

## University of Minnesota

School of Dentistry
Office of the Dean

Welcome to the 121st commencement ceremony of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. We have gone to great lengths to make this a most memorable experience for our graduates and all who have made this day possible. This long-standing tradition is an opportunity to publicly recognize our new colleagues for all they have done to earn their degrees and to welcome them into the profession of dentistry.

This is a special day for everyone, and one we shall all remember with great pride for many years to come. May it be the beginning of a new chapter in the lives of our graduates and their families. Please accept my most personal and heartfelt congratulations.

Wishing you all the very best life has to offer.

Yatuan W. Thef

Patrick M. Lloyd, DDS, MS

Dean

Professor, Division of Prosthodontics

# The Ceremony

**PROCESSIONAL** 

WELCOME

Patrick M. Lloyd, Dean

Speaking for the Graduates

Megan S. Dingfelder Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene, Class of 2010

> Megan L. Mulligan Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2010

**COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS** 

Linda C. Niessen, DMD, MPH, MPP

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Honorable John R. Frobenius, Regent

RECOGNITION OF DEGREE CANDIDATES AND PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES
ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS
MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE GRADUATES
DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY GRADUATES

Patrick M. Lloyd, Dean
Judith A. Buchanan, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
Darryl T. Hamamoto, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs
Naty Lopez, Assistant Dean for Admissions and Diversity
Kathleen J. Newell, Associate Professor, Division of Dental Hygiene (retired)
Lisa W. Ahmann, Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Dental Hygiene
Michael D. Rohrer, Professor, Division of Oral Pathology
Karin K. Quick, Assistant Clinical Specialist, Division of Comprehensive Care

"Hail! Minnesota"

**CLOSING COMMENTS** 

Patrick M. Lloyd, Dean

RECESSIONAL

Guests are asked to remain seated until the graduates and participating faculty have left the auditorium.

A reception will follow the ceremony on the plaza outside of Northrop Auditorium.

# Seated on Stage

Dr. Patrick M. Lloyd Dean

Dr. Linda C. Niessen Guest Speaker

THE HONORABLE JOHN R. FROBENIUS Regent

Dr. ROBERT B. McMaster Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education

DR. FRANK B. CERRA Senior Vice President, Academic Health Center

Dr. Joan A. Sheppard President, Minnesota State Board of Dentistry

Ms. Carol J. Dahlke President, School of Dentistry Alumni Society

DR. TIMOTHY J. FLOR President, Minnesota Dental Association

Ms. Nadene E. Bunge Representative, Minnesota Dental Hygienists Association

Ms. Brenda L. Spanovich President,

Minnesota Dental Assistants Association, 2009/2010

Dr. Judith A. Buchanan Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

Director, Center for Interprofessional Education,

Academic Health Center

Dr. Sven-Ulrik Gorr Associate Dean for Research

DR. CRAIG G. SELDEN Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs

DR. DARRYL T. HAMAMOTO

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. SHEILA M. RIGGS Chair, Primary Dental Care

Director, Office of Healthcare Transformation,

Academic Health Center

Dr. Ralph DeLong Chair, Restorative Sciences

DR. KATHLEEN J. NEWELL Associate Professor, Division of Dental Hygiene (retired)

Ms. LISA W. AHMANN Assistant Clinical Professor, Division of Dental Hygiene

DR. MICHAEL D. ROHRER Professor, Division of Oral Pathology

Dr. Karin K. Quick Assistant Clinical Specialist,

Division of Comprehensive Care

## RECOGNITION OF CANDIDATES IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

ENDODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND M.S. DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2010

Mark M. Bierma, DDS

Laverne, MN

Brian M. Meade, DDS

Ionia, MI

Jeffrey H. Wiswall, DDS

Watertown, SD

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2010

Omar M. Issa, DDS

Cairo, Egypt

Hibaq I. Mohamed, DDS

St. Paul, MN

Oluwakayode Olowoyo, DDS

Jos, Nigeria

Mercedes L. Porter, DDS

Bismarck, ND

Krista L. Roquette, DDS

Riverfalls, WI

ORAL HEALTH SERVICES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Hwajoo Lee, DMD

Daegu, Korea

M.S. Degree Anticipated Late Summer 2010

Hanae Tsujimoto, RDH, BS

Osaka, Japan

Certificate and M.S. Degree Anticipated June 2010

ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2010

Christopher J. French, DDS

Seattle, WA

Andrew G. Pearson, DDS

Prior Lake, MN

David M. Junck, DDS

Oregon, WI

ORTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND M.S. DEGREE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2010

Dustin A. Hollevoet, DDS

Grand Forks, ND

Adam W. Ostby, DDS

Idaho Falls, ID

Amanda M. Romsa, DMD

Racine, WI

Jacquelyn R. Schieck, DDS

Sioux Falls, SD

Matthew M. Sievers, DDS

Duluth, MN

Gary A. Warner, DMD

San Fernando, Trinidad & Tobago

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2010

Spencer Todd Allen, DDS

Salt Lake City, UT

Tori-Thuy T. Conrad, DDS

Highlands Ranch, CO

Hiren Patel, DDS

Richmond, VA

Ryan Wing, DDS

Provo, UT

Aunchana Tocharoen, DMD

Beaufort, SC

PERIODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND M.S. DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2010

Simon R. Hinckfuss, DMD

Melbourne, Australia

Jung-Wan Martin Kim, DMD

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Jody F. Schilling, DDS

Madison, WI

PROSTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED MAY 2010

Michael Barczak, DMD

Winnepeg, Manitoba, Canada

Augusto V. Saldarriaga, DDS

Lima, Peru

Roxanna Saldarriaga, DDS

Lima, Peru

TMD & OROFACIAL PAIN: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED May 2010

Thiago D. Nascimento, DDS

Sao Jose Dol Campos, Brazil

Robert A. Utsman, DDS

Turrialba, Costa Rica

#### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE

Brenda L. Armstrong

Willmar, MN

Carol J. Dahlke

Champlin, MN

### CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF DENTAL HYGIENE DEGREE **ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2010**

Pouran S. Askari

Tehran, Iran

Kim S. Johnson

Shoreview, MN

Maria T. Nelson

Payson, UT

Kjersta L. Poppe

Rushford, MN

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

Brianna L. Ashmore

Becker, MN

Kelsey M. Bodell

Roseau, MN

Laura L. Carlson

Champlin, MN

Jessica L. Dean

White Bear Lake, MN

Megan S. Dingfelder

Winona, MN

Kiersten M. Eckard

Hermantown, MN Benson, MN

Erin E. Evenson Cherie L. Fritz

Red Wing, MN

Duc T. Huynh

Rosemount, MN

Jenna L. Johnson

Kenai, AK

Julie A. Larson

Fridley, MN

Mary T. Liss

Lincoln, NE

Shannon R. Masica

Marzi Moezodin

Fridley, MN

Eden Prairie, MN

Rebecca L. Montag

Stillwater, MN

Kalli C. O'Neill

Denver, CO

Nguyen C. Pham

Saigon, Vietnam

Anna Popov

Shakopee, MN

Julianna J. Samson

White Bear Lake, MN Cottage Grove, MN

Aimee N. Schilling

Rochester, MN

Bethany R. Sobek

Gimbie, Ethiopia

Gemechu F. Urgessa Iamie L. Vadnais

Prescott, WI

Alexandra M. Wiese

Farmington, MN

Tanya M. Wilber

Fox Lake, WI

### CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

Abdirahman U. Ahmed

Minneapolis, MN

Sanaz Aghabak Lavasani

Tehran, Iran

Seth L. Amadio

Duluth, MN

Ross A. Anderson

Eau Claire, WI

Heather D. Archer Peder T. Arneson

Maplewood, MN Montevideo, MN

Muath A. Asamarai

Minneapolis, MN

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

Ruth C. Atterberg Battle Lake, MN Lakeland, MN Nicholas B. Baylon Jason O. Berg Two Harbors, MN Jamie E. Booth Bozeman, MT Leah N. Brady Bismarck, ND Cole P. Brenny Staples, MN Timothy A. Carlson Grand Rapids, MN Rochester, MN Grant C. Collins Amber D. Dailey Savage, MT Katie E. Daniels White Bear Lake, MN Jennifer M. Day Bloomington, MN Joshua B. Day Maple Grove, MN Matthew J. Eaton Fargo, ND Emily L. Eggebrecht Brookfield, WI Spring Lake Park, MN Jeffrey M. Eggert Sheena M. Eken Bismarck, ND Kara A. Engelbrektson Fargo, ND Jamie N. Evavold Fergus Falls, MN Rhett C. Finley Rapid City, SD Genevieve A. Garbrah Accra, Ghana Ely, MN Robb M. Garni Brett M. Germain Lindstrom, MN Natalie S. Germain New Brighton, MN Brian M. Gray Peshtigo, WI John R. Grittner Fridley, MN Aimee J. Gustafson Savage, MT Bryce W. Haasken Mora, MN Devon J. Halberg Wisconsin Rapids, WI Colleen E. Halligan Eagan, MN Brooke N. Hamann Perham, MN Subhalakshmi Hari Chennai, India Matthew J. Hawn Eau Claire, WI William M. Herr Charlotte, NC Matthew W. Hieb Minot, ND Heather M. I. Horton Chippewa Falls, WI Woodbury, MN Alice Y. Huang Aberdeen, SD Clark L. Hunstad James A. Jenders Brookfield, WI Charles M. Keane St. Paul, MN Webster, WI Anna L. Kenney Tehran, Iran Farzin Khashayar Sarah J. Kim Milwaukee, WI New Richmond, WI Megan M. Kinder Afton, MN Renee M. Kinney Susmitha Rao Koti Hyderabad, India Glencoe, MN Jalissa J. Kruckman Rochester, MN

Sonja Mae Langton-Yanowitz

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

Michael S. Lee Rochester, MN Bridget J. Lervick Bismarck, ND Canton, China Zhenyu Liang Thomas S. Loper Eden Prairie, MN Brigette N. Lorbecki Mosinee, WI Nancy Luong Zeis Minneapolis, MN Peter R. Lynch Buffalo, MN Melissa M. Mack Devils Lake, ND Ryan R. Manke Detriot Lakes, MN Steven T. Maroney Grand Forks, ND Nicholas R. Mattila Thief River Falls, MN Benjamin A. McKinley Minneapolis, MN Christopher A. Metcalf Kenosha, WI Brett M. Moore Eden Prairie, MN Meaghan E. Morrell-Huot Duluth, MN Vadnais Heights, MN Megan L. Mulligan Claire F. Nawar Alexandria, Egypt Jadilyn-ngoc B. Nguyen Little Falls, MN Xuan T. Nguyen Bloomington, MN Edina, MN Kyle J. Nordeen Ladysmith, WI Neil J. Olson Yu Pan Beijing, China Nathan C. Porath Shoreview, MN Dana M. Porwoll Cold Spring, MN Ram C. Rizal Gopini, Bhutan Nathan E. Robison Okemos, MI Timothy L. Roth Delano, MN Mohammad N. Salad Minneapolis, MN Anna G. Seime Morgantown, WV Jill M. Sink Minneapolis, MN Kristofer P. Sivanich Andover, MN Kyle J. Skjei Appleton, MN Jacob D. Smestad St. Clair, MN Danielle D. Smith St. Michael, MN Meghan M. Smith Devils Lake, ND Joseph W. Stamets Red Oak, IA Amy E. Stark Minneapolis, MN Eric C. Steele Grand Forks, ND Kollin R. Stiner Burke, SD Missoula, MT Joseph J. Trujillo Lam S. Tu Plymouth, MN Jaime B. Waller Red Wing, MN Elizabeth V. Wawrzewski Cochabamba, Bolivia Erika M. Wetzel Brooklyn Park, MN Dustin C. White Stillwater, MN Katherine A. Wild Mendota Heights, MN

Cassandra L. Zirbel

Cottage Grove, MN

# Commencement Speaker

## LINDA C. NIESSEN, DDS, MPH, MPP

Dr. Niessen currently serves as vice president and chief clinical officer for Dentsply International where she oversees professional relations, professional services, clinical education and corporate communications. In this role, she launched several innovative clinical education initiatives, oversees the Global Student Clinician Research Program (SCADA) and is responsible for both internal and external communications of the corporation. In addition, Dr. Niessen holds a faculty appointment as clinical professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. She has practiced as a geriatric dentist caring for patients residing in long term care facilities in several VA medical centers.

Dr. Niessen has been active in the dental profession throughout her career, having served as president of the American Association of Women Dentists, the American Association of Public Health Dentistry, the American Board of Dental Public Health, the Friends of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, and the Dallas County Dental Society.

Dr. Niessen received her bachelor degree in chemistry (Phi Beta Kappa) from the University of New Mexico and completed her dental degree (DMD), her master of public health degree (MPH) and her master in public policy degree (MPP), all from Harvard University. She is married and has two sons, one a physician pursuing an otolaryngology residency at Stanford University. The other son is a senior dental student at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in Mesa, Arizona.

# Student Speakers

#### MEGAN S. DINGFELDER

Megan Dingfelder grew up in Nodine, Minnesota and is a 2005 graduate of LaCresent High School where she served as her senior class president. She began her undergraduate studies at the University of Minnesota and enthusiastically pursued her passion in dental hygiene at the School of Dentistry. As a dental hygiene student, Megan served as her class president from 2008-2010, held a position on the School of Dentistry Alumni Society Board and participated as an American Dental Hygienists Association student member. She also served as the School of Dentistry Student Council secretary for 2009/2010. Megan is eager to practice in the field of dental hygiene and to continue to serve her community through education and research.

#### MEGAN L. MULLIGAN

Megan Mulligan grew up in Vadnais Heights, Minnesota and received her bachelor of science degree in biology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006. Megan served as her School of Dentistry class president from 2006-2010 as well as the class representative on the Educational Policy Committee. In 2008, Megan was elected vice president of the School of Dentistry Student Council, and she has served as a student ambassador for 2009/2010. After graduation, Megan plans to pursue a career in general dentistry in the Twin Cities. Megan and her husband Mike live in St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

#### 2010 AWARD RECIPIENTS

STUDENT & ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

ALPHA OMEGA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jamie E. Booth

ELEANOR BUSHEE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

OF WOMEN DENTISTS SENIOR WOMAN

Dental Award

Anna G. Seime

International College Of Dentists

STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD

Lam S. Tu

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Anna L. Kenney

METRO DENTALCARE FELLOW

STUDENT MENTOR AWARDS

DDS: Brett M. Moore

DH: Alexandra M. Wiese

DOCTORS SWENSON AND MURN

"Quality Care in a Caring Manner" Award

Amber D. Dailey

Brian M. Gray

Renee M. Kinney

Ram C. Rizal

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARD

Michael S. Lee

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON

Membership Award

Jamie E. Booth

Grant C. Collins

Katie E. Daniels

Jeffrey M. Eggert

Natalie S. Germain

Matthew J. Hawn

James A. Jenders

Jalissa J. Kruckman

Michael S. Lee

Yu Pan

Anna G. Seime

Katherine A. Wild

MELLOR R. HOLLAND

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Megan L. Mulligan

**BIOMATERIALS** 

ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD

Sarah J. Kim

COMMUNITY ORAL HEALTH

ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY

AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH AWARD

Ross A. Anderson

**DENTAL HYGIENE** 

KATHLEEN J. NEWELL AWARD

Bethany R. Sobek

NAOMI RHODE DENTAL HYGIENIST PATIENT

RELATIONSHIP AWARD

Alexandra M. Wiese

Sigma Phi Alpha Award

Mary T. Liss

SIGMA PHI ALPHA ELECTED STUDENT AWARD

Megan S. Dingfelder

Tanya M. Wilber

STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

(S.T.A.R.) AWARD

Kelsey M. Bodell

ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY

And Dental Public Health Award

Jamie L. Vadnais

PARK DENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD

Kalli C. O'Neill

GORDON AND MARIE HACKBORN AWARD

Brianna L. Ashmore

SHIRLEY BURGAN LICHTWARDT AWARD

Anna Popov

LOUISE C. BALL SCHOLARSHIP

Tanya M. Wilber

DENTAL RESEARCH

& ORAL BIOLOGY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

OF ORAL BIOLOGISTS AWARD

James A. Jenders

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH

Lam S. Tu

PIERRE FAUCHARD

SENIOR STUDENT AWARD

Heather M. I. Horton

**ENDODONTICS** 

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Matthew J. Hawn

James Jensen Award

FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENDODONTICS

John R. Grittner

IRWIN A. EPSTEIN AWARD

FOR EXCELLENCE IN CLINICAL ENDODONTICS

Danielle D. Smith

**OPERATIVE DENTISTRY** 

ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY AWARD

Clark L. Hunstad

MINNESOTA ACADEMY

OF GENERAL DENTISTRY AWARD

Colleen E. Halligan

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD

Kara A. Engelbrektson

ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC DENTISTRY AWARD

Jamie N. Evavold

ACADEMY OF DENTAL PRACTICE

Aministration Foundation Award

Seth L. Amadio

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL

OPERATORS AWARD

Brooke N. Hamann

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL
ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
Jason O. Berg

#### **ORAL PATHOLOGY**

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD
Jeffrey M. Eggert
Grant C. Collins

#### **ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY**

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS DENTAL
STUDENT AWARD
Ross A. Anderson
HENRY B. CLARK, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD

# ORAL MEDICINE, DIAGNOSIS, & RADIOLOGY

American Academy Of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Award Ross A. Anderson

AMERICAN ACADEMY

OF ORAL MEDICINE AWARD

Anna G. Seime

Charles M. Keane

#### ORTHODONTICS

American Association
Of Orthodontists Award
Michael S. Lee
Minnesota Association
Of Orthodontists Award
Heather M. I. Horton

#### PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

American Academy Of
Pediatric Dentistry Award
Megan M. Kinder
Minnesota Academy Of
Pediatric Dentistry Award (Performance)
Anna L. Kenney

Minnesota Academy Of Pediatric

Dentistry Award (Community Service)

Sheena M. Eken

#### PERIODONTICS

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF

Periodontology Award
Ryan R. Manke
Minnesota Association Of
Periodontists Award
Anna G. Seime

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL
ACHIEVEMENT IN PERIODONTICS
Timothy A. Carlson

# PROSTHODONTICS: FIXED & REMOVABLE

American Association Of
Oral And Maxillofacial Surgeons
Dental Implant Student Award
Muath A. Asamarai

American College Of Prosthodontics Undergraduate Achievement Award Benjamin A. McKinley

Allan D. Peterson Memorial Award For Clinical Excellence In Removable Prosthodontics Megan L. Mulligan

CLAYTON A. SWANSON MEMORIAL AWARD
FOR PROSTHODONTICS

Jamie E. Booth

Excellence In Prosthodontics Award - "Hanau  $^{\rm TM}$  The Best Of The Best" Jeffrey M. Eggert

J. Raymond Gill Award For Outstanding Achievement In Clinical Prosthodontics Ryan R. Manke Colleen E. Halligan Xuan T. Nguyen

Walter S. Warpeha Award Matthew J. Hawn

International Congress Of Oral
Implantologists - Predoctoral
Achievement Award
Sheena M. Eken

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF IMPLANT DENTISTRY
(AAID) 2010 DENTAL STUDENT AWARD
Timothy A. Carlson

ACADEMY OF OSSEOINTEGRATION
OUTSTANDING DENTAL STUDENT IN
IMPLANT DENTISTRY AWARD
Aimee J. Gustafson

#### **FACULTY & STAFF**

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY
FACULTY OF THE YEAR AWARD
Dr. Edgar F. Ziegler, Associate Clinical
Specialist, Restorative Sciences
Operative Dentistry

Dr. Michael K. Baisden, Assistant Clinical Specialist, Restorative Sciences Endodontics

OF THE YEAR AWARD
Lisa W. Ahmann, Assistant Clinical
Professor, Division Of Dental Hygiene
Susan K. Dittmar, Teaching Specialist

# Division Of Dental Hygiene 2010 CLASS OFFICERS

DENTAL HYGIENE FACULTY

THE SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY GRACIOUSLY
ACKNOWLEDGES THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND
SERVICE OF OUR SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

President: Megan L. Mulligan
Vice President: Lam S. Tu
Vice President: Kyle J. Skjei

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY CLASS OF 2010

DENTAL HYGIENE CLASS OF 2010 President: Megan S. Dingfelder Vice President: Kalli C. O'Neill

Vice President: Alexandra M. Weise

#### HATS OFF TO U OF M GRADUATES

The University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) congratulates all 2010 graduates on your graduation and encourages you to stay connected to the University. Compliments of UMAA, each graduate will receive a free, one-year membership to the UMAA and the School of Dentistry Alumni Society. If you haven't had the opportunity to pick up your membership card and benefits booklet, they will be mailed to you to help you get started on a lifelong connection to your alma mater.

#### **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. 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 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 Hygiene and Doctor of Dental Surgery Classes of 2010 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.

#### 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.

#### **MUSICIANS**

#### BRIAN K. SINGLETARY, DMD, MS

Dr. Brian Singletary is the current director of the hospital-based General Practice Residency Program at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview. He began his musical training at the Beckom Freeman Music Studio and The Centers for Musically Talented in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he studied piano, violin and pipe organ. After receiving a degree in biochemistry and DMD at the University of Pittsburgh, Dr. Singletary continued his study of violin and cello. He is the former concertmaster of the New Haven Civic Orchestra and continues to study pipe organ at the University of Minnesota. He also plays violin in the Health Sciences Philharmonic and the Minnesota Orchestra.

#### STACY HANSON

Stacy Hanson has been singing and performing from the time she was four years old. She studied vocal music performance at North Central University in Minneapolis, Minnesota and completed her master's degree in education at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. As a Nashville recording artist, Stacy has traveled both locally and nationally performing in a variety of venues. She is currently a fifth grade teacher at Crooked Lake Elementary in Andover, Minnesota and resides in Rogers, Minnesota with her husband Derek and son Devin.

