Hutter elected vice chair of commission on dental accreditation at BU

Commission members elected Hutter at the group’s July 28 meeting at the ADA’s Chicago headquarters.

Hutter plans to have a positive impact on the quality of pre- and post-doctoral dental education through his new role. “I hope to work with the chair of the commission in addressing such issues as international accreditation, curriculum reform, review and revision of the standards for dental education, and the relationship between the standards for predoctoral dental education and competency-based education,” he said.

As vice chair, Hutter will serve on ad hoc committees and task forces as assigned by the commission’s chair and assume the chair’s responsibilities in his absence.

The commission works to ensure quality dental education and reflect the evolving practice of dentistry through accreditation. The group creates evaluation standards, sets guidelines for conducting accreditation, and appoints site visitors. [www.dentalschool.bu.edu]

UMDNJ opens first residential building for students on Newark campus

NEWARK, N.J. — A grand opening celebration welcomed graduate students to their new homes at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey’s first on-campus housing.

UMDNJ’s Student Apartments at 180 West Market had been designed for medical residents, dental residents, post-doctoral fellows and other students who attend six of the university’s eight schools. There are 253 units in the building, which houses studio, one, two and three bedroom apartments that range from 410 to 1,015 square feet. In August, students entered housing contracts and moved into the building.

Named after UMDNJ campuses, each unit is fully furnished and the building sits adjacent to UMDNJ’s George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences.

The building, which has more than 450,000 square feet and includes on-site parking in a secured deck, an ATM, a large lobby area has direct access to the school.

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Case receives $1.2 million grant

Case Western Reserve University’s schools of medicine and dental medicine were chosen as one of 12 national sites for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Summer Medical and Dental Education Program. They will receive a four-year, $1.2 million grant to develop and implement a six-week summer program for qualified undergraduate college students interested in careers in medicine or dentistry. The program will enroll 80 undergraduates from diverse population groups that have historically been under-represented in these health fields. [www.case.edu]