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CEREMONY**

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PROGRAM

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GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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**PRESENTATION
OF ALLAN J.
FORMICOLA
TEACHING
AWARD**

RECIPIENT:

JED BEST, DDS

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PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES AND DEGREES

**CLOSING
REMARKS**

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Presentation of Certificates and Master of Science Degrees

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CERTIFICATE IN ENDODONTICS

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Michael Sungmin Choi, DDS

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Glenna Lee, DDS

Damin Park, DMD

Zeming Eileen Zheng, DDS

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Chief Residents, Postdoctoral Endodontics Program

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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ORTHODONTICS

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Andrew Nardone, DDS

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Michelle Skelton, DDS

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**MASTER OF
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PERIODONTICS**

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REMARKS:

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Yael Ellie Rosenski, DMD

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REMARKS:

Yael Ellie Rosenski, DMD and

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REMARKS:

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