



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

# Commencement

Northrop Memorial Auditorium  
May 13, 2016

# UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

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## *School of Dentistry Office of the Dean*

Welcome graduates, faculty, staff and guests to the 2016 School of Dentistry Commencement Ceremony! We are here to celebrate the outstanding accomplishments and newest members of our oral health professions; dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, dental scientists, and dental specialists.

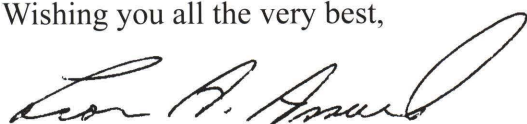
To our graduates: graduation from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry is an event like no other in your lives. Today is not simply recognition of completed coursework, acquisition of knowledge or acquiring new job skills, it is a moment when you join us. You are now our colleagues in the oral health professions and dental specialties. You are now devoted to improving lives through better health. It is an enormous responsibility that you take on, and also a great vocation. Your identity as a person will be enriched and more meaningful in your vocation as an oral health professional.

In the oral health professions you will have the daily opportunity to puzzle out problems and to diagnose disease. You will have the chance to create new structure and to improve function. What you create will be beautiful and admired. You will become an important part of your patients' lives and you will make friendships among your teachers, colleagues, staff, and perhaps, even your future students, that will last a lifetime. Simply put, you will have a rich and rewarding life in dentistry.

To our graduates' families and guests: thank you for celebrating with us today and thank you also for the support you have given your student during these arduous years of demanding (and expensive) education. You can be proud to know that they could never have done it without you. Your encouragement, pride in your student's achievement, and personal help has created the event we are having today. The success of these graduates and a bright future in oral health care practice, are in great part due to you as well.

We, the faculty and staff who have readied you to launch the next chapter of your life, consider it a privilege to have worked and learned side-by-side with you and our own lives have been enriched and made more meaningful because of it. We know you are well-prepared to make the world better with good oral health. We are so very proud to call you alumni of this great University and School of Dentistry and to welcome you as our colleagues. It is my honor and privilege to extend my most personal and heartfelt congratulations to you and your families.

Wishing you all the very best,



Leon A. Assael, DMD  
Dean  
Professor, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

# The Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Leon A. Assael, Dean

SPEAKING FOR THE GRADUATES

Fouad Badr  
Certificate in Prosthodontics and Master of Science, Class of 2016

Jennifer L. Schleifer  
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, Class of 2016

Kassie Scott  
Master of Dental Therapy, Class of 2015

Jeremy S. Berger  
Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2016

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Leon A. Assael, Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Brooks Jackson  
Dean of the Medical School and Vice President for Health Sciences

RECOGNITION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

MASTER OF DENTAL THERAPY

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

Leon A. Assael, Dean  
Keith A. Mays, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Eric A. Mills, Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Comprehensive Care  
Naty Lopez, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Diversity  
Christine M. Blue, Director, Division of Dental Hygiene  
Karl D. Self, Director, Division of Dental Therapy  
Brian D. Barsness, Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Endodontics  
Chris E. Lawther, Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Prosthodontics

OATH FOR NEW DENTISTS

Leon A. Assael, Dean

“HAIL! MINNESOTA”

Tram B. Le, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2016

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

Leon A. Assael, Dean

RECESSIONAL

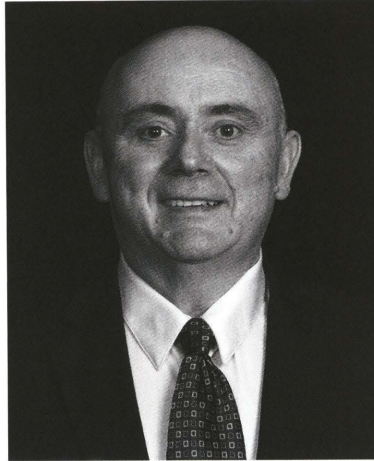
*Guests are asked to remain seated until the conclusion of the student and faculty recessional.  
Please join us for a light reception following the ceremony.*

# *Seated on Stage*

DR. LEON A. ASSAEL	Dean
DR. BROOKS JACKSON	Dean of the Medical School and Vice President for Health Sciences
DR. KATHARINE BONNESON	Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Academic Health Center
DR. JORGE PERDIGÃO	Century Club Professor of the Year
DR. KEITH A. MAYS	Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
DR. TODD E. THIERER	Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
DR. SVEN-ULRIK GORR	Associate Dean for Research
DR. NATY LOPEZ	Assistant Dean for Admissions and Diversity
DR. JOEL D. RUDNEY	Assistant Dean for Research
DR. GARY C. ANDERSON	Interim Chair, Developmental and Surgical Sciences
DR. DONALD A. SIMONE	Chair, Diagnostic and Biological Sciences
DR. SHEILA M. RIGGS	Chair, Primary Dental Care
DR. SCOTT McCLANAHAN	Interim Chair, Restorative Sciences
DR. CHRISTINE M. BLUE	Director, Division of Dental Hygiene
DR. KARL D. SELF	Director, Division of Dental Therapy
DR. ERIC A. MILLS	Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Comprehensive Care
DR. BRIAN D. BARSNESS	Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Endodontics
DR. CHRIS E. LAWATHER	Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Prosthodontics
MS. MEGAN ARNOLD	Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Dental Hygiene and President, Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association
DR. STEVEN W. SPERLING	President, Minnesota Board of Dentistry
DR. PETER CANNON	President, Minnesota Dental Association
DR. MARY PARISEAU	President, School of Dentistry Alumni Society
MS. BRIDGETT ANDERSON	Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Dentistry

# 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.



**Jorge Perdigão, DMD, MS, PhD**  
**2015 Century Club Professor of the Year**

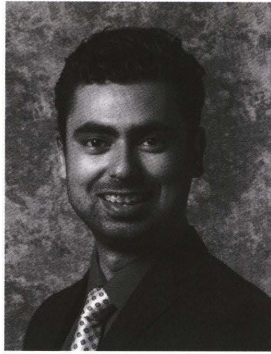
Jorge Perdigão, DMD, MS, PhD, is a professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences, Division of Operative Dentistry, at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He received his DMD degree from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, in 1985. In 1992, he earned a master's degree in operative dentistry followed by a certificate in operative dentistry in 1993, both from the University of Iowa. In 1995, Dr. Perdigão defended his PhD dissertation in dental materials at the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium. His academic career began at the University of Lisbon, Portugal. He then served as an associate professor of operative dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1996 to 1999, and is now a professor of operative dentistry at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Perdigão's research of new dental materials focuses on issues related to dentin bonding and new composite resins. His research has involved clinical trials of dentin adhesives, posterior composites, and dental whitening. He has delivered more than 140 lectures in Asia, Europe, North America, Oceania, and South America, and has published more than 100 scientific articles in international journals. He is also author of seven chapters on dental adhesion in several books, including the Sturdevant's *Art and Science of Operative Dentistry* (Mosby). He is editor and author of the book *Restoration of Root Canal Treated Teeth: An Adhesive Dentistry Perspective* (Springer). Dr. Perdigão has received several international research awards, including the 1993 Microscopy Society of America Presidential Award.

Dr. Perdigão is associate editor in the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* and section editor of operative dentistry in the *Journal of Esthetic and Restorative Dentistry*. He is currently a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Biomedical Materials Research Part B: Applied Biomaterials* and the *American Journal of Dentistry*. He also has served as reviewer for several international peer-reviewed journals.

Additionally, Dr. Perdigão has been a consultant for several manufacturers worldwide in the development of new adhesive dental materials and has served as a mentor to numerous postdoctoral research fellows, graduate students, and undergraduate research fellows. He has served as a consultant to the ADA Committee for Scientific Affairs since 1999 and to the FDA Dermatologic & Ophthalmic Advisory Committee since 2006. He is currently member of the AADR Edward H. Hatton Awards Committee.

# Student Speakers



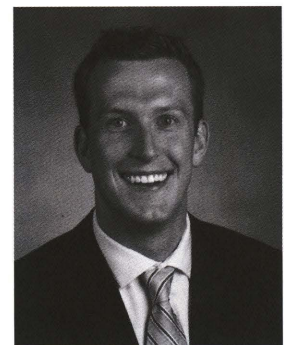
**Fouad Badr** was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and moved at an early age to Montreal, Canada, where he was raised. He earned a doctor of dental medicine degree at the University of Montreal in 2009 and was in private general practice for four years in Yellowknife, Canada, prior to beginning his residency in the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. During his residency, Dr. Badr enjoyed opportunities to collaborate on a book chapter with University faculty and to lecture at the dental school's annual continuing dental education seminar "What's New in Dentistry." Dr. Badr plans to continue serving the community by providing patient-centered prosthodontic care in private practice while keeping his affiliation with the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, to which he is forever grateful.

**Jennifer L. Schleifer**, originally from Omaha, Neb., moved to Edina, Minn., where she now lives with her husband, David. Ms. Schleifer served as president of her dental hygiene class (2014-2016), was executive vice president of the Council of Students (2015-2016), and sat on the legislative council for Professional Student Government. During her time in the dental hygiene program at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, Jenna served on numerous committees including Strategic Planning, Marketing Task Force, Education Planning, Dental Hygiene Admissions, Professor of the Year Award Committee, and as chair for the Faculty Awards and Adjunct Faculty Awards ceremonies.



**Kassie Scott**, from Bemidji, Minn., received a bachelor of science degree from Bemidji State University before attending the University of Minnesota where she earned a master of dental therapy degree in December 2015. Kassie was president of her dental therapy class (2013-2015) and was a member of the Council of Students. She enjoys traveling, snow and water sports, and is an active volunteer with Minnesota Mission of Mercy. Ms. Scott currently practices in the metro area.

**Jeremy S. Berger** was raised in Worthington, Minn., and graduated with a bachelor of arts degree in biology from St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Following graduation, he moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he worked for Upsher Smith Laboratories as a pharmaceutical chemist before pursuing a doctor of dental surgery degree at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Jeremy served as president of the doctor of dental surgery class of 2016 for three years and, this past year, as president of the School of Dentistry Council of Students. Upon graduation, Dr. Berger plans to enter private practice in Minnesota.



## RECOGNITION OF 2016 CANDIDATES IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

### ENDODONTICS

Rhett C. Finley, DDS	Wayzata, MN	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated August 2016
Philip E. McKenzie, DDS	Saint Catharines, Canada	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated August 2016
Christopher J. Saylor, DDS	Watertown, SD	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated December 2016
Amber J. Zedler, DDS	Huron, SD	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated August 2016

### GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY

Nicholas Robert Bussa, DDS	Duluth, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Michelle C. De Fazio, DDS	South Hamilton, MA	Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Matthew David Greaves, DDS	Saint Louis, MO	Chief Resident Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Michael J. Longlet, DDS	Red Wing, MN	Chief Resident Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Jascha S. Marchuk, DDS	Saint Paul, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Christopher M. Rivers, DMD	Andover, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2016
Zainah M. Shaker, DDS	Roseville, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2016

### ORAL BIOLOGY

Carola A. Carrera, DDS	Talca, Chile	PhD Anticipated May 2016
Colleen M. Holtz	Roseville, MN	PhD Earned January 2014
Caixia Lan, BDS	Zhangzhou, China	PhD Anticipated June 2016

### ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2016

Luke McMahon, DDS	Crystal, MN
Christopher J. Shearen, DDS	Roseville, MN
Rachel Uppgaard-Penaz, DDS	New Brighton, MN

### OROFACIAL PAIN: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2016

Alberto Herrero Babiloni, DDS	Valencia, Spain
Preetanjali Thakur, BDS	Solan, India

### ORTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2016, MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2016

Matthew J. Goergen, DMD	Woodridge, IL
Farnaz A. Kar, DDS	Atlanta, GA
Rosemary O. Lelich, DMD	Plymouth, MN
Brianna Lise D. Newton, DDS	Stillwater, MN
Charlene C. Tai, DMD	Vancouver, Canada
Ariana M. Weissend, DDS	Honeoye Falls, NY

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2016

Paul Ray Lambert III, DMD, MBA, MHA	Charleston, SC
James Leslie Lipon, DDS	Grande Prairie, Canada
Michele M. Olson, DDS	Roseville, MN
Elena Petrova, DDS	Ann Arbor, MI
Alegria J. Virella, DMD	Harlingen, TX
Melanie Dano Yuen, DMD	Chicago, IL

### PERIODONTOLOGY

Andreas Ioannou, DDS	Cyprus	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated May 2016
Michelle Gavino McHale, DDS	Burnsville, MN	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated May 2016
Thomas T. Nguyen, DMD	Montreal, Canada	Certificate Anticipated May 2016

**RECOGNITION OF 2016 CANDIDATES  
IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS (continued)**

PROSTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE MARCH 2016, MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2016

Fouad Badr, DMD	Montreal, Canada
Saad Bassas, DDS	Aleppo, Syria
Jason P. Kiangsoontra, DDS	Bangkok, Thailand
Sae-Eun Schlottke, DDS	Seoul, South Korea

**CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

Miranda A. Drake	Belle Plaine, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2016
Hiwet Ephrem	Coon Rapids, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2016
Mary Katherine Sandy	Long Prairie, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2016

**CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE**

Camille C. Bauer	White Bear Lake, MN
Danielle Marie Brown	Virginia, MN
Ligia E. Castillo	Antigua, Guatemala
Sarah A. DeGidio	Eden Prairie, MN
Hamdi H. Fiqi	Rochester, MN
Keeley E. Flavin	Excelsior, MN
Cory R. Gossell	Robbinsdale, MN
Bailey M. Haas	Shakopee, MN
Selamawit G. Hadera	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Alinia M. Houser	Beresford, SD
Letitia K. Jude	Monticello, MN
Joanna M. Kampa	Laredo, TX
Michelle E. Merfeld	Oshkosh, WI
Bria N. Mizell	Newport News, VA
Katherine A. Newman	Eden Prairie, MN
Sompos Nhul	Saint Paul, MN
Kaylin J. Reece	Maplewood, MN
Jennifer L. Schleifer	Omaha, NE
Vanessa N. Shinwen	Bamenda, Cameroon
Danielle M. Taubner	Madison, WI
Amanda R. Weyek	Isanti, MN
Sterling D. Williams	Elk River, MN
Nao Lue Xiong	Minneapolis, MN
Kendra G. Yankey	New Brighton, MN

**MASTER OF DENTAL THERAPY DEGREE**

Scott Danzl	Cottage Grove, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015
Megan Louise Guthmiller	Rochester, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015
Ashley Mayry	Iron, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015
Katie Lynne Olson	Lindstrom, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015
Kassie Scott	Bemidji, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015
Lucky Vang	Saint Paul, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2015



## CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

Erin K. Allen	Belgrade, MN
Jeremy S. Berger	Worthington, MN
Brett K. Bergseid	Boulder, CO
Andrew M. Bhagyam	Hudson, WI
Har Kaur Bhangoo	Ottawa, Canada
Travis J. Bjordahl	Milbank, SD
Andrew J. Bosworth	Minnetonka, MN
Cassandra L. Breitenfeldt Grean	Fridley, MN
Brian W. Brodersen	Shakopee, MN
Rachel D. Buchert	Monticello, MN
Spencer D. Buchert	Grand Rapids, MN
Danielle E. Burgmeier	Plymouth, MN
Revanth R. Chada	Plymouth, MN
Eunkyo Cho	Busan, South Korea
Clayton G. Conroy	Milbank, SD
Ryan R. W. Cooper	Minnetonka, MN
Laura A. Dill	Maple Grove, MN
Molly E. Dillon	Minneapolis, MN
Dustin M. Ditch	Pelican Rapids, MN
Wade M. Elton	Spicer, MN
Sara J. Engler	Minnetonka, MN
Benjamin E. Englund	Excelsior, MN
Adam C. Erickson	Fargo, ND
Lauren A. Furillo	Ocean City, MD
Lisa N. Gingrey	Gardner, ND
Melissa A. Gleason	Stoughton, WI
Keely C. Goter	Mandan, ND
William A. Grosdidier	Woodbury, MN
Kelly M. Gruetzmacher	Wisconsin Rapids, WI
Preeti Gupta	Pune, India
Michael Guzman	The Woodlands, TX
Jessica L. Hacker	Springfield, MO
Charles J. Hannon	Rochester, MN
Nik F. Heine	Sioux Falls, SD
Rachel M. Hoganson	Grand Rapids, MN
Colleen M. Holtz, PhD	Roseville, MN

**CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE** *(continued)*

Carolyn L. Hsiao	Phoenix, AZ
Daniel S. Jabs	Belle Plaine, MN
Ellen D. Jacobson	Stillwater, MN
Katherine E. Jacobson	Willmar, MN
Gaurav Jain	Raekot, India
Kaylee R. Jamison	Saint Charles, IL
Tyler R. Jensen	Brainerd, MN
Thomas A. Jordan	Great Falls, MT
Tyler T. Kalmuck	Mequon, WI
Stephanie K. Keppler	Grand Rapids, MN
Sara M. Kingston	Maple Grove, MN
Elizabeth K. Laabs	Princeton, MN
Karissa L. Lange	Pine City, MN
Tram B. Le	Bien Hoa, Vietnam
Kevin J. Liberko	Eden Prairie, MN
Christine M. Lucachick	International Falls, MN
Christine B. Lung	Mississauga, Canada
Phong V. Ly	Brooklyn Park, MN
Lisa E. McGann	Saint Paul, MN
Allison M. McMillen	Woodbury, MN
Matthew J. Merfeld	Onalaska, WI
Paul J. Meyer	Brookings, SD
Marina Michael	Cairo, Egypt
Michael P. Mittelsteadt	Apple Valley, MN
William D. Montes	Forest Lake, MN
Miranda J. Mulligan	Eden Prairie, MN
Alexander F. Mullikin	Burnsville, MN
Negin Nazarian	Bellevue, WA
Dane C. Nelson	Stillwater, MN
Chukwujindu Nwaigbo	Ibusa, Nigeria
Susan L. Obermiller	Fargo, ND
Jessica E. Omlie Seubert	Eden Prairie, MN
David R. Pachuta	Eagan, MN
Christopher J. Pearce	Madison, WI
John A. Persson	Mandan, ND
Andrew Q. Pham	Fairfax, VA

**CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE** *(continued)*

Thien Quang Pham	Orange County, CA
Heather M. Pries	Eyota, MN
Danny Rai	Damascus, Syria
Aarathi Rao	Mangalore, India
Priya Rao	Mangalore, India
Youssef Riad	Cairo, Egypt
Merissa V. Richter	Maple Grove, MN
Emily C. Rosenberg	Minneapolis, MN
Katee J. Rotty	Farmington, MN
Chelsi K. Schumacher	Glencoe, MN
Marianna M. Schupp Goetz	Detroit Lakes, MN
Kevin M. Schwandt	Moorhead, MN
Shashi N. Shah	Jersey City, NJ
Nevin G. Shenouda	Saint Paul, MN
SooYoun Si	Seoul, South Korea
Camille K. Sikkema	Rochester, MN
Priya Sinha	Gujarat, India
Emily J. Skibinski	Milwaukee, WI
Emily K. Slater	Eagan, MN
Justin R. Slis	Atlantic Mine, MI
Benjamin M. Stein	Edina, MN
Kaitlin A. Sullivan	Jackson, MN
Benjamin J. Thomas	Saint Paul, MN
Lissa M. Tommerdahl	Bloomington, IL
Diem Quynh Tran	Da Nang, Vietnam
Ryan C. Trautmann	Chanhassen, MN
Alexandra J. Unger	Willmar, MN
Priya Uppal	Brooklyn Park, MN
Kelsey B. Utech	Esko, MN
Lao Vang	Brooklyn Park, MN
Megan M. Vasko	Andover, MN
Brady E. Weispfennig	Glenwood, MN
Abigail Hiroko Wesley	Eden Prairie, MN
Robert A. Wightman	Philadelphia, PA
Jordan R. Wong	Burnsville, MN
Pa Kou Yang	Walnut Grove, MN
Charles A. Yates	El Paso, TX

# *Oath for New Dentists*

In the tradition of Hippocrates and the men and women through the ages who have dedicated their lives to the art and science of medicine and dentistry I make the following pledge:

The respect and dignity of patients and the confidential nature of our relationship are foremost in my service to them.

I acknowledge my limitations and need for continued education. I will seek the knowledge and inspiration of my colleagues, friends, and patients.

My work shall be dedicated to improving the quality of life for those who seek my assistance. I will honor the wishes and needs of the patient and will always communicate treatment plans in the best interests of the patient. I will do no harm.

I will strive always to improve the practice of dentistry, to provide a level of care that is ethical, moral, and just. I expect the same standards from my colleagues and will not tolerate their indifference, greed, or unethical behavior.

My profession is an honored one. I will not violate the trust society has placed in me by allowing race, religion, sexual orientation, gender or social standing to affect my judgement or ability to take care of patients. I will be humble.

I will consider the tools of my profession to be knowledge, skill, compassion, and patience. I will share these tools freely with my colleagues and patients alike.

I shall do my utmost to provide the vulnerable members of society the care and attention they need to assure their health, dignity, and protection. I see all human life as sacred.

In the presence of my teachers, my family, and my friends I make these promises solemnly and freely. With this oath I willingly assume the rewards and responsibilities of a dentist.

*Written by Timothy Schacker, MD, University of Minnesota Medical School, Class of 1986; revised 1999.*

*Adapted for dentists by the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Class of 2013.*

## 2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS

ALPHA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
Kaylee R. Jamison

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN  
DENTISTS ELEANOR BUSHEE SENIOR  
WOMAN DENTAL AWARD  
Emily C. Rosenberg

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Brady E. Weispfennig

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE  
Christine M. Lucachick

DELTA SIGMA DELTA OUTSTANDING SENIOR  
ACADEMIC AWARD  
Kaylee R. Jamison

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS  
STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD  
Thomas A. Jordan

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS  
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Tyler T. Kalmuck

MELLOR R. HOLLAND STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Jeremy S. Berger

METRO DENTALCARE FELLOW STUDENT  
MENTOR AWARD  
DDS: Jeremy S. Berger  
DH: Hamdi H. Fiqi

MICHAEL J. TILL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD  
Christine M. Lucachick

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF  
GENERAL DENTISTRY SENIOR  
STUDENT DENTAL AWARD  
Spencer D. Buchert  
Matthew J. Merfeld

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES AWARD  
Christine M. Lucachick

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON MEMBERSHIP AWARD  
Molly E. Dillon  
Dustin M. Ditch  
Rachel M. Hoganson  
Kaylee R. Jamison  
Tyler R. Jensen  
Tyler T. Kalmuck  
Kevin J. Liberko  
Matthew J. Merfeld  
Paul J. Meyer  
Emily C. Rosenberg  
Ryan C. Trautmann

PARK DENTAL "QUALITY CARE IN A CARING  
MANNER" AWARD  
Erin K. Allen  
Michael P. Mittelsteadt  
Ryan C. Trautmann  
Alexandra J. Unger  
Megan M. Vasko

PSI OMEGA SCHOLASTIC  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Kevin J. Liberko

### BIOMATERIALS

ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD  
Alexander F. Mullikin

### DENTAL HYGIENE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
DENTISTRY AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT  
IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND DENTAL  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
Joanna M. Kampa

COLGATE STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT  
RECOGNITION (S.T.A.R.) AWARD  
Sompos Nhul

GORDON AND MARIE HACKBORN AWARD  
Sompos Nhul

HU-FRIEDY GOLDEN SCALER AWARD  
Kaylin J. Reece

JOHNSON & JOHNSON PROFESSIONAL  
EXCELLENCE AWARD IN DENTAL HYGIENE  
Sterling D. Williams

KATHLEEN J. NEWELL STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Ligia E. Castillo

LOUISE C. BALL SCHOLARSHIP  
Kaylin J. Reece

NAOMI RHODE DENTAL HYGIENIST  
PATIENT RELATIONSHIP AWARD  
Jennifer L. Schleifer

PARADISE DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES ABOVE  
AND BEYOND AWARD  
Keeley E. Flavin

PARK DENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD  
Kendra G. Yankey

SHIRLEY BURGAN LICHTWARDT  
SCHOLARSHIP  
Sarah A. DeGidio

SIGMA PHI ALPHA AWARD  
Kaylin J. Reece

SIGMA PHI ALPHA ELECTED  
STUDENT AWARD  
Bailey M. Haas  
Katherine A. Newman

SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY ASSOCIATION  
STUDENT AWARD  
Alinia M. Houser

### DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD FOR  
ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY  
AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH  
Daniel S. Jabs

BRIAN D. STONE MEMORIAL AWARD  
FROM DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK  
Jessica E. Omlie Seubert

### DENTAL RESEARCH & ORAL BIOLOGY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL  
BIOLOGISTS AWARD  
Colleen M. Holtz, PhD

PIERRE FAUCHARD SENIOR STUDENT AWARD  
Abigail Hiroko Wesley

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH  
ACHIEVEMENT  
Michael P. Mittelsteadt

### DENTAL THERAPY

KARL D. SELF STUDENT  
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Megan Louise Guthmiller

## 2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### ENDODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS  
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
Michael P. Mittelsteadt

IRWIN A. EPSTEIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE  
IN CLINICAL ENDODONTICS  
Youssef Riad

JAMES JENSEN AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN ENDODONTICS  
Spencer D. Buchert

### OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD  
Kaylee R. Jamison

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD  
Dustin M. Ditch

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
GOLD FOIL OPERATORS AWARD  
Spencer D. Buchert

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL  
ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY  
Rachel D. Buchert

### ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD  
Katherine E. Jacobson

### ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL  
STUDENT AWARD  
Andrew M. Bhagyam

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ANESTHESIOLOGY HORACE WELLS SENIOR  
STUDENT AWARD  
Aarathi Rao

HENRY B. CLARK, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD  
Miranda J. Mulligan

### ORAL MEDICINE, DIAGNOSIS & RADIOLOGY

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MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY AWARD  
Clayton G. Conroy

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
ORAL MEDICINE AWARD  
Jeremy S. Berger

### ORTHODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
ORTHODONTISTS AWARD  
Dustin M. Ditch

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF  
ORTHODONTISTS AWARD  
Molly E. Dillon

### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AMERICAN  
ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY  
PREDOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD  
Emily C. Rosenberg

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC  
DENTISTRY AWARD (COMMUNITY SERVICE)  
Jessica E. Omlie Seubert

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC  
DENTISTRY AWARD (PERFORMANCE)  
Merissa V. Richter

### PERIODONTOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF  
PERIODONTOLOGY AWARD  
Daniel S. Jabs

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF  
PERIODONTISTS AWARD  
Michael P. Mittelsteadt

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL  
ACHIEVEMENT IN PERIODONTICS  
Har Kaur Bhangoo

### PROSTHODONTICS

ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION  
OUTSTANDING DENTAL STUDENT IN  
IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD  
Jessica E. Omlie Seubert

ALLAN D. PETERSON MEMORIAL  
AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN  
REMOVABLE PROSTHODONTICS  
Justin R. Slis

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT  
DENTISTRY DENTAL STUDENT AWARD  
Melissa A. Gleason

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND  
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL  
IMPLANT STUDENT AWARD  
Jessica L. Hacker

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS  
UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD  
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OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN CLINICAL  
PROSTHODONTICS  
Michael Guzman  
Matthew J. Merfeld  
Chelsi K. Schumacher

WALTER S. WARPEHA AWARD  
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# *Congratulations Graduates*

*Welcome to the School of Dentistry Alumni Community!*

Congratulations on completing your degree in the School of Dentistry. We are proud of your achievements and welcome you to the School of Dentistry Alumni Society and the University of Minnesota Alumni Association. You are joining a network of 9,000 distinguished alumni worldwide. Stay connected with the School of Dentistry Alumni Society to let us know where you are and what you are doing.

We are honored to provide you with your cap and gown for today's ceremony, as well as sponsoring your senior recognition banquet, your yearbook and the Mellor R. Holland, Kathleen J. Newell, and Karl D. Self Student Achievement Awards.

The School of Dentistry will always be here for you throughout your professional career and beyond. Congratulations and well done!

Sincerely,

The School of Dentistry Alumni Society

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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.

Bachelor of science degree candidates in dental hygiene 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. Master degree graduates are wearing black gowns with slightly longer sleeves and hoods. Dental hygiene degree candidates wearing gold tassels have been elected to Sigma Phi Alpha, the National Dental Hygiene Honor Society.

The graduating doctor of dental surgery students are wearing black doctorate degree gowns and full length black hoods edged in a wide band of lilac velvet trim with a satin inner lining of maroon and gold. Candidates wearing the OKU Stole and gold tassel 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.

## *The Mace*

Leading our processional today is Dr. Jorge Perdigão, our distinguished Century Club Professor of the Year, bearing the University of Minnesota mace. Originally, maces were iron war clubs, powerful weapons of strength and authority. Today, the meaning is more peaceful; 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 President O. Meredith Wilson 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.

## *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 advanced students in dental education, Dental Hygiene Class of 2016, Dental Therapy Class of 2015, and Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2016 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.





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