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One Hundred Fourteenth
Commencement
Sunday, June 15, 2008



Masonic Auditorium
San Francisco, California
2:00 PM

University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry is one of the premier dental schools in the nation and has served the Bay Area community for one hundred and twelve 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. 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 place in San Francisco. A local war hero named Dr. Charles Boxton 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. Boxton presided as the first dean of P&S and served briefly as mayor of San Francisco. In 1918, during Dr. Boxton'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 twelve years since Dr. Boxton drove his horse and buggy down a cobblestoned Market Street, of course, much has changed in the city. High-rise buildings now punctuate the skyline, and world-famous bridges span 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. Boxton 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 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, Arthur A. Dugoni 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, staff, alumni, and supporters. Today, the traditions of excellence and of caring combine to form Pacific'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. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr., dean, the School of Dentistry continues as a leader among dental schools in curriculum, clinical excellence, and technology. Students learn through the "humanistic" model of education in a technologically-advanced setting. Building on the accomplishments of Dean Emeritus Dr. Arthur A. Dugoni, Dean Ferrillo is leading the school into the twenty-first century dedicated to excellence. The school's vision statement is "leading the improvement of health by advancing oral health."

In addition to Pacific'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 dentistry, orthodontics, oral and maxillofacial surgery, periodontics, endodontics, pathology and medicine, prosthodontics, and dental implants.

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)

"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

Order of Exercises

PROCESSIONAL

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

WELCOME

Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr.
Dean, School of Dentistry

INVOCATION

Dr. Elizabeth Griego
Vice President for Student Life

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLATFORM GUESTS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Dr. Mark J. Feldman
President, American Dental Association
"Living a Life that Matters"

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

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

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Dr. Jacob G. Yetzer
Dr. Tawfiq M. Alkilani

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr.
Dean, School of Dentistry

BENEDICTION

Dr. Elizabeth Griego
Vice President for Student Life

RECESSIONAL

Triumphant March from Aida —*Giuseppe Verdi*
Brian Swager, Organist

Historical Background of the Mace

Originally a weapon of offense used in medieval warfare by a king or a noble, the mace has been refined to a symbolic device used on ceremonial occasions. The mace, as an academic symbol, dates back to 16th century England when Queen Elizabeth I presented a replica of her own royal mace to the corporation of the University of Oxford. She ordered that it be used in all ceremonies to represent the royal presence and the authority given to the university to grant degrees under the royal insignia. King Charles I made a similar gift to Cambridge University in 1625.

Robert E. Burns, Pacific president from 1946 -1971, asked Stuart Devlin, an internationally known London silver designer, to create the University of the Pacific mace. It was commissioned in recognition of the University's transition from a college to a university with several colleges and professional schools that were to be modeled after Oxford and Cambridge.

It was first used at a Founder's Day ceremony on March 6, 1966, and is constructed entirely of silver with a gold plated seal of the University in its head. The mace is approximately four feet long and weighs 15 pounds. It was a gift from Mrs. Winifred Olson Raney, a former regent of the University. The mace is displayed at all official University functions and generally is carried by the chair of the Academic Council at Convocation and Commencement ceremonies.

Significance of Academic Regalia

Distinctive academic dress can be traced back to the universities of the Middle Ages when students and faculty of universities wore the robes of the clergy. Today three ranks of degrees are distinguished through variations in the robes, which also indicate the discipline and the university that awarded the degree.

In the United States, gowns generally are black, although a few universities have adopted other colors for their doctoral gowns: Harvard, crimson; Yale, blue; Chicago, maroon; Dartmouth, forest green. The field of learning in which the degree is 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 the doctoral gown. 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), lilac (Dentistry), olive green (Pharmacy), and purple (Law).

The colors of the lining of the hood are those of the institution awarding the degree. For example, University of California colors are gold and blue; Stanford University, cardinal red; University of Michigan, maize and azure blue; University of the Pacific, burnt orange and black. An olive green tassel is often worn on the cap to signify the field of Pharmacy, although generally bachelor's and master's tassels are black. Doctoral tassels generally are gold. The left side of the mortarboard is the proper side to wear the tassel after graduation.

An individual's degree is revealed by the type of gown and width of the edging on the hood.

Bachelor's gowns have full, pointed sleeves with no trimming. The hoods have a two-inch edging.

Master's gowns prior to 1960 had full, closed sleeves with the arm emerging through a slit at the elbow. The gown was the despair of wearers because, no matter how hot the day, a coat must be worn under it. In 1960, however, the gown was modified; in place of the elbow slit, an opening was made at the wrist and the gown was made to close. The hoods have a three-inch edging.

Doctor's gowns are of silk, have rounded sleeves, velvet facing down the front, and three velvet crossbars on each sleeve. The hoods have side panels and a five-inch facing.

School and College Banners

School and college banners signifying each of the academic units of the University precede a unit's faculty in the procession and are displayed during the ceremony. Each banner contains symbolism that relates to the various disciplines. The white field at the center symbolizes the arts and letters, which form a basis for all academic programs of the University. The primary color of the banner symbolizes the specific academic discipline. Within the white field is the official emblem of each school or college.

COLLEGE OF THE PACIFIC (est. 1851). The gold field of this banner signifies the sciences, which combined with the arts and letters, forms the basis for the liberal arts programs offered in the central division of the University. The torch emblem is symbolic of the lamp of knowledge and served as a predecessor to the mace in the Seal of the University. The emblem also contains a cross which signifies the role of the Methodist Church in the founding of the college.

CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC (est. 1878). The pink field is the accepted color for all disciplines relating to music. The emblem, a contemporary graphic of a musical symbol, was developed in 1987 to signify new directions for the Conservatory, which is the oldest university affiliated conservatory in the West.

GLADYS L. BENERD SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (est. 1924). The blue field shows disciplines related to education. The lamp of learning forms an emblem for the school, which was founded when the University moved to Stockton.

ARTHUR A. DUGONI SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY (est. 1896). The lilac colors of dentistry form the field for this banner. The emblem of the dental caduceus surrounded by a triangle represents the three corners of dentistry's program: education, research and service. The dental school became part of the University in 1962, and was renamed in 2004 to honor its long-standing dean.

EBERHARDT SCHOOL OF BUSINESS (est. 1977). The beige colors of business provide a background for this banner. The emblem was selected from several submitted in a competition among students when the school was renamed in honor of Robert M. Eberhardt, the Eberhardt Family and the Bank of Stockton in recognition of a long and enthusiastic support of Pacific.

School and College Banners

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE (est. 1958). The orange field surrounds the symbol which reflects the major areas of study within the school: a wheel signifies mechanical engineering; the bridge is for civil engineering; and the center figure illustrates the combined fields of electrical and computer engineering. The School of Engineering and Computer Science was established around a department that dates to the 1930s.

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (est. 1987). The gold on this banner, coupled with white, reflects the arts and letters and sciences just as they do in the COP flag. The blue globe shows the international nature of the programs that include study-abroad opportunities in more than 100 locations.

THOMAS J. LONG SCHOOL OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES (est. 1955). The green field depicts the pharmacy profession. It surrounds the emblem for the school, the Bowl of Hygieia, who was the Greek goddess of health and is the traditional emblem of pharmacy much as the caduceus represents medicine. The school's modernized version is an adaptation of the official emblem of the American Pharmaceutical Association. The school is named for the benefactor and regent who, with his brother Joseph, founded Long's Drug Stores.

PACIFIC McGEORGE SCHOOL OF LAW (est. 1924). The purple color of law surrounds the logo of McGeorge School of Law, depicting a law book and judicial column symbolizing the study and practice of law. In 1966 the law school merged with the University.

RESEARCH & GRADUATE STUDIES (est. 1956). Although graduate degrees were offered early in the history of the University, a formal organization was not established until 1956. The banner combines the elements of the arts and letters and sciences with the orange and black colors of the University. It shows a portion of the University seal.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY (est. 1851). This banner's emblems are a key and a book, symbolic of knowledge and wisdom. The lemon-yellow background is representative of the Library Science discipline. The Library's faculty and staff have served all academic areas of the University since its founding. Collections and services include a variety of print, audiovisual and electronic resources. Original papers and sketches of materials relating to the Gold Rush along with many other special collections are a primary attraction for researchers from around the world.

Honors

HIGHEST HONORS

Valedictorian, the graduating student with the highest overall grade point average in didactic and clinical courses combined over the entire program, Class of 2008:

Jacob G. Yetzer

Member of the International Dental Studies Program with the highest overall grade point average in didactic and clinical courses combined over the entire program, Class of 2008:

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.

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 2008:

Emanuel S. Alexandroni	Andrew V. Michael	Nicole C. Sakai
Scott A. Dault	Laura E. Miller	Taylor J. Stephens
Justin R. Goodman	Benjamin K. Mishler	Robert J. Whiting
Daniel T. Haws	Nicklaus A. Morton	Bryce J. Williams
Russell S. Homer	Marta M. Parisek	Jacob G. Yetzer

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2008:

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.

Pooja D. Patel, B.D.S.

Phi Kappa Phi, an honor society in higher education with a chapter at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine. It is the oldest and largest interdisciplinary honor society in existence. Admission to this 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 selected from the Class of 2008:

Emanuel S. Alexandroni	Nicole C. Sakai
Daniel T. Haws	Taylor J. Stephens
Laura E. Miller	Jacob G. Yetzer
Benjamin K. Mishler	

Member selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2008:

Pooja D. Patel, B.D.S.

Honors

HONORS

Tau Kappa Omega, an 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 selected from the Class of 2008:

Yejin Ahn	Bridgit M. Kalebjian
Emanuel S. Alexandroni	Marcy Kazeminy
Alyson T. Barnes	Khashayar Khomejany
Keith R. Boyer	Aaron P. McDonough
Stuart W. Boyse	Andrew V. Michael
Sherman Chan	Laura E. Miller
Thomas M. Clements	Benjamin K. Mishler
Scott A. Dault	Nicklaus A. Morton
Lindsay L. Don	Matthew A. Nielsen
Daryl J. Dudum	Robert S. Palmer
Mark R. Ence	Marta M. Parisek
Ryan J. Everhart	Aric M. Petersen
Heidi Ferre	Nicole C. Sakai
Shawn A. Frawley	Erick Y. Sato
Jay T. Golinveaux	Clint T. Shelley
Justin R. Goodman	Taylor J. Stephens
Christopher A. Groat	Zachary X. Van Hilsen
Daniel T. Haws	Robert J. Whiting
Kelly R. Heetland	Bryce J. Williams
Russell S. Homer	Daniel S. Witcher
Cyrus B. Javadi	Jacob. G. Yetzer

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2008:

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.
Alifiya H. Barodawalla, B.D.S.
Sherif A. Gabr, B.D.S.
Denys Kovalchuk, Doctor of Stomatology
Beatriz Parra, D.D.S.
Pooja D. Patel, B.D.S.
Vijaya Lakshmi-Tippireddy, B.D.S

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

Joshua Duke Albrecht

B.S., University of Utah

Future Plans: private practice in
St. George, UT

Emanuel Stefan Alexandroni

(with high honors)

B.S., University of Southern California

Future Plans: private practice in Brea, CA

Steven C. Alvarado

B.S., California State University, Fullerton

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation
Center, Downey, CA

Yvette Elizabeth Arana

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Colin Kamland Au

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY

Jason Troy Bacon

B.S., University of California, Irvine

Future Plans: private practice in
Los Angeles, CA

Dwight L. Bailey

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

Future Plans: associateship in Las Cruces, NM

Christopher A. Ballew

B.A.A.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in Gilbert, AZ

David Gaspar Barela

B.S.E., Arizona State University

Future Plans: private practice in Tempe, AZ

Alyson Terry Barnes (with honors)

B.S., Florida State University

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston, MA

Margaret I. Barsotti

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Diana Marie Belli

B.S., George Mason University

Future Plans: General Practice Residency
at the Veterans Administration, San Diego, CA

Joshua McKay Bevans

Arizona State University

Future Plans: private practice in Gilbert, AZ

Harbir Milkha Singh Bhullar

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Zachary Ian Boger

B.A., California State University, Chico

Future Plans: associateship with
Dr. Leo H. Boger in San Jose, CA

Rhonda Kay Bowen

A.S., Cabrillo College

Future Plans: associateship with
Dr. Marylinn Stephenson, '03, in Sonora, CA

Keith Richard Boyer (with honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Endodontics Residency at the
University of Pennsylvania

Stuart Wayne Boyse (with honors)

Arizona State University

Future Plans: private practice in
Queen Creek, AZ

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

Curtis W. Carpenter

B.S., Brigham Young University, Idaho
Future Plans: private practice

Matthew R. Carpenter

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: associateship with father,
Dr. Raymond E. Carpenter, '76, in
San Diego, CA

Sherman Chan (with honors)

B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the
Veterans Administration, Mare Island, CA

Cristina Ann Chávez

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in
San Francisco, CA

Robert K. Cheng

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: Advanced Education in
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**Thomas Michael Clements
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B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: associateship in Sacramento, CA

Chrystle Charlene Young Cu

B.A., Wellesley College
Future Plans: associateship in San Mateo, CA

Scott A. Dault (with high honors)

B.S., San Jose State University
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at the
Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, CA

Iris Anne Yu de Guzman

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
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Fresno, CA

Jessica A. Dehnert

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Johanna Genevieve Delgado

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Stockton, CA

Trevor Lowell Denny

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San Luis Obispo*
Future Plans: private practice in
Santa Barbara, CA

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B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: United States Navy Dental
Corps, Okinawa, Japan

Roberto Enrico DiVito

B.S., Arizona State University
Future Plans: private practice with father,
Dr. Enrico DiVito, '80 in Scottsdale, AZ

Leigh Christine Dixon

B.S., University of Minnesota
Future Plans: private practice with
Dr. William C. Kenner V, '06 in Seattle, WA

Lindsay Lee Don (with honors)

B.S., University of Arizona
Future Plans: private practice in San Ramon, CA

Daryl J. Dudum (with honors)

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Endodontics Residency
at Boston University

Brian William Dugoni

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
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Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

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B.A., University of San Diego

Future Plans: associateship in Huntington Beach, CA

Christopher K. Duong

B.S., University of California, Irvine

Future Plans: associateship in Torrance, CA

Mark R. Ence (with honors)

Southern Utah University

Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. James Ence, '77 in St. George, UT

Jennifer Anne Tecson Espejo

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

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

Future Plans: private practice in El Dorado Hills, CA

Mathue Gene Faulkner

B.A., University of Utah

Future Plans: private practice in San Francisco, CA

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Heidi Ferre (with honors)

B.A.A.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration, Palo Alto, CA

Valerie Chantelle Fong

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, Boston, MA

Shawn Andrew Frawley (with honors)

B.S., Loyola Marymount University

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Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

Elmira Geder

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: private practice

Nimrit Kaur Gill

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, CA

Jay Thomas Golinveaux (with honors)

B.S., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at University of California, San Francisco

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B.A., Dartmouth College

Future Plans: associateship in Portland, OR

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Bachelor of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music

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B.S., Arizona State University

Future Plans: private practice in Arizona

Mark Lowell Greenmun

B.S., San Jose State University

Future Plans: private practice

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B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration, Long Beach, CA

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

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B.S., University of the Pacific
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University of California, Davis
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
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B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Peridontics Residency
at Columbia University

Christopher Takeshi Hatae

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Los Angeles, CA

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Future Plans: associateship in the East Bay

Daniel T. Haws (with high honors)

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Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency with the United States
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Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
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Future Plans: private practice

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Future Plans: General Practice Residency
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Future Plans: associateship in Seattle, WA

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

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Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Queen's Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

Brooke Stephanie Suda Kondo

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: associateship in Watsonville, CA

John Y. Kuan

B.A., San Jose State University

Future Plans: private practice

Luke Francis Landeros

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in
San Francisco, CA

Tricia Diana Lee

University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: private practice with father,
Dr. Darryl Lee, '77, in Long Beach, CA

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B.S., Cornell University

Future Plans: Internship in Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery at Drexel University

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B.S., University of the Pacific

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General Dentistry Residency at
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni
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B.A., M.S., University of California, Riverside

Future Plans: associateship in Irvine, CA

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B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
New York Hospital, Queens, NY

**Aaron Prisbrey McDonough
(with honors)**

B.A., University of Utah

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency
at the University of Colorado

Charles Brock McKenzie

Arizona State University

Future Plans: associateship in Mesa, AZ

Andrew V. Michael (with high honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at the University of Texas, Houston

Laura Elizabeth Miller (with high honors)

B.S., Oregon State University

Future Plans: private practice in Miami, FL

Benjamin K. Mishler (with high honors)

Utah Valley State College

Future Plans: associateship in
San Francisco, CA

Michael J. Molosky

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: private practice with father,
Dr. Charles J. Molosky, II, '70 in
San Francisco, CA

Jennifer Lynn Moran

B.A., San Diego State University

Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, CA

Nicklaus A. Morton (with high honors)

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: Endodontics Residency
at the University of Florida

Julie Ann Nielsen

B.A., Pacific University

Future Plans: associateship in Oregon

Matthew Allan Nielsen (with honors)

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice

Doctor of Dental Surgery **2008**

Robert S. Palmer (with honors)

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: private practice

Marta Marie Parisek (with high honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Tracy, CA

Jonathan Pascarella

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Red Bluff, CA

Ashley Fayette Perez

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: associateship in San Francisco, CA

Aric M. Petersen (with honors)

Arizona State University
Future Plans: Endodontics Residency at St. Louis University

Richard Khoa Pham

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin

Christine Thu An Phan

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in the San Francisco Bay Area

Nathan Ray Porter

B.A.A.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Kingman, AZ

Kendall Thomas Pyper

Bachelor of Music, Brigham Young University
Future Plans: private practice in Salem, OR

Christopher John Raimondi

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency with the United States Air Force, Offutt Air Force Base, NE

Akhil S. Reddy

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Dallas, TX

Michael L. Reynolds

B.S., Western Washington University
Future Plans: associateship in the Pacific Northwest

Michael Stephen Rose

A.A., Dixie State College
Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. Stephen C. Rose, '79, in Las Vegas, NV

Nicole Chiemi Sakai (with high honors)

University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at the University of Southern California

Andrea Decena Salazar

B.S., University of San Francisco
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

Erick Y. Sato (with honors)

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the University of Virginia

Ashley Saunderson Harrison

B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz
Future Plans: associateship in Fairfield, CA

Robert Michael Sayegh

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: associateship with father, Dr. Michael Sayegh, '72, in Lafayette, CA

Clint Tyler Shelley (with honors)

B.A., University of Utah
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency with the United States Army Dental Corps, Fort Gordon, GA

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

Takashi Shigihara

*D.D.S., Tohoku University
School of Dentistry, Japan
Future Plans: private practice in
San Mateo, CA*

Matthew Adam Staat

*B.S., California State University, Long Beach
Future Plans: associateship in
Southern California*

Taylor James Stephens (with high honors)

*Bachelor of Music, Oberlin College
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency
at Cincinnati Children's Hospital*

Samuel Sun

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

Maryam Asadi Tabar

*B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: associateship in
Santa Clara County*

Tye Alan Thompson

*Arizona State University
Future Plans: private practice in Arizona*

Ryan Michael Tigrett

*B.S., University of Maryland
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
at the Denver Health Medical Center, CO*

Sang T. Tran

*B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
at Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY*

Victoria Thao Tran

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

Erik Michael Unger

*B.S., University of Arizona
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at Univer-
sity of Alabama, Birmingham*

Shana Berger Van Cleave

*B.S., University of California, Riverside
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency
at the University of California, Los Angeles*

Zachary X. Van Hilsen (with honors)

*B.A., Colorado College
Future Plans: Internship in oral and
maxillofacial surgery*

Jon Peter Vandewalker

*B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency with the United States Air
Force, Biloxi, MS*

Jordan Christian West

*B.S., Santa Clara University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford, CT*

Kevin Thomas Wheeler

*B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: associateship in Hesperia, CA*

Robert John Whiting (with high honors)

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

**Bryce Jay Darrell Williams
(with high honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA*

Daniel S. Witcher (with honors)

*B.A., University of Southern California
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency with the United States Navy,
San Diego, CA*

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2008

Brian M. Withers

B.A., University of Southern California

Future Plans: private practice in
Manhattan Beach, CA

Cynthia Allison Wong

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry,
Union City, CA

Kimberly Ann Wong

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: private practice with brother,
Dr. Mark Wong, '06 in Sacramento, CA

Kari C. Woo

B.A., University of Washington

Future Plans: associateship in Washington State

Jennifer Wu

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice

Jacob Gregory Yetzer (with highest honors)

B.S., University of Wisconsin

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at University of Florida, Jacksonville

David Wen-Kuang Yue

B.A., Stanford University

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency with the United States
Navy Dental Corps, Camp Pendleton, CA

Saam Zarrabi

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: General Practice Residency in
Lausanne, Switzerland

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences, 2008

The University provides an opportunity for students entering the dental school prior to completing their undergraduate degree to earn a bachelor's degree. Students with qualifying grades in a balanced distribution of subjects may count science courses taken while a dental student toward this degree, which is earned on the day of graduation from dental school.

Individuals earning the Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences are:

Christopher A. Ballew

Heide Ferre

Nathan R. Porter

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

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

SCHOLARSHIP

Dean's Valedictorian Award

Highest overall scholarship

Jacob G. Yetzer

Dean's Salutorian Award

Second highest overall scholarship

Daniel T. Haws

Dean's Award

Third highest overall scholarship

Laura E. Miller

Clinical Excellence Award

Highest overall clinical scholarship

Russell S. Homer

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

Academy of General Dentistry Award

Greatest interest, knowledge and proficiency in general dentistry during the final year

Lindsay L. Don

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Outstanding achievement

Lindsay L. Don

Academy of Osseointegration Award

Most deserving student in the field of implants

Scott A. Dault

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

Bay Area Alumni Award

Outstanding Alpha Omegan, Kappa Chapter

Keith R. Boyer

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award

Highest scholastic achievement for the entire dental program

Jacob G. Yetzer

American Academy of Craniofacial Pain Award

Interest in occlusion or TMJ dysfunction

Matthew A. Nielsen

American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award

Excellence in dental practice administration

Shana L. Van Cleave

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

Demonstration of superior clinical proficiency and interest in esthetic dentistry during the final year of the program

Nathan R. Porter

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

Most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry

Mark R. Ence

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

Exemplary aptitude and achievement

Bryce J. Williams

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award

Exemplary aptitude and achievement

Emanuel S. Alexandroni

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Exceptional promise, achievement, and interest

Benjamin K. Mishler

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Award

Greatest commitment and interest in temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain

Takashi Shigihara

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award

Most promise in pediatric dentistry

Jay T. Golinveaux

American Academy of Periodontology Award

Most promise in periodontics

Matthew D. Hashimoto

American Association of Endodontists Award

Outstanding ability in the field of endodontics

Daniel T. Haws

American Association of Oral Biologists Award

Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology

Jacob G. Yetzer

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award

Outstanding performance in the study of oral and maxillofacial surgery

Jacob G. Yetzer

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Award

Outstanding achievement and performance related to the placement and restoration of dental implants

Jesse M. Duncan

American Association of Orthodontists Award

Exceptional interest in development of the orofacial complex

Blake K. Kitamura

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

Outstanding interest and achievement in community public health dentistry

Chrystle C. Cu

American College of Dentists, Northern California Award

Exemplary professionalism, integrity and community service

Nicklaus A. Morton

American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence

For outstanding leadership and service

Robert J. Whiting

Excellence in Anatomy Award

Outstanding achievement

Nicole C. Sakai

Thomas R. Bales Family Endowment Good Samaritan Award

The student who helped maintain class spirit and morale

Christine A. Phan

Excellence in Biochemistry Award

Outstanding achievement

Alyson T. Barnes

Eric B. Bystrom Memorial OKU Award

Member of the graduating class who represents the spirit and enthusiasm of Dr. Eric Bystrom

Shana L. Van Cleave

California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award

Excellent performance in oral surgery

Bryce J. Williams

California Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award

Contributions to and leadership in organized dentistry

Jonathan R. Pascarella

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

California Dental Association Scientific Sessions Award

Excellence in research

Blake K. Kitamura
Shana B. Van Cleave

California Dental Association Community Leadership Award

*For academic excellence, community outreach,
and contribution to organized dentistry*

Chrystle C. Cu

Kevin Campbell Alumni Association Service Award

Outstanding service to the dental school community
Christine A. Phan

The Chips Editor Award

Dedication and service as yearbook editor
Jon P. Vandewalker

Community Service Award

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation in
community health care*

Rhonda K. Bowen	Jason M. Matsushino
Stuart W. Boyse	Andrew V. Michael
Chrystle C. Cu	Nicklaus A. Morton
Johanna G. Delgado	Sang T. Tran
Brian W. Dugoni	Shana L. Van Cleave
Valerie C. Fong	Daniel S. Witcher
Nimrit K. Gill	Brian M. Withers
Jay T. Golinveaux	Cynthia A. Wong
Blake K. Kitamura	David W. Yue
Paola Melissa K. Lipat	Saam Zarrabi

Delta Dental Plan of California Student Leadership Award

Leadership, service, and scholarship
Nicklaus A. Morton

Dentsply/ADA Student Research Award, Second-Year Competition

Excellence in research
First Place
Daniel S. Witcher

Charles A. Ertola Award

*Outstanding performance in clinical
removable prosthodontics*
Bridgit M. Kalebjian

Pierre Fauchard Academy, Northern California Section Scholarship Award

Leadership and community service
Jonathan R. Pascarella

Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Scholarship

Potential leadership in the profession
Nicklaus A. Morton

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award

*Leadership and dedication to the advancement
of dentistry*
Andrew V. Michael

Excellence in General Pathology Award

Outstanding achievement
Alyson T. Barnes

William W. Y. Goon

OKU Award

*Excellence in endodontology, interdisciplinary clinical
sciences, and scholarship*
Robert J. Whiting

Hanau Prosthodontic Award

*For outstanding performance in the
clinical application of prosthodontics*
Jason M. Matsushino

Thomas B. Hartzell Award

Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics
Rhonda K. Bowen

Hinman Symposium Award, Second-Year Competition

Excellence in research
Andrew V. Michael
Aric M. Peterson

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

Excellence in Implants Award

Outstanding achievement

David Y. Kim

International College of Dentists

Student Leadership Award

Most professional growth and development

Jay T. Golinveaux

International Congress of Oral

Implantologists Award

*Greatest interest in and commitment to oral
implantology and implant dentistry*

Jesse M. Duncan

Inesi Award in Physiology

Highest scholarship in physiology

Dwight L. Bailey

Alyson T. Barnes

Bryce J. Williams

Jacob G. Yetzer

Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award

*Outstanding student pursuing a career in
pediatric dentistry*

Jay T. Golinveaux

Taylor J. Stephens

Shana L. Van Cleave

Excellence in Microbiology Award

Outstanding achievement

Laura E. Miller

Northern California Academy of Endodontics Award

Outstanding capabilities in endodontics

Nicklaus A. Morton

OKU Clinical Excellence Awards

Aesthetic Dentistry

First Place

Saam Zarrabi

Second Place

Nathan R. Porter

Third Place

Daniel T. Haws

Removable Prosthodontics

First Place

Christine A. Phan

Second Place

Roberto E. DiVito

Third Place

Cynthia A. Wong

Complex Restorative

First Place

Jason M. Matsushino

Second Place

Nicklaus A. Morton

Third Place

Russell S. Homer

Implant Dentistry

First Place

Kelly R. Heetland

Second Place

Diana M. Belli

Excellence in Oral Diagnosis Award

Outstanding achievement

Erick Y. Sato

Excellence in Oral Surgery Award (pre-doctoral)

Outstanding achievement

Jacob G. Yetzer

Orthodontic Alumni Association Award

*Outstanding interest, accomplishment, and promise
in orthodontics*

Kelly R. Heetland

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

Quintessence Periodontics Award

Achievement in clinical periodontics

Erik M. Unger

Quintessence Research Achievement Award

Outstanding research achievement

Elmira Gederi

Quintessence Restorative Award

*Outstanding performance in clinical
restorative dentistry*

Benjamin K. Mishler

San Francisco Dental Society Ethics Award

*Ethics and professionalism in the care and treatment
of patients*

Kendall T. Pyper

Senior Student Research Competition Awards

First Place

Andrew V. Michael

Second Place

Blake K. Kitamura

Third Place

Nicole C. Sakai

Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet Pedodontic Award

Excellence in dentistry for children

Jay T. Golinveaux

Taylor J. Stephens

Shana L. Van Cleave

Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet Scholarship Award

*Greatest potential for advancing the specialty of
pediatrics, the dental profession, and for teaching*

Jay T. Golinveaux

Warren Family Endowment Award

*Outstanding dental care on children by a
senior student*

Taylor J. Stephens

Frederick T. West Basic Science Research Award

*For excellence in design and execution of a
research project as a dental student*

Richard K. Pham

Frederick T. West Orthodontic Award

*For outstanding performance in the five
orthodontic courses*

Aaron P. McDonough

Western Society of Periodontology Award

Interest and proficiency in the field of periodontics

Scott A. Dault

Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards

*Outstanding students selected on the basis of
scholarship, character and need*

Daniel T. Haws

Laura E. Miller

Nicklaus A. Morton

Robert J. Whiting

Jacob G. Yetzer

International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2008

Anjana Adusumalli

*B.D.S., T.N. Dr. M.G.R. Medical University,
Ragas Dental College, Chennai, India*
Future Plans: associateship

Tawfiq M. Alkilani (with highest honors)

*B.D.S., University of Jordan, School of Dentistry,
Amman, Jordan*
Future Plans: private practice in
Northern Virginia

Harsimrat Kaur Bal

*B.D.S., Government Dental College & Hospital,
Patiala, India*
Future Plans: associateship in Berkeley, CA

Jenellie Marie C. Balingit

*D.M.D., Centro Escolar University,
Manila, Philippines*
Future Plans: private practice

**Alifiya Hozefa Barodawalla
(with honors)**

*B.D.S., Padmashree Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College
& Hospital, Mumbai, India*
Future Plans: associateship in Michigan

Vidhima Davar

*B.D.S., M.R. Ambedkar Dental College,
Bangalore, India*
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at
University of Toledo, OH

Rosette Makaryous El Raheb

*B.D.S., Ain Shams University School of Dentistry,
Cairo, Egypt*
Future Plans: associateship in California

Ka Yan Mary Fong

B.D.S., University of Hong Kong
Future Plans: private practice in California

Sherif A. Gabr (with honors)

*B.D.S., Ain Shams University School of Dentistry,
Cairo, Egypt*
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Harvard University

Trevor Hu

*B.D.S., Liaquat University of Medical & Health
Sciences, Jamshoro, Pakistan*
Future Plans: associateship

Sigita Jankunas

*Doctor of Stomatology, Kaunas Medical Academy,
Kaunas, Lithuania*
Future Plans: associateship in Phoenix, AZ

Neeshat S. Khan

*B.D.S., University of Nairobi Dental School,
Nairobi, Kenya*
Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

Samia Khan

*B.D.S., Sardar Patel Institute of Dental & Medical
Science, Lucknow, India*
Future Plans: associateship

Malgorzata R. Korościel

D.D.S., Medical University, Wroclaw, Poland
Future Plans: associateship in Denver, CO

Denys Kovalchuk (with honors)

*Doctor of Stomatology, National Medical University,
Kiev, Ukraine*
Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Navneet Mansukhani

*B.D.S., Bangalore Institute of Dental Sciences,
Bangalore, India*
Future Plans: associateship in
San Francisco, CA

International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2008

Nguyen Hoang Diem Quynh

*D.D.S., University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Ho
Chi Minh City, Vietnam*

Future Plans: associateship in Seattle, WA

Beatriz Parra (with honors)

*D.D.S., Pontificia Universidad Javeriana,
School of Dentistry, Bogota, Columbia*

Future Plans: private practice

Pooja D. Patel (with high honors)

*B.D.S., University of Mumbai, Dr. D.Y. Patil
Dental College & Hospital, Mumbai, India*

Future Plans: associateship in the South Bay

Aleksandra Blagoeva Shaykova

*B.D.S., Medical University Plovdiv, Dental Faculty,
Plovdiv, Bulgaria*

Future Plans: associateship in Los Angeles, CA

Vijaya Lakshmi-Tippireddy (with honors)

*B.D.S., Dr. M.G.R. Medical University,
Chennai, India*

Future Plans: associateship in Texas

Nkechi A. Wan

B.D.S., University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Lincoln Hospital, New York

International Dental Studies Program Awards

Dean's Valedictorian Award

Highest overall scholarship

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.

Dean's Salutorian Award

Second highest overall scholarship

Pooja D. Patel, B.D.S.

F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon

IDS Endowment Award

For leadership and academic achievement

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.

Pooja D. Patel, B.D.S.

Kevin Campbell Alumni Association

Service Award

Outstanding service to the dental school community

Trevor Hu, B.D.S.

OKU Clinical Excellence Awards

Supportive Therapy

First Place

Beatriz H. Parra, D.D.S.

Community Service Award

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation
in community health care*

Rosette M. El Raheb, B.D.S.

Neeshat S. Khan, B.D.S.

Navneet Mansukhani, B.D.S.

Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards

*Outstanding students selected on the basis of
scholarship, character and need*

Tawfiq M. Alkilani, B.D.S.

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Certificate, 2008

Noorolhoda Aslani

*B.S., City University of New York,
Lehman College
D.D.S., State University of New York, Buffalo
Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area*

Ameir Abdalla Eltom

*B.D.S., KLES Institute of Dental Sciences,
Bangalore, India
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area*

Mary He

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area*

Thi Nguyen Ngoc Hoang

*B.S., University of the Pacific
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship*

Silvia S. Huang

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship in San Diego, CA*

Laila Kafi

*B.A., University of California, San Diego
D.M.D., Boston University Goldman School of
Dental Medicine
Future Plans: private practice*

Katherine Lynne Kindt

*B.S., University of Iowa
D.D.S., University of Iowa
Future Plans: private practice in Carmel, CA*

Heidi Hiu Man Lee

*B.Sc., University of Western Ontario
D.D.S., University of Western Ontario
Future Plans: private practice*

Wade Lee

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: private practice in California*

Patricia Lynn Louie

*B.S., University of California, Irvine
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship with father,
Dr. Baldwin Louie, 74A in San Francisco, CA*

Adam Russell Manfredo

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

Lisa A. Ngo

*Sacramento City College
D.D.S., Case Western Reserve University
Future Plans: private practice*

Riza Flores Santos

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley
D.M.D., Boston University
Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area*

Kelekalani Napoleon Scheel

*B.S., University of California, Davis
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: private practice*

Robert Soto

*San Jose State University
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, CA*

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Certificate, 2008

Chau B. Tran

B.S., California State University, Fullerton

D.D.S., Case Western Reserve University

*Future Plans: Native American public
health clinic*

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Awards

**Outstanding Resident Award,
San Francisco**

Highest degree of professionalism

Ameir A. Eltom, D.D.S.

**Outstanding Resident Award,
Union City**

Highest degree of professionalism

Heidi H. Lee, D.D.S.

Outstanding Resident Award, Stockton

Highest degree of professionalism

Fernando R. Soto, D.D.S.

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program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but
is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

Master of Science in Dentistry and Certificate in Orthodontics, 2008

Alia Said Aljabeiti

D.D.S., University of Jordan

Future Plans: private practice in Jordan

Golnaz Ashraf

Shiraz Dental School, Iran

D.D.S., University of the Pacific,

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Lani Chun

B.S., University of Utah

D.D.S., New York University

College of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice

Shawna Maureen Heetland

B.S., Saint Mary's College of California

D.D.S., University of the Pacific,

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Elham (Rosie) Ziaie Matin

D.M.D., Behshti Dental School, Tebran, Iran

Future Plans: private practice or associateship
in the San Francisco Bay Area

Joorok Park

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

D.M.D., University of Pennsylvania

Future Plans: private practice

Reem Saad Salahuddin

St. Joseph's College

B.D.S., University of Karachi, Pakistan

Future Plans: private practice

Dawn Star Thatcher

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara

D.M.D., Tufts University

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Certificate, 2008

Steven Walter Carney

B.A., State University of New York at Buffalo

*D.D.S., State University of New York
at Buffalo*

Future Plans: associateship in Seattle, WA

Parvaz Farnad

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

D.D.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: private practice in
Southern California

Wendy Peiwen Liao

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

D.D.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: associateship in
Northern California

Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program Awards

Outstanding Oral Surgery Resident Award

Highest degree of professionalism

Parvaz A. Farnad, D.D.S.

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program is presumptive evidence of graduation, but
is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

2008 Teaching Awards

**Outstanding first-year
faculty member**

Dr. Laura K. Reid

**Outstanding second-year
faculty member**

Dr. Nicholas K. Kitajima

**Outstanding third-year
faculty member**

Dr. Dudley Cheu

**Outstanding International Dental
Studies Program faculty member**

Dr. Gabriela Aron

Dr. Dudley Cheu

**Lucian Szmyd Memorial Award
Excellence in Teaching Award, 2008**

Dr. Philip M. Buchanan

**Outstanding Advanced Education
in General Dentistry Program
faculty member**

San Francisco:

Dr. Robert Mostovoy

Dr. Shannon Wong

Union City:

Dr. Salvia Javidon

Stockton:

Dr. Maritza Mendez

Donald H. Devlin Award

*Dedication and contributions to oral
maxillofacial surgery resident education*

Dr. David B. Poor

**Dr. Mark S. Hagge Faculty
Endowment Award**

Exemplary role model and educator

Dr. Gitta Radjaepour

American Academy of Periodontology

*For outstanding teaching and mentoring
in periodontics*

Dr. Joseph Zingale

**Podesto Award for Excellence in Student
Life, Mentoring, and Counseling**

Dr. Gitta Radjaepour

University of the Pacific is an independent coeducational university serving more than 6,000 students on three campuses in Northern California. It was established by pioneer Methodist ministers in 1851 as California's first chartered institution of higher learning. Pacific has earned widespread recognition for its student-centered approach to education, its many firsts and innovations, and the accomplishments of its 55,000 living alumni.

As an innovator and leader in higher education, Pacific provided the West Coast with its first medical school in 1858 (which later became part of Stanford and today is California Pacific Medical Center), its first coeducational campus in 1871, and its first Conservatory of Music in 1878. In the 1960s, Pacific was the first university in the nation to offer "cluster colleges." It was the nation's first to offer an undergraduate teacher corps program, the first to send an entire class to an overseas campus, the first to establish a Spanish-speaking inter-American college, and the first to offer a four-year graduation guarantee. By moving from San Jose to Stockton in 1924, Pacific became the first private four-year university in the Central Valley. Shortly after occupying the new campus, Pacific established one of California's earliest schools of education. It was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in 1992 in honor of the alumna's endowed gift.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. Only five presidents have headed the university since locating in Stockton. Dr. Donald DeRosa began his service in 1995 as the fifth President since 1924 and the 23rd since 1851.

The university experienced its greatest growth and an expansion into graduate and professional education under the administration of Dr. Robert Burns (1947-1971). The School of Pharmacy opened in 1955. It is now the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, in honor of the benefactor and University Regent who, with his brother Joseph Long, founded Longs Drugs stores. In 1956 the graduate school was created, and in 1957 the School of Engineering was established. In 1962, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a school of dentistry founded in San Francisco in 1896, was acquired by the University and became the San Francisco campus. In 2004, the school was named the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in honor of its dean of 26 years. It was the first time any university in the United States or Canada had named its dental school for the current dean.

A new concept in higher education in the United States found expression in the establishment of cluster colleges in the 1960s. These colleges adapted the Oxford and Cambridge model to an American setting, integrating faculty and students into living and learning communities. The first, Raymond College, was established in 1962. A second followed in 1963 with the opening of Elbert Covell College, the first bilingual-bicultural college in the country. A third, Callison College, was established in 1967 and focused on non-Western studies with a year of study in an Asian culture. The cluster colleges were absorbed into the rest of the university in 1982. Their emphasis on global education continued in a new School of International Studies,

the first university-based undergraduate school of international studies in California. The learning community concept of the cluster colleges was strengthened in College of the Pacific, the liberal arts and sciences core of the university, recognized for preparing responsible citizen leaders who will contribute in lasting ways to careers and communities.

The expansion of graduate and professional education continued when McGeorge College of Law, an independent law school founded in Sacramento in 1924, merged with the university in 1966 as McGeorge School of Law. In 1977, the department of business administration in the College of the Pacific was reorganized as the School of Business and Public Administration. In 1995 it was renamed Eberhardt School of Business in honor of the Eberhardt family's endowed gifts. In 1985, programs designed specifically for adult "re-entry" students were reorganized and revitalized through University College, with further reforms and expansions a decade later in a Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

As the university's sesquicentennial year of 2001 approached, a new era of expansion and innovation began. In 1992 Pacific offered the nation's first "four-year guarantee," a promise to students that they will graduate on time if they meet certain requirements or they will not be charged additional tuition for courses necessary to finish the degree. Accelerated programs were initiated by President DeRosa, enabling students to complete undergraduate studies in combination with professional degrees in pharmacy, law, dentistry, and business in one to three fewer years than required at most other universities.

In 1999 jazz legend Dave Brubeck and his wife Iola, both Pacific graduates, announced that their papers, recordings, and memorabilia would be deposited at Pacific for study and research. In response to this gift, a treasure of historic American music and memorabilia, President DeRosa announced formation of The Brubeck Institute for the study, promotion, and performance of American music.

Adding emphasis to the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2001, Pacific completed or launched more than \$40,000,000 in new construction and facilities improvements, including a 200-person residence hall, the first in more than two decades, an Art and Geosciences Center, a science laboratory building and the \$21-million Health Sciences Learning Center and Clinics. Since then, the university has added a second new residence hall, greatly expanded its student fitness center, and completed a new Humanities Center. It has now completed an addition and renovation of the library. The law school in Sacramento is planning to add new housing and conduct a major renovation of its library. The dental school in San Francisco has state-of-the-art facilities. In Fall 2008, the university will open a new University Center and a new Biological Sciences Center on the Stockton campus.

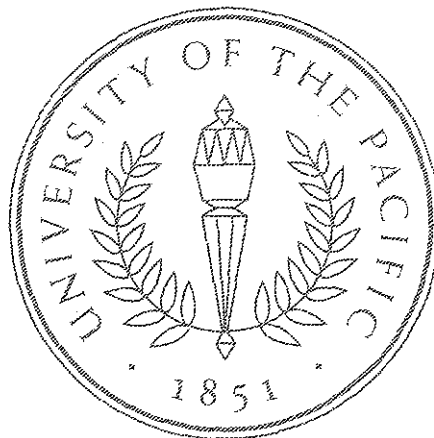
Pacific's progress and leadership in higher education have earned national recognition. The university has been listed as "Best Value" (Top 50) by U.S. News and World Report for seven consecutive years and is ranked among the top 100 national universities in the country, based on such factors as the university's faculty resources, graduation rate, class size, student/faculty ratio, acceptance rate, the percentage of alumni who give to the university and the number of students who were in the top ten percent of their high school class. The Stockton campus was ranked by College Admission Essay as the fifth most beautiful

campus in the nation. The three professional schools of dentistry, law, and pharmacy have all achieved national prominence.

The university exceeded its comprehensive campaign goal of \$200 million by 2007 a year early. With the announcement of a \$100 million estate gift by Bob and Jeannette Powell, former Regent and current Regent, the campaign ending in 2007 achieved over \$325 million.

The university is guided by a new strategic plan, Pacific Rising, 2008-2015, adopted by the Board of Regents in April 2007. The plan presents the core values, aspirations, commitments and strategic directions for Pacific. The six commitments are:

- *Innovation and creativity across the University*
- *Distinctive programs recognized for their quality, uncommonness, and sustainability.*
- *Collaborative, multidisciplinary programs that integrate liberal arts and professional education.*
- *Preparing the whole student, especially for responsible professional and civic leadership in a global context.*
- *Strategically expanding and improving partnerships among its alumni and in local, regional, national, and global communities.*
- *Resources growth and management to support ongoing improvements in the quality of education and service.*



University Accomplishments

First Chartered Institution of Higher Education in California

First Chartered Medical School on the West Coast, 1858

First Co-educational Campus, 1871

First Conservatory of Music in the West, 1878

First to Introduce Cluster School Concept in the West

First Four-Year Private Institution in the Central Valley of California

First to Offer an Undergraduate Teacher Corps Program

First to Send an Entire Class to an Overseas Campus

First to Establish a Spanish Speaking Inter-American College

First University-Based Undergraduate School of International Studies in California

First University to Offer a Four-Year Guarantee that Assures Completion of a Bachelor's Degree

First University to Offer Matching Cal Grants

First and Only Remaining Dental School that Completes Four Academic Years in Three

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