



Stony Brook
School of Dental Medicine

Faculty

Monday, February 9

1 – 2pm

111 Rockland Hall

Staff

Tuesday, February 10

1 – 2pm

111 Rockland Hall

Students

Thursday, February 12

1 – 2pm

111 Rockland Hall



Dean's Updates



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

Faculty

- 34 plus 4 full-time
- 87 part-time
- 24 volunteer

Support staff

- 99 full-time
- 8 part-time

Total: 526

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Match Day Celebration and Marshals Announcement Thursday, February 6

Grand Marshal: Dr. Eric Grossmann

Marshals

- Dr. Gabriel Conte
- Dr. Guenter Jonke
- Dr. John Lagner
- Dr. Euane Newen
- Dr. Christine Valestrand
- Dr. Steven Zove

Class of 2026 Destinations

AEGD (1)

- Eastman Institute of Oral Health

Dent Anes (1)

- SBH Health – Bronx

GPR (29)

- Denver Health Center
- Hackensack Meridian Health-Paramus
- Hackensack University
- Northwell Health
- NYU Langone-Mineola
- SBH Health-Bronx
- St. Charles Hospital-Port Jefferson
- Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
- VA Medical Center-Brooklyn

Private Practice (2)

OMFS (3)

- Allegheny General – Pittsburgh
- NYU Bellevue
- Texas A&M – Dallas (USN)

Ortho (2)

- Montefiore Medical Center
- Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine

Peds (3)

- Temple University
- University at Buffalo
- Wyckoff Medical Center

Perio (2)

- Rutgers School of Dental Medicine
- Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine

OMFS Noncategorical (1)

- UPenn



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 **Nassau County**
DENTAL SOCIETY

**78th Annual
President's Gala
&
Officers Installation**

January 31, 2026

**Crest Hollow Country Club
8325 Jericho Turnpike
Woodbury, NY 11797**



Nassau County Give Kids a Smile Day

Cradle of Aviation Museum, Friday, February 6





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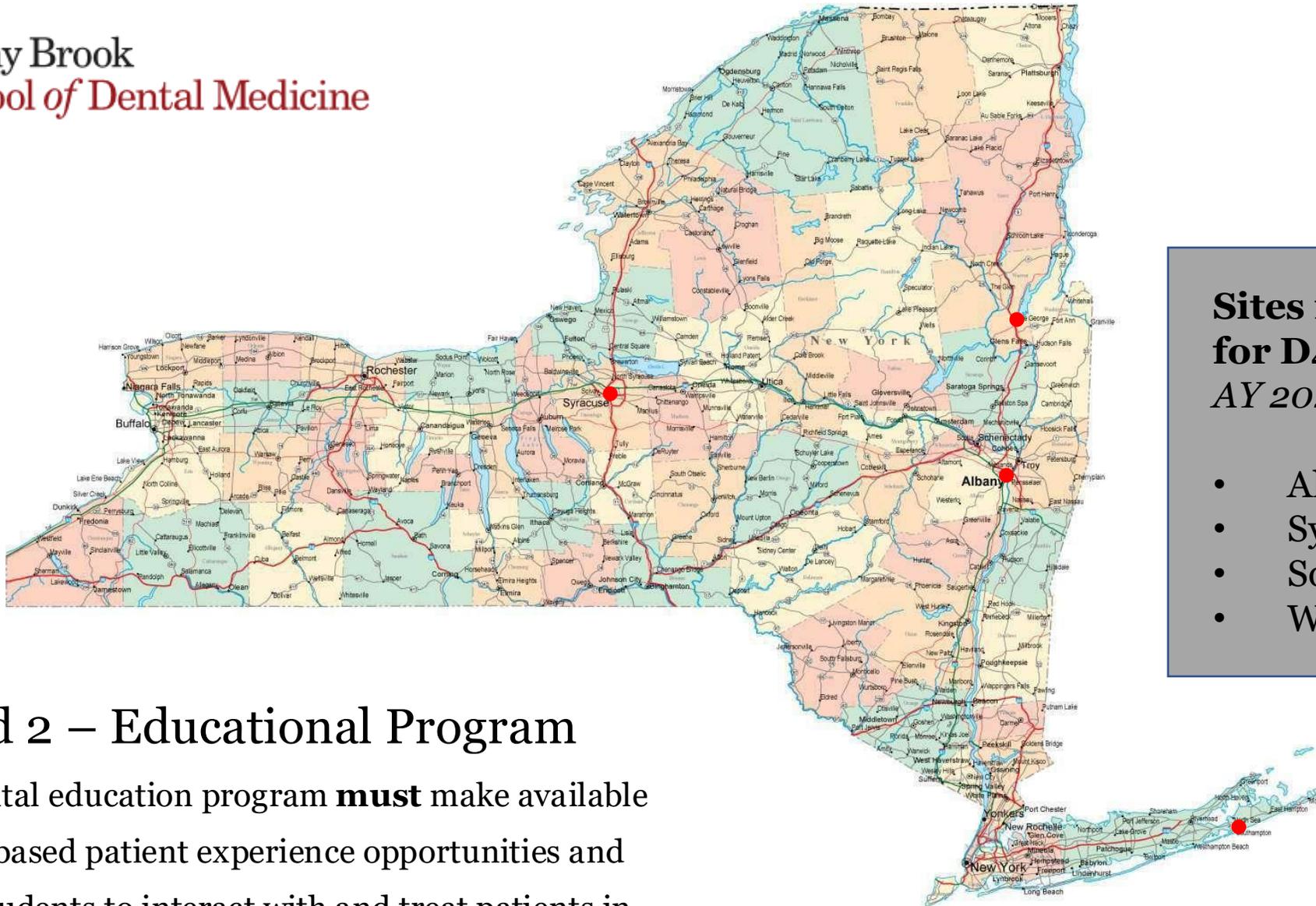


30 dental students
6 pediatric dentistry residents
3 pediatric dentistry faculty

1,250 children screened and
received preventive services

Wolfie on hand

SBU communications covered
the event



**Sites identified
for D4 rotations
AY 2025-26**

- Albany
- Syracuse
- Southampton
- Warrensburg

Standard 2 – Educational Program

2-15 The dental education program **must** make available community-based patient experience opportunities and encourage students to interact with and treat patients in a variety of clinical environments.



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FQHC in Southampton, NY



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Richard Rosato, DMD

- President of the American Dental Association
- DMD – Tufts University
- OMFS residency – University of Illinois
- Private practice Concord, NH

Will deliver the keynote address at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine's Class of 2026 **convocation ceremony** on May 19 at the Staller Center for the Arts.



Class of 2030 statistics

SDM attracts a highly qualified and diverse student body

1,399 applications

46 positions

3.84 GPA

3.79 Science GPA

Identified Gender: Female 65%, Male 35%

Identified Ethnicity: 21 Caucasian, 16 Asian/Pacific Islander, 1 African American, 0 American Indian, 3 Hispanic, 5 declined to state

Residence: 45 in-state (98%), 1 out of state (2%; DE)

DAT: Academic Average 23.4; Science average 23.1; Perceptual average 21.2



Class of 2030 statistics

46 students from 24 undergraduate institutions

Arizona State University

Boston College

Brigham Young University

Cornell University

CUNY Baruch College

CUNY College of Staten Island

CUNY Hunter College (2)

CUNY Queens College

Duke University

Hofstra University

John Hopkins University

Loyola University (Maryland)

New York University (2)

Rochester Institute of

Technology

St. John's University

SUNY Binghamton (5)

SUNY Brockport

SUNY Buffalo

SUNY Stony Brook (16)

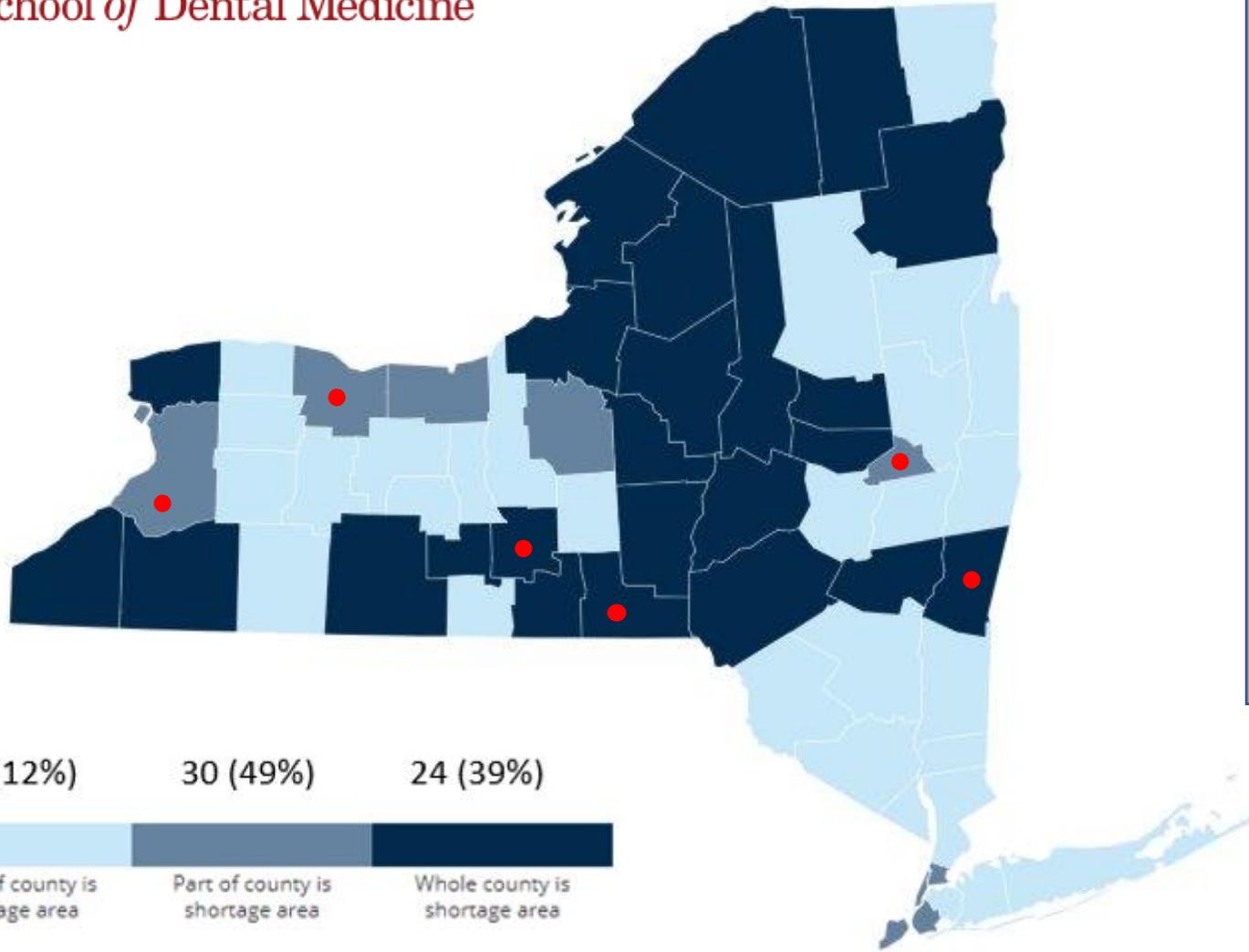
Syracuse University

University of Connecticut (2)

University of Notre Dame

Washington University

Williams College



DHPSA counties represented in Class of 2030

- Broome
- Columbia
- Erie
- Monroe
- Schenectady
- Tompkins



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November 20



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Huge thank you to Dean Patrick M. Lloyd and the Director of Student Admissions, Mr. Joe Franza, for taking the time to speak with our Pre-Dental Society and for sharing such valuable insight, experiences, and guidance about Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine and the admissions process! We truly appreciate the time and care they put into speaking with our members.

Thank you to everyone who showed up, asked thoughtful questions, and helped make this such a successful event! 🙏



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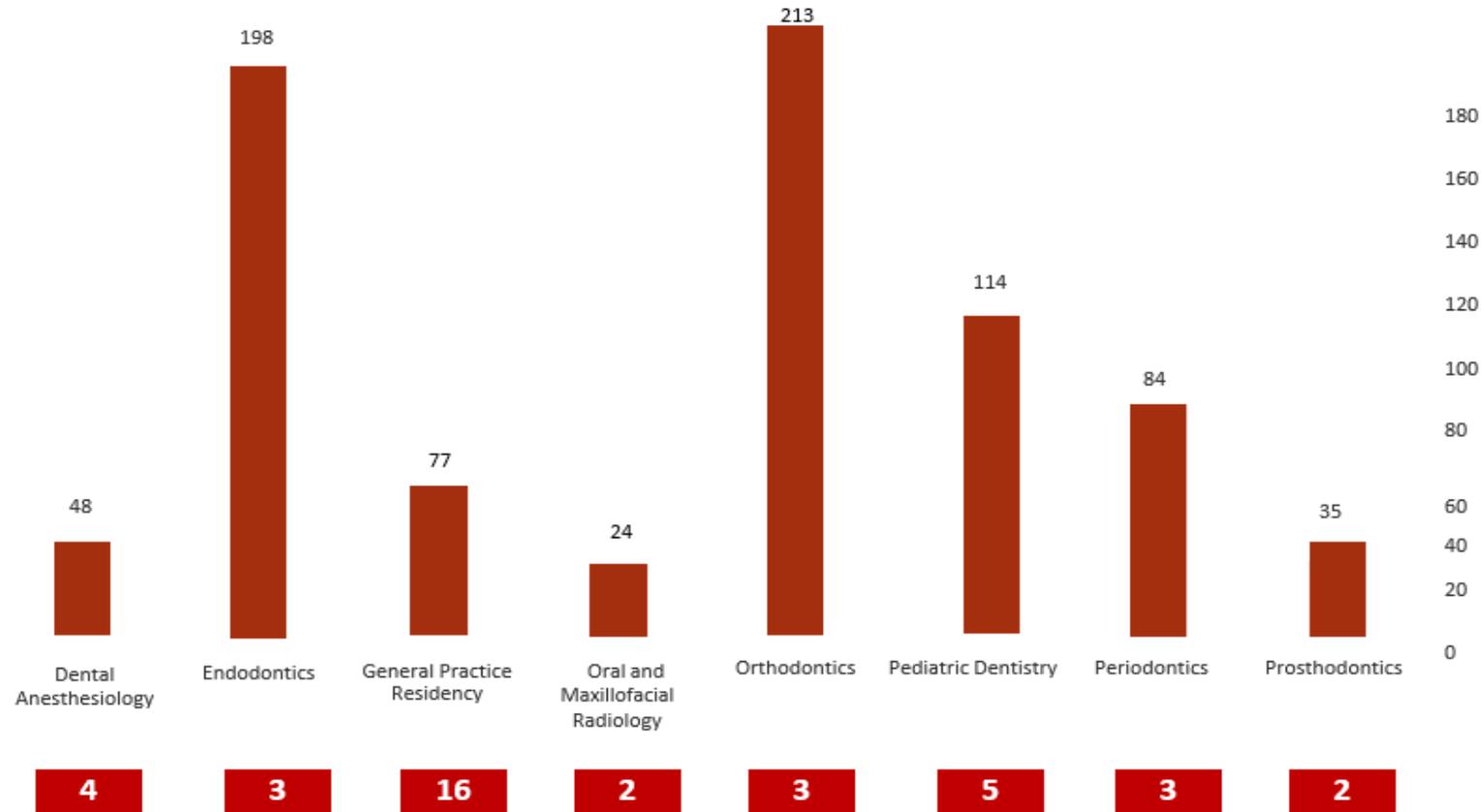
With DEAN PATRICK M. LLOYD
& MR. JOE FRANZA





38 total positions

Residency Program Applications - 2026





SDM residents

N = 15
32% SDM

Dent Anes (4)

- University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Southern California – Los Angeles
- University of Toronto

GPR (16)

- Midwestern University – Glendale
- New York University College of Dentistry (4)
- State University of New York at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine
- State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (4)
- Touro College of Dental Medicine at New York Medical College (2)
- University of Maryland – Baltimore (4)

Endo (3)

- State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (2)
- University of Michigan – Ann Arbor

OMFR (2)

- New York University College of Dentistry
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine

Ortho (3)

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- Touro College of Dental Medicine at New York Medical College
- University of California – Los Angeles



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Ped Dent (5)

- Columbia University
- Texas A & M College of Dentistry
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
- University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Dentistry
- University of Saskatchewan – Saskatoon

Perio (3)

- State University of New York at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
- Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
- University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Dentistry

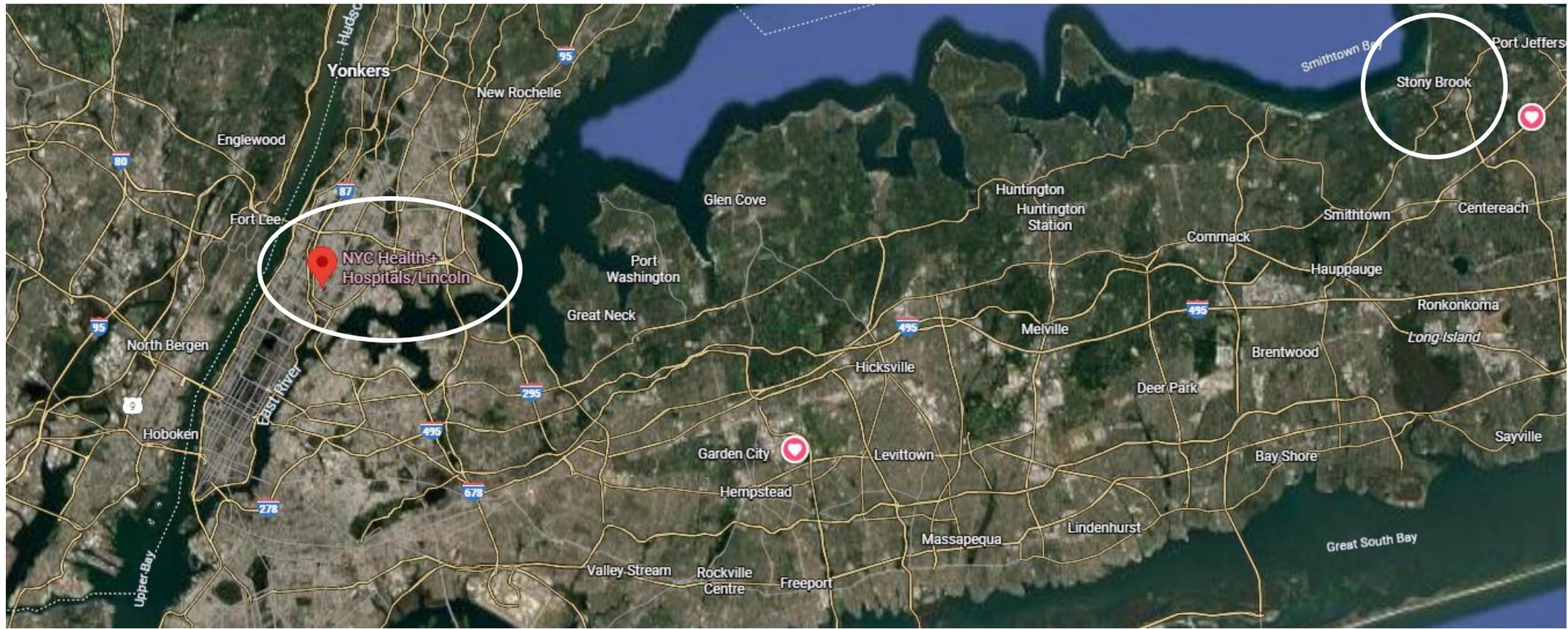
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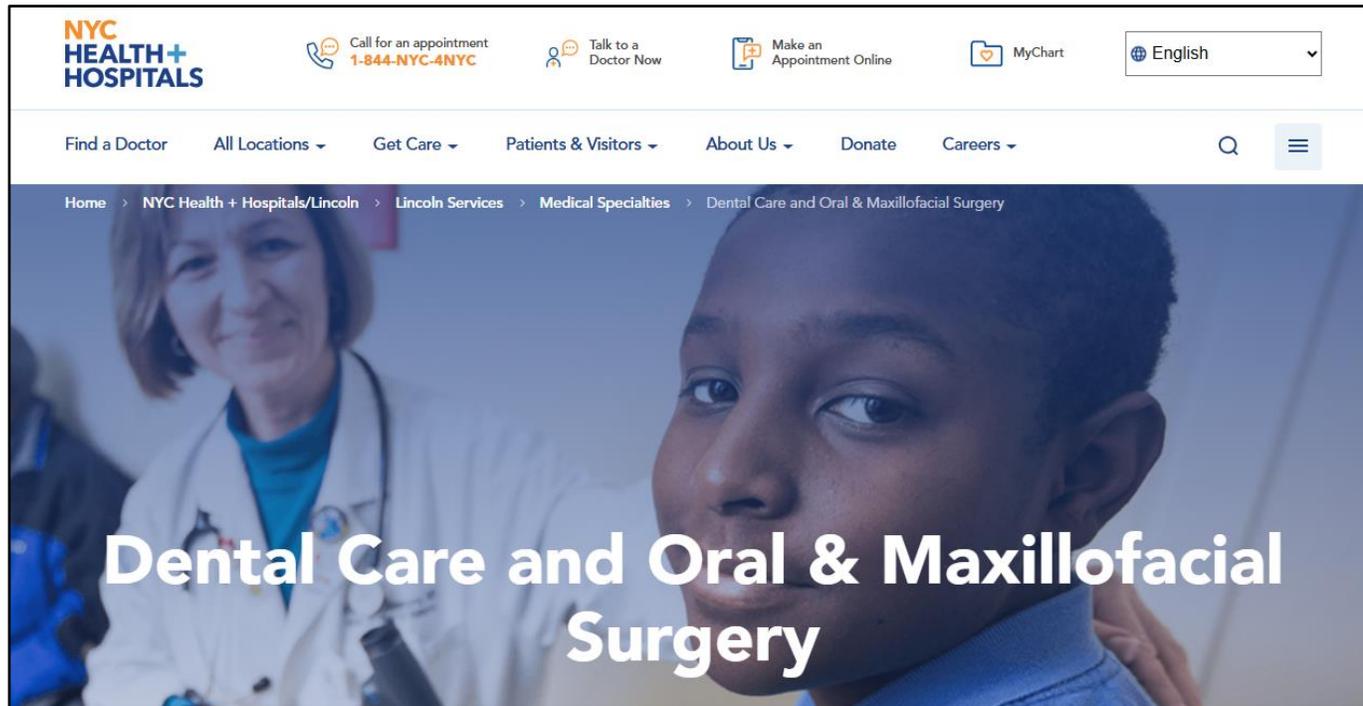
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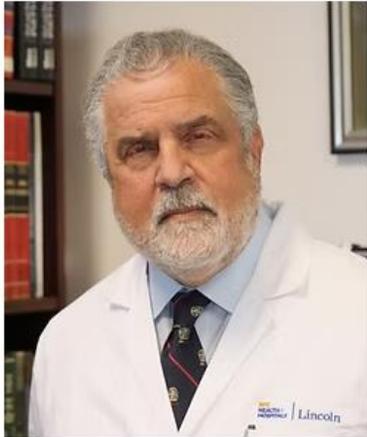






Residency programs

- General Practice – 15 + 2/ yr
- Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery – 2/yr
- Pediatric Dentistry – 2/yr
- Orthodontics – 2/yr



Robert Pellecchia, DDS, F.A.C.S.

Chairman of Dentistry and Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
Program Director of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

OMFS resident rotation

- 1 PGY-3
- 1 PGY-4
- three months
- Start: July 1, 2026



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John Keeley, MBA

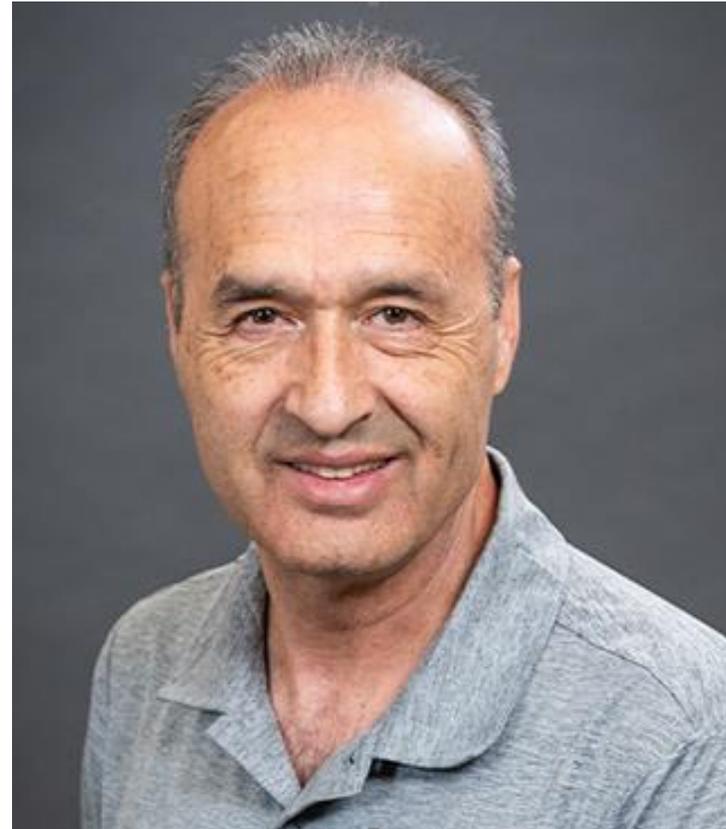
Facilities manager

- Responsible for overseeing the daily building operations at the school, including assisting and coordinating facility maintenance and ensuring safety and security of our community.
- Held similar positions at Stony Brook University and Hofstra University



Daud Razawi

*Appointed SDM's new director of
materials management*





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Full- and Part-Time Faculty Council Meeting

Monday, November 17
School of Marine and
Atmospheric Sciences

*Dinner will be served at 5pm.
The Faculty Council Meeting will follow from 5:30 – 7pm.*

A calendar invitation and agenda are forthcoming.



School of Dental Medicine holiday party

Oaks Learning Center

Thursday, December 18





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School of Dental Medicine Staff Retreat

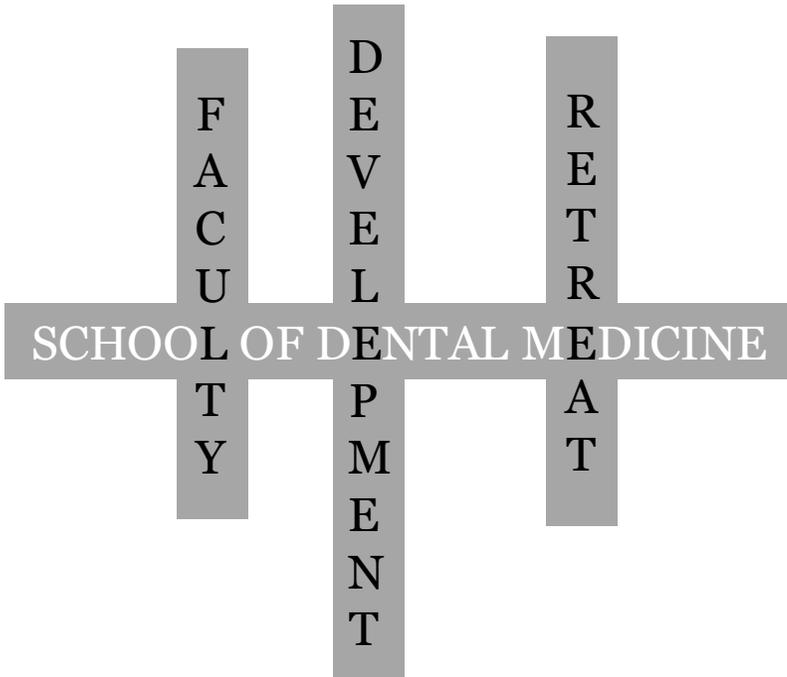
Friday, January 9, 2026: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Student Activities Center, Ballroom A

AGENDA:

Time	Event	Presenter(s)
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast/Registration	
8:30 – 9:00 am	Welcome and Introductions	Kevin Tuttle, MHA, Associate Dean, Finance and Administration, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
9:00 – 10:15 am	Alan Alda Center for Communication Science	
10:15 – 10:25 am	Break	
10:25 – 10:35 am	Dean Lloyd	Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS Dean, Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine
10:35 – 12:10 pm	Alan Alda Center for Communication Science	
12:10 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	





FACULTY DEVELOPMENT RETREAT

Friday, January 9, 2026; 8am – 5pm
Hilton Garden Inn, Stony Brook, NY
Continuing Education Credits: 8.0

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TIME	EVENT	PRESENTER
7:15 – 8am	Registration	
7:30 – 8am	Breakfast	
8 – 8:30am	Dean's Welcome	Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS
8:30 – 9:05am	Impressions of AI: Teaching and Learning in an AI-Driven World	Rose Tirota-Esposito, EdD Michael Hochman, MA
9:05 – 9:40am	AI in Dentistry – Research and Responsible Impact	Dan Colosi, DDS, PhD Mina Mahdian, DDS, MDS
9:40 – 10am	Moderated Panel Discussion	Dean Lloyd
10 – 10:15am	Morning Break	
10:15 – 11am	Department Presentation	Kimberly Patterson, DDS, MS
11 – 11:30pm	Medicaid Approval Process	Jeffrey Seiver, DDS
11:30 – 12:15pm	Lunch	
12:15 – 12:30pm	Mentoring Student Research Projects	Stephen G. Walker, MSc, PhD
12:30 – 1:30pm	Grading Calibration: Building Consistency and Fairness in Assessment	Dolores Cannella, MA, PhD Patricia Swanson, DDS
1:30 – 2:15pm	Clinical Updates	Brian J. Howe, DMD, MS
2:15 – 3pm	Complications and Innovation in Endodontic Therapy	Thomas Manders, DDS
3 – 3:15pm	Afternoon Break	
3:15 – 3:45pm	Single Tooth Replacement: An Evidence-Based Approach to Treatment Planning	Patricia Swanson, DDS
3:45 – 4:30pm	Inferior Alveolar Block Calibration	Allan J. Kucine, DDS
4:30 – 5pm	Closing Remarks Complete CE Evaluation	Dean Lloyd



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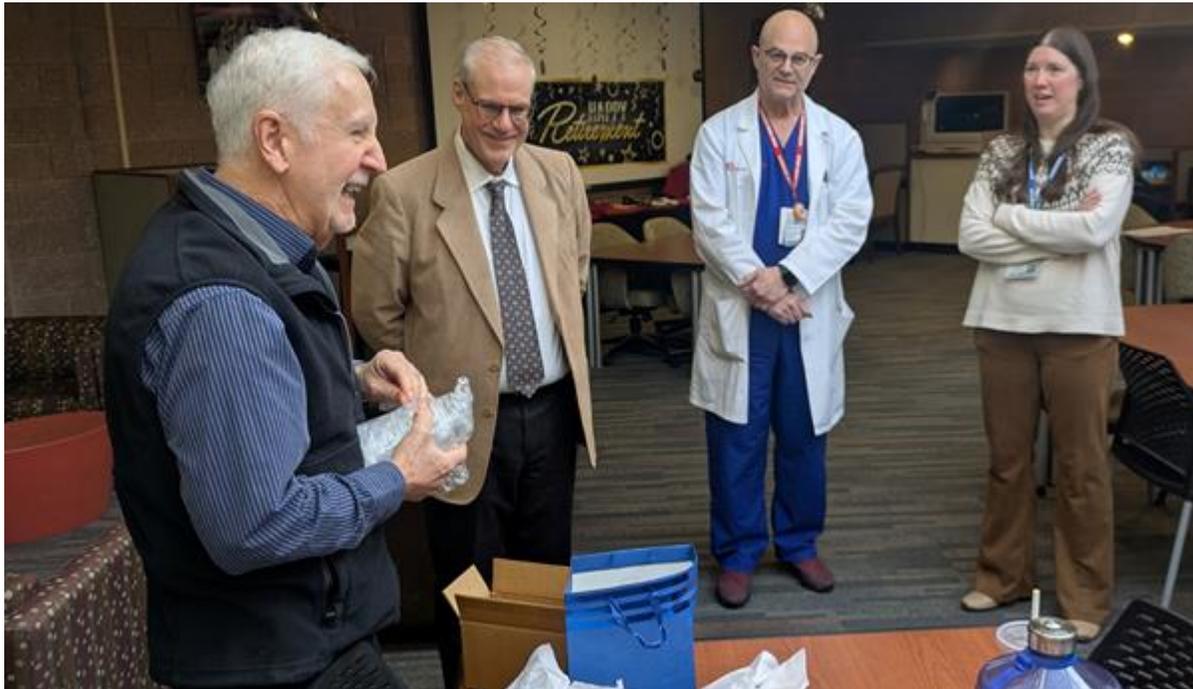


Sydney Jacobson, BSHS, MSW

Social worker

**BSHS, Long Island University
MSW, Stony Brook University**

Previous: Mather Outpatient Mental Health
Clinic in Port Jefferson and St. James
Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center



Fred Confessore

- 50 years of service to the School of Dental Medicine
- supported laboratory operations within the Department of Oral Biology and Pathology and assisted in the design, prototyping and troubleshooting of innovative diagnostic instruments

Years of Service Recognition

Faculty	Years of Service
Gabriel Conte	30
Robert DuBois	25
Richard Faber	50
Stephen Kruger	25
Allan Kucine	35
John Lagner	25
Robert Schindel	30
Marcia Simon	35
Stephen Walker	25

Staff	Years of Service
Fred Confessore	50
Rosemarie D'Orsi	40
Carmen La Sorsa	40
Abby Lisberger	25





Staff and Faculty hires – October 1, 2025 to January 30, 2026

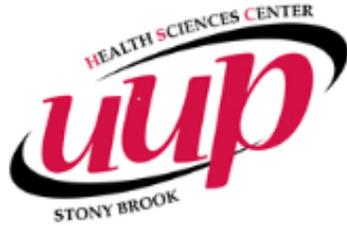
- Todd Romano, Driver, Mobile Dental Care Center
- Amy Woram, Instructional Support Assistant, Dental Care Center

- Nicholas Montanaro, DDS '19, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Edward Zhuo, DDS '07, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of General Dentistry



Senior Administration and Faculty Recruiting

- Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor, Periodontics
- Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor, Prosthodontics
- Director, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency
- Neuroscientist/Neurobiologist



UUP Stony Brook Health Sciences Center Chapter

AFT Local #2190 NYSUT Local #40-809



UUP Individual Development Award

All full/part-time faculty and
senior staff (143 eligible)

\$2,000 per year

Dean's Office provides matching dollars

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Patient engagement software for **academia**

Metric	December 2025	January 2026
Number of surveys received	292	395
Total Average Satisfaction	92.7%	94.8%
Net promoter score	91	91
Likelihood to recommend to others	90%	85%
Teamwork between staff, provider and faculty	87%	92%
Provider and staff support during visit	90%	94%



Patient engagement software for **academia**

Trending positives:

- Overall Satisfaction & Praise
- Professionalism & Courtesy
- Provider Skill & Knowledge
- Communication & Explanations
- Comfort & Pain Management
- Efficiency & On-Time

Areas to improve:

- Check-in/Payment Line Waits
- Scheduling & Attending Delays
- Billing/Insurance/Cost Transparency

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SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI RECEPTION

THIS YEAR'S CLASS HONOREES

1980	1995	2010
1985	2000	2015
1990	2005	2020

November 8, 2025
Port Jefferson Country Club
44 Fairway Drive, Port Jefferson, NY

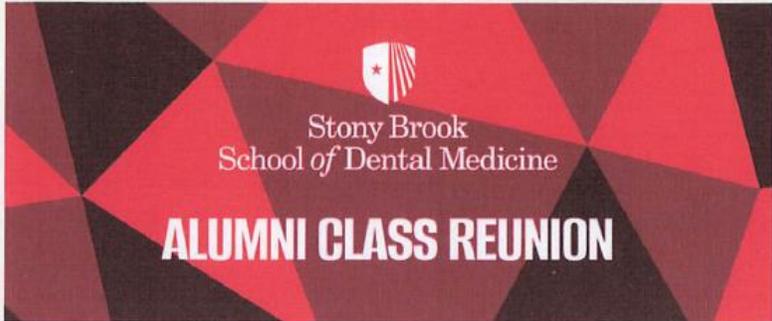
Connect with your classmates and see the latest facility upgrades, technologies and learning spaces at the school, and then enjoy an evening of great food and company at Port Jefferson Country Club. Scan the QR code for additional details and to RSVP!




School of Dental Medicine Alumni Reunion 2025

Days	Hours	Minutes	Seconds
29	: 03	: 29	: 54

Overview
Guest List



When	November 8, 2025 12:00pm - 9:00pm EST
Where	THE WATERVIEW, PORT JEFFERSON COUNTRY CLUB 44 Fairway Dr Port Jefferson , New York 11777
Price	Varies

Event registrations close November 7th at 05:00 PM EST

[Register](#)

[Send a Donation!](#)



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November 8





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1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, 2010, 2015, 2020



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ALUMNI CLASS REUNION



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Monday, December 1st

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE ALUMNI RECEPTION

A Reception for Alumni, Students, and Friends will be held at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center on Monday, December 1st, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm - Room 1E03/04/05. For more information, please get in touch with The Office of Development and Alumni Relations at (215) 898-8951 or alumni@dental.upenn.edu

STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Alumni Reception, Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, 4th Floor - 4B Terrace, New York, NY, Monday Dec 1st, 5:30pm-7:30pm., Contact: Leigh Regan, Alumni Relations Office, (631) 942-7174 or leighmarie.regan@stonybrook.edu

NYU COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY

Alumni Reception, NYU Dentistry, 433 First Avenue, 2nd Floor, New York, NY 10010, Monday, December 1, 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Register here: <https://cvent.me/4mNdxO>, Contact dental.alumni@nyu.edu or 212-998-9920



December 1

Stony Brook School of
Dental Medicine alumni and
friends reconnected at its
annual reception at the
Greater New York Dental
Meeting



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Research Symposium keynote speaker

Kyle Vining, DDS, PhD

- DDS – University of Minnesota
- PhD – Harvard University
- Assistant Professor, Department of Preventive and Restorative Sciences, School of Dental Medicine and Department of Materials Science, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences

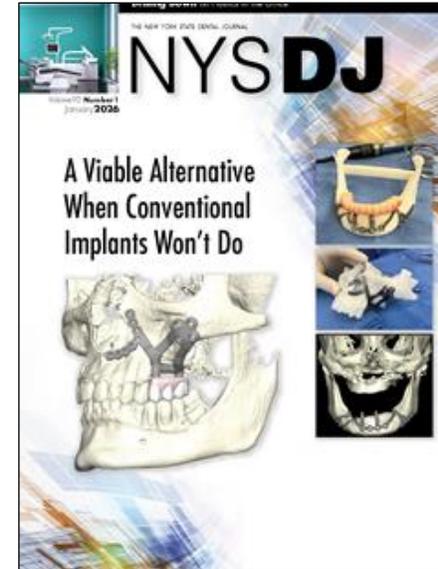
Research Day: March 3, Student Activities Center



Research publications



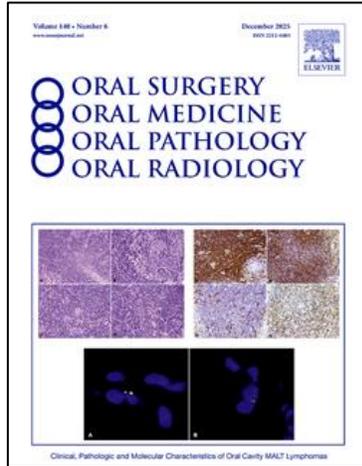
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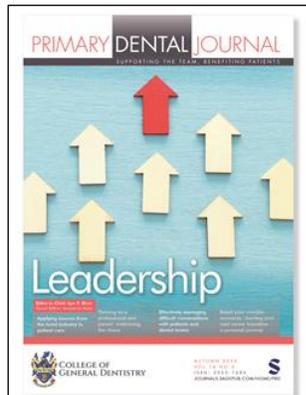
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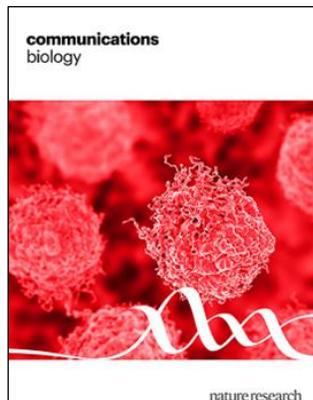


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Research publications



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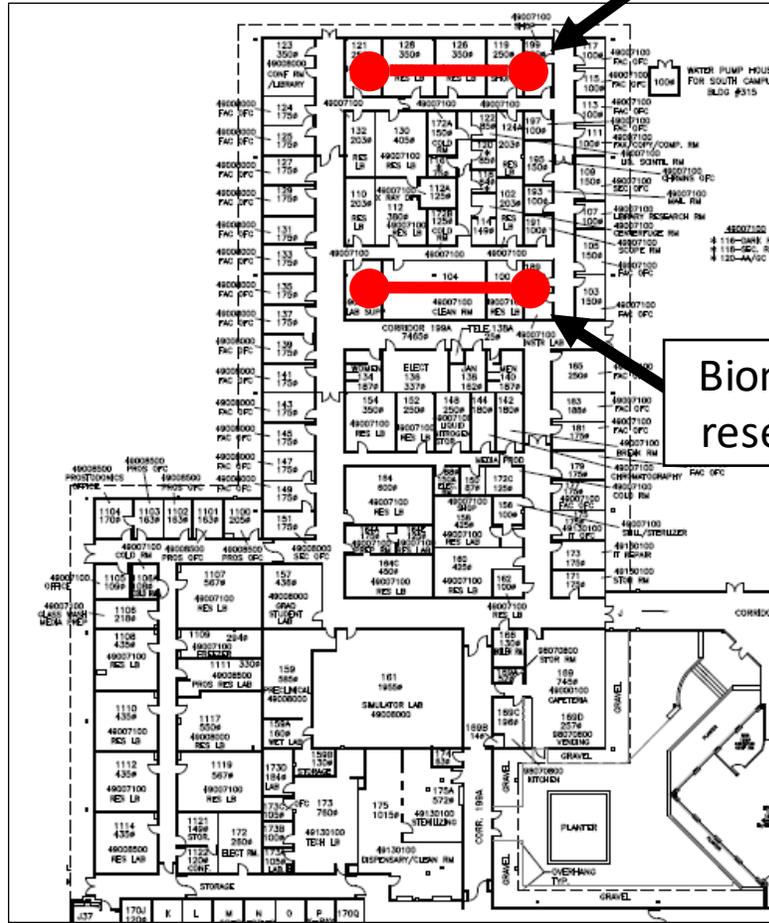
Research publications



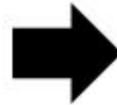
Biomedical
research lab

Westchester Hall
renovate and combine
rooms to create a larger
and open-space lab
facilities

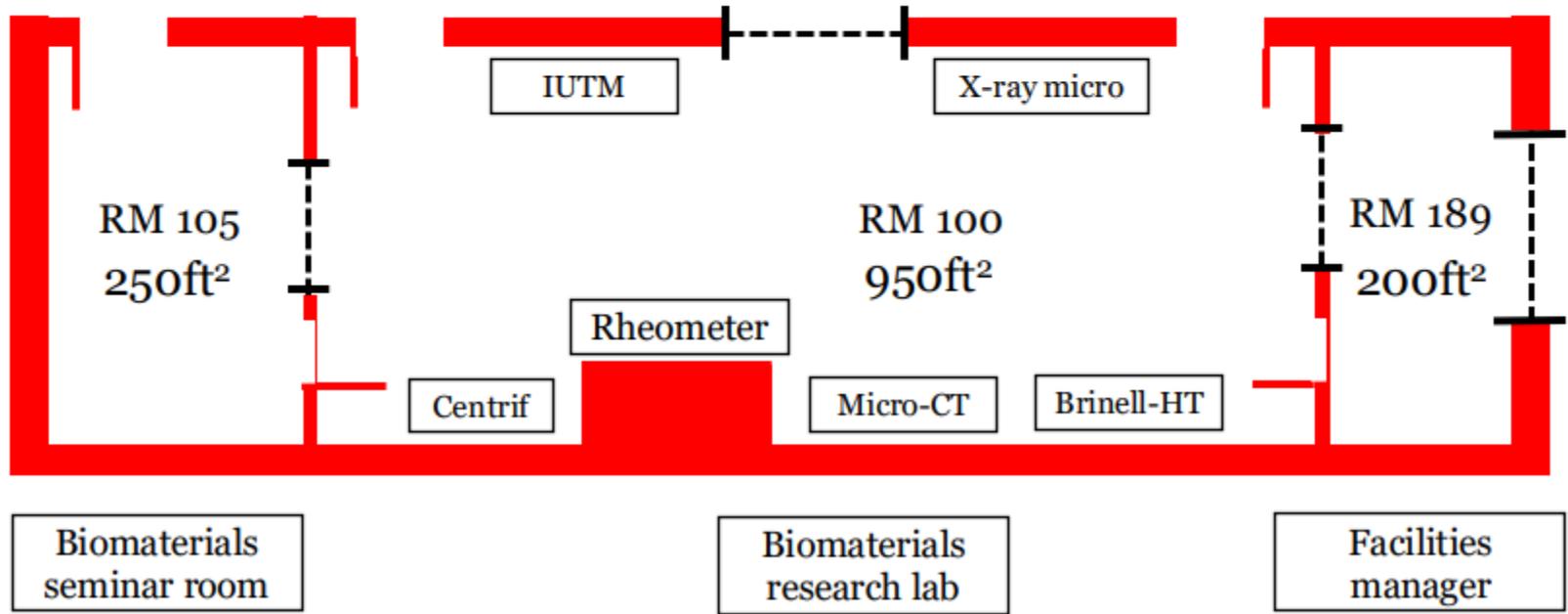
Biomaterials
research lab



Open-space lab design



Westchester Hall Biomaterials Research Center



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HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	8:30am – 5pm
Tuesday	8:30am – 5pm
Wednesday	8:30am – 5pm
Thursday	8:30am – 5pm
Friday	8:30am – 5pm
Saturday	CLOSED
Sunday	CLOSED

For dental urgent care after hours,
please call (631) 632-3147



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EMPLOYEE ENTRANCE

Visitors must use Dental
Care Center main entrance



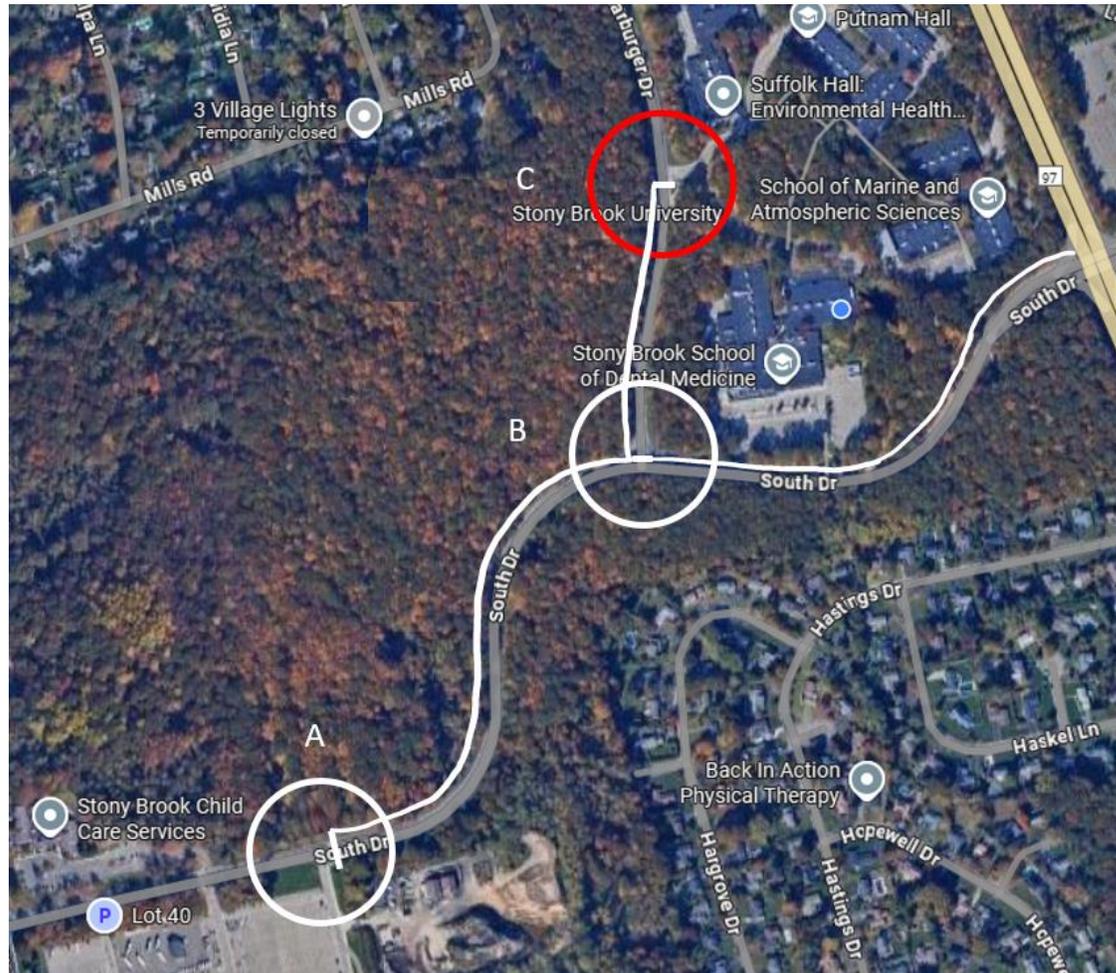


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Combining Rooms
195 and 196







Room 195



Room 196

Tear down this wall





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When it rains, it pours, Part XVIII



August 19, 2024



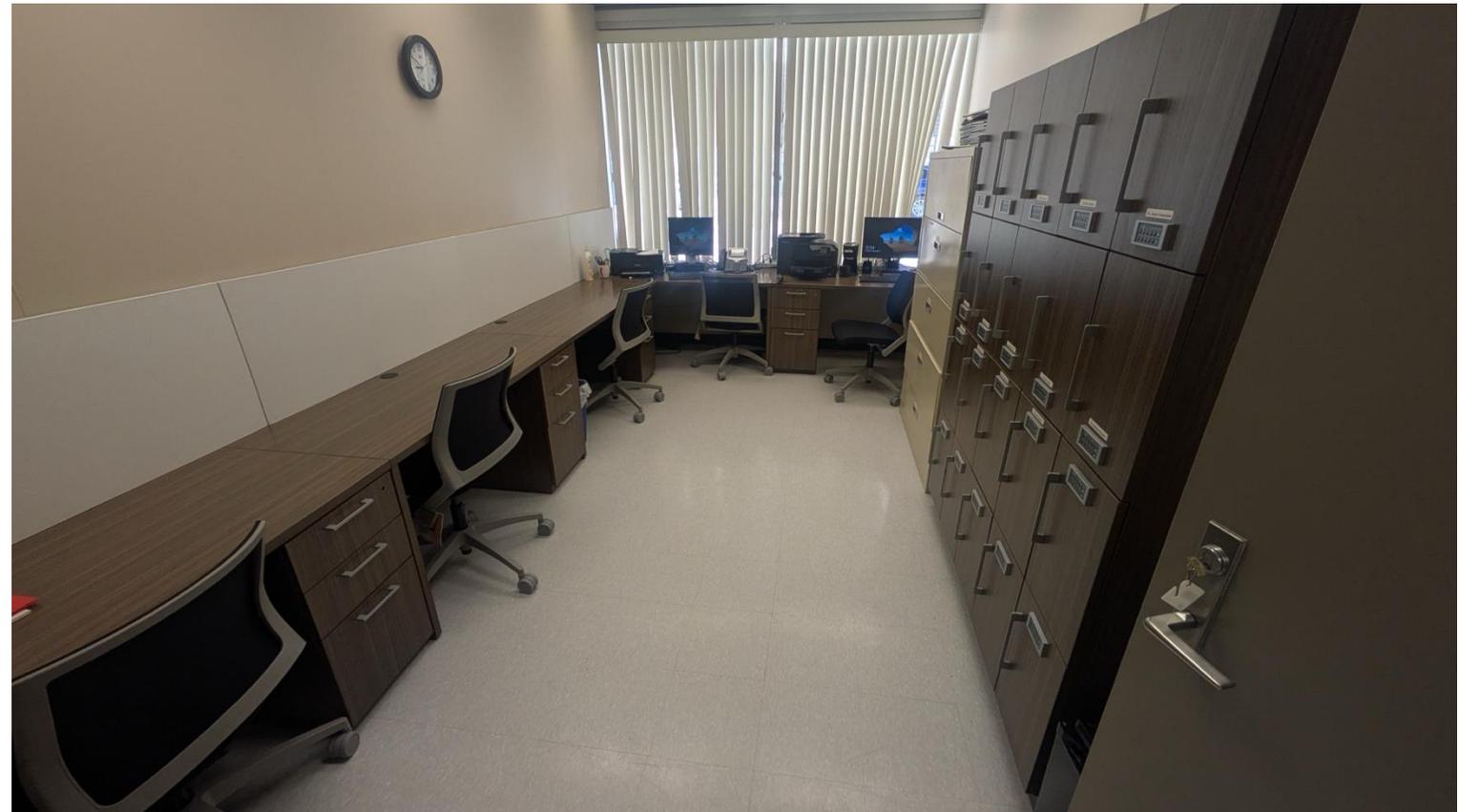
SDM flooding – August 19, 2024



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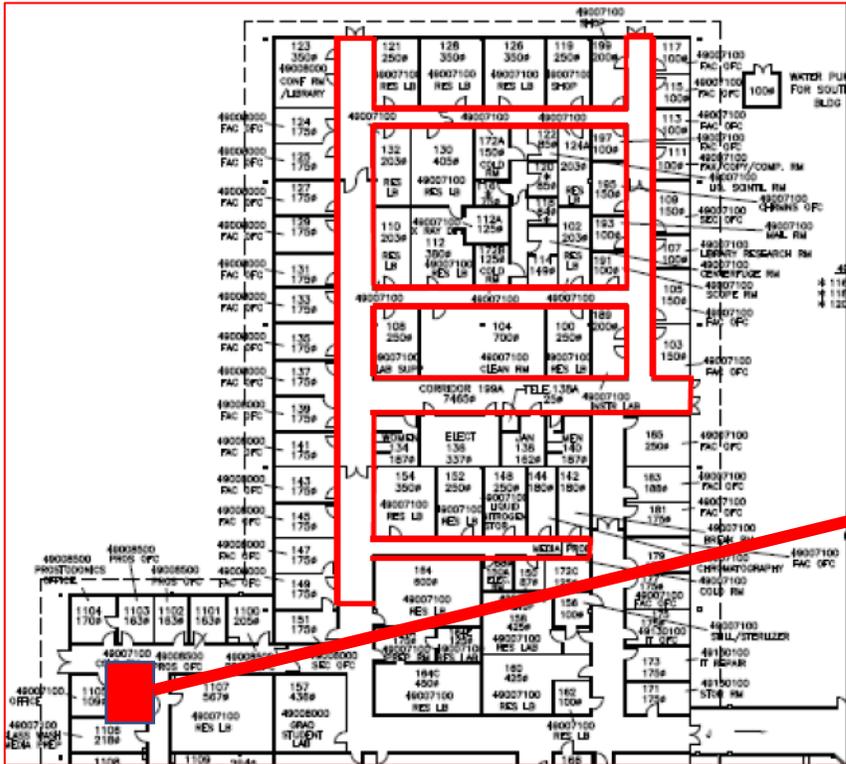
141 Department of
General Dentistry

- Cecilia Diggin, DMD
- Robert DuBois, DDS
- Joseph Graskemper, DDS, JD
- David Green, DDS
- William S. Greene, DMD
- Ronald Haas, DDS
- Dawn Herber, DDS
- Nicholas Nicastro, DDS
- David Plosky, DMD
- Martin Pokorny, DDS
- Richard Sigismondi, DMD
- Sarah Vignola, DDS





Projects in the queue





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Projects in the queue





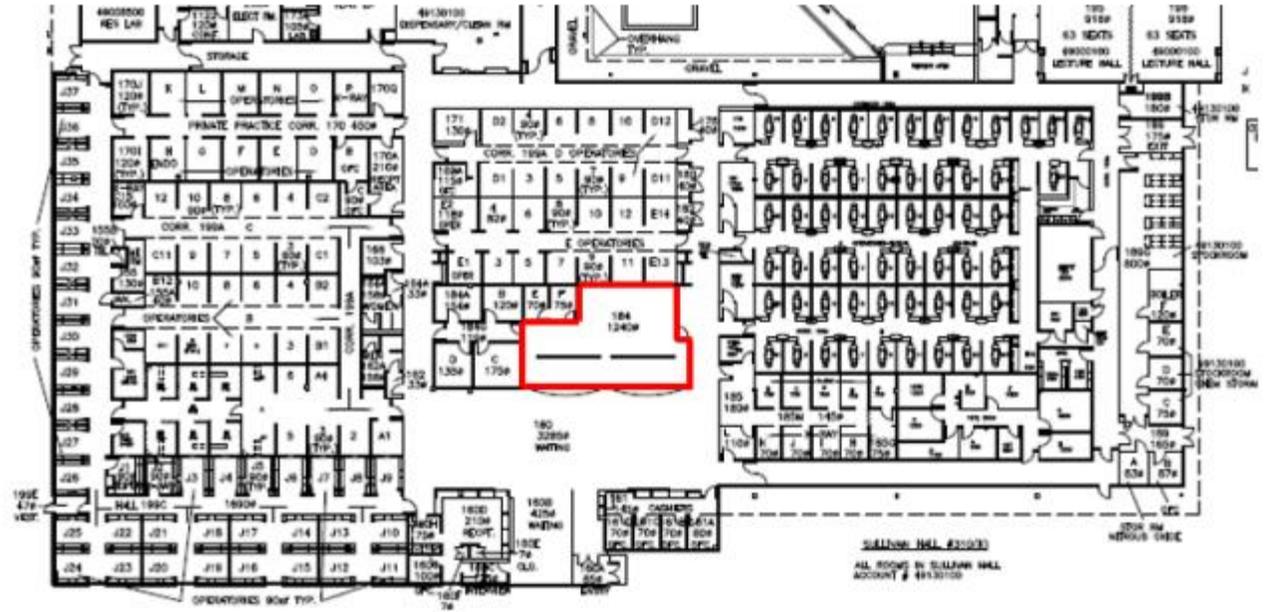
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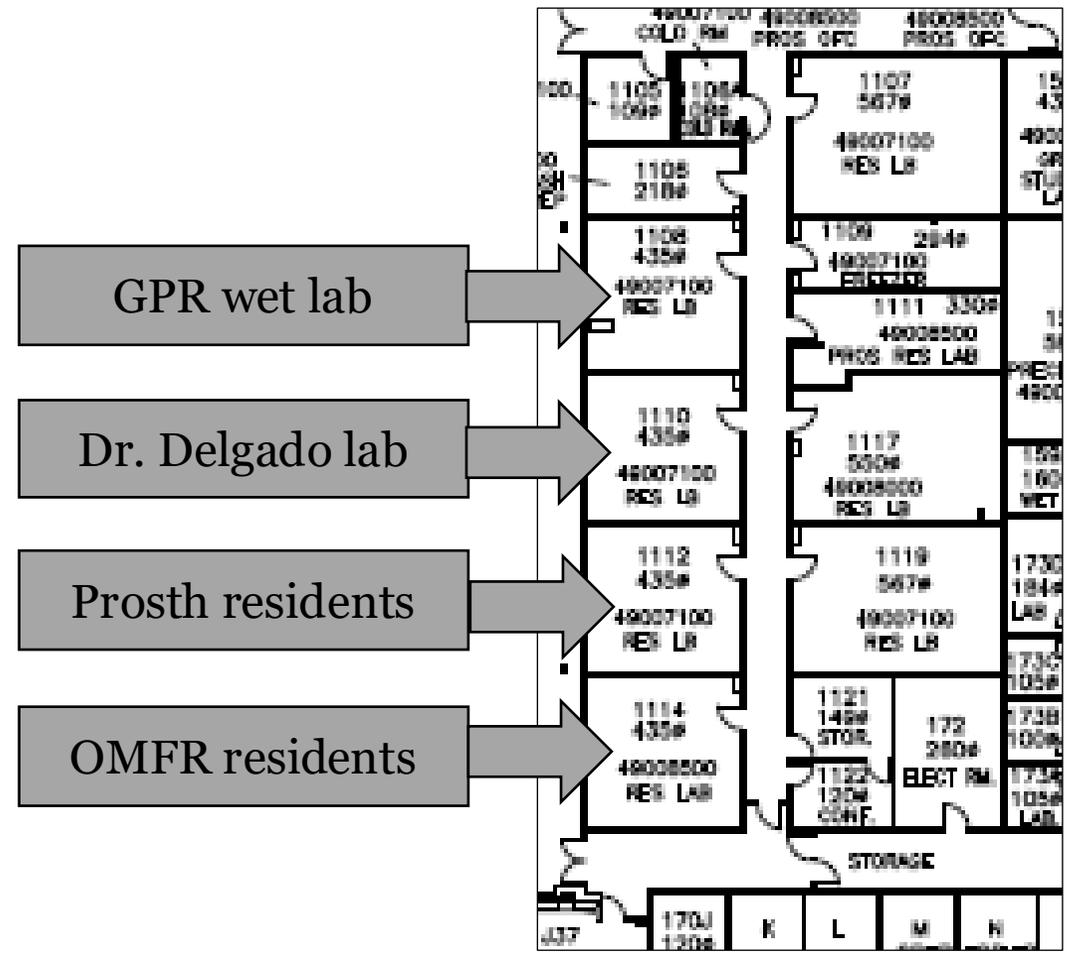




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Replace carpeting in
staff reception area in
Sullivan Hall





Projects in the queue



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**Projects in the
queue**

Symphony Plus Countertop Water and Nugget Ice Dispenser





Proposed sites for a new facility

Advantages to being on East Campus

Improved access for patients

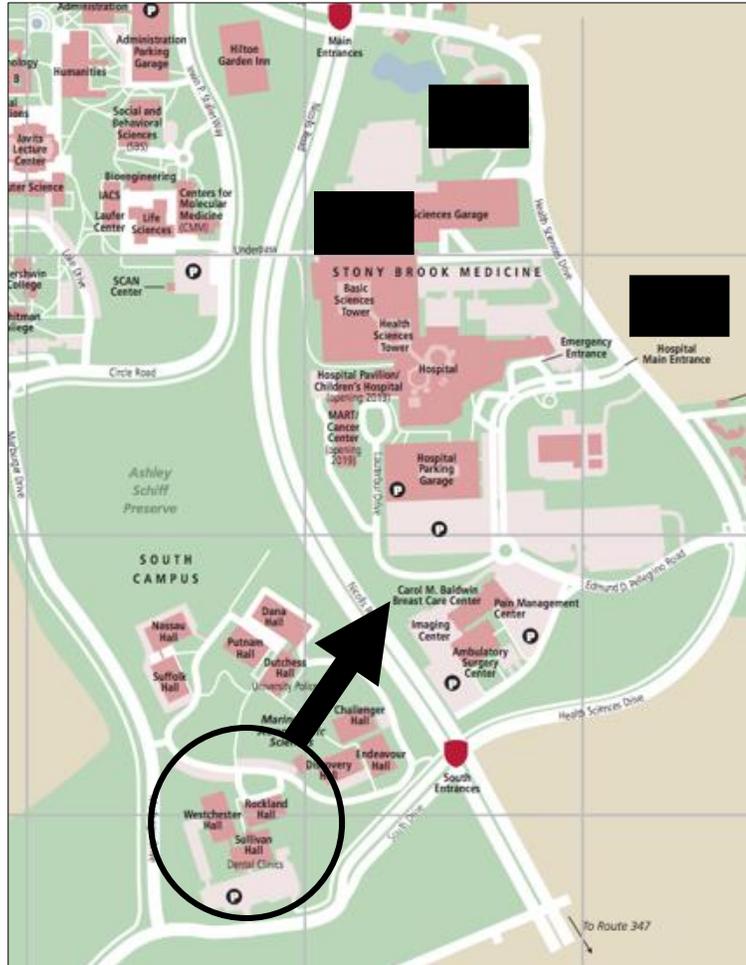
- Inpatients – 1,100/year
- ED – 3,200/year

More interdisciplinary opportunities

- education
- patient care
- research

Greater visibility among health sciences

Enhanced referrals from other clinics



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November 14

The New York Academy of Dentistry welcomed four fourth-year students to its annual Stony Brook Night.

The School of Dental Medicine recognized D4s **Tomas Pamparas, Eve Pomazi, Shahan Kamal** and **Olivia Schmitt** for their academic excellence and leadership.



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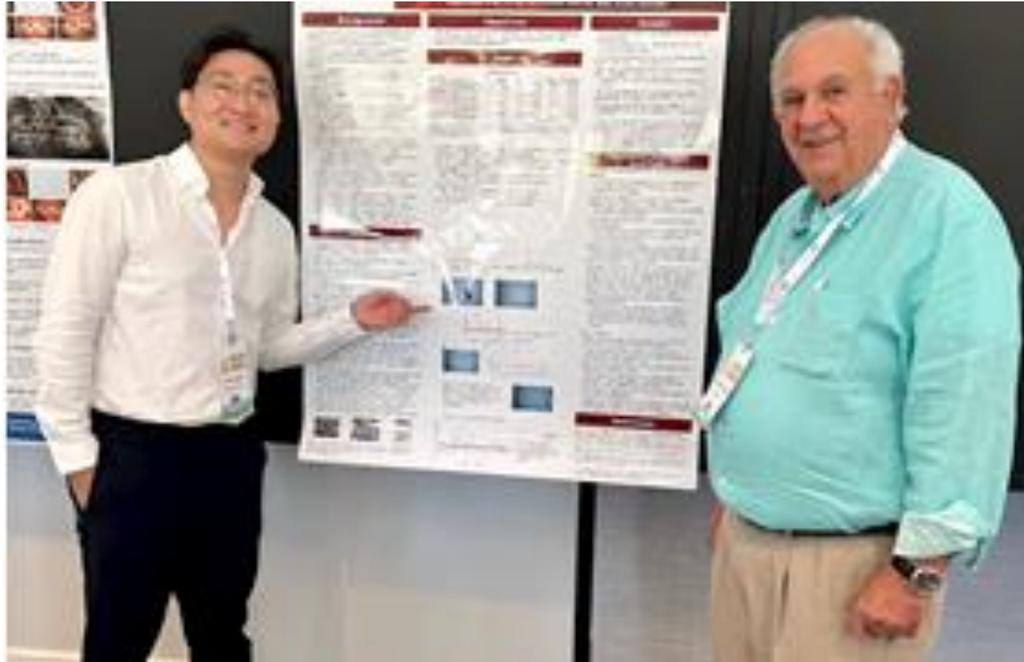
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February 4
Will Kollmer, D4

New York Section
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Outstanding Senior
Dental Student Award



Eric Zhang, DDS

Third-year resident in the Advanced Dental Education Program in Orthodontics, was awarded first place in the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists Cup Poster Competition at the organization's annual meeting in Bonita Springs, Florida



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Third Annual Stony Awards Honor the University's Best and Brightest



December 12

Christine Marsh, BDH

Community Service Award

Central role in sustaining the School of Dental Medicine's community outreach programs, including its Mobile Dental Clinic, school-based partnerships and public health initiatives across Long Island



Alicia Meuschke, MA (left), senior staff assistant, Clinical Operations and Patient Care, and **Daniella Zajac, MBA**, director of student services, Office of Education, selected to the Stony Brook Medicine Leadership Development Academy's January 2026 cohort

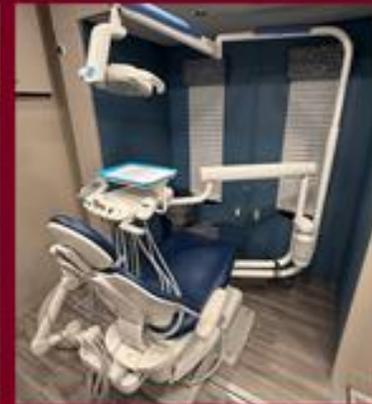


Help usher in a new chapter
in dentistry outreach

MOBILE DENTAL CARE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING

Friday, November 7
10:30am
Sullivan Hall Parking Lot

Reception and tours to follow ceremony.





MOBILE DENTAL CARE CENTER RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

Date Prepared: October 2025
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DATE:	Friday, November 7
LOCATION:	School of Dental Medicine Parking Lot 101 South Drive Stony Brook, NY 11794
TIME:	10:30 am -12 pm

Speakers

- William Wertheim, MD
- Andrea Goldsmith, PhD
- Mother Cabrini Health Foundation representative
- Rhona Sherwin, DDS

Legislators

- Representative from Office of County Executive Ed Romaine
- Representative from Assemblywoman Rebecca Kassay



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New Mobile Dental Care Center to Improve Smiles — and Lives — on Long Island





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■ **Kenneth S. Kurtz, DDS, Elected President of American College of Prosthodontists**

Kenneth S. Kurtz, DDS, clinical professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology at Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine, was elected president of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) at the organization's annual meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the end of last year.





Patricia Swanson, DDS

Clinical associate professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology, was named editor-in-chief of *The ACP Messenger*





Pediatric Dentistry Outreach Team

2026 Health Care Heroes
Award from *Long Island
Business News (LIBN)* for its
continued commitment to
offering oral health services
and information to
underserved communities

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Dentists on wheels will see you

Plan to visit Suffolk schools, shelters

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BY LISA L. COLANGELO
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A new 45-foot mobile dental care center focused on treating underserved children will visit 23 Suffolk County elementary schools, four family shelters and other sites in the coming months, according to the Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine.

The vehicle, funded with a \$750,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation, is equipped to provide a range of dental services and preventive care such as cleanings and fluoride treatments, officials said.

"Transportation in Suffolk County can be very difficult if you don't have a car," said Dr. Rhona Sherwin, a dentist and director of pediatric dentistry outreach at the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine. "Access to care is a major issue out here."

The mobile dental care center, officially unveiled Friday, is the second one operated by the school. The first was launched

in 2012. By 2023, it provided care to more than 12,000 patients across Long Island. From 2024 to 2025, it treated over 2,600 patients.

The new vehicle is larger, with more room for children and their parents and updated equipment — including a panoramic machine which can capture an image of a person's entire mouth.

Aside from providing dental screenings and preventive services, young patients and their parents will be educated about the importance of regular checkups and oral health.

More than 1 in 10 children between ages 2 and 5 have an untreated cavity or cavities in their baby teeth, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2024 Oral Health Surveillance Report. Among children between 6 and 8, nearly 1 in 5 have an untreated cavity.

"This is a chance for us to give the parents or the guardians of children some advice about what their children's needs are," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, a dentist and dean of the Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine.



The 45-foot mobile unit is funded with a \$750,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini Health Foundation.



The new vehicle has more room for children and their parents.

"Maybe they don't brush their teeth as well as they should," he said. "Maybe they have cavities that haven't yet caused the child to feel uncomfortable. Maybe we see the adult teeth are coming in irregularly so we direct them to get an assessment."

Lloyd said the biggest causes of cavities among young chil-

dren are candy and sugary drinks. Staff educates parents about the importance of brushing, especially after consuming these foods.

"A lot of what causes tooth decay is the amount of time the teeth are exposed to the sugar containing beverages or candy," he said. "It's that chronic exposure that causes the bacteria

that initiate tooth decay to flourish."

Lloyd said a child's baby teeth are not just there to help them chew. They are important for maintaining the shape of the child's developing jaw.

"The sequence of how baby teeth are lost allows the adult teeth to come in a particular order," he said. "When that baby tooth is lost prematurely, it causes some of the adult teeth to erupt in an order that isn't consistent with making sure everything lines up properly."

Sherwin said some parents and even pediatricians mistakenly believe very young children don't need to see a dentist. The American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry recommends children have regular clinical oral exams starting at 8 months.

Some parents "think at 3 years old, they [the kids] are too young to be seen," said Sherwin. "By the time they are 3 years old, if they have major dental issues, it's kind of too late."

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■ New Mobile Dental Care Center Opens Doors



The **Stony Brook** School of Dental Medicine (SDM) held a special ribbon-cutting ceremony on November 7 for its new Mobile Dental Care Center (MDCC). Its creation resulted from a \$750,000 grant from the Mother Cabrini **Health** Foundation to continue the school's commitment to delivering comprehensive dental care and oral **health** education to underserved youth throughout Long Island.

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2025 Year in Review



Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine (SDM) unveiled its new Mobile Dental Care Center!



SDM also welcomed dozens of pediatric patients to the Dental Care Center for its annual Give Kids a Smile Day, at which they received no-cost preventive dental care just in time for school.



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January 28, 2026



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Patricia Swanson Appointed Editor-in-Chief of *ACP Messenger*

Patricia Swanson, DDS, Prosth '18, Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Prosthodontics and Digital Technology, was named editor-in-chief of the *ACP Messenger* at the 2025 American College of Prosthodontists board of directors meeting.

The publication has published articles covering current prosthodontic trends, challenges and successes for more than 50 years. The first issue under Dr. Swanson's leadership was published this month.





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Dental Education News: January 2026

Highlights

Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine: Alumni Reunion "Like Being With Family Again"

Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine hosted its second Alumni Class Reunion on November 8, welcoming graduates back to the north shore of Long Island to celebrate their milestone anniversaries. The event included an afternoon barbecue, a question-and-answer session with current students, and a tour of the school led by Dean Patrick Lloyd, DDS, MS. [Read more.](#)

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Upcoming Dates

March 1-7 – Dental Assistant Recognition Week

March 3 – SDM Research Symposium, SAC

March 5-7 – Academy of Osseointegration Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

March 21-24 – American Dental Education Association

March 25-28 – American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research

April 10 – White Coat Ceremony

April 14 – Faculty Council meeting, SOMAS

April 18 – American Association of Endodontists, Salt Lake City

April 26 – Greater Long Island Dental Meeting

May 1 – American Association of Orthodontists, Orlando, Alumni Reception

May 19 – School of Dental Medicine Convocation

May 23 – American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, Las Vegas, Alumni Reception

June 2 – Staff and Faculty Development Retreats, SAC

Staying Informed



From: Lloyd, Patrick M.

Sent: Saturday, January 24, 2026 2:12 PM

Subject: All Classes, Events and Appointments Canceled –
Monday, January 26

To: Students, Residents, Staff and Faculty

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