

# FACULTY OF DENTISTRY



ANNUAL GIVING REPORT

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*Because of you...*

*we were able to move  
mountains*

# DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear donors, alumni and valued partners

Year 2020 has been a challenging year for everyone, and there has been a significant impact on the practice of dentistry worldwide due to the pandemic. Despite that, we would like to express our gratitude for your gift that we received during this period which has brought us cheer amidst the gloom.

A clear learning point for us through the pandemic has been to “expect the unexpected”, and develop increased resilience in the face of adversity. Life post pandemic will be different, but there are opportunities for us to grasp. For example, in higher education, we will now make online learning part of our routine and further embrace technology to enhance learning. We will also develop new lines of research to address the issue of safely practicing dentistry in a pandemic. As well as our remit to serve Singapore, it is now clear that we all need to work with global partners to address challenges which are global in nature.

As we look to the future, the Faculty strives to raise the quality of its research output and global impact whilst delivering high-quality education. We are establishing a new centre for Oral Health research which will enhance research capability in the Faculty and ultimately, credibility in seeking external research collaborations. With your support, we can ensure that the research will be at a meaningful scale and have a deep impact. We are conducting a thorough review and reform of our Bachelor of Dental Surgery curriculum to ensure that the next generation of dental practitioners is well placed to manage an aging population with complex medical conditions and dental needs. The Faculty is also working to provide more substantial training opportunities in advanced general dental practice and contributions to lifelong learning. In October 2020, the Faculty established an international collaborative alliance with three of the world’s top dental schools: Kings College London, Adams School of Dentistry [University of North Carolina], and University of Melbourne. This alliance will work collaboratively to enhance the standing of all partners and enable us to innovate in research and education at a scale that none of us can do alone.

All of these initiatives can only thrive with support from you, our alumni, donors and valued partners. With your generous donations, we can invest in growth of the Faculty as a thought leader in research and education. I assure you that we will use your donations wisely and with purpose and I hope we can turn to you for ongoing support in the future.

Without your support, we wouldn't have come this far. Thank you.

Professor Finbarr ALLEN  
Dean, Faculty of Dentistry



# DONATIONS RECEIVED

JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

**TOTAL - \$168,457**

**\$116,808** BURSARIES, SCHOLARSHIPS & STUDENT AWARDS



GERIATRIC ORAL HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES **\$48,849**

**\$2,800** EDMUND TAY MAI HIONG ENDOWED FUND



# Because of you...

"We are very glad to contribute to the Faculty of Dentistry through our donation that helps increase the scope and quality of its research.

Breakthroughs in its research eventually benefit the community. Similar to Japan, Singapore is facing an ageing population that will demand better oral health products and services that will benefit the elderly in the years to come.

Sunstar hopes that everyone plays a role and contributes effectively to the community. By giving not only money but also time and effort, is a show of Sunstar's commitment to the dental fraternity and local community."

- Sunstar

"I hope to use this small act to give back to the school that had nurtured me and given me all the skillsets and support to be what I am today.

Dentistry is a very good profession. My wish is that my small token of appreciation would inspire our dental colleagues and graduates to commit to giving back, in big or small ways, to support our alma mater in nurturing more dentists to serve Singapore and beyond!

In Chinese saying is 抛砖引玉."

- Dr Ng Chin Siau, BDS Class of 1992  
Group CEO, Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Ltd

"It is because of the Faculty of Dentistry that I am able to find myself in a place of abundance and it is my hope that more can experience the same.

Start small, start today."

- Dr Benn Chua, BDS Class of 2020

"I have been a beneficiary of the Singapore system run by a clean and efficient government. After receiving 2 scholarships to pursue my A levels and dental undergraduate curriculum, I told myself I must give back to benefit others as well. NUS is my alma mater, so it is a natural choice for me to contribute back in a small way, to the education system that brought me up.

The best inheritance we can leave for the next generation is an education that builds upon good character and which stays with you like a solid foundation that nobody can take from you."

- Dr Eugene Tang, BDS Class of 1981

# Dreams become reality

# UTILISATION

## JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

# TOTAL - \$193,238



**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID \$150,800**

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

**\$20,581 RESEARCH**



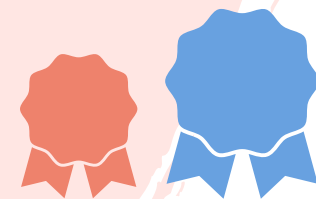
Provided seed funding for **2** research projects



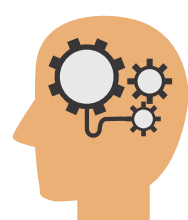
**CONTINUING DENTAL EDUCATION \$11,110**

**246** dentists, doctors attended a Distinguished Speaker Programme on Preserving Natural Teeth for Healthy Aging

**\$6,672 ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**



**30** Awards, Medals and Prizes were awarded to our dental students who had achieved academic excellence in AY 19/20



**STUDENT DEVELOPMENT \$4,075**

Enabled **24** students to attend an overseas exchange programme in January 2020 and supported over **405** students in student development activities



# Because of you...

"The research funding has allowed me to complete my work looking into the use of 3D printed porous titanium for bone plates/implants to improve the production and performance of patient specific customised bone implants.

The ability to produce a product to fit only the patient's anatomy, improve on the biocompatibility and mechanical performance of the implants and yet making it lighter by being able to design specific porosities to also aid integration of these implants with bone is relatively new.

These newer advances are part of the 4th Industrial Revolution which encompasses multifront advances in technology, advanced materials, 3D printing and advanced manufacturing."

- **Principal Investigator, Dr Raymond Wong, Research Fund Recipient**

"I am immensely grateful for the financial support provided by generous donors like you, who has made a great impact on my life and helped me make my Dentistry dreams come true. Without such support in place, it would have been difficult for me to pursue my dream and passion due to the hefty course fees."

- **Tooth Fairy Bursary Recipient**

"you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to concentrate more of my time on my academic pursuits. Thank you again for your generosity and support."

- **SDA Bursary Recipient**

"It helps to cover the cost of meals in school, my daily commute to and from school, as well as other expenses."

- **Tooth Fairy Bursary Recipient**

"The bursary has helped in my daily expenses and procurement of resources for my learning, allowing me to focus on my education and direct energy towards doing well for my classes."

- **Tooth Fairy Bursary Recipient**

"Oral mucositis (OM) is a painful and an undesirable side effect of cancer therapy and affect approximately 40% of patients receiving chemotherapy, and 100% of those undergoing head and neck radiotherapy. There is growing interest in the applicability of probiotics in OM in view of its preliminary benefits shown in intestinal mucositis.

The donation of \$10,000 enabled the conduct of a pilot randomized controlled clinical study to evaluate the therapeutic efficacy of *Lactobacillus reuteri* for OM in patients undergoing head and neck radiotherapy.

Favourable results from this study will pave the way for industrial funding to support larger clinical trials and allow us to be recognized as one of the first groups to provide clinical data for probiotics in the management of cancer therapy-induced OM"

- **Principal Investigator, Prof Catherine Hong, Research Fund Recipient**

# We soar high

# DONORS ROLL

## JANUARY – DECEMBER 2020

2020 has been a challenging year. The Faculty wishes to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our generous donors who had made gifts to the Faculty which has brought us cheer amidst the gloom.

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.

### **\$50,000 - \$99,999**

Coden Specialists Pte Ltd

### **\$10,000 - \$49,999**

Ace Star Dental Services Pte Ltd

Chua Chi Jin, Benn

Q & M Dental Group (Singapore) Limited

Tseng Seng Kwong, Patrick

### **\$1,000 - \$9,999**

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happen*

*because of you...*

*Thank you*



# GERIATRIC ORAL HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES

Building Capacities Today;  
Investing in Oral Health for Seniors Tomorrow

Our funding priority remains giving towards our Geriatric Oral Health Care Initiatives. In light of the increasingly ageing population, the Faculty remains steadfast in its commitment to address the oral health needs of older adults, particularly those with special needs.

A gift to the Faculty's Geriatric Oral Health Care Initiatives would enable us to take the lead to invest in improving the oral healthcare needs Singapore's fast ageing population.

This fund will provide support which includes training scholarships for Geriatric Dentistry programme; oral healthcare for the vulnerable elderly; training through service opportunities for dental students to equip them with the knowledge and skills to address the oral health needs of vulnerable older adult population; and research into geriatric dentistry.



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To support:

- ☐ FOD GERIATRIC ORAL HEALTH CARE INITIATIVES  
☐ DENTISTRY BURSARY FUND  
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*Thank you for your support!*



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