

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Commencement

May 11, 2012

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

School of Dentistry *Office of the Dean*

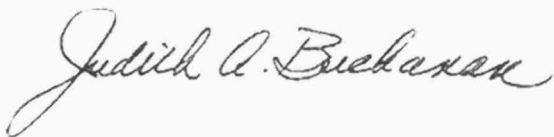
Welcome to the 123rd commencement ceremony of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Today we are proud to publicly recognize the newest members of our profession.

Graduates, you have arrived at this milestone event through your hard work, dedication and discipline. We hope to have instilled in you the skills, knowledge and attitudes to facilitate your success in your new career. May this day be the beginning of an exciting chapter in your life.

You have enriched our lives and made our school a better place in which to learn and care for patients. We are honored that you chose our school for your education. Remember, you were a student for a brief four years, but you will be an alumnus of our school for a lifetime.

The graduation ceremony is a favorite occasion for every dean. Please accept my most personal and heartfelt congratulations to you, your family and guests. We welcome you today as our colleagues and our alumni.

Wishing you all the very best that life has to offer,



Judith A. Buchanan, PhD, DMD
Interim Dean
Professor of Restorative Sciences

The Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Judith A. Buchanan, Interim Dean

SPEAKING FOR THE GRADUATES

Class Representative
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, Class of 2012

Megan M. Meyer
Master of Dental Therapy, Class of 2011

Jon A. Heezen
Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2012

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Jeanne C. Sinkford, DDS, PhD

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Honorable Maureen P. Ramirez

RECOGNITION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY IN ORAL BIOLOGY GRADUATES

MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES

DENTAL THERAPY GRADUATES

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY GRADUATES

Judith A. Buchanan, Interim Dean
Sheila M. Riggs, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Richard D. Nadeau, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
Naty Lopez, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Diversity
Karl D. Self, Director, Division of Dental Therapy
Christine M. Blue, Director, Division of Dental Hygiene
Michael K. Baisden, Assistant Clinical Specialist, Restorative Sciences
Michael D. Rohrer, Professor, Diagnostic and Biological Sciences

“HAIL! MINNESOTA”

Minnesota hail to thee! Hail to thee our college dear!
Thy light shall ever be a beacon bright and clear.
Thy sons and daughters true will proclaim thee near and far,
They will guard thy fame and adore thy name;
Thou shalt be their Northern Star.

CLOSING COMMENTS

Judith A. Buchanan, Interim Dean

RECESSIONAL

Guests are asked to remain seated until the conclusion of the student and faculty recessional.

A reception will follow the ceremony on the concourse level of Mariucci Arena.

Seated on Stage

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| DR. JUDITH A. BUCHANAN | Interim Dean |
| DR. JEANNE C. SINKFORD | Guest Speaker, Senior Scholar-in-Residence, Office of the Executive Director, American Dental Education Association; Dean Emeritus, Howard University College of Dentistry |
| THE HONORABLE MAUREEN P. RAMIREZ | Regent |
| DR. ARLENE E. CARNEY | Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs |
| DR. AARON L. FRIEDMAN | Vice President for Health Sciences |
| DR. DAVID A. LINDE | President, Minnesota Board of Dentistry |
| DR. JULIE M. LESHER | President, School of Dentistry Alumni Society |
| DR. MICHAEL ZAKULA | Immediate Past President, Minnesota Dental Association |
| DR. SHEILA M. RIGGS | Associate Dean for Academic Affairs |
| DR. DARRYL T. HAMAMOTO | Associate Dean for Advanced and Graduate Education |
| DR. TODD E. THIERER | Associate Dean for Clinical Administration and Patient Care |
| DR. SVEN-ULRIK GORR | Associate Dean for Research |
| DR. RICHARD D. NADEAU | Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs |
| DR. NATY LOPEZ | Assistant Dean for Admissions and Diversity |
| DR. JOEL D. RUDNEY | Assistant Dean for Research |
| DR. LARRY F. WOLFF | Chair, Developmental and Surgical Sciences |
| DR. DONALD A. SIMONE | Chair, Diagnostic and Biological Sciences |
| DR. RALPH DELONG | Chair, Restorative Sciences |
| DR. PETER H. BERTHOLD | Co-Chair, Primary Dental Care; Professor and Head, Community Oral Health |
| DR. KARIN K. QUICK | Co-Chair, Primary Dental Care; Director, Division of Comprehensive Care |
| MS. CHRISTINE M. BLUE | Co-Chair, Primary Dental Care; Director, Division of Dental Hygiene |
| DR. KARL D. SELF | Co-Chair, Primary Dental Care; Director, Division of Dental Therapy |
| DR. MICHAEL K. BAISDEN | Assistant Clinical Specialist, Restorative Sciences-Endodontics |
| DR. MICHAEL D. ROHRER | Professor and Director, Division of Oral Pathology, Diagnostic and Biological Sciences |

Commencement Speaker



Jeanne C. Sinkford, DDS, PhD

Dr. Jeanne Craig Sinkford is the Senior Scholar-in-Residence, Office of the Executive Director, American Dental Education Association. She is also Professor and Dean Emeritus at Howard University College of Dentistry where she served as the first woman dean of a dental school in the United States from 1975 to 1991.

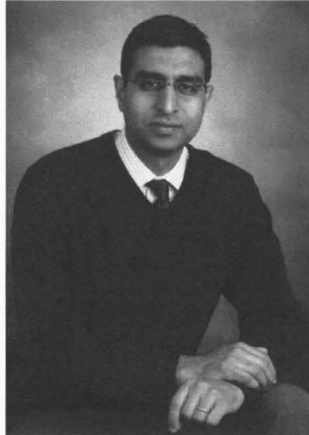
Dr. Sinkford's distinguished career as an internationally renowned dental educator, administrator, researcher and clinician began after graduating first in her dental class at Howard University in 1958. She went on to earn her master of science and doctor of philosophy degrees from Northwestern University. Dr. Sinkford completed a pedodontic residency at Children's Hospital National Medical Center in 1975 and has received honorary doctorates from Georgetown University, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, University of Detroit Mercy, and Meharry Medical College.

She has served on the National Advisory Dental Research Council; Directors' Advisory Council, National Institutes of Health; Governing Board of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry; Advisory Board, Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Program; Committee A, Council on Dental Education and Chair, Appeal Board Council of Dental Education, American Dental Association; Council on Dental Research, American Dental Association; Tuskegee Study Advisory Panel; Special Medical Advisory Group, Veterans Administration; Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences and the NRC Governing Board, National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Sinkford also serves on advisory boards of Boston University, Howard University, West Virginia University, the Sullivan Alliance, the National Project Advisory Committee Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health, National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Sinkford was the first woman selected as an Outstanding Leader in Dentistry by the International College of Dentists. She received the 2007 Trailblazer Award from the National Dental Association, was recognized with the distinguished 2009 Herbert W. Nickens Award for her contribution to promoting justice in medical education and health care, and her most recent recognition is the 2010 Pierre Fauchard Academy Gold Medal Award. Dr. Sinkford has been a member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences since 1975.

Century Club Professor of the Year

The *Century Club Professor of the Year* is the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry's highest honor and is awarded each year to a faculty member in recognition of outstanding contributions to the School of Dentistry in the areas of education, service and research.



Rajaram Gopalakrishnan, BDS, PhD
2011 Century Club Professor of the Year

Dr. Rajaram Gopalakrishnan is associate professor in the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Department of Diagnostic and Biological Sciences, and director of the Graduate Program in Oral Biology. He received his bachelor of dental surgery degree from the University of Madras, Chennai, India in 1991. Dr. Gopalakrishnan completed his residency in oral and maxillofacial pathology in 1995 and went on to earn a doctorate of philosophy degree in pathology in 1999, both at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He received his certification with the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology in 2002. That same year, Dr. Raj, as he is known at the School of Dentistry, joined the University of Minnesota as an assistant professor. He was subsequently promoted to associate professor in 2008.

Dr. Gopalakrishnan is an internationally recognized researcher and is highly regarded at the School of Dentistry by faculty, students and staff alike. He is known for his clinical and instructional expertise and for his approachable and engaging manner.

The Mace

Dr. Rajaram Gopalakrishnan is leading today's procession with the University of Minnesota mace. Originally, maces were iron war clubs, powerful weapons of strength and authority. Today, the meaning is more peaceful; it is a staff carried before a dignitary as an insignia of dignity and authority.

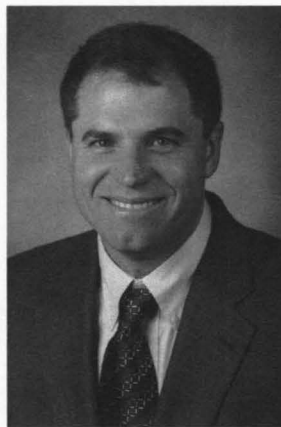
The University of Minnesota's mace was commissioned in 1961 for the inauguration of O. Meredith Wilson as President and designed by Philip G. Morton, sculptor and associate professor of art. It is made of an aluminum staff and topped by a crystal ball which symbolizes the illuminating quality and the clarity of thinking that characterizes education. The crystal ball is topped by a star representing Minnesota, the North Star State.

Student Speakers



Megan M. Meyer

Megan Meyer graduated from Carleton College in 2007 with a degree in studio art. Megan served as president of the Dental Therapy Class of 2011, the inaugural class of the University of Minnesota Dental Therapy Program. She also served on the School of Dentistry Council of Students, was a Hispanic Student Dental Association officer and a Global Perspectives officer. Additionally, Megan is a Kilimanjaro Society member, a Books for Africa Ambassador's Circle member and directs a grassroots non-profit organization, A Hand in Health, in West Africa.



Jon A. Heezen

Jon Heezen earned his bachelor of science in 1994 from South Dakota State University in Brookings, South Dakota. Jon has served as president of the Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2012 for the last four years and as president of the School of Dentistry Council of Students for 2011/2012. Additionally, he serves with the Lake Shetek First Responders and is a deacon at the Lake Sarah Baptist Church. Jon lives with his wife and four children in southwest Minnesota and will open a dental practice in Tracy, Minnesota upon graduation.

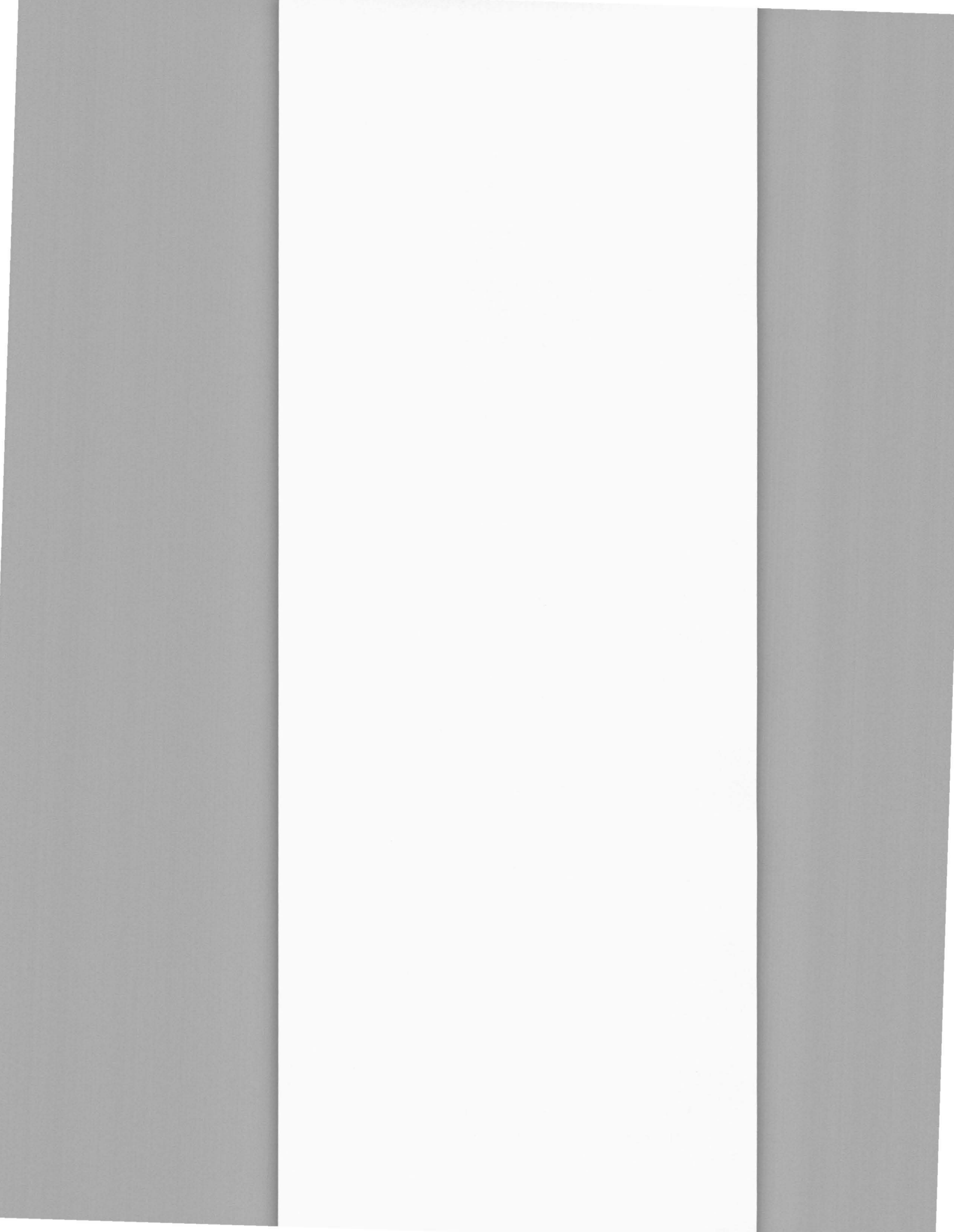
**SPEAKING FOR THE
DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 2012**



Kelly M. Stein

Kelly Stein is a 2010 graduate of New Life Academy in Woodbury, Minnesota. Since her admission to the School of Dentistry in the fall of 2010, she has served as secretary of the University of Minnesota chapter of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association. Additionally, Kelly held a leadership position among volunteers for the School of Dentistry Saturday Academy for underserved youth.

We would like to recognize Laura M. Lindquist of Rochester, Minnesota for completing the master of dental hygiene program.



RECOGNITION OF 2012 CANDIDATES IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

ENDODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2012

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| Nicholas J. Anders, DDS | Pewaukee, WI |
| Tom H. Nguy, DDS | Loomis, CA |
| Jason K. Read, DMD | Starkville, MS |

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2012

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|------------------------|---------------------|
| Priya D. Kamdar, DDS | Maple Grove, MN |
| Luke A. McMahon, DDS | Crystal, MN |
| Andrew Z. Nerness, DDS | Windom, MN |
| Mary B. Philp, DDS | Somers, CT |
| Scott G. Sutter, DDS | El Dorado Hills, CA |

ORAL BIOLOGY: MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED JULY 2012

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| Sehrish Javaid, BDS | Lahore, Pakistan |
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ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS: MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2012

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| Satbir S. Grover, BDS | India |
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ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2012

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| Justin W. Nagel, DDS | Lake Park, IA |
| Brandon E. Newell, DDS | Spirit Lake, IA |
| Kimberly V. Pingel, DDS | Sutherland, IA |
| Reda Taleb, DMD | Phoenix, AZ |

ORTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2012

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| Benjamin E. Allen, DMD, MD | Toronto, Canada |
| Ketti R. Boller, DDS | Indianapolis, IN |
| Carlos O. Caballero, MSD | Guadalajara, Mexico |
| Michael S. Lee, DDS | Rochester, MN |
| Yu Pan, DDS, PhD* | Beijing, China |
| Nishant Patel, DDS | Chicago, IL |

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2012

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Crystal L. Bill, DMD | Mankato, MN |
| Darren M. Isfeld, DMD | Calgary, Manitoba, Canada |
| Douglas E. LaDue III, DDS | Grandville, MI |
| David L. Nelson, DDS | Bountiful, UT |
| Zachary X. Van Hilsen, DDS | Gilbert, AZ |

PERIODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2012

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| Eric M. Beckman, DDS | Apple Valley, MN |
| Hardeep S. Birdi, DMD, MS* | Edmonton, Alberta, Canada |
| Andrea R. Hsu, DMD | Montreal, Quebec, Canada |
| Harjit S. Sehgal, BDS* | Khanna, India |

PROSTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE GRANTED APRIL 2012

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| Jason S. Chong, DDS | Blaine, MN |
| Luis F. Delima, DDS | Caracas, Venezuela |
| Ryan A. Keyes, BOD | Calgary, Alberta, Canada |

**certificate only*

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY IN ORAL BIOLOGY

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|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vivek T. Math, BDS | Bangalore, India | PhD Anticipated June 2012 |
| Lan D. Pham | St. Paul, MN | PhD Anticipated August 2012 |
| Julio E. Sotillo Rodriguez | Plymouth, MN | PhD Anticipated May 2012 |

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE

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|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Judy A. Danielson | Minneapolis, MN | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |
| Rita Njeri Gordon | Thika, Kenya | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |
| Jennifer J. Post | White River, SD | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |
| Kelly L. Stein | Minneapolis, MN | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |
| Cynthia L. Stull | Lino Lakes, MN | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |
| Jacqueline A. Tinberg | Chanhassen, MN | Anticipated September 1, 2012 |

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREES ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2012

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| Jamie A. Beck | Woodbury, MN |
| Nicole E. Brown | Sanborn, IA |
| Kristine T. Chan | Plymouth, MN |
| Jennifer L. Chidester | Plymouth, MN |
| Amanda D. Domiano | Bloomington, MN |
| Sarah N. Gliva | Eagan, MN |
| Fenet G. Gudu | Minneapolis, MN |
| Lindsay A. Hays | Rochester, MN |
| Shannon L. Hussong | Okabena, MN |
| Molynda B. McKibben | Fargo, ND |
| Jennifer M. Miller | Duluth, MN |
| Samantha L. Moeker | New Richmond, WI |
| Lauren M. Napier | West St. Paul, MN |
| Amanda A. Newberg | Brooklyn Park, MN |
| Erin L. Nutt | Eagan, MN |
| Hamida M. Osman | St. Paul, MN |
| Sara L. Pelinka | Duluth, MN |
| Hannah G. Peterson | Alexandria, MN |
| Nellie M. Pooler | Bemidji, MN |
| Hannah A. Post | Navarre, FL |
| Kelly M. Stein | Lake Elmo, MN |
| Stefanie A. Strapko | Minneapolis, MN |

DEGREES IN DENTAL THERAPY

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| Crystal Ann Baker | Jacksonville, FL | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Brieanne K. Borntrager | Elk River, MN | Masters Degree anticipated May 2012 |
| Danae M. Helton | Fridley, MN | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Kathlyn J. Leiviska | Lakeville, MN | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Megan M. Meyer | Spokane, WA | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Pamela D. Moon | Ham Lake, MN | Bachelors Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Lindsey L. Tischer | Breckenridge, MN | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Brandi L. Tweeter | Ortonville, MN | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |
| Meng Vang | Blaine, MN | Masters Degree conferred December 2011 |

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

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| Sunnie F. Adsitt | Pine River, MN |
| Yamen Alakharas | Damascus, Syria |
| Brady M. Andvik | Moorhead, MN |
| Jacob L. Barthold | Ham Lake, MN |
| Daniel L. Bearley | Mahtomedi, MN |
| Noah P. Berge | Edina, MN |
| Kristi Blasingame Craig | Pueblo, CO |
| Cynthia A. Blendermann | Burnsville, MN |
| Cassandra L. Braun | Breckenridge, MN |
| Rachel L. Brown | Helena, MT |
| Paul M. Buck | Edina, MN |
| Maria Bulat | Madison, WI |
| Jonathan B. Campbell | Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada |
| Kyle E. Carlton | Spooner, WI |
| Stephen M. Ceolla | Mukwonago, WI |
| Robert D. Cooper | Holden, MO |
| Daniel B. Dahl | Dent, MN |
| Mark J. DeRocher | Chaska, MN |
| Rebecca L. Doolittle | St. Paul, MN |
| Sara L. Dueñes | Rochester, MN |
| Scott H. Durand | Richfield, MN |
| Bryce R. Eagar | Las Vegas, NV |
| Daniel P. Einerson | Alexandria, MN |
| Siara Z. Elovich | Stillwater, MN |
| Paul D. Enberg | Chanhassen, MN |
| Paul W. Fiedler | Cokato, MN |
| Sandra A. Fogel | Foley, MN |
| Laurence R. Gaalaas | Grand Rapids, MN |
| Todd C. Garcia | Lillooet, British Columbia, Canada |
| Michelle Gavino McHale | Burnsville, MN |
| Joshua A. Giltner | Bloomington, MN |
| Aaron K. Giuseffi | Spearfish, SD |
| Matthew P. Green | St. Thomas, ND |
| Alyssa L. Gullickson | Glenwood, MN |
| Alissa R. Hanson | Minot, ND |
| Angie H. Hasan | Cairo, Egypt |
| Jon A. Heezen | Slayton, MN |

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE (continued)

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| Nicole J. Holmes | Eagan, MN |
| Alysha M. Holmquist | Sioux Falls, SD |
| Hae young Hong | Seoul, South Korea |
| Stephen C. Hovda | Minot, ND |
| Hillary J. Hunter | Prescott, WI |
| Bartholomew P. Johnson | Marshall, MN |
| Daniel V. Johnson | Detroit Lakes, MN |
| Joseph W. Johnson | Bloomington, MN |
| Margaret R. Johnson | Minneapolis, MN |
| Kirandeep Kaur | Gurdaspur, India |
| Christopher G. Klabo | Brainerd, MN |
| Max J. Klingenstein | Valley City, ND |
| Robert J. Kolts | Marshfield, WI |
| Brandon S. Kvidt | Thompson, ND |
| Melissa P. Lee | Plymouth, MN |
| Stephanie P. Lee | Plymouth, MN |
| Janet Loy | Santa Clara, Cuba |
| Colin J. Maguire | Rapid City, SD |
| Indrani Manne | Tanuku, India |
| Daniel J. McAllister | Great Falls, MT |
| Alison K. McCarville | Shoreview, MN |
| Sara N. McFarland | Hartford, SD |
| Christian D. Meland | Grand Forks, ND |
| Alexander J. Micek | Woodbury, MN |
| Kelsey K. Milbert | Cold Spring, MN |
| Marcus R. Miller | St. Cloud, MN |
| Ryan J. Mueller | Grand Rapids, MN |
| Depthi Mundra | Hyderabad, India |
| Priya D. Muthu | Fargo, ND |
| Jennifer E. Nelson | Elk River, MN |
| Kyle T. Nelson | Willmar, MN |
| Lora L. Nelson | Cambridge, MN |
| Kimberly J. Newman | Orfordville, WI |
| Laura A. Nijssen | Coon Rapids, MN |
| Jacob D. Noble | Pengilly, MN |
| Amanda J. Oestreich | Eau Claire, WI |

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE (continued)

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|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Brandon J. Penaz | Waconia, MN |
| Matthew T. Penz | Rochester, MN |
| Hunter H. Piermont | New York, NY |
| Hana D. Podhoretz | Millburn, NJ |
| Matthew J. Priess | Minneapolis, MN |
| J. David Purcell | Stillwater, MN |
| Aruna S. Rao | Minneapolis, MN |
| Erin K. Renier | Duluth, MN |
| Lindsay M. Rogers | LaMoure, ND |
| Aditi R. Saxena | Navsari, India |
| Samuel K. Schmidt | Wauwatosa, WI |
| Matthew J. Schneider | Moorhead, MN |
| Michelle R. Scholtz | Woodstock, MN |
| Nicholas P. Schuett | Shoreview, MN |
| Katherine A. Sievert | St. Francis, MN |
| Erik Z. Solberg | Eden Prairie, MN |
| Julio E. Sotillo Rodriguez | Plymouth, MN |
| Adam J. Swingdorf | Inver Grove Heights, MN |
| Michael D. Terveen | Spearfish, SD |
| Asmeret Tesfahun | Minneapolis, MN |
| Jason J. Thimjon | St. Louis Park, MN |
| Shari A. Thom | Albany, MN |
| Alaina M. Traut | Foley, MN |
| David M. Ude | Port Angeles, WA |
| Jenna B. Ude | Nisswa, MN |
| David J. Ugai | Woodbury, MN |
| Rachel M. Uppgaard | New Brighton, MN |
| Aroone Vang | St. Paul, MN |
| Amy R. Vibeto | Minot, ND |
| Hung T. Vu | Eagan, MN |
| Shancie J. Wagner | Spokane, WA |
| Kevin P. Williamson | Britton, SD |
| Michael A. Wolfe | Fargo, ND |
| Kacie K. Woodis | Onamia, MN |
| Jun Yu | Tianjin, China |
| Nathan A. Zaffke | Moorhead, MN |

2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS

STUDENT & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ALPHA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Ryan Mueller

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
DENTISTS ELEANOR BUSHEE SENIOR
WOMAN DENTAL AWARD
Aruna Rao

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Aruna Rao

DELTA SIGMA DELTA OUTSTANDING
SENIOR ACADEMIC AWARD
Ryan Mueller

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Scott Durand

MELLOR R. HOLLAND STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Rachel Uppgaard

METRO DENTALCARE FELLOW STUDENT
MENTOR AWARD
DDS: Jon Heezen
DH: Nicole Brown

MICHAEL J. TILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Jacob Noble
Erin Renier

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD
Adam Swingdorf

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON MEMBERSHIP AWARD
Paul Buck
Jonathan Campbell
Scott Durand
Laurence Gaalaas
Michelle Gavino McHale
Melissa Lee
Marcus Miller
Ryan Mueller
Erin Renier
Matthew Schneider

PARK DENTAL "QUALITY CARE IN A
CARING MANNER" AWARD
Sunnie Adsitt
Kristi Blasingame Craig
Kelsey Milbert
Matthew Penz
Jason Thimjon

PSI O SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Laura Nijssen

BIOMATERIALS

ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD
Laurence Gaalaas

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH

ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY
AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD
Rachel Uppgaard

DENTAL HYGIENE

ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY
AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD
Samantha Moeker

GORDON AND MARIE HACKBORN AWARD
Stephanie Strapko

JOHNSON & JOHNSON PROFESSIONAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD
Lindsay Hays

KATHLEEN J. NEWELL OUTSTANDING
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Shannon Hussong

NAOMI RHODE DENTAL HYGIENIST PATIENT
RELATIONSHIP AWARD
Samantha Moeker

PARK DENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
Kelly Stein

SHIRLEY BURGAN LICHTWARDT AWARD
Shannon Hussong

SIGMA PHI ALPHA AWARD
Lindsay Hays

SIGMA PHI ALPHA ELECTED STUDENT AWARD
Lauren Napier
Sarah Gliva

STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT
RECOGNITION (S.T.A.R.) AWARD
Sarah Gliva

DENTAL RESEARCH & ORAL BIOLOGY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF
ORAL BIOLOGISTS AWARD
Julio Sotillo Rodriguez

PIERRE FAUCHARD SENIOR STUDENT AWARD
Rachel Uppgaard

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH
Matthew Priess

ENDODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Nicholas Schuett

IRWIN A. EPSTEIN AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL ENDODONTICS
Shari Thom

JAMES JENSEN AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENDODONTICS
Erik Solberg

OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY AWARD
Scott Durand
Erik Solberg

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC
DENTISTRY AWARD
Daniel Einerson

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL
OPERATORS AWARD
Janet Loy

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL
ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
Kristi Blasingame Craig

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD
Michelle Scholtz

2012 AWARD RECIPIENTS

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL STUDENT AWARD
Samuel Schmidt

HENRY B. CLARK, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD
Rachel Uppgaard

HORACE WELLS SENIOR AWARD
Paul Buck

ORAL MEDICINE, DIAGNOSIS & RADIOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY AWARD
Laurence Gaalaas

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE AWARD
Samuel Schmidt

ORTHODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD
Marcus Miller

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AWARD
Ryan Mueller

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AWARD
Julio Sotillo Rodriguez

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AWARD (COMMUNITY SERVICE)
Priya Muthu

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY AWARD (PERFORMANCE)
Laurence Gaalaas

PERIODONTICS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD
Kevin Williamson

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL ACHIEVEMENT IN PERIODONTICS
Adam Swingdorf

PROSTHODONTICS: FIXED & REMOVABLE

ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION OUTSTANDING DENTAL STUDENT IN IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD
Adam Swingdorf

ALLAN D. PETERSON MEMORIAL AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS
Scott Durand

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY 2012 DENTAL STUDENT AWARD
Paul Buck

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Academic Regalia

The academic ensemble for graduation consists of a gown, separate hood and either a mortarboard cap or tam with tassel. The color of each piece and length and design of the hood is related to the respective academic degrees awarded or to be awarded. The official academic color designation for dentistry is lilac and the official colors of the University of Minnesota are maroon and gold.

The graduating dental hygiene students are wearing black bachelor degree gowns and waist length black hoods edged in lilac velvet trim with a satin inner lining of maroon and gold. Their mortarboard caps are black with a lilac tassel. Master degree graduates are wearing black gowns with slightly longer sleeves and hoods.

The graduating doctor of dental surgery students are wearing the black doctorate degree gown and full length black hoods edged in a wide band of lilac velvet trim with a satin inner lining of maroon and gold. They are wearing black mortarboard caps with lilac tassels. Candidates wearing gold tassels have been elected to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the National Dental Honor Society.

The faculty and honored guests participating in the graduation ceremony are wearing gowns and hoods indicating their highest degree and caps with tassels.

Acknowledgement

The School of Dentistry graduates express their appreciation to their families and friends for their support throughout their dental education. With sincere gratitude, the Dental Therapy Class of 2011, the Dental Hygiene Class of 2012 and Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2012 recognize the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Alumni Society for their financial support of their graduation apparel and commitment to making their graduation a very memorable occasion.

Hats Off to the U of M

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