# COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

# 2023 GRADUATION CEREMONY



THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023 The Armory Columbia University Irving Medical Center

# PROCESSIONAL

# PRESIDING

Dana Wolf, DMD, MS '05

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral, Diagnostic, and Rehabilitation Sciences Senior Associate Dean, Predoctoral Academic and Student Affairs

# INVOCATION

Jewelnel Davis, MDiv, MSW

University Chaplain Associate Provost

# WELCOME

#### Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMedDent

Professor and Dean, College of Dental Medicine Senior Vice President, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

# GREETINGS

#### Katrina Armstrong, MD

Dean of the Faculties of Health Sciences and the Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons Executive Vice President for Health and Biomedical Sciences Harold and Margaret Hatch Professor in the Faculty of the University

# GRADUATION ADDRESS

#### Dennis A. Mitchell, DDS, MPH

Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral, Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Sciences Executive Vice President for University Life Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement

# STUDENT REMARKS

**Thomas Alan Rutner, DDS** *President, Class of 2023* 

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GREETING

**Stephanie Dumanian, DDS '11** *President, Association of Dental Alumni* 

# HOODING OF THE GRADUATES

# PRESENTATION OF 1852 SOCIETY PIN

#### Thomas J. Magnani, DDS

Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine Division of Operative Dentistry, Section of Cariology and Restorative Sciences President, 1852 Society

# OATH FOR THE PROFESSION

#### Biana Roykh, DDS, MPH

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Section of Hospital Dentistry Senior Associate Dean, Clinical Affairs

# BENEDICTION

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#### George Jenkins, DMD, MHA

Assistant Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Section of Growth and Development Associate Dean, Access, Equity, and Inclusion

#### BACK ROW (LEFT TO RIGHT)

#### James B. Fine, DMD

Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Periodontics, Section of Oral, Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Sciences Senior Associate Dean, Postdoctoral Academic and Student Affairs

#### Letty Moss-Salentijn, DDS, PhD

Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine (in Anatomy and Cell Biology) Division of Foundational Sciences, Section of Oral, Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Sciences Vice Dean, Curriculum Innovation and Interprofessional Education

#### Chang Lee, PhD

Associate Professor in Craniofacial Engineering (in Dental Medicine) Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Section of Hospital Dentistry Director of Research, College of Dental Medicine Associate Director, Center for Dental and Craniofacial Research

#### Louis J. Mandel, DDS

Clinical Professor Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Section of Hospital Dentistry Associate Dean, Extramural Hospital Programs

#### Joseph McManus, DMD, MS, MHA, MBA, MS, FACD

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Pediatric Dentistry, Section of Growth and Development Senior Associate Dean, Admissions

#### Panos N. Papapanou, DDS, PhD

Professor of Dental Medicine Chair, Section of Oral, Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Sciences Director, Division of Periodontics

#### John T. Grbic, DMD, MMSc

Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Director, Division of Foundational Sciences, Section of Oral, Diagnostic and Rehabilitation Sciences Senior Associate Dean, Faculty Affairs

#### Sunil Wadhwa, DDS

Leuman M. Waugh DDS Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Chair, Section of Growth and Development Director, Division of Orthodontics

#### **Richard Yoon**, DDS

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Pediatric Dentistry Vice Chair, Section of Growth and Development Program Director, Specialty Training in Pediatric Dentistry

#### Alia Koch, DDS '05, MD '08, FACS

Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Section of Hospital Dentistry Program Director, NY Presbyterian / Columbia Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Program Director, LEAD Academy, NY Presbyterian Hospital - Columbia University Medical Center

# CLASS OF 2023 Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree

**Maryam Abbas** Bronx Care General Practice Residency

**Zoha Abid** Private Practice in General Dentistry New Jersey

**Olukayode "Kayode" Adebisi** Montefiore Medical Center General Practice Residency

Ashton Alarcon United States Air Force, Maryland Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Swetha Alugubelli** Nassau University Medical Center General Practice Residency

**Surisadai Aquit** NYU Langone – San Diego Pediatric Dentistry

**Caroline Evan Aronin** New York Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital General Practice Residency

**Nicholas Arroyo** University of California, San Francisco Periodontics

**Madelyn Auvinen** University of Texas Health Sciences at San Antonio Advanced Education in General Dentistry

Shasen Bates-Smith Montefiore Medical Center Orthodontics

**Robert G. Beebe III** Montefiore Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Julian Bensadoun** Mount Sinai Health System, New York Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Jenna Burton** University of Illinois – Chicago Orthodontics

**Bryan Caraballo Perez** University of Florida – Gainesville Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery **Anamaria Carrasco** NewYork-Presbyterian / Columbia University Pediatric Dentistry

Jessica Castillo University of Illinois Chicago Periodontics

**Earnest Chae** NewYork-Presbyterian Queens General Practice Residency

**Cordelia Chan** *Tufts University Endodontics* 

**Jimmy Woo Sung Chang** *The Brooklyn Hospital Center General Practice Residency* 

**Julie Chang** Togus VA Medical Center Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Timothy Chang** University of California, Los Angeles Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Kira Zixin Chen Oregon Health & Science University Orthodontics

Michael Sungmin Choi Columbia University Endodontics

**Elizabeth Crowe** University of Maryland Orthodontics

Melissa DeGuglielmo Columbia University Orthodontics

Kaitlin Renee Deidrick Mount Sinai Medical Center and Icahn School of Medicine General Practice Residency

Vincent DeMaio CTOR Academy Orthodontics

**Dana Dobrowski** Harvard School of Dental Medicine Orthodontics **Renee Eisenberg** Bay Pines VA Healthcare System Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Sara Endo** University of Nevada, Las Vegas Orthodontics

**John-Paul Esoldi** Mount Sinai Health System Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Sahar Fazel** Columbia University Periodontics

**Jeffrey Felix** Montefiore Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Madison Garrity** Stony Brook University Dental Anesthesiology

Kathryn Marie Gauch Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System / Harvard General Practice Residency

**Vimmie Gill** *Private Practice in General Dentistry California* 

Alexander Gordon Montefiore Medical Center General Practice Residency

**Caroline J. Greco** University of Pennsylvania / Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Pediatric Dentistry

**Connor Guttmann** Brooke Army Medical Center Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Rose Harooni** Nova Southeastern University Pediatric Dentistry

Max Herszage CTOR Academy Orthodontics

**Carissa Ho** Private Practice in General Dentistry Indiana

**Daniel Jung** Houston VA General Practice Residency Ashley Kahen Montefiore Medical Center Orthodontics

**Avneet Kaur** *Private Practice in General Dentistry* 

Navreet Kaur Private Practice in General Dentistry Washington

#### Izza Khan

**Osman Khan** The University of Illinois Chicago Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Internship

Sanabil Khattak Private Practice in General Dentistry Aspen Dental, GA

**Jaehyun Kim** UT Health San Antonio Prosthodontics

Michelle Kim University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill Pediatric Dentistry

**Shelby King** Private Practice in General Dentistry Heartland Dental – Tampa, Florida

**Dylan Koh** MetroHealth Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Nicholas Koutrakis Massachusetts General Hospital / Harvard Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Shilpa Kukreti University of Louisville Prosthodontics

**Rumyana Lazarova** Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine Orthodontics

**Gayeong Lee** Private Practice in General Dentistry Connecticut

**Sung Eun Lim** University of Rochester Eastman Institute for Oral Health General Practice Residency

**Joshua Lin** Columbia University Periodontics **Simon Luu** University of Alabama at Birmingham Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Maura Lynch Boston University Orthodontics

**Vinay Maddula** University of Connecticut Periodontics

**Jyothsna Manchikalapudi** Nova Southeastern University Pediatric Dentistry

**Chelsea Markus** University of Maryland, Baltimore Prosthodontics

**Lotte Martin** NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital General Practice Residency

**Elena S. McCormick** University of California, San Francisco Pediatric Dentistry

**Rebecca Melka** New York Medical College General Practice Residency

**Margot Metz** University of North Carolina Adams School of Dentistry General Practice Residency

**Thomas Meyering** University of Detroit Mercy Advanced Education in General Dentistry

**Nicholas Moretton** Northwell / Hofstra University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Richard Francis Murphy** *Private Practice in General Dentistry* 

**Yvonne O'Neal** University of California, San Francisco Orthodontics

**Mona Patel** Private Practice in General Dentistry Michigan

**Jasmine Pei** The Brooklyn Hospital General Practice Residency **Ralph B. Pierre** The Ohio State University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Caroline Hill Puskas** Manhattan Veterans Affairs Medical Center General Practice Residency

Hung Quach NewYork-Presbyterian / Columbia University Pediatric Dentistry

**Christina M. Quiroga** Manhattan Veterans Affairs Medical Center General Practice Residency

Marissa Rifkin NewYork-Presbyterian / Columbia University Pediatric Dentistry

**Isa Rodriguez** The Ohio State University General Practice Residency

**Thomas Alan Rutner** *Private Practice in General Dentistry Sierra Tahoe Dental* 

Matthew Ryan Montefiore Medical Center General Practice Residency

Alisha Sahu Massachusetts General Hospital Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

**Ramsha Sajjad** Mountain Area Health Education Center General Practice Residency

**Alejandro Salcedo Aguiar** The Bronx Veterans Admins Hospital General Practice Residency

#### Grant Schinbeckler

Nicholas Schlosser Case Western Reserve University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Anna Schumacher Walter Reed Medical Center General Practice Residency

Amanda Segel Columbia University Orthodontics

**Indra S. Sharma** *Private Practice in General Dentistry Chicago* 

# James Clay Sheffield

Stony Brook University Prosthodontics

**Kyle Shtern** Private Practice in General Dentistry Florida

# **Cristian Soca**

**Madison Tang** Boston University Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

#### Leelah Weitz

CTOR Academy Orthodontics

# Nolan Wendling

St. Louis University Orthodontics

Rachel Hope Whitehill

University of Washington General Practice Residency

# Zeming (Eileen) Zheng

Columbia University Endodontics

# STUDENT AWARDS PRESENTED AT CLASS DAY MAY 17, 2023

# 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 Vincent DeMaio

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE LEADERSHIP AWARD

Thomas Alan Rutner

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Shasen Bates-Smith

THE CAMPBELL AWARD for leadership and Columbia spirit

Nolan Wendling

#### OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON KEY

for outstanding scholarship

Anamaria Carrasco	Lotte Martin
Jessica Castillo	Margot Metz
Renee Eisenberg	Yvonne O'Neal
Navreet Kaur	Nolan Wendling
Simon Luu	Zeming (Eileen) Zheng
Maura Lynch	

ADMISSIONS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Cordelia Chan Jeffrey Felix

OFFICE OF ACCESS, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Shasen Bates-Smith Bryan Caraballo Perez STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

#### Ralph B. Pierre

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS ELEANOR J. BUSHEE MEMORIAL AWARD

#### **Caroline Hill Puskas**

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

#### Cordelia Chan

JIWON LEE, DDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

#### Nicholas Arroyo

JEAN WENG HOLDEN & DOUGLAS S. HOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

#### Yvonne O'Neal

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS AWARD

#### Nolan Wendling

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS USA SECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

#### Nolan Wendling

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS USA SECTION STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Lotte Martin

# AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

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

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD Elena S. McCormick

DAVID APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL FUND AWARD

Anamaria Carrasco

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Zeming (Eileen) Zheng

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

Michael Sungmin Choi

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

HANNAH APPEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Mona Patel

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

Kathryn Marie Gauch

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY OUTSTANDING GENERAL PRACTITIONER AWARD

**Caroline Hill Puskas** 

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

Navreet Kaur

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Yvonne O'Neal

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD Jeffrey Felix

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION AWARD

Caroline Evan Aronin

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Nolan Wendling

BRASSELER ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Zeming (Eileen) Zheng

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ORAL IMPLANTOLOGISTS DENTSPLY PRE-DOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Sahar Fazel

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES
Yvonne O'Neal

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Julian Bensadoun

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS AWARD

Robert G. Beebe III

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

#### Vinay Maddula

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL IMPLANT AWARD Alisha Sahu

DR. DENNIS LEE SCHOLARSHIP FUND Alisha Sahu

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS AWARD

Nicholas Koutrakis

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

# Alisha Sahu

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL RADIOLOGY

# Timothy Chang

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY
Sara Endo

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORTHODONTICS

# Jenna Burton

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

# Yvonne O'Neal

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

# Marissa Rifkin

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

# Michelle Kim

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PERIODONTICS

# Nicholas Arroyo

LIONEL ABZUG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

# Nicholas Arroyo

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD

# Vinay Maddula

NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS AWARD

#### Joshua Lin

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN PERIODONTICS Sahar Fazel

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PROSTHODONTICS

#### Chelsea Markus

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTIC AWARD

WILLIAM H. SILVERSTEIN & ALLAN C. SILVERSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD

#### Jaehyun Kim

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN STOMATOLOGY

Vinay Maddula

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD

#### Zeming (Eileen) Zheng

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE

Nicholas Koutrakis

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY AWARD
Jeffrey Felix

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

Julian Bensadoun

# THIRD-YEAR AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

These awards are presented in the third year

THE ABRAHAM AND MARTHA BARNETT SCHOLARSHIP

Anamaria Carrasco

HENRY CHANG JR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Yvonne O'Neal

JACK KLATELL AWARD

**Timothy Chang** 

MILTON G. SCHLESINGER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Julian Bensadoun Lotte Martin

PIERRE FAUCHARD FOUNDATION AWARD

Anamaria Carrasco

# 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.