



Stony Brook
School of Dental Medicine

Staff and Faculty: June 2

Students: June 4



**Dean's Updates
June 2026**



SDM statistics – 2025-26 academic year

Students and residents

- 180 DDS students
 - 13 DDS/MBA
 - 6 DDS/MHEA
 - 3 DDS/MS (Oral Bio/Path)
 - 1 DDS/PhD (Oral Bio/Path)
- 68 residents

- 29 full-time
- 87 part-time
- 24 volunteer

Support staff

- 99 full-time
- 8 part-time

Faculty

Total: 495

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Suffolk County
DENTAL SOCIETY

Installation of our

2026 Officers

The Installation Brunch

Saturday
March 7, 2026

The Watermill
Smithtown, New York







White Coat Ceremony
April 10
Class of 2029



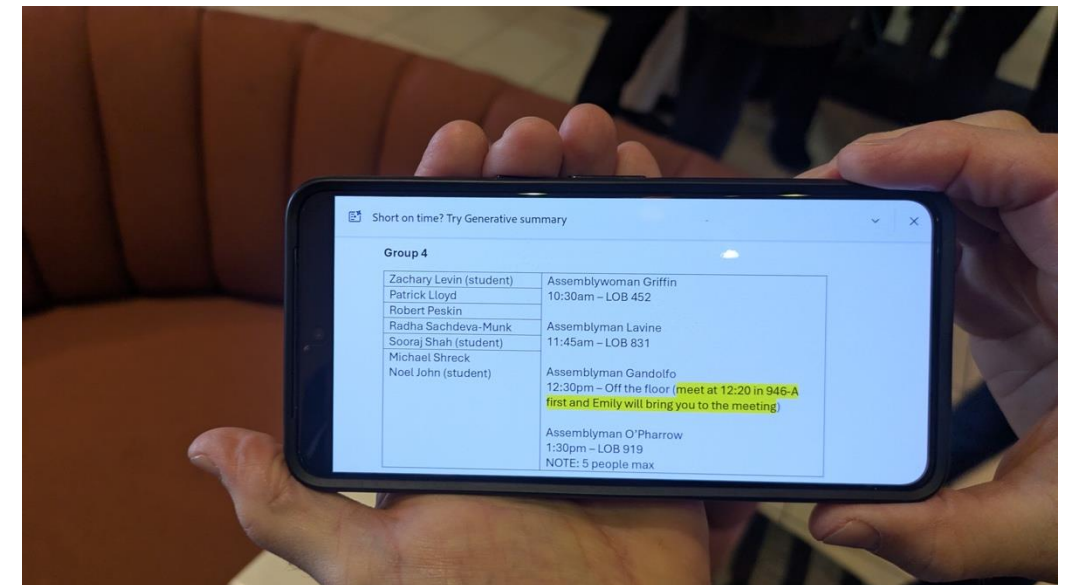
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ADA®

April 15
National Signing Day

95%







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Bills under consideration

- Assignment of Benefits
- Dental Loss Ratio
- Non-covered Services
- NetworLeasing Policies

New York State
Dental Association

NYSDA Update | May 2026





Yearbook Class of 2026





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SENIOR CELEBRATION

Stonebridge Country Club | Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:30 – 8:30pm

Class of 2026

Ahmed Abdullah
Jasmina Agalliu
Shaheer Ahmad
Sean Altemose
Lasya Anantuni
Michael Anderson
Nina Aronov
Daniella Borukhov
Lauren Brown
Meishan Chen
Michael Chen
Angela Chou
Adam Elbordiny
Ahmad Esmailsadah
Monica Feng

Sonali George
Jennifer Guevara
Courtney Hakimian
Amaris Han
Alina Kachar
Shahan Kamal
Grace Kang
William Koilmer
Brittney Krasnov
Danny Li
Kerry Lin
Rayyan Moton
Naomi Newen
Danielle Ohana
Selin Ozturk

Tomas Pamparas
Eve Pomazi
Makenna Psinakis
Tyler Reagan
Olivia Schmitt
Steffanos Seleanis
Shameera Sheeraz
Anjali Thannikial
Richard Thorpe
Julia Tran
Inna Trygubchuk
Maria Anna Tzirani
Ronald Yeung
Allen Young

Evening Program

Cocktail Reception

Senior Class Photo

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dinner

Presentation of the Class of 2026

Dessert

Graduates' Address

Concluding Remarks

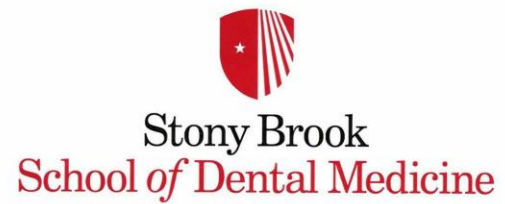
Dolores Cannella, MA, PhD
Associate Dean for Education
Patrick Lloyd, DDS, MS
Dean

Dean Lloyd
Stacy Reisfeld, DDS '88
President, SDM Alumni Board

Ahmed Abdullah and Rayyan Moton
Dr. Cannella







AWARDS CEREMONY

Monday, May 18, 2026
Dallas Bauman Center
Stony Brook University



Awards Ceremony May 14





*Stony Brook University
School of Dental Medicine*

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon
Sigma Tau Chapter*

Induction Dinner

Monday, May 18, 2026
The Old Field Club
East Setauket, New York





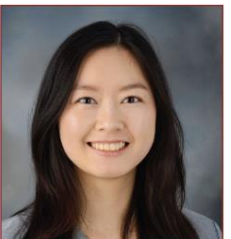
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**CLASS OF
2026**



**SEAN
ALTEMOSE**



**NAOMI
NEWEN**



**EVE
POMAZI**



**OLIVIA
SCHMITT**



**JULIA
TRAN**



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CONVOCATION

May 19, 2026

Staller Center for the Arts







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Keynote address

Richard Rosato, DMD
President, American Dental
Association

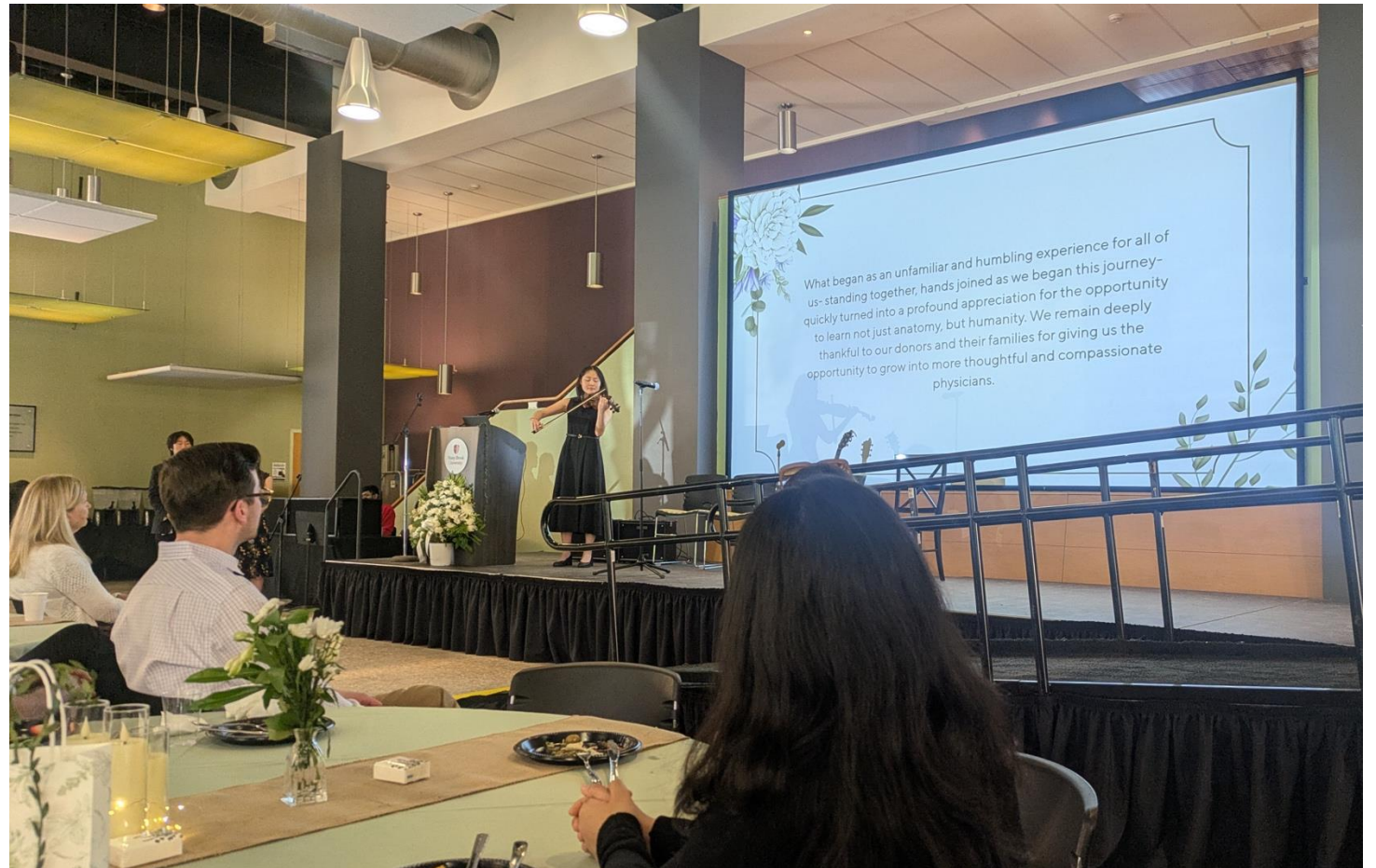


Grand Marshal

Eric Grossmann, DDS
Clinical Assistant Professor,
Department of General Dentistry

Doctoral Hooding May 21









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Dental Anesthesia- Marina Ambridge, DDS

Unexpected Airway Surprise:

A Case of Aborted Dental Rehab and the Differential of Pediatric Vallecular Lesions

Endodontics - Anthoula Nikolaidis, DMD

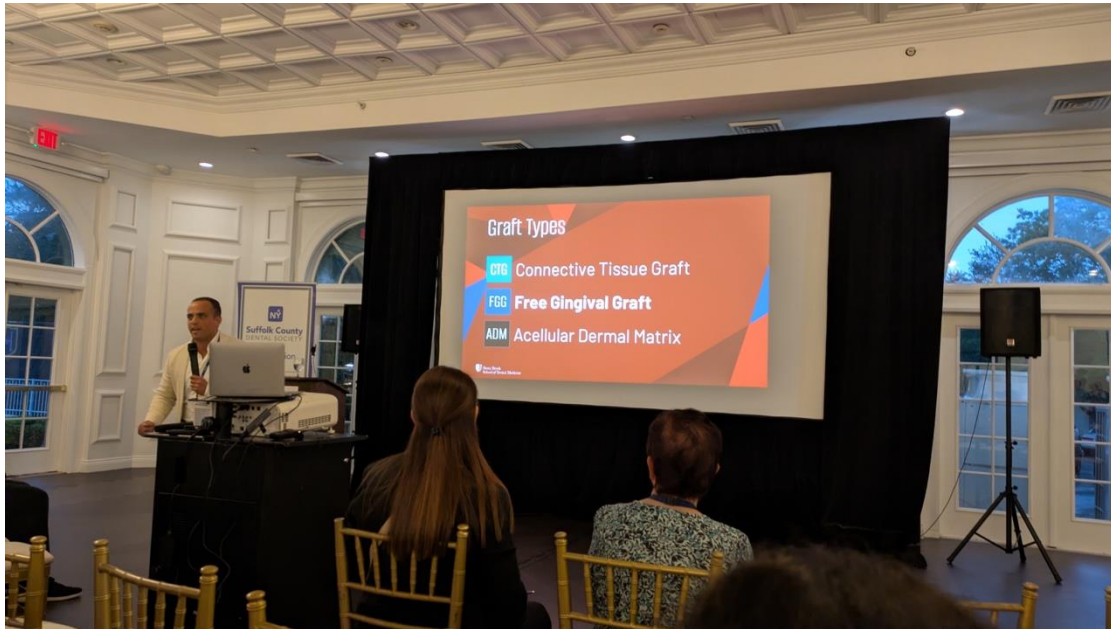
Endodontic Emergencies: diagnosis and management of encounters in everyday practice

Periodontics - Aria Hourizadeh, DDS

Soft Tissue: The Silent Determinant of Restorative Success

Stony Brook School of
Dental Medicine
Advanced Education
Program Presentations

Wednesday, May 6
6pm meal
7pm



Class of 2026
Welcome Day
May 29





D1 Direct Expenses	Yeshiva University	New York University	Columbia University	Touro University	University at Buffalo	Stony Brook University
AY Tuition	\$98,000	\$111,240	\$105,048	\$94,250	\$39,130	\$39,130
University Fees	\$22,000	\$337	\$2,765	\$16,455	\$3,300	\$2,912
Dental School Fees	--	--	\$2,816	--	\$10,833	\$11,568
Material and Supplies	--	\$7,098	\$4,948	\$4,410	\$12,584	\$8,447
Total	\$120,000	\$118,675	\$115,577	\$115,115	\$65,847	\$62,057

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March 1 – March 7

**National Dental
Hygienists Week**
April 12-18





Administrative Professionals Day

April 22





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Robert Schindel, DDS '90, Ortho '92, clinical professor in the Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, has been appointed president of the North Atlantic component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists.



Washington, DC
April 23 and 24





Documents / Resources



Protect and Restore the Federal Oral Health Infrastructure



Student Loans and Postgraduate Educational Debt



ERISA and the Improving Dental Administration (IDA)



ADA Lobby Day

Your Meetings
ADA Lobby Day

Past Meetings



Rep. Andrew Garbarino [R-NY02]

📍 Capitol Hideaway Office at the Capitol Building

03/24/26 • 4:00 PM EDT



Rep. Nick LaLota [R-NY01]

📍 122 Cannon House Office Building

03/24/26 • 2:15 PM EDT



Sen. Chuck Schumer [D-NY]

👤 Constituent

📍 322 Hart Senate Office Building

03/24/26 • 1:00 PM EDT



Rep. Nicole Malliotakis [R-NY11]

📍 1124 Longworth House Office Building

03/24/26 • 11:00 AM EDT



Rep. Tom Suozzi [D-NY03]

📍 203 Cannon House Office Building

03/24/26 • 10:30 AM EDT



Rep. Yvette Clarke [D-NY09]

📍 2058 Rayburn House Office Building

03/24/26 • 10:15 AM EDT



Rep. Laura Gillen [D-NY04]

📍 428 Cannon House Office Building

03/24/26 • 9:30 AM EDT





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Dear Colleagues,

As Stony Brook University celebrates the inauguration of our seventh president, Andrea Goldsmith, we are proud to share in the celebration by hosting an East Campus Day on **Thursday, April 16**, highlighting the extraordinary work happening across Stony Brook Medicine.

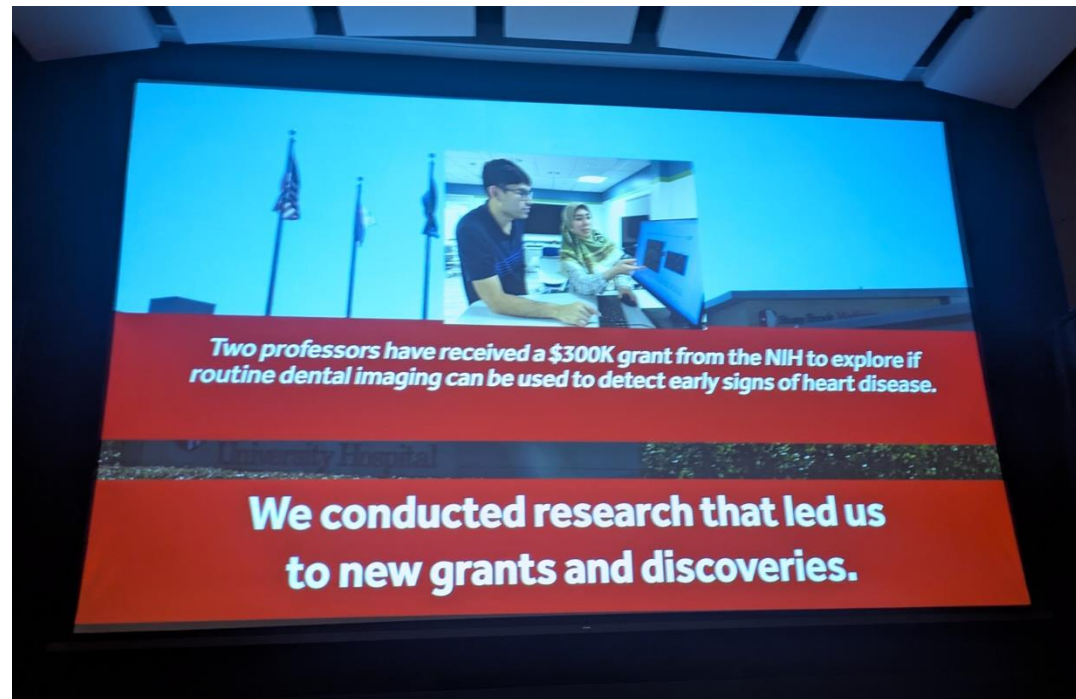
This special program offers a chance to showcase the innovation, research, education and clinical care that define our academic health system, while also extending a warm welcome to President Goldsmith during this exciting moment for the university.

I encourage staff and faculty to attend if your schedules allow and to take part in the day's events.

9am – 4pm

MART Auditorium
Stony Brook
University Hospital
Health Sciences
Galleria







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High-Tech Health Care: The Mobile Stroke Unit and
Robotic Platforms at Stony Brook Medicine

9 – 9:45am

MART Auditorium and Atrium, Stony Brook University
Hospital

SBM Technology Making the Difference in Patient Care

9am – 4pm

MART Atrium

The Brain and Healthy Aging: A Walk to Remember

11am – 1pm

The Brook, Stony Brook University Hospital

Stony Brook's Health Sciences Showcase

3 – 4pm

Health Sciences Galleria

East Campus Day
Thursday, April 16

Clarisa Amarillas Gastelum, DDS, MS
Assistant Professor, General Dentistry

Utilization of advanced optical
scanning and computer-aided
machining in restorative dentistry



National Prosthodontics Awareness Week Schedule

Monday, April 20

Resident Presentation in
HDR613: Preprosthetic Considerations
PGY2 Claire Droumbakis, DMD (*D2 only*)

Tuesday, April 21

Resident Presentation in HDR611: 3D Printing
PGY1 Michael Truhlar, DDS (*D2 only*)

Lunch and Prosthodontics Club Presentation
Dana Marzocco, DMD

Title: Innovations in Fixed Prosthodontics
Oaks Learning Center, 1 – 2pm

****Pre-registration required***

*Lunch events are open to all SDM dental students. Lunch is first-come, first-served.

Wednesday, April 22

Lunch and Presentation
by SDM Faculty and
Prosth Selective D4
Students

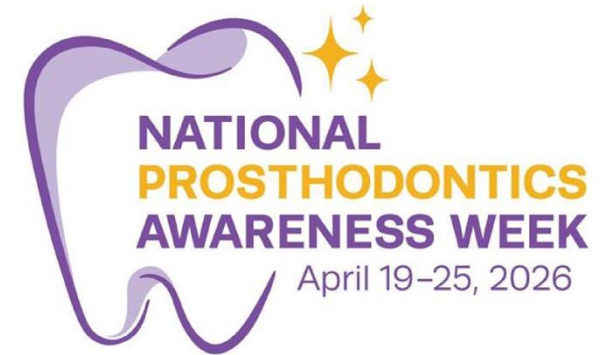
Title: Pathway to
Prosthodontics
111 Rockland Hall, 1 – 2pm

Thursday, April 23

Lunch and Presentation by Dean Lloyd
Title: Clinical Esthetic Issues in Caring for the Older Adult
Prosthodontic Patient
195 Rockland Hall, 1 – 2pm

Friday, April 24

Lunch and Prosthodontic Resident Showcase
Title: A Flair for the Dramatic
111 Rockland Hall, 1 – 2pm



Staff and faculty hires February 1, 2026 to June 1, 2026

Staff

- Cristino Almonte-Cepeda, Motor Vehicle Operator
- Ali Bouraouine, Dental Assistant, Dental Care Center



Faculty Recruiting Underway

- Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor, Prosthodontics
- Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor, Periodontics
- Program Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
- Biomaterials Researcher, Assistant/Associate Professor, Oral Biology and Pathology



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Active Search

Periodontist, Clinical Assistant/Clinical Associate Professor (Full-Time)

Chair: Dr. Vincent J. Iacono, Professor and Chair, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Committee Members:

Dr. Allan Kucine, Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Thomas Manders, Clinical Associate Professor and Director, Advanced Dental Education Program in Endodontics, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Dr. Srinivas Myneni, Associate Professor and Director, Advanced Dental Education Program in Periodontics, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Dr. Euane Newen, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of General Dentistry

Dr. Tanya Somohano, Clinical Associate Professor and Director, Advanced Dental Education Program in Prosthodontics, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology

Dr. Steven Zove, Clinical Associate Professor and Director, Dental Student Education in Periodontics, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Administrative Support:

Ms. Amy Torres, Senior Staff Assistant, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Active Search

Prosthodontist, Clinical Assistant/Clinical Associate Professor (Full-Time)

Chair:

Dr. Dan Colosi, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology

Committee Members:

Dr. Rafael Delgado-Ruiz, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology

Dr. Euane Newen, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of General Dentistry

Mr. Axel Calderon, Manager, Center for Implant Dentistry and Digital Dentistry

Administrative Support:

Ms. Elizabeth Schroeder, Senior Staff Assistant, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology

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Active Search

Biomaterials Researcher, Assistant/Associate Professor (Full-Time)

Chair:

Dr. Stephen G. Walker, Associate Professor and Interim Associate Dean for Research, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology

Committee Members:

Dr. Ana Botta-Maltese, Associate Professor, Department of General Dentistry, School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Judy Chen, DDS, Endodontics resident, School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Rafeal Delgado-Ruiz, DDS, MSc, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology, School of Dental Medicine

Ms. Amanda Rappa, Senior Dental Student, School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Surita Bhatia, Professor, Department of Chemistry, College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Ulas Sunar, Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Ms. Larissa Aquino, HR Coordinator

Administrative Support:

Ms. Erin Boccio, Senior Staff Assistant, Department of Oral Biology and Pathology

Active Search

Residency Program Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, (Full-Time)

Chair:

Dr. Allan Kucine, Associate Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Committee Members:

Dr. Guenter Jonke, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Michael Proothi, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Srinivas Myneni, Associate Professor and Director, Advanced Dental Education Program in Periodontics, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Dr. Brian Howe, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Clinic Operations and Patient Care, Department of General Dentistry

Mr. Kevin Tuttle, Associate Dean for Finance and Administration

Ms. Larissa Aquino, HR Coordinator

Search led by Harris Search Associates, Columbus, Ohio

Administrative Support:

Ms. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Executive Assistant to the Dean

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Brandon Axelrod,
DDS '25, oral and
maxillofacial
surgery resident at
New York-
Presbyterian Weill
Cornell Medical
Center in New York
City





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2026 Distinguished Alumnus Award

Nadia Laniado, DDS '84, MPH, MS

Director of community dentistry and
population health at NYC Health +
Hospitals/Jacobi Medical Center and North
Central Bronx Hospital, and associate
professor at the Albert Einstein College of
Medicine



Annual Meeting



SALT LAKE CITY
April 15-18, 2026





April 26 &
27
Melville, NY







May 1 – May 3





DR. ZOVE'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

Thursday, May 14, 1pm | Oaks Learning Center

Join students, residents, staff and faculty to help see off an SDM legend – Steven Zove, DDS '83, longtime faculty member and past associate dean of clinical operations and patient care. A celebration cake will be served.





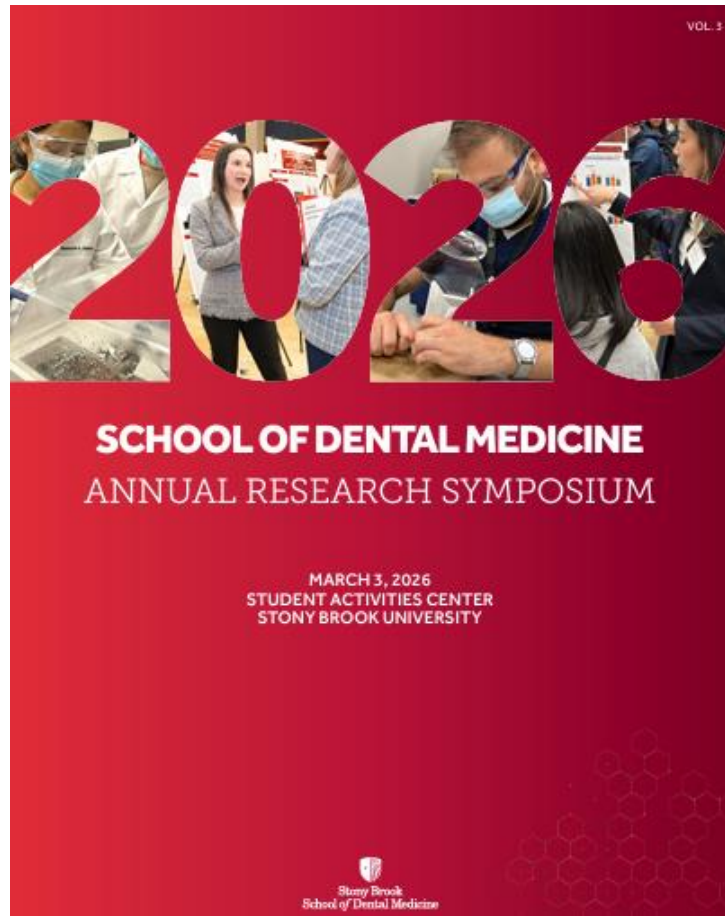
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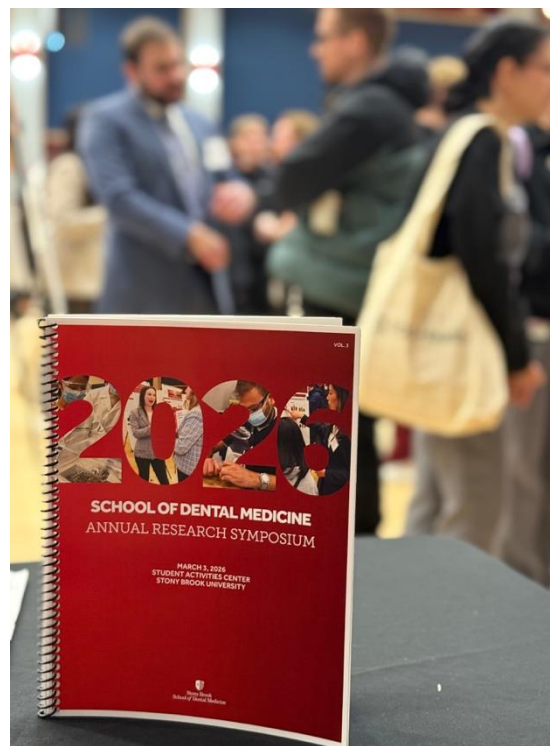
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Research abstract roundup

54 Research abstracts

D1	4
D2	4
D3	18
D4	5
Residents	12
Master's	6
Undergrad	5



Research abstract submissions over the years

Classification	2023	2024	2025	2026
D1		0	0	4
D2		7	5	4
D3		17	11	18
D4		3	10	5
Students	24	27	26	31
Resident	15	12	12	12
Master's	4	4	6	6
Undergraduate	1	0	3	5
TOTAL	44	43	49	54

2026 Research Day awardees



AADR/Dentsply Sirona Student Research Award

Hinman Symposium Award

AADOCR National Student Research Day Award

AADOCR Long Island Section Student Research Award

OKU Sigma Tau Chapter Research Award

Resident/Fellow Research Award

Graduate Student Research Award

Undergraduate Student Research Award

Linda Cesark, D2 student

Anaya Zaineab, D3 student

Hannah Lloyd, D1 student

Luke Tzagournis, D3 student

Lauren Brown, D4 student

Anthony Allison, DDS,

PGY2 orthodontics resident

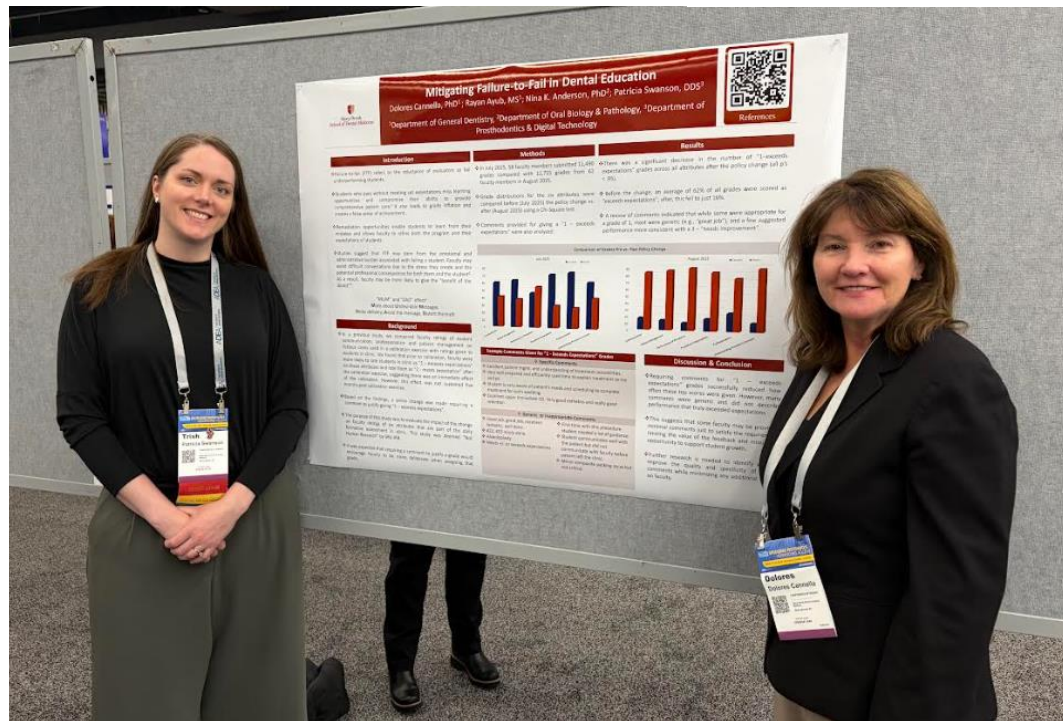
Huiting Luo

Lingjie Pan



2026 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

March 21-24, 2026 | Montréal, Canada







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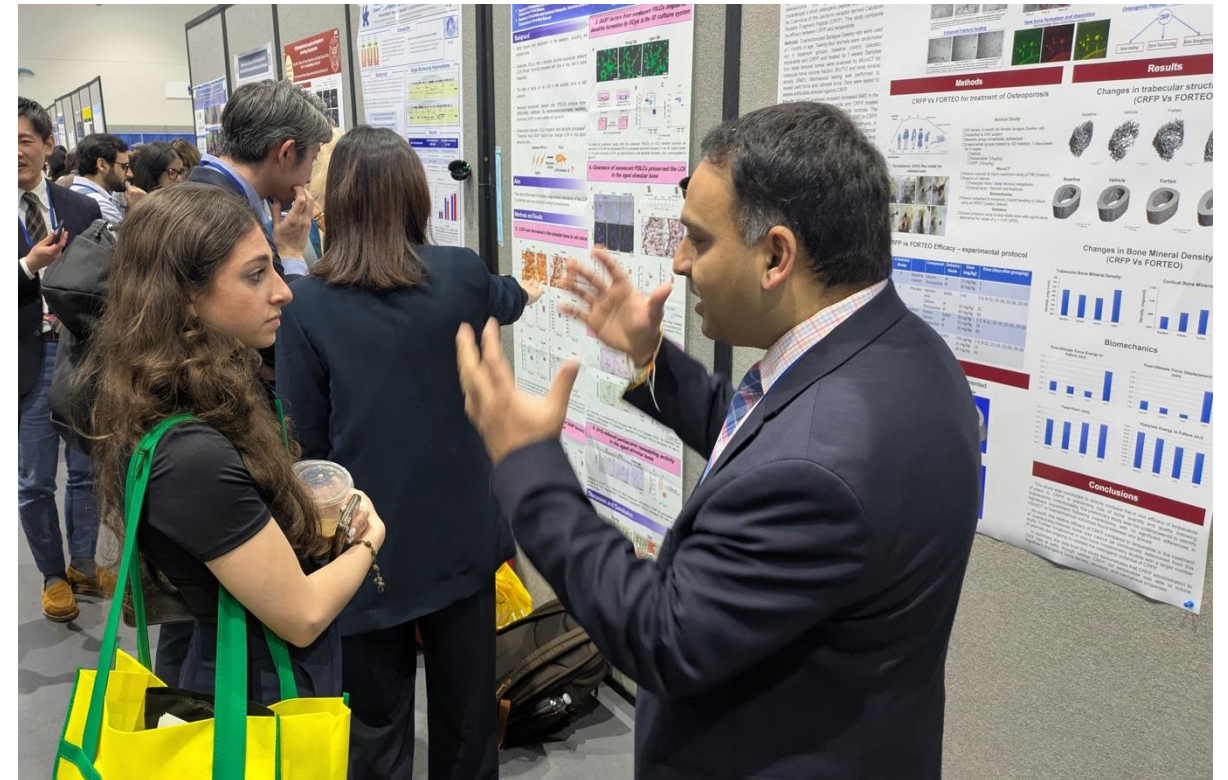
2026 IADR/AADOOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition

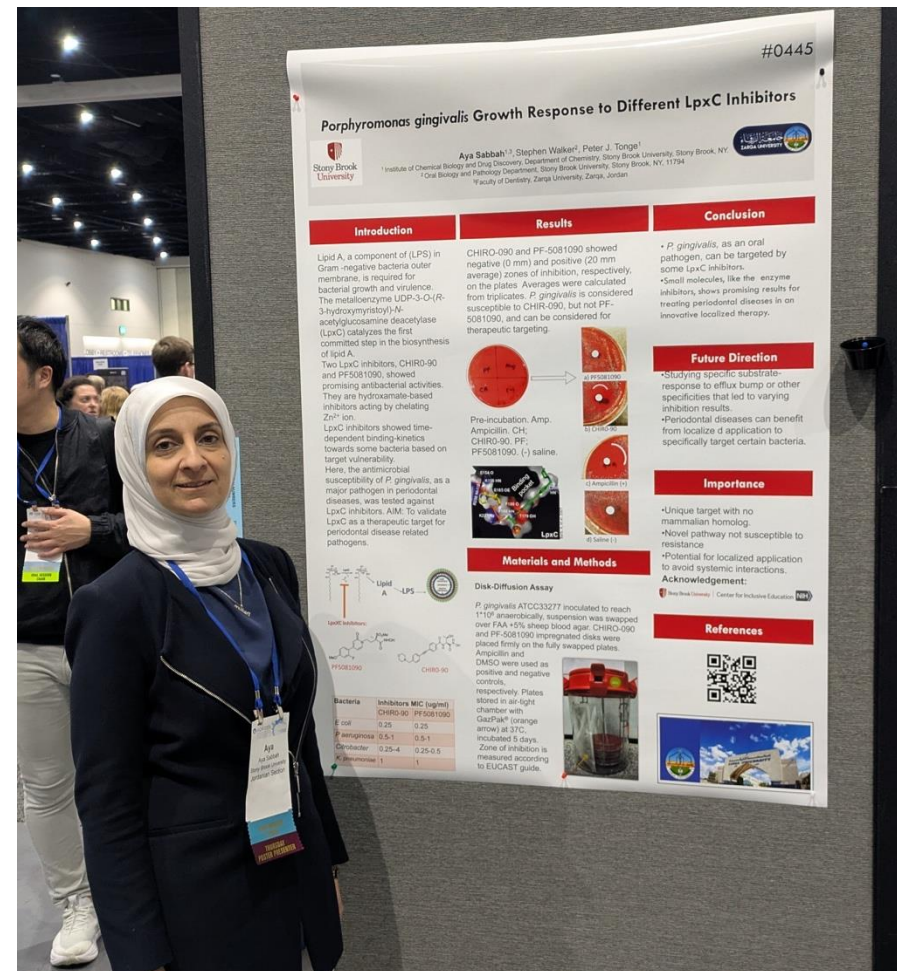
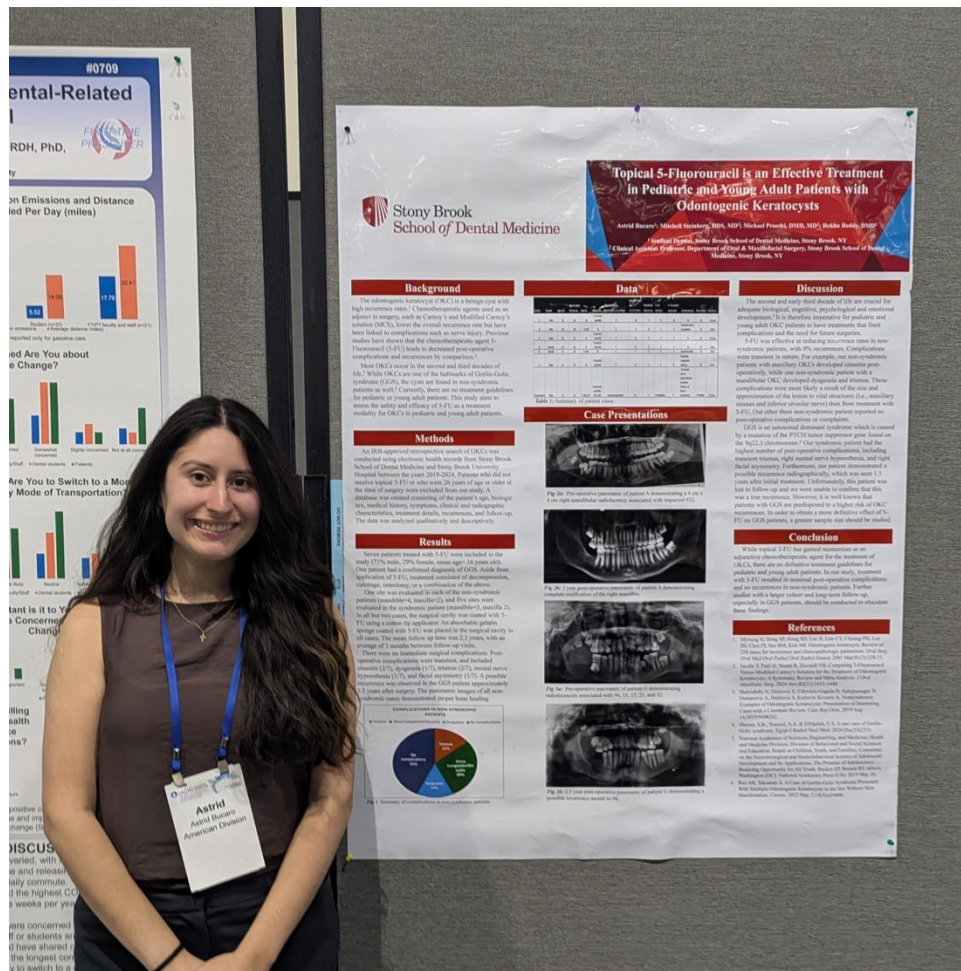
MARCH 25-28, 2026 | SAN DIEGO, CA, USA

104th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR

55th Annual Meeting & Exhibition of the AADOOCR

50th Annual Meeting of the CADR







D1 student Angela Lao received the 2026 Summer Dental Student Award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR).





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Research and Innovation

The State University of New York (SUNY), in partnership with the Office for Research and Innovation and the Artificial Intelligence Innovation Institute (AI3) at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, is pleased to host the:

SUNY AI Symposium at Stony Brook

Scaling the NY AI Innovation Ecosystem

April 14 and 15, 2026

State University of New York at Stony Brook
Charles B. Wang Center



Two-phase deep learning
approach for periodontal
diagnosis
Kamran B, Mahdian M,
Nemeth N, Sebastian R,
Iacono V



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**May 15
Brook & Beyond
Innovation Challenge
funding**

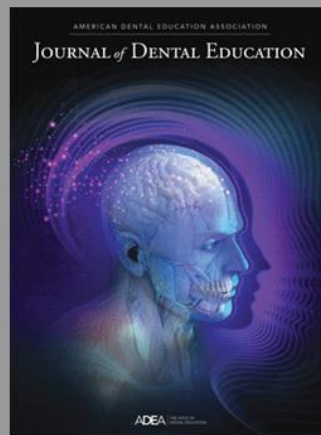
Anisha Kumar, Anisha, MD
Prateek Prasanna, PhD
Mina Mahdian, DDS, MDSc

“We are inspired by your
progress and the potential
your innovation holds for
real-world impact.”

Research publications

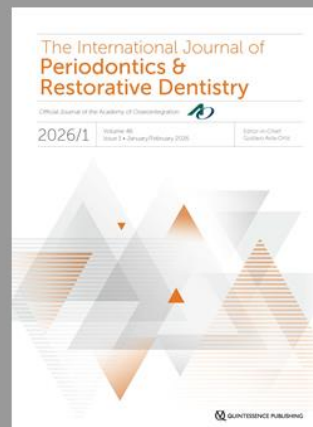
Brian Howe, DMD, MS, Associate Professor, Department of General Dentistry; Associate Dean for Clinical Operations and Patient Care

Reynolds, JC; McQuistan, MR; McInroy, BM; **Howe, BJ**. Collection and Use of Patient Demographic Information at US Dental School Clinics. *J Dent Educ*. e13937. 2026 Feb;90(2):174-180.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jdd.13937>



Scott Froum, DDS '04, Perio '07, Volunteer Faculty, Department of Periodontics and Endodontics

Estrin, NE; Farshidfar, N; Ahmad, P; **Froum, S**; Castro Pinto, MA; Zhang, Y; Miron, RJ. Exosome-Mediated Alveolar Ridge Augmentation: A First Human Case Report with Histology. *Int J Periodontics Restorative Dent*. 2026 Jan 15;46(1):30-41.
<https://doi.org/10.11607/prd.7567>



Kimberly K. Patterson, DDS, MS, Interim Chair, Clinical Associate Professor and Director of the Advanced Dental Education Program in Pediatric Dentistry, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry

Dhar V, Marghalani AA, Amini H, Brickhouse T, Caffrey E, Jayaraman J, Keels MA, Messner A, **Patterson KK**, Raol N, Shrestha P, Stark CM, Susarla HK, Thomas J.

Diagnostic Assessment of Ankyloglossia and Association with Infant Feeding Challenges: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, Part 1. *Pediatr Dent* 2026;48(2):82-94.E8-E32.

Frenotomy for Ankyloglossia Associated with Feeding Challenges in Infants: Effectiveness, Technique and Safety: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis, Part 2. *Pediatr Dent* 2026;48(2):E33-E68.

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March 31, 2026

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Join us at our Campus Open House to explore preliminary ideas from the Facilities Master Plan (2025–2035). These concepts are still evolving, and we're actively seeking feedback from the community to help shape and refine them.

Facilities Master Plan Open House Event Details - April 1, 2026

- 10:00 - 11:00 AM - Melville Library Lobby
- 2:30 - 3:30 PM - Health Sciences Center Level 5 (near the escalators)

Whether you're a student, faculty, or staff member, your perspective will play an important role in guiding the next phase of planning and shaping the campus experience for years to come.

Sincerely,

William Herrmann
Vice President for Facilities & Services
Chief Sustainability Officer

Welcome!

Stony Brook University Facilities Master Plan Campus Open House

Planning Timeframe | 2025-2035

April 1, 2026 10 - 11 AM @Melville Library Lobby
April 1, 2026 2:30 - 3:30 PM @HSC Level 5 (near the escalators)

**We'd love to hear your thoughts
on the preliminary design for
the next ten years.**



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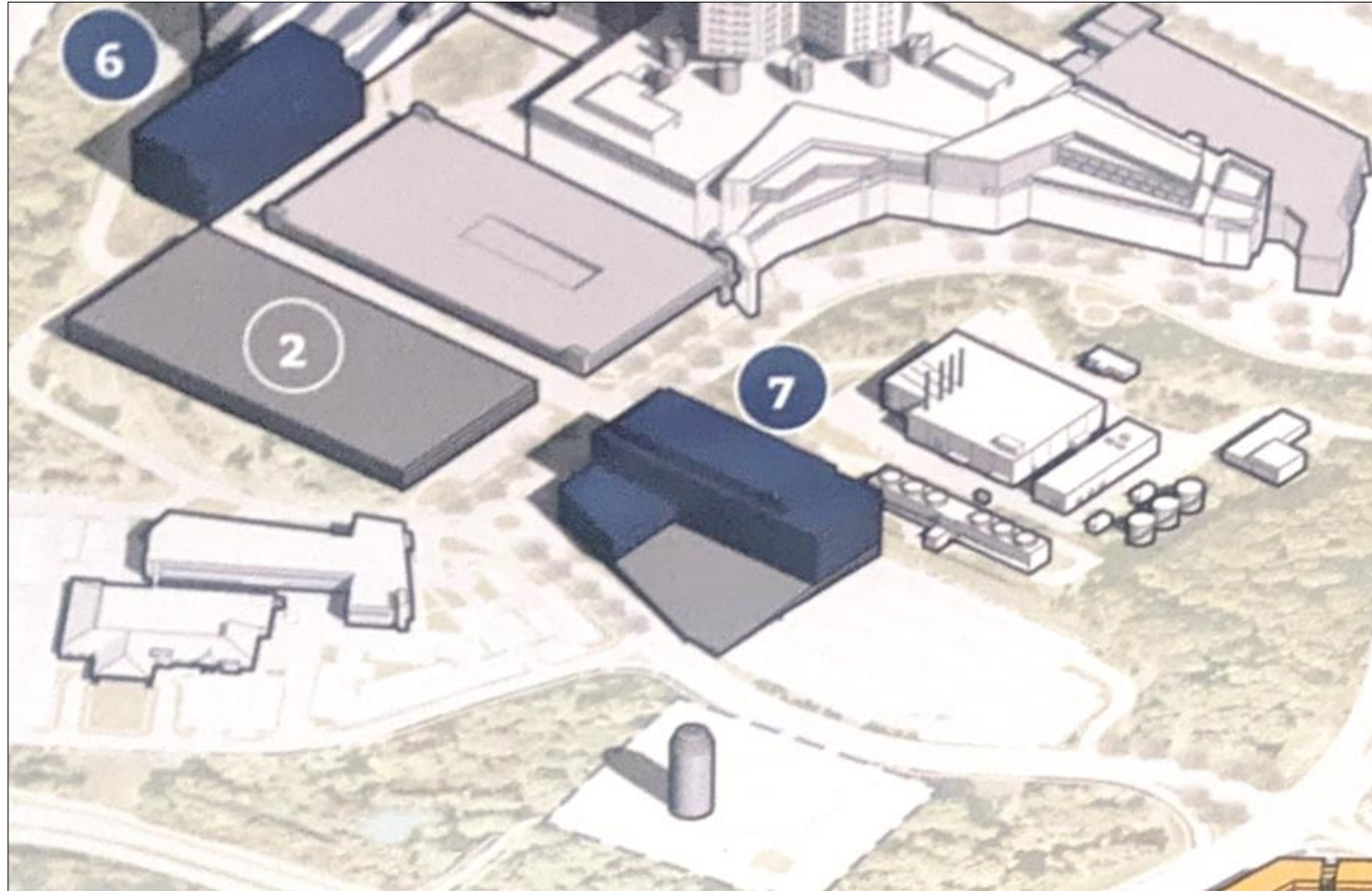
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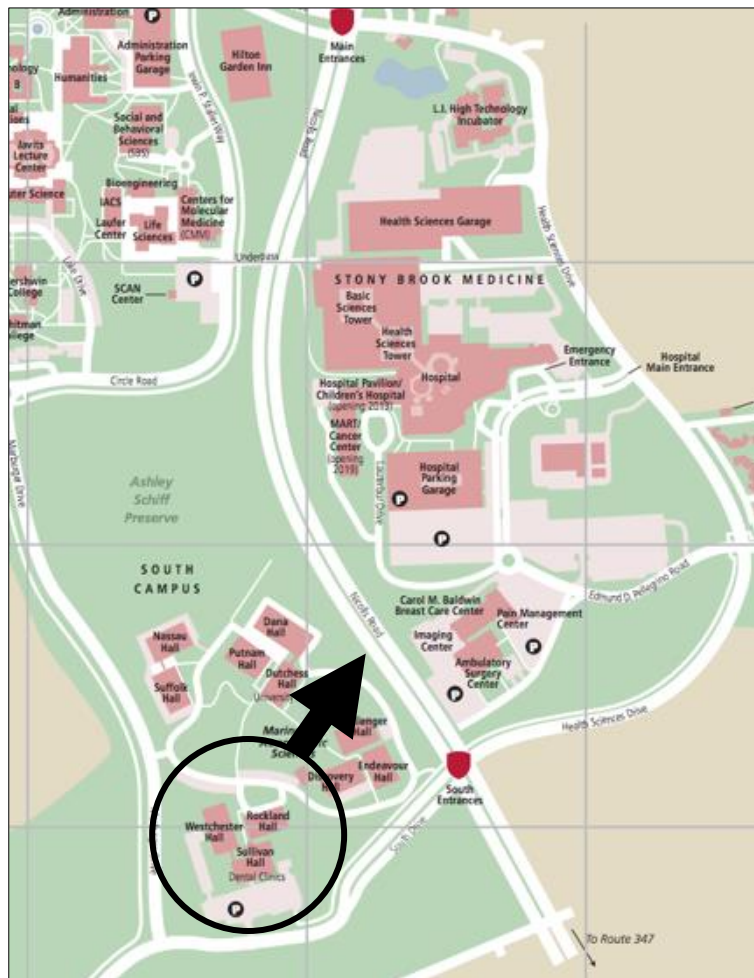








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Advantages to being on East Campus

Improved access for patients

- Inpatients – 1,100/year
- ED – 3,200/year

More interdisciplinary opportunities

- patient care
- education
- research

Greater visibility among health sciences

Enhanced referrals from other clinics

Promotes the profession as an integral
component of health care



Custodial breakroom

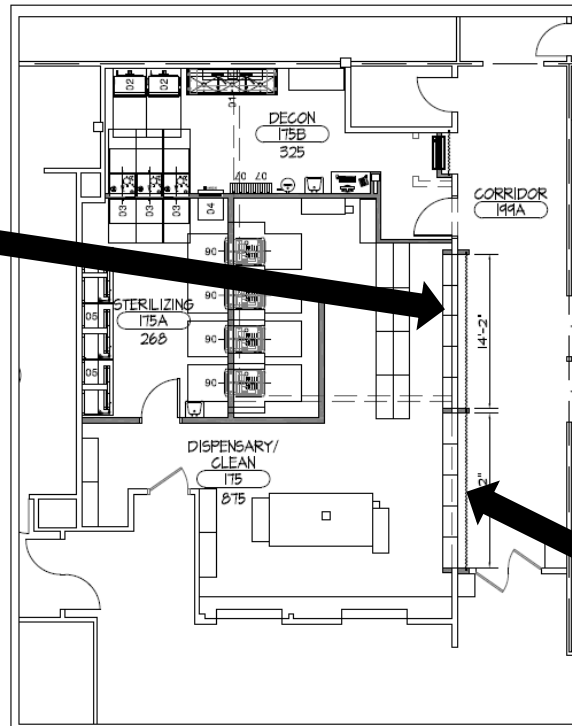




Projects in the queue



**Upgraded and expanded
sterilization facility**



**Instrument and
equipment
mailboxes**





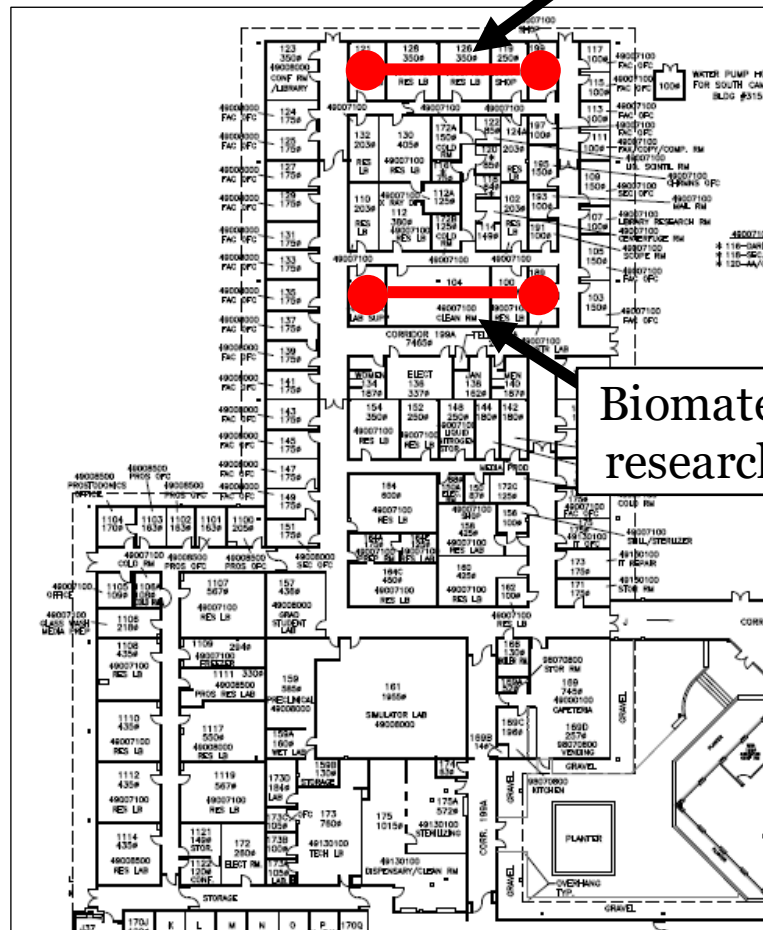
Westchester Hall

Renovate and combine
rooms to create a larger
and open-space lab
facilities

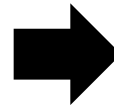
Biomedical
research lab

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Biomaterials research lab



Westchester Hall Biomedical Research Center



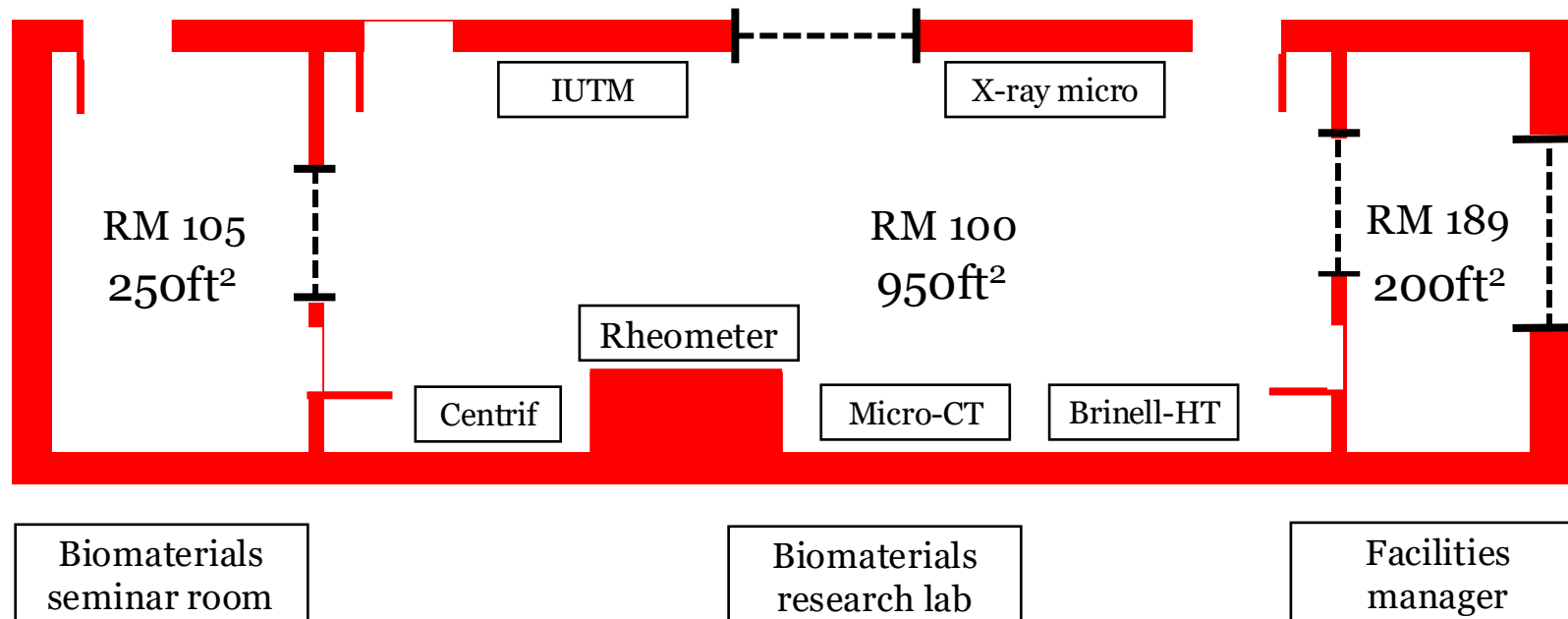
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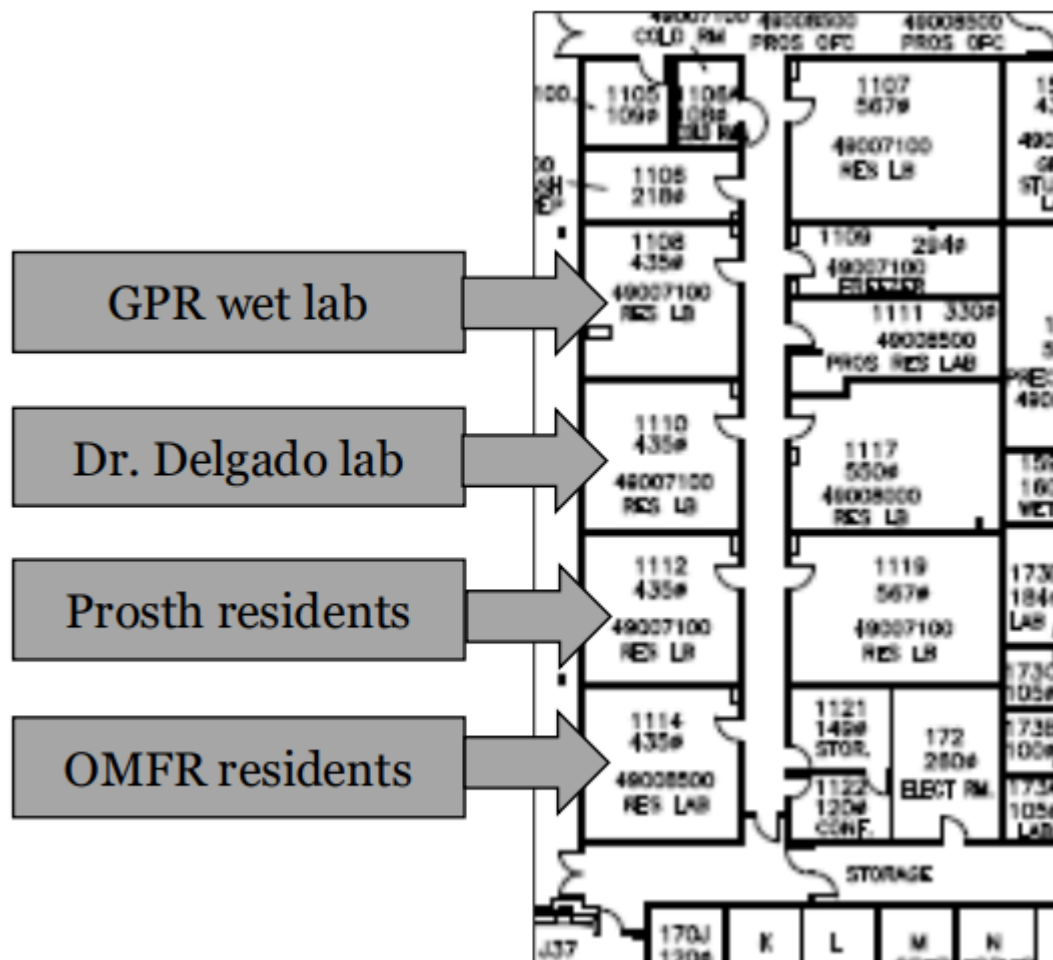


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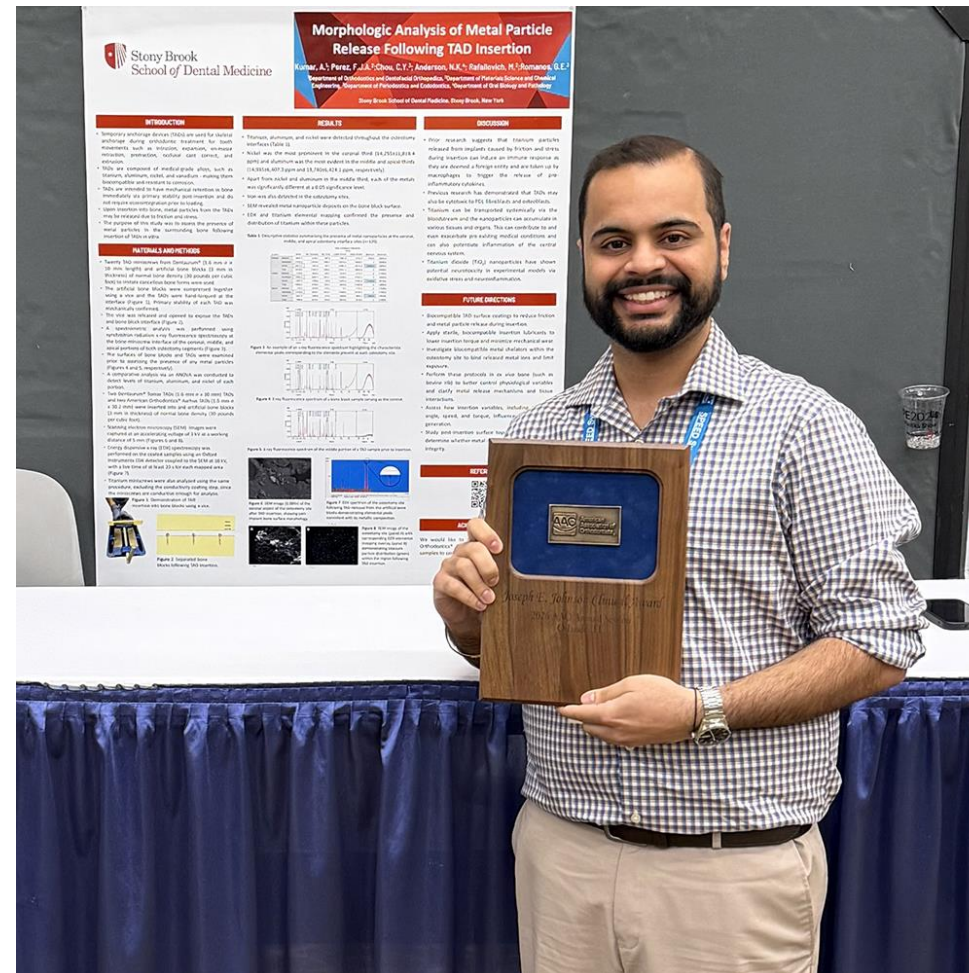
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Naomi Newen, D4 was presented the Community Impact Award at the 2026 Student Employee, Intern and Community Service Awards Ceremony

Arjun Kumar, DDS '23,
 won first place in the
 prestigious Joseph E.
 Johnson Clinical Award
 competition for his
 research presentation at
 the American Association
 of Orthodontists Annual
 Session in Orlando.





Christopher Poitrimol

Promoted to
Patient Accounts Coordinator



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February 27, 2026



Stony Brook University Awardees

SDM, Pediatric Dentistry
Outreach Team
SOM, Lifetime Achievement
SOM, Clinical Trials Unit





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Alexandra Makara,
DDS, Clinical Assistant
Professor, Department of
Orthodontics and Pediatric
Dentistry

Appointed director of dental
student education in
pediatric dentistry





Kimberly Patterson, DDS, MS, clinical associate professor and interim chair, Department of Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry, was the recipient of the 2026 Access to Care Grant from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Foundation.

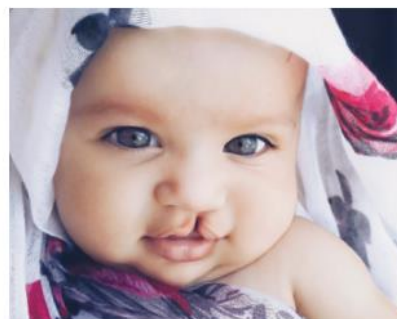


Dolores Cannella, MA, PhD, associate dean for education and associate professor, Department of General Dentistry, ascended to the rank of chair of ADEA's Section on Academic Affairs

The 27th Annual

Cleft Palate Craniofacial Center Symposium

The Team Approach to the
Management of Cleft Lip/Palate and
Craniofacial Anomalies



Monday, April 13, 2026
8:15 am – 1:00 pm

**In person – HSC Level 3,
Lecture Hall 6**

Co-hosts:

Stony Brook Medicine Department of Surgery
Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine

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4 CDEs
4 CMEs

Program Agenda*

8:15 - 8:40 am	Registration and Refreshments
8:40 - 8:45 am	Welcome and Introduction
Co-Director	Alvin Wong, MD, FACS
Coordinator	Kristen Santos
8:45 - 10:30 am	Team Component – Presentation I
Genetics	Patricia Galvin-Parton, MD The Genetics of Cleft Lip/Palate
Feeding/Lactation	Kerri Elorriaga, MS Feeding the Infant with Cleft Lip and Palate
Speech	Kerri Elorriaga, MS Speech Pathology Intervention with Cleft Lip/Palate
Pediatric Dentist	Kimberly Patterson, DDS MS Oral Health, Appliance Therapy
Plastic Surgeons	Alvin Wong, MD Cleft Lip/Palate and Craniofacial
Audiology	Jamie Cluna, Au.D Hearing Loss and the Cleft Palate Child
10:30 - 10:45 am	BREAK
10:45 - 1:00 pm	Team Component – Presentation II
Orthodontist	Richard Faber, DDS Orthodontic Care of Cleft Palate Children
Maxillofacial- Prosthodontics	Tanya Somohano, DMD, FACP Prosthetic Rehabilitation of the Cleft Patient
Oral/Maxillofacial Surgeons	Salvatore Ruggiero, MD, DMD Alveolar Cleft Bone Grafting Michael Proothi, DMD, MD Management of the Adult Cleft Patient
Otolaryngology	Alexander Bjorling, MD Ear Concerns with Cleft Palate
Social Work	Insurance Issues with Cleft Palate Children
A Parent's View	Staci Landi

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Medicine Community

February 8, 2026



A Message from William Wertheim, MD, MBA Executive Vice President for Stony Brook Medicine



This week is Resident and Fellow Appreciation Week at Stony Brook Medicine, an opportunity to honor the incredible trainees in our hospitals who are the definition of commitment in an academic health system like ours.

Each year, the Renaissance School of Medicine trains more than 750 residents and fellows in 68 accredited programs across various specialties, and each one of them must accomplish their clinical responsibilities and patient care while continually advancing their medical expertise.

Resident and Fellow Appreciation Week February 23 – 27

Our Dental Medicine residency is also extremely competitive, with 68 residents across eight programs. Our dental anesthesiology and oral and maxillofacial radiology programs are especially unique, with just nine such programs in North America in each specialty/discipline.



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The Artificial Intelligence Revolution

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How AI can improve periodontal disease diagnosis

 **ZACHARY LEVIN**
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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE has become integrated into nearly every aspect of everyday life, and it is no surprise that it is influencing the field of dentistry. AI shows strong potential to help diagnose and treat periodontal disease, a chronic inflammatory condition that causes gum damage and alveolar bone loss. As early and accurate detection is essential for preventing long-term complications, AI-enhanced tools may represent a significant advancement for periodontal care.

The role of AI in periodontal disease detection and classification

The traditional method for periodontal disease diagnosis relies on clinical examination for signs of disease through periodontal probing pocket depth, clinical attachment loss, and bleeding on probing. However, the results of these tests can vary due to clinician technique and subjective interpretation, which can lead to inconsistencies or inaccuracies in diagnosis or staging.

A 2025 literature review analyzed 13 studies demonstrating that AI and deep learning technologies show strong performance in periodontal disease diagnosis, risk assessment, treatment planning, and prognosis. AI models applied to panoramic, periapical, or full-mouth radiographs demonstrated strong diagnostic performance, with accuracy rates ranging from 73-98.6%.

Most notably, AI models involving convolutional neural networks and hybrid frameworks — which combine deep learning for detection with conventional computer-aided diagnostic methods for classification — showed the highest accuracy in automatically detecting periodontal bone levels and staging periodontitis. CNNs were highly effective in detecting and quantifying alveolar bone loss, achieving accuracy rates as high as 92%. Hybrid models produced excellent reliability in detecting periodontal bone levels and staging periodontitis, indicating that AI can support clinicians with precise and reproducible assessments.

AI's advantages

The high diagnostic performance of AI with deep learning technologies represents a significant advancement for periodontal disease detection and staging. Traditional clinical measures such as PPD, CAL, and BOP can vary based on clinician technique and subjectivity, leading to inconsistent and potentially inaccurate diagnoses. Additionally, these techniques are time-consuming, as they require probing of each tooth site, a process that can be uncomfortable for the patient and may reduce compliance with complete periodontal charting.

In contrast, AI models analyze radiographic data objectively and consistently, reducing human error and improving diagnostic



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New York State Academic Dental Centers Dental Education News: April 2026

Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine: Laniado Named 2026 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipient

Nadia Laniado, DDS '84, MPH, MS, director of community dentistry and population health at NYC Health + Hospitals/Jacobi Medical Center and North Central Bronx Hospital, and associate professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, was named the 2026 recipient of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (SDM) Distinguished Alumni Award. The honor is given annually to a graduate who has demonstrated a commitment to excellence. [Read more.](#)



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Health Sciences Showcase Highlights Advancing Education, Technology and Community Care

📅 April 16, 2026 ⌚ 4 min read



The presentation "Utilization of Advanced Optical Scanning and Computer Machining in Restorative Dentistry," led by Clarisa Amarillas, DDS, demonstrated how optical scanning and CAD/CAM technologies improve efficiency and patient outcomes in restorative dentistry.



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June 25 – New Resident Orientation and Dinner
June 28 - July 3 – Dive into Dental School Summer program
July 28 – August 3 – Discover Dental School
August 3-7 – D1s Orientation
August 10 – First Day Class, D1, D2 and D3
August 17 – Faculty Council meeting
August 25 – Give Kids a Smile
September 26 – CommUniversity Day
October 1 – Dental Educators Week
November 7 - Class Reunions



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Suffolk County
DENTAL SOCIETY



Expert Panel Event



Wednesday June 10, 2026

6pm-9pm SCDS Media Center

150 Motor Parkway, Hauppauge, NY 11788 – 631-232-1400

Dental Students, Residents, New Dentists, Faculty and Established Member Dentists join us to enjoy food and drink while getting all the answers you need to navigate your career from our expert panel.

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Practice Acquisition

Vendor Management
Wealth Management
Malpractice

Complimentary Parking here at our facility in Hauppauge
Fully sponsored reception at 6pm, and the program starts at 7pm!

There is no charge for D4 Students, Residents and SCDS Dentist Members but you must register in advance [here](#). This event is sponsored by these SCDS New Dentist Sponsors:

Scott Gusz
Daniel Kane



Rob Malandrucolo



Matt McKee



Kathy Lagano



Space is limited!

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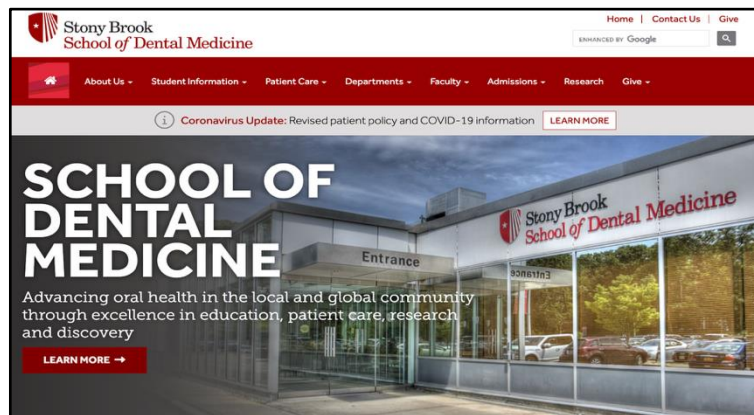
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