoridation.

Nathaniel Treister, DMSc05, has been promoted to associate professor of Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity, at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Treister is a board-certified expert in Oral Medicine with international recognition for his clinical expertise, in particular with respect to oral oncology. Since 2015, he has served as Chief of the Division of Oral Medicine and Dentistry at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Between 2009 and 2015, Dr. Treister served as director of the HSDM/BWH Oral Medicine Residency Program and greatly expanded the size and scope of the program.

Thomas E. Van Dyke has been promoted to professor of Oral Medicine, Infection and Immunity, effective February 1, 2017. Dr. Van Dyke is vice president for Clinical and Translational Research and Chair of the Department of Applied Oral Sciences at the Forsyth Institute. In this role, he provides leadership for Forsyth’s clinical research team and is responsible for expanding Forsyth’s clinical presence in the research community and its connections to industry and corporate partners. Dr. Van Dyke continues to support an active laboratory with a focus on the development of young scientists and clinician-scientists into independent investigators.

John A. Zdanowicz, has been promoted to assistant professor of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, effective February 1, 2017. He has dedicated over sixteen years of service to postdoctoral general dentistry education and currently serves as director of the General Practice Residency program at Cambridge Health Alliance/HSDM. Dr. Zdanowicz’s teaching activities involve chair-side clinical teaching and supervision of general practice residents and third-year HSDM dental students at the Harvard Dental Center’s Teaching Practices.

The American Dental Association’s executive director Dr. Kathy O’Loughlin, and president-elect Dr. Joseph Crowley stopped by HSDM on January 26, 2017. They met with John Da Silva and student leaders, Leigh Yarborough, Sam Lee, and Ashiana Jivraj led them on a guided tour.
Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 25
Commencement and Class Day
Morning Exercises in Harvard Yard followed by Class Day on the Quad, and a reception honoring the graduates.

Thursday, June 1
Reunion
We welcome DMD Classes ending in two or seven back to campus to reconnect with HSDM and HMS classmates, and to enjoy a full program of activities and events.

Friday, June 2
Alumni Day
All alumni are welcome to join us on Alumni Day for a day of exciting events celebrating the 150th Anniversary of HSDM, Dean Donoff’s 50th reunion, and his 25th year as Dean of the School.

Monday, July 17
Founding Day Celebration
Celebrate the founding date of Harvard School of Dental Medicine on July 17th. HSDM will host a community open house and festivities in honor of our 150 years.

Wednesday, September 20 to Friday, September 22
Continuing Education: Digital Workflow in Implant Dentistry
Ongoing
A 150-Year Legacy
Historical exhibit in the REB Lobby on display throughout the anniversary year.

See a full list of events at:
hsdm.harvard.edu/calendar

Share Your Story
Harvard School of Dental Medicine’s 150-year story is best told through the words of its own amazing community—the alumni, faculty, students, staff, and friends around the world who are proud to call HSDM their school. Add your own HSDM story to the collection at:
150.hsdm.harvard.edu/hsdm150-stories
Make a gift of any size during **150 Days of Giving** from February 17 to the anniversary date of July 17, 2017.
150 gifts in 150 days will unlock a $20,000 match from the Sesquicentennial Committee!