

PROGRAM

PROCESSIONAL

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*Senior Associate Dean, Predoctoral Academic and Student Affairs
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PROGRAM

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PRESENTATION OF 1852 SOCIETY PIN

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President, 1852 Society

Assistant Clinical Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC

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Chair of Hospital Dentistry
Director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
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Associate Professor in Craniofacial Engineering in Dental Medicine
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*Vice Dean, Curriculum Innovation and Interprofessional Education
Edward V. Zegarelli Professor of Dental Medicine (in Anatomy and Cell Biology)
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*Director, Division of Endodontics
Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC*

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*Senior Associate Dean, Admissions
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*Vice Chair, Section of Growth and Development
Program Director, Specialty Training in Pediatric Dentistry
Associate Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC
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*Interim Director, Division of Prosthodontics
Professor of Dental Medicine at CUMC*

CLASS OF 2025 *Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree*

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

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*Howard University
Orthodontics*

Roa Altell

*Nova Southeastern University
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General Practice Residency*

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General Practice Residency*

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*Roseman University
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Louisiana*

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Periodontics*

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Mabelitza Guzman Cordero

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Pediatrics*

Brynn L. Gwartzman

*Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
Periodontics*

Sophie J. Gysling

*New York University
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Lisa J. Ha

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Pediatrics*

Sophia A. Hernandez

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Pediatrics*

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*Phelps Hospital Northwell Health/ Open-Door
Family Medical
General Practice Residency*

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Pediatrics*

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Family Medical
General Practice Residency*

Ethan A. Isakov

*BronxCare Health System General Practice
Residency*

Maya A. Jeremias

*Montefiore Einstein
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Saad S. Kanan

*Private Practice
Connecticut*

Kaushik Dev Karanam

*Private Practice
Massachusetts*

Tali Tova Khalili

*NewYork-Presbyterian Queens
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Elissa Minju Kim

*University of Illinois
Pediatrics*

Hakseong Kim

Private Practice

Hakyoun Kim

*Temple University
Advanced Education in General Dentistry*

Alexandra N. Krause

*NYC Health + Hospitals I Bellevue
Pediatrics*

Shari L. Kumar

*Private Practice
Florida*

Sonal Lahoti

*Brooklyn Hospital Center
General Practice Residency*

Derek C. Lee

*University of Southern California
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Residency*

Gajin Lee

*Private Practice
North Carolina*

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Junsik M. Lee

*Massachusetts General Hospital
General Practice Residency*

Michael M. Levit

*Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska
Advanced Education in General Dentistry*

Raina D. Lopez-Brutus

*Private Practice
Missouri*

Madina Malik

*South Brooklyn Health
General Practice Residency*

Samah Malik

*Oregon Health and Science University
Orthodontics*

Brianna G. Margulis

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Pediatrics*

Martin R. Marquez

*Rutgers University School of Dental Medicine
Prosthodontics*

Saya Mina

*U.S. Navy, Illinois
Advanced Education in General Dentistry*

Neil Rufeng Ming

*University of Pennsylvania
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Julian A. Mis

*University of Florida College of Dentistry
Orthodontics*

Shreya Misra

*The University of Texas Health Science Center
at San Antonio
Orthodontics*

Alan Mograby

*Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
Periodontics*

Nandha Krishna Nambi

*MetroHealth Hospital
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Leander Q. Nguyen

*Lincoln Health Hospital
General Practice Residency*

Mofaramoluwa N. Omilabu

*University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Saagar M. Pande

*Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital
General Practice Residency*

Henilben D. Patel

*Private Practice
Virginia*

Jayanne A. Pierre

*NYU Langone—Brooklyn
Pediatrics*

Michael A. Prado

*Thomas H. Corey VA Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

Brian J. Quinn

*Montefiore Einstein
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Huma K. Qureshi

*Private Practice
Connecticut*

Deena Rahhal

*Jersey City Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

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*The Brooklyn Hospital Center
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Katherine Roman

*Jacobi Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

Caroline Salazar

*Woodhull Medical Center
Pediatrics*

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*Private Practice
Connecticut*

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Private Practice

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Orthodontics*

Shikha Thapar

*Private Practice
Pennsylvania*

Matthew J. Tiberino

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Endodontics*

Jonathan Tran

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Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Sonaj J. Vardhaman

*Private Practice
Texas*

Heena Varma

*Monmouth Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

David Morris Walton

*Private Practice
Utah*

Tiffany M. Wang

*Lincoln Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

Yuke Wei

*Private Practice
Washington*

Leib Y. Wiener

*Jacobi Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

Jonathan K. Wong

*University of California, San Francisco
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*

Kristin H. Woo

*Montefiore Einstein
Orthodontics*

Leeroun Yaghoubian

*Nassau University Medical Center
General Practice Residency*

Qiannan Yang

*Private Practice
Ohio*

Melissa Sea-Yi Yap

*Saint Louis University
Orthodontics*

Hyerin Yoon

*Columbia University College of Dental Medicine
Orthodontics*

Alice L. Zhang

NYU Langone Dental Anesthesia

Kexin Zhang

*Private Practice
New Jersey*

STUDENT AWARDS
PRESENTED AT CLASS DAY
MAY 21, 2025

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
ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM AWARD

Michael M. Levit

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE
STUDENT AFFAIRS LEADERSHIP AWARD

Neil Rufeng Ming

COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE
NATIONAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Brynn L. Gwartzman

THE CAMPBELL AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND COLUMBIA SPIRIT

Matthew J. Tiberino

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON KEY
for outstanding scholarship

Michelle Bernstein

Andrew J. Bott

Ju Yeon Choi

Junyan Ge

Kayla A. Gorelick

Yarina Frias Guzman

Gajin Lee

Michael M. Levit

Neil Rufen Ming

Caroline Salazar

Yuke Wei

OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Brynn L. Gwartzman

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

Martin R. Marquez

STUDENT AFFAIRS AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Samah Malik

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Kristin H. Woo

JIWON LEE, DDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jonathan Tran

JEAN WENG HOLDEN & DOUGLAS S. HOLDEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Caroline Salazar

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Kaushik Dev Karanam

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
USA SECTION STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Jason C. Lee

HANNAH APPEL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Yuke Wei

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

Mabelitza Guzman Cordero

DAVID APPLEWHITE MEMORIAL AWARD

Kexin Zhang

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Samuel O. Cox

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS
PREDOCTORAL STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD IN ENDODONTICS

Matthew J. Tiberino

NEW YORK STATE ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS AWARD

Junyan Ge

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

Julian A. Mis

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY FUTURE LEADER IN
GENERAL DENTISTRY AWARD

Kiara Souza Infanta

Junsik Matthew Lee

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

Ju Yeon Choi

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Caroline Salazar

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD

Junyan Ge

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OSTEOINTEGRATION AWARD

Leib Y. Wiener

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT
IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Michael M. Levit

BRASSELER ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Tamara Rachel Hoffman

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

Andrew J. Bott

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN FOUNDATIONAL SCIENCES

Kayla A. Gorelick

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

Ju Yeon Choi

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL STUDENT AWARD

Neil Rufeng Ming

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

Andrew J. Bott

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGEONS WILLIAM H. BELL AWARD

Jonathan Tran

DR. DENNIS LEE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Ju Yeon Choi

NEW YORK STATE SOCIETY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL
SURGEONS AWARD

Shukran M. Babkir

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OROFACIAL PAIN

Yuke Wei

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORAL RADIOLOGY

Elissa Minju Kim

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL
RADIOLOGY AWARD

Junsik M. Lee

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN ORTHODONTICS

Kayla A. Gorelick

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

Michelle Bernstein

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

Jeffrey M. Huang

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Caroline F. Hegemann

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PERIODONTICS

Alan Mograby

LIONEL ABZUG SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Mark M. Gettas

THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD

Mark M. Gettas

NORTHEASTERN SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS AWARD

Alan Mograby

KENNETH L. SIEGEL CDM 1964, 1966 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Brynn L. Gwartzman

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT
IN PERIODONTICS

Caroline F. Hegemann

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN PROSTHODONTICS

Yarina Frias Guzman

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Martin R. Marquez

WHIP MIX-HANAU BEST OF THE BEST PROSTHODONTIC AWARD

Andrew J. Bott

AMERICAN PROSTHODONTICS SOCIETY STUDENT OF
MERIT AWARD

Kevin Chiang

WILLIAM H. SILVERSTEIN & ALLAN C. SILVERSTEIN
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Brynn L. Gwartzman

DIVISIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD IN STOMATOLOGY

Brynn L. Gwartzman

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXIOLLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD

Junsik M. Lee

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Melissa Sea- Yi Yap

PIERRE FAUCHARD ACADEMY SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

Kyle Alfred

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH ACHIEVEMENT

Maya A. Jeremias

BRIAN D. STONE MEMORIAL AWARD

Samuel O. Cox

THIRD-YEAR AWARDS OF ACHIEVEMENT

These awards were presented to students in the Class of 2025 as third year students

THE ABRAHAM AND MARTHA BARNETT SCHOLARSHIP

Ju Yeon Choi

JACK KLATELL AWARD

Shukran M. Babkir

MILTON G. SCHLESINGER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARD

Maya A. Jeremias

PIERRE FAUCHARD FOUNDATION THIRD YEAR AWARD

Yuke Wei

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,