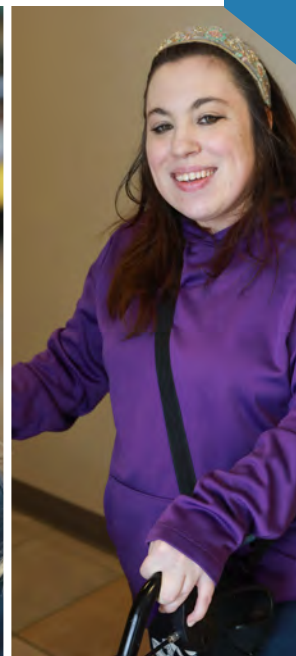
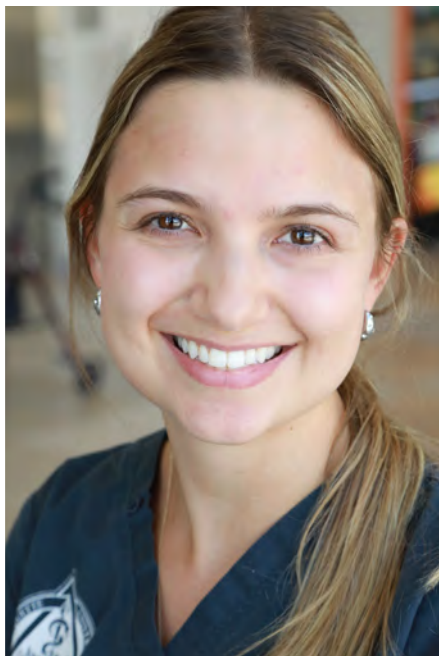


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For Alumni and Friends
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

Hello Marquette Alumni and Friends –



I'm excited to present this year's *Dental Images* magazine with a focus on special needs dentistry.

At age 17, I shadowed a dentist in the Netherlands who inspired me to dedicate my career to dentistry. She exemplified how to deliver care to special needs patients – normalizing special needs, not seeing them as a “challenge.”

Now at Marquette, I'm so pleased that your school and students have embraced this approach as well by finding effective and sensitive ways to treat all patients. I'm so proud to work with our next generation of dentists who will leave here understanding that all patients deserve this respect. It's about serving our entire community.

In this issue, you'll find our main feature addressing how Marquette teaches special needs dentistry through MUSoD's Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic, which works to improve access to high-quality care.

In addition, you'll read about D3 student Rebecca Odeh, whose passion shines brightly as the president of the Special Care Dentistry Association. And we share Madison, Wisconsin, dentist Dr. Fred Jaeger's passion for serving special needs – a thread he continues to weave throughout his practice.

And, we also welcome the incoming class of 2029, celebrate the graduating class of 2025, share reunion connections, bid farewells to our Marquette alums no longer with us – and present CE opportunities available throughout 2026 to inspire how you treat patients in your practices in the years ahead.

With all my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean Kalenderian", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Dean Kalenderian, DDS, MPH, PhD

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EXPANDING ACCESS TO DENTAL CARE FOR ALL PATIENTS



MUSoD's Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic prepares students to treat individuals with special health care needs.



In 2016, Lucas Lindner suffered a spinal cord injury and crushed molars after being ejected from his car in a devastating accident, which left him paralyzed from the neck down. Fortunately, he was one of the first recipients of a groundbreaking stem cell transplant, which uses pluripotent embryonic differentiated stem cells

to help regenerate his spinal cord and restore some function to his arms and upper body.

However, during the decade after the accident, Lucas endured long-term hospitalizations and neglected his oral health. Brushing his teeth became painful, and his once-healthy smile quickly declined. “Before the accident, I was really proud of my teeth,” he says. “But afterwards, taking care of my teeth fell by the wayside.”

His first visit after the accident to a traditional dental clinic was discouraging, but everything changed when he connected with the Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic at Marquette University School of Dentistry (MUSoD), a clinic dedicated to serving individuals with special health care needs.

There, Lucas met Dr. Altaf Shah, associate professor of community dental sciences, working in the clinic to promote oral health in patients with special needs. Lucas also began working with MUSoD students to restore his oral health. Unfortunately, all of Lucas’ remaining teeth were mostly decayed root stumps, which meant all his teeth needed to be extracted. After the extraction, Lucas worked with Shah and current fourth-year student Anna Nguyen, who fitted him with a full set of dentures.

Shah and Nguyen took the time to understand and address Lucas’ medical challenges, as well as his fears. Small gestures like playing his favorite music and holding his hand helped him feel less anxious during treatment.

“They really took into consideration what was going on in my body that might make things more difficult,” Lucas shares. “I had so much fear going in, and now I’m actually kind of excited for my appointments.”

Caring for the Whole Person

Building on Marquette’s longstanding dedication to treating patients with special needs, the Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic opened in December 2024 to expand access to dental care for patients with intellectual, developmental, and physical disabilities. This facility further exemplifies our commitment to providing comprehensive and inclusive dental care. The 2,900-square-foot clinic enhances education with state-of-the-art facilities, including a wheelchair tilt, bariatric bench, special care dental chairs and a private sensory-adaptive dental environment. In addition, patients find the clinic accessible, located on the ground floor close to the parking lot, complete with wide doors and accessible restrooms.

Students, under the supervision of licensed dentists, see adults and teens ages 13 and older for regular cleanings and exams, fillings, dentures, crowns and extractions. Since the clinic opened, it has treated more than 650 patients.

The program aligns with Marquette’s Ignatian value of *cura personalis* — “care for the whole person” — by training students to see the individual beyond the procedure.

“We not only focus on dentistry, but also teach students to know their patients — medically, socially and emotionally — just as well as they know their procedures,” Shah says. “Our goal is to instill the values and willingness in our students to go out and serve these patients in our communities.”

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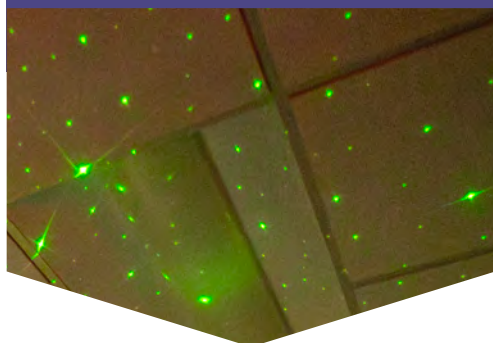


Dr. Altaf Shah, associate professor

“We’re focusing on oral health advocacy, education and training to strengthen caregiver knowledge ”



Anna Nguyen, D4 dental student



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Training for Tomorrow’s Practice

All MUSoD students rotate through the clinic, which Nguyen says has been formative for her education.

“It’s great exposure to dental techniques, as well as learning how to adapt our care for patients with unique medical conditions,” she shares.

The clinic’s accessibility features are essential to delivering a high level of care. “In our regular clinic, there would be no way to transfer Lucas to a dental chair,” Nguyen explains. “But the new clinic’s wheelchair recliner means he can stay in his own chair so we can provide care safely and comfortably.”



She also learned to prioritize Lucas’ emotional and physical comfort over her convenience. “If he leans too far back, his catheter can backflow and cause discomfort. I’ve had to learn how to adapt to his position rather than the other way around,” she says.

As a result of her experience in the clinic, Nguyen plans to pursue a general practice residency with accessibility as a core priority.

“No matter where I practice, there will always be patients with conditions that make dental care harder to access,” she says. “This experience has shown me how important it is to see the person first, not just their medical conditions.”

Looking ahead, Shah envisions expanding student training into fellowships and broader advocacy.

“We’re not only opening up more educational opportunities for students to work with individuals who have special health care needs,” he explains, “but we’re also focusing on oral health advocacy, education and training to strengthen caregiver knowledge and improve oral health — and quality of life — by empowering them and advocating for better oral care at home.”

For Lucas, the care has been transformative. His pain and tooth infections are gone, his energy is back, and soon he’ll have a new set of dentures to restore full function and confidence.

“When your teeth are hurting, you don’t realize how draining it is until the pain is gone,” he says. “Now, I feel like myself again. It’s a true blessing.” ●

MARQUETTE'S MISSION IN ACTION

DEAN KALENDERIAN'S EARLY EXPERIENCES HELP FUEL MUSOD'S EFFORTS TO MAKE SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY PART OF EVERYDAY PRACTICE.

Dr. Elsbeth Kalenderian was first drawn to dentistry when a close family friend, Dr. Elinor Bouvy-Berends, introduced her to the dental profession. At age 17, Kalenderian shadowed Bouvy-Berends, who worked her entire career in one of the foremost centers for special needs patients in the Netherlands. Kalenderian quickly realized Bouvy-Berends' dental practice was unlike anything she had ever seen.

Bouvy-Berends was instrumental in shaping the way dentists deliver dental care to patients with special needs. Known internationally for her patient-centered approach, she emphasizes treating individuals with dignity and respect, seeing them not as "challenging" cases but as people with different needs — just like anyone else.

"I was intrigued not just with the dentistry, but with how she managed her patients," says Kalenderian, now dean of Marquette University School of Dentistry (MUSoD). "She approached each person as who they are, treating everyone with the utmost respect. It was excellent, patient-tailored dentistry every time."

Carrying the Lesson Forward

While Kalenderian didn't specialize in special needs dentistry, she incorporated those lessons into her practice. Throughout her career, she's worked with patients with physical and cognitive disabilities, children who were anxious or fearful, and those who simply required extra time and attention.

"Because of my experience with Dr. Bouvy-Berends, treating these patients did not especially stress me; it was just part of patient care," she explains.

Now she's helping inspire the next generation of dentists at MUSoD through the renovated Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic, which provides comprehensive care for patients with special health care needs while ensuring every student gets hands-on training.

"Our physical clinic is new, but our dedication to caring for special needs patients isn't," she says. "With this clinic, we can normalize taking care of individuals with special needs as part of the students' routines. Our students need to have the skills to take care of a wide variety of patients, and we're giving them the dental training necessary to treat all of them."



Living the Mission at Marquette

The normalization of a diverse patient population is supported by MUSoD's student body, who've embraced the new clinic and its goal to provide care for individuals with special healthcare needs.

"Our students are deeply enthusiastic about this work, and I'm very proud of that," Kalenderian shares. "They recognize it as part of our Jesuit mission to serve the community. These individuals with special health care needs have the same right to quality oral health care as anyone else, and our students are strongly committed to providing that care."

MUSoD's community-based approach to dentistry is what initially drew Kalenderian to Marquette, as it aligned with her own values and clinical experiences. Today, the philosophy that first took root in Bouvy-Berends' clinic continues to inspire her — and the entire MUSoD faculty — to fulfill the school's mission of serving others.

"Marquette is an organization driven by its community-focused mission," she says. "It's not about us — it's about serving our community by training solid dental practitioners. Our mission is to prepare dentists who are not only technically skilled, but also deeply committed to serving all patients, including those with special needs." •

BUILDING IT FORWARD



DEVELOPMENT

By Carol Wacker,
Director of Development

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Thank you for the vital role you play in advancing the education, exceptional practice, and trusted oral health care for which we are well known. With roots tracing back to 1894, Marquette University School of Dentistry remains a top destination – a legacy we can all be proud of.

As I reflect on this past year, I am especially grateful for the many of you who welcomed me so warmly. Thank you for sharing your stories, reflecting on your time as students, and discussing the meaningful impacts you've made in the dental field. Your insights and commitment to our mission help us prepare the state's only dental school for the opportunities and challenges ahead. It's truly a pleasure to collaborate with each of you as you share in the vision of seeing our dental school thrive – now and for generations to come.

Your pride and confidence in our school and in the profession you love are clearly reflected in your growing philanthropic support.

I'm especially moved by the outpouring of support to advance special needs care – an enduring pillar of our school. The revival of the Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic has been made possible thanks to the support of its namesake, the generosity of alumni and friends, the Wisconsin Dental Association, and our valued partnership with the great state of Wisconsin. Our newly renovated, 2,900-square-foot clinic now offers improved access to patients with a broad range of medical, physical, cognitive, and behavioral needs. With enhanced facilities and updated technology, we're elevating care for some of our most vulnerable patients.

We also celebrate the establishment of the Dr. Jerry M. Oksiuta Endowed Excellence Fund for Special Needs Programming and the Special Needs Dental Fund. We are honored to steward these robust endowments. As a result, we have seeded essential programs, recruited exceptional faculty, and hosted People with Disabilities Day – bringing awareness, education, and training to our community. These funds support ongoing faculty development, fuel innovation, and ensure our care remains cutting-edge, allowing us to treat our special needs patients with the highest level of compassion and skill.

In addition, we're seeing growing interest in supporting our students directly. Over the past year, six new scholarship funds have been established – providing vital financial support that helps students stay on track and complete their degrees. These scholarships, named to honor donors, alumni classes, or loved ones, carry forward legacies and serve as a source of inspiration for future generations of dental professionals. It's always heartwarming to witness students' reactions when they learn that someone – often a complete stranger – is investing in their futures.

To our ever-growing donor family: thank you. We celebrate gifts of all shapes and sizes. Whether it's an outright cash donation, a gift of stock or appreciated property, or a bequest in one's will, every contribution makes a difference. Donors who have contributed \$1,894 or more from the start of the last fiscal year through today have been welcomed to the 1894 Donor Recognition Society (formerly the Dean's Circle).

Looking ahead, I'm excited to continue these meaningful conversations with our alumni and friends.

With heartfelt thanks,

Carol L. Wacker
Development Director

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If you'd like to explore philanthropic opportunities, please contact Carol Wacker, director of development, by emailing carol.wacker@marquette.edu or calling 414-288-0433.

Gifts can also be made online at give.marquette.edu/dental-school.

INSPIRED TO SERVE

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

REBECCA ODEH/SCDA

As SCDA president, D3 student Rebecca Odeh brings empathy and skill to working with individuals with special health care needs.



For third-year student Rebecca Odeh, her passion for patients has flourished through the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA) student network and hands-on experiences serving in the Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic.

As president of SCDA, Odeh leads one of the school's largest student organizations, involving nearly one-third of Marquette School of Dentistry's (MUSoD) students. MUSoD's SCDA chapter enjoys national recognition as an organization dedicated to improving the oral health outcomes of individuals with special needs.

"It says a lot about Marquette that so many students are involved in the group," says Odeh. "We genuinely care about treating all patients."

SCDA hosts an annual public education event on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, held this year on Dec. 3, to raise community awareness and foster acceptance of individuals with disabilities. The event allows patients and caretakers to interact with certain devices and physical movements that may impact everyday life.

"We help people see why it can be difficult for someone with a disability to brush their teeth and do other tasks one normally wouldn't think of as hard," she adds. "Through this event, we increase

empathy as they can better understand where the patient's coming from."

Learning in the Special Care Clinic

Odeh's leadership in SCDA is reinforced by her clinical experience in the Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic, a new state-of-the-art facility on campus that makes dental care more accessible and comfortable for patients with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities.

"I love that we get hands-on experience in the clinic," she says. "In the future, we'll have more confidence in knowing how to

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– Rebecca Odeh

treat these patients because we've had this experience at Marquette."

One of Odeh's most memorable cases involved a young patient with autism who was apprehensive about getting a cleaning. When the patient began fidgeting, Odeh took extra time to explain what she was doing to help the patient feel safe.

"Once patients realize that you're going to accept them and not judge them, they feel really comfortable," she explains. "Then they embrace learning more about their oral health, which keeps them coming back for the care they need. It's a big benefit for my future that I was able to engage with that patient in the clinic."

Inspiring the Future of Dentistry

Odeh hopes to carry her passion for accessibility into her future practice, while helping shape a more inclusive future for the profession as a whole.

"I want my practice to be accessible to all patient groups," she shares. "I'd also love to mentor others so they're more comfortable with these patients. I want my colleagues to see it not as a difficult case, but as a fun case that can really impact someone's life."

She encourages alumni and current students to get involved with SCDA to share knowledge or support students in attending the annual SCDA conference.

"There's always room to grow, and we're really open to anyone reaching out and engaging with us," she says. ●

AWARDS



Dr. Eric MacFadden Awarded Perio Scholarship

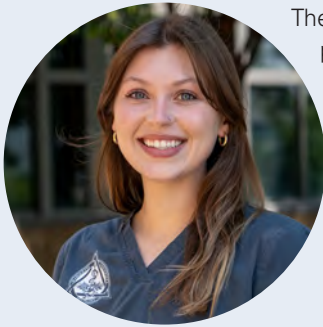
Dr. Eric MacFadden, a year 2 periodontal resident, was the recipient of the AAP Treloar & Heisel Student & New Periodontist Annual Meeting Scholarship at the American Academy of Periodontology annual meeting for his essay based on his research.

Dean Elsbeth Kalendarian was named a fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, joining a distinguished organization that awards fewer than 1% of dentists internationally.

Fellowship in the academy is designed to honor past accomplishments in dentistry and encourage future productivity. Fellows are selected based on contributions to dental literature, service to the profession and service to the general community.



Dr. Eric MacFadden wins Perio Award



The **30th Annual Hinman Student Research Symposium** featured oral and poster presentations of research projects by dental students and graduate trainees from dental schools across North America, Canada and Europe. At this year's symposium, **90 students represented 50 dental schools in 29 states, and the District of Columbia.** One of the Biomaterials Research Awards was won by Grace Flynn, D4 Marquette student. Her project, "Evaluating AI Assistance in Dental Students' Caries Diagnostic Performance," was directed by Dr. Manal Hamdan, assistant professor & director of the Predoctoral Program in Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology.

MARQUETTE'S FACULTY ALL-STAR: DR. LUIS ALMEIDA

Dr. Luis Almeida, clinical professor and predoctoral program director of oral and maxillofacial surgery, was honored as Marquette's Faculty All-Star at the men's basketball game on Nov. 12, 2025.

Dr. Almeida is a leading researcher on the temporomandibular joint and teaches students in the areas of oral surgery, TMJ disorders and facial trauma. With more than 25 years of surgical experience, Dr. Almeida has mentored more than a thousand students and remains active in international teaching and research collaborations.



President Kimo Ah Yun and Provost Sarah Feldner with Dr. Almeida at Fiserv Forum

A FULFILLING CAREER SERVING SPECIAL NEEDS PATIENTS

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

FRED JAEGER, D '80



Dr. Fred Jaeger

Dr. Fred Jaeger grew up in a dental family. His father, Dr. Bernard Jaeger, a graduate of Marquette School of Dentistry, taught Fred dental assisting and other skills as he grew up at Hilldale Dental in Madison, Wisconsin.

Inspired by his father's career, Fred completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame and earned his D.D.S. at Marquette University School of Dentistry in 1980. He furthered his education with a hospital-based General Practice Residency at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, New York.

In 1985, Dr. Fred Jaeger returned to Madison to work alongside his father. He married his wife, Karen, who taught kindergarten in Madison. Their one son is now in graduate school, studying engineering at the University of Minnesota.

Serving Special Needs Patients in the Hospital or Office

Dr. Jaeger established hospital privileges at Madison's Meriter Hospital and served as a staff member in the General Practice Residency. The residency provided care for many special care patients. Unfortunately, the residency closed around 2015. However, Dr. Jaeger continued to provide special care dentistry for those special care patients in the operating room at Meriter.

"Through the years, Meriter Hospital was so gracious in supporting the work we did with patients who needed to be under general anesthesia for dental care," Dr. Jaeger explains. "Once they were asleep, we provided comprehensive dental care as best as possible. Although oral hygiene was challenging for this population at the time, the goal was to keep as many teeth healthy for as long as possible. These patients usually have a high pain tolerance and often cannot share their dental problems with their caretakers."

A Variety of Special Needs Patients

Today, Dr. Jaeger and his staff at Hilldale Dental continue to serve special needs patients in his office, often using oral medications to provide treatment. While this limits the dental care provided, many patients allow routine prophylaxis and restorations using oral medications.

"At first, with new patients, you may be limited in what you can do," Dr. Jaeger says. "As the patients gain trust in you and get familiar with your office, they cooperate more, so you can provide additional care."

Hilldale Dental Offers a Street-Level Office for Easier Wheelchair Access

"We can transfer some people into the chair while we care for others in their wheelchairs," he shares. "We also work with our patients' physicians before their first appointments. Physicians are familiar with their patients' needs and provide support. You can get the support if you ask for it. And, the parents and caretakers appreciate the care, and do not miss appointments."

Dr. Jaeger says his work with special needs is less than 5% of his practice. He believes every dentist can provide these services in their own offices. "The need is significant, and the rewards are great!" he says.

A Pure Joy!

Dr. Jaeger admits the work on special needs patients won't always be perfect, but they will leave the office in better health than when they arrived.

"I enjoy it!" he concludes. "You'll feel good about the care you provide. We laugh with our patients, and we're happy to be involved in their lives. It's a great enrichment to my practice. The special needs population is loving and joyous. It's absolutely worth it, and it's how I give back." ●

INTERACTIVE EVENT BRINGS AWARENESS TO SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY

FOR INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Marquette University School of Dentistry commemorated International Day of Persons with Disabilities by hosting its second annual public education event on Friday, Dec. 6, 2024. Hosted by Marquette's Special Care Dentistry Association, the goal of the event is to raise community awareness and foster understanding and acceptance of individuals with disabilities. It also encourages stakeholders to understand the difficulties experienced by persons with disabilities, with a focus on oral health care.

At this event, the school's Special Care Dentistry Association sought to focus more on collaboration with parents and caregivers rather than on special needs attendees alone. They engaged all attendees with interactive activities to assess their recall of oral health information.

Activities included "Jeopardy!" style trivia, a toothbrushing demonstration for caregivers, interactions with a therapy dog and a table called "living with disabilities," which simulated tasks such as drawing and opening toothpaste for those with visual and physical impairments. There was also an opportunity to use a wheelchair ramp to simulate mobility difficulties.

"One thing we want to cover with this kind of event is home care and better oral health care advocacy," says Dr.



Altat Shah, associate professor in the new Delta Dental Urgent and Special Care Clinic. "We also aim to break the barriers of access so that people with disabilities feel accepted. Eventually, it gives a realization that simple things need to be done at home or dental clinics to take care of oral health issues of persons with disabilities."

Shah says the success of this year's event aligns with the upward trend of "positive exposure" — promoting public inclusivity for people with disabilities by participating in events and a willingness from caregivers to allow photos and videos. This event saw attendance more than triple from the previous year. •

Note: The 2025 International Day of Persons with Disabilities did not take place prior to printing this issue.



Dr. Lou Boryc, D '73, and Dr. Peter Jacobsohn, D '62, present the dental engine donation to Mary Ann Velnetske, Ozaukee County Historical Society

MUSEUM DONATION

The MUSoD Englander Museum donated a Morrison Dental Engine to the Ozaukee County Historical Society. This dental engine was placed in the Pioneer Village in Saukville, Wisconsin. Its vintage dental office serves as a perfect setting for the 1870s dental engine. The Ozaukee Historical Society was very pleased to receive this period donation, which truly completed its finely appointed vintage dental office.

The current MUSOD Museum is largely the result of dedicated work of Drs. Peter Jacobsohn and Ken Waliszewski. It's viewed and enjoyed daily by patients, students, faculty and staff. Recently, MUSoD hosted an international dental historical academy meeting at the school. The academy members had great praise for the school's museum. The museum also serves as a resource for many smaller museums throughout Wisconsin.

Endodontic Clinic Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony



Representing various constituencies at the ribbon were Shawn Tipple (current endodontic residents), Joe Gaffney (pre-doctoral endodontics), Stephanie Sidow (graduate endodontics), Arndt Guentsch (Department of Surgical & Diagnostic Sciences) Alex Karkazis (future endodontic residents) and Rustin West (alumni).

Marquette University School of Dentistry celebrated the long-awaited opening of its new Endodontic Clinic with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, Nov. 6.

The clinic, which opened at the start of the fall semester, moved the endodontic program into a new space within the school, expanding its footprint and allowing for more operatories and equipment.

"This new clinic isn't just bigger – it's brighter, smarter and better equipped than anything we've ever had before," said Dr. Arndt Guentsch, chair of the Department of Surgical & Diagnostic Sciences. "The technology and design here allow us to deliver the highest quality of care to our patients."



CLASS REUNIONS

More than 300 alumni and guests returned to MUSOD in September to celebrate those classes ending in 0 or 5. In addition to the reunion reception & dinner, the weekend included CE, tours of school and a mass and brunch.

It was wonderful to see so many people back on campus to reconnect to each other and the school!



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Row 2: David Sommer, James Szymczak, Gerry Berg, Jim Van Miller, Thomas Schmidt, Richard Seymour, Sherman Berger. **Row 3:** Mark Mandel, Anthony Katsune, Stanley Henkel, Tom Maurovich, Dave Schwarting, Tom Hooks



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SAVE THE DATE

For those who graduated
in years ending in 1 or 6
the 2026 Dental Reunion
is scheduled for
September 19, 2026.
More details to follow!



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ALUMNI BOARD



**Mary Karkow, DDS
D '92**

President of the
MUSoD Alumni Board

Nelson Mandela once said, "Education is the most powerful weapon to change the world."

We can agree that our education at MUSoD changed our lives and, in turn, helped us change the lives of those around us.

Our dental education is the bond that ties us together, with different backgrounds and upbringings, united as one. The Alumni Board represents you, the alumnus, our professional education – and the future of our profession.

Our activities include sponsoring events such as the white coat ceremony, the alumni basketball event, D1 welcome event, and congratulatory gifts to the graduating seniors, in addition to quarterly board meetings.

But we need your input and recommendations to make things even better. As your president, I'm committed to listening to your ideas, suggestions and constructive criticisms.

Below, you'll find a QR code for a survey where we'd like to hear your thoughts on *Dental Images* magazine, elimages electronic newsletter, and how you can get involved and make a difference for future generations.

You have a voice. And you can make a difference.

Thank you.



CLASS OF 2025 GRADUATES



Congratulations to the Marquette University School of Dentistry Graduating Class of 2025

In the MUSoD Class of 2025, **70** percent of Wisconsin residents and **15** percent of non-residents plan to practice in Wisconsin. Of the **100** graduates, **3** will work in military service, **11** will provide dental care working in public service, and **21** will pursue postgraduate education.

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Dr. Mary Cimrmancic, clinical professor and CPMG leader, president of the American Society of Forensic Odontology since 2024



Dr. Yeshwant Rawal, Clinical Professor, Director of Oral Diagnostic Services and Director, Predoctoral Program in OMF Pathology, president of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology since 2025



Dr. Brian Hodgson, professor and Chair of the Department of General Dental Sciences, President American Board of Pediatric Dentistry since 2025



Dr. Mitra Sadrameli, adjunct associate professor, named President-elect of the American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology in 2025

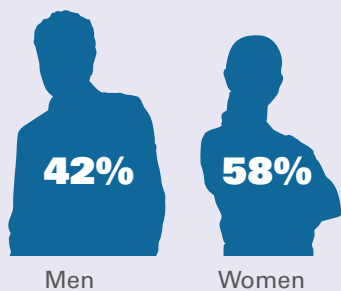


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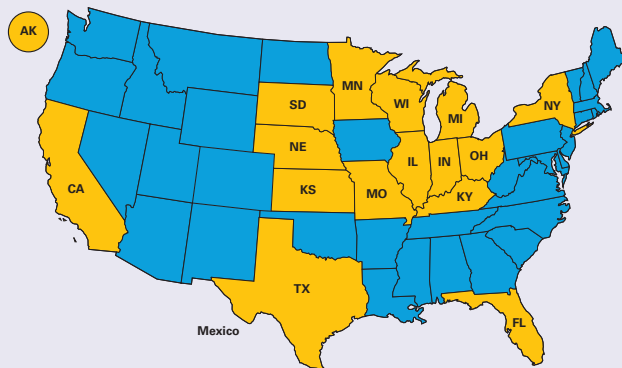
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CLASS OF 2029 PROFILE

(incoming class of 2025)



FROM THESE STATES AND COUNTRIES



APPLICATIONS

3,106

INTERVIEWS

480

ACCEPTANCES

195

ENROLLED

100

12%

UNDERREPRESENTED
MINORITIES

CLASS OF 2029



White Coat Ceremony Marquette University School of Dentistry Incoming Class of 2029

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information on the events below, please contact the CE Alumni Relations Office at 414.288.3093.

TRAVEL WITH MARQUETTE AND ACDE

In conjunction with other schools in the Association for Continuing Dental Education (ACDE), Marquette offers you the opportunity to take part in exciting CE travel.



Exploring Central Europe Through Continuing Education

May 30 to June 7, 2026

Join us for a continuing education trip that offers participants a rich cultural experience across Prague, Vienna and Budapest. The journey blends learning with leisure in unforgettable ways.

Very limited space remains on this trip – please act quickly if you are interested. Information and details are available at: <https://tr.ee/CE-Travel-26>

Watch for more information on trips in 2027

- March 2027 - ACDE trip to Vietnam
- May/June 2027 - Marquette trip to Ireland
- Late 2027 - ACDE trip to Iceland

Dates are tentative. If you would like to be on the list to receive information on any of the 2027 trips, please contact the CE/ Alumni Office at **414-288-3093** or email **carol.trecek@marquette.edu**.

JANUARY

Jan. 10

ACDE CE: Foundation Restorations for Endodontically Treated Teeth
Louis DiPede
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Jan. 10

MUSoD Alumni Basketball Pre-Game Reception
Wisconsin Club
11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Jan. 18

ACDE CE: An Enlightening Talk on OSHA and Infection Control
Karen Daw
12 – 1:30 p.m.

Jan. 23

ACDE CE: Prescribing Antibiotics as Prophylaxis
Revathi Shekar
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Jan. 27

ACDE CE: Dental Care for Adolescents and Adults with Special Needs
Paul Bigg
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Jan. 30

ACDE CE: Treating Patients on the Autism Spectrum
Suzanne Burgee
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

FEBRUARY

Feb. 4

Contemporary Pain Management in Oral Surgery: Evidence-Based Approaches for Optimal Patient Care
Nicolas Homs
6 – 9 p.m.

Feb. 6

ACDE CE: Management and Treatment of Burning Mouth Syndrome
Yasser Khaled
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 9

ACDE CE: Implant Treatment in the Geriatric Population
Jenny Matthews
7 – 8:30 p.m.

Feb. 13

ACDE CE: Preserving Tooth Function Beyond the Bone Loss
Ji Wook Jeong
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 17

ACDE CE: Airway and Breathing Disorders
John Comisi
7 – 9 p.m.

Feb. 20

ACDE CE: CBCT Protocols Demystified: Safer Imaging, Smarter Decisions
Juan Pablo Castro
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Feb. 20

MUSoD Alumni Chicago Midwinter Reception
Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel
5 – 7 p.m.

Feb. 26

ACDE CE: Ultraconservative Esthetics!
Augusto Robles
7 – 8:30 p.m.

MARCH

March 6

Missing Lateral Incisors: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly – What Have Our Patients Discovered?
Todd Connell
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

All times listed are Central Time.
Courses listed as ACDE are live webinar-only courses offered in conjunction with the Association for Continuing Dental Education (ACDE) and its member schools.

More information and registration links are available at
marquette.edu/dentistry/professionals/continuing-education-calendar.php

Check the link often, as new classes will be added when available.

March 11

ACDE CE: Intraoral Scanning: Fundamentals and Applications
Hongseok An
7 – 9 p.m.

March 13

Dental Photography
Diego Brilhante
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

March 17

ACDE CE: Navigating the Biomechanics of Clear Aligner Treatments
Sid Vora
7 – 9 p.m.

March 18

Applying the HAES (Health at Every Size) Model in Dentistry
Liz Schropp
12 – 1 p.m.

March 23

ACDE CE: The Role of Biomaterials and Bone Graft Substitutes in Surgical Practice
Zeeshan Sheikh
7 – 9 p.m.

March 27

ACDE CE: Epithelial Pathology from A to Z
Theresa Gonzales
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

March 31

ACDE CE: Resin Bonded Bridge: A Game Changing Alternative
Eldrey Leal
7 – 8:30 p.m.

APRIL

April 6

ACDE CE: Pediatric Sleep Disorders
Jacy Stauffer
7 – 9 p.m.

April 8

ACDE CE: Periodontal Diagnosis & Treatment Planning: Best Practices and Pitfalls
Maninder Kaur
7 – 8 p.m.

April 10

From NSAIDs To Implants and Everything In Between
Joseph Best
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

April 15

Trauma-Informed Care (TIC) in the Dental Field
Liz Schropp
12 – 1 p.m.

April 17

ACDE CE: MRI and Applications of CBCT for the General Dentists and Specialists
Mel Mupparapu & Steven Singer
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

April 21

ACDE CE: Advancing Digital Dentistry
Jessica Birrell
7 – 8:30 p.m.

April 22

Clinical Application of Fiber Reinforced Composites
Roda Dirihan
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

MAY

May 6

ACDE CE: Myths and Facts in Implant Radiology
Gurkan Unsal
7 – 8:30 p.m.

May 12

ACDE CE: Dental Unit Waterlines
Ramneek Rai
7 – 8:30 p.m.

May 27

ACDE CE: Diabetes Mellitus: Etiology, Management, and Dental Implications
Aviv Ouanounou
7 – 8:30 p.m.

May 27

Navigating Suspicions of Dependent Adult and Child Abuse
Liz Schropp
12 – 1 p.m.

JUNE

June 3

ACDE CE: Infectious Stomatitis: What's Old, What's New, What You Shouldn't Miss!
Madhu Shrestha
7 – 8:30 p.m.

June 5

OSHA and CDC Infection Control for Dentistry in the Post-Pandemic Era
Kathy Schrubbe
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

June 12

ACDE CE: Pulp Potential: Clinical and Biological Insights into Vital Pulp Therapy
Danielle Wingrove
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

June 16

ACDE CE: Ethics Dilemmas in Patient Care: A Multiple Case-Based Review
David Hancock
7 – 8:30 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 18

Karen Baker CE
(details to be determined)

Sept. 19

MUSoD Alumni Reunions
(classes ending in 1's and 6's)

Sept. 20

MUSoD Alumni Mass and Breakfast

REMEMBERING OUR OWN



THE MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY JOINS IN PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE OF THOSE WHO PASSED AWAY BETWEEN NOVEMBER 2024 AND OCTOBER 2025. MAY THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED REST IN PEACE. ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.



Since we last printed *Dental Images*, we have lost a number of our MUSoD family including faculty and staff. We remember them and their impact on Marquette Dental School and its graduates. We're grateful they shared their time and talents with so many MUSoD students over the years.

Dr. Christopher John Glapa,

D '79, served as an officer in the United States Army Dental Corps after graduation, earning the rank of Captain. Following his military service, Chris returned to Marquette School of Dentistry completing the Prosthodontics program, and then served as a part-time faculty member in the 1980s. Chris served the Appleton area community for nearly 40 years.



Dr. Vito Marchese,

D '55, practiced dentistry for 38 years in Shorewood, Wisconsin.

During his lifetime, he shared his wisdom and knowledge with generations of Marquette Dental students. He served on the part-time faculty for more than four decades.

1946

Angelo E. Prisco, PELHAM, NY

1952

Gerald O. Doucet, SURPRISE, AZ

1954

Calvin J. Gander, HARTLAND, WI

1955

Charles G. Eller, LAMESA, CA

Frank T. Kami, BERKELEY, CA

George J. Kerkorian, MARSTONS MILLS, MA

Vito A. Marchese, WHITEFISH BAY, WI

James F. McIntyre, FORT COLLINS, CO

Frank S. Novitski, WEST PALM BEACH, FL

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1956

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1957

Raymond J. Fairley, BADGER, CA

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Daniel P. Urban, HOUSTON, TX

1958

Jerome E. Papendorf, NEENAH, WI

Jessica J. Zwarra, MANITOWOC, WI

1959

Armin J. Nyffeler, MUKWONAGO, WI

1960

William J. Egan, CARY, NC
Eugene R. Weber, APPLETON, WI
Rudolph A. Zernzsch, PHOENIX, AZ

1961

Charles C. Bona, LAKE GENEVA, WI
James P. Sadlon, ROCKFORD, IL

1962

Allan R. Pike, PORTLAND, OR

1963

James E. Holford, LAKE GENEVA, WI
James C. Lorbeck, DESTIN, FL
Richard J. Venezia, BOCA RATON, FL

1964

Howard J. Charlebois,
CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP, PA
Leroy E. Mueske, THREE FORKS, MT

1966

Gerald D. Pionek, GREEN BAY, WI
James W. Shipley, MIDDLETON, WI

1968

Douglas B. Neumann, HARTLAND, WI
John H. Quisling, MAZOMANIE, WI

1969

Jermone A. Blachowiak, STONE LAKE, WI
Alan W. Haubenschild, ALGOMA, WI

1970

Bruce G. Newman, MILWAUKEE, WI

1971

Robert J. Brennan, NEENAH, WI
David R. Hafer, GREAT FALLS, MT
Ronald M. Wand, ATLANTA, GA

1974

Timothy L. Galow, APPLETON, WI
Michael P. Mullen, FARMINGTON, UT
David J. Owens, STEVENS POINT, WI
Thomas J. Raspanti, BROOKFIELD, WI

1977

Gary R. Mintz, GLENDIVE, MT
Dick L. Warner, CLANCY, MT

1978

Dan W. Raiek, MERRILL, WI

1979

Christopher J. Glapa, APPLETON, WI

1980

David S. Williams, NEW BERLIN, WI

1982

Thomas J. Albiero, WEST BEND, WI

1987

James I. Midtling, SAINT PAUL, MN

1989

David G. Martyn, THIENSVILLE, WI

2000

Michael W. Rallison, NORTH OGDEN, UT

2001

Robert A. Ogie, YUMA, AZ

2008

Theodore G. Schrubbe, ELM GROVE, WI

2009

Aaron B. Salmon, LAYTON, UT

If you wish to make a gift to honor the memory of a loved one or colleague, please contact Carol Wacker, director of development, by emailing carol.wacker@marquette.edu or calling 414-288-0433.



Dr. David Martyn,

D '89, was a part-time faculty member from 1991 until he passed in 2025. He practiced dentistry in Whitefish Bay and Mequon, Wisconsin.

Dr. Martyn was actively involved in dental organizations, his church, charities and the Boy Scouts of America – giving his time and talents to a variety of organizations.



Dr. Douglas Neumann,

D '68, served as a part-time faculty member at the dental school in the 1970s and early 1980s and maintained a private practice in West Allis, Wisconsin. He joined the

128th Air Refueling Wing of the National Guard in 1961 and served for 23 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel.



Judy Riley

worked at the dental school from 1988 until her retirement in 2016. She served as an administrative assistant in the Office of Admissions. For nearly 30 years, Judy was the

first point of contact for many prospective students hoping to become dentists.



Dr. Elise Sampson

served as a faculty member at the dental school for more than three decades. In response to the AIDS crisis of the early 1980s, Elise became a leader in

infectious disease prevention and occupational safety practices for the dental profession, advocating that any patient could be safely treated if dental practice safety measures were closely and consistently followed. She served on advisory committees for the American Dental Association, the Milwaukee Coalition on AIDS Policy, and published research in regional and national professional journals.

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