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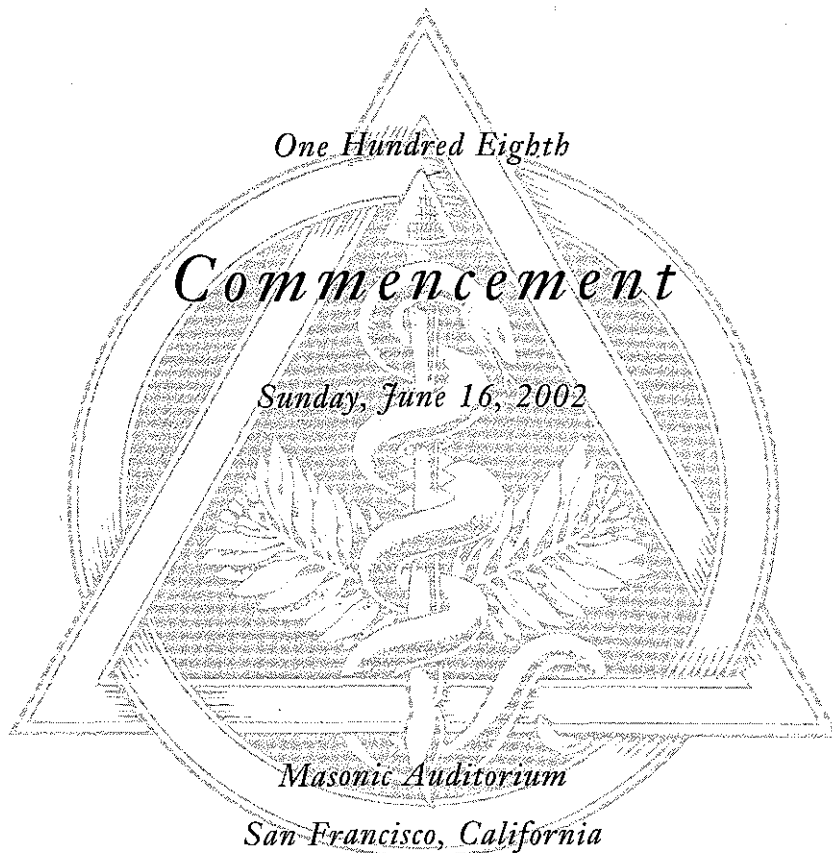
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*One Hundred Eighth*

*Commencement*

*Sunday, June 16, 2002*



*Masonic Auditorium*

*San Francisco, California*

*2:00 PM*

**T**he University of the Pacific School of Dentistry, is one of the premiere dental schools in the nation and has served the Bay Area community for one hundred and six years. The years surrounding the turn of the twentieth century were packed with potential. Momentous experiments heralded both the fulfillment of dreams and the beginning of creations that promised to forever change the world around them. In 1895, for example, Marconi introduced the wireless telegraph, ushering in a new age of communication. That same year, Roentgen discovered x-rays; and a scant eight years later, Orville Wright took the first airplane ride. Something momentous was also about to take flight in San Francisco. A local war hero named Dr. Charles Boxtan came home to nurture his dream of founding a high quality private dental school.

Founded in 1896 as the College of Physicians and Surgeons (known as P&S), the school's curriculum originally included programs in dentistry, medicine, and pharmacy. The college announced to its Northern California public and to the world, "It will, at all times, be the purpose of this school to elevate the profession through its students." Dr. Boxtan presided as the first dean of P&S and served briefly as mayor of San Francisco. In 1918, during Dr. Boxtan's tenure as dean, the college focused its educational program solely on dentistry.

The school grew and developed right along with its city, its students, and the profession. In the one hundred and six years since Dr. Boxtan drove his horse and buggy down a cobble stoned Market Street, of course, much has changed in the city. High-rise buildings now punctuate the skyline, and world-famous bridges span across our waters. In fact, if the first dean were to visit us today, he would not recognize the advanced equipment, the high-tech instruments, or the gleaming state-of-the-art facility; and he certainly would have a hard time parking that buggy on Sacramento or Webster Streets. The one thing Dr. Boxtan would not be surprised to see is how his dental school has prospered.

The original P&S campus, located at Fourth and Howard Streets near the present day Moscone Center, was completely destroyed by the 1906 earthquake and fire. As a result, the campus moved to its Fourteenth Street location in the heart of the Mission District, where it operated from 1906 until 1967. In 1962, the College of Physicians and Surgeons amalgamated with the University of the Pacific. A new facility for the new University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry, was constructed in 1967 on the corner of Sacramento and Webster Streets in San Francisco, where the school stands today. It was the first complete replacement of a dental school facility to be dedicated in the United States using federal aid-to-education funds.

With a remarkable capacity for innovation and adaptation, the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry has thrived through earthquakes and wars, legislation and depression, to forge and maintain its longstanding reputation for producing excellence in scientific and clinical training. At the same time, the school has built a parallel reputation for encouraging diversity, accessibility, and opportunity, which has formed a strong sense of community. This translates to a special concern for people which prevails among students, faculty, alumni, and supporters. Today, both of these traditions of

excellence and of caring combines to form UOP's guiding philosophy of humanism. A model of humanistic education that is second to none! Where professors teach, faculty care, and students learn.

**"Every piece of marble has a statue in it waiting to be released by someone of sufficient skills to chip away the unnecessary parts. Just as a sculptor is to marble, so is education to the soul. It releases it. For only the educated are free. You cannot create a statue by smashing the marble with a hammer, and you cannot by force of arms release the spirit of the soul (of a student)."**

**—Confucius**

We are proud of the technical and scientific progress we have achieved at the School of Dentistry, but we are just as proud of the respect for people maintained at every level. The success nurtured and cultivated by the School of Dentistry is a result not only of fine minds but also of fine attitudes. These attitudes are captured in two words—caring and service. Our mission simply is to "build people—along the way, we make them doctors who serve the public."

Today, under the direction of Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, dean and P&S alumnus, the School of Dentistry is a leader among dental schools, in curriculum, clinical excellence and technology. Students learn through the "humanistic" model of education in a technologically-advanced setting. Dean Dugoni has successfully guided the remodeling of both the facilities and the curriculum and is leading the school into the twenty-first century dedicated to excellence.

In addition to UOP's strong educational reputation, its dental clinics handle over 200,000 patient visits per year and offer comprehensive dental care in a variety of specialties including pediatric care, orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, endodontics, pathology and medicine, prosthodontics, and implants.

# *The Dentist's Pledge*

## The Dentist's Pledge

I, (dentist's name), as a member of the dental profession, shall keep this pledge and these stipulations.

I understand and accept that my primary responsibility is to my patients, and I shall dedicate myself to render, to the best of my ability, the highest standard of oral health care and to maintain a relationship of respect and confidence. Therefore, let all come to me safe in the knowledge that their total health and well-being are my first consideration.

I shall accept the responsibility that, as a professional, my competence rests on continuing the attainment of knowledge and skill in the arts and sciences of dentistry.

I acknowledge my obligation to support and sustain the honor and integrity of the profession and to conduct myself in all endeavors such that I shall merit the respect of my patients, colleagues, and my community. I further commit myself to the betterment of my community for the benefit of all of society.

I shall faithfully observe the Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct set forth by the profession.

All this I pledge with pride in my commitment to the profession and the public it serves.

(Approved by the American Dental Association House of Delegates)

# *Order of Exercises*

## **PROCESSIONAL**

Military March No. 1 in D Major, Opus 39  
(Pomp and Circumstance) —*Sir Edward Elgar*

## **WELCOME COMMENTS**

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni  
*Dean, School of Dentistry*

## **INVOCATION**

Reverend Joy Preisser  
*Chaplain, University of the Pacific*

## **CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS**

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni  
*Dean, School of Dentistry*  
"Seize the Moment"

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE PLATFORM GUESTS**

### **COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS**

Dr. Herbert K. Yee  
*Regent, University of the Pacific*  
"Positive Power of an Ideal"

## **PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES**

Dr. Donald V. DeRosa  
*President, University of the Pacific*

Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni  
*Dean, School of Dentistry*

### **VALEDICTORY ADDRESS**

Andrew S. Kouvaris

### **BENEDICTION**

Reverend Joy Preisser  
*Chaplain, University of the Pacific*

## **RECESSIONAL**

Triumphant March from Aida —*Giuseppe Verdi*  
David Hunsberger, Organist

## *Historical Background of the Mace*

Originally a weapon of offense used by a medieval king or great noble, the mace has been refined to symbolize authority during ceremonial occasions. The mace was first used as an academic symbol in the 16th century when Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her royal mace to the University of Oxford in 1589, ordering that it be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence.

The University of the Pacific instituted use of the mace in its academic ceremonies on Founder's Day, March 6, 1966. Constructed by Stuart Devlin, internationally known silver designer, the four-foot long, 15-pound mace is comprised of silver with gold plating. It was a gift to the University from Mrs. Winifred Rancy, University Regent.

## *Significance of Academic Regalia*

Academic dress was worn daily by university faculties of the Middle Ages. In more recent times, use of complete academic dress has been reserved for ceremonial occasions. While European universities exhibit considerable variation in academic regalia, a standard pattern was adopted for use in the United States more than a half-century ago. Gowns generally are black. A few universities adopted other colors for doctoral gowns: Harvard, crimson; Yale, blue; Chicago, maroon; Dartmouth, forest green.

The field of learning in which the degree was awarded is shown by the color of the edging of the hood and, in some cases, by the color of the facing and crossbars on doctors' gowns. Some of the more frequently seen colors are: white (Arts and Letters), pink (Music), dark blue (Philosophy), light blue (Education), scarlet (Divinity), golden yellow (Science), green (Medicine), olive green (Pharmacy), purple (Law) and lilac (Dentistry).

Colors lining the hood are those of the institutions that awarded the degree. For example, the University of California colors are gold and blue; Stanford University, cardinal; University of Michigan, maize and azure blue; University of the Pacific, burnt orange and black.

An individual's degree is revealed by the type of gown and the width of edging on the hood. Designs are of three kinds:

**BACHELORS' GOWNS** have full pointed sleeves with no trimming, and the hoods have a two-inch edging.

**MASTERS' GOWNS** have full sleeves with no trimming, and the hoods have a three-inch edging.

**DOCTORS' GOWNS** are of silk, with rounded sleeves, velvet facing down the front, and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve. Hoods have side panels and a five-inch facing.

Tassels on bachelors' and masters' caps are ordinarily black, but they may be of the color of the field in which the degree was awarded. Doctors' tassels generally are gold. Tassels are properly worn on the left side of the front of the mortarboard.

# Honors

## HIGHEST HONORS

*Valedictorian*, the graduating student with the highest overall grade point average in didactic and clinical courses combined over the entire program.

Andrew S. Kouvaris

## HIGH HONORS

*Omicron Kappa Upsilon*, the national dental honor society, was chartered the Delta Delta Chapter at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1934. The society's purpose is to encourage scholarship and advance ethical standards of the dental profession. Membership is limited to twelve percent of the graduating class on the basis of scholarship and character. Members elected from the Class of 2002:

Charles D. Brodsky	Janmohamed Jaffer	Jonathan D. Miles
Michael D. Brown	Joanne M. Jensen	Rick J. Rawson
David W. Butler	Andrew S. Kouvaris	Kris H. Rosander
Cory J. Costanzo	Alexander S. Lim	Sohail Saghezchi
Thomas S. Ellerhorst	Amy K. Lowe	Michael D. Trudeau
Kerri Font		

Member elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2002:

Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.

## HONORS

*Tau Kappa Omega*, an undergraduate honor society in dentistry, was organized at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1927 for promotion of honor and service to the Alma Mater. Students are admitted on the basis of ideals, scholarship, and character. Members elected from the Class of 2002:

Joel A. Abougoush	Janmohamed Jaffer	Jonathan D. Miles
Rene R. Alingog	Amin Javid	Anthony H. Nguyen
Charles D. Brodsky	Joanne M. Jensen	Madelyn C. Olson
Michael D. Brown	Eric R. Jewell	Natalie A. Polon
Jared T. Buck	Thomas A. Kobylarz	Rick J. Rawson
David W. Butler	Andrew S. Kouvaris	Jeffrey J. Rosa
Cory J. Costanzo	Nancy K. Kwon	Kris H. Rosander
Steven Y. Dodobara	Alexander S. Lim	Sohail Saghezchi
Thomas S. Ellerhorst	Caressa W. Louie	Kenneth J. Schweifler
Sean M. Feely	Amy K. Lowe	Lance A. Smagalski
Michelle Feliciano-Turner	Rita Lui	Phillip J. Sutton
Kerri Font	Rebecca A. Marsh	Michael D. Trudeau
Nava M. Gabbay	Joel A. McFaul	Bartel Van Oostendorp
Brooks B. Horan	Julia M. McGary	Leah M. Walker
Lee T. Iverson	Arvin T. Mehta	Betty Wong

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2002:

Savita S. Brenner, B.D.S.	Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.	Minal Jaydip Mehta, B.D.S.
Smita R. Gala, B.D.S.	Minoos Makassebi, D.D.S.	



# *Honors*

## **HIGH HONORS**

*Phi Kappa Phi*, an undergraduate honor society in higher education, was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine. It is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary honor society in existence. Admission to the Honor Society is by invitation only and requires both superior scholarship and good character as criteria for membership. The name Phi Kappa Phi comes from the initial letters of the Greek words forming its adopted motto: *Philosophia Krateito Photon*, "Let the love of learning rule humanity." Members elected from the Class of 2002:

Michael D. Brown  
David W. Butler  
Cory J. Costanzo  
Thomas S. Ellerhorst  
Andrew S. Kouvaris  
Sohail Saghezchi

Member from the International Dental Studies Class of 2002:

Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Joel Audyl Abougoush (honors)**

*B.S., University of Calgary*

Future Plans: partnership at Abougoush & Brown Dental Clinic in Calgary, Alberta  
Canada

**Brian Russell Adams**

*B.S., California State Polytechnic University,  
San Luis Obispo*

Future Plans: private practice

**Rene Ricardo Alingog (honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**James Cannon Allen**

*Idaho State University*

Future Plans: associateship in Pocatello, Idaho

**Farnoush Athari**

*B.A., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Douglas Burton Ball**

*B.A., Brigham Young University*

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: associateship in Orem, Utah

**Judd Frederick Boehme**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: purchasing a solo practice in Arizona

**Christine Thunhan Boyer**

*A.S., Foothill College*

Future Plans: associateship in Northern California

**Steven Reed Braithwaite**

*Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: associateship or solo practice in Provo, Utah

**Charles David Brodsky (high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Graduate Orthodontic program at Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

**Michael Dustin Brown (high honors)**

*B.S., University of Notre Dame*

Future Plans: Graduate Endodontic program at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**Jared Thomas Buck (honors)**

*University of California, Santa Barbara*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of Florida, Jacksonville Clinic

**Robert Michael Bull, II**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: private practice in Belmont, California

**David Walter Butler (high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Graduate Endodontic program at Tufts University, Boston, Massachusetts

**Daniel Michael Capponi**

*Saint Mary's College of California*

Future Plans: associateship with Dr. John Woodward '67 in Napa, California

**Christopher Theodore Chan**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*

Future Plans: associateship with his father, Dr. Wesley K. Chan, in San Jose, California

**Krithika S. Chellappa**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*

Future Plans: associateship

**Jason Chiu Chen**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*

Future Plans: associateship in Pleasanton, California

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Stanley Phillip Chin**

*B.A., California State University, Long Beach*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Jennifer Yun Choi** 20

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Paul Chu**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Columbia University's Presbyterian Hospital, New York

**Alexander Borisovich Chukreeff**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship

**David Barrett Collier**

*B.A., University of Washington*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Cory James Costanzo (high honors)**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*  
Future Plans: Graduate Orthodontic program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Steven Yutaka Dodobara (honors)**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*  
Future Plans: associateship with his father, Dr. Gary Dodobara, in Federal Way, Washington

**Joel Donald Drexel**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship in Los Gatos, California

**Kevin Brian Duquette**

*B.A., Sonoma State University*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Thomas Salvatore Ellerhorst (high honors)**

*B.S., University of San Francisco*  
Future Plans: Graduate Orthodontic program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Jeffrey Michael Erickson**

*B.S., University of Oregon*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency program at the University of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

**Paul Jen-yao Fan** 30

*B.S., California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*  
Future Plans: associateship in Los Angeles, California

**Sean Michael Feely (honors)**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship in Orange, California

**Michelle Lee Feliciano-Turner (honors)**

*B.A., California State University, Hayward*  
Future Plans: associateship in Danville, California and instructor in the Preclinical Removable Dentistry Department at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Jason Matthew Fligor**

*B.S., Whitworth College*  
Future Plans: associateship in Seattle, Washington

**Kerri Font (high honors)**

*B.S., San Diego State University*  
Future Plans: Graduate Periodontic program in the United States Air Force at Wilfred Hall Medical Center, Texas

**James Alexander Forester**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Joseph Derek Fridgen**

*B.A., Michigan State University*  
Future Plans: Graduate Pediatric Residency program at Boston University's Goldman School of Dentistry, Boston, Massachusetts

**Nava Mahnaz Gabbay (honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: associateship in San Mateo, California

**Kurt Geisel**

*B.S., Northern Arizona University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Flagstaff, Arizona

**Neetu Kumari Gupta**

*University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Baylor University, Dallas, Texas

**Renu Gupta** 40

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Kimberly Suzanne Haas**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Michael David Hamblin**

*B.A., Sonoma State University*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Shaya Hamid**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship in Oakland, California

**Leng Chung Haong**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Sepand Hokmabadi**

*B.A., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Jeffrey David Hom**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, California

**Joshua Sung Bum Hong**

*B.S., University of Arizona*  
Future Plans: associateships in Mesa and Phoenix, Arizona

**Brooks Bradley Horan (honors)**

*B.S., University of Washington*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in the United States Navy, San Diego, California

**Stephen Glenn Howard**

*A.A., Ricks College*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Eric W. Hwang** 50

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency program at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California

**Kain Kuan-Lin I**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Lee Todd Iverson (honors)**

*B.S., University of Utah*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Janmohamed Jaffer (high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship with his father, Dr. Noralli Jaffer, at Ranchlands Dental Clinic, Calgary, Alberta, Canada

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Amin Javid (honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
Valencia, California

**Joanne Marie Jensen (high honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency  
program at Ohio State University,  
Columbus, Ohio

**Eric Richard Jewell (honors)**

*B.S., University of Washington*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry program at the University of the  
Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Monica Prakash Jhaveri**

*B.S., University of Southern California*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
San Diego, California

**Lindsay Michelle Johnson**

*B.A., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**David Euy-yeol Joo**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Norman Steven Junio** 60

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Kayvan Kafayi**

*B.S., San Francisco State University*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
San Francisco, California

**Jean Young Kang**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
San Jose, California

**Doug Dean Karwoski**

*B.S., Plymouth State College*  
Future Plans: associateship first,  
then solo practice in the future

**Keith Dewel Kennedy**

*Mesa Community College*  
Future Plans: associateship with Drs. Driggs  
and Turley '80 in Mesa, Arizona

**Yeong Woo Kim**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Shellese Antoinette King**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency  
program at the Greater Los Angeles Veteran's  
Administration Medical Center,  
Los Angeles, California

**Thomas Allen Kobylarz (honors)**

*B.S., Montana State University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency  
program at the Veteran's Administration  
Medical Center, San Francisco, California

**Andrew Sokratis Kouvaris (highest honors)**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*  
Future Plans: Graduate Orthodontic program  
at the University of the Pacific,  
School of Dentistry

**Jane Yi-Cheng Kuo**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry program at the University of the  
Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Nancy Kyu Kwon (honors)** 70

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: Graduate Pediatric Residency  
program at the University of California,  
San Francisco

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Michael Hoyeung Lai**  
B.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Laura Daria Cristina Lawson**  
B.S., *University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Alexander See Lim (high honors)**  
*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Caressa Wei Louie (honors)**  
B.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: solo practice

**Amy Kathleen Lowe (high honors)**  
*University of Utah*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Rita Lui**  
B.S., *University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of California, San Francisco, California

**Jennifer Quyên Luu**  
*University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship in Cupertino, California

**Peter Mani**  
B.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Rebecca Anne Marsh (honors)**  
*University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Michael Vernon McEntire, II** 80  
*Mesa Community College*  
Future Plans: solo practice in Pinetop, Arizona

**Joel Arthur McFaul (honors)**  
*University of San Diego*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Julia Marie McGary (honors)**  
A.S., *Everett Community College*  
Future Plans: associateship in Granite Falls, Washington

**Arvin Tinish Mehta (honors)**  
*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry

**Jonathan David Miles (high honors)**  
*Utah State University*  
Future Plans: solo practice in Smithfield, Utah

**Zahra Modaressi**  
B.S., *Shiraz University of Medical Sciences, Iran*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Nazanin Montakhab**  
*University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of California, San Francisco

**Sydney June Moore**  
B.S., *California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo*  
Future Plans: Graduate Pediatric Residency program at Boston University's Goldman School of Dentistry, Boston, Massachusetts

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Daniel S. Nam**

*B.A., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Maryam A. Nassiri**

*B.A., San Francisco State University*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Carter Kar Tat Ng** 90

*B.S., Fraser University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Vancouver,  
British Columbia

**Anthony Hoang Nguyen (honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: associateships in Foster City  
and San Mateo, California

**Nam Hoai Nguyen**

*University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Madelyn Carol Olson (honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Russell Benjamin Cooper Owens**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry program in the United States Air  
Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,  
Dayton, Ohio

**Steve Hung-Yi Pai**

*B.S., San Diego State University*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Susan Mekyung Park**

*B.A., Bowdoin College*  
Future Plans: Graduate Periodontic program  
at Oregon Health Sciences University,  
Portland, Oregon

**Nancy Pashayan**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
Los Angeles, California

**Naman Bhailal Patel**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: working for one year in an  
underserved county of California through  
the Delta Dental Outreach program

**Natalie Ann Polon (honors)**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: Graduate Pediatric Residency  
program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital,  
Cincinnati, Ohio

**Steven Richard Pulido** 100

*University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: associateship/partnership in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

**Rick James Rawson (high honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: Graduate Oral & Maxillofacial  
Surgery program at Loma Linda University,  
Loma Linda, California

**Gregory Michael Ray**

*B.S., University of Arizona*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Elyse Susan Resnick**

*B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder*  
Future Plans: associateship in the Los Angeles,  
California area

**Roena Uriarte Romero**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Jeffrey Jason Rosa (honors)**

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: associateship with his father,  
Dr. Martyn Rosa '65 in Sacramento, California

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002

**Benjamin Abillar Rosales**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency program at the University Medical Center, Fresno, California

**Kris Hall Rosander (high honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Salt Lake City, Utah

**Sohail Saghezchi (high honors)**

*University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: private practice with his father, Dr. Khalil Saghezchi '88 in Cupertino, California

**Eleazar Viray Santiago**

*B.A., California State University, Hayward*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Joy Marie Schuitman**

*San Jose State University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Kenneth John Schweifler (honors)**

*B.S., California State Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Ruth Miri Shifman**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: start-up practice in Simi Valley, California

**Harveen Kaur Singh**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Lance Aron Smagalski (honors)**

*University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: Graduate Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery program at Washington Hospital Center, Washington, D.C.

**Matthew Aaron Stratman**

*B.S., University of Arizona*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at El Rio Health Center, Tucson, Arizona

**Allen William Summerlin**

*A.A., Arkansas State University, Beebe*  
Future Plans: associateship at the Cherokee Nation Tribal Health Redbird Clinic, Sallisaw, Oklahoma

**Pooja Suresh**

*B.S., Arizona State University*  
Future Plans: associateship with her parents, Drs. Mysore & Usha Suresh, in Chandler, Arizona

**Phillip Jonathan Sutton (honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in the United States Navy, Parris Island, South Carolina

**David Hy Khan Tran**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: associateship in the Los Angeles County area

**Michael Dan Trudeau (high honors)**

*B.A., Colgate University*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program in the United States Navy, San Diego, California

**Anh-Thu Ngoc Truong**

*University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: associateship in Southern California

**Wandy Wan-Lang Tsai**

*B.S., University of Washington*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at the University of the Pacific, School of Dentistry



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**Linh Ngoc Van**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Graduate Pediatric Residency program at Boston University's Goldman School of Dentistry, Boston, Massachusetts

**Bartel Van Oostendorp (honors)**

*Mesa Community College*  
Future Plans: partnership with Dr. Matt Baker '90 at Gilbert Road Dental Care in Mesa, Arizona

**Ashish Jayprakash Vashi**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Jonathon Tyler Wagner**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Leah Marie Walker (honors)**

*B.S., University of Southern California*  
Future Plans: associateship at the Gallatin Dental Group in Downey, California

**Roger Hsieh West**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: associateship with his mother, Dr. Amy Hsieh West in San Gabriel, California

**Max Phillip Wilson**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Scott Paul Wilson**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: group practice in Las Vegas, Nevada

**Betty Wong (honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry program at Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas

**Lynne My-Linh Wong**

*B.S., San Francisco State University*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Candice Lorraine Yee**

*B.S., Pacific Union College*  
Future Plans: associateship with her family at Yee Dental Care in Sacramento, California

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# Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

## SCHOLARSHIP

### Arthur Roscoe McDowell Award

*Highest scholarship*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

### Dean's Award

*Second highest scholarship*  
Sohail Saghezchi

### Harry H. Hilp Award

*Third highest scholarship*  
Michael D. Brown  
David W. Butler

### Clinical Excellence Award

*Highest clinical scholarship*  
Michael D. Brown  
David W. Butler

### Restorative Dentistry Award

*Highest restorative dentistry scholarship*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

### Academy of Dental Materials

*Greatest promise in dental materials*  
Nava M. Gabbay

### Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities/Special Care Dentistry Award

*Exceptional demonstrated competence in treating  
patients with HIV*  
Arvin T. Mehta

### Academy of General Dentistry

*Greatest promise in general dentistry*  
Jared T. Buck

### Academy of Operative Dentistry

*Outstanding achievement*  
Anthony H. Nguyen

### Cecil Adams Award

*Outstanding achievement in oral and  
maxillofacial surgery*  
Rick J. Rawson

### Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

*Bay Area Alumni Award*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

### Alpha Omega International

#### Dental Fraternity

*Highest scholarship*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

### American Academy of Dental Practice Administration

*Outstanding achievement*  
Jennifer Y. Choi

### American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry

*Exceptional interest and achievement*  
Lee T. Iverson

### American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

*Exceptional interest and accomplishment*  
Rebecca A. Marsh

### American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

*Exceptional interest and accomplishment*  
Paul Chu

### American Academy of Oral Medicine

*Outstanding achievement*  
Joanne M. Jensen

# Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

**American Academy of Orofacial Pain**

*Excellence in the management of temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain*

Scott P. Wilson

**American Academy of Periodontology**

*Outstanding performance*

Kerri Font

**American Association of Endodontists**

*Clinical endodontics*

Michael D. Brown

**American Association of Oral Biologists**

*Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology*

Sohail Saghezchi

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons**

*Exemplary aptitude and achievement*

Rick J. Rawson

**American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons**

*Outstanding achievement in the study of implants in dentistry*

Kevin B. Duquette

**American Association of Orthodontists**

*Interest in orofacial development*

Charles D. Brodsky

**American Association of Public Health Dentistry**

*Interest and achievement in community dentistry*

Michelle L. Feliciano-Turner

**American College of Dentists, Northern California Section**

*Exemplary professionalism*

Janmohamed Jaffer

**American College of Prosthodontists, California Section**

*Academic excellence in prosthodontics*

Jared T. Buck

**American Dental Society of Anesthesiology**

*Ability in pain control*

Charles D. Brodsky

**American Equilibration Society**

*Occlusion and temporomandibular joint function*

Michael D. Trudeau

**American Society of Dentistry for Children**

*Clinical pediatric dentistry*

Natalie A. Polon

**American Student Dental Association Award**

*Outstanding leadership and service*

Paul Chu

**Louise C. Ball Leadership Award**

*Leadership and service*

Brian R. Adams

**Eleanor Bushee American Association of Women Dentists Award**

*Academic excellence and outstanding leadership*

Amy K. Lowe

**Eric B. Bystrom Memorial Pediatric Dentistry Award**

*Excellence in dentistry for children*

Michelle L. Feliciano-Turner

**California Dental Association**

*Professional attitude, integrity, and promise of leadership*

Michael D. Brown

# Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

**James A. Campbell, Jr. Omicron Kappa  
Upsilon Award**

*Demonstrated excellence in dental radiology*  
Paul Chu

**Kevin Campbell Alumni Service Award**

*Outstanding service*  
Judd F. Boehme

**Colgate-Palmolive Clinical  
Research Award**

*Outstanding capabilities in clinical research*  
Amy K. Lowe

**Community Service Award**

*Significant contributions to  
community outreach programs*

Brian R. Adams  
Krithika S. Chellapa  
Paul Chu  
Michelle L. Feliciano-Turner  
Neetu K. Gupta  
Renu Gupta  
Joel A. McFaul  
Ruth M. Shifman  
Linh N. Van  
Candice L. Yee

**Comprehensive Patient Care Awards**

*Outstanding performance*  
James C. Allen  
Amy K. Lowe

**Delta Sigma Delta Dental Fraternity**

*Nu Nu member(s) with outstanding character,  
qualifications, and attitude*  
Michael D. Brown

**Dental Auxiliary Utilization Award**

*Four handed dentistry*  
Joel A. Abougoush

**F. Gene Dixon Delta Dental Award**

*Leadership, service and scholarship*  
Brian A. Adams

**Dentsply/ADA Student Clinician  
Program Award**

*Outstanding clinical research*  
Sohail Saghezchi

**Charles A. Ertola Award**

*Clinical removable prosthodontics*  
Bartel Van Oostendorp

**Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior  
Student Award**

*Leadership and dedication to the  
advancement of dentistry*  
Michelle L. Feliciano-Turner

**Pierre Fauchard Academy  
Foundation Scholarship**

*One of the five selected nationally as  
a potential leader of the profession*  
Jared T. Buck

**Pierre Fauchard Academy  
Student Scholarship Award**

*Outstanding leadership and service*  
Jeffrey J. Rosa

**William W. Y. Goon**

**Omicron Kappa Upsilon Award**  
*Excellence in endodontics, interdisciplinary  
clinical sciences, and student scholarship*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

**Norma T. and Robert G. Grosso  
Endowment Award**

*Interest and promise as a dental educator*  
Brian R. Adams  
Ashish J. Vashi

**Garrett Guess Valedictorian Award**

*Highest scholarship*  
Andrew S. Kouvaris

**Thomas B. Hartzell Award**

*Clinical periodontics*  
Thomas S. Ellerhorst

# Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

## **Hawaiian Award**

*Outstanding clinical performance*  
Arvin T. Mehta

## **International College of Dentists, U.S.A. Section**

*Greatest professional growth and development*  
Lee T. Iverson

## **International Congress of Oral Implantologists**

*Highest commitment and interest in  
oral implantology and implant dentistry*  
Amy K. Lowe

## **Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award**

*Outstanding student planning to pursue  
a career in pediatric dentistry*  
Natalie A. Polon

## **Charles G. Lee Award**

*Management and dentistry for children*  
Janmohamed Jaffer

## **National Dean's List Award**

*Exceptional scholastic achievement*  
Charles D. Brodsky  
Michael D. Brown  
David W. Butler  
Cory J. Costanzo  
Thomas S. Ellerhorst  
Kerri Font  
Janmohamed Jaffer  
Joanne M. Jensen  
Andrew S. Kouvaris  
Alexander S. Lim  
Amy K. Lowe  
Jonathan D. Miles  
Kris H. Rosander  
Rick J. Rawson  
Sohail Saghezchi

## **Northern California**

### **Academy of Endodontists**

*Outstanding capabilities in endodontics*  
David W. Butler

### **Organization of Teachers of Oral Diagnosis**

*Excellence and promise in the field of oral diagnosis*  
Thomas S. Ellerhorst

### **Orthodontic Alumni Award**

*Outstanding interest, accomplishment, and promise  
in orthodontics*  
Thomas S. Ellerhorst

### **Pacific Oral Pathology Laboratory Award**

*Interest, accomplishment, and promise*  
Rebecca A. Marsh

### **Quintessence Book Awards**

*Research achievement*  
Sohail Saghezchi  
*Clinical periodontics*  
Michelle L. Feliciano-Turner  
*Clinical restorative dentistry*  
Kris H. Rosander

### **Radiology Faculty Award**

*Outstanding performance in radiology*  
James C. Allen

### **San Francisco Dental Society Ethics Award**

*Ethics and professionalism in the  
care and treatment of patients*  
Kenneth J. Schweifler

### **Student Research Competition Awards**

*First Place*  
Sohail Saghezchi  
*Second Place*  
Alexander S. Lim

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

**Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet**

**Pedodontic Award**

*Dentistry for children*

David W. Butler

Minal L. Fichadia

Joseph D. Fridgen

Brooks B. Horan

Nancy K. Kwon

Sydney J. Moore

Natalie A. Polon

Linh N. Van

**Teledyne-Water Pik Award**

*Excellence in prosthodontics*

Amy K. Lowe

**Dr. Arden Velasek Memorial Award**

*Interest and accomplishment in the field of*

*Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Lance A. Smalgaski

**A. W. Ward Award**

*Excellence in clinical fixed prosthodontics*

Jonathan D. Miles

**Frederick T. West Orthodontic Award**

*Clinical and didactic excellence in orthodontics*

Cory J. Costanzo

**Fred T. West Research Award**

*Outstanding commitment to and capability in  
orthodontic research*

Andrew S. Kouvaris

**Who's Who Among Students  
in American Colleges and Universities**

*Scholarship and leadership*

Natalie A. Polon

**Xi Psi Phi Supreme Chapter Award**

*Highest grade point average in the chapter*

Rene R. Alingog

**Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards**

*Need, character, and scholarship*

Michael D. Brown

David W. Butler

Andrew S. Kouvaris

Amy K. Lowe

Jonathan D. Miles

Sohail Saghezchi

# *International Dental Studies Program*

## *Doctor of Dental Surgery 2002*

**Olga M. Belova**

*D.D.S., MMI of Stomatology, Russia*  
Future Plans: associateship in the  
Sunnyvale/San Jose area

**Rikramjit Brar**

*B.D.S., K.L.E., Society's Institute of  
Dental Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: partnership in Las Vegas, Nevada

**Savita Suryawanshi Brenner (honors)**

*B.D.S., Government Dental College and  
Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Aman Dhillon**

*B.D.S., College of Dental Surgery, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
San Jose, California

**Smita Rupesh Gala (honors)**

*B.D.S., Bharti Vidyapeeth's Dental College  
and Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in the San  
Francisco Bay Area

**Anagha Sudhakar Joshi**

*B.D.S., Bharati Vidyapeeth's Dental College  
and Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Shakeela Nawaz Khan**

*B.D.S., De-Monthorency College of  
Dentistry, Pakistan*  
Future Plans: associateship in Fremont,  
California

**Dorina Kramer**

*D.M.D., University of Medicine & Pharmacology  
School of Dental Studies, Romania*  
Future Plans: private practice in Germany

**Elonia Lasku (highest honors)**

*D.D.S., University of Tirana, Albania*  
Future Plans: associateship in Arizona

**Minoo Makassebi (honors)**

*D.D.S., Mashhad University School  
of Dentistry, Iran*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Anne Mathew**

*B.D.S., College of Dental Surgery,  
Mangalore University, India*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Minal Jaydip Mehta (honors)**

*B.D.S., Nair Hospital Dental College, India*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Iselsa Josafina Mota**

*D.D.S., University Central of the East, Dominican  
Republic*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Allan Paolo Vitug Pineda**

*D.M.D., Centro Escolar University  
College of Dentistry, Philippines*  
Future Plans: associateship at Pier One Dental  
Office in Chicago, Illinois

**Preet Sahota**

*B.D.S., Bapuji Dental College and Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: associateship or private practice

**Sandra Claire Spengler**

*D.M.D., University of the East, Philippines*  
Future Plans: associateship or partnership in  
Las Vegas or Reno, Nevada

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# *International Dental Studies Program Awards*

## **Dean's Award**

*Highest Scholarship*

Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.

## **International Dental Studies Award**

*Outstanding diplomacy and leadership*

Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.

## **Comprehensive Patient Care Award**

*Outstanding performance*

Smita R. Gala, B.D.S.

## **Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities**

*Scholarship and leadership, International*

*Dental Studies Program*

Elonia Lasku, D.D.S.



# *Advanced Education in General Dentistry Certificate 2002*

**Jeremy Ryan Bold**

*B.S., University of Arizona  
D.D.S., University of the Pacific  
AEGD Certificate, University of the Pacific  
Future plans: associateship or private practice*

**Charles Drury**

*B.S., University of California, Riverside  
D.D.S., University of the Pacific  
Future plans: private practice in California*

**Nhi Nguyen**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine  
D.D.S., Northwestern University  
Future plans: associateship or private practice*

**Jun Young Park**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles  
D.D.S., Northwestern University  
AEGD Certificate, University of the Pacific  
Future plans: associateship or private practice*

**Nancy Dung Phan**

*B.S., University of California, Davis  
D.D.S., University of California, San Francisco  
Future plans: Graduate Orthodontics program  
at St. Barnabas Hospital in New York,  
New York*

**Stephanie Salter**

*B.A., Vanderbilt University  
D.D.S., Northwestern University  
Future plans: moving to Tennessee,  
hopes to work at Fort Campbell, Kentucky*

**John Michael Savko**

*B.S., California Lutheran University  
D.D.S., University of the Pacific  
Future plans: associateship or private practice*

**Tanvi Shah**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley  
D.D.S., Columbia University  
Future plans: general practice in the Bay Area*

**William Francis Wight**

*B.S., University of California, Davis  
D.D.S., University of the Pacific  
Future plans: associateship or private practice*

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# *Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Awards*

**AEGD Special Patient Award**

*Greatest dedication to care of special patients  
Stephanie Salter, D.D.S.*

**AEGD Outstanding Resident Award**

*Highest degree of professionalism  
John M. Savko, D.D.S.*

**AEGD Outstanding Second Year  
Resident Award**

*Greatest dedication to patient care and teaching in  
the AEGD and predoctoral programs  
Jun Y. Park, D.D.S.*

# Master of Science in Dentistry Certificate in Orthodontics 2002

**Leonard Scott Chong**

B.A., *University of the California, Berkeley*  
D.D.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future plans: practice with his father in  
Union City, California

**Masoud Haghi**

D.M.D., *University of Wuraburg*  
M.S., *University of Wuraburg*  
Future plans: private practices in Vancouver,  
B.C. and Yellowknife N.W. territories and  
part-time instructor at University of  
British Columbia

**William S. Lieber**

B.S., *Tuft University*  
D.M.D., *University of Pennsylvania*  
Future plans: Either twenty-eight more years  
in practice or...retirement!

**Paul John Lund**

B.S., *Santa Clara University*  
M.P.H., *San Jose State University*  
D.D.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future plans: private practice west  
of the Mississippi

**Stephen Donald O'Hara**

B.S., *Fresno State University*  
D.D.S., *University of the Pacific*  
Future plans: private practice in  
Central California

**Jeffery Alan Roberts**

B.A., *Indiana University*  
D.D.S., *Indiana University*  
Future plans: private practice in the East Bay

**Shahryar Sefidpour**

B.S., *San Jose State University*  
M.S., *San Jose State University*  
D.D.S., *University of California, San Francisco*  
Future plans: private practice in the South Bay

## Graduate Orthodontic Program Awards

**Sheldon Baumrind**

**Excellence in Clinical Research Award**  
*Excellence in clinical research*  
Leonard S. Chong, D.D.S.

**Arthur A. Dugoni**

**Excellence in Clinical Care Award**  
*Outstanding clinical care*  
Masoud Haghi, D.M.D.

**Donald R. Poulton Scholarship Award**

*Dedication to patient care  
in the field of orthodontics*  
Shahryar Sefidpour, D.D.S.

**W. Eugene Roberts**

**Basic Science Research Award**  
*Outstanding basic science research*  
Stephen D. O'Hara, D.D.S.

**Irwin Marcus Predoctoral  
Orthodontic Teaching Award**

*Superior seminar and clinical teaching with  
undergraduate dental students*  
Jeffrey A. Roberts, D.D.S.

**Frederick T. West Leadership Award**

*Outstanding leadership*  
Paul J. Lund, D.D.S.

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# *Advanced Education Program in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Certificate 2002*

**Michael L. Beckley**  
*B.S., Texas Christian University*  
*D.D.S., Baylor College of Dentistry*  
Future Plans: associateship in the Bay Area

**Bassem Farids**  
*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
*D.D.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship

## *2002 Teaching Awards*

**Outstanding first-year faculty member**  
Marc J. Geissberger, D.D.S., M.Ed.

**Outstanding second-year faculty member**  
Shannon Wong, D.D.S., M.S.

**Outstanding third-year faculty member**  
Dudley Cheu, D.D.S.

**Outstanding International Dental Studies  
Program faculty member**  
Joseph V. Levy, Ph.D.

**Outstanding Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Program faculty members**  
Kerry D. Hanson, D.D.S.  
Shannon Wong, D.D.S., M.S.

**The Richard Rimmel Rutter Award  
for Service and Excellence for the  
Orthodontic Class**  
Harry Hatasaka, D.D.S.

**Lucien Szmyd Memorial Award**  
*Excellence in Teaching Award, 2002*  
Mark Hagge, D.M.D.

*The listing of a candidate's name in the commencement program is  
presumptive evidence of graduation, but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

*"Take time to work-it is the price of success.*

*Take time to think-it is the source of power.*

*Take time to play-it is the secret of perpetual youth.*

*Take time to read-it is the foundation of wisdom.*

*Take time to be friendly-it is the road to happiness.*

*Take time to dream-it is hitching your wagon to a star.*

*Take time to love and be loved-it is the privilege of the Gods.*

*Take time to look around-the day is too short to be wasteful.*

*Take time to laugh-it is the music of the soul.*

*Take time to give-it is too short a day to be selfish.*

*Take time to pray-it is the greatest power on Earth."*

*An Old Irish Prayer*

**T**he University of the Pacific was established by pioneer Methodist ministers in 1851 as the first chartered institution of higher learning in California. Originally founded in Santa Clara, the institution later moved to San Jose and in 1924 to its present location in Stockton.

In 1996, the Board of Regents established that *"the University of the Pacific's mission is to provide a superior, student-centered learning environment integrating liberal arts and professional education and preparing individuals for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities."*

Throughout its history Pacific has been recognized as a leader in educational innovation. It provided the West Coast with its first medical school in 1858 (it later became part of Stanford and today is the California Pacific Medical Center), its first coeducational campus in 1871, its first conservatory of music in 1878, its first "cluster colleges," and its first and only four-year private institution in the Central Valley. Pacific was first in the nation to offer an undergraduate teacher corps program, the first to send an entire class to an overseas campus and the first to establish a Spanish-speaking inter-american college.

Since the move to Stockton in 1924, only five presidents have headed the administration of the University. Tully C. Knoles presided during the move from San Jose and served until he was succeeded by Dr. Robert E. Burns in 1946. Dr. Burns served as president until his death in 1971. Dr. Stanley E. McCaffrey was named president in 1971. When he retired in 1987, he was succeeded by Dr. Bill L. Atchley, who served until 1995. Dr. Donald V. DeRosa began his service as the 23rd president in 1995.

The School of Education was established shortly after the move to Stockton in 1924. It was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in 1992 in honor of the alumna's endowed gift. The University experienced its greatest growth and a broadening of its base under the administration of Dr. Burns. In 1955 it opened its School of Pharmacy and in 1956 its Graduate School. The School of Engineering was established in 1957. In 1962, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a school of dentistry founded in San Francisco in 1896, merged with the University of the Pacific and became the University's San Francisco Campus.

In recognition of this growth, the name of the institution was changed in 1961 from the "College" of the Pacific to the "University" of the Pacific. The name "College of the Pacific" was retained for the University's central liberal arts college.

A new concept in higher education in the United States found expression in the establishment of the first "cluster" college, Raymond College, in 1962. This was followed in 1963 with the opening of the second, Elbert Covell College, the first bilingual-bicultural college in the country. McGeorge College of Law, and independent law school founded in Sacramento in 1924, amalgamated with the University in 1966 as its School of Law. The third cluster college, focusing on non-western studies and featuring a year of study in an Asian culture, began in 1967 as Callison College. The cluster colleges were ended in 1982. However these concentrations in global study became our School of Business and Public Administration. In 1995 it was renamed Eberhardt School of Business in honor of the Eberhardt family's endowed gifts. University College, a unit of the University designed specifically for the adult "re-entry" student, was reorganized and revitalized in 1985.

In 1995, Pacific issued the first four-year guarantee whereby students are assured completion of the B.A. degree in four years. Accelerated programs announced by President DeRosa enable a student to complete undergraduate studies in combination with a law degree in "3+3" years. The School of Dentistry and School of Pharmacy offer similar accelerated programs. In this spirit of innovation, Pacific is currently shaping bold new plans for the years ahead.

The Vision Statement, adopted by the Board of Regents in 1997 to lead the University to its sesquicentennial, pledges *"to continue to link liberal arts and professional education through innovative curricular and co-curricular programs of exceptional quality and high value. The University will strengthen its visibility and take full advantage of the rich resources of Northern California. Pacific will become a national leader in the creative use of internships and leadership development programs. These distinctive features will be shaped by our commitment to equip Pacific graduates for success in a multicultural and international society."*