



# **FACULTY OF DENTISTRY**



## **ANNUAL GIVING REPORT**



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# DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear alumni, donors and valued partners

As we look back on 2021, we remember the many challenges we encountered as we continued to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Amidst the many changes to the status quo and uncertainties, the Faculty was able to stay the course in its mission of education, research and clinical services.

In fact, we also had much to celebrate as the Faculty launched ORCHIDS - Oral Care, Health Innovations and Designs Singapore. This new research centre staffed by a multi-disciplinary team of basic and clinician scientists will continue to advance research in Dentistry and looks forward to embark on world-class innovations across the fields of microbiology, nanomaterials, regenerative medicine, 3D-printing technologies and health devices. Through the work of ORCHIDS, the Faculty strives to impact the delivery of clinical care and adoption of personalised oral health care.

On the education front, the Faculty continued to adopt new methods of teaching and leverage technology to advance its undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing education programmes. Collaborative partnerships with international dental schools continued to grow with Kings College London, Adams School of Dentistry [University of North Carolina] and University of Melbourne through the DentAlliance Network. Together, we rolled out several new programmes such as the virtual undergraduate student exchange; continuing professional education workshops as well as an online research networking session.

The Faculty hosted the International Advisory Panel in the last quarter of 2021 as part of ongoing efforts to benchmark its education and research with international standards. A virtual tour of the Faculty and a series of online meetings with key Faculty stakeholders were organised for the Panel. At the end of the visit, the Panel, comprising leaders in dental education from around the world, was impressed by the achievements and work of the Faculty over the last few years. It also offered recommendations for the Faculty to consider in its future plans to bring it to greater heights.

The Faculty's achievements would not have been possible without the collective commitment and hard work of its dedicated team of full and part-time staff, as well as the strong support of alumni, donors and partners. The Faculty is deeply thankful and grateful for the generosity of our alumni, donors and partners. Through their giving, it has helped the Faculty anchor various meaningful initiatives including the provision of financial aid for our students; recognition of academic excellence; enrichment of student life; roll-out of continuing education and conduct of impactful research. These contributions go a long way to help the Faculty achieve its vision and mission. A significant milestone for the Faculty in 2021 was the set-up of the Chew Chong Lin Dental Bursary led by Associate Professor Jennifer Neo. This Bursary was fervently supported by 160 donors who contributed over S\$800K towards helping students with financial needs.

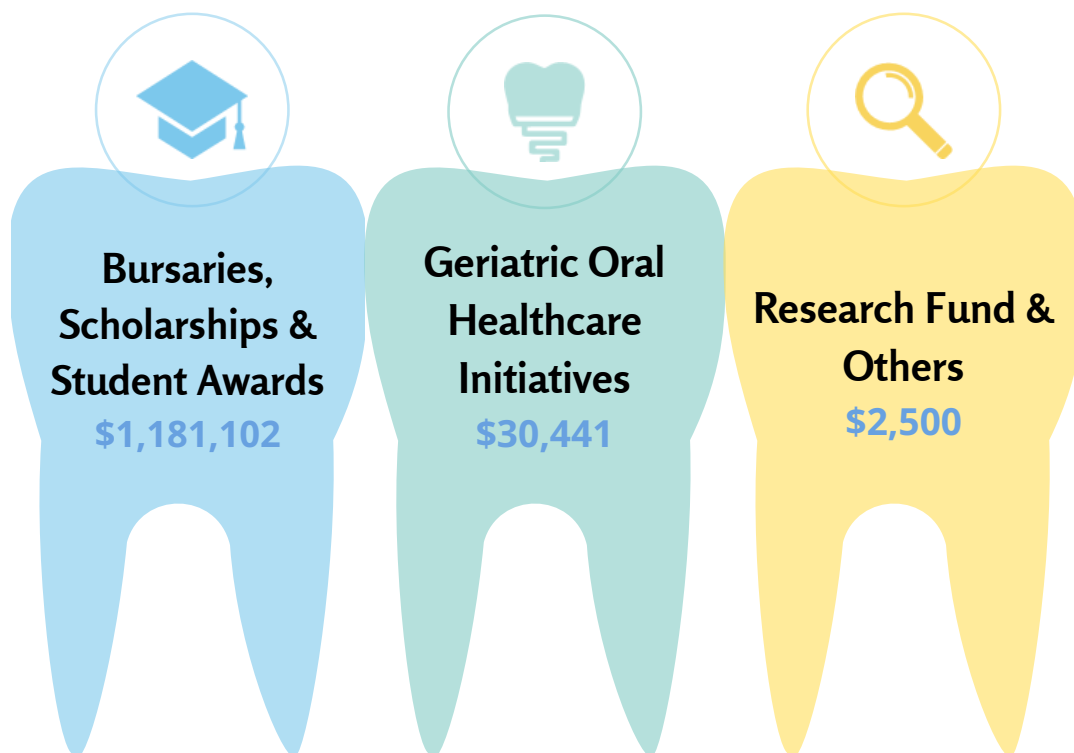
The Faculty will continue to sharpen its plans as it strives to make a difference to improve oral health in the community and beyond through thought leadership in education, research and clinical services. We look forward to the continued generosity and support of our alumni, donors and partners as we journey together towards this vision and bring smiles to everyone around us. Thank you.

Associate Professor WONG Mun Loke  
Acting Dean

# DONATIONS RECEIVED

## JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

**TOTAL - \$1,214,043**



*"IT'S HARD NOT TO FEEL  
HAPPY WHEN YOU MAKE  
SOMEONE SMILE."*

*- ROY T. BENNETT*



# THE JOY OF GIVING

I may not have much, but *I have always wanted to give and pay it forward* whenever I could.

Coming from a humble background, I have always been a beneficiary of student bursaries.

The financial assistance provided to me, regardless of amount, was instrumental in providing some relief and lessened the burden I have on loan repayment.

- Dr Keane Ng, BDS Class of 2020

I am a privileged recipient of my parents' sponsorship to pursue dentistry in NUS.

*It gives me pleasure to emulate their kindness and to give back and support the less privileged.*

*Let's make this a rippling effect.*

- Dr Eu Oy Chu, BDS Class of 1980

When we hear about the financial problems some of our students face, it makes our hearts ache. We realised that quite a few of our students need support. This is especially so during the COVID-19 pandemic when parents lose their jobs, fall sick or their businesses have taken a turn for the worse.

We hope that our yearly contributions can in some way or other, help our students and lessen their burdens. *Dentistry is a stressful course in itself and if we can help lessen other stresses like finances, we are happy to do so.*

We certainly hope that students who have received help will be inspired to help others when they themselves become financially sound in future. Education is a gift to be treasured and if you do believe strongly in the value of education, we hope that you will be inspired to make a difference to a student's life.

- Dr Betty Mok, BDS Class of 1981 &  
Dr Clara Mok, BDS Class of 1983

My first donation was \$2,000 to the Class of 72 Bursary Fund in 1997 followed by a donation to the Lau Kieng Heong Fund in 2001.

Giving to the Faculty is part of my giving to charities and an extension of my giving of tithes to the local church and free will giving.

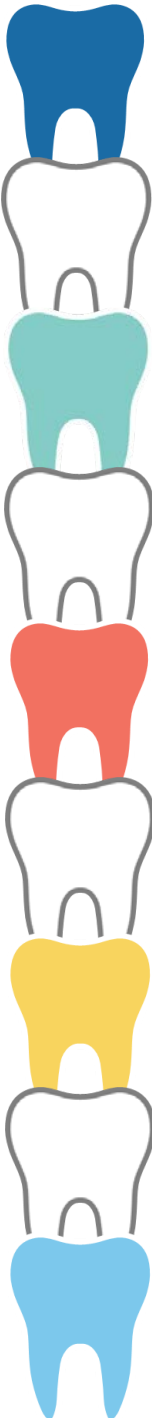
*To whom much is given, much is expected, so live simply and give generously and sacrificially!* Hence giving to NUS, my Alma Mater is payback time and paying it forward in gratitude, and, investing in the development of future generations of dental health professionals for the public good.

- Rev Dr Louis Tay, BDS Class of 1972

# GIFT IMPACT

## JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

### TOTAL - \$147,360



#### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

**28** Bursaries were given out to support our financially needy students

#### RESEARCH

**8** Research projects were supported by seed funding

#### CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION

**151** Dentists and other medical professionals attended a Distinguished Speaker Programme - Wake-up Call, Sleep Medicine is here to stay!

#### ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

**29** Scholarships, Awards, Medals and Prizes were awarded to our dental students who had achieved academic excellence in AY 20/21

#### STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

**380** Students were supported in various student development activities

# GRATEFUL RECIPIENTS

## Education

I would like to extend my gratitude for the SDA Dental Bursary. I've been working part time as a private tutor since Year 1. It was tough balancing both the rigorous Dental curriculum, work and student life. **The SDA Dental Bursary has lifted some of the heavy burden off my shoulder as I could focus more on my studies.**

I am very honoured to be given the opportunity to study Dentistry in the Faculty of Dentistry and I am enjoying every moment of it. I love how Dentistry blends science and math with art and creativity. I hope to make full use of my learning in the Faculty so that I can give back to our community in the future. Once again, thank you for the bursary.

- SDA Dental Bursary Recipient

I am extremely grateful for the bursary. **It indeed has substantially cushioned the effect my high school fees would have otherwise had on my family finances, and I cannot be more thankful for how the bursary has eased the burden on my parents.**

As a recipient of the Tooth Fairy Bursary, I will strive to do my best in Dental School and hopefully be an inspiration to my future juniors and my peers.

- Tooth Fairy Bursary Recipient

Thank you so much for your generous donation. I really appreciate your kindness and **am grateful that your contributions have eased my financial worries. Thanks to your efforts, I am better able to focus on studying and can take up a lower student loan.** I am inspired by your actions to work harder and someday, be able to contribute to the future generations of dentists by helping them financially as well.

- Tooth Fairy Bursary Recipient

## Research

The SDA Endowment Fund has enabled us to reach out to more than 650 parents and caregivers of persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Singapore.

Through this study, we have gathered important information on the dietary patterns, oral health practices and utilisation of dental services among persons with disabilities, as well as the barriers they face in seeking dental care. **This has enabled us to engage key stakeholders to improve the oral health of persons with disabilities.**

- A/Prof Gao Xiaoli,

SDA Endowed Fund Research Recipient

Money is required for good research to be conducted. **Having access to a research grant has allowed us to carry out meaningful research that will advance the field of dentistry.**

In our study, we found that Silver Diamine Fluoride, an increasingly important material to control cavities, can be potentially toxic to dental cells in certain conditions. This will lead to future research into optimising the formulation or setting clinical protocols to ensure the safe usage of this material

- Dr Hu Shijia,

SDA Endowed Fund Research Recipient



*"WE MAKE A LIVING BY  
WHAT WE GET.  
WE MAKE A LIFE BY  
WHAT WE GIVE."*

*-WINSTON CHURCHILL*

# DONOR HONOUR ROLL

## JANUARY - DECEMBER 2021

*The Faculty wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous donors who had made gifts to the Faculty in 2021 despite the challenging COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Faculty towards our mission to improve oral health through academic excellence, high impact research and quality clinical service.*

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# CHEW CHONG LIN

## DENTAL BURSARY

A new NUS bursary will put gleaming smiles on aspiring dentists' faces. The Chew Chong Lin Dental Bursary will provide financial aid to dentistry undergraduates, and address their teething problems in their journey to become full-fledged dentists.

*"Prof Chew wanted to raise funds for the undergraduate students. They make up the foundation of the dentists in our nation, as we are the only dental school in Singapore. The tuition fees for Dentistry, currently at S\$29,300 per annum, is the same as that for the Medical Faculty and is the highest of all the courses at NUS."*

*"It would be great to assist financially strapped students who have to contend with this burden whilst undergoing their studies in the dental course. Prof Chew himself came from a family who had to come together to pool their savings to send him to dental school," shared Prof Neo.*

*"I personally called up 95 per cent of the contacts I had on my mobile and their response for Prof Chew was overwhelming. Big or small, the gifts were a testimony of the respect for him. The bulk of the gifts came from his former dental students, overseas dentists, medical colleagues and personal friends," revealed the dental academic, who has fond memories working alongside Prof Chew at the Faculty.*



*The altruistic idea for the Bursary was inspired by Emeritus Professor Chew Chong Lin, and initiated by Associate Professor Jennifer Neo. Both are professors and alumni of the NUS Faculty of Dentistry.*

Armed with a big heart, a can-do spirit and a contact list, Prof Neo reached out to over 160 alumni and friends, who jointly contributed over S\$800,000 to date.

Prof Chew is regarded as the doyen of dentistry in Singapore. An educator, practitioner and public servant, he has made indelible contributions over 45 years — from teaching students in classrooms to treating patients in clinics, and from conducting impactful research to formulating public policies.

His outstanding leadership did not go unnoticed and he went on to assume senior appointments in the various divisions within the Ministry of Health, such as Deputy Director of Medical Services (Dental), President of the Singapore Dental Council (2009-2021), and Chair of the Planning Committee, to oversee the setup of the National Dental Centre (1989 -1995).

Prof Chew's illustrious career has come full circle at NUS. He trained to be a dentist and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor of Dental Surgery at the then University of Singapore, which later became NUS. Subsequently, he returned to mentor Dentistry students and took on several key appointments at the University, including Dean of the Faculty of Dentistry (1995 - 2000). Today, Prof Chew has a student bursary named in his honour at the Faculty where it all began.

*"Never in my dreams did I expect a bursary to be set up in my honour. I am humbled by their very generous gesture and am overwhelmed by the amount they have raised to establish this Bursary. I am very grateful. It is comforting to know that we have successful and caring dental professionals.*

*This Bursary was established to provide help to students who need financial assistance. I am happy that this Bursary is set up as an endowed fund, so that more students will benefit from this fund annually, which will help them to successfully complete their training. When they start their practice, I hope they will generously contribute to the financial need of future students and remember our alma mater," shared Prof Chew, expressing his gratitude towards fellow Faculty members, alumni and friends who had contributed to the Bursary.*




Dean, Professor Patrick Finbarr Allen and Associate Professor Jennifer Neo.

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Prof Chew is proud of his former students who fly the Faculty's flag high — not only with their achievements, but also their kind acts, such as providing free dental services for the less fortunate.

Heartened by their spirit of giving, Prof Chew's wish is to see the Bursary's ripple effects turn into a "Pay It Forward" movement.



*"BE THE LIVING EXPRESSION  
OF GOD'S KINDNESS:  
KINDNESS IN YOUR FACE,  
KINDNESS IN YOUR EYES,  
KINDNESS IN YOUR SMILE"*

*- MOTHER TERESA*



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