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## **FALL 2024 HIGHLIGHTS**

### **JD McLean Sub-committee**

- The JD McLean Lecture was held on September 24, 2024.
- The guest speaker was **Jeremie Saunders**, Patient Advocate, Co-founder of Sickboy Podcast, who spoke on “Be Uncomfortable, Be Better: How Discomfort Presents An Opportunity For Growth”.
- The next lecture will be held in September 2025.

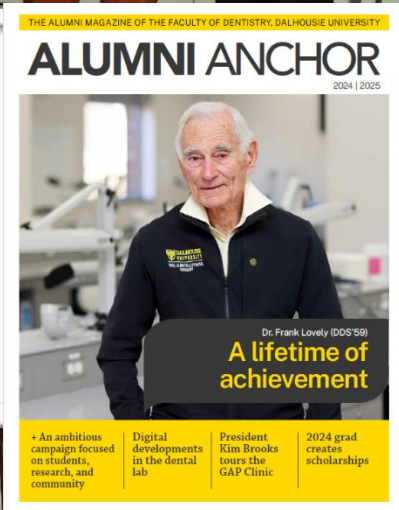


### **Communications**

- The Current e-newsletter continues to be circulated every two months and continues to have very strong open rates.
- The 2023-24 Alumni Anchor magazine was completed and distributed in Sept 2024.

### **Faculty of Dentistry Archives**

- Dr. Doug Chaytor continues leading and directing the Archives Working Group, who meet on a weekly basis to identify people in the photos for our records.
- They provided photos for reunions classes this year and continue to preserve our history.
- If you are interested in spending quality time with this group, please contact [alumni.dentistry@dal.ca](mailto:alumni.dentistry@dal.ca). There are many laughs shared and cookies!



## Dr. Frank Lovely Celebration

- On October 24, colleagues, friends, and students gathered to celebrate Dr. Frank Lovely (DDS'59), recipient of the Dalhousie Golden Eagle Lifetime Achievement Award. There were many memories shared and even more hugs.
- It was also announced that the **Dr. Frank Lovely OMFS Education Fund** had been created to help support students, residents, and faculty members pursue opportunities to learn more about their field and to be involved in organized dentistry.



## Alumni Awards

- Congratulations to **Dr. Linda Blakey** (DDS'89) and **Krysti Campbell** (DDH'13), who were presented with Outstanding Alumni Awards at a ceremony during DentDays.
- Both recipients have demonstrated great leadership, a willingness to put their hands up to volunteer, and an impressive commitment to their patients and their profession.
- Two new awards will be added for 2025: **Early Career Alumni Awards** and **Friends of Dal Dentistry Awards**.
- Deadline for submission: May 1, 2025. Watch the Current for more detail.
- We encourage nominations from our dental community.



## 2024 DentDays

- Celebrations were held for this years Golden Grads (Class of 1974) ad Silver Grad (Class of 1999).
- Reunions were also held by the 20<sup>th</sup> (Class of 2004) and 35<sup>th</sup> (Class of 1989) dentistry classes.
- The Live@5 pub was the big hit of the weekend with students, faculty and alumni filling the Cavity.
- Weekend closed with a Kitchen Party at the Grawood.
- Mark your calendars for 2025 and 2026:
  - o **2025 DentDays | October 17-18, 2025**
  - o **2026 DentDays | October 16-17, 2026**





Respectfully submitted,  
Dentistry Alumni Committee (DAC)