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On behalf of the Dental Alumni Board, I am excited to share the second issue of The Apollonian News. My hope is that this newsletter helps you stay connected—both to the latest happenings at Georgetown and to one another through our shared experiences on the Hilltop.

As we enter the fall season, I encourage you to register for this year's Medical & Dental Reunion Weekend from Nov. 7-9. This special gathering will bring together dental and medical alumni for a weekend of social, intellectual, and celebratory programming. Highlights for dental alumni include Friday Afternoon Club, the School of Dentistry Special Collections Exhibit, and the Dental Alumni Awards & Legacy Celebration.

We hope you will consider returning to reconnect with classmates and celebrate 89 years of academic excellence at the School of Dentistry.

For any questions about the upcoming Medical & Dental Reunion 2025, please reach out to <u>gumcengagement@georgetown.edu</u>.

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MEDICAL & DENTAL REUNION 2025: NOV. 7-9

celebrate with fellow dental alumni from across the decades. This fall, we'll return to the Hilltop alongside medical alumni for a weekend packed with social gatherings, special exhibits, and the Dental Alumni & Legacy Awards Celebration—all while honoring 89 years of academic excellence in dental education. Online registration is open until 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 31. Onsite

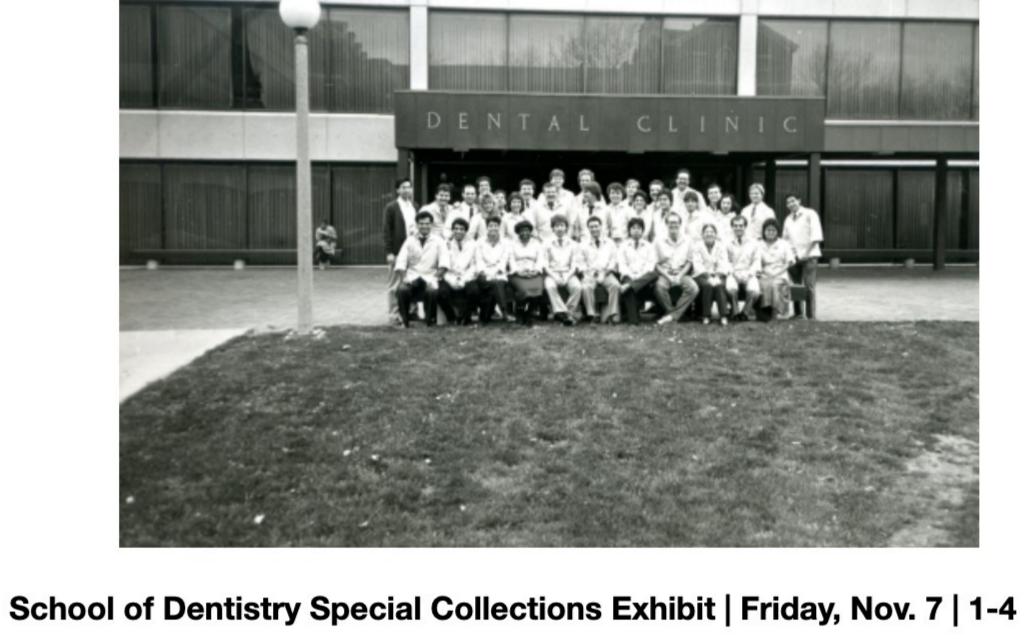
Registration is now open! Get ready to reconnect, reminisce, and

registration will also be available at Wagner Alumni House.

Highlights you won't want to miss:

Register Today!

p.m.



Visit a special exhibit at the Booth Family Center for Special Collections, illustrating the profound historical impact of the School of Dentistry (1901-

1990) and its alumni on Georgetown and the greater Washington, DC area. Browse through photographs, campus and national news articles, and firsthand accounts from past dental students, faculty, and university leadership. University archivalists will be available to answer questions and pull specific materials upon request, offering a unique opportunity to engage with Georgetown's rich history.

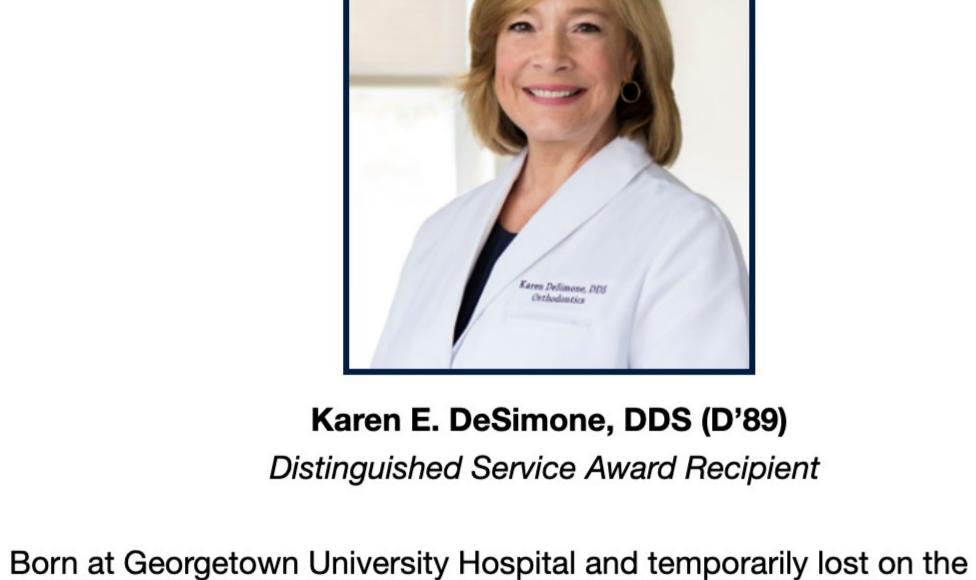


tradition outside of the Medical-Dental Building. Reconnect with classmates over light bites, a glass of wine, or pint of beer (nonalcoholic options are available). Priced event—walk-in tickets available.



alumni. The evening will commemorate 89 years of academic excellence in dental education, culminating in the conferment of two alumni awards: the

Distinguished Service Award and the Gustav O. Kruger Award. The evening will include a cocktail hour followed by an elegant seated dinner. Priced event-walk-in tickets available. **DENTAL ALUMNI AWARDEES**



maternity ward as a newborn, DeSimone found her way back to Georgetown for dental school! Prior to dental school she earned degrees in theater and biology at Brown University. As a dental student, DeSimone

established Georgetown University's Chapter of the American Association

of Women Dentists and was honored with the Miriam DiRisi Award for academic and Clinical Excellence. After Georgetown University School of Dentistry closed in 1990, she completed an orthodontic residency at Howard University Dental School. DeSimone is a board-certified orthodontist at DeSimone Orthodontics in Pennington, NJ and has spent over 25 years as an attending for the orthodontic residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia. Built upon her love of theater, biology, and board games, she created the game Dentalopoly—whose proceeds help support dental alumni events

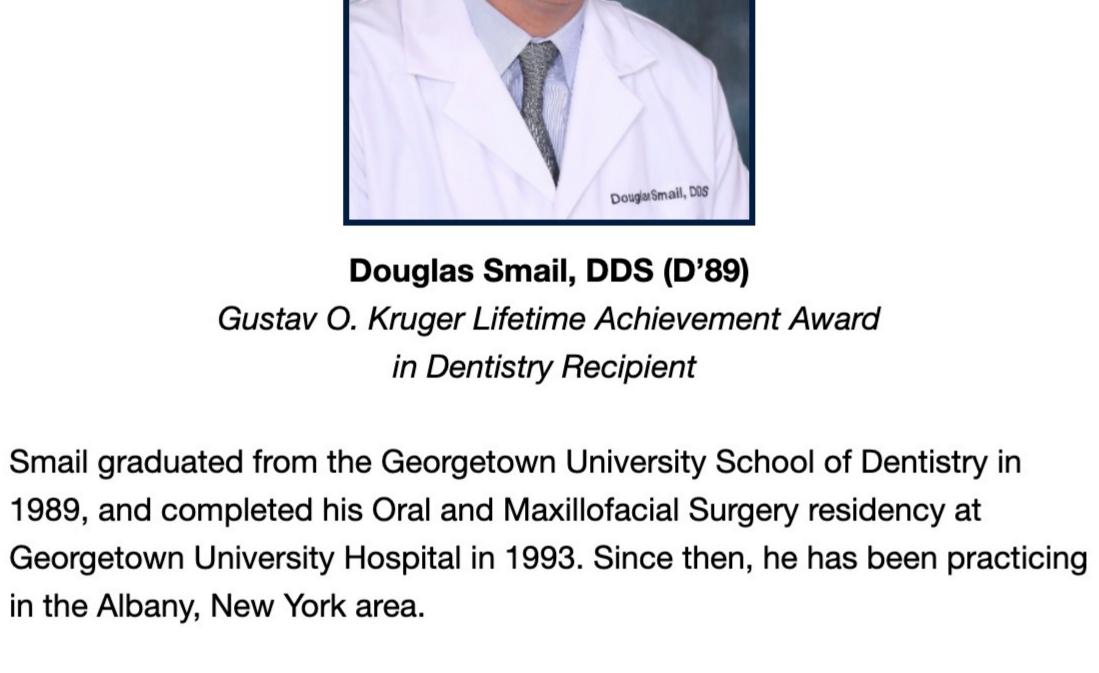
and the "So Others Might Eat" Dental Clinic and Food Pantry in DC, known

externships there. Some of her most rewarding accomplishments were

creating a social media forum for Hoya dentists and serving as a member

to the many Georgetown Dental Alumni who completed student

of Georgetown University's Dental Alumni Board. DeSimone's parents met at Georgetown University Hospital, and she met her husband, Sean Bradley, there while he completed his oral surgery residency. They have four children, one of whom is now a medical student rotating through the same maternity ward at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital!



Dental Association (ADA) and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) at the local, state, and national levels. For over three decades, Smail has served as a Forensic Consultant to the New York State Police and various other law enforcement agencies, assisting in

investigations and providing case testimonies.

Throughout his career, Dr. Smail has been actively involved in organized

dentistry, holding numerous leadership positions within the American

dental mission trips since his residency, including early efforts in the Philippines and the Dominican Republic. Smail has most recently returned to the Dominican Republic in August 2025 to continue providing care to underserved communities. He has worked as a malpractice defense consultant and expert for more than 20 years. Since 2019, he has been a member of the Resident Faculty at Spear Education/CDOCS. Smail also holds a patent for a novel surgical bone reduction bur, which he actively helps market to improve surgical

He is committed to service at all levels, and has participated in medical-

Smail (D'89), for 35 years, and together they have raised two grown sons. **GET INVOLVED**

2025 marks 35 years since the last class graduated from the School of

in dental education. The legacy of our faculty, students, and alumni

Dentistry, and we are proud to celebrate 89 years of academic excellence

Outside of his professional life, Smail has been married to Sabita Persad

We invite you to reflect on what the School of Dentistry has meant in your life. Consider sharing:

efficiency and outcomes.

What your Georgetown education means to you A favorite memory from your time here A beloved tradition you still carry with you

Share your story— celebrate our legacy

continue to shape Georgetown University today.

as you learn more about this project in the coming months. Participate in the Legacy Project

The Dental Alumni Board is compiling stories and quotes across class

years to celebrate our community's impact. We hope you'll add your voice

We extend a warm welcome to our newest board members: Steve Bakios, DDS (D'74, Parent'09, '12, '14, '17)

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GIVING BACK The Dr. Pasquale "Pat" Tigani Memorial Scholarship was established by the alumni of the School of Dentistry in memory of the first Dental Alumni

to students who are descendants of Georgetown Dental Alumni. If none, the scholarship is awarded to seniors interested in pursuing a career in health sciences. We greatly appreciate your consideration. STAY IN TOUCH

Board president, Pat Tigani, DDS, (C'55, D'57). The scholarship is awarded

to undergraduates who demonstrate financial need with preference given

<u>update</u> your contact information here. To learn more about the School of Dentistry Legacy, and ways to get

involved, visit the School of Dentistry Alumni Website!

To ensure you receive future university communications regarding Medical

& Dental Reunion 2025 and other dental alumni news, please be sure to

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to <u>gumcengagement@georgetown.edu</u> and a member of the professional team will get back to you within 24 hours.

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