

## Two Maine Dentists Receive Dental Loan Repayment Funds

For the third time, Delta Dental Plan of Maine made a \$160,000 commitment to the Maine Dental Loan Repayment Program administered by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME), providing funds for two dentists to receive \$20,000 per year, for up to four years, if they continue to meet pre-established benchmarks.

The Maine Dental Loan Repayment Program awards loan repayment assistance for dentists practicing general dentistry in eligible dental care facilities reaching Maine's underserved areas.

FAME selected two dentists, Gregory Frost, DMD, and Genko Stanilov, DMD, to receive loan repayment funds. Both dentists work at Community Dental, supporting its mission to improve the lives of children and adults in Maine communities by making needed oral health care accessible, comprehensive, and high quality. It is Community Dental's policy to accept all patients regardless of ability to pay.

### Gregory Frost, DMD

Dr. Gregory Frost works at Community Dental's Portland and Lewiston dental centers. He grew up in Cumberland; and, after living in Massachusetts for seven years, he's excited to be back in Maine. He said, "It's a privilege working in Portland/Lewiston and serving those communities. Dental care is needed in all areas of the state, but I'm lucky to be able to treat those close to home. The dental repayment fund has made it possible for me to continue doing what I love, while also helping to cover the enormous costs of dental school. I'm extremely grateful to have been selected as a recipient."

Dr. Frost earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts, and a Bachelor of Science in Biology, with an option in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, from the University of New Hampshire, Durham. He recently completed his Advanced Education in General Dentistry through the Providence VA Medical Center in Rhode Island.

Before joining Community Dental, Dr. Frost practiced general dentistry at the Providence VA Medical Center. At Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, he became a teaching assistant during his fourth year. He also completed an externship at Goodwin Community Health Center, Somersworth, New Hampshire.

Dr. Frost worked in the Department of Neuroscience at Tufts Medical School before beginning his Doctor of Dental Medicine degree program, during which time he co-authored an article published in the *European Journal of Neuroscience*.

Dr. Frost has made a point of investing himself in the communities in which he lives. For example, in Boston, he volunteered for four years at a student-run clinic by reaching out to underserved populations. Working with other dental and medical students, he provided extra-oral and intraoral screening exams, oral hygiene instruction, and referrals. In Maine, he screened athletes at the State of Maine Summer Special Olympics for five years.

His interests include photography, reading, athletics, and outdoor activities.

### Genko Stanilov, DMD

Dr. Genko Stanilov, DMD, practices dentistry at Community Dental's Portland dental center.

He earned a General Practice Residency Certificate and an Oral and Maxillofacial Fellowship from Albert Einstein College of Medicine's Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York, after earning his Doctor of Dental Medicine at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts. He earned a Doctor of Dental Science from Medical University Sofia, School of Dental Medicine, Sofia, Bulgaria, where he also completed a General Practice Residency.

In Bulgaria, during the years he was earning his DDS and completing his residency, Dr. Stanilov first volunteered in an ER/Trauma Unit at St. Anna General Hospital Sofia, then taught advanced dental aesthetic courses for J & D Medicals in Sofia and practiced as an associate dentist at St. Anna Private Practice, Plovdiv. He was the president of the student union at his university and was awarded with an honorary membership in the Bulgarian Dental Students' Scientific Association. He presented a paper on "A Study of the Maxillofacial Trauma Occurrence in the Department of Maxillofacial Surgery, St. Anna General Hospital, Sofia, Bulgaria."

Dr. Stanilov began his studies at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in 2009. Highlights of his student experience include: serving as President of the 2011 International Students Class at Tufts University; being awarded the A. Albert Yurkstas Endowed Prize Fund in Complete Denture Prosthodontics; and serving as a teaching assistant and tutor. Before his advanced training at the Montefiore Medical Center, Dr. Stanilov completed externships in the Oral and Maxillofacial departments of the Tufts Medical Center and the University of Alabama, Birmingham.

Dr. Stanilov's experience includes practicing hospital and emergency dentistry at Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York. Before and after his work in New York, he served as the lead dentist in dental offices in Waterville and Bangor, Maine.

In addition to his work at Community Dental, Dr. Stanilov volunteers at least two hours a week with physicians from Maine Medical Center to treat patients at Portland's MMC-Preble Street Learning Collaborative.

For more information about the FAME Dental Loan Repayment Program, visit [famemaine.com](http://famemaine.com)