Greetings Dental Alumni,

If you were able to join us at the 2019 Georgetown Dental Reunion in June, you were there for one of the most well-attended reunions anyone can remember. It is clear that as time goes on, Georgetown Dental Hoyas relish the opportunity to come back where it all started and where we began our individual journeys in the noble profession of dentistry.

Over 200 Dental Alumni and guests returned to the Hilltop for Reunion 2019—making this our most well-attended reunion in over 10 years.

The Friday Afternoon Club (FAC) kicked off the weekend with everyone reconnecting with classmates and friends while enjoying a delicious barbecue buffet. Afterward, some current medical students presented on the integration of oral health studies in their current curriculum and expressed their gratitude for the generosity of those who contributed to LA-2, a classroom in the School of Medicine that was renovated through the Dental Legacy Project. The classroom often hosts lectures on different medical specialities and several students said it was in this very classroom they found their calling.

After their presentation, there was a champagne toast to the success of Dental Legacy Campaign. The project holds value for us as a community, as it is a reminder that the School of Dentistry has a strong legacy and can still unite to support an important cause. I want to share the closing remarks of my toast with the entirety of the community—

“Let this project serve as an example of how Dental Alumni working together can contribute to the unrelenting efforts by Georgetown to offer the best education possible and in so doing put a luster and shine on our own proud and storied nearly 100-year legacy of excellence in dental education for which Georgetown School of Dentistry will always be remembered.”

During the Saturday Night Awards Dinner at the Key Bridge Marriott hotel, guests witnessed the presentation of the Distinguished Service Award posthumously to Joseph Catanzano, D.D.S. (D’71), our much loved, former newsletter editor and the Kruger Lifetime Achievement Award to the current president of the American Dental Association, Jeff Cole, D.D.S. (D’86).

Over the course of the weekend, we had representatives from all reunion classes come together and share their very different experiences. Members of D’69 recalled starting at the School of Dentistry with brand new equipment in the labs, a dedicated faculty, and a strong enrollment base. Dedicated to Georgetown and their pursuit of cura personalis, D’89 remembered working diligently to complete their degree, so they could remain forever a Hoya. We salute both classes and thank them for their continued commitment to the university we all know and love.

Finally, on page 3, I invite you to take a moment to get to know Naomi Natori (C’20), the current recipient of the Dr. Pasquale “Pat” Tigani Memorial Scholarship. With priority given to students with a Dental legacy connection, this scholarship helps to mitigate the debt of an undergraduate student. As college tuition continues to rise, and with the university making student scholarship a fundraising priority, the Dental Alumni Board has voted to make fundraising efforts for the Dr. Pasquale “Pat” Tigani Memorial Scholarship a top priority. I hope you read more about Naomi’s journey and see how the Dental community still is making its mark through this scholarship fund.

Next year, the last 30th Reunion class will be joining us May 29–31, 2020. Please save the date and make an effort to come back home, fall in love with Georgetown all over again, and celebrate with D’90.

As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments, or concerns at baksi45@cox.net. We want to hear from you!

With gratitude,

Stephen Bakios, D.D.S. (D’74)
Greetings Dental Hoyas,

This is the first issue of our newsletter under my supervision. It was Joe Catanzano’s passion—he always had a camera in hand, nurtured it along, improved it, and most importantly expanded it, bringing it to maturity. I hope to continue his legacy, making subtle changes to move the needle in the right direction, all in Joe’s honor. To accomplish my mission, I need and want your ideas, suggestions, feedback so please reach out to me at drsaint226@hotmail.com.

Hoya Saxa,

Tom A’Becket, D.D.S. (C’74, D’77)

P.S. Be sure to check out our loving tribute to Joe on page 4—I hope our newest edition will bring our dear friend Joe, watching us from the Pearly Gates, smile.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Southern California Study Club
Friday, October 4, 2019 at 1 p.m.
Crown Benefits Financial Services | LA, CA

New England Study Club
Saturday, October 5, 2019 at 8 a.m.
Gillette Stadium | Foxborough, MA

Homecoming Weekend
October 11–13, 2019
Georgetown University | DC

Service Recognition Awards Banquet
Georgetown University Alumni Association
Friday, February 7, 2020
Location TBD

The Apollonian Alumni Award is conferred upon an alumnus who has demonstrated exceptional efforts on behalf of the alumni of the School of Dentistry at this event.

Washington, DC Study Club
Spring 2020
Columbia Country Club | MD

New York Study Club
Friday, March 6, 2020 at 6 p.m.
Cornell Club | NY, NY

John Carroll Weekend 2020
April 16–19, 2020
Hong Kong, China

Dental Reunion
May 29–31, 2020
Georgetown University | DC


LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

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The Dr. Pasquale “Pat” Tigani Memorial Scholarship was established by the alumni of the Georgetown Dental School in memory of the first president of the Dental Alumni Board, Dr. Pasquale “Pat” Tigani, Georgetown Dental Class of 1957. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduates who demonstrate financial need for Georgetown scholarship assistance. In selecting recipients, preference is given to students who are children of Georgetown Dental Alumni. If none, then to seniors interested in pursuing a career in health sciences.

How to Make Your Gift to the Tigani Scholarship

• Visit giving.georgetown.edu/tigani to make your gift online.

• Make your gift over the phone by calling 800-424-2795 and mention the Tigani Scholarship.

• To make a gift by check via USPS, mention the Tigani Scholarship on the memo line and mail to: Georgetown University Gift Processing Department Number 0734 Washington, DC 20073-0734

A note from the 2019 Tigani Scholarship Recipient

Dear Fellow Hoyas,

My name is Naomi and I am writing to you today as the current recipient of the Dr. Pasquale “Pat” Tigani Memorial Scholarship. My life has been forever changed by the generous scholarship dollars I have received.

In fact, I just returned from studying abroad in Tokyo, Japan as part of Waseda University’s Global Leadership Fellows Program. It is thanks to generous donors like you that I have been able to attend an amazing institution like Georgetown that has allowed me to grow as a person. I would not be where I am today without your support.

I hope to one day pay forward what has been given to me. And I hope you continue to support future generations of Hoyas through giving to the Tigani Scholarship. Thank you for investing in Georgetown and in students like me.

With a grateful heart,
Naomi Natori (C’20)

DENTAL CHAIR RECOGNIZED BY GEORGETOWN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Georgetown University Alumni Association Apollonian Alumni Award

The Apollonian Alumni Award is named for St. Apollonia, the patron saint of dentistry, and is conferred upon an alumna/us who has demonstrated exceptional efforts on behalf of the alumni of the School of Dentistry. This award is presented by the GUAA Board of Governors.

Stephen Bakios, D.D.S. (D’74) was the 2019 recipient of the Apollonian Alumni Award.
TRIBUTE TO A BELOVED DENTAL ALUMNUS


“Joe Cat,” as he was affectionately known, was born and raised in the Boston, Massachusetts area and arrived at Georgetown to attend Dental School, where he met and married his wife of nearly 50 years, Pamela (N’68).

Following graduation, Joe served in the Navy Dental Corps, stationed in Iceland and then returned to New England where he practiced general dentistry for 20 years. Pam and Joe returned to DC to join their children Joseph III, (C’95) and Kirsten (C’98, G’04), and lived near Georgetown’s campus. Joe continued to practice dentistry in McLean, Virginia for an additional 20 years.

Joe was very active as a Georgetown alumnus, serving as a member of the Dental Alumni Board. He was very engaged as a Reunion Class Ambassador, organizing reunion activities. In addition, he most notably served as Editor-in-Chief of the Dental Alumni Newsletter. He was honored with the Apollonian Award for his service to Georgetown.

Joe will be remembered for his contagious laugh, sophisticated humor, and for his positive attitude. His ability to cultivate friends from strangers led to an amazing cadre of admirers. It was as if Joe knew everyone, and everyone knew Joe. In addition to his wife, Pam, and children, “Papa Joe” is survived by his three grandchildren who added immeasurable joy to his very full life.
Reunion 2019 saw the best turnout in nearly 10 years! Over the course of the weekend, over 200 alumni and their guests celebrated, reminisced, and traversed around the Hilltop.

Friday Afternoon Club
On Friday, May 31, 2019, over 150 Dental Alumni and their guests joined us outside the back of the Med-Dent Building to eat BBQ and share memories. This event honors a beloved tradition many Dental students and faculty participated in—the Friday Afternoon Club (FAC). After the BBQ, several current medical students led guests down to LA-2, the classroom renovation project largely funded through the Dental Legacy Campaign. Guests learned more about the role of oral health in the School of Medicine’s curriculum and toasted to the success of the fundraising campaign.

Alumni Awards Dinner
On Saturday, June 1, 2019, over 180 Dental Alumni and their guests met at the Key Bridge Marriott to celebrate the 2019 recipients of the Distinguished Service Award and the Gustav O. Kruger Lifetime Achievement awards. D’69 celebrated their 50th Reunion and were welcomed into the Magis years.

Dental Reunion 2020: Save the Date!
Join us May 29–31, 2020 for our next reunion. The Friday Afternoon Club event will be on May 29, 2020 and the Alumni Awards Dinner will be on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Further information to come. All Dental Alumni are welcome back to the Hilltop, with special recognition for members of the classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, and 1990. Members of Magis classes, 1975 and beyond, are invited to celebrate as well!

Volunteer as a Class Ambassador
Interested in bringing your peers back to the Hilltop to celebrate being a Hoya? Serve as a Class Ambassador for Dental Reunion 2020! If interested in serving as a Class Ambassador for any of the following classes—D’70, D’75, D’80, D’85, and D’90—please contact gumcengagement@georgetown.edu.

1 Judith Fisch (D’84) and Thomas A’Becket (C’74, D’77) enjoy beautiful weather at the Friday Afternoon Club. 2 Attendees were able to reconnect with School of Dentistry faculty at the Alumni Awards Dinner. 3 Evan Ledis (D’89) visits with a colleague during Dental Reunion 2019.
Members of D’69, Tony Parlato, Stan Czajkowski, Ed Bertagnolli, Al Arnold, Les Abbamonte, Joe Kantakevich, and Neil Auricchio, celebrate being a Hoya at the Friday Afternoon Club event. Dental Alumni Board Chair Stephen Bakios (D’74) welcomes attendees of the Friday Afternoon Club. Matthew Hall, Nancy Tobin Robertson, Frances Caruso Capelli, and Pablo Leon, all members of D’89, come together for their 40th Reunion. Eugene Messore (D’69) with Patricia McAuliffe, Thomas Wall (D’69), and Mary Panus, reminisce about their time at the Georgetown School of Dentistry.
Dental Alumni Newsletter

DENTAL REUNION 2019

Let’s stay connected!
To make sure you continue to receive all the latest news for dental alumni, including study clubs, information about Reunion Weekend and more, please make sure we have your correct contact information.
If you need to update your mailing or email address, please send an email to gumcengagement@georgetown.edu.

1. Gael M. Delany (D’74) exchanges a laugh with Robert Argentieri (D’74) and a fellow peer.
2. Members of D’79 gather for a group photo during the Friday Afternoon Club.
3. Ann Marie Fasy, Stephen Bakios (D’74), Elaine Bakios, James Fasy (D’69), Thomas Strand (D’74), and Robert Argentieri (D’74) enjoy delicious BBQ at the beloved FAC event.
4. Current School of Medicine students join School of Dentistry alumni in LA-2, a classroom renovation project largely funded by Dental Alumni. Students presented on the integration of oral health studies into the curriculum.
Gustav O. Kruger Lifetime Achievement in Dentistry Award

The Gustav O. Kruger Lifetime Achievement in Dentistry Award is conferred upon an alumna/us or former faculty member of the Georgetown School of Dentistry who has rendered outstanding and exemplary community or professional service in support of the profession of dentistry. Awardees will have demonstrated significant contributions to humanitarian outreach and/or held leadership positions in research, education, dental practice, or organized dentistry.

Jeffrey Cole, D.D.S. (D’86) was the 2019 recipient of the Gustav O. Kruger Lifetime Achievement in Dentistry Award.

School of Dentistry Alumni & Faculty Distinguished Service Award

The Distinguished Service Award is the highest award conferred by the Georgetown University Dental Alumni Board. Bestowed upon an alumna/us or former faculty, the recipient is selected annually on the basis of career accomplishments, public service, advancement of the dental profession, and alumni involvement.

Joseph Catanzano, D.D.S. (D’71, Parent’95, ’98, ’04) was the 2019 recipient of the 2019 Distinguished Service Award. His wife, Pamela Catanzano (N’68, Parent’95, ’98, ’04) lovingly accepted the award on his behalf.

Have a colleague in mind for the DSA or Kruger Awards?

Every winter, nominations open up for the Distinguished Service Award and the Gustav A. Kruger Lifetime Achievement Awards. Reach out to gumcengagement@georgetown.edu to ensure your name is on the email list to receive more information!
Members of D’79 and their guests enjoy returning to a favorite hub—the Key Bridge Marriott hotel. Pictured here are Dave Seccombe, Ken Rothschild, Jack Good, June Seccombe, John Lake, Pam Jantzen, John Caravolas, and Bill Jantzen. Friends and colleagues pose with Jeffrey Cole (D’86), recipient of the 2019 Gustav Kruger Award. Jack Good, John Caravolas, Steve Streich, and Brian Grimmer—all members of D’79—flip through an old yearbook together. Dear friends recreate a photo taken over 25+ years ago during the Saturday night Alumni Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Some lucky guests went home with Dentalopoly—a game created by Karen DeSimone (D’89). The game includes references to Georgetown School of Dentistry.
Georgetown Dental Alumni Study Clubs include alumni and former faculty in the dental profession who gather a few times annually. These social gatherings are also educational opportunities for the Hoya dental community.

Washington, DC Study Club
Spring 2020
Columbia Country Club | Chevy Chase, MD
Contact: Eugene Giannini | eugene@smiledc.com

New York Study Club
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1 Pre-Dental Society students from Georgetown’s undergraduate population join DC Study Club members at one of their events.

2 Members of the NE Study Club, Kim Scheffield (D’81) and James Wollschlager (D’81) enjoy the University Club in Providence, RI.
Have photos from your local study club?
Feel free to share some of your favorite moments from your local study club events. We welcome all submissions for consideration for our fall 2020 issue.
If you have photos to share, please send an email to the editor, Tom A’Becket, at drsaint226@hotmail.com.

1. Dennis Stiles (D’86) and Marie Tigani Stiles (D’86) enjoy some coffee after a study club presentation.
2. Dental Study Clubs often allow members to bring guests. Chris Caravolas, a recent guest at a NE Study Club event, joins John Caravolas (D’79) and Joseph Peluso (D’72) for the evening.
3. Study Club events often have a presentation component as well as the opportunity to connect and network with fellow Hoya Dentists.
4. W. Pat Naylor (D’78), Stephen Bakios (D’74), and Dante Gulino (D’90) connect at a recent event.
"It’s been so long since last we met…"

Reunion 2020 will be May 29–31
Save the date and check reunion.georgetown.edu for updates!

Time marches forward for all of us, but our time at Georgetown University School of Dentistry is burnt into our memories forever! Georgetown provided an opportunity that shaped our lives in ways that none of us could have imagined when we first walked through those ivy-lined doors however many years ago. Let us go back to where it all began and be sure to attend the Georgetown Dental Alumni Reunion in May 2020 to celebrate our accomplishments and experiences with fellow classmates. I personally look forward to seeing each and everyone of you! Go Hoyas!

Dante Gulino Jr., M.D., D.D.S. (D’90, M’97)
30th Reunion Class Ambassador

Although it doesn’t seem possible that it will be 40 years since we graduated from Georgetown Dental School, I am looking forward to sharing this milestone with my classmates next year. Some I have remained in contact with through ADA leadership roles, but all of us have a special bond that seems to transcend the years apart. Georgetown provided an amazing educational experience and the camaraderie was palpable then, and is still today.

David Preble, D.D.S. (D’80)
40th Reunion Class Ambassador

Greetings to the class of Georgetown University School of Dentistry Class of 1970! Mark your calendars because our 50th Reunion will be celebrated May 29–31, 2020. Larry Bier (D’70) and I are co-chairing the event for D’70 and look forward to seeing our classmates once again. All of you will get a lot more information from us in the future regarding the events that weekend. See you soon!

Clarence Lindquist, D.D.S. (D’70)
50th Reunion Class Ambassador