

SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

Commencement

Northrop Memorial Auditorium
May 12, 2017

*School of Dentistry
Office of the Dean*

Welcome graduates, faculty, staff, family and guests to the 2017 School of Dentistry Commencement Ceremony. We are here to celebrate the exceptional accomplishments of our newest dentists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, dental specialists, and research scientists.

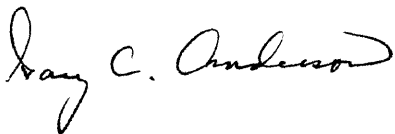
Graduates, you leave here, today, prepared with the knowledge and skills needed to begin your professional journeys. Be kind, compassionate, and empathetic towards your patients and colleagues. Embrace change, pursue knowledge, and be the very best clinicians, educators, scientists and leaders you can be. Always remember the principles of professionalism and ethical practice. Enjoy fulfillment and contentment in your work.

You have completed a long and arduous program. Be proud of your accomplishments and know that you have successfully prepared yourself for the next chapter in your life. We, your faculty and staff, consider it a privilege to have worked and learned side-by-side with you. Our own lives have been enriched because of it.

Family, friends and honored guests, thank you for celebrating with us today and for supporting your student during their education, which likely was often challenging in both time and resources. They could never have done it without you. Your encouragement, support and participation in your student's achievements have led to the event we are having today. The success of these graduates and their bright future is, in part, due to you. Thank you!

It is my honor and privilege to extend my most personal and heartfelt congratulations to our graduates. It is with great pride that we welcome you, today, as our colleagues and alumni.

Wishing you all the very best,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary C. Anderson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Gary C. Anderson, DDS, MS
Interim Dean
Associate Professor

The Ceremony

PROCESSIONAL

WELCOME

Gary C. Anderson, Interim Dean

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

The Honorable Michael D. Hsu

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

Gary C. Anderson, Interim 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

Chris E. Lawther, Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Prosthodontics

Reda Taleb, Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences

OATH FOR NEW DENTISTS

Gary C. Anderson, Interim Dean

“HAIL! MINNESOTA”

Margaret E. Craven and Ryan D. Howley, Doctor of Dental Surgery, Class of 2017

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

Gary C. Anderson, Interim 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. GARY C. ANDERSON	Interim Dean
THE HONORABLE LOUIS W. SULLIVAN	Keynote Speaker President Emeritus, Morehouse School of Medicine Former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
THE HONORABLE MICHAEL D. HSU	Regent
DR. DANITA BROWN YOUNG	Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
DR. KATHARINE N. BONNESON	Associate Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Academic Health Center
DR. STEPHEN K. SHUMAN	Century Club Professor of the Year Director, Oral Health Services for Older Adults Program Director, Graduate Education and Graduate Studies
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. DANIEL D. SKAAR	Interim Chair, Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences
DR. DONALD A. SIMONE	Chair, Department of Diagnostic and Biological Sciences
DR. SHEILA M. RIGGS	Chair, Department of Primary Dental Care
DR. SCOTT B. MCCLANAHAN	Interim Chair, Department of 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. CHRIS E. LAWTHOR	Adjunct Associate Professor, Division of Prosthodontics
DR. REDA TALEB	Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Developmental and Surgical Sciences
MR. JOHN M. MANAHAN	President, Minnesota Board of Dentistry
DR. KEVIN DENS	President, Minnesota Dental Association
MS. RENEE JOHNSON	President, Minnesota Dental Hygienists' Association
DR. MARY PARISEAU	President, School of Dentistry Alumni Society
MS. BRIDGETT ANDERSON	Executive Director, Minnesota Board of Dentistry
MR. CARMELO CINQUEONCE	Executive Director, Minnesota Dental Association

Commencement Speaker



The Honorable Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.

Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., is chairman of the Washington, D.C. -based Sullivan Alliance to Transform the Health Professions and chairman of the board of the National Health Museum in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Sullivan also served as chair of the President's Commission on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (2002-2009), and was co-chair of the President's Commission on HIV and AIDS (2001-2006). With the exception of his tenure as secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) from 1989 to 1993, Dr. Sullivan was president, for more than two decades, of Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM), the first predominantly black medical school established in the 20th Century. On July 1, 2002, he retired and was appointed president emeritus.

A native of Atlanta, GA., Dr. Sullivan graduated magna cum laude from Morehouse College in 1954 and earned his medical degree, cum laude, from Boston University School of Medicine in 1958. He is certified in internal medicine and hematology, holds a mastership from the American College of Physicians, and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Omega Alpha academic honor societies.

Dr. Sullivan was instructor of medicine at Harvard Medical School from 1963-64 and assistant professor of medicine at Seton Hall College of Medicine from 1964-66. In 1966, he became co-director of hematology at Boston University Medical Center and, a year later, founded the Boston University Hematology Service at Boston City Hospital. Dr. Sullivan remained at Boston University until 1975, holding positions as assistant professor of medicine, associate professor of medicine, and professor of medicine.

Dr. Sullivan became the founding dean and director of the Medical Education Program at Morehouse College in 1975. Under his leadership, the program became The School of Medicine at Morehouse College in 1978, admitting its first 24 students to a two-year program in the basic medical sciences. In 1981, the school received provisional accreditation of its four-year curriculum leading to the M.D. degree, became independent from Morehouse College, was re-named Morehouse School of Medicine with Dr. Sullivan as dean and president, and was fully accredited in 1985.

Dr. Sullivan left MSM in 1989 to accept an appointment by President George H.W. Bush to serve as secretary of HHS. In this cabinet position, Dr. Sullivan managed the federal agency responsible for the major health, welfare, food and drug safety, medical research, and income security programs serving the American people. He returned to MSM in 1983 and resumed the office of president until his retirement in 2002.

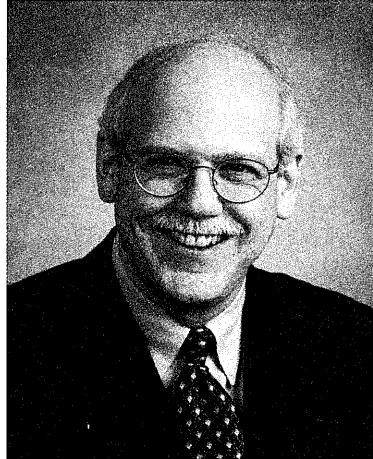
Dr. Sullivan is the recipient of more than 70 honorary degrees, including an honorary doctor of medicine degree from the University of Pretoria in South Africa.

He is the author of *The Morehouse Mystique: Becoming a Doctor at the Nation's Newest African American Medical School* (with Marybeth Gasman, 2012, Johns Hopkins University Press) and his autobiography *Breaking Ground: My Life in Medicine* (with David Chanoff, 2014, University of Georgia Press). The book is the winner of the 2015 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work - Biography/Autobiography.

Dr. Sullivan is married to E. Ginger Sullivan, an attorney, and they have three grown children and two grandchildren. Dr. and Mrs. E. Ginger Sullivan are sponsors of The Sullivan 5K Run/Walk for Health & Fitness on Martha's Vineyard. Firm believers in daily exercise, the Sullivan's have walked in more than 50 countries throughout their travels. In recent years, they have added walks in Senegal, Nigeria, Gabon, South Africa, Mozambique, Namibia, Egypt, Morocco, Hungary, and Algeria.

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.



Stephen K. Shuman, DDS, MS
2016 Century Club Professor of the Year

Stephen Shuman, DDS, MS, is an associate professor in the Department of Primary Dental Care at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Dr. Shuman received his dental degree from Temple University in 1982. After private practice in Philadelphia, he worked for the Peoria Health Department where he first experienced the rewards and challenges of caring for adults with special needs, including nursing home residents and the developmentally disabled. His decision to pursue advanced education in geriatric dentistry led him to the University of Minnesota, where he completed his fellowship and MS degree in 1989. He then joined the School of Dentistry faculty. He currently directs the dental school's Oral Health Services for Older Adults Program. He serves, as well, as director of graduate education and director of graduate studies for the MS-Dentistry Program in the University's Graduate School. Dr. Shuman also leads the School of Dentistry's Council of Faculty.

Additionally, he is dental director of the Walker Methodist Dental Clinic at Walker Methodist Health Center in Minneapolis, where he teaches geriatrics and maintains his clinical practice. His scholarly work has focused on oral health in long-term care, utilization of geriatric dental services, ethical and legal issues in special patient populations, and medical issues affecting the dental care of older adults.

Dr. Shuman served on the Board of Directors of the American Society for Geriatric Dentistry for 10 years and was president of that organization from 1998-99. He has been active with the Minnesota Dental Association and currently chairs its Barriers to Care Committee. He also chairs the Oral Health Workgroup for the Gerontological Society of America, which recently released its first report on oral health and healthy aging. Additionally, he's received national and international recognition for his teaching and clinical programs by such organizations as the American Dental Association, with its Geriatric Oral Health Award, and, most recently, the 2016 Innovation Award from LeadingAge, the national association of over 6000 non-profits representing the entire field of aging services.

RECOGNITION OF 2017 CANDIDATES
IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS

ENDODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2017

Alexander MacDonald Brown, DDS	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Kristine Ashleigh Knoll, DDS	Rockwall, TX
Michael W. Regan Anderson, DDS	Sammamish, WA
Tyler James Schuurmans, DDS	Madison, SD

GENERAL PRACTICE RESIDENCY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2017

Chue Ying Cha, DDS	Fresno, CA
Benjamin E. Englund, DDS	Excelsior, MN
Winston J. Liu, DDS	Pittsburgh, PA
Ryan John Miskulin, DDS	Stetsonville, WI
Ryan J. Pacheco, DDS, MS	Los Banos, CA
Priya Uppal, DDS	Brooklyn Park, MN
Ashley M. Verbick, DMD	Andover, MN

ORAL BIOLOGY: PHD ANTICIPATED JUNE 2017

Prokopios Argyris, DDS, MS	Athens, Greece
Lori Fischer	Rochester, MN
Thin C. Le	Blaine, MN
Amy W. Tasca, DDS	Winona, MN

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY: CERTIFICATE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2017

Diana Jee Hyun Lyu, DDS	Great Falls, VA
Esther Rhee, DDS	San Ramon, CA
Nick Spanel, DDS	Amery, WI
Tudor Stiharu, DMD	Montreal, Quebec, Canada

OROFACIAL PAIN: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2017

Andrés R. Cervantes Chavarría, DDS	Ciudad Colón, San José, Costa Rica
Saranya Varun, BDS, MDS	Chennai, India

ORTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED JUNE 2017

Scott C. Czarnik, DDS	Orland Park, IL
Sara Audrey Gaalaas, DDS	Grand Rapids, MN
Sean P. O'Dell, DDS	Spearfish, SD
Jacob G. Schering, DDS	Trenton, MI
Eric Adrian Smith, DMD	Grimsby, Ontario, Canada
Ekaterina Gennadyevna Zakharova, DDS	Stavropol, Russia

PEDIATRIC DENTISTRY

John M. Bakarich, DDS	Ann Arbor, MI	Certificate Anticipated June 2017
Lindsay Bedeaux, DDS	Minneapolis, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2017
Téemar R. Carey, DMD, MSEd	Nassau, Bahamas	Certificate Anticipated July 2017
Matthew C. Husman, DMD	Rapid City, SD	Certificate Anticipated June 2017
TaekHyun Rhee, DMD	Seoul, South Korea	Certificate Anticipated June 2017
Emma Zimmerman, DMD	Saint Cloud, MN	Certificate Anticipated June 2017

PERIODONTOLOGY: CERTIFICATE AND MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2017

Mark Elias Kersten, DDS	Edina, MN
Vasiliki P. Koidou, DDS	Thessaloniki, Greece
Tamir Shalev, DMD	Omer, Israel

RECOGNITION OF 2017 CANDIDATES
IN ADVANCED DENTISTRY PROGRAMS (*continued*)

PROSTHODONTICS: CERTIFICATE APRIL 2017, MS DEGREE ANTICIPATED MAY 2017

Samuel J. Hickman, DMD	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Joseph A. Lucero, DDS	Brighton, CO

CANDIDATES FOR MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE

Jodie Ann Thompson Entinger	Mound, MN	Degree Anticipated May 2017
Jennafer R. Golden	Rapid City, SD	Degree Anticipated August 2017
Bethany Ann Palmstein	Duluth, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2017
Yvette G. Reibel	Minneapolis, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2017
Kelly M. Stellenberg	Coon Rapids, MN	Degree Anticipated August 2017

CANDIDATES FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN DENTAL HYGIENE:
ANTICIPATED AUGUST 2017

Joshua T. Adams	Pine City, MN
Rawan M. Al-Khatib	Rosemount, MN
Amy L. Arcand	Lino Lakes, MN
Breanna S. Austed	Minnetonka, MN
Catherine Y. Bard-Culbertson	Saint Paul, MN
Megan J. Bassler	Hutchinson, MN
Emily M. Borud	Minot, ND
Maria T. Drapinski	Saint Paul, MN
Jordyn D. Dudek	Chatfield, MN
Nettie M. DuVall	Montevideo, MN
Elizabeth A. Gornick	Saint Paul, MN
Stephanie L. Jamsa	Grand Rapids, MN
Ryann T. Junker	Stillwater, MN
Alexis N. Kostad	Dawson, MN
Nicole M. Lewien	Larsen, WI
Megan K. Manor	River Falls, WI
Aimee J. Menden	Shakopee, MN
Emily J. Oesterreich	Inver Grove Heights, MN
Ying Thao	Oakdale, MN
Rachel M. Thelen	Eagan, MN
Courtney J. Wood	Richfield, MN
Kelly A. Zubick	Minneapolis, MN

MASTER OF DENTAL THERAPY DEGREE: MASTERS DEGREE CONFERRED DECEMBER 2016

Erika Gulliab Enriquez	Forest Lake, MN
Saritha Gajawada, BDS	Hyderabad, India
Asma'a Guiga	Brooklyn Park, MN
Andrew Paul Halverson	New Brighton, MN
Jenna Christine Luebker	Maiden Rock, WI
Jenny K. Meyers	Hastings, MN
Emily Strawhacker	New Prague, MN
My Pang Vang	Saint Paul, MN

CANDIDATES FOR DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY DEGREE

Liena D Abreus	Cienfuegos, Cuba
Ellen Patricia Anderson	Mahtomedi, MN
Trevor M. Andrews	Bemidji, MN
Diane Beckius Archbold	Avon, MN
Nathalie Astudillo Caridad	Caracas, Venezuela
Shakeyla M. Barber	Minneapolis, MN
Christopher P. Bothun	Grand Forks, ND
Tera I. Boyd	Fort Myers, FL
Charles W. Bruchu	Lake Elmo, MN
Christopher D. Carvalho	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada
Eric V. Christenson	Rochester, MN
Samantha S. Clare	Osceola, WI
Creigh J. Crandall	Winona, MN
Margaret E. Craven	Austin, MN
Patrick H. Curran	Lakeville, MN
Audrey L. Cyr	Saint Louis Park, MN
Shmuel Dabush	Moshav Zeitan, Israel
Carolyn C. Disse	Detroit Lakes, MN
Kiley F. Dohm	Bismarck, ND
Kathryn J. Egan	Arlington Heights, IL
Elif Sali Eub	Silistra, Bulgaria
Jay J. Feuillerat	Detroit Lakes, MN
Joseph S. Fink	Mankato, MN
Vincent I. Floeder	Shoreview, MN
Sonya M. Fujioka	Winona, MN
Lauren J. Gerdin	Waukesha, WI
James E. Goglia	Branford, CT
Minerva C. Han	Seoul, South Korea
Haidy I. Hanna	Cairo, Egypt
Jeffrey J. Harrie	Fargo, ND
Mitchell C. Hemann	Kasson, MN
Michael G. Henderson	Eyota, MN
Beau J. Hoium	Moorhead, MN
Janna R. Holmgren	Andover, MN
John D. Holt	Roseville, MN
Ryan D. Howley	Steven's Point, WI

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

Jessica M. Jurovich	Prior Lake, MN
Krishna Katira	Nairobi, Kenya
Cody Stephen Andrew Kendera	Johnstown, PA
Jamie K. Kern	Verndale, MN
Daniel J. Kohler	Brandon, SD
Evan C. Koubsky	Saint Cloud, MN
Deepika Kumar	Wichita, KS
Viet Quang Lam	Houston, TX
Thinh C. Le	Blaine, MN
Je Hong Lee	Seoul, South Korea
Amelia A. Leuer	Saint Michael, MN
Joseph Thomas Mac Line	Wausau, WI
Lalee C. Lo	Portland, OR
Mohammed Mansour	Jerusalem, Palestine
Jagadish Marahatta	Gorkha, Nepal
Nicholas R. Matak	Duluth, MN
Laura L. Mathiason	Grand Forks, ND
Shana Miranda McDonald	Coleraine, MN
Jill Marie McMillen	Lonsdale, MN
Brent S. Miller	Rochester, MN
Andres F. Morantes-Villalobos	Plymouth, MN
Stephanie M. Motiff	Oconto Falls, WI
Canaan A. Muscatell	Hawley, MN
Lauren O. Neitzke	Excelsior, MN
Kevin Kien T. Nguyen	Houston, TX
Luan H. Nguyen	Houston, TX
Tina A. Nguyen	Spring Lake Park, MN
James Robert Oliver, Jr.	Richmond, VA
Tara Kuknyo Orech	Saint Charles, IL
Jaime E. Palmersheim	Rochester, MN
Justin P. Paz	Rochester, MN
Karilynn A. Peper	Neenah, WI
Ava M. Perry	Wabasha, MN
Karl John Petersen	Zumbro Falls, MN
Matthew J. Phan	Rochester, MN
Robert Vincent Pollan	Stoughton, WI

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

Prasannata Pradhan	Biratnagar, Nepal
Kevin A. Ramp	Gurnee, IL
Jameson J. Ribbens	Green Bay, WI
Paul T. Rolfes	Saint Paul, MN
Kimberly E. Rostvold	Grand Rapids, MN
Joseph C. Roznik	Green Bay, WI
Olga Santars	Perm, Russia
Benjamin J. Schneider	Delafield, WI
Pamela Sehra	Ludhiana, Punjab, India
Sydney Jean Redmond Sheridan	Fargo, ND
Benjamin W. Sitz	Park Rapids, MN
Elise C. Soulliere	Port Huron, MI
Adam J. Sperl	Saint Cloud, MN
Alicia R. St.Germain	Apple Valley, MN
Christopher E. Steffenson	Onamia, MN
Stephen D. Sylwestrak	Wheaton, IL
Michael M. Talberg	Plymouth, MN
Tyler J. Tarman	Osceola, WI
Colin Pennington Taylor	Nisswa, MN
Steven J. Taylor	Chatfield, MN
Kathleen V. Thieu	Maple Grove, MN
Joanna R. Tran	Bloomington, MN
Torey J. Vande Walle	Green Bay, WI
Nathan T. VanLaecken	Watertown, SD
Erica J. Walters	Avon, MN
Kara K. Weber	Excelsior, MN
Dylan E. Weishaar	Shelby, MT
Bryce A. Wilen	Belle Fourche, SD
Juliane M. Winters	Rochester, MN
Jiexiong Yang	Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Xu Yao	Singapore, Singapore
Jinyoung Anny Yoo	Aurora, IL
Wenli Yu	Wuhan, China
Katarzyna Janina Zelichowski	Sopot, Poland
Ken K. Zhou	Maple Grove, MN

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.*

2017 SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

ALPHA OMEGA ACADEMIC AWARD
Nathan T. VanLaecken

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN
DENTISTS ELEANOR J. BUSHEE SENIOR
DENTAL STUDENT AWARD
Kathleen V. Thieu

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
OUTSTANDING STUDENT LEADER AWARD
Jamie K. Kern

AMERICAN STUDENT DENTAL ASSOCIATION
AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
Jiexiong Yang

DELTA SIGMA DELTA OUTSTANDING SENIOR
ACADEMIC AWARD
Benjamin W. Sitz

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT HUMANITARIAN AWARD
Kimberly E. Rostvold

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARD
Paul T. Rolfes

MELLOR R. HOLLAND STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Mitchell C. Hemann

METRO DENTALCARE FELLOW STUDENT
MENTOR AWARD
DDS: Karl John Petersen
BSDH: Nicole M. Lewien

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF GENERAL
DENTISTRY LARRY SQUILLACE SENIOR
MASTERS AWARD
Janna R. Holmgren

MINNESOTA ACADEMY OF
GENERAL DENTISTRY SENIOR
STUDENT DENTAL AWARD
Janna R. Holmgren
Karl John Petersen

MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSOCIATION BOARD
OF TRUSTEES AWARD
Jiexiong Yang

OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON MEMBERSHIP AWARD

Christopher P. Bothun
Mitchell C. Hemann
Krishna Katira

Nicholas R. Matak
Jill Marie McMillen
Kevin A. Ramp
Benjamin J. Schneider
Adam J. Sperl
Tyler J. Tarman
Steven J. Taylor
Nathan T. VanLaecken

PARK DENTAL "QUALITY CARE IN A CARING MANNER" AWARD

Diane Beckius Archbold
Jill Marie McMillen
Kevin A. Ramp
Sydney Jean Redmond Sheridan
Juliane M. Winters

PSI OMEGA SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Nathan T. VanLaecken

BIOMATERIALS

ACADEMY OF DENTAL MATERIALS AWARD

Kevin A. Ramp

DENTAL HYGIENE

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH
DENTISTRY AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT
IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY AND DENTAL
PUBLIC HEALTH
Amy L. Arcand

COLGATE STUDENT TOTAL ACHIEVEMENT
RECOGNITION (S.T.A.R.) AWARD
Catherine Y. Bard-Culbertson

GORDON AND MARIE HACKBORN AWARD
Megan K. Manor

HU-FRIEDY GOLDEN SCALER AWARD
Breanna S. Austed

JOHNSON & JOHNSON PROFESSIONAL
EXCELLENCE IN DENTAL HYGIENE AWARD
Jordyn D. Dudek

KATHLEEN J. NEWELL STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Emily M. Borud

LOUISE C. BALL SCHOLARSHIP
Rachel M. Thelen

NAOMI RHODE DENTAL HYGIENIST
PATIENT RELATIONSHIP AWARD
Ying Thao

PARADISE DENTAL TECHNOLOGIES ABOVE
AND BEYOND AWARD
Ryann T. Junker

PARK DENTAL SERVICE EXCELLENCE AWARD
Nicole M. Lewien

SHIRLEY BURGAN LICHTWARDT
SCHOLARSHIP
Ryann T. Junker

SIGMA PHI ALPHA AWARD
Megan K. Manor

SIGMA PHI ALPHA ELECTED
STUDENT AWARD
Emily M. Borud
Stephanie L. Jamsa

SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY ASSOCIATION
STUDENT AWARD
Alexis N. Kostad

DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC
HEALTH DENTISTRY AWARD FOR
ACHIEVEMENT IN COMMUNITY DENTISTRY
AND DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH
Kimberly E. Rostvold

BRIAN D. STONE MEMORIAL AWARD
FROM DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK
Diane Beckius Archbold

SPECIAL CARE DENTISTRY ASSOCIATION
STUDENT AWARD
Shmuel Dabush

DENTAL RESEARCH AND ORAL BIOLOGY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORAL
BIOLOGISTS AWARD
Think C. Le

PIERRE FAUCHARD SENIOR DENTAL
STUDENT CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Kathleen V. Thieu

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR RESEARCH
ACHIEVEMENT
Karl John Petersen

2017 SENIOR AWARD RECIPIENTS

DENTAL THERAPY

KARL D. SELF STUDENT
ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Emily Strawhacker

ENDODONTICS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Jay J. Feuillerat

IRWIN A. EPSTEIN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE
IN CLINICAL ENDODONTICS
Ryan D. Howley

JAMES JENSEN AWARD FOR
EXCELLENCE IN ENDODONTICS
Janna R. Holmgren

OPERATIVE DENTISTRY

ACADEMY OF OPERATIVE DENTISTRY AWARD
Joseph C. Roznik

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ESTHETIC
DENTISTRY STUDENT AWARD OF MERIT
Evan C. Koubsky

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL
OPERATORS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Adam J. Sperl

QUINTESSENCE AWARD FOR CLINICAL
ACHIEVEMENT IN RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY
Nicholas R. Matak

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF ORAL AND
MAXILLOFACIAL PATHOLOGY AWARD
Jeffrey J. Harrie

ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

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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,

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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 procession today is Dr. Stephen Shuman, 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, Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene Class of 2017, Master of Dental Therapy Class of 2016, and Doctor of Dental Surgery Class of 2017 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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