IN 2006, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY changed the name of its dental school from the School of Dental and Oral Surgery to the College of Dental Medicine (CDM), "to better reflect the status of the program and more correctly signify the importance of its mission and goals." In Dean Lamster’s words, "We prepare our students to help manage the total health of patients from the perspective of oral health, and our new name underscores that approach to dentistry.”

CDM has lived up to the promise of its new name in many areas. In 2009, the College’s standing was affirmed by an outstanding ADA accreditation site visit, without a single recommendation for its predoctoral program or its four University-based postdoctoral programs. In addition, for the last three years CDM’s student body has had the highest academic average on the DAT of any dental school in the nation. Simultaneously, the College has greatly increased the diversity of its student body, raising its underrepresented minority population from 2% to more than 15% over the past nine years. For CDM, strengthening this sector of professionals in oral health care represents a major step toward correcting health disparities among neglected or underserved populations in New York City, New York State, across the nation, and around the globe.

During these years, CDM conducted a successful capital campaign, raising nearly $19 million, $4 million more than the original goal. This success owes a great deal to the generosity of alumni, faculty, and friends, whose gifts demonstrate a desire to ensure future progress for CDM and its students. The College has also maintained a balanced budget over the past decade in spite of construction costs incurred for rebuilding more than 40% of CDM’s space with long-needed upgrades for clinics, laboratories, and offices.

ABOVE • New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez, a Washington Heights native, joined Dean Lamster in July 2010 to inaugurate CDM’s mobile dental center, a new van made possible with the help of Mr. Rodriguez’s AROD Foundation.
Dean Lamster: Decade of Achievement

Tradition, Research, and Scholarship

**THE COLLEGE** has a long history of contributing to the advancement of the dental profession through research and scholarship. In the last ten years, the College’s research programs have realized remarkable growth, with sponsored projects amounting to more than $6 million annually. Prominent among them is important work demonstrating the influence of oral infection on systemic disease. In 2011, the College further enhanced its research program with the opening of the Center for Craniofacial Regeneration on the 12th floor of Vanderbilt Clinic. Working in partnership with the Fu Foundation School of Engineering & Applied Sciences, the Center is exploring new avenues in tissue engineering. Other faculty members are studying social determinants of oral health, leading to significant findings that will aid in addressing health disparities in the larger public health context. The ongoing goal for research at CDM is to increase the College’s NIH profile with further studies promoting scientific progress.

DEAN LAMSTER’S COMMITMENT to sustaining and advancing the University’s global presence has led to the creation and strengthening of numerous missions open to students and faculty at international locations. These opportunities have become an important professional and personal experience for many students, with nearly 75% of the Class of 2011 and over 80% of the class of 2012 participating in global missions and externship programs.

CDM also has twelve international academic affiliations, coordinated through the office of Vice Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Letty Moss-Salentijn. In November 2011, Dean Lamster was asked to participate in the 100th anniversary celebration of one affiliate, Osaka Dental University. He spoke on the future of dental education and practice, emphasizing a growing interest in the greater integration of oral health and general health.

Demand for continuing education (CE) has risen rapidly during the Dean’s incumbency, resulting in the development of many new courses in advanced clinical techniques, as well as the introduction of an Implantology Fellowship. Over the past two years, enrollment has attracted a continually growing number of participants from around the world.

**TOP** The late Irwin Mandel ’45, professor emeritus, one of the College’s most distinguished alumni, shares a moment with the Dean at a luncheon celebrating the 60th Anniversary of the Periodontics Program in May 2009.

**LEFT** Dean Lamster presents a certificate to Dr. Kawazoe, president of Osaka Dental University, acknowledging his role in fostering the relationship between the two schools.
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**Top** Dean Emeritus Allan J. Formicola, Dean Lamster, and NIH Principal Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak ’77 at CDM’s Gala celebrating its 90th Anniversary in 2007. **Above Left** Clinical Professor and Director of Implant Education Dennis Tarnow, DDS, with Dean Lamster at the second annual Columbia University/International Congress of Oral Implantologists Symposium in 2011. **Left** Vice Dean Letty Moss-Salentijn and CDM’s current Interim Dean Ronnie Myers, discuss the College’s recent curriculum changes with Dean Lamster.
Significant changes to CDM’s predoctoral curriculum. Initial reports from both faculty and students reveal a high rate of satisfaction with advances that have eliminated redundancy and reorganized the basic science preparation needed to provide the highest quality dental education. A comprehensive outcomes assessment will be conducted when the Class of 2013, the first group to experience the new educational program, completes the curriculum.

The College’s approach to the preclinical experience in dental education. It is now case-based, requiring students to make decisions about treatment of actual cases according to the patient’s health history and the nature of the oral/dental problem.

A new clinical education experience for third-year students, who now spend two three-week rotations at 11 affiliated hospitals throughout New York City, as well as working in the Vanderbilt Clinic. Their off-campus work is done under the direction of Associate Dean and Director for Hospital Affiliations Dr. Louis Mandel. Current feedback from hospitals and students alike is positive and suggests that the innovative program is working well.

A growing interest in dual degree programs among dental students, which has led CDM to strengthen its partnerships with other Columbia graduate schools. In the case of the DDS/MPH degree, a new HRSA grant provides funding for a fifth year of study. Other successful programs are jointly administered with the Columbia Business School (MBA) and with Teachers College (MA in Science Education).

A vital information network for a successful future. CDM, like other health organizations across the US, has introduced an electronic patient record system to store and retrieve essential information in an electronic format, designed to enhance the coordination of care.

It has been my great privilege to hold the position of Dean of the College of Dental Medicine. I have been fortunate to work with faculty and staff who were truly dedicated to advancing the mission of the College and willing to explore the development of new programs. My successor will inherit a robust and vibrant institution. She or he will also find ample opportunity to take the College in new directions and, thereby, continue our legacy of excellence.

—Ira B. Lamster, DDS, MMSc
THE SECOND ANNUAL IMPLANT SYMPOSIUM, “Controversies and Innovations in Implantology Dentistry,” co-sponsored by the College of Dental Medicine and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI), took place December 9-10 at the Columbia University Morningside campus. An audience of more than 550 dental practitioners from around the world heard presentations from 13 internationally renowned implant specialists.

LEFT ▲ Scientific Chairman for the Symposium Dr. Dennis Tarnow (right) with speaker Dr. Myron Nevin, founder and president of Implantology Research, Inc. RIGHT ▲ Dr. Kenneth W. M. Judy, co-chairman of ICOI, served as moderator on the second day of the symposium.

Zavras Team Study Could Raise Bisphosphonate Safety

RESEARCHERS AT THE COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY College of Dental Medicine have identified a genetic variation that raises the risk of developing serious necrotic jaw bone lesions in patients who take bisphosphonates, a common class of osteoclastic inhibitors. Oral bisphosphonates are currently taken by some three million women in the U.S. for preventing or treating osteoporosis. In addition, intravenous bisphosphonates are given to thousands of cancer patients each year to control the spread of bone cancer and prevent excess calcium from accumulating in the blood. The discovery made by the Columbia team paves the way for a genetic screening test to determine who can safely take these drugs. The study appears in the online version of The Oncologist.

“These drugs have been widely used for years and are generally considered safe and effective,” said study leader Athanasios I. Zavras, DDS, MS, DMSc, associate professor of Dentistry and Epidemiology and director, Division of Oral Epidemiology and Biostatistics at CDM. “But,” he adds, “the popular literature and blogs are filled with stories of patients on prolonged bisphosphonate therapy who were trying to control osteoporosis or hypercalcemia only to develop osteonecrosis of the jaw (ONJ). Our ultimate goal is to develop a pharma-cogenetic test that personalizes risk assessment for ONJ.”
Burton Edelstein, DDS, MPH, Honored with Shils Award

CHAIR OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES
Burton Edelstein, who is a professor of clinical dentistry and clinical health policy and management at CDM, was one of three recipients of the 2011 Dr. Edward B. Shils Entrepreneurial Fund Awards presented at a gala held in the Union League of Philadelphia. Now in their ninth year, the Shils Awards pay tribute to “initiatives that educate the public on the importance of oral health, provide educational opportunities for those in the dental profession and industry, or demonstrate innovative care, policy, or service models.” The Shils Awards are supported by Henry Schein Cares, the health care products and services company’s global corporate social responsibility program.

Dr. Edelstein, founder and president of the Children’s Dental Health Project, was recognized for his success in securing the addition of pediatric dental benefits in CHIP, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, which supports health care for underserved children in each state. He and his fellow awardees were presented with a monetary prize designated for the organization of their choice.

Dean Myers Elected Dentistry Board VP

RONNIE MYERS ’79, who has served as Vice Dean for Administrative Affairs since 2011, has been elected vice chairman of the New York State Board of Dentistry and will assume the chair of the Board in 2013. Dentistry is one of 29 state boards for which The NYS Education Department administers professional regulations.

DR. MYERS WAS APPOINTED as Interim Dean for CDM as of July 1. A search committee has been formed to select Dr. Ira Lamster’s replacement. More information will follow in the Fall 2012 issue of PRIMUS.
Alia Koch ’05, OMFS ’11: A Life at Columbia

Dr. Alia Koch is almost 100% Columbia blue. Born at New York Presbyterian Hospital, where her mother worked, Dr. Koch returned to the campus some years later—to earn both her dental and medical degrees, complete her oral surgery residency, and deliver her son, who turns one year old this fall. Most recently, she has taken up duties at NYPH as an attending and at CDM as an assistant professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in the Section of Hospital Dentistry. Dr. Koch’s attendance record at Columbia is not quite perfect; she spent her undergraduate years at Tufts, which turned out to be fortuitous, because that is where she met her husband.

When Dr. Koch was considering what career path to follow, her first choice was private practice. Although offered every position she applied for, none seemed exciting enough for a lifetime. She finally made a reluctant decision, but then found out she was pregnant. It was a happy discovery which, however, left her undecided again. Only when she talked to her CDM mentor, Dr. Sidney Eisig, did it become clear that she wanted—like him—to enter academia. Happy now with a variety of exciting cases, and more responsibilities in teaching and research, Dr. Koch is never bored.

Away from campus, life revolves around a large Turkish-Polish-American extended family, who “always want to spend time together.” Much as she loves being at work, Dr. Koch also appreciates the flexibility she has to “get home and see my son.”

Tamar Schiller, DDS/MBA ’09: Teaching the Business of Dentistry

A teacher, an MBA, and a young mother walk into a dental clinic.

No, it’s not the first line of a joke; it’s a description of Tamar Schiller DDS/MBA ’09. One of CDM’s growing number of graduates to earn multiple advanced degrees at Columbia, Dr. Schiller is an assistant professor in Operative Dentistry, who also has a three-year-old son waiting for her at the end of the day.

For Dr. Schiller, successful dentist/patient relationships depend not only on high quality care and medical expertise, but the support of an efficient workflow. As the director of practice management for predoctoral classes at CDM, she emphasizes that a thriving dental practice demands the same planning and organization necessary for success in any small business. She introduces this idea through both qualitative and quantitative examination of techniques that are often new to dental training. Case studies help students learn to construct business plans, read financial statements, understand insurance policies, and calculate potential returns on investment. In addition, students participate in role-playing, using examples of the dentist/patient interaction, which can reveal the importance of being sensitive to the needs of future patients.

Dr. Schiller also invites guests to speak to her classes on subjects ranging from building a client base to choosing effective marketing media. By incorporating entrepreneurial tools in her teaching, she hopes to insure a rewarding career for her students and a good experience for their patients.
ADEA/Crest Supports Kayleigh Eaves ’12

Kayleigh A. Eaves ’12, a DDS/MA degree recipient, has received the support of American Dental Education Association/Crest Oral-B Scholarship, which is awarded to dental students who intend to enter an academic career. Dr. Eaves earned her dual degree in the collaborative program shared by the College of Dental Medicine and Columbia Teachers College. This summer, she is enrolled in a postdoctoral periodontics program in her home state at the University of Texas, San Antonio.

ADA UMD Scholarships for Two CDM Students

Kimberli Loraine Leal ’14 and Omonlegho Briana Ovbuode ’14 were selected to receive two of the ADA Foundation’s 25 Predoctoral Underrepresented Minority Dental Student Scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year. The Foundation scholarships, worth $2500 apiece, go to students entering their second year in a predoctoral program certified by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

NYAD Supports Work of Andrew Ferraro ’14

In 2011, Andrew Ferraro ’14 received a CDM summer fellowship to conduct research under the mentorship of Dr. Carol Kunzel, Dr. Evanthia Lalla, and Dean Ira Lamster on the development of a protocol for identification of high blood sugar levels in dental patients. Andrew, who has continued to assist with subsequent phases of the diabetes identification research, recently exhibited the results of his contributions to this study as part of a poster presentation for The New York Academy of Dentistry. In response, the Academy has approved a grant of $4,000 to support CDM’s summer research fellowship program.

Jiwon Lee ’14 Elected ASDA House Speaker

Jiwon Lee ’14 was recently elected speaker of the House of Delegates of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA). Ms. Lee has been co-president for her chapter, as well as ASDA District 2 legislative liaison. Before entering CDM, she was an intern at NPR in Ann Arbor, Michigan, later becoming a production assistant for ABC News in New York.

Jenny Sun ’14 Wins AADR Hatton Award

Jenny Sun ’14 received the Hatton Award in the Predoctoral Category for her presentation, “Fibrochondrocytes Derived from Human Mesenchymal Stem/Progenitor Cells,” from AADR president Jeffrey Ebersole at the 41st Annual Conference of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR), held in Tampa, Florida, in March.
**CDM HSDA Poster Wins First Prize**

**Student News**

**IN NOVEMBER**, 21 of the Hispanic Dental Association’s (HDA) 42 national student chapters participated in the 2011 Procter and Gamble Orgullo (Pride) Competition for poster presentations at HDA’s 19th Annual Meeting in San Diego. CDM entered the competition for the first time with a poster titled “Orgullo Hispano...Without Borders,” designed to show that Hispanics, no matter what their country of origin or choice of religion, can find unity in promoting oral health.

Jose Carlos Castillo ’14 and Annia-Beatrice Legoff ’13, co-presidents of CDM’s HDA student chapter (HSDA), explained that “because the Association’s mission is to be the leading voice for Hispanic oral health, and to provide Service, Education, Advocacy, and Leadership (SEAL) for the elimination of oral health disparities in the Hispanic community, we split all of our chapter’s community service events—as shown on the poster—into the four SEAL sections.” Their poster earned first place and a prize of $700.

In December, Jose Carlos Castillo ’14 received a National Hispanic Health Foundation (NHHF) scholarship for $5,000, presented to him during the Foundation’s annual dinner at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York. The NHHF scholarship recognizes exceptional academic and leadership performance and commitment to the Hispanic community.

José Carlos Castillo ’14 and Annia-Beatrice Legoff ’13, co-presidents of CDM’s HSDA chapter, with the first-prize check for their winning entry in the 2011 Procter and Gamble Orgullo Poster Competition.

**Stephen Boss ’13 Is Shils Award Recipient**

**STEPHEN BOSS ’13** became the first student to receive the 2011 Shils Founders Award, given to an individual in dentistry who has established new activities that promise to help improve the work of humanitarian groups or professional organizations. The only first-year student elected to the board of the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), Stephen helped organize the first District Cabinet for ASDA officers from schools in a designated geographic district. He was also behind a successful fundraiser for Haiti following the 2010 earthquake. The Shils Awards are supported by Henry Schein Cares.

**CDM Postdoc Wins Pan Arab Endo Prize**

**ADHAM ABDEL AZIM, BDS**, a second-year CDM postdoctoral student in Endodontics, received the first prize award at the Pan Arab Endodontics Conference held in January in Dubai.
Alumni Events

**Dean Lamster Hosts 2012 Yankee Dental Luncheon**

IN JANUARY, during the 2012 Yankee Dental Congress in Boston, alumni gathered for a luncheon at the Westin Waterfront Hotel.

BACK ROW, L TO R: John Diune ’03, Endo ’06; Paul Cronin ’81; Jim Hunt ’81; Dean Ira Lamster; Michael Barbieri ’81; Thomas Connolly ’77, Perio ’80; Steven Spivack ’81; Eric Frank ’11, Ortho ’14; Alan Gold ’83; Kyle Weckesser ’11; Arthur Wein ’67; Donald Stammer ’67; and Stephen Kaplan ’67. FRONT ROW, L TO R: Denise Chow ’04; Wendy Williams ’08; and Tom Pagonis, Endo ’93.

**Popular CDM Event Returns to Sotheby’s**

**THE ANNUAL SOCIAL NETWORKING** event, CDM Connects, took place for the third year in April at Sotheby’s Fine Arts Auction House in Manhattan. More than 80 alumni and students attended the reception, during which they heard a short talk about works of art displayed in the rooms where the event was held.

ABOVE, L TO R: Stephanie Dumanian ’10, Bari Schwartz ’12, Meryl Brown ’12, and Lewis Gross ’79.

**Annual GNY Reception Draws Record Crowd**

THE CDM RECEPTION at the Greater New York Dental Meeting in November brought more than 200 alumni, faculty, and students to the Marriott Marquis Sky Lobby for a festive evening. Following introductory remarks by Dean Ira Lamster and Alumni President Renee Utvak ’02, Endo ’04, three faculty members were honored for outstanding teaching: Dr. Laureen Zubiaurre, associate professor in Adult Dentistry and associate dean for predoctoral admissions, was presented with the Dr. Guy Metcalf Award for Excellence in Clinical Instruction; Dr. Courtney Chinn, AEGD ’00, Peds ’03, assistant professor in Social and Behavioral Sciences, was named winner of the Dr. Stanislaw Brzustowicz Junior Faculty Award; and Dr. Dennis Morea ’70, clinical professor in Prosthodontics, received the Melvin L. Moss, DDS, PhD, Senior Faculty Recognition Award. Alumni Director Melissa Welsh was also recognized with the gift of an iPad from the Alumni Association.

Winners and presenters of the 2011 CDM faculty awards. ABOVE FROM LEFT: Dr. Laureen Zubiaurre with Richard Lichtenthal ’62, chairman, Section of Adult Dentistry; Dr. Burton Edelstein, chairman, Social & Behavioral Sciences, with Dr. Courtney Chinn, AEGD ’00, Peds ’03; Thomas Magnani ’80 with Dennis Morea ’70.
Annual Orthodontic Alumni Meeting
Keynote Address Given by Dr. Sidney B. Eisig

MORE THAN 70 ALUMNI, faculty and residents attended the Thomas Cangialosi Annual Orthodontic Alumni Meeting held in March at the Columbia University Club of New York. Dr. Sidney B. Eisig, chairman, Section of Hospital Dentistry, and director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, presented talks on Evaluation and Treatment of Patients with Skeletal Facial Deformities and Contemporary Management of the Cleft Lip and Palate Patient.

L TO R ➤ Outgoing President, Orthodontic Alumni Society, Alexis Fermanis ’02, Ortho ’06; President-Elect Ronniette Garcia-Leifert Ortho ’03, AEGD ’07; President Michael Leifert, Ortho ’04, Melvin Leifert, clinical professor, Orthodontics; Thomas Cangialosi, Ortho ’75, director, Postdoctoral Orthodontics Program; and Sunil Wadhwa ’96 director, Division of Orthodontics.

Perio Alumni Meet in Miami

THE PERIODONTAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION and the Division of Periodontics hosted an alumni reception at the Sagamore Hotel during the American Academy of Periodontology Annual Meeting in Miami Beach, Florida, in November.

L TO R ➤ Panos Papapanou, DDS, PhD; chairman, Section of Oral and Diagnostic Sciences; Janet Stoupel, Perio ’91; Susan Karabin ’81, Perio ’84; Edward Woehling, Perio ’79; Aaron Prestup, Perio ’79; and Leslie Taynor, Perio ’79.
Annual McLean Symposium Focuses on Oral Lesions

THE ANNUAL PATRICIA MCLEAN DENTAL Hygiene Symposium, held in March, was presented by dental hygiene alumni Olga A.C. Ibsen, RDH, MS ’75, and Joan Andersen Phelan, DDS, MS ’67, co-authors of the highly respected textbook, Oral Pathology for the Dental Hygienist, and both faculty members in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Radiology and Medicine at NYU College of Dentistry (NYUCD). Ms. Ibsen, an adjunct professor at NYUCD and the University of Bridgeport, discussed the Differential Diagnosis of Oral Lesions and the dental hygienist’s role in their preliminary diagnosis. Dr. Phelan, professor and chair of Oral Pathology, NYUCD, gave an overview of Human Papilloma Virus Infection: Oral Manifestations & Significance. The Symposium is presented with the Association of Dental Alumni in memory of Patricia Stanton McLean, former director, Division of Dental Hygiene at CDM, and is sponsored in part through the Patricia McLean Fund.

CDM alumni Joan Andersen Phelan, DDS, MS ’67, and Olga A.C. Ibsen, RDH, MS ’75, guest speakers for the 2012 Patricia McLean Dental Hygiene Symposium.

Payam Afzali ’09 Seeks Oral Care for All

PAYAM AFZALI ’09 has a history of searching for solutions to some of our most urgent concerns in public health. After earning his BA from the University of Oregon, Dr. Afzali worked at the University of California, San Diego, with a group that had opened a student-run, free dental clinic offering oral health care to homeless men and women. That experience led him, while studying for his doctoral degree at CDM, to develop a proposal for a similar clinic in West Harlem. After overcoming many obstacles, Dr. Afzali succeeded in acquiring the resources needed to open the new service. Now, completing his residency in oral and maxillofacial surgery at UCLA, Dr. Afzali continues to focus strongly on humanitarian needs, working with both dental and medical students to serve the homeless in West Hollywood.

Dr. Afzali’s efforts to support oral health care for the underserved were recognized this past September when he received the Humanitarian Award of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) at its 93rd Annual Meeting for giving “significant time and effort to improving quality of life for the public.” Dr. Afzali was also elected Vice President of the Resident Organization of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; he will begin his term as president this September.

Dr. Afzali has joined numerous international missions in Mexico, Jamaica, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic, acting as a leader for some projects on both the local and international level. After finishing his residency in 2015, Dr. Afzali expects to continue providing health care for vulnerable populations at home and abroad.
Continuing Dental Education
Course Schedule 2012-2013

**Comprehensive Implantology Continuum, From Diagnosis to Hands-on Surgery:** Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Dr. James B. Fine, Dr. Stephen Chu
Integrate basic implantology into your private practice. Training in patient evaluation, surgical placement, and implant prosthetics, as well as hands-on, model-based training, using major implant systems.

**Option I: Six weekend sessions, 9am-5pm:**

**Option II: Two week-long sessions, 9am-5pm:**

**Essentials of Esthetic Dentistry Series: Dr. Mark Pitel**
Enrich your understanding of Esthetic Dentistry from theory to diagnosis and treatment. A select group of nationally recognized experts will help your work reach a new level of confidence. Attend individual sessions or the entire series.

**Seven Weekend Sessions, 9am-5pm Sat./ 9-noon Sun:**

**Implant Study Club:** Dr. James Fine
**Esthetic Dentistry Study Club:** Dr. Michelle Mirsky
Interactive discussions and case reviews. Held every six weeks on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 pm. CE credit hours: 2 $125. Dates TBA.

**Lasers in Dentistry:** Dr. Shantanu Lal, Dr. Nicholas Vero, Dr. Eric Linden
Fri., Sept. 21: 9am-1pm. CE credit hours: 4

**Enhancing Your Practice in Tough Economic Times:**
Christine Hovliaras, RDH, BS, MBA, CDE
Sat., Sept. 29: 9am-5pm. CE credit hours: 7

**Cone Beam CT: The Fundamentals of Imaging and Interpretation:**
Dr. Samuel J. Zeichner
Wed., Oct. 24: 9am-4pm. CE credit hours: 6

**The Art & Science of CAMBRA: A Team Approach Using Chemical Treatments and Minimally Invasive Dentistry:** Dr. Dennis Young
Fri., Nov. 2: 9am-4pm. CE credit hours: 6

**Tobacco Cessation Intervention and the Oral Effects of Tobacco Products:** Dr. Lynn Tepper, Dr. David Koslovsky
Fri., Nov. 9: 9am-noon. CE credit hours: 3

**Columbia University/ICOI Dental Implant Symposium: Transformational Concepts in Implantology:** Dr. Dennis Tarnow, Scientific Chairman, and leading international dental implant experts
Fri., Sat, Dec. 7-8. CE credit hours: 10

**Practical Infection Control for the Dental Office (9 am-12 noon) & CPR Recertification (1 - 4 pm):** Dr. Ronnie Myers, Mike Caffrey, EMT
Fri., Jan 25: 9am-1pm. CE credit hours: 3 per session

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FALL EVENTS CALENDAR

**AUGUST**
MON, AUG. 13 ► 2-3:45 pm | CUMC
White Coat Ceremony:
Welcoming the Class of 2016

**SEPTEMBER**
FRI, SEPT. 14 ► 6-7:30 PM | San Diego, CA
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Alumni Reception, AAOMS Annual Meeting

**OCTOBER**
WED, OCT. 10 ► 6:30-9 pm | Houston, TX
Alumni Study Club Dinner Meeting,
In-Office Bone Grafting for Alveolar Defects,
David Alfi DDS ’06, MD ’12
CE Credit hours: 2

FRI, OCT. 19 ► 6-7:30 pm | San Francisco, CA
Alumni Reception, ADA Annual Meeting

FRI, OCT. 26 ► 12-1 pm | CUMC
Bernard Moskow Lecture in Periodontics,
Prospects for Periodontal Bioengineering
Dr. William Giannobile, University of Michigan
CE Credits hours: 1

**NOVEMBER**
FRI, NOV. 9 ► 6-8 pm | NYC
Orthodontic Alumni Reception
NESCO Annual Meeting

TUE, OCT. 30 ► 12:15:1-1:15 pm | CUMC
Columbia Visiting Professorship,
Contemporary Issues in Dentistry: Practice Models of the Future,
Dr. Joseph McManus
CE Credit hours: 1

FRI, NOV. 29: 9am-5pm. CE credit hours: 7

WED, NOV. 28 ► 6-8 pm | NYC
Alumni, Faculty and Student Reception, GNY Dental Meeting

FRI, FEB. 1 ► 12:30-2 pm | Boston, MA
Alumni Luncheon
Yankee Dental Meeting

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CDM Reaches Beyond Capital Campaign Goal

THE COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE has raised over $20 million, exceeding its original goal of $15 million, for Columbia University's capital campaign, which will conclude in 2013. Thomas Connolly ’77, Perio ’80, who chaired the campaign for CDM, said, “The results of this campaign signify an extraordinary appreciation and generosity on the part of the College's alumni, friends, and faculty, and demonstrate a strong sense of responsibility for helping the dental school maintain its ability to provide the highest quality of dental education and training to our students. We are deeply touched by their loyalty.”

The College will soon begin developing plans for its 100th Anniversary celebration in 2016-2017. For this important centennial celebration, Dean Ira Lamster has asked Thomas Magnani ’80, president of the 1852 Donor Recognition Society, to take a leadership role in the next phase of CDM’s fund-raising efforts. “I believe,” says Dr. Magnani, “that the College’s centennial campaign will provide a unique opportunity to expand upon the extraordinary achievements of our past hundred years.”

LEFT Thomas Magnani ’80 (left) and Thomas Connolly ’77, Perio ’80, at the annual 1852 Society Donor Recognition Dinner in October.

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HERE’S HOW: Dr. Smith wants the security of a guaranteed income for life, but he also wants to make a gift to the College of Dental Medicine. He is considering selling some bonds—appreciated securities with a fair market value of $100,000, for which he paid $50,000. The bonds have, however, produced very little income, so payment of the capital gains tax due from the sale would considerably reduce his overall profit. He can meet both goals by placing his bonds in a tax-exempt Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) with Columbia, with no fee charges. He can then take five to seven percent of the CRT’s annual value as life income, paying no capital gains and receiving a charitable deduction, based upon his age, for part of the $100,000 gift to CDM. Upon his death, CDM will receive the balance of the trust.
Primus notable

Rosa Martinez ’81
Chief, Dental Practice Residency Program, NYMC

Q. Dr. Martinez, congratulations on receiving the 2011 D. Austin Sniffen Medal of Honor. I believe it is the most prestigious award bestowed by the New York State Dental Association’s Ninth District?

A. Yes, I believe it is. I am not entirely sure I deserved it.

Q. Well, you have spent most of your life in health care. That’s dedication.

A. It’s true. As a child, I loved dressing as a nurse, and later I was a candy striper at Columbia-Presbyterian Hospital. Then, in high school, Dr. Fred Goodstein, a graduate of Columbia’s Periodontics Program, asked me to help out in his office, where I saw how interesting dentistry was. He also encouraged me to study for a doctoral degree at Columbia.

Q. Advice that seems to have turned out well?

A. I grew up near Columbia’s Morningside campus and knew it would be a great privilege to attend one of its graduate colleges. When I finished my DDS at Columbia, I took a residency at New York Medical College, where I met Dr. Sidney Rappaport, chairman of the dental department, who later recommended me for the position of Clinical Coordinator of sDentistry at Westchester Medical Center.

Q. After which you became Director of Dentistry at Westchester, and have since been Chief of the Dental Practice Residency Program at New York Medical College for 22 years. Has your life in teaching and administration been fulfilling?

A. Yes. I may have sacrificed earning potential, but I have loved every minute with the residency program. It lets me talk about the wonderful diversity dentistry offers them, including potential patients—the underserved, special needs cases, the elderly, children, and people from races and religions other than their own. Future practitioners should not overlook the social significance of the health professions—which are not simply a way to maximize wealth.

Q. Do you also make them aware of emerging challenges in dentistry?

A. Yes. I tell them to be active in organized dentistry because they cannot solve problems if they are not part of the process. Changes we advocate must be correct and supported by scientific reasoning. They also should know much more today about their patients’ social habits, such as tobacco and alcohol use, and medications—all of which have a great impact on oral health.

Q. Of all the many experiences awaiting them, which is your personal preference?

A. I would like to start a mission program, with residents and local dentists to serve them, for those who are unable to obtain oral health care. So many in our profession have shown the way; we really do walk in the footsteps of giants.

Q. Dr. Martinez, you have taken time from a busy schedule to join the Admissions Committee at CDM. How do you feel about this added responsibility?

A. It’s been very rewarding, an opportunity to reconnect with Columbia and work with wonderful, dedicated people on the Committee. Most importantly, I meet talented young women and men who may become effective Columbia dental students and alumni. I look forward to Friday mornings!
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