

From **School of Dental Medicine, State University of New York at Buffalo**, December 2001

First Recipients:

**University at Buffalo Advanced Proficiency Certificate in
Esthetic Dentistry Through Continuing Dental Education**

Dr. Robert Yetto, a dentist from Williamsville, NY, was recently honored for earning the Advanced Proficiency Certificate in Esthetic Dentistry. This Certificate program, which includes lectures, research and clinical components, was established through the Esthetic Dentistry Education Center (EDEC) by the School of Dental Medicine at the State University of New York at Buffalo. The program was established in 1998 to promote research and clinical training, specifically in the area of esthetic and cosmetic dentistry. It is the first, and currently the only, university-based Proficiency Certificate Program in Esthetic Dentistry available to dentists.

Ivoclar Vivadent, a leading supplier of comprehensive systems for the dental practice and the dental laboratory, hosted an evening reception at their headquarters in Amherst, NY on December 6, 2001. Dr. Fred McIntyre, Director, and Dr. George Freedman, Associate Director of the Esthetic Dentistry Education Center welcomed recipients, family members and guests. Recipients were acknowledged by Dr. Ken Zakariasen, Executive Director of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Dr. Russell Nisengard, Interim Dean, UB School of Dental Medicine and Dr. Robert Ganley, President, Ivoclar Vivadent. Dr. Fred McIntyre and Dr. Eugene Pantera, Assistant Dean for Continuing Dental Education formally awarded certificates. Dr. Ron Jackson, Distinguished Guest Faculty, UB EDEC and Dr. Davis Garlapo, Professor and Chair of Restorative Dentistry, UB School of Dental Medicine presented a champagne toast and closing remarks.

Certificates were also awarded to the following dentists:

Drs. Bernard Kolber, AJ Monacelli and Mario Violante- of the Western NY area; Dr. Gerald Benjamin of Cropseyville, NY; Drs. Michael and Steven Flinn from Minnesota; Drs. Peter Bastian, Oscar Dalmao and William Turner, of Ontario, Canada.