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*One Hundred Eighteenth*  
*Commencement*  
*Sunday, June 10, 2012*



*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 fourteen 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 fourteen 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. In 2014 the school will move to its third home in San Francisco: the downtown district. Planning for the new facility is underway with the goal of creating a state-of-the-art patient care and teaching and learning environment.

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 Dean Patrick J. Ferrillo, Jr., the School of Dentistry continues as a leader among dental schools in curriculum, clinical excellence, and technology. In 2011, the school was awarded the prestigious Gies Award for Vision by the American Dental Education Association. 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**

Chaplain Dyan Hollenhorst  
*Newman Catholic Community*

## **Welcome**

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

## **Introduction of the Platform Guests**

### **Presidential Remarks and Conferring of Degrees**

Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck  
*President, University of the Pacific*

### **Valedictory Address**

Dr. Kurt B. Goodell  
Dr. Rupinderpal Singh

### **Charge to the Graduating Class**

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

## **Benediction**

Chaplain Dyan Hollenhorst  
*Newman Catholic Community*

## **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 2012:

Kurt B. Goodell

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 2012:

Rupinderpal Singh, 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 elected on the basis of scholarship and character.

Members elected from the Class of 2012:

|                        |                   |                    |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Maryam Ajami           | Kurt B. Goodell   | Kevin J. Robertson |
| Steven P. Alexander    | Eugene Han        | Kristina Svensson  |
| Christopher C. Charles | Graham L. Hearn   | Daniel W. Unzicker |
| Christine A. Fortmann  | Annie Jia Huang   | Chirag R. Vaid     |
| Martin A. Galstyan     | Kenley D. Michaud |                    |
| Maryse Gellad          | William Noh       |                    |

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2012:

Prajakta S. Kamat, B.D.S.  
Rupinderpal Singh, 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 2012:

|                     |                 |                    |                    |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Maryam Ajami        | Maryse Gellad   | Annie Jia Huang    | Daniel W. Unzicker |
| Steven P. Alexander | Kurt B. Goodell | Kenley D. Michaud  | Chirag R. Vaid     |
| Christopher Charles | Eugene Han      | Kevin J. Robertson |                    |
| Martin A. Galstyan  | Graham L. Hearn | Kristina Svensson  |                    |

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2012:

Prajakta S. Kamat, B.D.S.  
Rupinderpal Singh, B.D.S.

Members selected from the Dental Hygiene Program, Class of 2012:

Alexandra M. Fletcher

# 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 2012:

|                        |                      |                      |
|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Maryam Ajami           | Blake A. Gutierrez   | Kevin J. Robertson   |
| Steven P. Alexander    | Eugene Han           | Brandon J. Schiffner |
| Annalee Asbury         | Graham L. Hearn      | Richard D. Sellen    |
| Amy S. Au              | Enos A. Heinzen      | Aashima Sharma       |
| Christopher C. Charles | Annie Jia Huang      | Tyler A. Shumway     |
| Grace Chen             | Natalie M. Luu       | Stacy L. Silva       |
| Benjamin A. Cluff      | Greer E. McMicheal   | Jennifer L. Silvers  |
| Kellie L. Cramm        | Neema Mehrkhodavandi | Thomas R. Stater Jr. |
| Lindsay M. Essenmacher | Kenley D. Michaud    | Kristina Svensson    |
| John R. Feusier        | William Noh          | Ashley M. Takiguchi  |
| Christine A. Fortmann  | Eunji Park           | Jamie L. Tsukamaki   |
| Martin A. Galstyan     | Sheena H. Phan       | Emily Tung           |
| Maryse Gellad          | Marisa C. Podesto    | Daniel W. Unzicker   |
| Kurt B. Goodell        | Jeffrey L. Rector    | Chirag R. Vaid       |

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2012:

Maria J. Gutierrez Quevedo , D.D.S.  
Prajakta S. Kamat, B.D.S.  
Diviya Khiria, B.D.S.  
Manik Mohan, B.D.S.  
Toral S. Pandya, B.D.S.  
Srikanth Papisetti, B.D.S.  
Rupinderpal Singh, B.D.S.

# *Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2012*

**Shelly Bath**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Palm Springs, CA, and advanced education

**Ashley Charlene Beels**

*Cuesta College*

Future Plans: private practice and  
advanced education

**Sarah Jane Belleson**

*College of San Mateo*

Future Plans: private practice

**Anh Lan Tran Bui**

*Foothill College*

Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

**Kristin Canchola**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

**Colette Case**

*Austin Community College*

Future Plans: private practice

**Kristin E. Denham**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

**Katie Dinapoli**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Mark Vincent Gudilano Donato**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Alexandra Marie Fletcher**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. Scott Fletcher, '82

**Candace Green**

*San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: private practice in the  
Central Valley, CA

**Kathryn Elizabeth Helffrich**

*University of California, Davis*

Future Plans: private practice in the  
East San Francisco Bay Area

**Julia Jie Qiu Ma**

*B.A., University of California, San Diego*

Future Plans: private practice in  
San Francisco, CA

**Janice Mach**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in  
San Francisco, CA

**Antoinette Ai Tram Nguyen**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Mustafa S. Radif**

*B.D.S., Baghdad University, Iraq*

Future Plans: private practice in the  
San Francisco Bay Area, and  
advanced education

**Crystal Zermeño Rodriguez**

*California State University, Sacramento*

Future Plans: private practice

**Erin Nicole Silva**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in Folsom, CA

**Jill Kimberly Strand**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Maddelyn Marie Thran**

*San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: private practice in  
South Lake Tahoe, CA

# *Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2012*

**Grace Jane Trayser**

*Folsom Lake College*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Folsom/Elk Grove, CA

**Pamela Sachiko Wong**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in Palo Alto, CA

**Stephanie Huyen Vu**

*B.S. University of California, Riverside*

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*

Crystal Z. Rodriguez

**Colgate Student Total Achievement  
Recognition Award**

*For strongest academic performance in the program*

Candace Green

**Alpha Sigma Lambda National Honor Society**

*For the advancement of scholarship and leadership in  
higher education*

Candace Green

Julia J. Q. Ma

**San Joaquin Dental Society Scholarship**

*For outstanding academic performance  
and essay*

Ashley C. Beels

Maddelyn M. Thran

**Hu-Friedy Golden Scaler Award for  
Outstanding Clinical Achievement**

*In recognition of overall excellence in the delivery of  
dental hygiene patient care*

Grace J. Trayser

**California Dental Hygiene Educator's  
Association Award**

*For the clinicians who show the highest level of  
professionalism and demonstrate teamwork  
between their classmates and faculty when*

*providing patient care*

Kristin E. Denham

Candace Green

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

*In recognition of leadership as the class representative  
to the Student American Dental Hygiene Association*

Ashley C. Beels

*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 2012

**Kristen Jaye Adams**

*California State University, Sacramento*  
Future Plans: private practice with father  
Dr. Kosta J. Adams, '81, in Sacramento, CA

**Tareq M. Afifi**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: private practice in Los Angeles, CA

**Sharon Bruno Agsao**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: U.S. Navy dental corps

**Maryam Ajami (with high honors)**

*B.S., Shiraz University, Iran*  
Future Plans: private practice in Los Angeles, CA

**Steven Philip Alexander (with high honors)**

*B.A.A.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
University of Texas, Houston, TX

**Dalia Ala Ammsso**

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

**Diane Anthony**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at  
University of Southern California

**Jed Ryan Antolin**

*B.S., California State University, San Bernardino*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Sina Arhamsadr**

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

**Annalee Asbury (with honors)**

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

**Amy Shyuan Au (with honors)**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Prothodontics Residency at  
University of Illinois, Chicago

**Bahar Behdad**

*B.S., Azad University, Iran*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Eric Michael Blasingame**

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

**David Bradley Bo**

*B.S., B.A., Villanova University*  
Future Plans: associateship with father,  
Dr. Steven Bo, '78 in Sunnyvale, CA

**Angela Catalina Botero**

*B.S., LaSierra University*  
Future Plans: private practice in Anaheim, CA

**Benjamin R. Brooks**

*B.S., University of Nevada, Reno*  
Future Plans: private practice in Reno, NV

**Chad Robert Brown**

*B.S., University of Florida*  
Future Plans: private practice in Sanford, FL

**Jesse Edward Cardenas**

*B.S., University of Nevada, Reno*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Justin Jon-Phillip Carl**

*B.S., San Diego State University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,  
U.S. Navy

**Alice Chan**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Luthern Medical Center, San Francisco, CA

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2012

**Christopher C. Charles (with high honors)**

*B.S., Michigan State University*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Alan Michael Chee**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Jesse Brown Veterans Administration,  
Chicago, IL

**Grace Chen (with honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the  
Abington Memorial Hospital, PA

**Albert Wayen Cheng**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at Fort Campbell, KY

**Erin Michele Cherry**

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

**Craig Nesbitt Chlebicki**

*A.B., Cornell University*  
Future Plans: private practice in  
Brentwood, CA

**Ellen Eun-Young Cho**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Community Medical Center, Fresno, CA

**Benjamin A. Cluff (with honors)**

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

**Kellie Cramm Kirby (with honors)**

*A.B., Princeton University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Veteran's Medical Center, West Los Angeles, CA

**Brandon Del Toro**

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

**Kruti Desai**

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

**David K. Do**

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

**Jonathon Einowski**

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

**Rana Eloubaidy**

*B.S., International Islamic University, Malaysia*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Lindsay Marie Essenmacher (with honors)**

*B.S., University of New Mexico*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at University of  
New Mexico

**Tina Feng**

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

**Lara Ferraris**

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

**John Roger Feusier (with honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
Baylor University, TX

**Christine Ann Fortmann (with high honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: Prosthodontics Residency at  
University of Texas, San Antonio

**Martin Aramis Galstyan (with high honors)**

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

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2012

**Gregory Allen Gardner**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
University of Mississippi

**Maryse Gellad (with high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Civon Leah Gewelber**

*B.A., Fordham University*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

**Sher Himmat Singh Gill**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Jonathan Michael Gluck**

*B.S., University of Michigan*

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA

**Kurt Benedict Goodell**

**(with highest honors)**

*B.S., United States Military Academy*

Future Plans: U.S. military dental corps

**Stacy Lynn Silva**

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

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
University of Detroit Mercy

**Blake Austin Gutierrez (with honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at University of New Mexico

**Eugene Han (with high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: U.S. Army dental corps

**Kristen Michelle Hann**

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

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
University of Pennsylvania

**Brian James Hathcoat**

*B.S., M.S., University of California, Berkeley*

Future Plans: private practice in the East San  
Francisco Bay Area

**Graham Louis Hearn**

**(second highest honors)**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
University of Virginia

**Enos Alan Heinzen (with honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

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

**Micael Allen Vivo Hilario**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

**Anne Kim Hoang**

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

Future Plans: private practice in Southern  
California

**Michael Edward Holub**

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

Future Plans: U.S. Army dental corps

**Titus John Hou**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice with father in  
Vancouver, British Columbia

**Christina S. Hsieh**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at  
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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**Annie Jia Huang (with high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at  
Cohen Childrens Medical Center, New York

**Kevin P. Isenhower**

*B.S., California State University, Stanislaus*

Future Plans: associateship with  
Dr. Corey Acree, '01

**Faryal Ziayee Ismatt**

*B.S., San Jose State University*

Future Plans: associateship in Sacramento  
County, CA

**Nicole Therese Kemena**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Suzan Khajavi**

*B.S., Loyola Marymount University*

Future Plans: private practice in Los Angeles, CA

**Anna Khapchik Nikhinson**

*B.A., University of San Francisco*

Future Plans: private practice

**Phillip Dac Kieu**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in Wichita, KS

**Natalya Komissarova**

*B.S., San Francisco State University*

Future Plans: private practice

**Zenitra Lusiana Kumar**

*B.S., California State University, Stanislaus*

Future Plans: private practice

**Jason J. Lee**

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

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific,  
Stockton, CA

**Samuel Lee**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Jacqueline Quan Lim**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Jason K. Lim**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
the Jacobi Medical Center, New York

**Josh Xiao Liu**

*B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific,  
Stockton, CA

**Colby Margaux Livingston**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
the Veterans Administration, Loma Linda  
Healthcare System

**Jennifer Marie Low**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*

Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. Gary Low, '76, and uncles, Dr. Everett Low,  
'74 and Dr. Willard Low, '77 in Stockton, CA

**Kirstin Michelle Low**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Natalie Mai Luu (with honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

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

**Ian William Marion**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,  
St. Barnabus Hospital, New York

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**Wade Markert**

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,  
Veterans Administration, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA

**Sina Masoudi**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: private practice in  
Southern California

**Lauren Ashley Mathews**

*B.S., University of California, Riverside*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
the University of California, Los Angeles  
Harber Medical Center

**Greer Elizabeth McMichael (with honors)**

*B.S., California State University, Long Beach*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
the Veterans Administration Medical Center,  
Sepulveda, CA

**Neema Mehrkhodavandi (with honors)**

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

**Benjamin Meshkinfam**

*B.A., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
the University of Southern California  
Medical Center

**Kenley Dane Michaud (with high honors)**

*B.S., Arizona State University*  
Future Plans: Dental Anesthesiology Residency  
at Loma Linda University

**Mari A. Miyamoto**

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

**Ehsan Mossavi**

*Sacramento State University*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Benita Kong Lae Ng**

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

**William Noh (with high honors)**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Residency at University of Pennsylvania

**Vinni Kaur Oberoi**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry residency in Lutheran Medical  
Center, San Jose, CA

**Lauren Tomiko Odon**

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Internship at University of Southern California

**Oluwasegun Oluwafisayo Olabode**

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Residency at SUNY University at Buffalo

**Jared Carter Packard**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: private practice with brother  
Dr. Matt Packard, '11 in Carlsbad, CA

**Cedric William Papa**

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

**Eunji Park (with honors)**

*B.S., University of Hawaii, Manoa*  
Future Plans: private practice

**So Young Park**

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

**Shilpi Patel**

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

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**Sheena H. Phan (with honors)**

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

**Marisa C. Podesto (with honors)**

*B.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

**Jeffrey L. Rector (with honors)**

*B.A., University of Montana*  
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
University of Nebraska Medical Center

**Michael Macy Rice**

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

**Kevin J. Robertson (third highest honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Residency at Loyola University Medical Center,  
Chicago, IL

**Ladan Sahabi**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: private practice or associateship  
in San Francisco, CA

**Harkeet Singh Sappal**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
University of California, Los Angeles

**Brandon Jacob Schiffner (with honors)**

*B.Sc., University of British Columbia*  
Future Plans: associateship with fiancée,  
Dr. Kristy Chu, '10, in Salmon Arm,  
British Columbia, Canada

**Richard Daniel Sellen (with honors)**

*B.S., Arizona State University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Community Medical Center, Fresno, CA

**Ryan Douglass Senft**

*B.S., Duke University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the  
University of Colorado School of  
Dental Medicine

**Ashini Shah**

*B.S., University of California, Riverside*  
Future Plans: associateship in Riverside, CA

**Nida Shakil**

*B.S., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Staten Island University Hospital, NY

**Aashima Sharma (with honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific,  
Stockton, CA

**Tyler A. Shumway (with honors)**

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

**Jennifer Lynn Silvers (with honors)**

*B.S., University of Mary Hardin Baylor*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at Fort Lewis, WA

**Julianne Marie Siu**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
University of North Carolina

**Emanuel Joseph Staes**

*B.S., Louisiana State University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Texas

**James Carver Standing**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at Lutheran Medical  
Center, Alamosa, CO

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**Thomas R. Stater, Jr. (with honors)**

*B.S., University of California at Davis*  
Future Plans: United States Air Force Dental Squadron

**Kristina Svensson (third highest honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at Children's Hospital Wisconsin

**Andrew Mina Tadros**

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

**Ashley Maeko Takiguchi (with honors)**

*University of Hawaii, Manoa*  
Future Plans: associateship with father, Dr. Scott Takiguchi, '80 in Honolulu, HI

**Jennifer Catherine Talbott**

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

**Amy N. Tran**

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

**Carrie Huong Tran**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

**Ngoc-Bich Jade Tran**

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

**Stephanie Anh Thu Tran**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Stony Brook University School of Dentistry

**Think Tran**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, AZ

**Jamie Lynne Tsukamaki (with honors)**

*B.S., University of Puget Sound*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, Brooklyn, NY

**Emily Tung (with honors)**

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

**Daniel Wesley Unzicker (with high honors)**

*B.S., San Diego State University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at University of Southern California Medical Center

**Armin Vahidnia**

*B.A., University of California, Berkeley*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration, West Los Angeles, CA

**Chirag Raje Vaid (with high honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at University of the Pacific, Stockton, CA

**Veena Vaidyanathan**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, Jackson, MI

**David Vaysleyb**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: private practice in Los Angeles, CA

**Kevin Scott Walker**

*B.S., Wheaton College*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Native American Health Center, San Francisco

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## *2012*

**Cameron Warner**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*

Future Plans: private practice with  
Dr. Ryan Tennant, '05 in Seattle, WA

**Easte Marie Warnick**

*B.S., University of Nevada, Las Vegas*

Future Plans: Pediatric Dentistry Residency at  
Luthern Medical Center, Anchorage, AK

**Kory David West**

*B.A., University of Michigan*

Future Plans: private practice in Lansing, MI

**Sidra Yaseen**

*B.A., University of Southern California*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Staten Island University Hospital, NY

**Jeffrey C. Yui**

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

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Residency at Lutheran Medical  
Center, Oakland

**Soseh Zamani**

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

Future Plans: Orthodontics Internship at  
University of Florida, Gainesville

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but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*



# Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

## Scholarship

### Dean's Valedictorian Award

*Highest overall scholarship*

Kurt B. Goodell

### Dean's Salutorian Award

*Second highest overall scholarship*

Graham L. Hearn

### Dean's Award

*Third highest overall scholarship*

Kevin J. Robertson

Kristina Svensson

### Clinical Excellence Award

*Highest overall clinical scholarship*

Kurt B. Goodell

## Outstanding Performance and Service

### Dr. Sigmund H. Abelson Award for Achievement in Leadership

*Achievement in leadership*

Christine A. Fortmann

### Academy of Dentistry for Persons with Disabilities

*For sincere interest and concern for the dental needs  
of persons with disabilities*

Chirag Vaid

### Academy of General Dentistry Award

*Best captures the charitable and humanitarian spirit  
of Dr. Terry Tanaka*

Brian Hathcoat

Jamie Tsukamaki

### Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

*Outstanding achievement*

Kristina Svensson

### Academy of Osseointegration Award

*Most deserving student in the field of implants*

Eric M. Blasingame

### Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

#### Bay Area Alumni Award

*Outstanding Alpha Omegan, Kappa Chapter*

William H. Noh

### Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award

*Highest scholastic achievement for the entire  
dental program*

Kurt B. Goodell

### American Academy of Craniofacial Pain Award

*Interest in occlusion or TMJ dysfunction*

Kenley D. Michaud

### American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

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

Kevin J. Robertson

### American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

*Most academic and clinical interest in  
implant dentistry*

Daniel W. Unzicker

### American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

*Exemplary aptitude and achievement*

Eugene Han

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

**American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**

*Exceptional promise, achievement, and interest*

Kurt B. Goodell

**American Academy of Pediatric  
Dentistry Award**

*Most promise in pediatric dentistry*

Easte Warnick

**American Academy of  
Periodontology Award**

*Most promise in periodontics*

Eric M. Blasingame

**American Association of  
Endodontists Award**

*Outstanding ability in the field of endodontics*

Harkeet S. Sappal

**American Association of Oral  
Biologists Award**

*Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology*

Eugene Han

**American Association of Oral  
and Maxillofacial Surgeons  
Dental Student Award**

*Outstanding performance in the study of  
oral and maxillofacial surgery*

Kevin J. Robertson

**American Association of Oral and  
Maxillofacial Surgeons Implant Award**

*For outstanding performance in the area of  
dental implant placement*

Jason J. Lee

**American Association of  
Orthodontics Award**

*Exceptional interest in development of the  
orofacial complex*

Jonathan Gluck

**American Association of Public Health  
Dentistry Award**

*Outstanding interest and achievement in community  
public health dentistry*

Blake A. Gutierrez

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

*Exemplary professionalism, integrity and  
community service*

Christine A. Fortmann

**American Dental Society of  
Anesthesiology Award**

*Outstanding achievement in dental anesthesiology*

Lauren T. Odon

**American Student Dental Association  
Award of Excellence**

*For outstanding leadership and service*

Michael M. Rice

**Excellence in Anatomy Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Maryam Ajami

**Thomas R. Bales Family Endowment Good  
Samaritan Award**

*For the student who helped maintain class spirit  
and morale*

Blake A. Gutierrez

**Excellence in Biochemistry Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Aashima Sharma

**Eric B. Bystrom Memorial OKU Award**

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

Annie Huang

**California Association of Oral and  
Maxillofacial Surgeons Award**

*Excellent performance in oral surgery*

Olabode O. Oluwasegun

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## **California Dental Association Community Leadership Award**

*For academic excellence, community outreach,  
and contribution to organized dentistry*  
Lauren T. Odonon

## **California Dental Association Outstanding Senior Award**

*Contributions to and leadership in organized dentistry*  
John R. Feusier

## **Kevin Campbell Alumni Association Service Award**

*Outstanding service to the dental school community*  
Kellie L. Cramm

## **The Chips Editor Award**

*Dedication and service as yearbook editor*  
Vinni K. Oberoi

## **Community Service Award**

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation in  
community health care*

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Diane G. Anthony   | Benita K. Ng       |
| Alan M. Chee       | Lauren T. Odonon   |
| Stacy L. Gulland   | Sheena H. Phan     |
| Blake A. Gutierrez | Chirag Vaid        |
| Christina S. Hsieh | Veena Vaidyanathan |
| Annie Jia Huang    | Kevin S. Walker    |
| Zenitra L. Kumar   | Soseh Zamani       |

## **Delta Dental Plan of California Student Leadership Award**

*Leadership and service*  
Gregory A. Gardner

## **Dentsply/ADA Student Research Award, Second-Year Competition**

*Excellence in research*  
*First Place*  
Stacy L. Gulland  
Kristin M. Hann  
Greer E. McMichael

## **Derric DesMarteau Endowment Award**

*Excellence in aesthetic dentistry*  
Daniel W. Unzicker

## **Charles A. Ertola Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical  
removable prosthodontics*  
Craig N. Chlebicki

## **Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Scholarship**

*Potential leadership in the profession*  
Christine A. Fortmann

## **Pierre Fauchard, Northern California Section Scholarship Award**

*Leadership and dedication to the advancement  
of dentistry*  
Jennifer M. Low

## **Pierre Fauchard Academy Senior Student Award**

*Dedication to the advancement of dental literature*  
Jeffrey L. Rector

## **William W.Y. Goon OKU Award**

*Excellence in endodontology, interdisciplinary clinical  
sciences, and student scholarship*  
Daniel W. Unzicker

## **Excellence in General Pathology Award**

*Outstanding achievement*  
Richard D. Sellen

## **Thomas B. Hartzell Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics*  
Jennifer L. Silvers

## **Hinman Symposium Award, Second Year**

*Excellence in research*  
Amy S. Au

## **Excellence in Implants Award**

*Outstanding achievement*  
Kory D. West

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## **Excellence in Microbiology Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Eugene Han  
Aashima Sharma

## **Inesi Award in Physiology**

*Highest scholarship in physiology*

Stacy Gulland  
Eugene Han  
Graham Hearn  
Oluwasegun O. Olabode  
Kevin Robertson  
Aashima Sharma

## **International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award**

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

Eric M. Blasingame

## **International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award**

*Awarded to the student who has shown significant  
leadership or leadership potential*

Gregory A. Gardner  
William H. Noh

## **Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award**

*Outstanding student pursuing a career in  
pediatric dentistry*

Kristina Svensson

## **Northern California Academy of Endodontics Award**

*Outstanding capability in endodontics*

Sina Masoudi

## **Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award**

*Excellence in oral pathology*

Eugene Han

## **OKU Clinical Excellence Awards**

**Aesthetic Dentistry**

Chirag R. Vaid

**CAD/CAM**

Kristen M. Hann

**Caries Disease Management**

Greer E. McMichael

**Complex Care**

Enos A. Heinzen

**Implant Dentistry**

Kory D. West

**Removeable Prosthodontics**

Amy S. Au

**Supportive Therapy**

Kenley D. Michaud

## **Excellence in Oral Diagnosis Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Diane G. Anthony

## **Excellence in Oral Surgery Award (pre-doctoral)**

*Outstanding achievement*

William H. Noh

## **Quintessence Research Award**

*Outstanding research achievement*

Amy S. Au

## **Quintessence Restorative Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical  
restorative dentistry*

Enos A. Heinzen

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

*Demonstrated ethics and professionalism in the care  
and treatment of patients*

Ian W. Marion

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## **Senior Student Research Competition Awards**

*First Place*

Kristen M. Hann

Greer E. McMichael

Stacy L. Silva

## **Charles, Charles, Jr. and Joe Sweet Pedodontic Award**

*Excellence in dentistry for children*

Christina S. Hsieh

Annie Huang

Ian W. Marion

Kristina Svensson

Veena Vaidyanathan

Easte M. Warnick

## **Warren Family Endowment Award**

*Outstanding dental care on children by a  
senior student*

Christina S. Hsieh

## **Frederick T. West Basic Science Research Award**

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

Jeffrey L. Rector

## **Frederick T. West Orthodontic Award**

*Outstanding performance in the five pre-doctoral  
orthodontic courses*

Steven P. Alexander

## **Frederick T. West Orthodontic Alumni Association Didactic Award**

*Outstanding interest, accomplishment, and promise  
in orthodontics*

John R. Feusier

## **Western Society of Periodontology Award**

*Interest and proficiency in the field of periodontics*

Diane G. Anthony

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

*Outstanding merit and accomplishment*

Amy S. Au

## **Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards**

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

Steven P. Alexander

Kurt B. Goodell

William H. Noh

# *International Dental Studies Program*

## *Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2012*

**Richa Aparajita**

*B.D.S., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: private practice in Chicago, IL

**Sahar Aurangzeb**

*B.D.S., De Mont Morency College of Dentistry, University of Punjab, Pakistan*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Rashmi Bajaj**

*B.D.S., Damesh Institute of Research and Dental Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

**Sirisha Bhamidipaty**

*B.D.S., N.T.R. -University of Health Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: private practice in Seattle, WA

**Lavanya Bikki**

*B.D.S., P.M. Nadagouda Memorial Dental College & Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Fort Dodge, IA

**Neetu Chandra**

*B.D.S., Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Robilkhand University, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Houston, TX

**Amandeep K. Chhokar-Sandhar**

*B.D.S., Baba Farid University of Health Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Sacramento, CA

**Neha Dawar**

*B.D.S., Bharti Vidyapeeth Dental College and Hospital, Pune, India*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Eliseo Fiffe**

*D.D.S., Higher Institute of Medical Sciences, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba*  
Future Plans: associateship in The Woodlands, TX

**Santiago Martin Gardois**

*B.D.S., San Martin de Porres University*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Staten Island University Medical Center, NY

**Maria Josefina Gutierrez Quevedo**

**(with honors)**  
*D.D.S., Universidad Santa Maria*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Prajakta S. Kamat**

**(with second highest honors)**  
*B.D.S., Government Dental College & Hospital, India*  
Future Plans: private practice in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Jessica Kaur Kang**

*B.D.S., Manipal College of Dental Sciences, India*  
Future Plans: associateship

**Saritha Ketepalle**

*B.D.S., Bangalore University, India*  
Future Plans: private practice or associateship

**Diviya Khiria (with honors)**

*B.D.S., University of Rajasthan, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Sacramento, CA

**Manik Mohan (with honors)**

*B.D.S., Himachal Dental College, India*  
Future Plans: associateship in Texas

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Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2012*

**Toral S. Kapadia-Pandya (with honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice in  
Los Angeles, CA

**Srikanth Papisetti (with honors)**

*B.D.S., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health  
Sciences, India*

Future Plans: private practice

**Philline Claire Parreño**

*D.M.D., University of the East, College of  
Dentistry, Philippines*

Future Plans: associateship in Jefferson Dental  
Clinic, Pearland, TX

**Nishanth Reddy Puchalapalli**

*B.D.S., N.T.R. University of Health Sciences, India*

Future Plans: private practice

**Ruhi Sangha**

*B.D.S., Damesh Institue of Research and Dental  
Sciences, India*

Future Plans: private practice

**Rupinderpal Singh (with highest honors)**

*B.D.S., B.J.S. Dental College & Hospital,  
Ludhiana, India*

Future Plans: private practice

**Ramu Vuppala**

*B.D.S., Government Dental College and Hospital,  
Vijayarwada, India*

Future Plans: associateship

**Patrycja Zapasnik**

*Doctor of Stomatology, Medical University,  
Lodz, Poland*

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

# *International Dental Studies Program Awards*

## **Dean's Valedictorian Award**

*Highest overall scholarship*  
Rupinderpal Singh, B.D.S.

## **Dean's Salutorian Award**

*Second highest overall scholarship*  
Prajakta S. Kamat, B.D.S.

## **Kevin Campbell Alumni Association Service Award**

*Outstanding service to the dental school community*  
Prajakta S. Kamat, B.D.S.

## **Carmax Laboratories Award**

*Achievement in diagnosis and management of  
skin and mucosal disorders*  
Ramu Vuppala, B.D.S.

## **Community Service Award**

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation  
in community health care*  
Amandeep Chhokar, B.D.S.  
Maria J. Gutierrez Quevedo, D.D.S.  
Philline Parreño, D.M.D.

## **F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon**

### **IDS Endowment Award**

*For leadership and academic achievement*  
Manik Mohan, B.D.S.  
Toral Pandya, B.D.S.

## **Quintessence Periodontics Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics*  
Eliseo Fiffe, D.D.S.

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

*Outstanding merit and accomplishment*  
Manik Mohan, B.D.S.

## **Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards**

*Outstanding students selected on the basis of  
scholarship, character and need*  
Rupinderpal Singh, B.D.S.



# *Advanced Education in General Dentistry, 2012*

**Hanadi M Sh Alenezi**

*B.M.D., Kuwait University*

Future Plans: Assistant Professorship of Restorative Sciences at Kuwait University

**Fawaz Alzoubi**

*B.M.S., Medical Sciences in Dentistry,*

*Kuwait University*

*B.D.M., Kuwait University*

Future Plans: faculty appointment at Kuwait University

**Jordan Benjamin**

*D.M.D., McGill University*

Future Plans: private practice in Montreal, Canada

**Tiffany Chan**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**James Cheng-Pang Chiu**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Hilari Kazumi Kawakami-Wong**

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

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Bela Rambhai Patel**

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

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

Future Plans: associateship

**Dayne Michael Patterson**

*B.S., Virginia Polytechnic Institute*

*D.D.S., Virginia Commonwealth University,  
School of Dentistry*

Future Plans: private practice

**Francis Florianne Adao Roque**

*B.S., University of Florida*

*D.M.D., University of Florida*

Future Plans: private practice

**Kimran Saini**

*D.D.S., University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry*

Future Plans: private practice

**Thuy Tran**

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

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

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Jing Ying Celia Wu**

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

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Greg Walsh**

*B.S., Queens University*

*D.M.D., McGill University*

Future Plans: private practice in Canada

*Advanced Education in General  
Dentistry Program Awards*

**Outstanding Resident Award,  
Union City**

*Highest degree of professionalism*  
Gregory Walsh, D.M.D.

**Outstanding Resident Award, Stockton**

*Highest degree of professionalism*  
Thuy N. Tran, D.D.S.

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but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

# *Master of Science in Dentistry, Orthodontics, 2012*

**Abir Abdullah Balghonaim**

*B.D.S., King Saud University, College of Dentistry*  
Future Plans: private practice at Saudi Aramco  
Oil Company, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

**Michelle Yvonne Bittner Eberle**

*University of the Pacific*  
*D.D.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: associateship in Jacksonville, FL

**Sarah Seung-Ah Chung-Lee**

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

**James Joseph Galea**

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

**Kiri Kazimiera Herchold Yee**

*B.S., Arizona State University*  
*D.D.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Mihee Hong**

*D.D.S., M.S., Seoul National University, Korea*  
Future Plans: private practice

**Katherine Kim Ngan Kieu**

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

**Courtney Gach Ray**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
*D.M.D., Harvard University School of*  
*Dental Medicine*  
Future Plans: associateship in  
Southern California

*Advanced Education in  
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 2012*

**Alexis Lee Kleinman**

*B.A., Union College*

*D.M.D., University of Connecticut*

Future Plans: private practice

**Jeremy James Lassetter**

*M.S., Arizona State University*

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

Future Plans: private practice in Albany, NY

**Bryce Jay Darrell Williams**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

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

Future Plans: private practice in Cheyenne, WY

*Advanced Education in Oral and  
Maxillofacial Surgery Program Awards*

**Outstanding Oral Surgery Resident Award**

*Highest degree of professionalism*

Jeremy J. Lassetter, D.D.S.

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# 2012 Teaching Awards

**Outstanding first-year  
faculty member (DDS)**  
Dr. Leigh C. Anderson

**Outstanding second-year  
faculty member (DDS)**  
Dr. Bahram Javid

**Outstanding third-year  
faculty member (DDS)**  
Dr. Jessie Vallee

**Outstanding first-year  
International Dental Studies Program  
faculty member**  
Dr. Eric S. Salmon

**Outstanding second-year  
International Dental Studies Program  
faculty member**  
Dr. Brian J. Kenyon

**Lucian Szmyd Memorial Award  
Excellence in Teaching Award, 2012**  
Dr. Shannon Wong

**Dr. Mark S. Hagge Faculty  
Endowment Award**  
*Exemplary role model and educator*  
Dr. Mark T. Booth

**American Academy of Periodontology**  
*For outstanding teaching and mentoring  
in periodontics*  
Dr. Navid Knight





niversity of the Pacific is an independent, coeducational university serving more than 6,500 students on three campuses in Stockton, San Francisco and Sacramento. 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 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.

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. With its move 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. In 1992 it was renamed the Gladys L. Benerd School of Education in honor of the alumna's endowed gift.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck began her service in 2009 as the sixth President since the University's move to Stockton in 1924 and the 24th since its founding in 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 Pacific benefactor and Regent who co-founded the former Longs Drugs Stores. In 1956 the graduate school was created, and in 1957 the School of Engineering was established. The Department of Computer Science joined the school in 2002 and was subsequently renamed the School of Engineering and Computer Science.

In 1962, the University acquired the College of Physicians and Surgeons, a school of dentistry founded in San Francisco in 1896. In 2004, the school was named the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry in honor of its dean of 28 years. It was the first time any university in the United States or Canada had named its dental school for the current dean.

Three new cluster colleges were established at Pacific in the 1960s, in the model of British universities such as Oxford and Cambridge. These colleges integrated faculty and students into distinct living and learning communities. Raymond College, established in 1962, was an accelerated, interdisciplinary liberal arts program in which students shaped their own courses of study. Elbert Covell College, established in 1963, was a unique inter-American college. Half the students were from the U.S. and

half from Latin America, with classes taught in Spanish. Callison College, established in 1967, 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 values, including a close-knit learning community, accelerated and interdisciplinary programs, and self-designed majors, have left a lasting impact on Pacific. Their emphasis on global education continued in the School of International Studies, founded in 1987 as the first university-based undergraduate school of international studies in California.

In 1996, Pacific broadened its footprint to Sacramento when McGeorge College of Law, an independent law school founded in Sacramento in 1924, merged with the University as the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. In 1977, the department of business administration in 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, now the Center for Professional and Continuing Education.

Over the last twenty years, Pacific has advanced its legacy of innovation and leadership. In 1992 the University offered the nation's first "four-year guarantee," a promise to students that they will graduate on time if they meet certain requirements. Under the leadership of President Donald DeRosa (1995–2009), the University invested in more than \$200 million in facilities renovation and construction projects on all three campuses. Pacific also increased distinctive accelerated programs that enabled students to complete undergraduate studies in combination with professional degrees in pharmacy, law, dentistry and business. The University intensified its commitment to experiential learning, including undergraduate research, internships, community service and education abroad. Pacific also launched an environmental sustainability initiative and instituted the Powell Scholars Program, a premier scholarship program for undergraduate student leaders.

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, the University established The Brubeck Institute for the study, promotion and performance of American music.

Since assuming the Presidency in 2009, Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck has identified several priorities for the University's future: enhancing the academic enterprise; developing as a three-city and global University; enriching diversity and inclusivity; and serving community through partnerships at the local, national and global levels.

Under her leadership, in 2010 the University launched the "Beyond Our Gates...Into the Community" initiative to create and enhance community partnerships that improve lives in our region. As part of "Beyond Our Gates," the University has launched The Tomorrow Project, an intensive k-12 educational outreach program; the Beyond Our Gates Community Council, an advisory body of regional leaders; and the Dialogs of Distinction, biannual discussions of critical issues facing our region.



President Eibeck has also instituted a University-wide strategic planning effort, led by Provost Maria Pallavicini, to help Pacific prepare for current and coming changes in higher education, work and the economy.

In November 2011, the University finalized the purchase of a new campus in San Francisco at 155 Fifth Street. The new campus provides the space and facilities the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry needs to remain one of the nation's top dental schools. It also affords Pacific an opportunity to expand its programming and visibility in San Francisco.

Pacific continues to enjoy national recognition for its leadership in higher education. The University has been listed as a "Best Value" (Top 50) by U.S. News & World Report every year since 2000 and is consistently ranked among the top 100 national universities in the country by U.S. News and others. Undergraduate applications have soared from approximately 5,300 in 2008 to more than 21,000 for fall 2011. The University remains committed to its personal, student-centered approach. Faculty and staff are dedicated to excellence in teaching. Highly interactive student-faculty relations and a broad array of co-curricular activities that develop students' abilities are hallmarks of the Pacific experience.



# *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

*Special Recognition to the  
Graduation Committee*

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Ms. Juliet Carrillo  
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Dr. Eddie Hayashida  
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Dr. Margo Landy  
Dr. Nader Nadershahi  
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