

# International Programs Alumni Reunion

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*We would like to thank Christina Morales for all her help.*



## STUART M. HIRSCH, D.D.S.

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### Associate Dean for International Programs and Development

It is my pleasure to welcome you to New York University College of Dentistry's First International Programs Alumni Reunion at La Pietra, NYU Florence. This event recognizes your achievements as graduates of the Advanced Programs for International Dentists.

Since 2000, enrollment for our international programs has grown from an average of 45 students to almost 100 graduates annually, almost all returning to their home countries and embarking on successful careers.

Each year, we travel to several countries and have the opportunity to meet with you. This year, to mark the twentieth anniversary of the first International Programs class at NYUCD, we have chosen to join together and celebrate with your former classmates and friends.

Without your contributions and assistance in locating those alumni who had fallen out of contact with the College, this event would not have been possible. I would like to thank each of you for your continuous support of our effort in staying connected.

NYUCD is committed to maintaining its relationship with our international alumni. As the Associate Dean for International Programs and Development, I'd like to thank you for helping us become the global oral health leader that it is today.

## FRIDAY, MAY 9

<b>Breakfast and Registration</b> . . . . .	<b>7:30</b>
<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> . . . . .	<b>8:30</b>
Opening Remarks – Associate Dean Stuart M. Hirsch Chairperson of Scientific Committee – Dr. Farhad Vahidi	
<b>Harold Litvak</b> . . . . .	<b>9:15</b>
A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Management of Temporomandibular Disorders and Complex Problems Requiring Prosthodontics	
<b>Anderson T. Huang</b> . . . . .	<b>10:00</b>
“Ortho-bio-tics” – Class III Malocclusion Therapy from Young Children to Adults	
<b>Coffee Break</b> . . . . .	<b>10:45</b>
<b>Carlo P. Marinello</b> . . . . .	<b>11:15</b>
Interdisciplinary Treatment Planning—The Prosthodontic View	
<b>Lunch</b> . . . . .	<b>12:00</b>
<b>Edwin S. Rosenberg</b> . . . . .	<b>13:30</b>
Comprehensive and Integrated Therapy in the Modern Era—Solutions for Treating Advanced Dental Disease	
<b>Paul A. Rosenberg</b> . . . . .	<b>14:15</b>
Endodontic Diagnostics and Treatment Planning of the Future	
<b>A reception will be held in the gardens of Villa Sassetti</b> . . . . .	<b>15:00</b>

*Shuttle bus service provided.*

## SATURDAY, MAY 10

<b>Breakfast</b> . . . . .	<b>8:00</b>
<b>Alberto Armenio</b> . . . . .	<b>8:30</b>
Contemporary Interdisciplinary Orthodontics	
<b>Oswaldo Scopin de Andrade</b> . . . . .	<b>9:00</b>
Clinical Protocol for All Ceramic Restorations in Anterior Dentition Associated to Dental Implants	
<b>Marina Lampreia</b> . . . . .	<b>9:30</b>
State of the Art on Rapid Manufacturing Technologies in Dentistry	
<b>Amit Sachdeo</b> . . . . .	<b>10:00</b>
Biofilm Formation in the Edentulous Oral Cavity	
<b>Coffee Break</b> . . . . .	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Emiliano Zanaboni and Mirella Rapalino</b> . . . . .	<b>11:00</b>
Diagnosis and Treatment of Skeletal Class II and Class III and Open-bite Malocclusions in the Implant Treatment Planning	
<b>Touradj Ameli</b> . . . . .	<b>11:30</b>
The Dynamics of Interdisciplinary Team Practice	
<b>Pedro Casillas Ascanio and Jaime Jiménez García</b> . . . . .	<b>12:00</b>
Immediate Loading of 15 Ball Retained Overdentures with Evolution Implants: Can Biology Work out the Stress?	
<b>Lunch</b> . . . . .	<b>12:30</b>
<b>Gala Dinner at Villa La Pietra</b> . . . . .	<b>19:00</b>

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## New York University College of Dentistry Advanced Programs for International Dentists

Each year, the Advanced Programs for International Dentists attract internationally trained oral health professionals from over 55 countries. Located in New York City, one of the most exciting cities in the world, NYUCD offers full-time, clinical and didactic programs for graduates of international dental schools in comprehensive dentistry, endodontics, esthetic dentistry, implant dentistry, oral surgery, orthodontics, pediatrics, periodontics and prosthodontics. Comprehensive dentistry, endodontics, esthetic dentistry, orthodontics, pediatrics, periodontics and prosthodontics are all one-year tracks. Oral surgery offers one- and two-year track programs. Implant dentistry is a two-year track program. Program participants have the opportunity to treat the largest and most diverse patient population of any dental school in the United States. And NYU's technologically sophisticated clinical facilities and world renowned research and clinical faculty provide an optimal environment and the professional knowledge and skills that enable participants to achieve their career goals in dentistry.



## HAROLD LITVAK

D.M.D., M.S.D.

### A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO THE MANAGEMENT OF TEMPOROMANDIBULAR DISORDERS AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS REQUIRING PROSTHODONTICS

Patients with temporomandibular function and vertical dimension can present a variety of problems to the dental practitioner (i.e., dental-skeletal disharmony, excessive tooth wear, orofacial pain, lack of occlusal stability).

The problem of vertical dimension is one of determining whether the face is too long or too short. Questions arise. For example, how do we determine normal vertical dimension? Occlusion has always been the cornerstone to provide insight into the anatomy, physiology, and functional goals in the treatment of these complicated cases. There is a consensus that a seated condylar treatment position—the elimination and/or reduction of pain, dysfunction, and an orthopedical stable joint relationship must be accomplished first. Is this a dependable and stable result? In order to achieve these objectives, a centric relation occlusal device may be used. This can be especially useful as a diagnostic tool in cases requiring lengthening the vertical dimension. This discussion will highlight the dental and esthetic guidelines, predictive video imaging cephalometrics, and analytical model surgery methods used to achieve treatment results. A rationale and philosophy will be presented, based on a multidisciplinary team model with over thirty years of clinical experience in orthodontic, orthognathic surgery and prosthodontic management in a private practice environment.

Dr. Harold Litvak is a Clinical Professor of Prosthodontics at New York University College of Dentistry. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and a Fellow and Past President of the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics and the Northeastern Gnathological Society. Dr. Litvak is the recipient of the American College of Prosthodontists and Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Lecturer Award. Dr. Litvak is a fellow and member of many professional organizations and has given hundreds of lecturers throughout the world. His specialties are prosthodontics and occlusion.



## ANDERSON T. HUANG

**B.D.S., D.D.S.**

### “ORTHO-BIO-TICS”—CLASS III MALOCCLUSION THERAPY FROM YOUNG CHILDREN TO ADULTS

In Greek, “bio” means life. Orthodontists are not only correcting crooked teeth and malocclusions, but changing people’s appearance and in many cases, changing their psychological outlook on their lives. Modern therapeutic approaches for class III malocclusion in different ages will be discussed in detail. Updated interdisciplinary treatment for the most challenging class III cases will be presented and discussed. The concept

of “Ortho-bio-tics” will be explained and presented in the context of other dental specialties.

Dr. Anderson T. Huang received his D.D.S. degree from New York University College of Dentistry. He received his postgraduate Certificate in Orthodontics, also from New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Huang was a member of the first class in the NYUCD Advanced Programs for International Dentists in Orthodontics. Dr. Huang is a former Associate Clinical Professor in the Advanced Program for International Dentists in Orthodontics at NYUCD and currently has an Orthodontic practice in Flushing, New York. He is a Diplomat of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO), and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists (FACD). Dr. Huang currently holds the following faculty appointments: Clinical Professor of Taipei Medical University in Taiwan, Chief Orthodontist at Lincoln Hospital Medical Center in the Bronx, New York, and Attending Orthodontist at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Queens, New York.



## CARLO P. MARINELLO

**M.S.**

### INTERDISCIPLINARY TREATMENT PLANNING — THE PROSTHODONTIC VIEW

In the field of prosthodontics today, we can offer an extensive menu of options to treat our patients. However, the decision-making process of adopting solutions to individual patients and the application of a certain treatment option is strongly dependent on a meticulous evaluation of the clinical starting position and the expectations of the patient. Especially periodontic, endodontic, orthodontic and structure-related aspects have to be considered. The basic treatment planning concept is presented and

its practical application is demonstrated with clinical cases. Furthermore, the question of keeping natural teeth and/or of using implants is addressed. Scientific data is used to support the presented concept.

Dr. Carlo P. Marinello is Professor and Chairman of the Department of Reconstructive Dentistry and Temporomandibular Disorders at the University of Basel Dental School. After completing his dental degree, he began his career at the University of Zurich, where he served as both Assistant Professor and Acting Head of the Dental Public Health Clinic and as Associate Professor in the Departments of Fixed and Removable Prosthodontics and Dental Material Sciences. He was later appointed Associate Professor and Head of Periodontology, Department of Preventive Dentistry, Periodontology and Cariology. Dr. Marinello earned his M.S. degree at the University of Gothenburg and was a visiting Research Professor in the Department of Periodontology. He has been a visiting professor at New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Marinello is the recipient of the 2003 Distinguished Lecturer Award of the American College of Prosthodontists and the 2006 Teacher of the Year Award.



## EDWIN S. ROSENBERG

**B.D.S., D.M.D.**

### COMPREHENSIVE AND INTEGRATED THERAPY IN THE MODERN ERA – SOLUTIONS FOR TREATING ADVANCED DENTAL DISEASE

This is an exciting time for the dental profession. For the past 50 years, there has been a concept of therapy known as Periodontal Prosthesis. This philosophy utilizes all aspects of dental therapy in an integrated fashion to treat the most complicated and advanced problems. Now, with the clinical expertise and experience from these years of integrated therapy, it is possible to treat these most advanced problems in our daily practices. Armed with the clinical experience as well as evidence-based solutions, we can now treat these serious cases with remarkable outcomes.

Dr. Edwin Rosenberg is a Clinical Professor of Periodontics and Implant Dentistry at New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Rosenberg received his dental degree from the University of Witwatersrand in South Africa. In 1974, Dr. Rosenberg immigrated to the United States and earned certificates in Periodontics and Periodontal Prosthesis from the University of Pennsylvania's School of Dental Medicine, where he later served as the Director of the Postdoctoral Program in Periodontics. In addition, Dr. Rosenberg is a former Chair of the Department of Periodontics and Director of the Dental Implant Center at Temple University's School of Dentistry. He is also a Clinical Professor of Periodontics at the University of Southern California. Widely published, Dr. Rosenbergg lectures extensively around the world. His numerous awards include the Clinical Research Award of the American Academy of Periodontology and the Hakasui Award from the Japanese Dental Association. He is a Past President of the Academy of Osseointegration and Esthetic Dentistry.



## PAUL A. ROSENBERG

**D.D.S.**

### ENDODONTIC DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT PLANNING OF THE FUTURE

Endodontic diagnostics and treatment planning are undergoing exciting changes. Cone Beam Computed Tomography is a powerful tool for visualizing teeth, pathologic lesions and vital anatomic structures. A new relationship between Endodontists and Radiologists is developing. Dental implants represent a new treatment planning option. A single tooth implant is a reasonable alternative when endodontic treatment offers a poor prognosis. Endodontists with implant education will be well positioned to improve the quality of their patients' care.

Since 1990, Dr. Rosenberg has been Professor and Chair of the Department of Endodontics at New York University College of Dentistry. From 2000 to 2005, he also served as Associate Dean for Graduate Programs and from 1990 to 2000 he was Director of the Advanced Education Program in Endodontics. He is a Director of the American Board of Endodontics, and a member of the Scientific Advisory Panel of the Journal of Endodontics. In 2000, Dr. Rosenberg won the Distinguished Teaching Award, New York University's highest award for teaching. He has published extensively in Endodontic text books and journals. Dr. Rosenberg maintains a practice limited to Endodontics in New York City and is Program Director for the Advanced Program for International Dentists in Endodontics at NYUCD.



## ALBERTO ARMENIO

D.D.S.

### CONTEMPORARY INTERDISCIPLINARY ORTHODONTICS

Numerous clinical advances characterize modern orthodontic therapies of the new century – self-ligating brackets, temporary anchorage devices, and distalization appliance are the most recent and popular techniques to achieve clinical success. Several advantages are evident, including increased overall efficiency of treatment measured by a significant shortening of treatment time; increased ergonomic efficiency, evidenced in shorter individual appointments needed for progress adjustments; and

use of substantially lower force levels due to low friction and excellent anchorage. The new techniques with NiTi heat-activated wires allow new clinicians to go further than ever before. Orthodontists are now able to take care of malocclusion even in the adult periodontally compromised patient. Interdisciplinary cases are now managed with positive results due to the teamwork of specialists—Prosthodontists, Orthodontists, Implantologists and Periodontologists—who bring excellent skills, techniques, and talent together for optimum results for our patients.

Dr. Alberto Armenio received his dental degree from the University of Bari, Italy and a Certificate in Orthodontics from the Advanced Programs for International Dentists at New York University College of Dentistry. Dr. Armenio served as Clinical Professor and Teaching Fellow at NYUCD. He received a postgraduate degree in Orthodontics from the University of Naples and currently practices orthodontics privately in Bari, Italy. Dr. Armenio is the editor of *Ortho—Italian Journal of Orthodontics*.



## OSWALDO SCOPIN DE ANDRADE

D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.

### CLINICAL PROTOCOL FOR ALL CERAMIC RESTORATIONS IN ANTERIOR DENTITION ASSOCIATED TO DENTAL IMPLANTS

Developments in adhesive technology and all ceramic systems have increased the options for treatment planning in anterior dentition. Bonded ceramics have achieved a single successful clinical performance due to conservative preparation and design conception, which allows sound enamel maintenance and long-term clinical survival. Many times the

clinician faces cases that must associate all ceramic restorations with implant restorations. Depending on smile line, implant position and periodontal biotype, it may be a problem for the clinician and the technician. The purpose of this presentation is to present a clinical protocol for the anterior dentition as well as a step-by-step clinical sequence for such restorations.

Oswaldo Scopin de Andrade is the Director of the Advanced Program in Esthetic Dentistry and the Postgraduate Program in Implant Dentistry at Senac University in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Dr. de Andrade received his D.D.S., M.S. and Ph.D. in Prosthodontics at the University of Campinas, Brazil and his Certificate in Prosthodontics from the Advanced Program for International Dentists at New York University College of Dentistry. He is currently an assistant editor of the *Dental Press Esthetic Journal*, and maintains a private practice specializing in prosthodontics and implant dentistry.



## MARINA LAMPREIA

**D.D.S.**

### STATE OF THE ART ON RAPID MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES IN DENTISTRY

Due to their complex shape, high-dimensional accuracy, biologic, mechanical and aesthetic requirements, dental and maxillofacial prostheses are complex in nature and time-consuming to produce. The possibility of combining different materials to build simultaneously 3D shape metal components resolves both these problems and is at the forefront of revolutionary technology improving dental procedures.

New emerging rapid manufacturing technologies such as Selective Laser Melting (SLM) and Laser Free Form Manufacturing (LFFM) hold the promise of overcoming previous techniques, and are leading the way in new revolutionary technology in the production of dental and maxillofacial prostheses.

Dr. Lampreia received a Certificate in Prosthodontics from the Advanced Programs for International Dentists at New York University College of Dentistry. She received her dental degree from ISCS in Lisbon, Portugal. She is currently an Assistant Professor of Biomaterials at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Lisbon, while pursuing her Ph.D. in Biomaterials. In addition, Dr. Lampreia has a successful practice which specializes in Prosthetic and Restorative Dentistry.



## AMIT SACHDEO

**B.D.S., M.S., D.M.Sc., M.P.H.**

### BIOFILM FORMATION IN THE EDENTULOUS ORAL CAVITY

The oral cavity presents numerous surfaces for microbial colonization. These surfaces are continuously bathed in a “bulk fluid” primarily saliva, producing biofilms of differing complexities, depending on intraoral location, genetic background and environmental factors unique to each individual. Most of the studies available today look at mature biofilms on the dentate patient. There is very limited data on the development of oral biofilms and not a single study looking at biofilm on the denture-wearing patient. This

study identifies the microbial species seen on the soft tissue and hard tissue (dentures) of edentate subjects. It also compares the changes in composition and development of the biofilms that form on the surfaces of dentures/teeth and on the oral soft tissues as well as in saliva of 651 edentulous, 43 healthy dentate and 15 chronic periodontitis subjects who do or do not receive soft tissue/denture or tooth disinfection. All samples for the study were analyzed using the DNA-DNA checkerboard hybridization technique.

Dr. Sachdeo received his D.M. Sc. and Certificate in Prosthodontics from Harvard University, Certificate in Esthetic Dentistry from the Advanced Programs for International Dentists at New York University College of Dentistry. He is currently an Assistant Professor at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Sachdeo’s area of interest is researching the intra-oral biofilm formation and development in the edentulous population. His works have been published in the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, *Journal of Prosthodontics*, *Journal of Dental Research* and the *European Journal of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry*. Dr. Sachdeo has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants, including the American College of Prosthodontists/P&G Research Fellowship in Complete Denture Prosthodontics and the American College of Prosthodontists 2007 John J. Sharry Award for Outstanding Prosthodontic Research.



## EMILIANO ZANABONI

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**D.D.S.**

### **DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF SKELETAL CLASS II AND CLASS III AND OPEN BITE (CO-PRESENTER: MIRELLA RAPALINO, D.D.S)**

In the new Orthodontic approach to Skeletal Malocclusion some of the dogma are challenged. The development of Skeletal II, III, Open Bite Malocclusions and Midline lateral deviations are conditioned by the orientation of the posterior occlusal plans. This is because the neuro-muscular system adapts to the occlusion and then a skeletal adaptation

follows. For this reason this technique bases its treatment on the control of the posterior vertical dimension and occlusal plane, even in adults. In this presentation, we will discuss the basic concept behind this philosophy, the orthodontic treatment of skeletal malocclusion and the role of a correct diagnosis in dysfunctional patients.

Emiliano Zanaboni earned his dental degree from University of Torino and a Certificate in Implant Dentistry from New York University College of Dentistry's Advanced Programs for International Dentists. Dr. Zanaboni has done postgraduate training in "Function and Dysfunction of the Masticatory Organ" and "Orthodontics in Dysfunctional Patients" at Donau University. He completed his postgraduate studies at Queen Mary's Dental College in London and is practicing as a specialist in periodontology in London and Turin.

Mirella Rapalino received both a dental degree and a medical degree from the University of Turin, Italy. She specializes in orthodontics. Dr. Rapalino has done postgraduate training in "Function and Dysfunction of the Masticatory Organ" and "Orthodontics in Dysfunctional Patients" at Donau University.



## TOURADJ AMELI

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**D.M.D., M.S.**

### **THE DYNAMICS OF INTERDISCIPLINARY TEAM PRACTICE**

As treatment expectations of dental patients continue to rise, we as reconstructive dentists must ensure optimum results for our patients. Such treatments of comprehensive dental problems often require the involvement of different disciplines. Referral of the patient from one general practitioner or specialist to the other in these cases is known as multidisciplinary treatment. However, no longer can a multidisciplinary model support the complex health needs of many patients nor can any one dental/medical

profession have all the knowledge or skills needed to provide total patient-centered care. This requires a further engagement and clarification of information among practitioners and is referred to as an "interdisciplinary care" model. To execute interdisciplinary care, a team of providers must develop a consistent philosophy and mission regarding examination, diagnostic and treatment planning procedures, with the patient being the center of this collaborative professional team.

Dr. Ameli received an MS degree in Crystallography and Organic Chemistry from the University of Minnesota. He received his DMD from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. While at Tufts, he also completed his advanced specialty training and Certificate in Prosthodontics. Dr. Ameli is an Assistant Clinical Professor at New York University College of Dentistry, and former faculty member at Harvard University School of Dental Medicine. His educational background includes Mechanical Engineering and Cellular Biology. Dr. Ameli is a Diplomat of the American Board of Prosthodontics, as well as of the American Board of Oral Implantology and Implant Dentistry. He is also a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Ameli maintains a private practice specializing solely in implant and aesthetic reconstructive dentistry in Boston, Massachusetts.



## PEDRO CASILLAS ASCANIO

D.D.S.

### IMMEDIATE LOADING OF FIFTEEN BALL RETAINED OVERDENTURES WITH EVOLUTION IMPLANTS: CAN BIOLOGY WORKOUT THE STRESS?

A total of fifteen implant ball-retained mandibular overdentures were placed simultaneously in two Implant Departments, one at the Universidad Alfonso X el Sabio of Madrid, and the other at Universidad Europea of Madrid. All cases were treated with Evolution implants and were immediately loaded with a locator attachment. Seven cases were treated

by hand-trained specialists; the other eight by residents of one of the implant departments. The following protocol was followed: Implants should have primary stability at the time of installation (35Nw), 14 mm long by 4.1 mm large, a complete removable denture as antagonist, and the patient should not remove the overdenture for the following six weeks. A 97 percent success rate was obtained, as only one of the thirty implants placed failed. The results showed no statistical difference in the hand-trained group versus resident group. In fact, the only implant failure was found in the hand-trained group and was due to the absence of primary stability in the particular implant during surgical installation. The failed implant was immediately replaced by a larger diameter (5.00 mm) and loaded in the same session with success. It seems by the evidence of this study and others that the ball retained overdentures with a locator type of attachment could be immediately loaded if the principles of this protocol are followed.

Dr. Casillas received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Health Science in Lisbon, Portugal. He is certified in Oral Surgery, having done postgraduate special training at the University Hospital Virgen de la Arrixaca, Murcia, Spain. He received a Certificate in Implant Dentistry from the Advanced Programs for International Dentists from New York University College of Dentistry. Currently, Dr. Casillas is the Director of the Oral Implantology, Prosthetic and Surgical Areas at the Casillas Dental Clinic in Madrid. He has held the following faculty appointments at the University of Alfonso X el Sabio in Madrid, Spain: Chair, Postgraduate Program in Implant Dentistry, Clinical Professor, Department of General Dentistry, and Professor, Department of Prosthodontics,



## JAIME JIMÉNEZ GARCÍA

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Dr. Jiménez received his dental degree from the Complutense University of Madrid and a Certificate in Implant Dentistry from New York University College of Dentistry Advanced Programs for International Dentists. Dr. Jiménez is currently the Chairman of the Implant Department at the European University of Madrid, and lectures throughout the world.



## DOLORES SPINELLI

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### Senior Director of International Programs

I am honored to have the opportunity to welcome you to New York University College of Dentistry's First International Programs Alumni Reunion at La Pietra, NYU Florence.

As the graduates of the International Programs you represent a group of dental professionals from more than 55 countries over the past 20 years. Each of you has contributed to the development of this program and has helped me learn about your country. You have also become our connection to the international community, devoted alumni and our friends.

When we set our goal to bring together graduates from all over the world it seemed impossible. As a result of your help and the hard work of the Reunion Committee, our staff and faculty have helped our dream become a reality. We have assembled a scientific program of outstanding, nationally and internationally known professionals from several different specialties, many of whom are alumni from the International Programs.

I congratulate you for succeeding in your profession and for maintaining the global mission of the College. We are proud to have you as a member of the NYU Community. Today, I will be meeting some of you for the first time and I am looking forward to sharing this unique experience with you at La Pietra.

To all alumni, I welcome you home to NYU!

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