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*One Hundred Twentieth*  
*Commencement*  
*Sunday, June 14, 2015*



*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 nineteen 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 Bixton 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 offerings 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. Bixton presided as the first dean of P&S and served briefly as mayor of San Francisco. In 1918, during Dr. Bixton'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 nineteen years since Dr. Bixton 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. The one thing Dr. Bixton 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 moved to its third home in San Francisco: the downtown district. The new facility creates 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. 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*

## **WELCOME**

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

## **INVOCATION**

Dr. Joel Lohr  
*Dean of Religious Life*

## **INTRODUCTION OF THE PLATFORM GUESTS**

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

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

## **VALEDICTORY ADDRESS**

Dr. Jennifer E. Tung  
Dr. Basil Al Shaikhly

## **CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS**

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

## **BENEDICTION**

Dr. Joel Lohr  
*Dean of Religious Life*

## **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.

**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 2015:

Jennifer E. Tung

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 2015:

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

Member of the dental hygiene class with the highest overall grade point average in didactic and clinical courses combined over the entire program, Class of 2015:

Arielle J. Miller

## 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 2015:

Christopher N. Duhn	Margaret A. Hostage	Peter J. March	Jennifer E. Tung
Christian S. Favero	Matthew J. Kelly	Taylor L. Mitchell	Scott P. Young
Franco R. Ferrara	Amanda R. Kronquist	Scott D. Morgan	Holly K. Yuen
Kari S. Harnick	Gianna C. Ligouri	Brett M. Springer	Benjamin N. Zuniga

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2015:

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

Jhankhana M. Shah, 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 2015:

Christian S. Favero	Amanda Rae Kronquist	Jennifer E. Tung
Kari S. Harnick	Gianna C. Ligouri	Jae Y. Yoo
Margaret A. Hostage	Scott D. Morgan	Scott P. Young
Matthew J. Kelly	Brett M. Springer	Holly K. Yuen
Sang Woo Kim	Hennasea-Sue Tokumura	Benjamin N. Zuniga

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2015:

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

Omar A. Gabr, B.D.S.

Jhankhana M. Shah, 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 2015:

Jessica I. Aquino	Sang Woo Kim	Thomas D. Pacheco
Christopher C. Chow	Woojae E. Kim	Ryan J. Poppin
Bradlee M. Davis	Stephanie M. Kroll	Marlene A. Sadek
Evan A. Demko	Amanda Rae Kronquist	Steven R. Speaker
Cooper T. Differding	Gianna C. Ligouri	Brett M. Springer
Christopher N. Duhn	Peter J. March	Hennasea-Sue Tokumura
Christian S. Favero	William J. Milcovich	Jennifer E. Tung
Franco R. Ferrara	Daniel J. Mingrone	Emily M. Vaccarezza
Cuauhtemoc A. Gonzalez	Taylor M. Kent	Christopher N. Weber
Kari S. Harnick	Scott D. Morgan	Jae Y. Yoo
Alisha L. Hewko	Eric S. Muff	Scott P. Young
Margaret A. Hostage	Brandon J. Nakken	Holly K. Yuen
Katherine L. Hutson	Tina T. Ngo	Yige Zhao
Matthew J. Kelly	Kaitlyn P. O'Brien	Benjamin N. Zuniga

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Program, Class of 2015:

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.  
Omar A. Gabr, B.D.S.  
Katerina Koleva, M.S.  
Ching Lue, D.D.S.  
Jhankhana M. Shah, B.D.S.  
Sergio G. Souza, D.D.S.  
Namrata J. Upadhyay, B.D.S.

# *Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2015*

**Brenda C. Barrientos**

*College of San Mateo*

Future Plans: private practice

**Karyn Georgina Bloxham**

*American River College*

Future Plans: private practice in Sacramento, CA

**Taylor Brittani Davis**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Nazanin Derakhshanian**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Lindsay Christine Eggering**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Idaline Ross Casareno Fontabla**

*Foothill College*

Future Plans: private practice in Hayward, CA

**Haley K. Hall (high honors)**

*California State University, Bakersfield*

Future Plans: private practice in Las Vegas, NV

**Sarah Elizabeth Hamburg**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Maesey McCall Henington**

*Columbia College*

Future Plans: private practice in Sonora, CA

**Amanda Rose Heyn**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Crystal Limon**

*San Diego Mesa College*

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

**Fan Liu**

*San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: advanced degree at  
University of California, San Francisco

**Amaninder Mann**

*San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: private practice in Lodi, CA

**Arielle Jaclyn Miller (highest honors)**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*

Future Plans: private practice in  
San Francisco, CA

**Sonja Elise Moran**

*San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Sacramento, CA

**Priya Shailesh Patel**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Reynalda Ramirez**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Torri Marie Saiz (high honors)**

*B.S., Arizona State University*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Santa Rosa, CA

**Katherine Caryn Stratton**

*A.A., San Joaquin Delta College*

Future Plans: private practice in Stockton or  
Sacramento, CA

**Judy Vang**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Calvin Everette Yee (high honors)**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

# *Dental Hygiene Program Awards*

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

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

Judy Vang

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

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

Nazanin Derakhshanian

Amaninder Mann

## **Colgate Student Total Achievement Recognition Award**

*For strongest academic performance in the program*

Arielle J. Miller

## **Academic Achievement Award**

*High honors*

Haley K. Hall

Arielle J. Miller

Torri M. Saiz

Calvin E. Yee

## **Achievement in Community Dentistry**

*The American Association of Public Health Dentistry  
sponsors a national recognition award for senior  
dental hygiene students who have demonstrated a  
special interest in Community dentistry and dental  
public health.*

Katherine C. Stratton

## **Pacific Research Day Excellence Awards**

*Outstanding research presentation*

Arielle J. Miller

*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*

## *2015*

**Travis Brent Adams**

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

**Julian Salgado Alivia**

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

**Rojin Amiri**

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

**Bernadette Dianne Tesorero Ancheta**

*B.S., University of California, Davis*  
Future Plans: private practice with  
Dr. Ryan Ray Dela Cruz in Fairfield, CA

**Jessica Ibana Aquino (honors)**

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

**Olga Bachour**

*University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: private practice in Merced, CA

**Edmond Armand Bedrossian**

*B.S., University of San Francisco*  
Future Plans: Prosthodontics Residency at  
University of Washington, Seattle, WA

**Yelena Berdichevsky**

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

**Dan Beroukhim**

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

**Amy Susanne Blake**

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

**Kimberly Jeanne Butler**

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

**Nabeel Ahmed Cajee**

*B.A., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at  
Highland Hospital, Oakland, CA

**Anastasia Florence Deborah Calciano**

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

**Catherine Ariel Catapang Canda**

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

**Christine M. Chan**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at  
Lutheran Medical Center El Rio Community  
Health Center, Tucson, AZ

**Pan Wen Chang**

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

**Kimberly Clarissa Chau**

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

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2015

**Jessica Jungkyung Cho**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

**Christopher C. Chow (honors)**

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

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

**Mathew Chow**

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

Future Plans: private practice in San Francisco, CA

**Bryan Shawn Clevenger**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

**Cynthia Marie Sim Co Ting Keh**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

**Bridget Erin Collins**

*B.S., University of Central Florida*

Future Plans: private practice

**Kevin Walter Cordano**

*Utah Valley University*

Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. Richard Cordano '79, and brother-in-law, Dr. Jared Spears, '04, in Yuba City, CA

**Andrew Bruce Cummings**

*B.S., University of Central Florida*

Future Plans: private practice

**Bradley M. Davis (honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Evan A. Demko (honors)**

*B.S.E., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

Future Plans: private practice in San Diego, CA

**Mannimrat Kaur Dhillon**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at University of Nevada, Las Vegas School of Dental Medicine, Las Vegas, NV

**Cooper Taylor Differding (honors)**

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

Future Plans: associateship in Northern California

**Betsabeh Doroudian Tehrani**

*B.S., University of Tebran*

Future Plans: private practice

**Morrigan Hannah Drew**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Christopher Nicolas Duhn (high honors)**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA

**Jordan William Endres**

*B.S., Arizona State University*

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

**Joshua Robert Espejo**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. Roberto Espejo Jr. and sister, Dr. Jennifer Espejo, '08

**Shawna N. Fariba**

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

Future Plans: associateship in San Diego, CA

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery*

## *2015*

**Christian Scott Favero (high honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
The University of Texas Health Science Center,  
Houston, TX

**Daniel Isaac Feldman**

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

Future Plans: associateship in Long Beach, CA

**Alyson Felesina**

*B.S., University of Nevada, Reno*

Future Plans: private practice

**Franco Rene Ferrara (high honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Nikta Ghaderi**

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

Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at  
Oregon Health and Science University,  
Portland, OR

**Tiffany M. Giang**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at the  
Lutheran Medical Center, Tuscon, AZ

**Cuahtemoc Aztlan Gonzalez (honors)**

*B.A., Stanford University*

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency at  
Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

**Maneet Kaur Gulati**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at the  
Lutheran Medical Center, Tuscon, AZ

**Michael Hamilton**

*California State University, Sacramento*

Future Plans: private practice

**Eric Suemin Han**

*B.S., University of Oregon*

Future Plans: Periodontics Residency at  
Boston University, Boston, MA

**Kari Harnick (high honors)**

*B.S., University of New Mexico*

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
Oregon Health and Science University,  
Portland, OR

**Alisha Lee Hewko (honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Margaret Amelia Hostage (high honors)**

*B.A., Stanford University*

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

**Katherine Lee Hutson (honors)**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency  
at Veterans Administration Medical Center,  
Sepulveda, CA

**Luis Romero**

*B.S., San Francisco State University*

Future Plans: private practice

**Lara Kachachi**

*B.S., University of Virginia*

Future Plans: private practice

**Matthew John Kelly (high honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University, Idaho*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center,  
Bethesda, MD

**Maurissa Paige Kiefer**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery*

## *2015*

### **Jiwon Sarah Kim**

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

### **Juan Kim**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: practice at a community  
health center

### **Sang Woo Kim (honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Internship at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, TX

### **John Seong Kim**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the  
Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, NY

### **Woojae Eric Kim (honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at  
New York University, New York, NY

### **Tyler William Kisling**

*B.A., University of California, Irvine*  
Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. George W. Kisling, '77

### **Stephanie Marie Kroll (honors)**

*B.S., University of California, Los Angeles*  
Future Plans: associateship with father,  
Dr. Philip J Kroll, in Ventura, CA

### **Amanda Rae Kronquist (high honors)**

*B.S., Bucknell University,*  
*M.S., Georgetown University*  
Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. Jerry Kronquist, in Orange County, CA

### **Nikita S. Kuppanda**

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

### **Myoli Herrero Landig**

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

### **Veronica S. Lee**

*B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara*  
Future Plans: Orthodontics fellowship at  
University of the Pacific

### **Gianna Cristina Ligouri (high honors)**

*B.S., Loyola Marymount University*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at  
La Clinica de la Raza, Pittsburg, CA

### **Neil Zacharias G. Limbo**

*B.A., University of San Diego*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY

### **Michael Lin**

*B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*  
Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at  
Asian Health Services, Oakland, CA

### **Vienna Cindy Liu**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*  
Future Plans: General Practice Residency at  
Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation  
Center, Downey, CA

### **Michael Paul Lund**

*Utah Valley University*  
Future Plans: associateship in Reno, NV

### **Jennifer Elise Tung (highest honors)**

*B.S., M.S., University of California, San Diego*  
Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency at  
University of Southern California,  
Los Angeles, CA

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## *2015*

**Lauren Janice Ma**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: associateship in Seattle, WA

**Rachel Alison Ma**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Ronak Makadia**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at Nassau University Medical Center, East Meadow, NY

**Peter James March (high honors)**

*B.A., Wesleyan University*

Future Plans: public health

**Jennifer Masters**

*B.S., University of Nevada, Reno*

Future Plans: private practice

**Jeffrey Edward McCardle**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Natalie S. McCrackin**

*B.A., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Megan Elizabeth McMahan**

*B.S., St. Lawrence University*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency in Albany, NY

**John Mendoza**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**William Joel Milcovich (honors)**

*B.A., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

**Daniel Joseph Mingrone (honors)**

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

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Taylor Mitchell Kent (high honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. Douglas S. Mitchell, in Alameda, CA

**Scott D. Morgan (high honors)**

*B.S., University of San Diego*

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at University of Texas Southwestern/ Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, TX

**Eric Scott Muff (honors)**

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

Future Plans: private practice in Auburn, CA

**James In Young Mun**

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

Future Plans: National Health Service

**Anne Elizabeth Nagel**

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

Future Plans: private practice in Fountain Valley, CA

**Mark Kirolos Nakhla**

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

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Brandon J. Nakken (honors)**

*B.A., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, San Diego, CA

**Nicholas Cody Ng**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

# Doctor of Dental Surgery 2015

**Tina Ngo (honors)**

*B.S., San Diego State University*

Future Plans: National Health Service Corps

**Adrienne My-Tram Nguyen**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Alexandra Anh Hoang Nguyen**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Nancy Nam Tran Nguyen**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: associateship

**Derek Yutaka Nishimori**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Julia Ann Nishioka**

*B.A., Claremont McKenna College*

Future Plans: private practice

**Kaitlyn Patricia O'Brien (honors)**

*B.S., California State University, Long Beach*

Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. Stephen J. O'Brien, '80

**Thomas Daniel Pacheco (honors)**

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

Future Plans: associateship

**Tarun L. Padmani**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency at  
Boston University, Boston, MA

**Eun Jin Park**

*B.A., University of Hawaii, Manoa*

Future Plans: associateship in  
Northern California

**Yeun-Joung Park**

*B.A., Case Western Reserve University*

Future Plans: associateship in Boston, MA

**Chandni K. Patel**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in  
General Dentistry Residency at the  
Lutheran Medical Center, Tuscon, AZ

**Michael Anthony Ytoan Pham**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps,  
Portsmouth, VA

**Ani A. Pilikyan**

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

Future Plans: associateship in Los Angeles, CA

**Ryan James Poppin (honors)**

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

Future Plans: associateship in Modesto, CA

**Lauren Nicole Powell**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

**Rachael Michelle Prokes**

*B.S., Arizona State University*

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery  
Residency at The Ohio State University,  
Columbus, OH

**Nakul Ratra**

*B.S., McMaster University*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

**Christopher Keas Roebken**

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

Future Plans: associateship in  
Marin County, CA

**Peter Sung Ha Ryoo**

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

Future Plans: private practice in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery*

## *2015*

**Marlene Sadek (honors)**

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

Future Plans: General Practice Residency at the Veterans Administration Northern California Health Care System, Mare Island, CA

**Navreena Kaur Sahota**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

**Sumeet Kaur Sandhu**

*M.S., Barry University*

Future Plans: private practice

**Richard Alexander Schmotter**

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

Future Plans: private practice in Marin County, CA

**Poonam Viren Shah**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in Southern California

**Aneesha Sharma**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Shiv Shanker Sharma**

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

Future Plans: associateship

**Ajit Shokar**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Steven Rob Speaker (honors)**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at Roseman University of Health Sciences, Henderson, NV

**Brett M. Springer (high honors)**

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

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

**Hennasea-Sue Tokumura (honors)**

*B.S., University of Utah*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency in Waimanalo, HI

**David Joseph Tran**

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

Future Plans: private practice with father, Dr. An Thuan Tran, '94

**Emily Marie Vaccarezza (honors)**

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

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency at Lutheran Medical Center, San Diego, CA

**Catherine Julia Varsanyi**

*B.S., Santa Clara University*

Future Plans: private practice

**Matthew Edward Warnock**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at Luthern Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

**James Michael Warren**

*B.S., Cornell University*

Future Plans: private practice

**Christopher Niklaus Weber (honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice in Valencia, CA

**Alexandra Wenzel**

*B.S., University of Wisconsin, Madison*

Future Plans: private practice in Prairie du Sac, WI



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## *2015*

**Susanne Elizabeth Wolfe**

*B.S., Arizona State University*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at the Lutheran Medical Center, Phoenix, AZ

**Christopher Evans Kin Mun Yim**

*B.A., Indiana University of Bloomington*

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency at the Lutheran Medical Center, Honolulu, HI

**Ethan Jae Young Yoo (honors)**

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

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

**Joo Hyeong Yoo**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**June Yoshida Houser**

*B.A., University of Montana*

Future Plans: private practice

**Jason Chi Sun Young**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

**Scott Patrick Young (high honors)**

*California State University, Sacramento*

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

**Caroline S. Yu**

*University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: private practice

**Holly Kwai Jun Yuen (high honors)**

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

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency at University of Rochester Eastman School of Dentistry, Rochester, NY

**Yige Zhao (honors)**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: associateship in Tracy, CA

**Bliss P. Zin**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Benjamin Noel Zuniga (high honors)**

*B.S., Arizona State University East*

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT

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# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## SCHOLARSHIP

### **Dean's Valedictorian Award**

*Highest overall scholarship*

Jennifer E. Tung

### **Dean's Salutatorian Award**

*Second highest overall scholarship*

Matthew J. Kelly

Holly Yuen

### **Dean's Award**

*Third highest overall scholarship*

Scott D. Morgan

Scott P. Young

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

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

*Achievement in leadership*

Scott D. Morgan

### **Academy of General Dentistry Award**

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

Yige Zhao

### **Academy of Operative Dentistry Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Megan E. McMahon

### **Academy of Osseointegration Award**

*Most deserving student in the field of implants*

Christian S. Favero

### **Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity**

#### **Bay Area Alumni Award**

*Outstanding Alpha Omegan, Kappa Chapter*

Poonam V. Shah

### **American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award**

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

Andrew B. Cummings

### **American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award**

*Most academic and clinical interest in  
implant dentistry*

Edmond A. Bedrossian

### **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award**

*Special interest and accomplishment in oral and  
maxillofacial radiology*

Gianna C. Ligouri

### **American Academy of Oral Medicine Award**

*Exceptional promise, achievement, and interest*

Stephanie M. Kroll

### **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Award**

*Most promise in pediatric dentistry*

Jennifer E. Tung

### **American Academy of Periodontology Award**

*Most promise in periodontics*

Nikta Ghaderi

### **American Association of Endodontists Award**

*Outstanding ability in the field of endodontics*

Franco R. Ferrara

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

**American Association of  
Oral Biologists Award**

*Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology*  
Rachel M. Prokes

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

*Outstanding performance in the study of  
oral and maxillofacial surgery*  
Scott D. Morgan

**American Association of  
Oral Biologists Award**

*For achievement in oral biology*  
Rachael M. Prokes

**American Association of  
Public Health Dentistry**

*For outstanding achievement and interest in  
community and public health dentistry*  
Amy S. Blake

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

*Exemplary professionalism, integrity and  
community service*  
Yige Zhao

**American College of Prosthodontists**

*High academic achievement in clinical prosthodontics*  
Stephanie M. Kroll

**American Dental Society of  
Anesthesiology Award**

*Outstanding achievement in dental anesthesiology*  
Rachael M. Prokes

**American Student Dental Association  
Award of Excellence**

*For outstanding leadership and service*  
Andrew B. Cummings

**Excellence in Anatomy Award**

*Outstanding achievement*  
Jae (Ethan) Yoo

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

*For the student who helped maintain class spirit  
and morale*  
Stephanie M. Kroll

**Excellence in Biochemistry Award**

*Outstanding achievement*  
Jae (Ethan) Yoo

**Eric B. Bystrom Memorial OKU Award**

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

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

*Excellent performance in oral surgery*  
Sang Woo Kim

**California Dental Association  
Outstanding Senior Award**

*Contributions to and leadership in organized dentistry*  
Emily M. Vaccarezza

**Kevin Campbell Alumni Association  
Service Award**

*Outstanding service to the dental school community*  
Tiffany M. Giang

**The Chips Editor Award**

*Dedication and service as yearbook editor*  
Megan E. McMahon

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## **Community Service Award**

*Demonstrated commitment to and participation in  
community health care*

Jessica I. Aquino	Peter J. March
Yelena Berdichevsky	Daniel J. Mingrone
Amy S. Blake	Scott D. Morgan
Kimberly J. Butler	Brandon J. Nakken
Catherine Ariel	Nicholas C. Ng
C. Canda	Tina T. Ngo
Christopher N. Duhn	Michael A. Pham
Tiffany M. Giang	Lauren N. Powell
Seong T. Kim	Jennifer E. Tung
Sang Woo Kim	Emily M. Vaccarezza
Stephanie M. Kroll	Holly Yuen
Myoli H. Landig	Bliss P. Zin
Lauren J. Ma	

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

*Leadership and service*

Amanda Rae Kronquist

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

*Excellence in research*

Sang Woo Kim  
Holly Yuen

## **Derric DesMarteau Endowment Award**

*Excellence in aesthetic dentistry*

Kaitlyn P. O'Brien

## **Endodontic Department Award**

*Outstanding capability in endodontics*

Matthew J. Kelly

## **Pierre Fauchard Academy Foundation Scholarship**

*Potential leadership in the profession*

Amanda Rae Kronquist  
Shulamit S. Harkavy

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

*Leadership and dedication to the advancement  
of dentistry*

Peter J. March

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

*Dedication to the advancement of dental literature*

Susanne E. Wolfe

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

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

Holly Yuen

## **Excellence in General Pathology Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Gianna C. Ligouri

## **Thomas B. Hartzell Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics*

Marlene A. Sadek

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

*Excellence in research*

Rachael M. Prokes  
Jason Young

## **Excellence in Implants Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Christian S. Favero

## **Excellence in Microbiology Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Margaret Hostage

## **Inesi Award in Physiology**

*For highest scholarship in the physiology course*

Sang Woo Kim

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

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

Edmond A. Bedrossian

# *Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards*

## **Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award**

*Outstanding student pursuing a career in  
pediatric dentistry*

Brandon J. Nakken

## **Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award**

*Excellence in oral pathology*

Stephanie M. Kroll

## **OKU San Francisco Section of the AADR Award**

*For excellence in research*

Nicholas C. Ng

## **OKU Senior Research Award**

*For excellence in research*

Sang Woo Kim

Rachael M. Prokes

## **Excellence in Oral Diagnosis Award**

*Outstanding achievement*

Gianna C. Ligouri

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

*Outstanding achievement*

Jason C. Young

## **Quintessence Research Award**

*Outstanding research achievement*

Jason C. Young

## **Quintessence Restorative Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical  
restorative dentistry*

Stephanie M. Kroll

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

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

Amy S. Blake

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

*Excellence in dentistry for children*

Cuauhtemoc A. Gonzalez

Brandon J. Nakken

Tarun L. Padmani

Jennifer E. Tung

Emily M. Vaccarezza

## **Warren Family Endowment Award**

*Outstanding dental care on children  
by a senior student*

Emily M. Vaccarezza

## **Western Society of Periodontology Award**

*Interest and proficiency in the field of periodontics*

Eric S. Han

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

*Outstanding merit and accomplishment*

Amanda Rae Kronquist

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

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

Matthew J. Kelly

Jennifer E. Tung

Holly Yuen

# *International Dental Studies Program*

## *Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2015*

**Emma Abramyan**

*D.M.D., Saint Petersburg State  
Medical University, Russia*

Future Plans: private practice in  
San Francisco, CA

**Basil Al Shaikhly (highest honors)**

*B.D.S., Baghdad University  
School of Dentistry, Iraq*

Future Plans: associateship in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

**Komal Bhat**

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

Future Plans: private practice

**Victor C. Esmeraldo**

*B.D.S., University of Fortaleza,  
School of Dentistry, Brazil*

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

**Omar A. Gabr (high honors)**

*B.D.S., MIU Dental School, Egypt*

Future Plans: private practice

**Irene M. George**

*B.D.S., Cairo University Faculty of  
Oral Medicine, Egypt*

Future Plans: private practice

**Aram Grigoryan**

*D.D.S., Yerevan State Medical University, Armenia*

Future Plans: associateship in Burbank, CA

**Katerina Koleva (honors)**

*Nikola Vaptzarov High School  
M.S., University of Dental Medicine,  
Sofia, Bulgaria*

Future Plans: private practice

**Gulshan Kumar**

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

Future Plans: associateship

**Zeny Ching Lue (honors)**

*D.D.S., Taipei Medical University, Taiwan*

Future Plans: associateship in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

**Annie M. Mirza**

*B.D.S., SVS Institute of Dental Sciences, India*

Future Plans: entrepreneurial undertaking

**Deepali Mohindra**

*B.S., University of California Irvine*

*D.M.D., Danylo Halytsky Lviv*

*National Medical University, Ukraine*

Future Plans: private practice in Illinois

**Kowthemi Murugapoopathy**

*B.D.S., Manipal University,*

*College of Dental Sciences, India*

Future Plans: associateship in  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

**Richa Patel**

*B.D.S., Maharashtra University of  
Health Sciences, India*

Future Plans: associateship in the  
Central Valley, CA

**Kabir Singh Rakhra**

*B.D.S., Dasmesh Institute of Research &*

*Dental Sciences, India*

Future Plans: private practice

**Mark Jerome S. Ramos**

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

Future Plans: associateship in Milpitas, CA

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but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

# *International Dental Studies Program*

## *Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2015*

### **Rowena Lagleva Romero**

*D.M.D., Centro Escolar University, Philippines*

Future Plans: private practice

### **Khalid Nawaf Sadeddin**

*D.D.S., University of Jordan, Jordan*

Future Plans: private practice

### **Jhankhana M. Shah (high honors)**

*Mithibai University of Sciences*

*B.D.S., Maharashtra University of Health Sciences,*

*Rural Dental College, India*

Future Plans: associateship

### **Sérgio G. Souza (honors)**

*D.D.S., University of Fortaleza, Brazil*

Future Plans: associateship in Phoenix, AZ

### **Namrata Upadhyay (honors)**

*B.D.S., Dayanand Sagar College of Dentistry, India*

Future Plans: associateship in Fremont, CA

### **Amir M. Wassif**

*B.D.S., October 6 University, Egypt*

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

### **Sumera Zeeshan**

*B.D.S., Hamdard College of Medicine  
and Dentistry, Pakistan*

Future Plans: associateship in the  
San Francisco Bay Area

# *International Dental Studies Program Awards*

## SCHOLARSHIP

### **Dean's Valedictorian Award**

*Highest overall scholarship*

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

### **Clinical Excellence Award**

*Highest overall clinical scholarship*

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

### **Dean's Salutatorian Award**

*Second highest overall scholarship*

Jhankhana M. Shah, B.D.S.

## OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

### **Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Award**

*Highest scholastic achievement for the entire  
dental program*

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

### **Charles A. Ertola Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical  
removable prosthodontics*

Jhankhana M. Shah, B.D.S.

### **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award**

*Exemplary aptitude and achievement*

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

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

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

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

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

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

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

### **Quintessence Periodontics Award**

*Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics*

Katerina Koleva, M.S.

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

*Outstanding service to the dental school community*

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

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

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in community health care*

Richa Patel, B.D.S.

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Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.

Omar Gabr, B.D.S.

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

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

Basil Al Shaikhly, B.D.S.





# *Advanced Education in General Dentistry, 2015*

**Amal Asiri**

*B.D.S., King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia*

Future Plans: advanced degree in dental education

**Christian James Low**

*B.S., College of Idaho*

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

*Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry*

Future Plans: private practice in Stockton, CA

**Derrick Low**

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

*D.M.D., Western University of Health Sciences*

Future Plans: private practice

**Annie Nhu-Y Nguyen**

*D.M.D., University of Montreal*

Future Plans: private practice

**Patricia Q. Nguyen**

*B.Sc., University of Alberta*

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

Future Plans: private practice in Seattle, WA

**Sajini Sasthri-Rajaputrage**

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

*D.M.D., University of Pennsylvania*

Future Plans: private practice

***International General Dentist Educator  
Program 2015***

**Fawaz Alzoubi**

*B.M.S., B.D.M., Kuwait University*

*M.A., Ed.D., University of the Pacific*

Future Plans: faculty appointment, Kuwait

University Faculty of Dentistry, Kuwait

# *Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Awards*

**Outstanding Resident Award,  
Union City**

*Highest degree of professionalism*

Dr. Derrick Low

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but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

# *Master of Science in Dentistry, Orthodontics, 2015*

## **Lateefa Alkharafi**

*B.M.S., B.M.D., Kuwait University*

Future Plans: Ministry of Health, Kuwait

## **Vanessa Elizabeth Chong**

*D.D.S., University of Toronto*

Future Plans: private practice

## **Daniel Frey**

*D.M.D., Temple University*

Future Plans: private practice in  
Philadelphia, PA

## **Cheryl Kang Guerrero**

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

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

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

Future Plans: private practice

## **Justin Daniel Maccaro**

*B.S., Boston College*

*D.M.D., Harvard School of Dental Medicine*

Future Plans: private practice with father,  
Dr. Henry Maccaro, in Long Island, NY

## **Laura Mancini**

*D.M.D., McGill University*

Future Plans: private practice

## **Jesse James Punch**

*B.S., University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

*D.M.D., Tufts University School of Dental Medicine*

Future Plans: private practice

## **Jennifer Hsiao-Chieh Yau**

*B.S., University of the Pacific*

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

Future Plans: associateship

# *Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 2015*

**Aaron Urban Adamson**

*B.S., Brigham Young University*

*D.M.D., Southern Illinois University*

*School of Dental Medicine*

Future Plans: private practice

**Olga P. Dudinskaya**

*B.A., Arizona State University*

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

Future Plans: associateship in

San Francisco, CA

**Douglas Edward Kendrick**

*D.D.S., University of Iowa*

Future Plans: faculty appointment, University  
of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa

## *Advanced Education in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Program Awards*

**Outstanding Oral Surgery Resident Award**

*Highest degree of professionalism*

Olga Dudinskaya

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# 2015 Teaching Awards

**Outstanding first-year  
faculty member (DDS)**

Dr. Shika Gupta

**Outstanding second-year  
faculty member (DDS)**

Dr. Darren Cox

**Outstanding third-year  
faculty member (DDS)**

Dr. Fred Fendler

**Outstanding first-year  
International Dental Studies Program  
faculty member**

Dr. Benjamin Yount

**Outstanding second-year  
International Dental Studies Program  
faculty member**

Dr. Bahram Javid

**Lucian Szmyd Memorial Award  
Excellence in Teaching Award, 2015**

Dr. Patrick Roetzer

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

*Exemplary role model and educator*

Dr. Thomas Ellerhorst

**American Academy of Periodontology**  
*For outstanding teaching and mentoring  
in periodontics*

Dr. Gretchen Bruce





University 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 state 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 1870; 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 under-graduate school of international studies in California. In 2012, the School of International Studies, while retaining its autonomy as a school, became part of the College of the Pacific.

In 1966, 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 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 under-graduate student leaders.

In 1999, the late jazz legend Dave Brubeck '42 and his wife Iola Whitlock Brubeck '45, 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.

Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck assumed Pacific's Presidency in 2009. Under her stewardship Pacific is expanding its presence in Sacramento and San Francisco and implementing a bold new strategic vision, Pacific 2020. This vision capitalizes on the University's highly regarded academic programs, formative student-teacher relationships and multiple locations to position Pacific to become a leading California university preparing graduates for meaningful lives and successful careers.

President Eibeck has also made community engagement a top priority for the University. In 2010, Pacific launched the "Beyond Our Gates... Into the Community" initiative in order to forge 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, and the Beyond Our Gates Community Council, an advisory body comprising local leaders representing business, education, nonprofit and other fields.

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. The building opened in June 2014.

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. U.S. News also ranks Pacific very high for ethnic (Top 10) and economic (Top 5) diversity. In 2012, PayScale, which tracks salary information, ranked the University in the top 75 institutions in the United States for highest paid graduates. Undergraduate applications have soared from approximately 5,300 in 2008 to nearly 23,000 for fall 2012.

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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