



# Stony Brook School of Dental Medicine

First 

# Thursday

## Communication is key

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to introduce you to *First Thursday*, the newest means for us to convey the latest news, achievements and events with the SDM community, including our students, staff, faculty and alumni. You can expect to receive each edition in your inbox, as its title indicates, on the first Thursday of each month, and I hope that it is something you look forward to reading.

Each issue will include a brief column from me that relates to a recent past or upcoming event that showcases the uniqueness of our school.

It will be followed by reports on activities our school is involved in and accomplishments that can make all of us proud.

Communication is very important to our success, and so, as the weeks and months pass, please expect to see additional ways for us to connect with you. This will include enhanced electronic messaging throughout the school, upgrades to our website, a greater presence on social media, and the reintroduction of our school magazine. And rest assured that,

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## SDM gives kids a smile

The Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine (SDM) recently hosted its annual fall Give Kids A Smile Day event, at which more than 70 children were provided back-to-school oral health services.

With Wolfe on hand to make the day fun for all, participating children received preventive dental services, including an examination, prophylaxis, a fluoride treatment, needed sealants and, most importantly, oral health education. Some children were also given follow-up appointments after their visit for more extensive treatments, and over 40 of them expressed interest in receiving care at the SDM, making Stony Brook their dental home.

"We are so pleased to have been able to provide quality care for underserved children on Long Island—and to do

so in a way that made it an exciting experience for them and our students," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, dean of the SDM. "Give Kids a Smile Day is a fantastic opportunity to not only offer these dental services but to teach children about the importance of oral hygiene at an early age. We are thrilled with the turnout and look forward to future events where we can open our doors to the community."

Third-year students, pediatric dental residents, as well as Drs. Jacob Lyss (GPR) and Daniela Mallack (fellow for the Special Needs Program), provided care under the supervision of Dr. Rhona Sherwin, director of pediatric outreach; Christine Marsh, dental hygienist; Dr. Kimberly Patterson, pediatric residency program director; Dr. Mark Salerno; Dr. Charles Larsen; and several dental assistants.

# Let's connect

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through additional correspondence, you will be the "first to know" about exciting news as it happens. We want to celebrate all of those within our community.

Please also expect to receive personalized messages—using more traditional forms of communicating—because I feel it is important to express our gratitude for your engagement with and support of the school. We want everyone to feel a special connection to the place where they learn, work, do research, or have graduated from.

We have much to do in the School of Dental Medicine—both in the short term and long term—in order to fulfill our commitment to the profession, our alumni, and the university. As I have said to many of you since I became dean, we are in a transition upward and everyone needs to be part of it. To do that, we must all stay informed, as our best days are ahead of us.

Patrick M. Lloyd  
Dean, School of Dental Medicine



**FINE FARE AND FUN** Thanks to all of those who joined us last month for our annual start-of-term barbecue. We hope that you enjoyed some good food as well as each other's company as we gear up for the fall.

## Alumni unite!

Meet Dean Lloyd and connect with fellow SDM graduates at our alumni reception on Thursday, October 13 from 5-7pm at ADA SmileCon 2022 in Houston. Contact Eileen Colletti at (631) 624-1067 or [eileen.colletti@stonybrookmedicine.edu](mailto:eileen.colletti@stonybrookmedicine.edu) to learn more.

## Upcoming events

### Faculty Council

**Tuesday, September 6, 1:10pm**

SDM leadership as well as student representatives will hold their first meeting of the new academic year and set the tone for all that is to come.

### Remote Area Medical Free Clinic

**September 17-18**

Students, faculty and staff will spend the weekend at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Greenwich, NY, providing free dental services to underserved community members. Learn more on [Facebook](#).

### CommUniversity Day

**Saturday, October 1, 12-4pm**

We will be on the Academic Mall for one of Stony Brook University's landmark events, welcoming visitors into the mobile dental clinic and providing oral screenings.

## SDM welcomes new Director of Communications

Joining the SDM this August was our new director of communications, Brett Mauser, who will help promote the many accomplishments of the school through news, social media and publications like this.

"Since coming to Stony Brook, it was a top priority of mine to bring in someone who could connect with our community and share all that we have to be proud of," said Dr. Patrick Lloyd, SDM dean. "Brett will play a crucial role in projecting these achievements to students, staff, faculty and alumni."

Brett comes to the SDM after spending more than 10 years in the marketing and communications department

for St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies. He most recently served as SGU's director of communications and public relations.

For communications assistance, to share a news idea or let him know about an upcoming event, Brett can be reached at [brett.mauser@stonybrookmedicine.edu](mailto:brett.mauser@stonybrookmedicine.edu).

