The past year has seen many significant advances for the Faculty. We are celebrating the stellar growth of our post-graduate program; an exciting new collaboration with the State of Qatar; the success of the new Jim Lund Dental Clinic at Welcome Hall Mission; and a big push towards deciding where the new Undergraduate Teaching Clinic will be.

The theme of this year’s newsletter focuses on our growing post-graduate and research departments – over the last decade, there has been a ten-fold increase in graduate students.

I started with the Faculty in 1999 as a professor after completing my PhD. There were seven or eight graduate students at the time and now there are nearly a hundred postgraduate students and residents!

As many of our alumni will remember, the Faculty was slated to close in the early 1990s, mainly due to the lack of research. Our loyal alumni convinced the University to change its mind by showing what contributions the Faculty had made both to the University and our local community. The University agreed the Faculty could continue if it increased its research and developed its post-graduate training.

There is no doubt that we have met and surpassed the original goals set out then.

An outstanding research program takes time to build, but over the past 10-12 years, ours has become renowned for its quality. Proportionally, we are the top-performing dental faculty in Canada, in terms of the number of graduate students, publications and research dollar awards per full-time professor.

The former Dean, Dr. Jim Lund, with the vision and hard work of Dr. Marc McKee and his team, spearheaded our focus on research. All of their hard work has brought incredible results, including high levels of funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and other agencies. This allows us to do even more research, take on more highly qualified students, and build our staff and our research training curricula.

With this increased capacity and the greater number of students, we have started to develop new courses for our research trainees. Just as dental students need clinical training to apply what they have learned in course work, PhD and MSc students learn through being involved in the research of their supervisors. But they also need course work to learn the methodologies used in their research projects. The Faculty is developing new courses for our graduate students that reflect our leading-edge research methods.
Our research excellence and the quality of our teaching has attracted the interest of the Qatar Foundation, which approached us a few years ago to discuss the possibility of developing a McGill Faculty of Dentistry graduate program in Qatar. They would like the Faculty to provide graduate clinical and research training and continuing dental education. Last September, the Foundation provided us with funding to develop a proposal, which was submitted this spring.

Should the proposal be accepted and McGill University and the Qatar Foundation agree terms, the proposed McGill University Qatar Institute for Oral Health will focus on improving the quality of dental care in Qatar by training currently practising dentists there, bringing standards on par with Canada. The initiative has the potential to benefit both parties by creating remarkable opportunities, such as access to state-of-the-art facilities and equipment both here in Montreal and in Qatar.

In February 2011, we officially opened the Jim Lund Dental Clinic at Welcome Hall Mission. It has exceeded all of our expectations and has been a hugely successful initiative – for training students and residents, and building strong connections with the broader Montreal community.

The success of the clinic and the positive attention it has brought to the Faculty and University have helped increase our profile within McGill. In the past year, our outreach clinics have been used by McGill leadership as leading models of how the University is involved in its local community. Our initiatives were recently highlighted as examples of McGill’s community involvement in a French-language television advertising campaign.

A considerable amount of work has been done to prepare plans to move into our new Undergraduate Teaching Clinic. Dr. Jeffrey Myers has been heavily involved in the complicated process of finalizing the details, including its new location, which we hope to announce in the coming months.

The past year certainly has been a busy one. We faced numerous challenges and, thanks to our staff, students and alumni, realized as many achievements. I am very proud of what we have accomplished. I hope this newsletter will give you an idea of the breadth of the projects the Faculty has been involved in, as well as a glimpse of the personalities working so hard to ensure our success.

FROM: Portsmouth, England
ONE DAY I HOPE TO: Find the secret of life
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MUCH: Champagne
FAVOURITE BOOK: The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint Exupéry
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: Holidays
LUCKY TO BE IN DENTISTRY BECAUSE: It’s constantly evolving
I SEE THE BENEFITS OF MY EXPERIENCES AT MCGILL WHEN: I go elsewhere
However, many have been surprised at just how much its research program, and the number of post-graduate students within it, have grown in just two decades.

No one has been more surprised – or pleased – than Dr. Simon Tran, the current Director of Graduate Programs.

"The Faculty and the University are very happy. A 3.3% increase in students every year is the accepted minimum and we're exceeding that."

Not only has the total number of post-graduate students increased from 48 in 2002 to almost 100 last year, the demographic has also changed significantly. In 2002, 58% of post-graduate students were dental residents; in 2011, residents comprised just 28%.

With a rise in the number of professors, students and publications come even more professors, students and published research in a self-perpetuating cycle of success.

"The average amount of funding per full-time tenured or tenure-track professor in the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill is close to $250,000 per year (excluding equipment), an amount similar to that of the Faculty of Medicine, and maybe even higher depending on how the amounts are tallied," says Dr. Marc McKee, Associate Dean of Research.

"In fact, over the past five years, professors in the Faculty have been involved in obtaining funding for research that totals an average of about $10 million per year (including equipment and other research-related income)."

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Ever since McGill proposed closing the Faculty of Dentistry in the early 1990s, the Faculty has been committed to growing its research.
Post-graduate students arrive in the Faculty from places as far-flung as Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and, in a shift from the past, from closer to home – the U.S. and Central and South America.

"While the majority of our graduate students (about two-thirds) are already trained dentists," explains Dr. Tran, "many come from other fields as diverse as engineering, biochemistry, biology, veterinary studies and even geology."

Rapidly expanding research presents challenges in ensuring that the Faculty has the capacity to take on new researchers and projects, and in dealing with the increase in applications. To help manage the process, Maria Palumbo was hired as Admissions and Student Affairs Coordinator about four years ago.

"I coordinate and process the application packages of those who apply to graduate studies and postgraduate dentistry (residencies)," Maria clarifies. "I am there for the students who have questions on their course requirements, thesis submissions, external scholarships, and on many other things.

As a result, the Faculty can now vet and approve applications within a 24-48 hour period in order to secure highly qualified students.

"This new position allows for better management of the graduate program. Maria personally contacts students and helps them to navigate the McGill admissions process," says Dr. Tran. "Not to mention assisting them with visas and immigration papers."

It helps that McGill has such an excellent reputation. It also offers a variety of services especially tailored for graduate students, such as training for other qualifications to help with career advancement.

"These courses include public speaking, writing, CV building, management and communications skills," says Dr. Tran. "There are workshops for designing courses, ethical conduct, research dissemination and job hunting – all very useful for graduate students."

Where are students headed when they complete their post-graduate work? Many return to their countries of origin to continue their research or work within academia, join companies, or continue with post-doctorate research at McGill or elsewhere.

"One difficulty has been in tracking our students," says Dr. Tran, "but with our new exit interview process, we hope to encourage our students to become ‘ambassadors’ for the Faculty and develop long-lasting connections."

Nothing could be truer than what McGill Faculty of Dentistry alumnus Dr. Harry Rosen (DDS’53), said at a recent event: "Remember that our Faculty exists today because of research."

OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN 2010, THE NON-THESIS MSc PROGRAM MAY BE SMALL, BUT IT HAS BIG GOALS. The program is headed by Dr. Mari Kaartinen, who describes it as an opportunity to “help students to clarify their interests, get to know our Faculty members and engage with our cutting-edge research programs.”

The program is unique in its structure, as students are able to “sample” various research areas without committing to a specific research topic or project.

“Essentially it’s a bridge from clinical degree to research studies – a program for those students who are not yet sure exactly what type of research they wish to do.”

One of six students in the program, Iris Boraschi-Diaz is an oral surgeon from Costa Rica. "It got to a point where I wanted more of a challenge and I decided to explore the area of research." She hopes to find a job in public health.

Aarti Angrula, also from India, appreciates the course because it allows “freedom to choose different courses related to one’s interests. She plans to look for a job related to research, and after getting sound experience, may pursue a PhD. "I believe this program has paved my way towards research."
“I am from the land where strong black tea, spices, and hand-made carpets are not a luxury, but freedom is,” smiles Nikoo Taghavi. This statement reflects just one part of the charm that makes up the Faculty’s Instructional Technical Administrator.

It is a position with many responsibilities. “I work directly and closely with Olga Chodan and Rocchina Testa on financial and budgetary issues,” she explains. “I troubleshoot WebCT issues that come up before, during and after exams, and I handle parts of payroll, payment of invoices, and many other miscellaneous things.”

Nikoo’s demanding role inevitably involves many different aspects of the Faculty. “I think the challenges I face are common to everyone: time, budget, and space,” she says. “But I am most proud of being able to attain what we attain with the resources available to us. I definitely understand the true meaning of working within the budget!”

This year, Nikoo worked with Olga on the transition of the administration of the Continuing Dental Education program to the McGill School of Continuing Studies, as well as having some involvement with the financial side of the McGill University Qatar Institute for Oral Health.

“What I enjoy most about working in the Faculty are the people and finding a way to make things work within time and budgetary limitations.”

“I hope to keep learning and to be a part of new and exciting challenges in our Faculty.”

MOST UNDER-RATED VIRTUE: Kindness
FAVOURITE BOOK: My Uncle Napoleon by Iraj Pezeshkzad
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Happy memories
FOUND RELAXING: Sipping on a cold beer after a nice long bike ride
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: Taking the day off and doing nothing
Maria Palumbo

Before coming to McGill to work in the Faculty of Dentistry, Maria Palumbo had always worked in a corporate environment.

"Moving to McGill was a big change and obviously was very challenging."

She started working with Patricia Bassett in undergraduate admissions, but as the post-graduate residency and graduate research department was growing rapidly, they needed some assistance and Maria was recruited to coordinate graduate admissions.

As the Admissions and Student Affairs Coordinator, she processes the application packages of students who apply to the graduate and post-graduate residency programs.

"I try to do the best I can daily and I can say that every day is a learning experience."

Maria is particularly proud of the PhD defence program guide she created with valuable input from Dr. Marc McKee.

"I know that it is a very important milestone and a result of the student’s accomplishment after years of studies."

Maria's hard work was recognized this past year when Dr. Simon Tran nominated her for the "Most Valuable Person" award.

"It makes me feel great to feel appreciated," says Maria. "I enjoy working for Dr. Tran and I'm grateful for his patience and understanding."

One day she hopes to retire in great health and become a grandmother. "But a mother-in-law first!" she adds with a laugh.

YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Friends
FOUND RELAXING: Zumba, reading, murder mystery shows
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: New Nespresso cappuccino machine!
FAVOURITE SONG: Stand by me

Susan Young

Last May, she had a computer crash of enormous proportions and it truly was one of the biggest job challenges Susan Young has faced.

"I am still having to find and recreate work and documents that were lost when my computer crashed."

In her role as Administrative Coordinator, this is no small tragedy. Susan assists the directors of the graduate and undergraduate Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS) programs to ensure the smooth running of all aspects of the OMFS residency programs (externship, internship, residency) and third- and fourth-year oral surgery courses.

Susan has had over 25 years’ experience within the University, which means she sees students moving up in their profession.

"After first knowing them as students, I now work for Dr. Iera, Dr. El-Hakim and Dr. Villafranca," she laughs.

What has she enjoyed most about working in the Faculty? "I like interacting with staff, students, residents and sales representatives."

The past year has been a busy one – Susan was involved with the certification of the OMFS one-year internship program and the four-year OMFS residency program.

All the hard work and computer crashes are worth it when faced with recognition for all her accomplishments. Susan is very proud of being honoured with the "Most Valuable Person" award last year, which she received with Maria Palumbo.

ONE DAY I HOPE TO:
Tour Europe and Australia by motorcycle
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Friends and memories
FOUND RELAXING: Reading, knitting, quilting, drinking wine
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: Shopping for jewellery
The Jim Lund Dental Clinic at Welcome Hall Mission in Montreal has been in operation for less than two years and it has already treated close to 800 patients.

Dr. Paul Sweet is the director of the clinic, responsible for supervising and teaching McGill dental students and residents, John Abbott dental hygiene students and the occasional dental assisting student, as well as treating patients.

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There is an impact on dental students as well. “They have reacted very positively to this rotation in their studies, in part because of the beautiful modern facility, but also because of the close supervision and instruction they receive,” he explains.

“This rotation offers them a more integrated approach to dentistry and an experience closer to what they can expect in private practice.”

One of our first joint initiatives was the online survey — many thanks to all of you who participated. Respondents overwhelmingly voted for lecture-based and hands-on formats that offer evidence-based programming and give examples of real situations relevant to day-to-day practice.

Another new feature in the 2012 CE offerings will be the mini-residency in pediatric dentistry. “There is a shortage of pediatric dentists (specialists) in Quebec,” notes Dr. Ali Fakhry, who became the new Chair in May 2011. “The purpose of the mini-residency is to provide flexible continuing education for general practitioners interested in upgrading their knowledge and skills to deliver dental care to young children.”

Also coming soon is the launch of the new CE website, which will offer the user a friendlier interface and navigation tools, online self-study modules, webcasts and podcasts, free course offerings and the possibility to propose speakers and topics.

**Mini-Residency in Pediatric Dentistry (Hands-on Workshops)**
Sept. 22, Oct. 20 and Nov. 24, 2012
Jan. 26 and Mar. 9, 2013
Drs. Marie-Eve Asselin, Normand Bach, Stéphane Schwartz, Cathy Vu and Duy-Dat Vu

Take advantage of this comprehensive and relevant update in Pediatric Dentistry with plenty of hands-on experience!

**McGill Symposium on Dental Technology and Communication**
Sept. 29, 2012
Dr. Samer Abi-Nader, Mr. Antonello Remartini and Mr. Olivier Tric

Join us for the first ever McGill Symposium on Dental Technology and Communication featuring a panel of distinguished speakers.

**Evidence-Based Decision-Making in a World of Uncertainty and Choice**
Faculty of Dentistry’s Ernie Ambrose Lectureship Series – Homecoming 2012
Oct. 12, 2012
Drs. Emanuel Alvaro, Ben Balevi, Tom Iwanowski and Brenda Joy

Don’t miss this educational event and the opportunity to connect with your classmates, friends and colleagues!

**Premalignant Lesions and Oral Cancer: What Dentists Must Know!**
(Hands-on Workshop)
Drs. Michel El-Hakim, Adel Kauzman, Peter Kauzmann and Michèle Tremblay

Join us for this comprehensive one-and-a-half-day course on oral cancer prevention, detection and treatment followed by a limited attendance soft tissue biopsy hands-on workshop.
Brenda Rhodes was hired as a project manager at the end of September 2011 to work on the McGill-Qatar project. She comes to the Faculty after working with the federal government, and in politics – she ran as an MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka. Her role as project manager involves a lot of organization, scheduling, proposal writing, information gathering, budget monitoring, acting as liaison between stakeholders, and creating deadlines.

“This being a new position, it has evolved and mutated over time,” she says. “Essentially, I am here to make sure we meet our deadlines.”

She admits she finds seeing the project develop very exciting. “Our team has had many conversations with people, stakeholders in Qatar and here at McGill. As we pull bits of information from each conversation, the project has come to life. I always enjoy seeing the way things come together.”

You can never have too many: Plants
Found relaxing: Enjoying the outdoors
Greatest extravagance: My hair

Most underrated virtue: Empathy
Favourite movie: Field of Dreams

The Qatar Foundation and the country’s Supreme Council of Health have asked the Faculty of Dentistry to prepare a proposal to assist practising dentists in Qatar in upgrading their skills to North American standards.

The proposal will focus on three areas: continuing education and professional development; graduate dental training; and research and research training in oral health and related fields. The goal of the collaboration is to ensure excellent quality health care for the Qatari population.

Dr. Shahrokh Esfandiari (PhD’08) has been involved with the development of the post-graduate training programs for the project, which include a two-year Qualifying Program and a one-year Post Graduate Residency.

“Let’s face it,” he says, “our Faculty could be opening a second campus across the world that operates with the same rigors and standards that we are accustomed to at McGill – but in a different cultural and social environment. It is of utmost importance that we understand this culture and contextualize our approach accordingly. It requires patience and an open spirit.”

Brenda Rhodes, the project manager for the McGill-Qatar project, is also very excited about the venture, in particular its potential. It was on a recent visit to Qatar that she realized the full significance of the McGill-Qatar project.

“During a meeting, the leader of the public health care system spoke from her heart. You could feel her determination to improve the system for the people of Doha,” she says.

“In that moment, it was confirmed for me that this project and the help we are proposing would improve their system and the skills of the dentistry workforce. It will make a difference to the people of Qatar.”

Sand dunes outside of Doha, Qatar

Biologic, Biomechanical and Esthetic Concepts for the Restoration of Teeth and Endosseous Implants: An Interdisciplinary Approach
Nov. 2, 2012
Dr. Neil Starr
Engage in an informative and cutting-edge presentation delivered by a distinguished speaker, an accomplished author and a McGill alumnus!

Advances in Dental Pharmacology: Medicated and Complicated Patients!
Nov. 9, 2012
Ms. Karen Baker
Don’t miss on this engaging and informative presentation by one of the most sought-after speakers in dental pharmacology!

Implant-Retained Overdenture Therapy (Hands-on Workshop)
Nov. 17, 2012
Drs. Samer Abi-Nader, Chris Barwacz and Ali Fakhry
Learn how to deliver simple and effective implant treatment solutions for your edentulous patients.

Symposium on Temporomandibular Disorders (TMD): Diagnosis and Treatment
Nov. 30, 2012
Drs. Patrick Arcache, Brian Freund, Donald Taylor, Jean-Philippe Fréchette and Samer Abi-Nader
Join a panel of distinguished speakers discussing some of the most important topics on TMJ disorders!

Diode Soft and Hard Tissue Lasers in Dental Practice: Seeing the Light! (Hands-on Workshop)
Dec. 8, 2012
Dr. Glen van As
Discover the many benefits of the exciting world of soft tissue laser dentistry!
NEW APPOINTMENTS

ASSOCIATE PROFESSORS

BELINDA NICOLAU, DDS (PARANÁ, BRAZIL) 1988, MSc (LONDON) 1996, PhD (LONDON) 2001
Dr. Nicolau joins the Faculty as an associate professor, bringing with her considerable research experience in life course epidemiology – understanding the long-term effects of socioeconomic and psychosocial exposures in the development of chronic oral diseases. She comes to McGill from INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier, where she was an associate professor. Since completing her postdoctoral training at McGill in 2005, she has been an adjunct professor with the Faculty of Dentistry.

RICHARD HOVEY, MA (McGILL) 1989, PhD (CALGARY) 2007
Dr. Hovey joins the Faculty with a strong expertise in bridging gaps between theory and practice in areas such as patient-centred care. His research focuses on understanding the experiences of vulnerable and underserved populations, like those living with chronic illness, cancer or the effects of medically induced trauma. His approach is narrative- or story-based and publications include topics related to education, communication, leadership and inter-professional practice.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

BASSEL KANO, DMD (BOSTON) 2000, CERT. ENDO (BOSTON) 2004
Dr. Kano has been appointed assistant professor and director of endodontics after working with the Faculty as a clinical instructor and lecturer since 2007. Dr. Kano attended Boston University where he obtained his dental degree, postgraduate training and served as clinical instructor in the Department of Endodontics. He has a private practice in Montreal.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

JENNIFER NYUK WO LIM, MA (MANCHESTER) 1992, PhD (MANCHESTER) 1998, CERT. TEACHING (LEEDS) 2000
Dr. Lim joins the Faculty with a strong research background in the sociology of medicine and health, with a focus on multicultural societies in the UK and the Asia Pacific region. She holds an Adjunct Professor position at the Universities of Malaya (Malaysia) and United Arab Emirates and she is also the international organizing committee member for behavioural science for the Asia Pacific Organisation for Cancer Prevention.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

DR. RENÉ ST-ARNAUD, BSc BIOCHEMISTRY (MONTREAL) 1980, PhD PHYSIOLOGY (LAVAL) 1986

FACULTY LECTURER (CLINICAL)

- FRANCE ALBERT, DMD (LAVAL) 1997, MSc PROS (TORONTO) 2001
- MAJED BAKDACH, MDM (MONTREAL) 2010
- PATRICK CANONNE, DMD (MONTREAL) 1973, CERT. PAEDO (MONTREAL) 1978
- CYNTHIA CARBONE, DMD (McGILL) 2010
- CHRISTINE CHUNG, DMD (McGILL) 1984
- MARGARET CIELECKI, DMD (McGILL) 2007, CERT. ENDO (NOVA SOUTHEASTERN) 2011
- JAIME GREENSPOON, DMD (McGILL) 2007, MDT (McGILL) 1998
- SUSAN GREENWALD, BSc (McGILL) 1982, DMD (McGILL) 1986
- SABRINA MANCINI, DDS (McGILL) 1994, MSc PERIO (TORONTO) 1998
- ELISE MORENCY, DMD (MONTREAL) 2010
- ROMINA PERRI, DMD (McGILL) 2008, MSc PERIO (NORTH CAROLINA) 2011
- BRAM SALIS, DMD (McGILL) 2005, CERT. PERIO (NEW YORK) 2010
- STEPHANIA SCALIA, DMD (MONTREAL) 2010
- JENNIFER SLOM, DMD (McGILL) 2009
- JEREMY WERBITT, BSc (McGILL) 2003, DMD (McGILL) 2007, CERT. PERIO 2010
- STEFAN CIOBANU, DMD (MONTREAL) 2009
- TAMARA FINKELSTEIN, BSc (McGILL) 2001, DMD (McGILL) 2007
**Faculty Awards**

**Dr. Robert David (DDS’62)** was honoured with the Distinguished Service Award from the McGill Alumni Association, which recognizes outstanding service to the University. An Associate Professor, he is well known for his enthusiasm, commitment, and numerous contributions to the Faculty since becoming a part of the academic staff in 1967. A Faculty Advisory Board member since 1997, he has helped with fundraising initiatives and served as Chair of the Faculty’s Continuing Education Program on a voluntary basis since 2005.

**Dean Paul Allison** was appointed a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences (CAHS). This is one of the highest honours for individuals in the Canadian health sciences community and he was one of seven leaders in the health sciences from McGill to be elected a CAHS fellow. Elections are based on a nominating and peer review process that seeks to recognize those who are marked by a record of substantial accomplishment.

**50 Years’ Service**

**Dr. John Fong-Chong (DDS’60)** and **Dr. Edward Slapoff (DDS’56)** celebrated 50 years of working with the Faculty and were honoured at the Faculty’s staff holiday party on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at Bistro Philinos.

**Leaving**

This year will be the last at the Faculty for **Michael Mchugh** who has been with the Faculty since 1996, **Elizabeth Forsprecher (DMD’08)**, who has been here since 1981, and **Dr. Louis Z. G. Touyz** who has been with us since 1990. We wish them best of luck in their new endeavours.
In this newsletter, as we have done in the past several issues, we high-light the activities of one of our research strengths in the Faculty: The Clinical and Health Services research group.

Indeed, what a bunch of profs, students, and trainees they are! Not only is their research breaking new ground, but we will most surely have to break “real” new ground soon, as they are bustling at the seams in their current location at the campus research building.

Of all our research groups, this one has grown the most in recent times, with several new profs and more to come. This dynamic group specializes in translational research – meaning research projects that directly involve individuals and community groups.

In doing this, they work closely with patients, representatives from underprivileged groups, health care professionals, and government organizations. Their research is helping us ask the right questions – and then answer them – for the betterment of oral and general human health.

In other news, I would like to highlight the fact that Dr. Laura Stone’s research team made a key discovery in pain research that received extensive media coverage. It was deemed one of the top ten scientific breakthroughs in Quebec for 2011 in the magazine Québec Science.

Her group discovered that once pain is eliminated, it is also possible to reverse abnormal changes seen in the brain formed in the presence of pain. Yet another reason for us to eliminate pain – to keep our brains “normal!”

– Associate Dean (Research) Professor Marc D. McKee

**TABLE CLINIC EVENT**

**THIS YEAR’S TABLE CLINICS EVENT** was a great success thanks to the organizer, Véronique Benhamou, our students, residents, judges, staff and guests. Below is a list of our winners and their project titles:

**HINMAN PRIZE FOR UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH:**** Ting Huang & Adila Khan – “16s rRNA metagenomics-based survey of oral biofilms in obese children”**

**BEST GRADUATE POSTER:** Violet D’Souza – “Tailored information and its benefits in head and neck cancer patients”

**CDA/DENTSPLY FOR BEST UNDERGRADUATE POSTER:** Matthew Morrison – “Tori: Well known yet poorly understood”

**MONTREAL DENTAL CLUB FOR 2ND BEST UNDERGRADUATE POSTER:** Kristina Dee – “iProsthodontics”

**3RD BEST UNDERGRADUATE POSTER:** Erin Watson & Carley Rapoport – “Adherence to recommended periodontal standards post SRP: The McCall Study”

**ALPHA OMEGA/MOUNT ROYAL DENTAL SOCIETY:** Catherine Normand & Pascale Robitaille – “Lasers in periodontics: A promising future?”

**RESEARCH DAY**

**HELD MARCH 29, THE 7TH ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY** was an opportunity to showcase Faculty research.

**POSTER WINNERS**

**1ST PRIZE:** Hazem Eimar - Tooth Enamel Ultrastructure: Correlation between Composition and Physical Properties

**2ND PRIZE:** Shyamali Saha - Probiotic Replacement Therapy for the Prevention and Treatment of Dental Caries and Oral Candidiasis

**3RD PRIZE:** Sreenath Madathil - Intergenerational Effect of Parental (Pan) Chewing Habit Can Increase the Risk of Oral Cancer

**ORALS**

**1ST PRIZE:** Akanksa Srivastava - Willingness to Pay for Mandibular Two-Implant Overdentures - A Pilot Study

**2ND PRIZE:** Juliana Marulanda - Effects of Arterial Calcification on Bone Mass in Mgp-/- Mice

**3RD PRIZE:** Zeeshen Sheikh - Optimization of Physico-Chemical Properties of Bioceramics for Bone Augmentation Applications
STUDENTS’ ATTITUDES TOWARDS UNDERPRIVILEGED PATIENTS

A STUDY BY CONDUCTED BY LAYAL KSAYBI AND JENNIFER SEIDLER and supervised by Dr. Veronique Benhamou investigated dental students’ perceptions and levels of comfort and concern with the treatment of high-risk, underprivileged patients in a university dental outreach community program. The findings revealed that training, technical skills and clinical experience may improve students’ comfort while working in a dental outreach program. Despite concerns over a higher risk of disease transmission, students enjoyed the program and female students were found to be more interested in treating an outreach population in their future practice.

Faculty Clinical and Health Services is a growing area of research in medical science that explores the use of health technologies involving new and existing medicines, treatments and procedures. It also addresses clinical practice, for example offering guidance on the appropriate prevention, treatment and patient care for specific diseases and conditions.

Within the Faculty of Dentistry, researchers investigate issues like access to health care, causes of oral disease, and what can be done to improve our oral and general health. Research looks at understanding the experiences of vulnerable and underserved populations, like young children or those living with chronic illness or cancer.

“Every citizen should be able to count on receiving medical and dental care that meets their needs and is based on the best scientific knowledge – yet there is strong evidence that this frequently is not the case,” notes Associate Professor Dr. Belinda Nicolau. “Collaborative multidisciplinary work would help to decrease the gap between the health care that we have now and the health care that we could have.”

The team focuses on training students and dentists to improve care for underprivileged groups, preventing caries in pre-school children, improving both the quality of life and survival rates for oral cancer patients, and promoting implant-supported over-dentures as the standard of care for Canada.

An important aspect of the team’s work involves bridging gaps between theory and practice, research and clinical dentistry.

The impact of the team’s research is far-reaching. It was involved in a consensus conference that set a new standard of dental care for edentulism, or tooth loss, in the elderly, and it is working with institutions and stakeholders across Canada and internationally to develop standards of care in oral health.

One important ongoing project is the HeNCe Life study, which examines the socioeconomic, psychological, biological, and genetic factors that could influence the development of head and neck cancers and patients’ survival in Canada, Brazil, and India.

SUMMER RESEARCH PROJECTS

EVERY SUMMER ABOUT EIGHT DENTISTRY UNDERGRADUATES RECEIVE FUNDING TO PURSUE SCIENCE OR CLINICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS. The scholarships are offered to students in the early stages of their training who rank in the top 20% of their class. The research is completed under the supervision of an academic staff member.

At the end of the research project, those students who conducted original research are eligible for the Hinman Prize. Students prepare and deliver poster presentations at Dentistry’s Annual Table Clinics Event that describe the results of their projects.
Iris Boraschi-Diaz is a long way from home. Originally from San Jose, Costa Rica, she made the difficult decision to leave her oral surgery practice and her family to come to Montreal to do a Master’s degree.

“It got to a point that I needed more of a challenge,” she smiles. “I wanted to pursue research but since I was a clinician and I didn’t have much research experience, I decided to start with something that gave me some basic knowledge of the area – a bit of a taste – to see if I could find the challenge I was looking for.”

Although she first felt as though she didn’t know anything about research, Iris is now running Western blots, doing ELISAs and solid phase assays almost every day. “I’ve found a new world of opportunities where I can discover new things.”

Its flexibility is what makes the Master’s program so interesting. “Last year I started as a volunteer in Dr. Komarova’s lab and now I am a research assistant developing a project related to extracellular matrix and bone cells.”

With her studies and work as President of the Dentistry Graduate Students’ Society, Iris has been busy. “What does she enjoy most? “Well, it might sound a bit nerdy but I enjoy research. I love what I do every day – I’ve found my challenge and my passion.”

ONE DAY I HOPE TO: Travel the world
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Friends
MOST UNDERRATED VIRTUE: Generosity
FAVOURITE MOVIE: Remember the Titans
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: iPad

Joanna Lamberts chose dentistry because it offered an opportunity to work for herself – and she discovered her calling. As a professional, she is interested in working with individuals with intellectual disabilities.

“I really enjoy learning more about dental public health and the challenges patients face when accessing care.”

Originally from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Joanna chose McGill because she wanted to live in Montreal – a good choice for her love of the arts and music.

Over the past four years, she has enjoyed getting to know the staff and the personalized attention students get from the Faculty. Has she had any “ah-ha” moments?

“During summer clinic when we were trying to see four patients in one day for the first time. That’s when I first felt like a dentist.”

Her proudest achievement was when she and a team of McGill dentistry students were finalists for the Forces Avenir scholarship for their Bright Smiles Project – an awareness campaign designed to reduce infant tooth decay.

Next year, Joanna moves on to Vancouver to complete a general practice residency. She also hopes to take photography lessons and learn how to ski.

ONE DAY I HOPE TO: Have an art exhibit
FAVOURITE BOOK: The Prophet by Kahlil Gibran
GREATEST EXTRAVAGANCE: All-you-can-eat sushi with friends after a long day in the clinic
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Spicy tuna rolls
FOUND RELAXING: Listening to records

David Powell went to Shanao, a part of the Amazonian rainforest in northern Peru on a two-week humanitarian mission. “I will never forget how gratifying it was to be able to help those in desperate need of treatment, but with no resources to get help otherwise.”

He and a group of dental professionals and students from McGill treated nearly 700 patients (performing 850 extractions and 490 restorations).

Currently undertaking post-graduate studies in the general practice residency program at the Jewish General Hospital, David chose dentistry because he felt it suited his personality. “It engages both my scientific and artistic sides.”

David’s love for the profession shines through when he talks of what he enjoys most about his work and its challenges. “Dentistry involves developing manual dexterity and perfecting technical skills. After having repeated a procedure multiple times, inevitably there comes a moment when it’s done perfectly for the first time. It’s a wonderful feeling of accomplishment.”

He hopes to continue building his experience and technical abilities by working on challenging cases in different disciplines, perhaps by continuing in a specialty or working as a general practitioner.

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Bake Sale Fundraiser for Outreach - Lidiya Zavalashina, Sara Fagen and Lauren Vredenburg

Student's Impact: A Thousand Words

Above: The new Graduate Students' Society: Jelena Djokic, Iris Boraschi-Diaz, Hazem Eimar, Thomas Nguyen, Akanksha Scrivastava and Betty Hoac

Lauren Vredenburg, Sara Fagen, Lidiya Zavalishina, Jessica Bruce and Diana Heckler in Disney Princess costumes for Halloween.

Chinese Dinner

Mont Tremblant trip

Cavity Ninjas!

Pre-Dentistry social get-together

Students' Roast dinner
EACH YEAR THE FACULTY HOSTS A TRADITIONAL CONVOCATION CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH TO HONOUR THE GRADUATING CLASS AT THE MCGILL FACULTY CLUB ON TUESDAY, MAY 31, 2011.

**ANThONY BARZAN**
- Prix Micheline-Blain

**HEATHER CHANCE**
- Graduated with Distinction
- Dr. James McCutcheon Medal
- McGill Alumnae Society Prize

**YUN-WEN CHEN**
- Dean’s Honour List
- Dr. J. K. Carver Award
- Dr. Marvin and Mandy Werbitt Award in Dentistry
- American Association of Orthodontics Award

**ADRIANO FARINA**
- Dr. André Charest Prize
- American Academy of Periodontology Award

**ESTHER FELDMAN**
- Graduated with Distinction
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

**CARL HUYNH**
- Academy of General Dentistry’s 2011 Senior Dental Student Award

**OLIVIA LO**
- Dean’s Honour List
- Dr. A. Gerald Racey Prize
- Sunstar Gum Award in Dentistry

**BROOKE PANcER**
- Graduated with Distinction
- Canadian Academy of Periodontology Book Prize

**LAUREN Povitz**
- Prix d’Excellence Jean Robert Vincent

**DAVID POWELL**
- Graduated with Distinction
- C.D.A. Student Leadership Award
- Dr. Paul A. Marchand and Maurine McNeil Marchand Prize
- Bisco Dental Products Canada Inc. Award

**GIOVANNI SCALIA**
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award
- American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

**QUYEN SU**
- Graduated with Distinction

**SHAN SUN**
- The 3M ESPE Student Clinical Award

**MIRA WASSEF**
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award
- Student Achievement Award in Endodontics

**SERENA WONG**
- Dr. Soo Kim Lan Prize in Dentistry

**KATY YACOVITCH**
- Dean’s Honour List
- Dr. W. G. Leahy Prize
- Dr. A. W. Thornton Gold Medal
- Dr. A. L. Walsh Prize
- American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Endowment and Memorial Foundation Award

**TEACHING AWARDS**

**DR. SAMEr AbI-NADER**
- W. W. Wood Award

**DR. JOCeLYNE FEINE**
- The Howard S. Katz Excellence in Teaching Award

**DR. PHILIPPE MARTINEAU**
- The American Academy of Periodontology 2011 Award for Outstanding Teaching and Mentoring in Periodontics

**DR. JOSeLYNn CHANCE**
- Each year the Faculty hosts a traditional convocation champagne brunch to honour the graduating class at the McGill Faculty Club on Tuesday, May 31, 2011.

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THE 10TH ANNUAL WHITE COAT CEREMONY TOOK PLACE ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2011, AT A NEW LOCATION – REDPATH HALL. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE THE SUCCESS OF THE CLASS OF 2013 AND MARK THE MOMENT AT THE START OF THEIR THIRD YEAR WHEN DENTISTRY STUDENTS MOVE FROM PRE-CLINICAL STUDIES TO CLINICAL WORK.

Dr. Marie Dagenais welcomed the students and the Dean gave his formal address. Paige Charbonneau (DMD’13) offered a tribute to donors and Sarah Piercy (DMD’13) and Hardeep Asi (DMD’12) gave the student address. Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey was presented with the Ralph Silverstone Teaching Award. The keynote address was presented by nurse, psychologist and clinical ethicist, Dr. Franco Carnevale (Med’86, PhD’94). The pledge was led by Dr. John Blomfield (DDS’74).

WHITE COAT ceremony

DMD 2015
- JASMIN WRIGHT
  Dr. Harry Rosen Entrance Scholarship

DMD 2014
- LESLEY BERGMAN
  Dean’s Honour List
  Ping Kwan Lau Scholarship
- ERICA KADER
  Dean’s Honour List
- SARAH LIU
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. Howard Katz Scholarship in Dentistry
- TOBIAS MEISZINGER
  Phyllis Butterworth Major Entrance Scholarship

DMD 2013
- FERAS AL HALABI
  Dr. W. C. Bushell Prize
- AZAZ AWAN
  Dr. Yu-Ming Lam Scholarship
- PAIGE CHARBONNEAU
  Dr. Maxwell and Betty L. Goldenberg Prize
- AMBERENE CHUNARA
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. M. Donigan Prize
- CHANTAL CZEREDNIKOW
  Dr. K.J. Melville Prize
  Dr. Morton and Dr. Jonathan Lang Prize in Dentistry
- BRITTANY FLOOD
  Dean’s Honour List
- LAURA MANCINI
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. M. Donigan Prize
  Dr. Earl Lerner Faculty Scholarship
  Dr. I. K. Lowry Prize
  Dr. K. I. Melville Prize
  Dr. D. P. Mowry Prize
- RAMI YASSINE
  Dean’s Honour List

DMD 2013
- MELISSA CERONE
  Dr. Ernest R. Ambrose Scholarship in Dentistry
  Dr. L. A. Cohn Prize
- AMANDA CRISTINZIANO
  Dr. Leannore K. Feine Prize
- KRISTINA DEE
  Dr. Leannore K. Feine Prize
- SARAH HABIB
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. Leannore K. Feine Prize
- JOANNA LAMBERTS
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. William Boroff Scholarship in Dentistry
  Dr. Leannore K. Feine Prize
- DIEN LIU
  Dr. Philip J. and Mrs. Stella Gitnick Prize
  Dr. James E. G. Harrison Scholarship in Dentistry
- NICHOLAS THORPE
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. Lyman E. Francis Prize
  Dr. Gerald Franklin Prize
  Rena and Mervyn Gornitsky Scholarship
  Dr. Harry Rosen Scholarship in Dentistry
- ERIN WATSON
  Dean’s Honour List
  Dr. Janet Griffin-Merith Scholarship in Dentistry
  International College of Dentists Prize

GRADUATE AWARDS
- McGill University Faculty of Dentistry Internal Scholarships
  Jelena Djokic, MSc Candidate
  Hazem Elmar, PhD Candidate
  Betty Hoac, PhD Candidate
  Saeed Khalili, PhD Candidate
  Zohreh Khavandgar, PhD Candidate
  Seunghwan Lee, PhD Candidate
  Salwa Maria, PhD Candidate
  Yasmine Dhar Myreni, PhD Candidate
- SAEED KHALILI, PHD CANDIDATE
  Dr. Lyon Bercovitch Memorial Award
- VAMSEE DHAR MYRUSI, PHD CANDIDATE
  Dr. and Mrs. I.N. Pesner Memorial Prize
- KHADY KA, PHD CANDIDATE
  Dr. Wah Leung Fellowship
- ZOHREH KHAVANDGAR, PHD CANDIDATE
  Dr. E.T. & Mrs. Marjorie Bourke Award

The 10th annual White Coat Ceremony took place on Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at a new location – Redpath Hall. It was an opportunity to celebrate the success of the class of 2013 and mark the moment at the start of their third year when dentistry students move from pre-clinical studies to clinical work.
Ever since she first applied to dental schools, Dr. Laureen DiStefano (DDS’86) wanted to travel. After she graduated and set up her practice, she wrote letters to volunteer organizations to enquire about the possibility of doing volunteer work abroad.

“My first trip was to India,” she explains. “I volunteered in a Don Bosco Beatitude school, orphanage and training centre near Madras.” She made four visits to the same community and in the fourth year brought a portable compressor and suction unit, enabling her to do fillings, sealants and cleanings.

“I enjoyed going to India. During this fourth visit, some of the children would come up to me and point to their front teeth and say ‘polish, polish.’ They knew that Canada was far away. They felt if their teeth were important to me, that they should be important to them.”

After India, Dr. DiStefano went to Guatemala with Kindness in Action, an organization that has many volunteers, including dentists, dental students and staff from McGill.

She has visited the Republic of Kiribati in the South Pacific, travelling by sailboat to an island that had never had a dentist. There she met an 80-year-old doctor who was also volunteering!

She has also travelled several times to Danang in Vietnam, working with a small team of local dentists.

“The Vietnamese have an incredible power of forgiveness,” she observes. “There’s no animosity towards the West for the war. As one person put it, ‘Americans ended the war that politicians started.’”

In 1996, Dr. DiStefano returned to India, this time to Dharamshala and spent three months with the Tibetans. “It was wonderful,” she says. “I get a lot out of volunteering; it helps me to get to know the culture a lot more. Sometimes the hardest part of doing this work is coming back to the West.”

FROM: Upstate New York
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Funny or touching stories
MOST UNDERRATED VIRTUE: Honesty
FAVOURITE BOOK: A Fine Balance by Rohinton Mistry
If you’re interested in volunteering abroad, feel free to contact Dr. DiStefano via email to find out more at laureendistefano@hotmail.com.

About six years ago, Dr. Ken Wright (BCom’55, DDS’66) was approached about an area in London, Ontario, where many refugees and immigrants lived who needed dental care.

At the time, he had been part-time with the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry at the University of Western Ontario for 43 years, while also working as a periodontist in his private practice.

“So I spoke to the Dean and asked how we could help these people,” explained Dr. Wright. “He agreed that the time was right for the university to get involved in the community.”

The plan at first was to bring patients into the clinic, where they would be treated the same as everyone else, except there would be no fee. The program ran like this for a couple of years, but several problems became obvious as the number of participants dropped off.

“The first was that several visits were needed before any dental work actually could begin and it became apparent this was asking a lot of the people in this particular community.”

It was at this point that Dr. Wright read an article in the Faculty of Dentistry alumni newsletter about what McGill was doing. He flew to Montreal to meet with Dr. Bruce Dobby and the Dean. He discovered some important differences between the program at McGill and the one at Western.

“McGill went into the community rather than having people come to them, thus dealing with their fears of white coats and bureaucracy,” he says.

“Working with agencies meant the agencies could do the screening so that the patients would be registered and ready when the dental students arrived. Also, for more intensive work, some patients would be brought in to a clinic at the dental school for several hours one Saturday every six weeks.”

Dr. Wright returned to Western with a proposal: if the Faculty would build a community dental program into the curriculum, Wright...
Dr. Mitchell Josephs (DDS’88) has stayed connected to the Faculty in many ways—both through fundraising and his contributions as a Faculty Advisory Board committee member, travelling to meetings in Montreal from Florida!

“My four years at McGill were the most important years of my life, both professionally and personally,” he says. “I feel I arrived as a ‘child’ and was shaped and coached to be a professional adult.

“Although it helps the Faculty, my involvement is also being done for selfish reasons,” he admits. “I just want to still feel connected to McGill and the Faculty of Dentistry, to keep all those good feelings from when I studied there alive!”

In addition to his contributions to the Faculty, Dr. Josephs is busy keeping his dental practice “recession resistant” during one of the worst economic times in U.S. history.

He thrives on building connections and helping others, giving all-day seminars on marketing for dentists all over North America, hosting a live radio show called Tooth Talk, and appearing on local NBC News affiliates as a dental spokesperson.

Even with this hectic schedule, he manages to fit in local charitable work. “Recently, I started probono dental work with patients from Gratitude House in West Palm Beach, Florida,” he explains. “I work with women who are victims of substance and domestic abuse.”

Does he have a weak spot for anything? “My greatest extravagance has been my car collections over the years,” he confesses. “Ferraris, Porsches, Lamborghinis, Maseratis, and others. I am an addict.”

He hopes to one day become a national spokesperson for the dental profession—the Dr. Oz of teeth. “I’d love to nationally syndicate my radio show, Tooth Talk, and begin to enter a second non-clinical career mode.”

FROM: Bellmore, Long Island, NY
BEST DINNER PARTY GUESTS: Neil Young, Howard Stern, Sammy Hagar, Jerry Seinfeld, Jon Bon Jovi, Joe Satriani
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Screwdrivers (the tool, not the drink!)
MOST UNDERATED VIRTUE: Sense of humour—everyone needs one
LUCKY TO BE WORKING IN THE FIELD OF DENTISTRY BECAUSE: I don't have to worry about being fired

To find out more about Dr. Josephs’s seminars, radio show, or his practice’s website, visit www.decadedentalseminars.com, www.radiotoothtalk.com and www.palmbeachdentist.com.

Dr. Ken Wright continues to teach part-time at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and to work in private practice.

FROM: Montreal
FOUND RELAXING: Playing tennis, Seniors Hockey
YOU CAN NEVER HAVE TOO MANY: Friends or sweaters!
MOST UNDERATED VIRTUE: A good listener
BEST DINNER PARTY GUEST: My wife

To find out more about the DOCS program, watch their video: bit.ly/DOCSprog.
"A DENTAL PROBLEM IS NOT JUST A TOOTH CONNECTED TO A WALLET BETWEEN THE TWO, THERE IS A PERSON."

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of DR. ERNEST AMBROSE (DDS’50), who died June 1, 2013, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Dr. Ambrose received his dental degree from McGill in 1950 and for 27 years, McGill dentistry students were taught by this renowned professor and dean. He began his career as demonstrator in the Operative Department from 1950 until 1957, when he took on the position of lecturer and later became chair of the department in 1958. He served as Dean of Dentistry at McGill from 1970 to 1977.

Dr. Druckman practised dentistry in Montreal for 45 years. He was active with the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and was an avid outdoorsman and jazz enthusiast. He will be remembered by friends and patients.

DR. SHARLENE E. BARTON (DDS’90)
(1959–2011)
During university, Dr. Barton volunteered in Ecuador, providing medical care to the extremely poor and her generous spirit carried on with her work as a dental surgeon for 18 years. She will be deeply missed.

DR. LEONARD LAWRENCE DRUCKMAN (DDS’54)
(1928–2011)
Dr. Druckman practised dentistry in Montreal for 45 years. He was active with the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity and was an avid outdoorsman and jazz enthusiast. He will be remembered by friends and patients.

DR. JAMES THOMAS ELO (DDS’49)
(1921–2011)
After serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force during WWII, Dr. Elo practised dentistry for almost 46 years in Montreal, teaching part-time at the McGill Faculty of Dentistry for 25 years. He will be deeply missed.

DR. MEHRI AMIR KALALI-CIMIKOSKI (DDS’60)
(1921–2011)
Dr. Kalali-Cimikoski maintained her practice and raised her family in Norwalk, Connecticut. Deeply affected by the poverty of her native country of Iran, she was dedicated to providing much needed dental care and will be greatly missed.

DR. IRWIN MARGOLESE (DDS’61)
(1935–2012)
Loving father and father-in-law of Dr. Howard and Tanya, Dr. Stephanie and Gabriel (Szraibman). Cherished “Papa Irwin” of Noah, Gita and Eryn. Devoted brother of Brenda. He will be missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

ALAIN OHANA (DDS’86)
(1962–2011)
Dr. Ohana maintained a practice in Montreal for over 20 years, where he was well known for his devotion to his patients and for his ready smile. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and colleagues.

ERIC PALMER GILL (DDS’44)
(1921–2011)
After graduating from McGill with top honours and a gold medal, Dr. Palmer Gill moved to Victoria where he practised dentistry for 35 years. Dad/Opa will be dearly missed.

PROFESSOR JOHN W. STAMM HAS BEEN AWARDED AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM KING’S COLLEGE LONDON. Stamm is a professor in the Department of Dental Ecology and former Dean at the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry. Also an adjunct professor of epidemiology in the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health, he worked at the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill from 1971 to 1984.

The honorary Doctor of Dentistry degree was conferred in a ceremony in London in early November 2011 as a tribute to his outstanding academic work in oral disease risk assessment.

The Dr. Ernest R. Ambrose Clinical Professorship in Restorative Dentistry was created in his name at the Faculty of Dentistry at McGill.

Dr. Ambrose had a hand in teaching many of the dentists in Canada and at one time or another, he taught most of the dentists in Saskatchewan. His enthusiasm and love for operative dentistry has been recognized internationally by his peers.

For decades, he shared his zest for practical dentistry and high standards of professional ethics with hundreds of young people, all of whom were well guided by his dedication, compassion and common sense.

Dr. Ambrose then accepted the position of Dean at the College of Dentistry at the University of Saskatchewan, which he occupied until 1985. He was appointed professor emeritus of Restorative and Prosthodontic Dentistry in 1993 and was honoured with a Master Teacher Award from the University of Saskatchewan the same year.

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[L-R] Dr. Gerald Bougie, David Blast, Joan Blair and Herb Borsuk at the Montreal Alumni Cocktail Reception held at the Intercontinental on May 30, 2011.

[L-R] Bin Tan, Olivia Lo, Shan Sun, Esther Feldman and Marina Braniste at the Vancouver Alumni Cocktail reception held on March 8, 2012 at the Pan Pacific Hotel.

Class of 1966’s 45th reunion - under the umbrellas in Quebec City: Drs. Murray Chapman, Allan Small, Don Taylor, Dave Flam, Andrew Toeman, Sten Fersing, Jack Sherman, Bob Tacy

Class of 1965’s 55th reunion in Montreal, October 2011: Drs. Rymanowski, Slimovitch, Boissinot, Vachon, Armstrong, Cappelli, Anfossie, Beauprie, Shamy, Slapcoff, Brownstein

Class of 1986’s 25th reunion
CLASS REUNIONS
Homecoming will be celebrated in 2012 from October 11 to 14 with celebrations across the campus and within the Faculty. Those classes holding a class reunion this year are listed here, with the class leaders:

1957    Dr. Wilfrid Robinson
1962    Dr. David Shapiro
1972    Dr. Herb Borsuk
1977    Dr. Melvin Schwartz
1987    Dr. Anita Orendi
1992    Dr. Philippe Nasrallah

EVERY GIFT COUNTS
Here are some examples of what can be done in the Faculty of Dentistry thanks to support from alumni:

A GIFT OF...
$750 Helps to treat four patients at our outreach clinic, where volunteer dentists and students provide free dental care through community agencies to patients who could not physically or financially access dental services otherwise

$1,500 Helps us treat ten children in our new pediatric program at the Montreal Children’s Hospital

$3,000 Subsidizes a visiting lectureship in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for our oral surgery students

$10,000 Buys one of the 40 patient simulators needed for the new pre-clinical simulation lab

$35,000 Purchases a dental operatory for the new clinic

At the beginning of the year, Rosalie Da Sylva-La Rue left the Faculty to pursue her career as a translator. Both her lovely smile and friendly disposition will be greatly missed. We wish her the best of luck in her new role!
WITH SINCERE APPRECIATION

We are very pleased to recognize the contribution of individuals, foundations, and corporations. Each and every one of your gifts to the Faculty enables us to continue building on McGill’s tradition of innovation and to maintain a commitment to the highest standards of excellence in teaching, research, and community outreach.

It is also with profound appreciation that we acknowledge the wonderful efforts of our many volunteers who so generously share their time and skills. They are a source of inspiration for us all and their contributions are essential to maintaining the Faculty’s mission, programs, and standard of excellence.

Listed here are donations received between January 1, 2011, and December 31, 2011. Please note: Only donors who provided permission to publish their names are listed.

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CHANCELLOR’S CIRCLE: $2,500 - $4,999
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Tina Dartman, DDS
Steven Faigan, DDS
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David Anstey, DDS
Andrew Ted Bala, DDS
Gloria Baranowski, R. Gordon Baynes, DDS
Susanna Stella Belvedere, DDS
Peter Joseph Brodick, DDS
Ernest Charles Burman, DDS
Wayne Nelson Carr, DDS
Frank Ekelhaus, DDS
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