



# THANK YOU FOR GIVING

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## DEAN'S MESSAGE

Dear donors, alumni and valued partners,

As we reach the 90th year of existence for the NUS Faculty of Dentistry, we continue to reach out to our alumni to assist ongoing development of the Faculty and our students.

We greatly appreciate your generosity in donating to the Faculty, and we would like to share with you how your donations really help students. We are also trying to grow initiatives that do not currently have sources of funding currently, such as continuing education in special needs dentistry and services to underserved patients.

Every little bit of funding really helps, and we hope through this report, you will see how much a difference your donation makes.

With my sincere thanks.

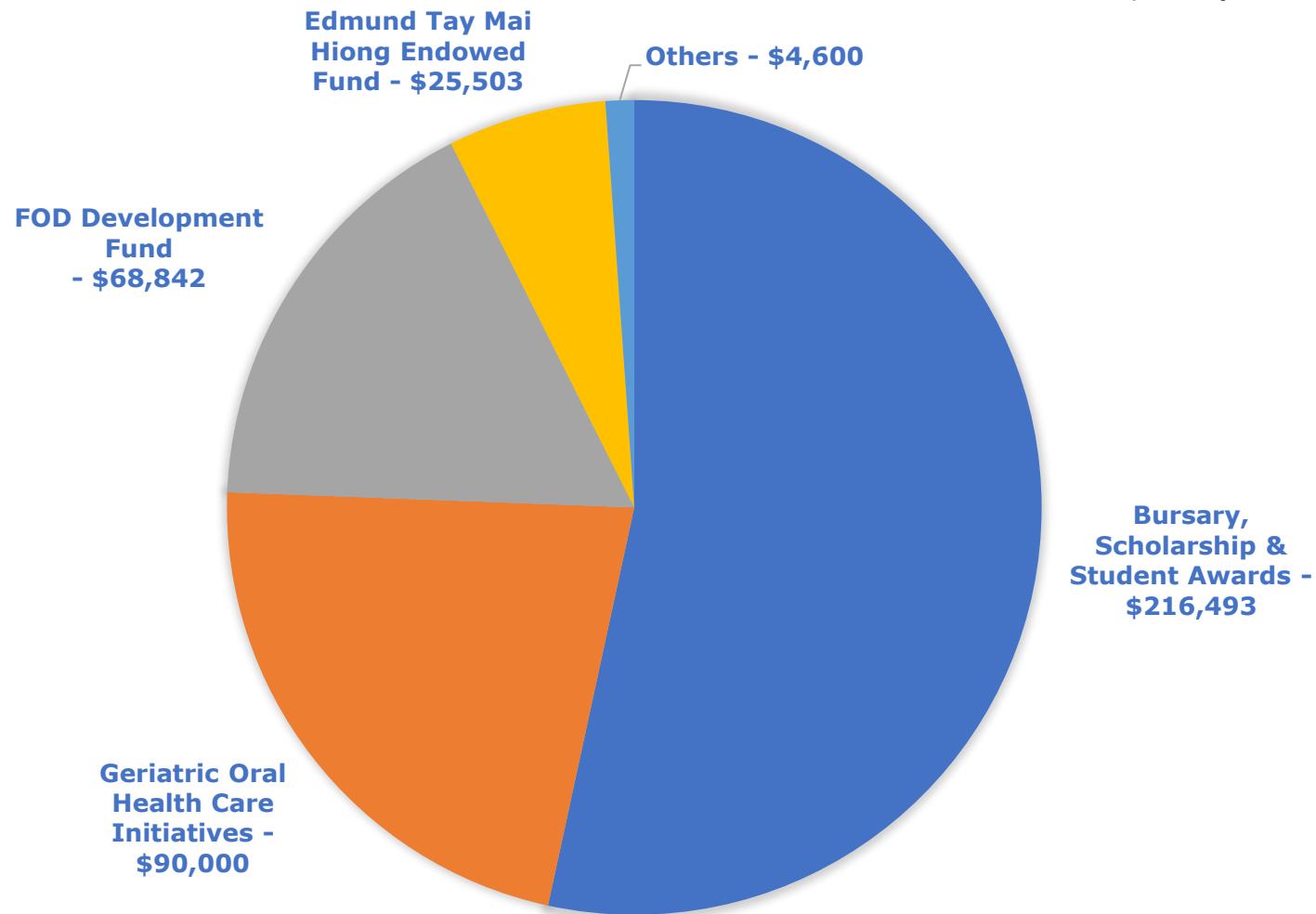
Professor Patrick Finbarr ALLEN

*No matter how big or how small your gift is,  
we appreciate it!*

# YOU HAVE GIVEN

Donations in 2018 (January – December)

**TOTAL : \$405,438**



### **Rashid Tahir The Kids Dentist Medal and Prize**

*"When I completed my specialist training at the Eastman Dental Institute in London 20 years ago, I was given an award for being the best graduate student in Paediatric Dentistry. The award was sponsored by 3M and I received a simple certificate and a small cash award. But it meant a lot to me, and inspired me to continue learning and to seek ways to improve the way I practice my discipline of paediatric dentistry.*

*So when I learned that the first cohort of graduate students in Paediatric Dentistry in NUS will be completing their programme and there was no prize being sponsored yet, I took the opportunity to contribute one. I thought it will be nice to award the best overall student with a medal and a sum of money. This will be a motivation for subsequent batches of students to excel in the field of Paediatric Dentistry.*

*It is my hope that trainees in Paediatric Dentistry will do their best in learning to care for the oral health of children in Singapore."* – Dr Rashid Tahir

### **Lim Kheng Ann Dentistry Bursary**

*"My family and I believe it is a blessing to give.*

*A student's potential should not be hindered nor constrained by financial circumstances.*

*Hence, we hope this award will enable him or her to concentrate on studying to achieve academic excellence.*

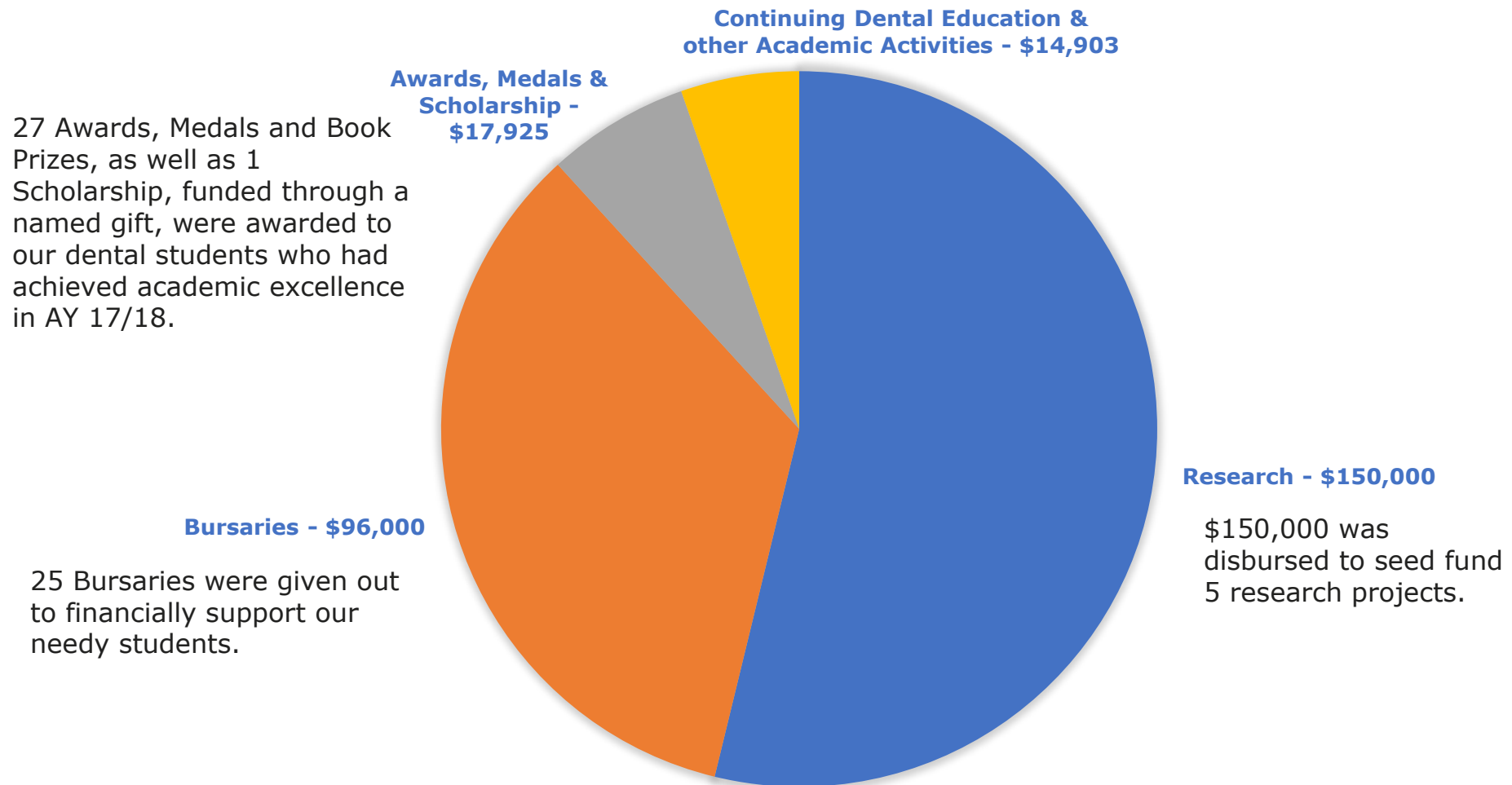
*It is also our wish that it will inspire in the recipient, a resolve to learn, to work hard, to hone good practical skills and clinical acumen. Perform well, do good work and benefit our people!*

*Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of our future."* – Dr Lim Kheng Ann

# YOU HAVE IMPACTED LIVES

How your gifts have been used in 2018 (January – December)

**TOTAL: \$278,828**





# YOU HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE

## Bursary Recipients

*"The bursary has helped ease the financial pressures of school and allowed me to not only focus on the academic and clinical aspects of undergraduate dentistry, but also develop my interests outside of dental school. Thank you once again for your generosity."*

*"After taking bank loan and NUS study loan, the remaining tuition fees payable still poses a financial burden. I am very grateful to receive a bursary which has helped greatly in my family situation so that I could remain focused on my studies."*

## Research Recipients

*"The seed funding from the Faculty Research Donation Fund allowed the initiation of a clinical trial to carry out a pilot study for the diagnosis and management of subjects with gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD). GERD can affect oral health, in addition to severe gastro-intestinal effects. This multi-disciplinary research study, in collaboration with the NUH University Dental Cluster and Division of Gastroenterology & Hepatology, will provide preliminary data to enable the team to seek further competitive funding for translational research to improve health outcomes." – Principal Investigator Dr Hu Shijia*

*"Periodontitis (gum disease) is a bacterial induced condition that can be controlled if patients perform good oral hygiene practices e.g. toothbrushing and interdental cleaning with a dental floss or interdental brush. Therefore, I have an interest in understanding the patient's behaviours and oral hygiene practices. The seed fund of \$25,000 allowed us to conduct a randomised controlled trial to evaluate different oral hygiene tools in search of one that can help patients clean better around their dental restorations, specifically their implant crowns. We hope that the results will improve the oral hygiene instructions that we routinely give to our patients, so that they will have good oral health through time." – Principal Investigator Dr Fu Jiahui*



**YOU HAVE HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE**



## ***Our New Home – National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS)***

The dominant event of 2018 was the completion of the new 11-storey **National University Centre for Oral Health, Singapore (NUCOHS)** building. The building achieved its TOP on 30 April, right on schedule. We successfully completed the first wave of movement from the old building in September.

Our deanery and academic offices are now located on levels 9 and 10, and clinical simulation training is now operating in our state-of-the-art clinical simulation laboratory on level 9. Clinical service operations started on 7 January 2019, and patients have their treatments provided on levels 5 and 6 by staff and residents from that date.

We are targeting the move for our research teams from the DSO Building to level 11 in March 2019. Our capacity for research is going to be significantly enhanced by the increased space for wet laboratories and the high standard of finish to these facilities. The final part of the move will be the transfer of the student clinics to levels 7 and 8 in early April 2019.





**WE NEED YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT**

### ***Geriatric Oral Health Care Initiatives***

*Building Capacities Today; Investing in Oral Health for Seniors Tomorrow*

For 2019, we will be focusing our donation efforts 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.



**Thank You**

*Terima* 謝

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Giving is not just about making a donation,  
it's about making a difference!





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