

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Commencement



Northrop Memorial Auditorium
May 15, 2015

School of Dentistry Office of the Dean

Welcome graduates, faculty, staff, and guests to the 2015 School of Dentistry Commencement Ceremony! We are here today to celebrate the newest members of our oral health professions, our new dentists, dental hygienists, dental therapists, dental scientists, and dental specialists.

Graduates, yours has been a challenging education, rich with opportunities for professional growth and involvement. You have worked hard and what you have achieved is truly exceptional. We applaud your tremendous accomplishments. You leave us today as oral health professionals and scientists, well prepared with the knowledge and skills you will need to improve people's lives.

As you begin this next step on your professional journey, we encourage you to take with you the lessons you learned here in your education years. Be compassionate, empathetic, and generous with the gifts of your talents and accomplishments. Remember that caring for patients is both a privilege and a responsibility. Be open to new ideas, embracing change that is advanced in the betterment of health care for patients and in the betterment of our society and humanity as a whole. Be involved in your communities and inspire young people to a career in our great oral health professions. Always, everywhere, be the very best clinicians, educators, scientists and leaders you can be, and an advocate for improved oral health. Hold fast to the principles of professionalism, ethical practice, and be happy in your work. Know, too, that the expertise you developed here is but a prologue to a lifetime of learning yet to come.

Your efforts, and the efforts of your faculty and staff, have readied you to launch great careers. As we have worked and learned, side-by-side with you, know that your being here has also made our lives more meaningful. We are so very proud to call you alumni of this great University and School of Dentistry and to welcome you today 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

Georgios A. Kotsakis
Certificate in Periodontology and Master of Science, Class of 2015

Sophie C. Bove
Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, Class of 2015

Karen E. Bohnen
Bachelor of Science in Dental Therapy, Class of 2014

Michael Warren Regan Anderson
Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2015

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Leon A. Assael, Dean

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Honorable Peggy E. Lucas, Regent

RECOGNITION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES

ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

DENTAL THERAPY GRADUATES

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY GRADUATES

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
Gary E. Cook, Director, Preclinical Laboratories
Charles O. Watkin, Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Comprehensive Care

OATH FOR NEW DENTISTS

Leon A. Assael, Dean

“HAIL! MINNESOTA”

Mark A. Runyan, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2015

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
THE HONORABLE PEGGY E. LUCAS	Regent
DR. KAREN HANSON	Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
MR. TERRY L. BOCK	Associate Vice President and Chief of Staff, Academic Health Center
MS. JILL L. STOLTENBERG	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. DAVID A. BEREITER	Interim 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. RALPH DELONG	Chair, Restorative Sciences
MS. CHRISTINE M. BLUE	Director, Division of Dental Hygiene
DR. KARL D. SELF	Director, Division of Dental Therapy
DR. GARY E. COOK	Director, Preclinical Laboratories
DR. ERIC A. MILLS	Clinical Associate Professor, Division of Comprehensive Care
DR. CHARLES O. WATKIN	Clinical Assistant Professor, Division of Comprehensive Care
DR. DAVID S. GESKO	President, Minnesota Board of Dentistry
DR. DANIEL E. ROSE	President, Minnesota Dental Association
DR. ROBERT P. GARDETTO	President, School of Dentistry Alumni Society
MR. MARSHALL SHRAGG	Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Dentistry
MR. CARMELO CINQUEONCE	Executive Director, Minnesota Dental Association

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.



Jill L. Stoltenberg, BSDH, MA, RF
2014 Century Club Professor of the Year

Jill L. Stoltenberg, BSDH, MA, RF, is an associate professor in the Department of Primary Dental Care, Division of Dental Hygiene, at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. She teaches undergraduate and graduate courses, is a clinical instructor for dental hygiene students at all levels of academic endeavor, and mentors graduate students pursuing a Master of Science in Dental Hygiene degree in their research, as well as in the development of their clinical and didactic teaching skills. Professor Stoltenberg has conducted research in the area of periodontal disease and disease risk; her clinical teaching expertise includes skill assessment and evaluation.

Professor Stoltenberg is an invited speaker for dental, dental hygiene and continuing education courses and has earned several teaching awards. She served as clinic director of the dental hygiene division for many years, rebuilding the clinical program to include evidence-based clinical protocols and optimal experiences in student skill development and competency. Her interest in establishing access to dental care in communities of need led to the establishment of Health, Etc. neighborhood clinic and the H.C. Andersen School dental clinic, as well as service on the quality assurance committee for Open Cities Dental Clinic in St. Paul. She also served as a consultant to 3M and Procter & Gamble, and as a reviewer for the Journal of Dental Hygiene.

As a member of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) and the American Dental Education Association (ADEA), Professor Stoltenberg participated in a variety of organizational activities and served as the School of Dentistry's representative to the ADEA Council of Faculties. She is a member of the Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association (MDHA), has served on various MDHA committees, chaired its Education and Research Council, and has been a delegate at the MDHA annual session.

Her experience as a clinical dental hygienist is in both general and dental specialty practices and in hospital dentistry. She enjoys treating patients with special needs, has taught in the Cleft Palate Clinic at the University of Minnesota, and volunteered her services treating HIV/AIDS patients in Uganda. She currently practices in the School of Dentistry Faculty Practice Clinic.

Student Speakers



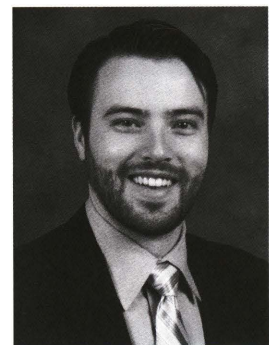
Georgios A. Kotsakis was born and raised in Greece, where he earned his dental degree at the University of Athens. As a University of Minnesota resident in the Advanced Education Program in Periodontology, he published 30 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and co-authored three book chapters on topics related to periodontology and implantology. He received multiple corporate research grants and most recently he received, as co-investigator, a NIDCR/NIH grant to investigate methods to concurrently evaluate multiple outcomes in dental research and efficient tools for the population-level surveillance of periodontal disease for use in epidemiological studies. He has been widely recognized for his contributions and research by the American Academy of Periodontology Foundation. Dr. Kotsakis plans to pursue a career in academia following the completion of his residency.

Sophie C. Bove, from Bloomington, Minn., received a bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Minnesota. She worked for more than two years in dental equipment and administration before returning to the University of Minnesota to earn a bachelor of science degree in dental hygiene. She served as president of her class for two years (2013-2015) and as a member of the Council of Students. Ms. Bove also is a student delegate for the American Dental Hygiene Association for District 7, and a student representative on both the Dental Hygiene Admissions Committee and the Strategic Planning Steering Committee for the School of Dentistry.



Karen E. Bohnen, from Maplewood, Minn., earned her bachelor of science degree in dental therapy in December 2014. Ms. Bohnen served as president of her dental therapy class since 2012 and was a member of the Council of Students. She is a member of the Minnesota Dental Therapy Association (2013) and was, most recently, on the 2014 planning committee for Give Kids a Smile at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

Michael Warren Regan Anderson was raised in the Seattle, Wash. area and graduated cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington. He and his wife, Tarah, moved to the Twin Cities where he worked with Teach for America before finding employment in a dental clinic. He served as president of the doctor of dental surgery class of 2015 since 2011 and as president of the Council of Students. Following graduation, he will begin a specialty residency in endodontics at the University of Minnesota.



RECOGNITION OF 2015 CANDIDATES IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

ENDODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2015

Sanaz Aghabak Lavasani, DDS	Tehran, Iran
Riley J. H. Lewis, BDS	Calgary, Canada
Cynthia R. Tyler, DDS	Seattle, WA
Steven F. Wiswall, DMD	Watertown, SD

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2015

Deborah H. Chau, DDS	Fremont, CA
Adam M. Gee, DDS	Seattle, WA
Matthew D. Greaves, DDS	Saint Louis, MO
Nicole T. Haus, DDS	Vadnais Heights, MN
Michael J. Longlet, DDS	Red Wing, MN
Helen O. Oboro Onuora, DDS	Nigeria

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2015

Benjamin J. Lago, DDS	DeWitt, MI
Paul W. Peterson, DDS	Golden Valley, MN

ORTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2015, MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2015

Danae C. Brownrigg, DMD	Ottawa, Canada
Kelley A. Gyllenhaal, DDS	Glenview, IL
Christine C. Hammer, DDS	Duluth, MN
Kyle W. Knudsen, DDS	Minneapolis, MN
Chad E. Larson, DDS	Roseville, MN
Rebecca A. Schnitt, DDS	Guilford, CT

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2015

Nicholas Brenner Baylon, DDS	Lakeland Shores, MN
Emily C. Cortes, DDS	Kansas City, MO
Madeline R. Goettl, DDS	Sullivan, WI
Colin J. Maguire, DDS	Rapid City, SD
Michael Todd Steinmetz, DDS	Browerville, MN
Natasha Varma, DMD	Mobile, AL

PERIODONTOLOGY

Micah Chan, DMD	Montreal, Canada	Certificate Anticipated May 2015, MS Degree Anticipated June 2015
Georgios A. Kotsakis, DDS	Athens, Greece	Certificate and MS Degree Anticipated May 2015
Alejandro Kovacs, DDS, MS	Maturin, Venezuela	Certificate Anticipated May 2015

PROSTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE MARCH 2015

John R. Keyes, DMD	Victoria, Canada
Michael J. Lassle, DMD	Glendive, MT

TMD AND OROFACIAL PAIN: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2015

Akanksha Gupta, BDS	Rajasthan, India
Flavia P. Kapos, DDS	Sao Paulo, Brazil

**RECOGNITION OF 2015 CANDIDATES
IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS** *(continued)*

MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE

Melissa L. Hall	Saint Paul, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2015
Mandy L. Herr	Minot, ND	Degree Anticipated August 2015
Angela Jean Rauschendorfer	Hugo, MN	Degree Received March 2015

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Sophie C. Bove	Bloomington, MN
Amanda M. Carlson	Minneapolis, MN
Karly E. Dybedahl	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Jamie C. Flanagan	Saint Michael, MN
Katelyn Joy Friedt	Bismarck, ND
Laura M. Friedt	Newburg, ND
Natalia L. Gandini	Coon Rapids, MN
Jade R. Kemp	Lodi, WI
Julie M. Klegin	Cannon Falls, MN
Gabrielle L. Larson	Cottage Grove, MN
Nicole A. Marinelli	Addison, IL
Ashley M. Martin	Blaine, MN
Marissa J. Moeller	Pipestone, MN
Jill C. Mudrak	Anoka, MN
Ariel L. Pesch	Buffalo, MN
Jessica L. Richetto	Wausau, WI
Yulianna G. Rodriguez	Chicago, IL
Britta A. Skaar	Eagan, MN
Sara M. Sparks	Rosemount, MN
Jenna S. Stevenson	Kenyon, MN
Junchi Vang	Minneapolis, MN
Abby L. Wang	Minneapolis, MN
Malia L. Wittman	Andover, MN

DEGREES IN DENTAL THERAPY

Megan E. Becker	Maple Grove, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Karen E. Bohnen	Maplewood, MN	Bachelor of Science Degree Conferred December 2014
Gina M. Buchal	Mahtomedi, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Kaitlin E. Gebhart	Elkton, SD	Masters Degree Anticipated May 2015
Lauren M. Johnson	Lino Lakes, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Renee J. Larson	Slayton, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Leah M. Loehndorf	Wauwatosa, WI	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Jenna S. Marquardt	New Prague, MN	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014
Weston Mark Schmidt	Hawkins, WI	Masters Degree Conferred December 2014

CANDIDATES FOR THE DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

Funsho A. Akinluyi	Edo State, Nigeria
Karl D. Anderson	Rapid City, SD
Michael Warren Regan Anderson	Seattle, WA
Jayce E. Apelgren	Waterford, WI
Jill M. Balgaard	Ashby, MN
Connie Y. Bao	Rochester, MN
Boyee Barwu	Monrovia, Liberia
Lindsay G. Bedeaux	Lakeville, MN
Daniel W. Bellamy	Duluth, MN
Brianna B. Berg	Orono, MN
Pallavi P. Bhosale	Lauderdale, MN
Sarah N. Bryan	Red Wing, MN
Brian G. Burseth	Crystal Lake, IL
Nicholas R. Bussa	Duluth, MN
Michael P. Capp	Andover, MN
Chad W. Catron	Kalispell, MT
Raylien Chao	Taipei, Taiwan
Matthew J. Charging	Beulah, ND
Tiffany W. Chen	Taipei, Taiwan
Garrett D. Clause	Mankato, MN
Gregory D. Cochrane	Wild Rose, WI
Michael J. Determan	Andover, MN
Tanner L. Diggs	Missoula, MT
Shylene P. Dutt	Toronto, Canada
Molly Ann Erdman	Courtland, MN
Rosemary A. Favero	Bloomington, MN
Cory S. Fogel	Winnipeg, Canada
Andrew S. Frerich	Marshall, MN
Sara Audrey Gaalaas	Grand Rapids, MN
Natalie N. Gomez	Plymouth, MN
Marissa A. Goplen	Porter, MN
Erika R. Guetter	Detroit Lakes, MN
Jon M. Hallie	Roseau, MN
Benjamin T. Heggstad	Duluth, MN
Ryan M. Hillesheim	Saint Peter, MN
John H. Hofer	Middleton, WI

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

Brennan J. Houbrick	Spokane, WA
Celia Fei Huang	Lexington, MA
Seth A. Huiras	Random Lake, WI
Timothy S. Huska	Woodbury, MN
Christopher L. Ibberson	Sleepy Eye, MN
Mallory K. Immerfall	Prior Lake, MN
Terrence W. James	Winnipeg, Canada
Grace E. Johnson	Red Lake Falls, MN
Jennifer G. Johnson	Waubun, MN
Kirsten M. Johnson	Hanover, MN
Megan A. Kack	Minneota, MN
Bethany L. Kjellgren	Saint Peter, MN
Amber A. Kroke	Minot, ND
Benjamin D. Larson	Rochester, MN
Kyley M. Lebens	Maplewood, MN
Paul A. Leeman	Appleton, WI
Gang Li	Tucson, AZ
Justin P. Liggett	San Jose, CA
Jeremy S. Lois	Lake Geneva, WI
Ishtpreet K. Mangat	Vancouver, Canada
Joseph-Charles Mardini	Montreal, Canada
Kathleen B. Mattison	Forest Lake, MN
Katelyn K. McNeill	Rochester, MN
Colleen E. McShane	Roselle, IL
Nathaniel M. Miller	West Fargo, ND
Ibrahim Mohammad	Toronto, Canada
Annelise T. Nelson	Detroit Lakes, MN
Van T. Nguyen	Winona, MN
Jing Nie	Houston, TX
Madhvi M. Patel	Plymouth, MN
Isaac P. Perry	Wabasha, MN
Rebecca J. Petersen	Clava City, MN
Ryan T. Pfundheller	Altoona, WI
Lan D. Pham, PhD	Maplewood, MN
Uyen P. Pham	Minneapolis, MN
Alex M. Provo	Detroit Lakes, MN

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

Roya Rahnamayi	Tehran, Iran
Suhail A. Rana	Detroit, MI
Sean M. Rasmusson	Aberdeen, SD
Blake E. Ristvedt	West Fargo, ND
Mark A. Runyan	Grand Forks, ND
Erin M. Scherer	Bath, MI
Austin P. Schmalz	Fargo, ND
Chad A. Schulz	Sherwood, WI
David R. Schuweiler	Saint Paul, MN
Zainah M. Shaker	Roseville, MN
Jasmine Shakya	Kathmandu, Nepal
Jagan Nath Sharma	Dharan, Nepal
David M. Sisneros	Pueblo, CO
Stephen E. Solie	Edina, MN
Amanda J. Sperl	Saint Cloud, MN
Samuel S. Sun	Changhua, Taiwan
Sarah Tariq	Lahore, Pakistan
Mark B. Thiele	Warroad, MN
Michael Leif Thomas	Anchorage, AK
Emily E. Thompson	DePere, WI
Bao Q. Tran	Saigon, Vietnam
Aaron Tsay	Montreal, Canada
Ashley D. Valesano	Nisswa, MN
Tyler J. Varhol	Coon Rapids, MN
Katherine R. Vaughan	Onkama, MI
Banita K. Villing	Delta, Canada
Zachary C. Walgenbach	Waseca, MN
Andrew T. Weaver	Bemidji, MN
Carley A. Werven	Walhalla, ND
Kirsten M. William-Kennedy	Rapid City, SD
Rachael A. Wilson	Billings, MT
Elizabeth R. Woell Rhode	Burnsville, MN
Matthew E. Yu	Stouffville, Canada
Alexandra Zabala	Cali, Colombia
Stephanie N. Zastrow	Columbus, MN
Jennifer Zhang	Danville, CA

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.*

2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

STUDENT & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA SENIOR
LEADERS AWARD
Zachary C. Walgenbach

ALPHA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
Bethany L. Kjellgren
Tyler J. Varhol

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
DENTISTS ELEANOR BUSHEE SENIOR
WOMAN DENTAL AWARD
Amber A. Kroke

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Stephanie N. Zastrow

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Stephanie N. Zastrow

DELTA SIGMA DELTA OUTSTANDING SENIOR
ACADEMIC AWARD
Bethany L. Kjellgren

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Garrett D. Clause

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Lindsay G. Bedeaux

MELLOR R. HOLLAND STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Michael Warren Regan Anderson

METRO DENTALCARE FELLOW STUDENT
MENTOR AWARD
DDS: Stephen E. Solie
DH: Sophie C. Bove

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF GENERAL
DENTISTRY LARRY SQUILLACE SENIOR
MASTERS AWARD
Kathleen B. Mattison

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION BOARD
OF TRUSTEES AWARD
Stephanie N. Zastrow

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON MEMBERSHIP
AWARD
Michael Warren Regan Anderson
Lindsay G. Bedeaux
Molly Ann Erdman
Sara Audrey Gaalaas
Natalie N. Gomez
Marissa A. Goplen
Christopher L. Ibberson
Bethany L. Kjellgren
Amanda J. Sperl
Tyler J. Varhol

PARK DENTAL "QUALITY CARE IN A
CARING MANNER" AWARD
Natalie N. Gomez
Bethany L. Kjellgren
Ibrahim Mohammad
Mark A. Runyan
Zachary C. Walgenbach

PSI OMEGA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD
Garrett D. Clause

BIOMATERIALS

ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD
Sara Audrey Gaalaas

DENTAL HYGIENE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DENTISTRY AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND DENTAL
PUBLIC HEALTH
Sophie C. Bove

GORDON AND MARIE HACKBORN AWARD
Ariel L. Pesch

JOHNSON & JOHNSON PROFESSIONAL
EXCELLENCE AWARD
Jamie C. Flanagan

KATHLEEN J. NEWELL STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Sara M. Sparks

NAOMI RHODE DENTAL HYGIENIST PATIENT
RELATIONSHIP AWARD
Natalia L. Gandini

PARADISE DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES ABOVE
AND BEYOND AWARD
Gabrielle L. Larson

PARK DENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
Amanda M. Carlson

SHIRLEY BURGAN LICHTWARDT
SCHOLARSHIP
Sophie C. Bove

SIGMA PHI ALPHA AWARD
Ariel L. Pesch

SIGMA PHI ALPHA ELECTED STUDENT AWARD
Sophie C. Bove
Gabrielle L. Larson

STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT
RECOGNITION (S.T.A.R.) AWARD
Jade R. Kemp

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DENTISTRY AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND DENTAL
PUBLIC HEALTH
Megan A. Kack

BRIAN D. STONE MEMORIAL AWARD FROM
DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK
Grace E. Johnson

DENTAL RESEARCH & ORAL BIOLOGY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL
BIOLOGISTS AWARD
Lan D. Pham

PIERRE FAUCHARD SENIOR STUDENT AWARD
Colleen E. McShane

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH
Matthew E. Yu

ENDODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Michael Warren Regan Anderson

IRWIN A. EPSTEIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN CLINICAL ENDODONTICS
Isaac P. Perry

JAMES JENSEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN
ENDODONTICS
Garrett D. Clause

2015 AWARD RECIPIENTS

OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY
AWARD

Kathleen B. Mattison

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC
DENTISTRY AWARD

Zachary C. Walgenbach

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL
OPERATORS AWARD

Natalie N. Gomez

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL
ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

Molly Ann Erdman

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD

Erin M. Scherer

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL
STUDENT AWARD

Stephanie N. Zastrow

HENRY B. CLARK, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD
Benjamin T. Heggstad

HORACE WELLS SENIOR AWARD
Cory S. Fogel

ORAL MEDICINE, DIAGNOSIS & RADIOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL RADIOLOGY AWARD
Michael Warren Regan Anderson

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL MEDICINE
AWARD

Kyley M. Lebens

ORTHODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS
AWARD

Sara Audrey Gaalaas

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF
ORTHODONTISTS AWARD

Sara Audrey Gaalaas

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AMERICAN
ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY
PREDOCTORAL STUDENT AWARD

Lindsay G. Bedeaux

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC
DENTISTRY AWARD (COMMUNITY SERVICE)

Stephen E. Solie

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF PEDIATRIC
DENTISTRY AWARD (PERFORMANCE)

Banita K. Villing

PERIODONTICS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PERIODONTOLOGY
AWARD

Garrett D. Clause

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION OF PERIODONTISTS
AWARD

Jeremy S. Lois

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR PERIODONTICS
Natalie N. Gomez

PROSTHODONTICS: FIXED & REMOVABLE

ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION
OUTSTANDING DENTAL STUDENT IN IMPLANT
DENTISTRY AWARD

Brian G. Burseth

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

Kirsten M. Johnson

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT
DENTISTRY DENTAL STUDENT AWARD
Stephanie N. Zastrow

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL
IMPLANT STUDENT AWARD

Michael Warren Regan Anderson

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTICS
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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 and dental therapy 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 Ms. Jill L. Stoltenberg, 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. Meridith 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 2015, Dental Therapy Class of 2014, and Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2015 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.

This program is available in alternative formats upon request.

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