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One Hundred Twenty-Third
Commencement
Sunday, June 18, 2017



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 twenty-two 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 Boxtton 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. Boxtton presided as the first dean of P&S and served briefly as mayor of San Francisco. In 1918, during Dr. Boxtton'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 twenty-two years since Dr. Boxtton 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. Boxtton 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. 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. Today the school once again stands near the Moscone Center. The new facility creates state-of-the-art patient care and teaching and learning environments.

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 motto is to "build people—along the way, we make them doctors who serve the public."

Today 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, the school continues 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. Nader A. Nadershahi, '94
Dean

INVOCATION

Dr. Nabeel A. Cajee, '12

INTRODUCTION OF THE PLATFORM GUESTS

PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS AND CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Pamela A. Eibeck
President

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

Dr. Grishma Zaveri '17

CHARGE TO THE GRADUATING CLASS

Dr. Nader A. Nadershahi, '94
Dean

BENEDICTION

Dr. Nabeel Cajee, '12

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 over the entire program, and *salutatorian*, the student with the second highest cumulative GPA, Class of 2017:

Christine Stepanek

Michelle Stepanek

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 2017:

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.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 2017:

Bailey Nicole Penix

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 2017:

Lena K. Buckendorf	Caitlin C. Desmet	Cassandra M. Kalapsa	Jose Pablo Rigor
Graydon Carr	Annikka L.	Michelle G. Khouri	Christine Stepanek
Rachel C. Chapa	Frostad-Thomas	Robin E. Lambert	Michelle Stepanek
Hannah G. Cohen	Adam K. Gluskin	Justin B. Nassiri	
Amy E. Daby	Ally P. Hebert	Joseph D. Phillips	

Members elected from the International Dental Studies Class of 2017:

Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.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 2017:

Lena K. Buckendorf	Amy E. Daby	Adam K. Gluskin	Christine Stepanek
Graydon Carr	Caitlin C. Desmet	Cassandra M. Kalapsa	Michelle Stepanek
Rachel C. Chapa	Annikka L. Frostad-	Robin E. Lambert	
Hannah G. Cohen	Thomas	Jose Pablo Rigor	

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Class of 2017:

Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.S.

Member selected from the Dental Hygiene Class of 2017:

Melkon Avetisyan

Elizabeth G. Goodyear

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 2017:

Lena K. Buckendorf	Ally P. Hebert	Justin B. Nassiri
Michael McKay Butler	Joseph Hourany	Navid Nobaharestan
Graydon Carr	Cassandra M. Kalapsa	Demi A. Pham
Rachel C. Chapa	James Kellogg	Joseph D. Phillips
Hannah G. Cohen	Michelle G. Khouri	Kevin J. Reuter
Amy E. Daby	Jennifer Kolin	Jose Pablo Rigor
Katherine Dailey Wright	Andrew LaFlamme	John M. Sands
Caitlin C. Desmet	Robin E. Lambert	Christopher J. Smith
Cameron E. Freelove	Kira C. Lee	Kristin J. Smits
Annikka L. Frostad-Thomas	Leanne K. Lew	Christine Stepanek
Adam K. Gluskin	William A. Liska	Michelle Stepanek
Andrew R. Goodemote	Jessica Chang Liu	Riddhima T. Suri
Harley B. Grandin	Sarah J. Martinez	Xiaoxi Jessie Yu
Zoey M. Gutierrez	Kamille S. Mercado	
Taiga T. Hashimoto	Mori E. Naftulin	

Members selected from the International Dental Studies Class of 2017:

Sarah Aslan, B.D.S., M.S.
Ayat Elsherif, B.D.S.
Sakshi Kathuria, B.D.S.
Sneha Mirchandani, B.D.S.
Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.
Geetu Poudel, B.D.S.
Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.S.

Alpha Sigma Lambda is a national honor society for non-traditional undergraduate students. Awardees are selected from the top 10-20% of their dental hygiene class.

Melkon Avetisyan

Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, 2017

Sherilyn Bruno Agsao

California State University, Sacramento

Future Plans: private practice, Bakersfield, CA

Shayna Renee Latham

Sierra College

Future Plans: private practice, Auburn, CA

Janae Christine Alvarez

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Robin Agsao Moya

California State University, Sacramento

Future Plans: private practice

Yasin Assadi

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: private practice

Dean Phuc Nguyen

A.A., Heald College

Future Plans: private practice

Melkon Avetisyan (high honors)

*B.S., California Polytechnic State University,
Pomona*

Future Plans: private practice in California

Bailey Nicole Penix (highest honors)

*San Joaquin Delta College
Consummes River College*

Future Plans: private practice

Nicole Marie Behiel

California State University, Stanislaus

Future Plans: private practice, Camarillo, CA

Tian Shao

Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice

Daisy Cabral Munoz

A.S., Modesto Junior College

Future Plans: private practice, Modesto, CA

Manjit Singh

A.A., Mission College

Future Plans: Applying to the DDS program
at the Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Claudine Rose Fernandez

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Jenna Tran

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Sierra Jane Gasaway (high honors)

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

To Quynh Nhu Tran Ta

University of The Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Elizabeth Grace Goodyear (high honors)

Diablo Valley College

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

Stephen R. Vardapetian

California State University, Fresno

Future Plans: private practice

Kristen Elizabeth Hansen

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice in California

Jatinder Singh Hira

A.A., Yuba College

Future Plans: private practice, Yuba City, CA

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*

Stephen R. Vardapetian

California Dental Hygienists' Association Student Leadership Award

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

Melkon Avetisyan

Elizabeth Grace Goodyear

Colgate Student Total Achievement Recognition Award

*For dedication to the profession and enthusiasm
for community service*

Elizabeth Grace Goodyear

Academic Achievement Award

High honors

Melkon Avetisyan

Sierra Jane Gasaway

Elizabeth Grace Goodyear

Bailey Nicole Penix

American Association of Public Health Dentistry Achievement in Community Dentistry Award

*For demonstrated interest in community dentistry
and dental public health*

Bailey Nicole Penix

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but is not to be regarded as conclusive.*

Doctor of Dental Surgery

2017

Aeen Aflaatuni

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY

Lacey Camille Andrews

B.S., Brigham Young University, Idaho
Future Plans: associateship in
San Francisco, CA

Melyssa Aragoza Astorga

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Bellevue Hospital Center, New York, NY

Benjamin E. Atlas

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Steve Bae

University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Manteca, CA

Samantha Mohan

B.A., University of California, Irvine
Future Plans: associateship in Pittsburgh, PA

Jonathan Simon Bensoussan

B.S., Nova Southeastern University
Future Plans: Prosthodontics Residency,
University of California, San Francisco

Tyler Andrew Rice Buchanan

B.A., Rice University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
University of Texas Health Science Center,
Houston, TX

Lena Kayleen Buckendorf (high honors)

B.S., Chapman University
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency, Oregon
Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Alvin Lloyd Mendoza Buniag

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

Jonathan M. Burrows

B.S., Utah Valley University
Future Plans: private practice in
Huntington, TX

Jacob Kenneth Bushnell

B.S., Oregon State University
Future Plans: private practice in Astoria, OR

Michael McKay Butler (honors)

Utah State University
Future Plans: associateship in Farmington, NM

Christopher Chase Carlston

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

Jonathan Daniel Carreon

B.S., Utah Valley University
Future Plans: private practice in California

Brenna Brianne Carrillo-Zazueta

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

Graydon Carr (high honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV

Jeremy Chan

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, El Rio Community Health
Center, Tuscon, AZ

Alexander Jay Chaney

B.S., University of California, Riverside
Future Plans: private practice in Vallejo, CA

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Doctor of Dental Surgery

2017

Rachel Christine Chapa (high honors)

B.S., Santa Clara University
Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
Residency, Highland General Hospital,
Oakland, CA

Jeffrey Chen

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

Lawrence Chen

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
St. Barnabas Hospital, Bronx, NY

Adrian Choi

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

Philip Kelvin Choi

University of California, Davis
Future Plans: private practice in
South San Francisco, CA

Hyo Jung Chung

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Jersey City Medical Center, Jersey City, NJ

Janette S. Chung

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

Ji Ni Chung

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Jacobi Medical Center, Bronx, NY

Hannah Gray Cohen (high honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: Endodontics Residency,
Tufts University School of Dental Medicine,
Boston, MA

Joseph Edward Cohen

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: private practice in Boston, MA

Elizabeth Poremba Creasy

B.S., Colorado State University
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Amy E. Daby (high honors)

B.S., University of Nevada, Reno
Future Plans: private practice with father,
Dr. Jerome J. Daby, '85

Kathleen Dailey Wright (honors)

B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Future Plans: private practice in
Vacaville, CA

Nicholas Wailani Jiro Dargel

B.S., Utah Valley University
Future Plans: private practice

Caitlin Courtney Desmet (high honors)

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

Kevin M. Ehtessabian

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

David Facer

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

Cameron Freelove (honors)

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, CA

Annikka Frostad-Thomas (high honors)

B.A., Stanford University
Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency,
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2017

Adam Kenneth Gluskin (high honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Courtney Marie Goler

B.S., Arizona State University
M.S., Wright State University
Future Plans: Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Residency

Andrew R. Goodemote (honors)

B.S., Boston College
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
Stony Brook University, Stony Brook, NY

Adam James Gouldsberry

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

Harley Bishop Grandin (honors)

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, University of California,
Los Angeles, Venice Beach, CA

Zoey Marie Gutierrez (honors)

B.S., Florida State University
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, CA

Taiga Toshiaki Hashimoto (honors)

B.A.A.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, Alameda Health System,
Oakland, CA

Alexandra Patricia Hebert (high honors)

B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, NY

Erik Hill

B.A., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: associateship in Ashland, OR

Kyle Hing

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

Spencer Hiura

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

Joseph Hourany (honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, CA

Stephen Jeffrey Hu

B.A., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Periodontics Residency,
Boston University, Boston, MA

Jason Anton Jaber

B.S., University of San Francisco
Future Plans: private practice

Brent Lee Jorgensen

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
A.T. Still University, Mesa, AZ

Sunjae Jung

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

Frida Tema Kagan

B.S., University of Arizona
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
New York Presbyterian Hospital, Queens, NY

Alan Yoshimasa Kai

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center,
Bronx, NY

Doctor of Dental Surgery

2017

Cassandra M. Kalapsa (high honors)

B.S., University of New Mexico
Future Plans: Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Residency, Veterans Affairs
Healthcare Systems, Long Beach, CA

James Michael Kellogg (honors)

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Portsmouth Naval Medical Center,
Portsmouth, VA

Moid Khan

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

Michelle Genevieve Khouri (high honors)

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

Jennifer Eunji Kim

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
St. Charles Hospital, Port Jefferson, NY

Sylvia Kim

B.S., University of Illinois, Chicago
Future Plans: associateship

Chris YongHyun Kim

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in New Mexico

Yoo Jung Kim

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Oregon Health and Science University,
Portland, OR

Travis Wayne Kinser

B.S., Brigham Young University
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL

Jennifer Ann Kolin (honors)

B.A., University of California, Berkeley
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Shane Gregory Krohnfeldt

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: private practice in New Mexico

Andrew LaFlamme (honors)

B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA

Robin Elise Lambert (high honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara
Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Veterans Administration, Palo Alto, CA

Kevin Le

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Ryan T. Le

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

Valerie Bao Chau Le

B.S., B.A., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Residency,
University of the Pacific, Union City, CA

Aaron Sanghyun Lee

B.A., University of Southern California
Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency, University
of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Kira Christine Lee (honors)

University of the Pacific
Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency,
Lutheran Medical Center, Oahu, HI

Leanne Keiko Lew (honors)

B.A., Boston University
M.A., California State University, East Bay
Future Plans: private practice

Doctor of Dental Surgery

2017

Julia Y. Lim

University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Ranchos Los Amigos, Downey, CA

Albert Lin

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

Future Plans: private practice

William Andrew Liska (honors)

B.S., University of California, San Diego

Future Plans: Periodontics Residency,
University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

Jessica Chang Liu (honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
University of California, Los Angeles, CA

Matthew Nelson Tinirau Lowry

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: private practice

Neri Lubomirsky

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: private practice in the
San Francisco Bay Area

Caitlin Sahara Lum

B.S., Oregon State University

Future Plans: private practice in Honolulu, HI

Richard Quangcuong Ly

B.S., University of Southern California

Future Plans: private practice in Dallas, TX

Ruidan Ma

B.A., Vanderbilt University

Future Plans: private practice

Guadalupe Madrigal

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: Advanced Education in
General Dentistry Residency, University of
California, San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Jonathan L. Mai

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: private practice

Sarah Jean Lindsay Martinez (honors)

B.S., California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Veterans Administration, Vallejo, CA

James A. McIntosh

B.S., California State University, Northridge

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Downey, CA

Joanna Meekay

B.S., University of California, Davis

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

Kamille Serranzana Mercado (honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, New York University
Lutheran, San Jose, CA

Mori Elise Naftulin (honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
University of Colorado, Denver, CO

Arielle Midori Nagao

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, New York University
Lutheran, Maui, HI

Justin Bijan Nassiri (honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
internship, University of Maryland,
Baltimore, MD

Eric Huy Ngo

B.S., University of California, Davis

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

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2017

Brendon Hoang Nguyen

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Navy Health Professions

Scholarship Program

Emily Nguyen

B.S., University of California, Irvine

Future Plans: private practice

Stephanie Gia Quyen Nguyen

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General

Dentistry Residency, New York University

Lutheran, Tucson, AZ

Tiffany Hong Nguyen

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General

Dentistry Residency, New York University

Lutheran, Hawaii

Andrew Blake Nickel (honors)

B.A., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency, University

of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Navid Nobaharestan (honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

Future Plans: Periodontics Residency, Loma

Linda University, Loma Linda, CA

Sarah Sun Young Park

B.S., University of California, Irvine

Future Plans: private practice

Demi Anh-Nhi Pham (honors)

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency, New York

University Lutheran, Honolulu, HI

Frances K. Pham

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: private practice

Nhu Thao Lisa Thi Pham

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

Future Plans: associateship

Joseph Douglas Phillips (high honors)

B.A., Southern Utah University

Future Plans: associateship in the

San Francisco Bay Area

Liza Pomerantz

B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General

Dentistry Residency, New York University

Lutheran, San Francisco, CA

Kevin John Reuter (honors)

B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz

Future Plans: private practice

Jose Pablo Rigor (high honors)

B.S., Fresno Pacific University

Future Plans: associateship in Visalia, CA

John Michael Sands (honors)

B.S., Montana State University

Future Plans: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Residency, University of Maryland,

Baltimore, MD

Ethan Jessel Savory

B.S., Brigham Young University

Future Plans: Navy Health Professions

Scholarship Program

Serena Maya Shah

B.S., University of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Future Plans: associateship in Chicago, IL

Kevin Michael Shimizu

B.S., University of California, Davis

Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,

University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA

Doctor of Dental Surgery 2017

Stephanie Shyn

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, University of the Pacific,
Union City, CA

James W. Skoumal

B.S., Santa Clara University
Future Plans: private practice

Christopher J. Smith (honors)

B.S., University of California, Irvine
Future Plans: Oral Surgery Internship,
University of Illinois, Chicago, IL

Kristin Joy Smits (honors)

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

Dong Song

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in
Southern California

Christine Stepanek (high honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA

Michelle Stepanek (high honors)

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Orthodontics Residency,
University of the Pacific, San Francisco, CA

Michael James Stout

B.S., University of California, Davis
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, University of the Pacific,
Union City, CA

Riddhima Suri (honors)

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

Johnny Tice

B.S., University of California, Merced
Future Plans: associateship in New Mexico

Rohan Singh Toor

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

Richard H. Tran

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: associateship in Madison, WI

Bryan Bobman Tsang

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

Laura Shu Ting Tsu

B.S., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: U.S. Army Dental Corps

Jennifer Yvett Villalta

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles
Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency,
University of California, Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, CA

Tiffany J. Wang

B.S., University of California, San Diego
Future Plans: Advanced Education in General
Dentistry Residency, New York University
Lutheran, Tucson, AZ

Ashleigh Jyrlian Wu

B.A., University of the Pacific
Future Plans: U.S. Navy Dental Corps

Chun-Ting Wu

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

Yasaman Yasini

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

Michael Yee

B.S., University of California, Santa Barbara

Future Plans: private practice

Nataly Yoncee

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: Advanced Education in General

Dentistry Residency, Camp Pendleton, San

Diego, CA

Xiaoxi Jessie Yu (honors)

B.S., University of British Columbia

Future Plans: private practice in

Calgary, Alberta, Canada

ChanJun Yun

B.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,

Woodhull Hospital, Brooklyn, NY

Dale C. Zheng

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

Future Plans: private practice in the

San Francisco Bay Area

Cici Zhou

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

Future Plans: private practice

Michael William Zuk

B.S., University of Oregon

Future Plans: private practice in

Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

SCHOLARSHIP

Dean's Valedictorian Award and Dean's Salutatorian Award

Highest overall scholarship and second highest overall scholarship

Christine Stepanek
Michelle Stepanek

Dean's Award

Third highest overall scholarship

Robin E. Lambert

Clinical Excellence Award

Highest overall clinical performance

Christine Stepanek
Michelle Stepanek

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

Dr. Sigmund H. Abelson Award for Achievement in Leadership

Achievement in leadership

Alexandra Patricia Hebert
Andrew LaFlamme

Academy of General Dentistry Award

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

Michael McKay Butler
Serena Maya Shah

Academy of Operative Dentistry Award

Outstanding achievement

Jacob Kenneth Bushnell

Academy of Osseointegration Award

Most deserving student in the field of implants

Rachel Christine Chapa

Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity

Bay Area Alumni Award

Outstanding Alpha Omegan, Kappa Chapter

Adam Kenneth Gluskin

American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry Award

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

Jacob Kenneth Bushnell

American Academy of Implant Dentistry Award

Most academic and clinical interest in implant dentistry

Nathan Simon Bensoussan

American Academy of

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

Exemplary aptitude and achievement in oral and maxillofacial pathology

Robin Elise Lambert

American Academy of

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award

Special interest and accomplishment in oral and maxillofacial radiology

Hannah Gray Cohen

American Academy of Oral Medicine

Demonstrated proficiency in clinical management of medically complex patients and interest in oral medicine

Cameron Freelove

American Academy of

Pediatric Dentistry Award

Most promise in pediatric dentistry

Andrew Blake Nickel

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

**American Academy of
Periodontology Award**

Most promise in periodontics
William Andrew Liska

**American Association of
Endodontists Award**

Outstanding ability in the field of endodontics
Hannah Gray Cohen

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

*Outstanding performance in the study of
oral and maxillofacial surgery*
John Michael Sands

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

*For outstanding performance in the area of
dental implant placement*
James Michael Kellogg

**American Association of
Oral Biologists Award**

Greatest achievement and potential in oral biology
Robin Elise Lambert

**American Association of
Orthodontics Award**

*Exceptional interest in development of the
orofacial complex*
Andrew LaFlamme

**American Association of
Public Health Dentistry**

*For outstanding achievement and interest in
community and public health dentistry*
Liza Pomerantz

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

*Exemplary professionalism, integrity and
community service*
Michael James Stout

American College of Prosthodontists

High academic achievement in clinical prosthodontics
Hannah Gray Cohen

**American Dental Society of
Anesthesiology Award**

Outstanding achievement in dental anesthesiology
Christopher Jason Smith

**American Student Dental Association
Award of Excellence**

For outstanding leadership and service
Ruidan Ma

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

*For the student who helped maintain class spirit
and morale*
Frida Tema Kagan

**Eleanor J. Bushee Senior Dental Student
Award**

For academic excellence and outstanding leadership
Xiaoxi Jessie Yu

**Kevin Campbell Alumni Association
Service Award**

Outstanding service to the dental school community
Michael James Stout

**California Dental Association
Outstanding Senior Award**

Contributions to and leadership in organized dentistry
Andrew LaFlamme

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

The Dean's Community Health Service Award

Outstanding contributions to community health service programs

Jonathan Daniel Carreon
Brenna Brianne Carrillo-Zazueta
Rachel Christine Chapa
Lawrence Chen
Annikka Frostad-Thomas
Adam Kenneth Gluskin
Taiga Toshiaki Hashimoto
Cassandra M. Kalapsa
Yoo Jung Kim
Travis Wayne Kinser
Navid Nobaharestan
Joseph Douglas Phillips
Liza Pomerantz
Jennifer Yvett Villalta

Champion of Diversity and Inclusion Award

Honors one student on each campus as a proponent of diversity and inclusion who creates and enriches a diverse and inclusive community.

Jennifer Yvett Villalta

Delta Dental Plan of California Student Leadership Award

Leadership and service

Michael James Stout

Dentsply/ADA Student Research Program 1st Place

Excellence in research as a second-year student

Kamille S. Mercado
Michael Yee

Derric DesMarteau Endowment Award

Excellence in aesthetic dentistry

Jacob Kenneth Bushnell

Arthur A. Dugoni Basic Science Award

Highest achievement in basic science courses in the orthodontic department

Joseph Douglas Phillips

Arthur A. Dugoni Didactic and Alumni Association Award

Outstanding interest, accomplishment, and promise in orthodontics

Cassandra M. Kalapsa

Arthur A. Dugoni Orthodontic Award

Outstanding performance in the five pre-doctoral orthodontic courses

Joseph Hourany

The Chips Editor Award

Dedication and service as yearbook editor

Philip Kelvin Choi

Endodontic Department Award

Outstanding capability in endodontics

Joseph Edward Cohen

Charles A. Ertola

Outstanding performance in clinical removable prosthodontics

Jennifer Yvett Villalta

Excellence in Anatomy Award

Outstanding performance in human anatomy

Graydon Carr
Michelle Stepanek

Excellence in Biochemistry Award

Outstanding performance in biochemistry

Robin Elise Lambert

Excellence in General Pathology Award

Outstanding performance in oral pathology

Robin Elise Lambert

Excellence in Implants Award

Outstanding performance in implants

Neri Lubomirsky

Excellence in Microbiology Award

Outstanding performance in microbiology

Michelle Stepanek

Doctor of Dental Surgery Program Awards

Excellence in Oral Diagnosis Award

Outstanding performance in oral diagnosis
Riddhima Suri

Excellence in Oral Surgery Award (pre-doctoral)

*Outstanding performance in oral surgery
as an undergraduate*
Justin Bijan Nassiri

Pierre Fauchard Academy—Foundation

Potential leadership of the profession
Andrew LaFlamme

Pierre Fauchard Academy - Northern California

Dedication to the advancement of dental literature
Rachel Christine Chapa

Thomas B. Hartzell Award

*Outstanding performance in
clinical periodontics*
Robin Elise Lambert

Hinman Symposium Awards (second-year competition)

Excellence in research
Graydon Carr
Demi A. Pham
Dong Hoon Song

International College of Dentists Student Leadership Award

*Demonstrated significant leadership or
leadership potential*
Hannah Gray Cohen

International College of Dentists Student Humanitarian Award

Demonstrated leadership in humanitarian service
Adam Kenneth Gluskin

International Congress of Oral Implantologists Award

*Greatest interest in and commitment to oral
implantology and implant dentistry*
Rachel Christine Chapa

Lasky Family Endowment Pediatric Award

*Outstanding student pursuing a career in
pediatric dentistry*
Jennifer Yvett Villalta

Eric B. Bystrom, Memorial OKU Award

*Awarded to the member of the graduating class
who represents the spirit and enthusiasm of
Dr. Eric Bystrom*
Annikka Frostad-Thomas

William W.Y. Goon OKU Award

*Excellence in endodontology, interdisciplinary
clinical sciences, and student scholarship*
Robin Elise Lambert

California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons' Award

*Excellent performance in oral surgery
as a dental student*
Rachel Christine Chapa

Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Award

Excellence in oral pathology
Harley Bishop Grandin

OKU Clinical Excellence Awards

Aesthetic Dentistry Award

First place
Riddhima Suri

CAD/CAM Dentistry Award

First place
Jonathan S. Bensoussan

Caries Disease Management Award

First place
Annikka Frostad-Thomas
Second place
Sarah Aslan, D.D.S.

OKU Clinical Excellence Awards (cont.)

Complex Restorative Award

First place

Kevin J. Reuter

Second place

Jonathan S. Bensoussan

Third place

Ruidan Ma

Endodontics Award

Pre-doctoral student

Jonathan S. Bensoussan

Implant Dentistry Award

First place

Jonathan D. Carreon

Elizabeth P. Creasy

Removable Prosthodontics Award

First place

Jose Pablo Rigor

Stephanie Shyn

OKU Senior Research Excellence Awards

Excellence in research

Alexander J. Chaney

Kamille S. Mercado

**Quintessence Research
Achievement Award**

Outstanding research achievement

Michael Yee

Quintessence Restorative Award

Outstanding performance in

clinical restorative dentistry

Eric Huy Ngo

San Francisco Dental Society Ethics Award

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

Graydon Carr

Joseph Douglas Phillips

Dr. Henry A. Sutro Award

For best oral rehabilitation design

Group Practice 2A

First place

Jacob K. Bushnell

Second place

Jonathan S. Bensoussan

Third place

Sarah Aslan, D.D.S.

Group Practice 2B

First place

Hannah G. Cohen

Second place

Elizabeth P. Creasy

Third place

Kathleen Dailey Wright

Group Practice 2C

First place

Annikka Frostad-Thomas

Second place

Ally P. Hebert

Third place

Spencer Hiura

Group Practice 2D

First place

Yoo Jung Kim

Second place

Robin E. Lambert

Third place

Jennifer A. Kolin

Group Practice 3A

First place

Valerie Bao Chau Le

Second place

Joanna Meekay

Third place

Sakshi Kathuria, B.D.S.

Group Practice 3B

First place

Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.

Second place

Eric H. Ngo

Third place

Sarah Sun Young Park

Group Practice 3C

First place

Christine Stepanek

Second place

Kevin J. Reuter

Third place

Michelle Stepanek

Group Practice 3D

First place

Xiaoxi Jessie Yu

Second place

Chun-Ting Wu

Third place

Nataly Yoncee

Dr. Henry A. Sutro Award

For best presentation of an oral rehabilitation design

Spencer Hiura

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

Excellence in dentistry for children

Annikka Frostad-Thomas

Aaron Sanghyun Lee

Kira Christine Lee

Andrew Blake Nickel

Demi Anh-Nhi Pham

Jennifer Yvett Villalta

Warren Family Endowment Award

Outstanding dental care on children

by a senior student

Andrew Blake Nickel

Western Society of Periodontology Award

Interest and proficiency in the field of periodontics

Navid Nobaharestan

**WhipMix Excellence in
Prosthodontics Award**

For knowledge and skill in the study of prosthodontics

Jacob Kenneth Bushnell

Herbert K. Yee Scholarship Awards

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

Hannah Gray Cohen

Cameron Freelove

Cassandra M. Kalapsa

Robin Elise Lambert

Justin Bijan Nassiri

Joseph Douglas Phillips

Jose Pablo Rigor

Christine Stepanek

Michelle Stepanek

International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2017

Karina Alcala Barbosa

B.D.S., M.S., University of Guadalajara
Future Plans: associateship in San Francisco, CA

Sarah Aslan (honors)

D.D.S., Shahid Beheshti University of Medical Sciences and Health Services, Iran
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

Abhiraj K. Bhatt

B.D.S., Manubhai Patel Dental College, Baroda, India
Future Plans: private practice, Orange County, CA

Jimmy K. Bhatt

B.D.S., Manubhai Patel Dental College, Baroda, India
Future Plans: private practice in Southern California

Jalal Ud-Din Bukhari

B.D.S., Lahore Medical and Dental College, Pakistan
Future Plans: private practice

Sri Lakshmi Chaparala

B.D.S., NTR University of Health Sciences, India
Future Plans: private practice

Hema Dalal

B.D.S., People's College of Dental Science and Research, India
Future Plans: private practice

Ayat Elsherif (honors)

B.D.S., Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland
Future Plans: private practice

Prachi Goyal

B.D.S., Chaudhary Charan Singh University, India
Future Plans: private practice in California

Awras Haddad

B.D.S., Baghdad University College of Dentistry, Iraq
Future Plans: associateship in Dallas, TX

Sakshi Kathuria (honors)

B.D.S., Panjab University, India
Future Plans: associateship

Aishwarya S. Kumar

B.D.S., The Oxford Dental College and Hospital, India
Future Plans: private practice in San Jose, CA

Nish Mehta

B.D.S., Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India
Future Plans: associateship

Sneha Mirchandani (honors)

B.D.S., Dharmsinh Desai University, India
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

Aaditi Mujumdar (high honors)

B.D.S., Maharashtra University of Health Sciences, India
Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco Bay Area

Jack Yih-Ting Pai

D.D.S., Poznan University of Medical Sciences, Poland
Future Plans: private practice

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International Dental Studies Program

Doctor of Dental Surgery, 2017

Shweta Parulekar Lanke

*B.D.S., Modern Dental College and Research
Centre, India*

Future Plans: private practice

Geeta Poudel (honors)

B.D.S., People's Dental School, Nepal

Future Plans: associateship in Herndon, VA

Ivette Marina San Juan

*D.D.S., Universidad Iberoamericana, Dominican
Republic*

Future Plans: associateship in Gilroy, CA

Pallavi Suhag

*B.D.S., Kanti Devi Dental College and Hospital,
India*

Future Plans: General Practice Residency,
Bellevue Hospital, New York, NY

Grishma Zaveri (highest honors)

B.D.S., Gujarat University, India

*M.S., Conestoga College, Institute of Technology and
Advanced Learning*

Future Plans: associateship in the San Francisco
Bay Area

International Dental Studies Program Awards

SCHOLARSHIP

Dean's Valedictorian Award

Highest overall scholarship

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.S.

Dean's Salutatorian Award

Second highest overall scholarship

Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.

OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AND SERVICE

The Dean's Community Health Service Award

*Outstanding contributions to
community health service programs*

Karina Alcala Barbosa, B.D.S., M.S.

F. Gene and Rosemary Dixon

IDS Endowment Award

For leadership and academic achievement

Abhiraj (Raj) K. Bhatt, B.D.S.

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S.

Pierre Fauchard Academy -

Senior Student

Dedication to the advancement of the dental literature

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.S.

Quintessence Periodontics Award

Outstanding performance in clinical periodontics

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Aaditi Mujumdar, B.D.S.

Grishma Zaveri, B.D.S., M.S.

Advanced Education in General Dentistry, 2017

Mudita Agrawal

*B.D.S., Sharad Pawar Dental College and Hospital,
Maharashtra, India*

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

Future Plans: private practice

Dalal Hasan

B.M.S., Kuwait University

B.D.S., Faculty of Dentistry, Kuwait University

Future Plans: faculty appointment at Kuwait
University

Fatema Reyadh Alkazemi

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

Future Plans: faculty appointment at

Kuwait University

Ghazaleh Hosseini

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

Future Plans: private practice

Kenneth K. Han

B.S., University of San Francisco

D.D.S., New York University College of Dentistry

Future Plans: Second-year resident,

AEGD Residency program,

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry

Angela Szuyao Lee

B.S., University of California, Los Angeles

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

Future Plans: private practice

Alya Sarkhouah

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

Future Plans: faculty appointment at

Kuwait University

Alameda Health Services Residency

Lama Alghanem

B.S., Wayne State University

*D.M.D., Midwestern University College
of Dental Medicine*

Future Plans: private practice

Alex Reza Roelens

B.S., University of Arizona

*D.M.D., Arizona School of Dentistry
& Oral Health*

Future Plans: associateship

Altan Kihm

B.S., University of California, Santa Cruz

D.D.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: Pediatrics Residency,

Tufts University, Boston MA

Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program Awards

Outstanding Resident Award

Highest degree of professionalism

Kenneth K. Han, D.D.S.

Master of Science in Dentistry, Orthodontics, 2017

Kunle Abidemi Ajanaku

B.B.A., University of Oklahoma

D.D.S., University of Southern California

Future Plans: private practice

Soomin Hong

B.S., University of Colorado

D.D.S., Case Western Reserve University

Future Plans: private practice

Mona Derentz

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

Future Plans: private practice in Southern California

Ulysses Hsu

B.S., University of California, Berkeley

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

Future Plans: private practice

Negar Dolatabadi

B.S., Columbia University

D.D.S., New York University

Future Plans: private practice

Maurice David Simanian

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

Future Plans: private practice in California

Faraz Edalat

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

M.P.H., Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health

D.D.S., University of Southern California

Future Plans: private practice in Beverly Hills, CA

Jacob Gerhard Zitterkopf

B.S., B.A., Chadron State College

D.D.S., University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry

Future Plans: private practice in California

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Master of Science in Dentistry, Endodontology, 2017

Sam Almassi

B.S., Carleton University, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

D.D.S., University of Detroit Mercy

School of Dentistry

Future Plans: associateship

Samer Hejlawy

D.D.S., Tishreen University, Syria

D.D.S., University of Colorado, Denver

Future Plans: private practice

Shatha Zahran

B.D.S., King Abdulaziz University,

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Future Plans: faculty appointment,

King Abdulaziz University,

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

*Advanced Education in
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, 2017*

Austin Daniel Eckard

B.A., University of California, Berkeley

D.M.D., Harvard University

School of Dental Medicine

Future Plans: private practice in
Menifee, California

Benjamin Ryan Shimel

B.A., Saint Mary's College

D.D.S., University of the Pacific

Future Plans: faculty appointment at
University of the Pacific, Highland Hospital

Alicia Follmar Wang

B.A., Stanford University

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

Future Plans: private practice in Los Gatos, CA

*Advanced Education in Oral and
Maxillofacial Surgery Program Awards*

Outstanding Oral Surgery Resident Award

Highest degree of professionalism

Alicia Follmar Wang, D.M.D.

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

2017 Teaching Awards

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

Dr. Homer Asadi

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

Dr. Gene LaBarre

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

Dr. Glen Hebert

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

Dr. Gitta Radjaeipour

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

Dr. Peter Hansen

**Lucian Szmyd Memorial Award
Excellence in Teaching Award, 2017**

Dr. Brian Kenyon

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

Exemplary role model and educator

Dr. Michael Tiller

American Academy of Periodontology

*For outstanding teaching and mentoring
in periodontics*

Dr. Joseph Zingale

PROFILE OF PACIFIC

Preparing our students: success after graduation

University of the Pacific provides a superior, student-centered learning experience that integrates liberal arts and professional education to prepare students for lasting achievement and responsible leadership in their careers and communities.

At six months after graduation, nearly 90 percent of the Class of 2016 was employed or accepted to a graduate or professional school, completing a post-graduate internship or fellowship, or serving in a military or community service experience. In 2016, Pacific alumni salaries ranked No. 2 in California compared to similar institutions, according to the White House College Scorecard. Overall, Pacific ranked No. 7 among California's 348 colleges and universities for alumni salaries.

Looking back: our unique history

University of the Pacific was established in 1851 as California's first chartered institution of higher learning. It was founded by pioneering Methodist ministers and remains the only Methodist-related university in California. Originally located in Santa Clara, the university later moved to San Jose and, in 1924, moved to Stockton, making it the first private four-year university in the Central Valley.

An innovator and leader in higher education, Pacific provided California with its first chartered medical school in 1858, 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.

Pacific has enjoyed extraordinary stability in administration. 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.

Under the leadership of President Eibeck, Pacific continues to expand its academic offerings in Sacramento and San Francisco as guided by our strategic plan. The plan capitalizes on Pacific's highly regarded academic programs, formative student-teacher relationships and multiple locations to position Pacific as the best teaching-focused university in California.

Looking forward: innovating with the times

Today, University of the Pacific is a highly ranked national university that remains deeply committed to its personal, student-centered approach. Campuses in Stockton, Sacramento and San Francisco strategically position Pacific in three of California's, and the nation's, most important and dynamic markets. The university earns widespread recognition for its deep commitment to teaching and learning, its history of innovation and the accomplishments of its alumni.

Pacific has added more than a dozen new academic programs across its three campuses over the last two years. Once the exclusive homes to Pacific's law and dental schools, the Sacramento and San Francisco campuses now reach new students with graduate programs in data science,

physician assistant studies, audiology, music therapy, education, public policy, and public administration. These programs help address the region's critical need for leaders in technology, health care, education, government and nonprofit sectors.

This fall, the Stockton Campus will host new graduate and undergraduate programs designed to equip students for success in the digital era, including a master's in cybersecurity and Media X, a program that integrates the analysis, performance, production, marketing, and management of traditional, digital, and emerging media.

Beyond academics: Pacific's community impact

In addition to academics, Pacific is making a positive community impact across the Northern California region through tens of thousands of hours of public outreach, innovative new programs and the efforts of students, faculty and staff across the university.

For example, the Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences held its 100th Mobile Medicare Clinic and celebrated a decade of free clinics that have saved more than 5,500 Medicare recipients upwards of \$5.7 million in prescription drug costs. Since 2010, more than 3,000 of the most vulnerable and underserved in our communities have received health care services through our Virtual Dental Home program, a revolutionary new care delivery system developed by Pacific's Center for Special Care. And McGeorge's legal clinics on important topics, such as immigration law, benefit the community while preparing students through meaningful experiential learning.

Our schools, majors and programs

Pacific's nine schools and college on its three campuses offer students their choice of 80-plus majors, including 25 graduate programs and 10 accelerated program options. For example, students can go directly into certain professional programs, including pharmacy, dentistry and law, while accelerated programs in business, engineering and education make it possible to earn both undergraduate and graduate degrees in five years.

College of the Pacific (1851)

The College of the Pacific is the oldest and largest academic unit, encompassing 18 departments and 29 majors in the natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and the fine and performing arts. Based upon its foundation of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum, the College champions experiential learning through undergraduate research and creative activity, fieldwork, internships, and study abroad. The College prepares graduating students to command a broad perspective in their professional careers, ready to assume the responsibilities of leadership.

Conservatory of Music (1878)

Pacific's Conservatory of Music has been delivering an outstanding music education for more than 135 years. Degree programs are offered in performance, composition, jazz, education, management, music therapy and history. Conservatory faculty artists/scholars provide a rigorous and supportive learning environment. Students have access to a recording studio, technology and composition labs. Seminars and master classes with accomplished alumni and visiting artists along with numerous performance and other experiential opportunities help prepare graduates for professions in music.

Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry (1896)

The nationally renowned Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, named in honor of its dean of 28 years, is committed to providing a world-class dental education for its students and comprehensive, affordable patient care for adults and children. The Dugoni School is highly regarded for its humanistic model of education that respects the dignity of each individual and for innovation in dental curriculum, including comprehensive patient care and competency-based education. Its programs include an accelerated year-round pre-doctoral DDS program that enables students to complete four academic years of instruction in three calendar years.

McGeorge School of Law (1924)

McGeorge educates lawyers for large and small law firms, government agencies and corporate legal departments around the world. McGeorge's success is built on its distinguished faculty, high quality students, committed and involved alumni, and beautiful, spacious campus with state-of-the-art classrooms and student facilities. McGeorge is a dynamic law school that is changing and growing to meet the challenges of the global economy and to educate the lawyers who will be tomorrow's leaders.

Gladys L. Benerd School of Education (1924)

The Benerd School of Education, named in honor of an alumna's endowed gift, has educated future professionals in learning, education, and leadership roles for more than 90 years. Benerd School faculty prepare students for service in public and private education and learning-related professions in other sectors; provide programs for current educational professionals to update and upgrade their understanding, knowledge and skills; and promote and engage in research leading to better education and learning.

Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (1955)

The Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is named in honor of the financial commitment of the Thomas J. Long Foundation and the Long family. The School offers a three-year accelerated pharmacy program, provides speech-language pathology students early clinical experience, prepares highly-trained audiologists and produces practice-ready physical therapists. The School is committed to creating a leadership focused, success centered environment for its diverse student body. Students are empowered to succeed through meaningful, experiential learning in state-of-the-art laboratories. The School's programs have received continuous national accreditation.

School of Engineering and Computer Science (1957)

The School of Engineering and Computer Science empowers its students to solve problems by developing their own projects and working alongside professors on contemporary research. The School's faculty take each student's education personally and are committed to mentoring them both inside and outside of the classroom. With its distinguished cooperative education program, students also get to 'learn and earn' through a paid professional internship, built right into the curriculum, with one of the School's 200-plus industry partners worldwide.

Eberhardt School of Business (1977)

The Eberhardt School of Business was renamed in 1995 in recognition of the Eberhardt family's endowed gifts. Fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, the School boasts a \$3 million Eberhardt Student Investment Fund, a dedicated Career Management Center, top-rated faculty, state-of-the-art classroom technology, and exceptional experiential learning opportunities. The School offers valuable leadership development and business resources through its centers and institutes, including the Center for Business and Policy Research, Center for Entrepreneurship, Westgate Center for Leadership and Management Development and Institute for Family Business.

School of International Studies (1987)

A school within College of the Pacific, the School of International Studies is devoted to the interdisciplinary study of international affairs. International, interdisciplinary and intercultural immersion, acquisition of at least one second language and at least a semester of study abroad prepare students to succeed in a variety of professions in industry, government, not-for-profit organizations and educational institutions. The School's programs help students develop strong analytical reasoning ability and strengthen written and oral communication skills while building intercultural competence and personal confidence.



University Accomplishments

First Chartered Institution of Higher Education in California

First Chartered Medical School on the West Coast, 1858

First Co-educational Campus, 1871

First Conservatory of Music in the West, 1878

First to Introduce Cluster School Concept in the West

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

First to Offer an Undergraduate Teacher Corps Program

First to Send an Entire Class to an Overseas Campus

First to Establish a Spanish Speaking Inter-American College

First University-Based Undergraduate School of International Studies in California

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

First University to Offer Matching Cal Grants

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

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