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University of the Pacific

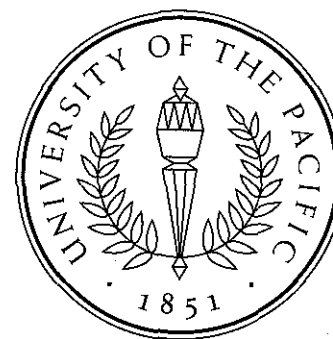
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One Hundred Fifteenth
Commencement
Sunday, June 14, 2009



Masonic Auditorium
San Francisco, California
2:00 PM



niversity 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*

INVOCATION

The Rev. Dr. Donna L. McNiel, CRC
Chaplain, University of the Pacific

WELCOME

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

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLATFORM GUESTS

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

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

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Dr. Paul H. Rogers
Dr. Ahmad M. Alnatour

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

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

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Dr. Donna L. McNiel, CRC
Chaplain, University of the Pacific

RECESSIONAL

Triumphant March from Aida —*Giuseppe Verdi*

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 2009:

Paul H. Rogers

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 2009:

Ahmad M. Alnatour, 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 2009:

Thomas A. Barrington	Jordan A. Lamberton	Beau M. Ulrich
David C. Bird	Cassidy Lavorini	Diana N. Ulrickson
Olya P. Dudinskaya	Matthew R. Mynsberge	Beth K. Yamashiro
Silas D. Dudley	Fernando F. Pessoa	Jan K. Yamashiro
Blair Alex Isom	Paul H. Rogers	
George D. Kohout	Laurel L. Trotter	

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2009:

Ahmad M. Alnatour, B.D.S.

Edgar Mafla, D.D.S.

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, 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 2009:

David C. Bird	Fernando F. Pessoa	Diana N. Ulrickson
Silas D. Dudley	Paul H. Rogers	Beth K. Yamashiro
George D. Kohout	Laurel L. Trotter	
Jordan A. Lamberton	Beau M. Ulrich	

Member selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2009:

Ahmad M. Alnatour, 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 2009:

Craig K. Andresen	Andrew M. Hoover	Paul H. Rogers
Rachel L. Appelblatt	Samuel J. Infantino	Raja A. Shah
Thomas A. Barrington	Blair Alex Isom	Megan M. Shingler
David C. Bird	George D. Kohout	Peiti Su
Hernan Cardenas	Jordan A. Lamberton	Laurel L. Trotter
Tyson A. Davis	Cassidy M. Lavorini	Beau M. Ulrich
Matthew C. Dodson	Samantha A. Manierre	Diana N. Ulrickson
Olya P. Dudinskaya	Stephanie D. Moniz	Brett S. Williams
Silas D. Dudley	Matthew R. Mynsberge	Joel D. Williams
Liora Eidelstein	Robert J. Passamano	Julian J. Wilson
Troy S. Follmar	Arti D. Patel	Eric K. Wood
Ryan A. Francois	Jared D. Persinger	Beth K. Yamashiro
Scott T. Frey	Fernando F. Pessoa	Jan K. Yamashiro
Brian V. Gilmore	David V. Platt	
Justin P. Hannon	Jared W. Pool	

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2009:

Ahmad M. Alnatour, B.D.S.
Andriy V. Kulyk, Doctor of Stomatology
Edgar Mafla, D.D.S.
Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.
Simona Trofimov, D.M.D.
Shruti S. Vaidya-Kane, B.D.S.

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2009

Marjan Aghashiri Mozahabian (with honors)
B.S., California State University, East Bay
Future Plans: private practice

Tina K. Bhakta
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in Northern
or Central California

Madeline Louise Brassfield (with honors)
Fresno Pacific University
Future Plans: private practice with
Dr. Patricia Drilling in Tulare, CA

Danyell Gerri' Brookbank
Antelope Valley College
Future Plans: private practice

Sabrina Diane DeVries
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

**Danielle Nicole Green
(with highest honors)**
Modesto Junior College
Future Plans: private practice in Modesto, CA

Laura Janine Grover (with high honors)
Azusa Pacific University
Future Plans: private practice

Amy Lee Hanover (with highest honors)
B.S., California State University, Chico
Future Plans: private practice in
Sacramento, CA

Sarina Hothi
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in
Dental Hygiene

Amanda Joy Castle
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in Roseville, CA

Candice Lynn Kieffer (with honors)
San Joaquin Delta College
Future Plans: private practice

April Danielle Larot (with honors)
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in Vacaville, CA

Rachelle Gutierrez Laroza
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

Marlynda Shunny Lee
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in
Northern California

Hani Mohsenzadeh (with high honors)
Los Angeles Valley College
Future Plans: public health

**Jennifer Alexis Nessonson
(with high honors)**
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in El Dorado
Hills or Sacramento, CA

Hac Pham Nguyen (with high honors)
San Jose City College
Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

Elizabeth Rodriguez (with honors)
San Joaquin Delta College
Future Plans: private practice in San Joaquin
County, CA

Sarah Elizabeth Ross
University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Elise Nicole Sanchez (with honors)
San Joaquin Delta College
Future Plans: private practice in
Sacramento, CA

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2009

Kelley Lavette Sanford (with honors)

Laney Community College
Future Plans: private practice

**Kristin Nicole Schecter
(with highest honors)**

San Joaquin Delta College
Future Plans: private practice

Martina Kim Tran (with high honors)

City College of San Francisco
Future Plans: private practice in
San Francisco, CA

Yasaman Yasini

Mission College
Future Plans: private practice

Dental Hygiene Program Awards

**The American Association of Public Health
Dental Hygiene Student Recognition Award**

*For achievement in community dentistry and dental
public health*

Hani Mohsenzadeh

Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award

For outstanding clinical achievement

Elizabeth Rodriguez

**California Dental Hygienists' Association
Student Leadership Award**

*For leadership as the class representative to the Stu-
dent American Dental Hygiene Association*

Danielle N. Green

**Colgate Student Total Achievement
Recognition Award**

For strongest academic performance in the program

Madeline L. Brassfield

**Journal of Public Health Dentistry's
Achievement in Community
Dentistry Award**

*For interest an achievement in community dentistry
and public health*

Hani Mohsenzadeh

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"Let the love of learning rule humanity."

Members selected from the Dental Hygiene
Class of 2009:

Danielle N. Green
Laura J. Grover
Amy L. Hanover
Hani Mohsenzadeh
Jennifer A. Nessenson
Hac P. Nguyen
Kristin N. Schecter
Martina K. Tran

*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 2009

Christopher Kirk Adams

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice

Luma Mseeh Ajlouni

B.S., San Jose State University

Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, CA

Craig Kenneth Andresen (with honors)

University of Nevada, Reno

Future Plans: Prosthodontics Residency at the Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, CA

Rachel Lynne Appelblatt (with honors)

B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at New York University Bellevue Hospital Center, NY

Paymon Bahrami

B.S., University of California, Davis

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

**Thomas Andrew Barrington
(with high honors)**

B.S., The Master's College

Future Plans: associateship in Ukiah, CA

Jeremy G. Bauer

B.S., Utah Valley State College

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency with the U.S. Army

Alex Robert Berger

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: private practice in San Rafael, CA

Manraj Singh Bhandari

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Brooklyn Hospital Center, NY

Tamara Lauren Bill Fernandes

B.S., University of Arizona

Future Plans: associateship in Sedona, AZ

David Cameron Bird (with high honors)

M.B.A., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: Endodontics Residency at Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, TX

Brian Jerry Black

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: associateship with father, Dr. Jerry Black, '77 in Salt Lake City, UT

Kelly Ann Brewer

University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice in Davis, CA

Rachelle S. Brown

B.S., La Sierra University

Future Plans: associateship in Birmingham, AL

Kevin James Cabugao

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice in Vallejo, CA

Hernan Cardenas (with honors)

M.S., Creighton University

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

Annaliese Carlsmith

B.S., University of California, San Francisco

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

Zachary Allen Carnow

B.S., Loyola Marymount University

Future Plans: associateship in East Los Angeles, CA

Irving I. Chao

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in Cupertino, CA

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Manu Chaudhry

M.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: private practice

Eric Hung-Yu Chen

M.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, Stockton

Jessica C. Chen

University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice

Camelia Olivia Cifor

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

Sara Creighton

B.S., Wake Forest University
Future Plans: private practice in
San Francisco, CA

Tyson Archer Davis (with honors)

Brigham Young University
Future Plans: private practice

Zachary Kelly Davis

B.S., Arizona State University
Future Plans: private practice in Gilbert, AZ

Cabot Ryan Denny

B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder
Future Plans: associateship in
Redondo Beach, CA

Brian Daniel Devers

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

**Matthew Christopher Dodson
(with honors)**

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice in Maui, HI

Monica D. Duarte

B.S., San Jose State University
Future Plans: associateship in San Jose, CA

Olya P. Dudinskaya (with high honors)

B.S., Arizona State University
Future Plans: associateship in Scottsdale, AZ

Silas Dickenson Dudley (with high honors)

B.S., Pepperdine University
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of Colorado

Liora Eidelstein (with honors)

University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of Colorado

Sascha Emami

B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Future Plans: associateship in Los Gatos, CA

Farah M. Fallah

B.S., California State University, Sacramento
Future Plans: private practice in Concord, CA

Kent Stephen Ferreira

B.S., Wake Forest University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
the University of Rochester Eastman Dental
Center, Rochester, NY

Troy Scott Follmar (with honors)

B.A., Cornell University
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at University of Southern California

Melissa Jane Fong

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

Ryan Andrew Francois (with honors)

*B.S., California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo*
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency
at University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Scott Timothy Frey (with honors)

Washington University

Future Plans: consulting

Shawn M. Fuller

B.S., Arizona State University

Future Plans: private practice

Adarsh Ashok Gandhi

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship with father, Dr.

Ashok Gandhi, in North Hollywood, CA

Jill Garrido Anderson

A.B., Dartmouth College

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at
St. Christopher's Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Brian V. Gilmore (with honors)

B.A., Willamette University

Future Plans: private practice in Salem, OR

David C. Goerig

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

Future Plans: Civilian Dental Contractor,
U.S. Army, Ft. Lewis, WA

David Royce Gordon

B.S., University of Utah

Future Plans: private practice

Reena Naik Grover

B.A., B.S., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco
Bay Area

Jose Omar Guillen, Jr.

B.S., San Diego State University

Future Plans: private practice in Las Vegas, NV
or San Diego, CA

Hamid Reza Hamid

B.A., Reed College

Future Plans: private practice in Berkeley, CA

Justin Parkes Hannon (with honors)

B.A., Washington and Lee University

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni
School of Dentistry

Stephanie Ann Theresa Hannon

B.A., Washington and Lee University

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni
School of Dentistry

Valerie Akemi Harada

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: associateship in Culver City, CA

Kelly Ann Hicklin

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the
Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, CA

Andrew Michael Hoover (with honors)

B.S., University of Colorado, Boulder

Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

Spencer Salazar Hoyt

B.S., University of the Pacific

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

Samuel Joseph Infantino (with honors)

B.S., Santa Clara University

Future Plans: private practice in Cupertino, CA

Blair Alexander Isom (with high honors)

B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry,
Highland Hospital

Aneil Prem Kamboj

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at St.
Barnabas Hospital, NY

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Brinda P. Kansagra

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in
Diamond Bar, CA

Andrew Kim

B.A., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at
University of Southern California

Bree J. Kim

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

George Dimitri Kohout (with high honors)

University of the Pacific

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

Ellen Elizabeth Kozarek

B.S., Santa Clara University

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Lincoln Hospital, Bronx, NY

Dallas Krommenhoek

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice

Eddie Kuo

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice in Merced, CA

R. Emerson Lake

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice in Roseville, CA

Binh Bao Lam

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

Lydia Jane Lam

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Kings County Hospital Center, Brooklyn, NY

Jordan Alexander Lamberton

(with high honors)

B.A., University of California, Irvine

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at Uni-
versity of Colorado

Cassidy Lavorini (with high honors)

B.A., University of California, Santa Cruz

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at Yale's Hospital of St. Raphael's,
New Haven, CT

Katrina Han Le

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice

Mercedes Aguilar Leoncio

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice in Northern
California

Eric Anthony Lim

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: associateship with uncle, Dr.
Wayne C. Fong, '87 in Oakland, CA

Krystle Sun Lim

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Christine W. Liu

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
Community Medical Center, Fresno, CA

Samantha Anne Manierre (with honors)

B.A., Whitman College

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at
University of California, San Francisco

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Michael Loren Matsuda

B.S., Oregon State University
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at
Oregon Health Sciences University

Stephanie Danielle Moniz (with honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency
at Children's Hospital, Milwaukee, WI

**Matthew Ryan Mynsberge
(with high honors)**

*California Polytechnic State University,
San Luis Obispo*
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency at Indiana University Medical
Center, Indianapolis, IN

Christopher David Nelson

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: private practice in
Round Mountain, CA

Thomas C. Nelson

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency at Ft. Benning, GA

Joshua Bradley Charles Ng

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice

Nga Hong Ngo

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

Jack C. Nguyen

M.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency in Las Vegas, NV

Michael Anh Minh Nguyen

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at
University of Alabama, Birmingham

Quyen P. Nguyen

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

Jason Patrick Ouellette

B.S., University of Georgia
Future Plans: private practice in Atlanta, GA

Christopher Jon Oviedo

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: U.S. Navy

Therese Jamie Parado

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at
Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Robert James Passamano (with honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of Southern Nevada

Alex Pastel

B.S., Odessa State University, Ukraine
Future Plans: private practice

Arti D. Patel (with honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at
the University of Texas Health Science
Center, Houston, TX

Krutav Patel

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice

Jared Douglas Persinger (with honors)

B.S., Butler University
Future Plans: associateship in
Valparaiso, IN

Fernando F. Pessoa (with high honors)

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: private practice in
Salt Lake City, UT

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

My Phuong Pham

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

David Vincent Platt (with honors)

Arizona State University
Future Plans: associateship with father,
Dr. Randy Platt, '81 in St. John's, AZ

Jared Warren Pool (with honors)

B.S., Santa Clara University
Future Plans: private practice in
San Francisco, CA

Robert J. Quaschnick

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: private practice

Hana Rashad Rashid

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
at Community Medical Center, Fresno, CA

Pooja Rattan

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency
at Tufts University, Boston, MA

John Thomas Reed

San Joaquin Delta College
Future Plans: private practice in Stockton, CA

Matthew Lee Riggs

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: associateship in
Orange County, CA

Paul Henry Rogers (with highest honors)

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency
at the Medical College of Georgia

Susan L. Ryan

University of California, Berkeley

Lesley Ann Sacramento

B.S., University of San Francisco
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency with the U.S. Navy,
San Diego, CA

Jennifer Dianne Santoro

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

Raja Abhilash Shah (with honors)

B.S., University of New Mexico
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at
University of Connecticut

Megan Marie Shingler (with honors)

B.S., University of Georgia
Future Plans: private practice in Georgia

Antigone Skoulas

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: associateship with Dr. Joanne
Lagos, '81 in the San Francisco Bay Area

Adam Leslie Smith

B.A., San Diego State University
Future Plans: private practice

Brady T. Smith

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

David Darrel Patiño Stubbs

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Peiti Su (with honors)

M.B.A., San Jose State University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency

Lior N. Tamir

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: private practice

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Sophie Drouin Taylor

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: private practice and community service in San Francisco, CA

Daniel Jay Theurer

University of Utah

Future Plans: associateship in Salt Lake City, UT

Ali Torbati

B.A., California State University, Fresno

Future Plans: private practice in Fresno, CA

Doreen Toy

B.S., San Jose State University

Future Plans: private practice

Johnathan Hao Tran

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: private practice with sister, Dr. Kristine Tran, '92

Laurel Lynn Trotter (with high honors)

B.S., Northwestern University

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

Beau Michael Ulrich (with high honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at University of California, San Francisco

Diana N. Ulrickson (with high honors)

B.S., University of New Mexico

Future Plans: Prosthodontics Residency at University of California, Los Angeles

Alexander Stephen Vaughn

B.S., University of Nevada, Reno

Future Plans: associateship in Reno, NV

Marisa Kawata Watanabe

M.S., California Polytechnic University, Pomona

Future Plans: associateship in Orange County, CA

Scott Eccles Whiting

Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice with brother, Dr. Rob Whiting, '08 in Apple Valley, CA

Brett Sterling Williams (with honors)

B.Sc., University of Lethbridge

Future Plans: associateship in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Joel David Williams (with honors)

B.Sc., University of Lethbridge

Future Plans: private practice in Colorado Springs, CO

Julian J. Wilson (with honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Eric Kameron Wood (with honors)

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

Future Plans: private practice

Cherylin H. Wyatt

B.S., Georgetown University

Future Plans: private practice

Beth Kikue Yamashiro (with high honor)

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at University of Southern Nevada

Jan Keiko Yamashiro (with high honors)

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at University of Colorado

Magnus Kok Yang

B.S., University of California, Berkeley

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

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2009

Jenna Ann Yarborough

B.S., Pepperdine University

Future Plans: associateship in Phoenix, AZ
or Marin County, CA

Benjamin Aubrey Yount

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco
Bay Area

Peter M. Zakhary

B.S., California State University, Fullerton

Future Plans: private practice in Orange
County, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Applied Sciences, 2009

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:

David C. Goerig

Eric K. Wood

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Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

SCHOLARSHIP

Dean's Valedictorian Award

Highest overall scholarship

Paul H. Rogers

Dean's Salutorian Award

Second highest overall scholarship

George D. Kohout

Dean's Award

Third highest overall scholarship

Jordan A. Lamberton

Fernando F. Pessoa

Clinical Excellence Award

Highest overall clinical scholarship

Paul H. Rogers

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

Academy of General Dentistry Award

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

Tamara B. Fernandes

David R. Gordon

Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities Award

Interest and concern in the care of persons with disabilities

Kelly A. Hicklin

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Outstanding achievement

Joel D. Williams

Academy of Osseointegration Award

Most deserving student in the field of implants

Eric K. Wood

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

Bay Area Alumni Award

Outstanding Alpha Omegan, Kappa Chapter

Diana N. Ulrickson

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award

Highest scholastic achievement for the entire dental program

Paul H. Rogers

American Academy of Craniofacial Pain Award

Interest in occlusion or TMJ dysfunction

Paul H. Rogers

American Academy of Dental Practice Administration Award

Excellence in dental practice administration

Beau M. Ulrich

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

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

Fernando F. Pessoa

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

Most interest, academically and clinically, in implant dentistry

Fernando F. Pessoa

American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

Exemplary aptitude and achievement

Silas D. Dudley

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

American Academy of Oral Medicine Award

Exceptional promise, achievement, and interest

Rachel L. Appelblatt

American Academy of Orofacial Pain Award

Greatest commitment and interest in temporomandibular disorders and orofacial pain

Alex Pastel

American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award

Most promise in pediatric dentistry

Anel P. Kamboj

American Academy of Periodontology Award

Most promise in periodontics

Andrew Kim

American Association of Endodontists Award

Outstanding ability in the field of endodontics

David C. Bird

American Association of Oral Biologists Award

Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology

Raja A. Shah

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Student Award

Outstanding performance in the study of oral and maxillofacial surgery

Blair Alex Isom

American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Dental Implant Award

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

Sara B. Creighton

American Association of Orthodontists Award

Exceptional interest in development of the orofacial complex

Robert J. Passamano

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Award

Outstanding interest and achievement in community public health dentistry

Stephanie A. Hannon

American College of Dentists, Northern California Award

Exemplary professionalism, integrity and community service

Robert J. Passamano

American Dental Society of Anesthesiology Award

Outstanding achievement in dental anesthesiology

Troy S. Follmar

American Student Dental Association Award of Excellence

For outstanding leadership and service

Brian J. Black

Excellence in Anatomy Award

Outstanding achievement

Raja A. Shah

Thomas R. Bales Family Endowment Good Samaritan Award

For the student who helped maintain class spirit and morale

Christopher D. Nelson

Excellence in Biochemistry Award

Outstanding achievement

Raja A. Shah

California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Award

Excellent performance in oral surgery

Matthew R. Mynsberge

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

California Dental Association Community Leadership Award

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

Stephanie A. Hannon

California Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award

Contributions to and leadership in organized dentistry

Robert J. Passamano

Kevin Campbell Alumni Association Service Award

Outstanding service to the dental school community

David C. Bird

The Chips Editor Award

Dedication and service as yearbook editor

Christopher D. Nelson

Community Service Award

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation in
community health care*

Manu Chaudhry

Kelly A. Hicklin

Eric H. Chen

Blair Alex Isom

Sara B. Creighton

Christopher J. Oviedo

Adarsh A. Gandhi

Therese Jamie Parado

Jill L. Garrido

Jared W. Pool

Reena N. Grover

Magnus K. Yang

Justin P. Hannon

Benjamin A. Yount

Stephanie A. Hannon

Delta Dental Plan of California

Student Leadership Award

Leadership and service

R. Emerson Lake

Charles A. Ertola Award

*Outstanding performance in clinical
removable prosthodontics*

Diana N. Ulrickson

Pierre Fauchard Academy, Northern California Section Scholarship Award

Leadership and community service

Brian J. Black

Pierre Fauchard Academy

Foundation Scholarship

Potential leadership in the profession

Stephanie A. Hannon

Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award

*Leadership and dedication to the advancement
of dentistry*

Therese Jamie Parado

Excellence in General Pathology Award

Outstanding achievement

Stephanie D. Moniz

William W. Y. Goon

OKU Award

*Excellence in endodontology, interdisciplinary clinical
sciences, and scholarship*

Laurel L. Trotter

Thomas B. Hartzell Award

Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics

Stephanie D. Moniz

Hinman Symposium Award, Second Year

Excellence in research

Beau M. Ulrich

Excellence in Implants Award

Outstanding achievement

David C. Bird

Inesi Award in Physiology

Highest scholarship in physiology

Liora Eidelstein

Matthew R. Mynsberge

Fernando F. Pessoa

Raja A. Shah

International College of Dentists

Student Leadership Award

Most professional growth and development

David C. Bird

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award

*Greatest interest in and commitment to oral
implantology and implant dentistry*
Fernando F. Pessoa

Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award

*Outstanding student pursuing a career in
pediatric dentistry*
Ryan A. Francois
Stephanie D. Moniz

Excellence in Microbiology Award

Outstanding achievement
Blair Alex Isom
Raja A. Shah

Northern California Academy of Endodontics Award

Outstanding capability in endodontics
David C. Bird

Excellence in Oral Diagnosis Award

Outstanding achievement
George D. Kohout

Excellence in Oral Surgery Award (pre-doctoral)

Outstanding achievement
Blair Alex Isom

Quintessence Periodontics Award

Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics
Michael A. Nguyen

Quintessence Research Award

Outstanding research achievement
Cassidy M. Lavorini

Quintessence Restorative Award

*Outstanding performance in clinical
restorative dentistry*
Brian V. Gilmore

San Francisco Dental Society Ethics Award

*Demonstrated ethics and professionalism in the care
and treatment of patients*
Magnus K. Yang
Benjamin A. Yount

Senior Student Research Competition Awards

First Place
Brinda P. Kansagra
George D. Kohout
Second Place
Cassidy M. Lavorini
Third Place
Craig K. Andresen
Raja A. Shah
Beau M. Ulrich

Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet Pedodontic Award

Excellence in dentistry for children
Ryan A. Francois Arti D. Patel
Jill L. Garrido My Phuong Pham
Stephanie D. Moniz Pooja Rattan
Therese Jamie Parado

Warren Family Endowment Award

*Outstanding dental care on children by a
senior student*
Arti D. Patel

Frederick T. West Basic Science Research Award

*Excellence in design and execution of a research
project as a dental student*
Jan K. Yamashiro

Frederick T. West Clinical Award

*Outstanding performance in the five pre-doctoral
orthodontic courses*
Stephanie A. Hannon

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

Frederick T. West Orthodontic Alumni Association Didactic Award

*Outstanding interest, accomplishment, and promise
in orthodontics*

Raja A. Shah

Western Society of Periodontology Award

Interest and proficiency in the field of periodontics

Michael L. Matsuda

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Outstanding merit and accomplishment

Blair Alex Isom

Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards

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

David C. Bird

Paul H. Rogers

Alex Isom

Laurel L. Trotter

Fernando F. Pessoa

International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2009

Ahmad Alnatour (with highest honors)

B.D.S., University of Jordan

Future Plans: Endodontics Residency at
Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Bibiana Barrera Elneser

*D.D.S., Pontificia Universidad Javeriana,
Bogotá, Colombia*

Future Plans: private practice in
Walnut Creek, CA

Mitin Bhatia

B.D.S., Manipal College of Dental Sciences, India

Future Plans: associateship

Imelda Crews

D.D.S., Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

Future Plans: private practice in Georgia

Alessandra G. Desabelle-Groom

*D.D.M., Southwestern University,
College of Dentistry, Philippines*

Future Plans: associateship in
Ventura County, CA

Komal Dhir

B.D.S., Bharati Vidyapeeth Dental College, India

Future Plans: private practice in Vancouver,
BC, Canada

M. Paula Fedler

D.D.S., Universidad El Bosque, Bogotá, Columbia

Future Plans: private practice in Nashville, TN

Shruti Vaidya-Kane (with honors)

*B.D.S., Pad Dr. D.Y. Patil Dental College and
Hospital, India*

Future Plans: associateship

Shashi Khosla

B.D.S., J.S.S. Dental College, India

Future Plans: associateship

Sukhbir S. Kolar

B.D.S., S.D.M. College of Dental Sciences, India

Future Plans: associateship in Vancouver,
BC, Canada

Andriy Kulyk (with honors)

*Doctor of Stomatology, Lviv State Medical
University, Ukraine*

Future Plans: associateship

Edgar Mafla (with high honors)

D.D.S., Javeriana University, Columbia

Future Plans: private practice or associateship
in Houston, TX

Erum Makhani

B.D.S., Fatima Jinnah Dental College, India

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco
South Bay Area

Dalia Mohamed Rashdan

B.D.S., Ain Shams University

Faculty of Dentistry, Egypt

Future Plans: private practice

Swati Pappu

B.D.S., J.S.S. Dental College, India

Future Plans: private practice in California

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato

(with high honors)

B.D.S., University of Malaya, Malaysia

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at
Interfaith Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

Carla Sicilia Schmidl

*B.D.S., San Martin de Porres University,
Lima, Peru*

Future Plans: private practice

Leena Tolani

B.D.S., Sharad Pawar Dental College, India

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco
South Bay Area

International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2009

Simona Trofimov (with honors)

D.M.D., Carol Davila University of Medicine & Pharmacy, Romania

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration, Wilkes-Barre, PA

Tatiana Trott

Doctor of Stomatology, Riga Medical Institute, Latvia

Future Plans: associateship in California or Nevada

Vijay Vaddadi

B.D.S., Bapuji Dental College & Hospital, India

Future Plans: Hospital dentistry in California

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International Dental Studies Program Awards

Dean's Valedictorian Award

Highest overall scholarship

Ahmad M. Alnatour, B.D.S.

Dean's Salutorian Award

Second highest overall scholarship

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.

Eric B. Bystrom Memorial OKU Award

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

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.

Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet

Pedodontic Award

Excellence in dentistry for children

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.

Community Service Award

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation
in community health care*

Leena Tolani, B.D.S.

F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon

IDS Endowment Award

For leadership and academic achievement

Ahmad M. Alnatour, B.D.S.

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.

American Academy of Maxillofacial

Radiology Award

Exemplary aptitude and achievement

Andriy V. Kulyk, Doctor of Stomatology

Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities

Outstanding merit and accomplishment

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Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards

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Ahmad M. Almatour, B.D.S.

Nikki Chong Pei Pung-Yamato, B.D.S.

Advanced Education in General Dentistry, 2009

Karleen K. Boparai, D.M.D.

B.S., San Jose State University

D.M.D., Boston University

Future Plans: private practice

Robert K. Cheng, D.D.S.

B.S., University of California, San Diego

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

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice

Lucinda Jane Fenn, D.D.S.

B.S., Brigham Young University

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

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice

Neda Haghighatdoust, D.D.S.

B.S., University of Toronto

D.D.S., Columbia University

Future Plans: private practice

Jason Paul Hamel, D.M.D.

M.S., University of New Hampshire

D.M.D., Boston University

Future Plans: private practice

Paola Melissa Lipat, D.D.S.

B.S., University of the Pacific

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

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice

Madeline Majer, D.D.S.

B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder

D.D.S., University of Michigan

Future Plans: private practice

Arnisha Patel, D.D.S.

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

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

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: associateship

Suzanne Samantha-Marie Saie, D.D.S.

B.S., Michigan State University

D.D.S., University of Detroit Mercy

Future Plans: private practice

Thu Xuanthi Trinh, D.D.S.

B.S., University of California, Berkeley

D.D.S., University of Maryland School of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice

Shoba Viswanathan, D.D.S.

B.D.S., University of Pune, India

D.D.S., University of California, San Francisco

Future Plans: private practice

Cynthia Allison Wong, D.D.S.

B.S., University of California, San Diego

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

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Future Plans: associateship in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Awards

**Outstanding Resident Award,
Union City**

Highest degree of professionalism

Karleen K. Boparai, D.M.D.

Outstanding Resident Award, Stockton

Highest degree of professionalism

Robert K. Cheng, D.D.S.

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Master of Science in Dentistry, Orthodontics, 2009

Kevin Steven Adair, D.D.S.

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

Andrea Bakke Delurgio, D.D.S.

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

Marcus Yoshikazu Kai, D.D.S.

*B.S., University of the Pacific
D.D.S., University of the Pacific,
Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry
Future Plans: private practice with father,
Dr. Ken Kai, in San Jose, CA*

Ramtin K. Nassiri, D.D.S.

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley
D.D.S., University of California, San Francisco
Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area*

Casey T. O'Neill, D.D.S.

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

Roxanna Rokhsareh Shafiee, D.D.S.

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

Waleed Soliman, D.D.S.

*D.D.S., Cairo University, Egypt
Future Plans: private practice in Stockton, CA*

Jeffrey Steven Tinloy, D.D.S.

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

Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 2009

Jeffrey Marshall Caputo, D.D.S.

*B.S., University of California, San Diego
D.D.S., University of Southern California*

Future Plans: private practice in
South Orange County, CA

Sam F. Khoury, D.M.D.

*B.S., Santa Clara University
D.M.D., University of Pittsburg,
School of Dental Medicine*

Future Plans: private practice

Daniel Clayton Martin, D.D.S.

*B.S., University of California, Davis
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Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program Awards

Outstanding Oral Surgery Resident Award

Highest degree of professionalism

Jeffrey M. Caputo, D.D.S.

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

2009 Teaching Awards

**Outstanding first-year
faculty member**
Dr. Philip Buchanan

**Outstanding second-year
faculty member**
Dr. Lola Giusti

**Outstanding third-year
faculty member**
Dr. Ward Nobel

**Outstanding first-year
International Dental Studies Program
faculty member**
Dr. Larry Gardner

**Outstanding second-year
International Dental Studies Program
faculty member**
Dr. Abida Cheema

**Lucian Szmyd Memorial Award
Excellence in Teaching Award, 2009**
Dr. Brian Kenyon

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

Union City:

Dr. Ernest W. Fessler

Stockton:

Dr. John P. Tacheff

Donald H. Devlin Award

Dedication and contributions to oral

maxillofacial surgery resident education

Dr. Vincent W. Farhood

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

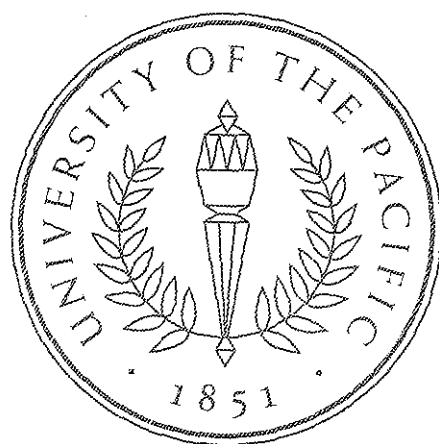
Exemplary role model and educator

Dr. Eric Salmon

American Academy of Periodontology

*For outstanding teaching and mentoring
in periodontics*

Dr. Lisa A. Harpenau





niversity 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.

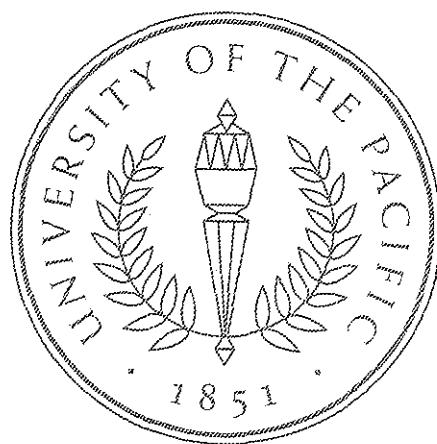
Adding emphasis to the Sesquicentennial Celebration in 2001, Pacific completed or launched more than \$40,000,000 in new construction and facilities improvements, including a 200-person residence hall, the first in more than two decades, an Art and Geosciences Center, a science laboratory building and 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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