

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

CLASS OF
2020
GRADUATION
CEREMONY



THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

GRADUATE PROCESSION

WELCOME

Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent

Professor and Dean of the College of Dental Medicine

Senior Vice President, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

GREETING

Lee Goldman, MD

Harold and Margaret Hatch Professor of the University

Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and Medicine

Chief Executive, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

REMARKS

Thomas M. Hoopes II, DDS

President of the Class of 2020

Thomas Boyle, DMD

Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC, Division of Operative Dentistry

Recipient, Edward V. Zegarelli Teaching Award

Sandra Bernal Garcia, MA

Associate Dean for Student Affairs

AWARDING OF THE DIPLOMAS

Dana Wolf, DMD, MS

Associate Dean for Predoctoral Academic Affairs

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC, Division of Periodontics

OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

Letty Moss-Salentijn, DDS, PhD

Vice Dean for Curriculum Innovation and Interprofessional Education

Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine in Anatomy and Cell Biology

CLOSING AND VIRTUAL TOAST

Dana Wolf, DMD, MS

CLASS OF 2020 *Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree*

Amanda B. Abrams	Sophia G. Jelke	Michelle S. Roh
Farihah J. Ahmed	Ravneet Kaur Kalra	Rachel Z. Sarraf
Ashleigh D. Alex	Joseph Y. Kim	Justin J. Sedaghat
Michael B. Ashley	Johnny J. Kim	Kavita Sharma
Samantha A. Azadian	Sean S. Kim	Aaron P. Shea
Jessica A. Begley	Joel A. Krejmas	Rene A. Shin
Elizabeth Berg	Anthony Lawrence	Hazem Shuaeib
Saahil D. Brahmhatt	Seth A. Levitin	May Lynn Siu
Juliana K. Braswell	Maia Y. Levy	Michelle P. Skettini
Kyle K. Cameron	Jeffrey M. Luchetti	Ali Sohraby
Yong-Jin M. Chang	Sumeet Minhas	Aadel Soleymani
Amy A. Cobos	Nancy Mo	Brian L. Sonnenberg
Michael W. Cruciger	Paula M. Muñoz	Jason Steiner
Allison J. DeRenzi	Simar Nagyal	Anna Szentirmai
Adam T. Ellenthal	Sanjay I. Naraine	Sravanthi Tapal
Ngozi A. Erondu	Daniel Simon Nassimi	Julia Tepper
Julia K. Escobar	Ngobitak Ndiwane	Tran Anh Tuan
Elise C. Esposito	Joo Young Nho	Jennifer Vargas
Taylor R. Finn	Mara Deborah Nobel	Megan Vats
Gabriel Alberto Garcia	Gabriella Leora Noveck	Alan Vazquez
Christopher J. Garofalo	Christina Denise Nuñez	Jeeva Venkataraman
Jeremy Glick	Jasmine Oghaz	Maria Vlock
Matthew D. Goranson	Roxanne Oghaz	Mark Ziggy Vrana
Christopher Ian Gough	Bari Jessica Padover	Olga Yampolsky
Kelly E. Granger	SunJoo (Sunny) Paik	Sharon Yi
Cale J. Grenillo-Weaver	Susan Park	Mariam Zade
Olivia C. Griswold	Lina Maria Patino	Qingcong Zeng
Courtney D. Haron	Gretel Pellegrini	
Christopher Hart	Nathaniel P. Powers	
Thomas M. Hoopes II	Matthew Taylor Raso	
Tyler B. Jacobs	Robert Lincoln Rhodes II	
Zakai S. Jacobson	Taylor J. Ringgold	

STUDENT AWARDS

AWARDS OF DISTINGUISHED MERIT

The following awards are presented to students who have demonstrated excellence in academic achievement, leadership and/or service

NEW YORK ACADEMY OF DENTISTRY
EXEMPLARY PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AWARD

Christopher J. Garofalo

ELLA MARIE EWELL AWARD

for distinguished service to fellow students

Allison J. DeRenzi

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Thomas M. Hoopes II

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE
NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Saahil D. Brahmbhatt

THE CAMPBELL AWARD

for leadership and Columbia spirit

Olivia C. Griswold

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON KEY

for outstanding scholarship

Saahil D. Brahmbhatt

Juliana K. Braswell

Olivia C. Griswold

Sophia G. Jelke

Seth A. Levitin

Gretel Pellegrini

Anna Szentirmai

May Lynn Siu

Mark Ziggy Vrana

ADMISSIONS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Elise C. Esposito

DIVERSITY AFFAIRS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Ngobitak Ndiwane

STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Christopher J. Garofalo

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS
ELEANOR J. BUSHEE MEMORIAL AWARD

Maia Y. Levy

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Nancy Mo

JEAN WENG & DOUGLAS S. HOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP

May Lynn Siu

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Yong-Jin M. Chang

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Sophia G. Jelke

AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The following awards are presented to students who have demonstrated the highest proficiency in a specific aspect of dentistry

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

Daniel Simon Nassimi

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN COMMUNITY HEALTH

Adam T. Ellenthal

DELTA DENTAL COMMUNITY CARE FOUNDATION STUDENT
LEADERSHIP AWARD

Christina Denise Nuñez

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD

Christina Denise Nuñez

DAVID APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL FUND

Nancy Mo

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Seth A. Levitin

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

Mara Deborah Nobel

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

Lina Maria Patino

HANNAH APPEL SCHOLARSHIP

Michael W. Cruciger

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

Anna Szentirmai

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY
OUTSTANDING GENERAL PRACTITIONER AWARD

Simar Nagyal

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

Rene A. Shin

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Maria Vlock

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD

Saahil D. Brahmbhatt

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION AWARD

Lina Maria Patino

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT
IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Adam T. Ellenthal

BRASSELER ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Juliana K. Braswell

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES

Mark Ziggy Vrana

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Sophia G. Jelke

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

Jessica A. Begley

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS AWARD

Tyler B. Jacobs

AMERICAN DENTAL SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGY
HORACE WELLS AWARD IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Matthew Taylor Raso

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGEONS DENTAL IMPLANT AWARD

Roxanne Oghaz

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS AWARD

Qingcong Zeng

DR. DENNIS LEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Allison J. DeRenzi

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL RADIOLOGY

Joo Young Nho

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY

Tyler B. Jacobs

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORTHODONTICS

Jessica A. Begley

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

Taylor R. Finn

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Bari Jessica Padover

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Simar Nagyal

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PERIODONTICS

Gretel Pellegrini

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD

Sharon Yi

NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS AWARD

Amanda B. Abrams

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN PERIODONTICS

Kyle K. Cameron

LIONEL ABZUG SCHOLARSHIP

Gretel Pellegrini

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PROSTHODONTICS

Lina Maria Patino

HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTIC AWARD

Juliana K. Braswell

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Maria Vlock

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORAL IMPLANTOLOGISTS

DENTSPLY PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Julia K. Escobar

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN STOMATOLOGY

SunJoo (Sunny) Paik

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD

Mara Deborah Nobel

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE

Sharon Yi

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

Seth A. Levitin

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY AWARD

Sumeet Minhas

VAN WOERT SCHOLARSHIP

Mark Ziggy Vrana

THIRD-YEAR AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

These awards are presented in the third year

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS AWARD

Thomas M. Hoopes II

HENRY CHANG JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Mark Ziggy Vrana

JACK KLATELL AWARD

Jessica A. Begley

MILTON G. SCHLESINGER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Ashleigh D. Alex

Michael W. Cruciger

Paula M. Muñoz

PIERRE FAUCHARD FOUNDATION AWARD

Anna Szentirmai

OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

AS A MEMBER OF A HEALTHCARE PROFESSION:

I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;

THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;

I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patients;

I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;

I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;

I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;

I WILL PRACTICE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with the recognized standards of care;

I WILL FOSTER the honor and noble traditions of the healthcare professions;

I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;

I WILL SHARE my knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;

I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;

I WILL NOT USE my knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;

I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honor.

